

Immanuel Lutheran Church
4820 Oster Parkway
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

The Messenger

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Immanuel Lutheran Church and Preschool
4820 Oster Pkwy, Cedar Falls, IA 50613
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January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8am Worship w/HC 9:15am Adult Bible St. 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/HC	1	2 9:15am Women's Bible Study 6:15pm Mission Committee Mtg	3 6pm Faith Alive - Bible Overview 6pm Praise Team Practice 7pm Deaf Ministry	4 11:30am Glowing Embers	5	6 4pm Epiphany Service at Dike Memorial Bldg
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Joyful Response® Electronic Offering Program

Enrollment/Change Form

Complete this form and return it to the church office to begin or change your current stewardship offering. Your offering will be made automatically from your bank account or your LCEF StewardAccount®.

Check the appropriate box:

- ☐ New enrollment ☐ Offering change ☐ Account information change

Please Print in Black Ink

Member Last Name First Name MI Daytime Telephone No.

Mailing Address City, State, ZIP Email Address

Congregation Name Congregation Telephone Number

Congregation Mailing Address City, State, ZIP

My Offering

Fund Designations:	Amount:
1. General Fund	\$
2. Building	\$
3.	\$
4.	\$
5.	\$
6.	\$
TOTAL	\$

Debiting Account

Debit from:

- ☐ Checking
☐ Savings
☐ LCEF StewardAccount

Account Number

Routing Number (First nine numbers
in bottom left-hand corner of check)

Transfer Date (check one):

- ☐ Weekly (Monday)
☐ Semi-monthly (1st and 15th)
☐ Monthly on the 1st
☐ Monthly on the 15th
☐ Other
(As approved by church office)

Start date: ____/____/____
End date (if any): ____/____/____

Authorization

I authorize the above-named organization and Vanco Services, LLC to process debit entries from my account. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization or until the last specified payment date.

Authorized Signature for Account

Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY CHURCH OFFICE

Member ID# Initials
Vanco Client ID# Date

Attach void check
or savings deposit
slip here.

Gathering for Worship

'23-'24 Theme

Living by the Book

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Regular Worship

Sundays 8:00am* & 10:30am

*Live streamed on Facebook and available later at www.ilcv.org

Epiphany Service:

Immanuel and St. John's are hosting an Epiphany service at Dike Memorial Building on January 6, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. This is a come as you are/family friendly service for both congregations as well as the community. Following the service there will be a soup supper for all in attendance. Check out the board for more details.



Information from the Office

Official Business

Received: 1 baptism

Deaths: 1

Marriages: 1



In Our Prayers

Prayers from December

Fran Peters – health

Amanda L'Heureux – health

Kathy Camarata – recovery at home

Dale Kisling family as they mourn his passing.

Ongoing Prayers

- Deb Morrison- health
- Ron Schmadke - health
- Scott Bratthauer- cancer, father of Corissa Volker
- Ruth Schutte

Please call the church office if you will be in the hospital or if you know of a member that is ill.

- Amanda Davis - health
- Sylvia Demster – health
- Marvin Miller - health
- Missionaries Scott & Ivy Wiens (Peru)
- Missionaries Christian & Lula Tiews (Germany)
- Valley Teacher Mrs. Lee
- Valley Teacher Mrs. Bean
- Valley Lutheran School
- Immanuel Lutheran Preschool

Adult Education

Bible Study Opportunities

• Sunday Adult Study

9:15am in the sanctuary with Pastor Kapanka

• Women's Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am.

Caring Ministry

Love, INC

Gas Card Gap Ministry

Fulfillment by mail only at this time.



Grief Support

Grief Share is a network of churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is nondenominational and



features biblical concepts for healing from your grief. Contact the church office, Lois Bonefas, or Deb Pather for more details.

NE IA Food Bank

Check their website <https://www.northeastiowafoodbank.org/> for opportunities to serve.

Children & Youth Ministry

Sunday School

Sunday School will resume on January 7th.

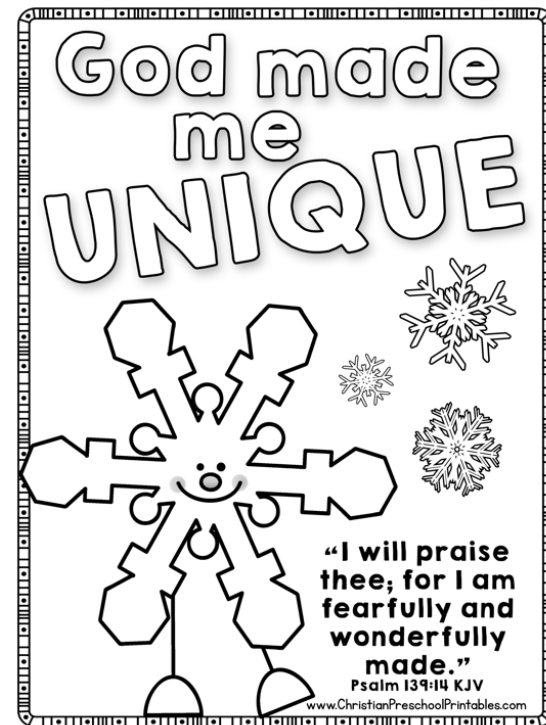
Members

- **Reece Buck** serving with the National Guard
- **Blake Determan** Air Force Staff Sergeant, back in California.
- **Gus Camarata** Waterloo, Army National Guard
- **Camryn Meyer** serving with the Army National Guard 209th Medical Company
- **SFC Jamie Stien** Military Instructor



Friends of the Congregation

- Dylan Meyer, Doris Meyer's grandson (Navy)
- Austin Jacox, grandson of Bob and Kathy Camarata, National Guard, deployed to Djibouti, Africa



January Birthdays

- 1 Arlene Broadway, Jake Byers, Jody Waterbury
- 2 Steve Bellmer, Peyton McBroom, Cris Natvig, Emma Piehl, Sara Schutt
- 3 Robin Morelock
- 4 **Darold Bush**, Olivia Pahlkotter
- 5 Kelly Davis, Jason Heinz, Jackie Illian, Amy Kaune, Stan Limback,
Brenda Rand
- 6 Karen Angelow, **Buzz Pries**
- 7 Linda Graber, Jason Wiebold
- 8 **Eddie VanHauen**
- 9 Sawyer Wilson
- 10 Cindy Dunn, Eddie Geerdes
- 11 Morgan McDivitt, Chris Newton, Brianna Weekly
- 12
- 13 John Fortune, Deanna Hartman, Laverne Kelderman, Dave Shepard
- 14
- 15
- 16 Caden Pries
- 18 Jon Illian, Carol Klein
- 19 Doug Kaune
- 21 Lexi Gessell, Emily Leyda
- 22 Britley Brunson, Kaiser Downing, Toni Dramstad, Alex Schneider,
Laura Krogh
- 23 Mari Snyder
- 24 David Milder
- 25 Anne Dawson, Jane Hambly, Sharon Limback, Joy Schneider, Merle
Steva
- 26 Dalton McHone
- 27 Cass Christensen, Janet Lynch
- 28 Dean Bartholomew
- 29 Doug Schatzle, Sarah Timpe Jennifer Riggins
- 30 **Tom Newton**, Travis Swartzendruber
- 31 Joe Trower

Milestone Birthdays in bold are for 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100 years



Serving in the Military

SPARC

Faith Alive - Classes will be starting on January 3 and running through January 24. Bring along your book as we dive back into the bible for the next four weeks of class. Classes will begin at 6:00 and end at 7:30 each week.

Lanterns – Jr. High Youth

Sr. High School Youth Group

Senior High youth will meet on Sunday, January 7 at 6:30 – 8:00 for Bible Study. We will set the remainder of the January and February schedule at that time.

If you have not been receiving emails or text messages from the Illian's please send them a message or text.

Fellowship Together

Glowing Embers

We will gather on Thursday, January 4 at 11:30 am. at the Cedar Falls Pizza Ranch for a buffet lunch. All senior citizens are welcome. After we have lunch, we have devotions, a health update on friends and members. We have a good time laughing, singing hymns, and just plain catching up we hope to see you.



Family Life Ministry

All families with any child who has not started elementary are encouraged and welcome to join us. Check your emails and messages for more details. If you are new and would like to join this group, stop by the office to get more information, or contact Pastor Kevin.



Music Ministry

Praise Team

Did the Lord bless you with musical talent? We invite you to join the Immanuel Praise Team as a full or part- time member! The Praise Team (high school to adult) leads the congregation in singing the worship music during both services on the second Sunday of the month Sep-May. A mix of contemporary songs and

traditional hymns are used. Instruments include piano, drums, bass guitar and acoustic guitar to support the vocalists and congregation singing. Two practices are usually held for each service on the preceding Wednesdays in the Sanctuary. See the church calendar for schedule. Dave Koehler, leader.

Mission Ministry

Mission Committee Meeting

Next meeting: January 2, at 6:15 pm.

Leader- Bob White

New Life for Old Devices

Last chance to put your old smart phones, laptops, and tablets to good use. Manohar James of *Serving Along Side International* will give them to pastors and engineering students in India who can't afford to buy them. If you want to give to this worthy project, please complete a form in the office when you drop off the device. In order to wipe them, we will need to have the username/password to the device. If they are not able to be used (because of age or other restrictions), we will contact you so that you can retrieve them from the office. The mission committee will get them to Manohar James.



Missionaries:

Scot and Ivy Wiens, Peru, Pioneers,
Michael and Irene Paul, Taiwan, Mission Central,
Tiews, Germany, Mission Central
Luke and Sarah Barnett, Training in Camdenton, MO, Ethnos360,
Manohar James, India, Serving Alongside International,
Pastor Omolo, Kenya, Hope for the Destitute,
Dianne Moellering

Missionary Workers Immanuel Helps Support

- **Scott & Ivy Wiens** in Peru storeup@securenym.net
- **Christian & Lula Tiews** in Germany

messages, stop by the office to make sure your phone number is correct.

Acknowledgments

Thank you to Kelly and Carsyn Rodriguez for preparing communion in December.

These advertisers helped provide our 2023 phone directory at no cost to our congregation. Black Hawk Memorial, Lance & Christy Banwart; Blue Line Moving and Storage, Bob & Linda Mahncke; Kobliska Chiropractic, Rod Kobliska; Polk's Lock Service, Myron & Joyce Piehl. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise!

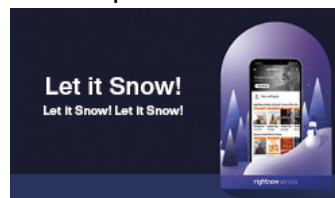
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If you do not have access, let the office know so that they can get you connected.



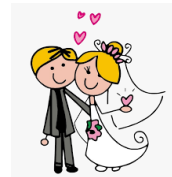
Volunteer Help Needed:

- There are some items needed for the soup supper for after the Epiphany service on January 6th. If you are able to help out, check with Jackie or Cindy to see what is needed.
- It is time to take down the Christmas decorations. We will be taking down the decorations on Sunday, January 7 after the 10:30 service. The more help, the less time it takes.



January Anniversaries

Jan 6 Matt & Cris Natvig



Seminary Support Fund

Seminary Support Fund is a fund in which the congregation has established to support and help members of our congregation that have entered the seminary. Although our seminaries offer “tuition free programing,” it implies that each congregation that which each seminary comes from will contribute to the educational expenses for each year.

Giving Through Immanuel Website

Through the Immanuel web page, ilcv.org, electronic gifts can be made to the church. The credit card option charges larger fees so we would prefer that people use the ACH option.

Change Challenge

Drop your pocket change in the 5-gallon bucket in the back of the sanctuary. All monies go towards the building payment.

Women’s Ministry

Dorcas

Dorcas meets on Thursday, January 18th, at 6:30 pm, here at church. We will be doing a Bible Study, so please bring you latest LWML Quarterly. Also, bring 3 Valentines for the shut-ins, as we will be addressing them at the meeting, please include a stamp on the envelope. ALL women are invited to join us!

Chick Flick

Women of Immanuel, come join us for Chick Flick on Monday, January 8, 2024, at Laverne Kelderman's home. We will be viewing the film “Let



There Be Light,” with Kevin Sorbo. Starting time is 6 pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk if you will be joining us!

Other News of Interest

Church 360 Texting

Stay up to date on news from the church by receiving text messages from Immanuel. If you do not currently receive

School News

Immanuel Preschool

The New Year can be very exciting. The challenge of a lifestyle change or introduction of a new activity or perhaps the resurrection of a past activity, brings each of us hope. It is a chance to “reset”, “get back on track”, or improve our quality of life. It brings hope to shake off things that have brought discouragement or stopped our spiritual growth and walk with Jesus. I, like many of you, look forward to the new year and the hope that only Jesus can bring both in my personal life and in the ministry of the Preschool.

The new year brings us closer to the start of a new school year in the fall. We will begin enrolling students for Fall 2024 at the middle January. If you have family or friends with children who are preschool age send them our way. We are excited to see what God has in store for us in the new year.

Preschool has been busy with Christmas program prep, learning about the difference aspects of the Christmas Story, and the reason for Jesus’ birth. We will continue our study as Jesus grows up this next month.

The 4’s class will be studying about stars, hibernating animals, and snow. Cutting snowflakes, hopefully watching snow melt, and looking at the properties of snow will be part of our investigations for the month.

It is always an exciting time in preschool and we welcome you to stop in and see us.



Valley Lutheran

Valley Lutheran School, where we are MORE THAN A SCHOOL, is Hiring a Development Director Full-Time: Interested candidates may apply by sending their credentials and a letter of interest to Mr. Henry G. Pahlkotter, II, Executive Director, Valley Lutheran School, 4520 Rownd Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa. 50613 or email to henry.pahlkotter@vlscrusaders.org. You may request a full job description by calling the school office at 319-266-4565 or emailing sharron.clement@vlscrusaders.org. Candidates with related education and experience, as well as an understanding of the ministry of Lutheran Christian Schools, are preferred.



Thank You

Thank you ever so much for the lovely gift bag this Christmas. It was very encouraging to be blessed by you this season. Immediately upon unwrapping the lost-lamb picture, I set it up in my room in a prominent place. It ministers to me every time I look at it, and right away the students noticed it, just as I hoped they would.



I will make good use of the gift cards and share them and the goodies with my family, as always.

Blessings to you all. *Laurie Lee*

Serving This Month

January Altar Duties: Ron and Shirley Pries

Deacons, Greeters, Ushers, Readers, and Acolytes are needed each week at both services. Please sign up on Signup Genius.

	Early	Late
1/7/24	Deacons: Criag Reinking	
	Readers	
	Greeters	Ron Pries
	Acolytes	
	Ushers	Ron Pries
	Presentation	Jackie Illian
	Live Stream	Jon Illian

1/14/24	Deacons:	Criag Reinking
	Readers	
	Greeters	Ron Pries
	Acolytes	
	Ushers	Ron Pries
	Presentation	
	Live Stream	Jon Illian

Early Late

1/21/24	Deacons:	
	Readers	
	Greeters	Ron Pries
	Acolytes	
	Ushers	Ron Pries
	Presentation	Jackie Illian
	Live Stream	Jon Illian

Early Late

1/28/24	Deacons:	
	Readers	
	Greeters	Ron Pries
	Acolytes	
	Ushers	Ron Pries
	Presentation	Jackie Illian
	Live Stream	Jon Illian

Signup Genius: <https://ilcv.360unite.com/volunteer-sign-up>

If you need assistance, speak to Jon Illian, Director of Communication.

Tithes and Offerings

Attendance & Offerings

Attendance Offering Building

Available upon request in the office.

November 26 – December 17 Online Average Weekly Worship Attendance 30

Electronic Giving

Electronic Giving is available for all members through a program called Joyful Response. This comes with a bonus: there are no fees! If you would like to make a change to how you are giving, contact the church office for more details.