

The Messenger

February 2024



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February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8am Worship 9:15am Adult Bible St. 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	29	30 9:15am Women's Bible Study 6pm HOA Meeting - using Gathering Space	31 6pm Praise Team Practice	1 11:30am Glowing Embers	2	3
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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

Ash Wednesday

12:00pm at St. John's Reinbeck & 6:00 pm at Immanuel



Wednesdays February 14 – March 20

- 12:00 pm Service at St. Johns Reinbeck, lunch to follow.
- 4:30 pm Soup Supper at Immanuel
- 6:00 pm Lent Service
- *The theme for the Lenten Season will be Lord of Heaven and **EARTH**: The Miracles of an Earthy Jesus*

○ *Special Note date change February 20th is a Tuesday.*

Information from the Office

Official Business

Received: 1



In Our Prayers

Prayers from January

Fran Peters – health

Amanda L'Heureux – health

Kathy Camarata – recovery at home

Family of Bob (Robert) Nelson – friend of Bob Camarata

Bob Sieglaff – health

Fran Melsh – health

Betty Tyler - health

Melea Harriman – health

Joe Faust - health

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

Ongoing Prayers

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

Small Groups at Immanuel:

Exciting announcement!!! We are starting our next round of Small Group Bible studies on April 7th. Depending upon which study your group chooses, it will be for 4 to 6 weeks and be done in May. Right now, I am asking for hosts and facilitators. As host, you would be providing the space for the group to meet and help organize details such as food, seating, and technology to lead the study. As facilitator, you will oversee communication for the group and lead the discussions after watching/listening to the studies.

This year, since our congregational theme is "Living by the Book" we want to use a study that is focused on a book of the Bible. There are several options available as video studies on RightNow Media, and there are several other options available as audio podcasts from 1517 Podcasts.



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If you are interested in serving as a host or facilitator for a group, please let Pastor Kevin know or sign up on the welcome desk.

****Here is one idea to consider.** If you enjoyed working with your encouragement group during the Red-Letter Challenge, this would be a great time to get that group back together and go through the small group study. You could even get a couple of encouragement groups together or invite friends into the group. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Kevin.

Board Of Directors Minutes

Available in the office upon request

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

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.

Ark Encounter:



Planning is underway for the summer Ark Encounter Trip. We are seeking parent feedback some date options and who would be interested in attending the trip. Look for more information in next week to share your feedback.

Lanterns – Jr. High Youth

2/18 – Pizza and a Movie @ Church

Sr. High School Youth Group:

2/4 Bible Study

2/11 Bingo at Birdie Cottage 3:00 pm

2/18 Pizza and a Movie @ Church

2/25 No Meeting



If you have not been receiving emails or text messages from the Illian's please send them a message or text. Jon 319-252-0684 or

jonillian@immanuelcf.com

Fellowship Together

Glowing Embers

Glowing Embers will be meeting on Thursday, February 1 at 11:30 at Pizza Ranch in Cedar Falls. All you need is a good appetite and the price for the meal. Bring along your singing voice and a friend or two to help witness the spark of faith in Christ burning in your heart.



February Birthdays

- 1 Marcy Laughridge, Candice Burke, Jean Ann Flanscha
- 2 Steve Buck, Kelsey Wilson
- 3 Ryan Dermody, Janice Miller
- 4 Caleb Banwart, Jennifer Determan
- 5 Russell Rapp
- 6
- 7
- 8 Hunter Lellig
- 9 Brian L'Heureux, Michael Piehl
- 10 Nathan Heinz, Pam Mangin, Riley Reiter
- 11 Ashley Beasley
- 12 Carol Hildebrandt, Angie Wolff
- 13 Amy Kroblin, Natalie Stone, Emerson Hovey
- 14 Lois Bonefas, Sharon Chamberlin, Gavin Pahlkotter
- 15 Jacob Bruns, Alexis Daman, Connie Phillips
- 16 Steffanie Brunson
- 17 Kelsey L'Heureux
- 18
- 19 Linda Modderman, Kathryn Schlomann
- 20 Lisa Brandau
- 21 Mike Kleiner, Kaylene Natvig
- 22
- 23 Emilie Bruns, Cindy Grim
- 24 Jade McBroom
- 25 Greg Brunson
- 26 Skyler Linder
- 27
- 28 Kyle Swanson
- 29 Braxton Deutsch

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



Serving in the Military

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



February Anniversaries

Feb. 3 Jorden and Kristen Rowles



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: February 6, at 6:15 pm.

Leader- Bob White

Missionaries:

Scot and Ivy Wiens, Peru, Pioneers,
Michael and Irene Paul, Taiwan, Mission Central,
Tiews, Germany, Mission Central,
Robin Morelock, Paupa New Guinea, Wycliffe Bible Translators,
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
- **Christian & Lula Tiews** in Germany

LHM Sunday Announcement

Immanuel Lutheran Hour Ministry Sunday, February 11, 2024. LHM Support Door Offerings will be received in brown Missions Basket. For over 100 years Lutheran Hour Ministries has been committed to sharing the Gospel with those who need to hear it. Today, LHM energizes, equips, and engages Christians to share the Gospel throughout North America and around the globe. We are able to offer many free or low-cost resources because people like you have already joined our mission. Learn more about how you can get involved at lhm.org/discoverlhm.

School News

Immanuel Preschool

Happy February! It is hard to believe that we are already just about to our 100th day of school. The year is passing us by quickly.

Many of you may not like the snow and the winter months for many different reasons however, here at preschool we enjoy the snow. The snow has given us many different learning opportunities, answering our question of why some snow makes good snowmen and snowballs and why other types do not work. We have been able to bring snow inside and watch it melt and then see the amount of dirt particles in the snow. During the coming weeks you may see different colored snow. The children will be creating with colored water on the snow piles throughout the parking lot.



We have been talking about baptism and being a disciple of Jesus in both classrooms during our Jesus Time. The children have been having some fun creating different kinds of snowman art and winter projects.

preschool registration



Enrollment has been a big focus this time of year as we start to look at classes for the 2024-2025 school year. Our 3's program will be the Tuesday/Thursday class and then opening a Monday/Wednesday class as the enrollments sit at nine as of today and inquiries continue to come in. The 4's program has currently 28 enrolled before the public-school enrollment opens. We have received this number of children in just under two weeks of accepting applications. We will need to start a waitlist for our morning program. Our Extended Care program is also receiving a higher number of

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

Acknowledgments

Thank you to Ron and Shirley Pries for preparing communion in January.

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!

Thank You

Bob and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, food and phone calls after my open heart bypass surgery. The support of our church family has been greatly appreciated so much.

Kathy Camarata



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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 February 15, at 6:30 pm, at the Village Co-op. The program for the evening will include the Reveal of the LWML Secret Sisters, draw names for new LWML Secret Sisters and then play Hearts. ALL women are invited to join us!



Volunteer Help Needed:

Soup Suppers will start Ash Wednesday, February 14. Soups will be served starting at 4:30pm. Sign-up sheets for needed food items are on the Welcome Desk. If you can help with clean up, speak to Laverne Kelderman or another member of Dorcas. Free will offering will support Dorcas's mission projects.



Chick Flick

Women of Immanuel, come join us for Chick Flick on Monday, March 4, 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!



students. We are thankful that God has blessed us with such a caring congregation who's sees the opportunity to reach new families with the gospel through our preschool. We are thankful to God for giving us the families who continue to come to hear His word year after year, to our teachers who continue to do such an amazing job caring for these children and their families. We are also thankful to the parents who bring their children and then share their experiences with others so that our program continues to grow. We cannot wait to see how God will use Immanuel in the future as a place in which to grow His mission field.

Valley Lutheran

Valley Lutheran has started Registration for the 2024-25 school year. Please call April at 319-266-4565 to set up an appointment to get your student registered!



Open House with a free will meal provided by our Boosters will be on Thursday, February 1 from 5:30-7.

Take a Look Tuesday on February 6th from 11-1:30. This is a great time to see the school and talk with our Admissions Director.



Valley Lutheran will be holding 3 forums on finishing the school building and would like your input!

With the passing of Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs) along with the deep commitment of our faith community to make an eternal difference in the lives of students and families, Valley has grown, and we are running out of space. We have already seen positive life-impacting growth in the lives of the new students who have joined us this fall as a result of the passage of ESAs. Everything is pointing to more significant growth for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond. Valley Lutheran School is preparing itself to be ready to welcome these opportunities as we strive to be More Than a School for Christ by sharing God's truth and grace with our students and families both now and for many years to come

- Saturday, February 3 at 9:30 am
- Tuesday, February 6 at 5 pm
- Thursday, February 8

If you would like to be a part of one of these forums, please call 319-266-4565 and we can get you on the list.



Serving This Month

February Altar Duties: Kelly Rodriguez

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

	Early	Late
2/4/24	Deacons: Craig Reinking Ehren Simmer	
	Readers	
	Greeters	
	Acolytes	
	Ushers	
	Presentation Jackie Illian	
	Live Stream Jon Illian	

	Early	Late
2/11/24	Deacons: Craig Reinking Ehren Simmer	
	Readers	
	Greeters	
	Acolytes	
	Ushers	
	Presentation Jon Illian	
	Live Stream	

	6:00 PM
2/14/24	Deacons:
	Readers
	Greeters
	Acolytes
	Ushers
	Presentation Jackie Illian
	Live Stream Jon Illian

	Early	Late
2/18/24	Deacons:	
	Readers	
	Greeters	
	Acolytes	
	Ushers	
	Presentation Jackie Illian	
	Live Stream Jon Illian	

	6:00 PM
2/20/24	Deacons:
	Readers
	Greeters
	Acolytes

Ushers	
Presentation Jackie Illian	
Live Stream Jon Illian	

	Early	Late
2/25/24	Deacons: Ehren Simmer	
	Readers	
	Greeters	
	Acolytes	
	Ushers	
	Presentation Jackie Illian	
	Live Stream Jon Illian	

	6:00 PM
2/28/24	Deacons:
	Readers
	Greeters
	Acolytes
	Ushers
	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 in the office upon request

December 24 – January 15 Online Average Weekly Worship

Attendance 50

Take Attendance

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.

