

The Messenger

March 2024



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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 February

Amanda L'Heureux – health
Bob Sieglaff – health
Fran Melsh – health
Betty Tyler - health
Melea Harriman – health
Joe Faust – health
Braxton – health, grandson of Heather Rios
Melea Harriman – 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.

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.

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 – The next class will start April 10 studying the six chief parts of the catechism. Classes will begin at 6:00 and end at 7:30 each week.

Creation Museum/Ark Encounter:

Planning is underway for the summer Creation Museum/Ark



Encounter Trip. The trip is looking to be the last week of June. Please look at the details included in the recent mailing of progress reports. If you did not get one stop by the church office and get the details.

Lanterns – Jr. High Youth

2/18 – Pizza and a Movie @ Church

Sr. High School Youth Group:

3/3 Bible Study

3/10 TBD

3/17 TBD

3/23 Volunteer for the Easter Egg Hunt

3/31 No Youth - Easter

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

Remember! Glowing Embers will be meeting at the Cedar Falls Pizza Ranch on the first Thursday of March (March 7) at 11:30 a.m. All you need is a good appetite, your singing voice, and a friend or two to help witness the spark of faith in Christ burning your heart.

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: March 5, 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, Papua 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

Explore Christ's Passion:

Each year these poignant messages of God doing His redemptive work through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection are read by thousands in English and Spanish. Reflection questions are great for study groups to explore together! You can put these resources in the hands of others both inside and outside your church. They can be downloaded, printed, and shared. During the Lenten season, you can also read the text online, receive them in your inbox as a daily email, or subscribe to listen to the audio podcast! For more information, visit lhm.org/lent.



Gospel Adventures:

Gospel Adventures teaches children about animals, people and places of a different country each year. Kids are introduced to children living in that country who are just like them and who carry out their faith in their day-to-day life. Through the exciting lessons, children are

introduced to a God whose love is big enough for the entire world. Learn more at lhm.org/adventures.

Gospel Adventures Show:

Lutheran Hour Ministries and Group Publishing have teamed up for an exciting new Gospel Adventure for kids! The Gospel Adventures Show is a weekly audio program that takes young listeners on a Bible journey with hosts Ben and Noah to learn valuable biblical lessons from some of the most-loved Bible characters. Each 30-minute episode has a theme, Bible verse, Bible story, an interactive activity, and a story from a kid. Learn more at gospeladventures.org/show.

School News

Immanuel Preschool

Our 3's program will be offering two different sessions again next year and they are filling up. As of today, we have eight spots remaining. The 4's program will have both a morning and afternoon class as part of the Voluntary Preschool Program with the morning class overflowing. We are moving to a waiting list for the morning class and looking at options for expanding our extended care to accommodate these children into the afternoon class while providing the all-day coverage they need. We have about 8 spaces remaining to fill the program at 36 children. If you have an interest or know of someone looking for a program, please let them know to reach out to us soon if they want a spot.

Our classrooms are busy with children who love to learn. Topics that we have been covering include the stories of Zacchaeus, Jesus Healing the 10 Lepers, and Jesus healing various people. Through word and song, the stories of the bible are forever placed in the children's hearts and minds. They can see how these stories then relate to their lives as they work and play with others. It is through these songs and stories that the children share the love of Jesus with their parents, grandparents, and friends. This is yet another way in which we are spreading the Gospel.



The children were able to have a guest visit them this month as learned how important it is to clean their teeth. They were able to practice brushing, look at x-rays, and learn how to floss between their teeth. Thanks to Cindy Wolf from Black Hawk County Public Health for taking the time to engage with our children in this activity.



Play is an important part of a child's early development, and it helps their young brains develop. It also helps their language and communication skills to mature. Our classrooms are filled with fun and exciting activities in which fosters play and learning. We ask that you continue to pray for our program and ask God to send us the children who need us. Help us be a beacon of light to the world as we share the love of Christ to all the children and their families.

Valley Lutheran **Scrap Metal Drive**

The Valley Lutheran Seniors and Push Iron & Metals will be hosting a Scrap Metal Drive on March 23rd from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm. Please bring in your scrap metal to help out your Valley Seniors. More details will be sent as the date comes closer. We appreciate any form of help that our Valley Community gives us.
Senior Class of 2024



Crusader Knight at Valley Lutheran School is in the early stages of planning, and we are seeking items for our silent auction. If you would like to put together a basket, please contact Shaylene Scheele at Valley Lutheran. Baskets could be themed such as Family movie night with items such as popcorn and popcorn bucket, candy, and a family movie. A chocolate basket with different kinds of chocolates. Be creative! Feel free to contact me for more ideas. If you'd like to donate a few items but not do a whole basket that's fine too! Thank you for your continued support!

Tithes and Offerings

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.

Attendance & Offerings

Attendance. Offering

Building

Other Designations

Available upon request in the office.

January 21 – February 11 Online Average Weekly Worship

Attendance 47

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.



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 is implies that each congregation that which each seminary comes from will contribute to the educational expenses for each year.



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 March 21, at 6:30 pm, at church. The program for the evening will be the Quarterly Bible Study lead by Laverne

Kelderman. Mari Snyder will lead devotions and the hostesses are Barb Reinking and Celia Simmer. ALL women are invited to join us!

Soup Suppers:

Soups will be served starting at 4:30pm each Wednesday thru Lent. 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!



Other News of Interest

Contribute to Youth Sports:

Have you ever considered becoming registered to officiate high school sports in Iowa? Events are being cancelled in several sports at all levels of competition because there are not enough officials to cover the assignments. We have a few members in the Immanuel congregation that are registered officials. We are willing to host a forum simply to answer questions for anyone that might want to be part of the solution.



- How do I register?
- How much does it cost to register?
- How do I find games to officiate?

If you would like to learn more, contact Dan Klein by 02/23/2024 to reserve a spot at the forum. Immanuel will host the Officials Information Forum on Saturday, March 9 at 09:00am.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Immanuel will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 at 9:00 am. There is a signup sheet in the sign – up binder on the Welcome Desk. We could us help as well as a variety of items for this event.



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 Kelly Rodriguez for preparing communion in February.

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!

RightNow Media

We've purchased unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos and are giving free access to everyone in our church.

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



March Birthdays

- 1 Jenny Newton, Ardis White
- 2 Brenda Edgerton
- 3 Chad Wolf
- 4 Jon Panning
- 5 Michael Jacobson
- 6 Wyatt Hayes
- 7 Amanda Blohm
- 8 Shereen Hewitt
- 9 Hannah Krenz
- 10 Justin Galloway, Erin Peterson
- 11 Leann Swartzendruber
- 12 **Susan Smith**
- 13 Elizabeth Dee-Hageman
- 14 Eric Blohm
- 15 Christy Banwart, Vivian Stien
- 16 Josie Geerdes, Clarence Wagner
- 17 Joe Wright
- 18 Fran Peters, Steven Pieper, Camille Pries, Karen Weber
- 19 Debra Pahlkotter
- 20 Ava Tyler
- 21 Brandon Bonefas, Virginia Cutsforth, Brad Rule,
Hailey Stubberud
- 22 Shirley Hagenstein, Brad Holt
- 23 **Bill Simmer**, Deb Panther
- 24 Alayna Laughridge, Brayden King, Kevin Krogh
- 25 Carmella Beasley
- 26
- 27 Stava Beatty, Carly Illian, Kent Larsen, Cameron Pries, Jill
Stubberud
- 28 Hunter Lynch, Susan Schutte, Benton Mailes
- 29 Christina Hodge
- 30 Stephanie Milder, Aaron Oltmann, Carsyn Rodriguez
- 31 Julie Brown, Angie McHone, Kattryna Steva



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

March Anniversaries

March 10 Steve & Sue Bellmer
March 13 Bob & Linda Mahncke
March 20 Dennis & Karen Roberts
March 22 Jim & Kari Currens
March 23 Gene & Mary Allison
March 23 Mark & Susan Smith
March 24 Craig & Barb Reinking
March 26 Gary & Cass Christense



Serving in the Military

Members

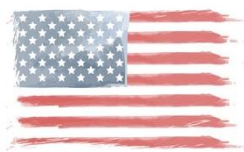
- **Reece Buck** serving with the National Guard
- **Gus Camarata** Waterloo, Army National Guard
- **Camryn Meyer** serving with the Army National Guard 209th Medical Company
- **SFC Jamie Stien** Military Instructor

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



I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE
Bible
GOD'S HOLY WORD.
A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND
A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH,
IT'S WORDS WILL
I HIDE IN MY HEART, THAT
I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST GOD.



I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE
TO THE FLAG OF THE
United States of America
AND TO THE REPUBLIC
FOR WHICH IT STANDS,
ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY
AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.



I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE
Christian flag
AND TO THE
SAVIOUR FOR WHOSE
KINGDOM IT STANDS;
ONE SAVIOUR, CRUCIFIED,
RISEN, AND COMING AGAIN
WITH LIFE AND LIBERTY
TO ALL WHO BELIEVE.

Serving This Month

March Altar Duties: Diane Daman

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

		Early	Late
3/3/24	Deacons:	Josh Schrum	
		Craig Reinking	
	Readers		
	Greeters		
	Acolytes		
	Ushers		
	Presentation	Jackie Illian	
	Live Stream	Jon Illian	

		Early	Late
3/10/24	Deacons:	Adam Volker	
		Ehren Simmer	
	Readers		
	Greeters		
	Acolytes		
	Ushers		
	Presentation	Jackie Illian	
	Live Stream	Jon Illian	

		Early	Late
3/17/24	Deacons:	Ehren Simmer	
	Readers		
	Greeters		
	Acolytes		
	Ushers		
	Presentation	Jackie Illian	
	Live Stream	Jon Illian	

		Early	Late
3/24/24	Deacons:	Adam Volker	
	Readers		
	Greeters		Clark's
	Acolytes		
	Ushers		
	Presentation	Jackie Illian	
	Live Stream	Jon Illian	

6:00 PM

3/28/24	Deacons:
	Readers
	Greeters
	Acyoltes
	Ushers
	Presentation
	Live Stream

6:00 PM

3/29/24	Deacons:
	Readers
	Greeters
	Acyoltes
	Ushers
	Presentation
	Live Stream

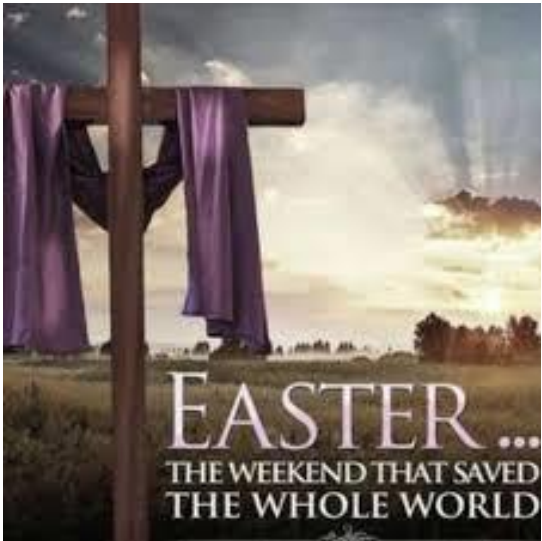
Early

Late

3/31/24	Deacons:	Ehren Simmer
	Readers	
	Greeters	
	Acyoltes	
	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.



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8am Worship 9:15am Adult Bible St. 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	26	27 9:15am Women's Bible Study	28 4:30pm Soup Supper 6pm Lent Worship Service 7pm Praise Team Practice	29	1	2
3 8am Worship w/HC 9:15am Adult Bible St. 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/HC 6:30pm Sr. High Youth Bible Study	4 6pm Chick Flick	5 9:15am Women's Bible Study 6:15pm Mission Committee Mtg	6 4:30pm Soup Supper 6pm Lent Worship 7pm Deaf Ministry 7pm Praise Team Practice	7 11:30am Glowing Embers	8	9
10 8am Worship - PT 9:15am Adult Bible St. 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship - PT 6:30pm Sr. High Youth - TBD	11	12 9:15am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Board of Directors	13 4:30pm Soup Supper 6pm Lent Worship Service	14	15	16
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24 8am Worship w/HC 9:15am Adult Bible St. 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/HC	25	26 9:15am Women's Bible Study	27 6pm Confession Absolution Service	28 6pm Maudy Thursday Service (HC)	29 6pm Good Friday Service	30
31 6:30am Worship w/HC 9:15am Adult Bible St. 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Worship w/HC	1	2 9:15am Women's Bible Study	3 6pm Praise Team Practice 7pm Deaf Ministry	4 11:30am Glowing Embers	5	6