



IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS

February 2022

LENTEN FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Lenten Fellowship Meals are returning to Immanuel this year. We are trying something new. In the past various fellowship groups have had responsibility for the weeks of Lent. That meant that some people had to help out multiple weeks and some people were never invited to help. So this year, we are asking all members of Immanuel to sign up to help for one of the weeks of Lent.

We will not have a meal on Ash Wednesday, March 2. But on each of the following weeks we are looking for 8-10 people to provide a gallon of soup of any kind and then a couple people to help serve the soup. The sign-up lists will be on a table in the front hallway near the sanctuary. We hope that this will give more people the opportunity to serve the congregation.

Lenten meals will be served from 6 to 6:45 and worship will follow at 7:00 p.m. Come join the fellowship each week.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Immanuel supports two of the best church camps in our region at Riverside and Ingham/Okoboji. We also provide scholarships so that children and youth from Immanuel can attend those camps. The Immanuel Women of the Word provide a \$100 scholarship for each child or family to attend camp. This year Immanuel is matching that with a second \$100 scholarship. PLUS Immanuel will also provide any additional funding that might be needed so that any child or family can participate in church camp. Check out our camps at riversidelbc.org and okoboji.org.

Also, this summer **The Way, The Truth, The Life** is the LCMC Youth Gathering at Grandview College in Des Moines, Iowa, July 19-22. The Immanuel Church Council has set aside funding to send a group of youth to this event. So we hope to have a good group ready to go again this year as we have in year's past. Registrations are needed by April 1.

WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

February 5-6 Epiphany 5	Luke 4:31-44 Words of Authority	Communion
February 12-13 Epiphany 6	Luke 5:1-11 Caught in the Net	Bells
February 19-20 Epiphany 7	Luke 5:12-16 The Untouchables	Choir Communion
February 26-27 Epiphany 8	Luke 5:17-26 Seeing Faith	Contemporary Music

2022 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

43 members gathered for the 2022 Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 23. Pastor Phil led devotions based on 1 Corinthians 12. We are the miraculous Body of Christ. We value each member and their perspectives as a gift to the Body. For the 2nd year in a row the nominating committee didn't have anyone turn them down when they asked people to serve in leadership. God has blessed us with willing servant-leaders.

The 2022 budget of \$290,940 was presented and approved by the congregation.

Elections were held. Derek Chapman, Scott Shannon, Vicki Strissel, and Jason Weis were elected to the Church Council. Terry Torneten was elected to the Trust and Memorial Committee. Donna Nelson, Rick Chipman, and Taylor Peek were elected to the Nominating Committee. Cheryl Chipman and Donna Nelson volunteered or were volunteered to serve as our delegates at the LCMC Annual Gathering in Minnesota in October. Salem delegates were Maggie Hatcher, Sandy Nelsen, and Judi Olson. We can have 2 more delegates.

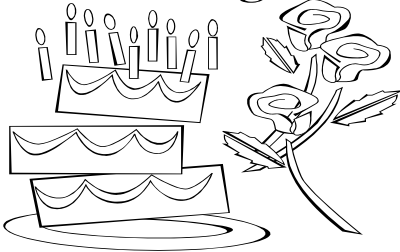
Under New Business, there was a discussion about our pipe organ. Our pipe organ has over 1300 pipes and 17 pipes have failed because of faulty wiring. There is no easy fix for the problem. The council invited 3 members to speak about our options.

Eric Chipman spoke about music possibilities without an organ -- using piano, other instruments, and audio recordings of an organ. Because our current sound system is designed for speech clarity, we would probably want to install a second sound system dedicated to quality amplification of music.

Seth Johannsen spoke about replacing our current organ with a digital organ. A digital organ could be played by the Sub Organ System that we currently use, plus it has a library of classic organ hymns available for free. It would not need \$840 tuning each year. The Allen GX235 would cost about \$54,000.

Derek Chapman spoke about rebuilding our current pipe organ. He discussed the unique effect of wind-blown pipes. We can digitally replace a lot of things in worship, but just because we can doesn't mean that we should. Our organ is a treasure that should not be wastefully discarded. The Temple Organ company built our organ and can rebuild it for about \$63,000.

Other speakers shared thoughts and questions. Any organ project would require a special fund-raising campaign. We need to consider not just what we want for music but what the next generations will want for music in worship. John Taggs asked for a consensus regarding the 3 options. A clear consensus preferred that we find some way to continue to keep organ music available for our worship life. A motion was passed to ask the Worship and Evangelism Committee to further investigate our options of rebuilding the pipe organ, replacing with a digital organ, and using audio recordings of organ music.

Birthdays &*Anniversaries***Happy Birthday to the following:**

Dave Koos will be 84 on February 3.
 Derald Kumm who will be 87 on February 3.
 Myrna Havick will be 81 on February 4.
 Doris Towne who will be 98 on February 4.
 Charles Grabill will be 90 on February 6.
 Irma Pedersen who will be 84 on February 21.
 Ed Mills will be 85 on February 28.

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Rich & Sharon Daberkow who will be celebrating their 55th anniversary on February 12.
 Philip & Elaine Miller who will be celebrating their 57th anniversary on February 14.
 Al & Bonnie Ickes who will be celebrating their 52nd anniversary on February 15.
 Dick & Suzann Olson who will be celebrating their 52nd anniversary on February 15.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Della Holdsworth at her death on January 14th and to the family of Lowell Howe at his death on January 14th.

WANTED: Drivers who can provide transportation for a couple of ladies who don't drive but who would like to attend worship. If you are able to take a turn providing transportation, please contact the church office.

2022 Offering Envelopes should arrive at Immanuel some time this month. The boxed sets for February 2022 through January 2023 will be available for pick up on the conference table next to the library.



ON OUR PRAYER LIST: Donna Hansen, Lorene Thiede, Jean Whitfield, Joanne Christensen, Connie Schwieso, Judi Pedersen, Twyla & Charles Grabill, Jeanette Kroger, Steve Allen, Harry Priest, Bev Burmeister, Sandra Haney, Nancy Christensen, Connie Benson, Sandra Farr (mother of Cora Chapman), Bonnie Mitchell (friend of Roger and Joann Christensen), Becky Bartels (niece of Cheryl Nielsen), Catherine Glenn (mother of Sharon Kroger) and Camden King.

Please Pray for:



JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The Immanuel Church Council met January 11 with 11 of 12 members present. Steve Allen shared devotions. John Taggs will have devotions in February.

Eric Chipman, Mary Petersen, Peg Haas, John Taggs, Derek Chapman, Ivy Nielsen, and Steve Allen volunteered for schedule of council persons on duty.

Treasurer: December income was \$26,846 and expenses were \$21,208. There is \$75,775 in the General Fund and \$52,611 in Capital Savings.

Fellowship/Education: Immanuel's Got Talent will be held on January 23 at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Popcorn will be served. The Young Couples' Night Dinner for February 13 is currently tabled at this time because of Covid. A Food for Fellowship signup during Lent will be posted. JAM and GROW continue to be doing well. LYO is still working to gain numbers. The LYO trip to the Escape Room and lock-in was a hit.

Outreach/Stewardship: Food Pantry donations were strong in 2021. 905 pounds in 2021 compared to 1038 pounds in 2020, 826 pounds in 2019, 762 pounds in 2018, and 650 pounds in 2016. We need to find a home for the glass cabinets in the Foster Closet, perhaps via the TZ auction. Mission Partner for January is LCMC (\$2000). TZ committee may be working on another well this year.

Property: The bell clock is fixed with a new motor. Snow has been removed once this year.

Old Business: Council approved agenda and ballot for the annual meeting. Council asked President Taggs to appoint 3 speakers to address the organ situation at the Annual meeting.

New Business: Appreciation was expressed to outgoing council members: Deb Brix, Wayne Nelson, and Cheryl Chipman. Council agreed to use set aside funds for youth to attend the LCMC Youth Gathering this year. Council agreed to encourage use of face coverings at church events and to hold off on Communion until February because of the current Covid numbers in Shelby County. We will try donuts from the new bakery in town for our fellowship time. Council passed a resolution authorizing Melanie Ohms and a member of the Trust and Memorial Committee to transact church investment business with Fidelity. John Taggs will appoint a financial review committee.

The church council met after the annual meeting to elect officers. Elections were as follows:

President: John Taggs Vice-President: Vick Strissel
Secretary: Mary Petersen Treasurer: George Applegate
Worship/Evangelism: Ivy Nielsen and Derek Chapman
Fellowship/Education: Eric Chipman and Scott Shannon
Outreach/Stewardship: Steve Allen and Peg Haas
Property: Greg Nelson and Jason Weis



PLANTING NEW CONGREGATIONS

LCMC is committed to training up the next generation of ministry leaders and pastors. Immanuel provides a couple of scholarships each year from the Harvey Anderson Scholarship Fund for LCMC students studying at seminaries affiliated with LCMC and planning to serve in LCMC ministries.

LCMC is also committed to planting new congregations because healthy congregations reproduce by planting new congregations. Immanuel is part of the Heartland District of LCMC which is working toward planting new congregations. The Heartland District has targeted Lincoln, Nebraska, for our next mission start. Do you know someone in Lincoln who would appreciate the opportunity to be part of a new congregation that is free in Christ, accountable to other LCMC congregations, rooted in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, and committed to the Great Commission? What kind of congregation will this new congregation be? That depends on who comes to their first information and conversation meeting on Sunday, February 13, in Lincoln at the Bennett Martin Public Library (136 South 14th Street, corner of 14th and N) in the 4th floor conference room. If you know someone who should be at that meeting, how about giving them an invite. And please pray for this mission venture.

SALEM LUTHERAN HOMES is owned by an association of congregations including Immanuel. Immanuel has always had members represent us on the Governing Board and the Foundation Board. For the past several years Pastor Phil has served on the Governing Board and Kay Johannsen has served on the Foundation Board. Their terms are ending in March. We are looking for Immanuel members who are willing to serve on these boards. Please contact Pastor Phil if you have questions or interest.

WORSHIP & GIVING

	<u>Attendance</u>				<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Total</u>	
January 1-2	11	+	59	=	70	\$ 4,900.45	\$ 10.00	\$ 4,910.45
January 8-9	16	+	97	=	113	\$ 5,075.50	\$ 175.00	\$ 5,250.50
January 15-16	16	+	83	=	99	\$ 2,197.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 2,242.50
January 22-23	26	+	95	=	121	\$ 3,688.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 3,783.00

WORSHIP SERVICES at Immanuel continue to be live streamed on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ilcharlan) Sunday mornings and can be viewed anytime afterwards. They are also recorded for viewing on HMU channel 15 (9:00 a.m. Sunday and 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday) and on FMCTC channel 48 (4:00 p.m. Wednesday). Our worship services are also posted on our website (www.harlanimmanuel.org/sermons.html).



WOMEN OF THE WORD EXEC BOARD

January 12, 2022

The WOW Executive Board met Wednesday, January 12, 2022 in the narthex with Sandy Nelsen, Kathy Block, Janet Johannsen (via phone), Sharon Daberkow and Sally Nairn present. Chair Sandy called meeting to order at 9:00.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: After review, Sharon made motion to approve and Sally seconded. Ayes all.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy reported the final Thank Offering amount received was \$945 which all monies were given to Kris Olsen-Harmon for her Kids At Risk program. Bills paid were \$116 for stamps, \$23.97 for cider for the Christmas Tea, \$79.91 for Salem Home Christmas gifts for 4 residents, \$321 for poinsettias. Income items were \$300 from sale of poinsettias and \$100 from Hass funeral. December ending balance is \$6200.47.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank You notes for quilts given were received from Twyla and Charles Grabill, McCarthy Family in Elk Horn and the Lydia House. McCarthy's and Lydia House received baby blankets. Notes posted on bulletin board.

KITCHEN & HOSPITALITY: No reports

COMMUNITY: Sharon will request the Gathering attendees take a name or two and send Valentines to our shut-ins.

MISSION QUILTS: Several quilts were completed at the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: **Budget:** Kathy presented a spreadsheet of our 2021 budget and amount spent in each category. It was decided to rename the Birthday/Bingo category Community category. After some discussion Sharon made motion and Sally seconded to keep our budget amounts the same for 2022. These are: Church Youth Assistance \$1200, Mission \$300, Community \$100, Hospitality/Cards \$110, Kitchen Supplies/Equipment \$400, Christmas Tea \$300 and Miscellaneous \$190 for total budget of \$2600. Ayes all.

NEW BUSINESS: **Kitchen:** Date of February 9 was selected for kitchen cleaning. All help would be appreciated. A request was received for the purchase of an electric griddle as LYO could use that to prepare pancakes at their Lock-ins. Kathy made motion to purchase a griddle and Sally seconded. Ayes all.

WOW Directory: Jan Applegate is updating. If you know of any changes, please let her know soon.

Heartland District LCMC Retreat: The date of September 17 was chosen for Immanuel to host. A theme and lunch menu will be decided in the coming months.

WOW GATHERING

Women of the Word met with 11 attending. Linda shared Ole and Lena humor. Sharon had names of homebound members and asked those at meeting to take a name or two and send a Valentine. Vicki Carstens presented a great program. In January we think of resolutions which is also like building a plan for the year. She gave each a plastic construction hat to wear and a marker to write on the hat the different hats we wear thru the year such as volunteer, teacher, grandmother, Christian etc. After each read what they had written on their hats, we went around the table and told of things we admired about each other. She read from Romans 12: 6-8 that the focus should be on God, not our talents. Sharon served delicious cherry coffee cake.

Janet Johannsen, Secretary

Upcoming Events:

January 31 - Mission Quilting 9:00

February 9 - WOW Board meeting and Gathering. Also cleaning of the kitchen—all help appreciated!

TANZANIA SOUP SUPPER AND AUCTION

The competition is on, who will be the winner this year of the best soup at Immanuel.

When: Saturday, March 26, 2022

Where: Immanuel Fellowship Hall

Time: Doors open at 5:45 for supper and auction immediately follows

All the soup you can eat, Beverage, Desserts and Homemade Ice cream

Free-will donation

Fun and Fellowship for the whole family

The Auction

Lots of wonderful items, find some special item you can't live without

All Proceeds Go To Immanuel's Tanzania Mission

Sponsoring over 161 primary school orphans

Plus 151 secondary school orphans

200 confirmation students with bibles

Evangelists' bikes, bibles and hymn books to help with their ministry

Micro loans for the people of Kidugala

Demonstration plots of corn and beans

How can you help?

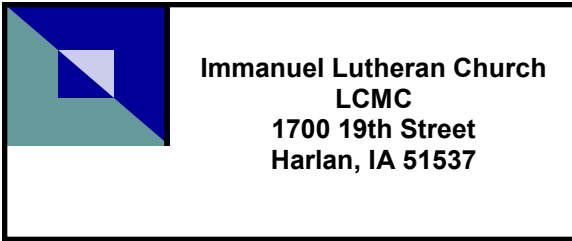
Make your favorite soup, decorate your table and compete for the honor of The Judge's Choice Best tasting Soup, People's Choice Best tasting Soup or Crowing Rooster Award (Best Decorated Table)

We are also looking for Auction items. This can be as simple as a pie, baked item. Month, gift certificates, services/labor, tickets to an event, homemade treasurers. The sky is the limit.

Immanuel Tanzania Committee



PIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE: The Tanzania Team still has 4 apple and 19 rhubarb pies for \$12 each. They are available at the church during office hours or after church on Saturday and Sunday. All proceeds go to fund the orphans in Kidugala to attend school. Immanuel is currently funding 170 primary school orphans and over 80 secondary school orphans. Thanks for your support.



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FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 9:00 Worship/JAM No Adult Bible Class 12:00 Mark Nelson	31 9:00 Mission Quilters	1 9:00 CF Quilters	2 3:30 Grow 4:00 Women's Bible Study 5:15 Confirmation 5:30 Bells 6:30 LYO	3 10:30 Westridge	4 9:30 Elm Crest	5 5:00 Communion
6 9:00 Communion/JAM 10:15 Adult Bible Class 7:00 Boy Scouts	7	8 9:00 CF Quilters 6:00 Boy Scout Leaders 6:30 Executive Board 7:00 Church Council	9 9 WOW Exec 9:30 Gather (clean kitch) 3:30 Grow 5:15 Confirmation 5:30 Bells 6:30 LYO	10	11	12 5:00 Worship
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Worship and Fellowship Servants Schedule

	February 12-13	February 19-20	February 26-27	March 5-6	March 12-13
Acolytes	Carly Torneten Gabe Arkfeld	Grant Chipman Mikayla Jensen	Harrison Kjergaard Owen Neve	Grant Petersen Aubrey Petsche	Jonas Reynolds Baleigh Sette
Saturday Greeter/Usher	Deb Stendrup	Allan & Myrna Andersen	Kurt & Janelle Musfeldt	Mary Ann Beaman	Emmert Anderson
Sunday Greeters/Ushers	Steve & Julie Livingston Jon & Kara Meiners	Rhonda Mock Jennifer Plumb Dave & Angie Monson	Mark & Kristah Nelson Wayne Nelson Erik Nielsen	Neil & Melanie Ohms Ken & Shirley Olson	Kevin & Jahde Osborn John & Gayle Petsche
Sunday Reader	Jan Applegate	Vicki Carstens	Becky Chipman	Kari Palmer	Rick Chipman
Saturday Altar Guild		DeAnn Nielsen		Kayla Jacobs	
Sunday Altar Guild		Becky Brelje Tammy Haake		Mary Taggs Janet Johannsen	
Sun. Communion Servers		Lindsey Vorm Dave Monson		Ken & Julie Vorm	
Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hosts	Todd & Angela Madsen	Greg & Donna Nelson	Jeff & Penny Nelson	Kris Olson-Harmon Sue Olson	Karma Petersen Karen Plewes
Sound	Seth Johannsen	Seth Johannsen	Seth Johannsen	Kayla Weis	Kayla Weis
Video	Darin Haake	Darin Haake	Darin Haake	Rick Chipman	Rick Chipman
Projection	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)
Council Person	John Taggs	Derek Chapman	Ivy Nielsen	John Taggs	