



IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS NOVEMBER 2022



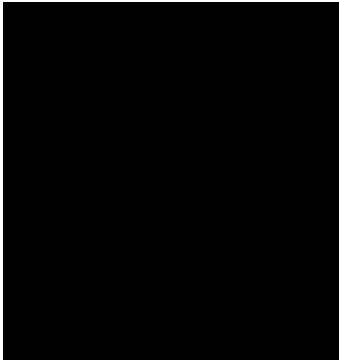
A QUILTED CHRISTMAS will be held at Immanuel on Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 10-11:30 AM. Refreshments will be served at 10:00 with a short program.

There will be a display of Christmas items - quilts, table runners and wall hangings, which are sure to put you in the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!!

Please invite a guest (s) and sign up in the church office or call 712-755-5207 or email to ilc@fmctc.com. Please RSVP by Saturday, December 3, 2022.

Confirmation of Faith

Confirmation is the act of publicly confessing faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord. This year 11 young people stood up on Reformation Sunday, October 30, to confirm their faith in Jesus. We celebrated God's gift and God's call in the lives of Gabe Arkfeld, Mikayla Jensen, Harrison Kjergaard, Owen Neve, Grant Petersen, Jonas Reynolds, Baleigh Sette, Emeri Smith, Kori Smith, Angel Stern, and Carly Torneten.



All Saints

All Saints Sunday (November 6) celebrates the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church founded by Jesus as his Body in the world. We therefore celebrate those who have joined the Church in the past year and those who have graduated from the Church on earth to the Church in heaven.

Those who have joined the one holy Church through Holy Baptism in the past 12 months: Kily Palmer, Blake Reinert, Lola Petersen, Aiden Carter, Lincoln Koch.

Those who have joined Immanuel in the past 12 months: Betty Andersen; Roger Andersen; Marty Burchett; Colin, Roberta, Camden, and Raina King; Rich and Barb Furst; Pat Schug; Linda Norgaard; Andrew and Brooke Reinert; Trent, Jenni, Leah, Graham, and Tripp Svendsen; Mitch and Kate Petersen; Mindy, Owen, and Cade Neve.



Those who have passed from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant in the past 12 months include: Lester Hass, Minehart Brasch, Della Holdsworth, Lowell Howe, Bev Burmeister, Charles Grabill, Faye Jacobsen, Loretta Baughman, Dale Grabill, Becky Jo Kersten.





November 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

Cheryl Chipman, Donna Nelson, and I joined almost 700 brothers and sisters from Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ at Hosanna Church in Lakeville Minnesota for the 2022 Annual Gathering of LCMC. There were even family members from congregations in a dozen foreign countries.

The theme of this year's gathering was discipleship. One of the 4 key values of LCMC is a commitment to the Great Commission to go make disciples. But what is a disciple? Pastor Ebassa Berhanu explained that a disciple is an apprentice of Jesus, a follower of Jesus, a friend of Jesus, and someone who is becoming a little Christ for the world. So discipleship is what we do to follow Jesus and become like him for the sake of the world. But our discipleship can in no way add to Jesus' gift of grace for our salvation. We don't follow Jesus to get closer to him. We follow Jesus for the sake of our neighbors.

Pastor Steve Turnbull reminded us that discipleship is God's work in our lives. God is working all things for the purpose of conforming us to Jesus (Romans 8:28-29). The Holy Spirit doesn't disciple individuals in order to form a church. The Holy Spirit discipled the community of the Church in order to form disciples. It takes a spiritual village to make disciples. We must remember that Jesus brings the Kingdom and not us. We are not an adequate solution to our own problems. The Gospel is not "let's all try a little harder this week." The Gospel is the good news of what God has done and promises still to do to bring in the Kingdom. The Gospel is what gives the most hope to us and the most glory to God. Discipleship is about living in the overlap between the kingdom of this world and the kingdom of the world to come.

Pastor Graeme Sellers told a hilarious story of having his patio furniture stolen and having to buy it back from neighborhood thieves. As he was reminded everyday of what his neighbors had done, he kept getting angry. Then he realized that he had a choice to be offended or to remember Jesus' command to love his enemies and pray for them. Pastor Sellers urged us to become unoffendable Christians. Offense is feeling justified in one's anger and even feeling justified by one's anger. But offense is not a sign of spiritual maturity. Only Satan wants Christians to be offended. Every time we are offended, Satan is stealing our joy.

The worship was inspiring. The fellowship was encouraging. I especially enjoyed seeing one of my seminary professors from Madagascar. Next year's gathering is in St. Louis. I will be there and welcome anyone to ride with me.

Yours in Christ,

Phil Nielsen





Worship in November

November 5-6 All Saints	Pastor Keith Menter	Communion/Choir
November 12-13 Pentecost 23	Afraid of the Promised Land	
November 19-20 Christ the King	God So Loved	Communion
November 24 (7:00 p.m.) Thanksgiving Eve	The Power of Gratitude	6 p.m. Soup Supper
November 26-27 Advent I	Swords into Plowshares	Bells

ORGAN PROJECT OPEN FORUM



Sunday, November 6, an open forum on the pipe organ project will be held. There will be opportunity to ask questions and to air comments about the future of our organ. The forum will meet in the fellowship hall after worship at 10:15 a.m. in place of the Sunday morning Adult Bible Class. All are welcome. The forum will be led by Seth Johannsen.

Thanksgiving Worship

We are inviting the community to a Thanksgiving Worship Service at Immanuel on Wednesday, November 24. We will host a simple soup supper at 6:00 p.m. If you are able to share a gallon of soup (of any kind), please sign up on the soup list in the church office. Worship will follow the soup at 7:00 p.m.



WORSHIP & GIVING

	<u>Attendance</u>				<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sept. 24-25	28	+	78	= 106	\$ 6,825.00	\$	\$ 6,825.00
Oct. 1-2	29	+	135	= 164	\$ 3,502.65	\$ 220.00	\$ 3,722.65
Oct. 8-9	23	+	142	= 167	\$ 4,866.00	\$	\$ 4,866.00
Oct. 15-16	21	+	141	= 162	\$ 4,339.50	\$ 230.00	\$ 4,569.50
Oct. 22-23	25	+	126	= 151	\$ 2,751.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,771.50



Happy Birthday to the following:

- Arlene Warner will be 93 on November 5.
- Dwayne Larsen who will be 92 November 12.
- Marge Ahrenholtz will be 86 on November 13.
- Lavon Christensen who will be 88 November 17.
- Ruthie Pattison will be 91 on November 17.
- Mary Ann Beaman who will be 84 November 21.
- Loretta Schultz will be 86 on November 29.

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Derald & Patti Kumm who will be celebrating their 68th anniversary on November 7.

MORE GOOD NEWS from Donna Nelson.....

I had the opportunity to attend the LCMC's annual gathering a few weeks back. I met people as far away as Ruwanda, Ethiopia and China, people as close as Audubon and Shelby and everywhere in between. Interestingly, a daily Bible study was led by Wendy Poch (a pastor from Colorado), who Immanuel helped through seminary by way of the Harvey Anderson scholarship fund.

At a time when our nation's number of Christians seems to be shrinking, it was encouraging for me to hear that God's word is reaching unbelievers around the world and turning their hearts toward Him.

Please pray for the missionaries and pastors who put themselves, and sometimes even their families, in harm's way to teach the gospel of our Lord and risen Savior to those that don't know Him yet.



Immanuel at the Wellness Center

Sunday, November 13, all members of Immanuel are invited to our November Fellowship Event at the Petersen Family Wellness Center Sunday afternoon, from 1 to 4 p.m. We can enjoy some time together playing games and swimming and walking indoors.



ON OUR PRAYER LIST: Twyla Grabill, Sherry Lytle, Sandra Haney, Judi Pedersen, Harry Priest, Connie Benson, Sandra Farr (mother of Cora Chapman), Bill Broveak (son-in-law of Ed & Shelia Mills and brother in law of Gaige & Sherry Lytle), Jerry Christensen (son of John Christensen), Audrey Johansen (mother of Seth Johansen).



A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Harvest Luncheon and Bazaar a great success. There were almost 50 volunteers who helped that week in various ways.

If you purchased a lunch ticket, donated food, brought items for the bake sale or Country Store, gave a monetary donation, shopped or worked, **YOU** helped provide for the various missions the Women of the Word support.

Each of **YOU** are a blessing.

Mission Quilters: Also, "**A HUGE THANK YOU**" to all who purchased a quilt at the Bazaar in October. We had around 40 quilts to sell and sold close to 30! A great result for WOW's mission giving! Thank you to all, and of course, to all of our Mission Quilters and those that donate sheets and fabric. We could not continue to do this work without them.

WOW HAPPENINGS

November 9th WOW will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM. Hope to see you there. It's always an enjoyable way to spend some time with friends.

November 22nd is Thank Offering Sunday. There is a "Thank Offering" envelope included with your November offering envelopes. The money collected is given to a local needy group. Your envelope can also be left at church or sent to Kathy Block, 1091 Kingwood Rd., Harlan, IA 51537.



December 3rd at 10:00 come to "A QUILTED CHRISTMAS"

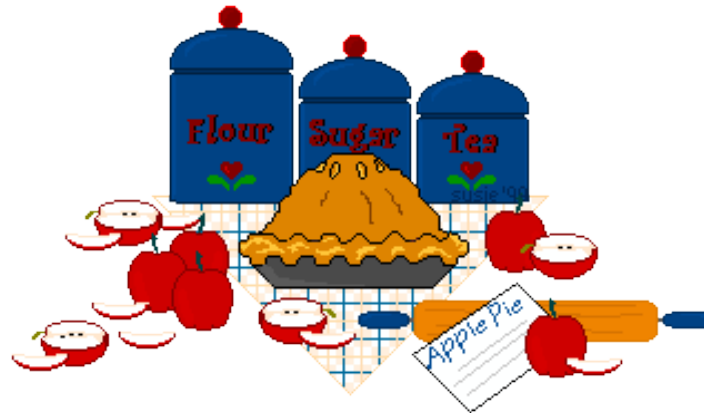
No WOW gathering in December.

Poinsettias can be ordered to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. Orders will be due by December 5th.





TANZANIA HAPPENINGS



Pies, Pies, Pies, yes it is time for our annual pie making fundraiser. Saturday, November 19, 9 am till 4 pm in the church fellowship hall. We will be making cherry, apple and rhubarb. We would love to have you join us for some fun and fellowship, there are opportunities for everyone.

Peeling apples, rolling crusts, mixing filling, putting stickers on containers, crimping crusts and brushing on egg wash just to name a few. Join us all day or for a couple of hours. Lunch will be provided.

We will be ready to start selling pies after lunch on Saturday for \$12, stop by to take yours home. Otherwise the pies will be available after church or anytime during the week at the church, check with the church office. The proceeds will go to Kidugala for the orphans and other projects.

Thank you for your continued support.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is again collecting gift boxes to ship to children around the world with the good news of Christmas. You are invited to participate either by taking a shoe-box home with you to pack and bring back by November 6. Or you may donate small toys, personal care items, clothing, or school supplies, and we will have children pack the boxes at church. Donations can be left in the large gift wrapped box outside the sanctuary.





OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The Immanuel Church Council met October 11 with 11 of 12 members present. John Taggs shared devotions. Steve Allen will share devotions in November. Vicki Strissel, George Applegate, John Taggs, Ivy Nielsen, Steve Allen, Taylor Peek, Jason Weis, and Eric Chipman volunteered for council member duties on Sundays.

Treasurer's Report – September income was \$19,072 and expenses were \$24,735. YTD income is over expenses by \$7,435. General fund is at \$83,746 including \$25,994 from the Ted Williams bequest. Capital projects savings account is at \$64,012.

Worship/Evangelism – Old choir music is available for anyone to claim. Choir and Bells are meeting. Having trouble with our live streaming software. Discussed scheduling an open forum for discussion regarding the organ project.

Fellowship/Education - 2023 VBS set for July 24-27 with staff from Ingham-Okoboji. Hallelujah Golf Open was successful with Immanuel winning the trophy. ILC will pay half entry free for congregational fall fellowship event at Grandpa's Pumpkin Farm. Scheduling an Immanuel day at the Wellness Center in November. Scheduling decorating and caroling in December.

Outreach/Stewardship - 945 pounds for the food pantry so far. October mission partner is the LCMC Heartland District mission start in Lincoln, Nebraska. November mission partners are Salvation Army and Open Door Mission (\$1000 each). Seed money has been given for a 9th well project.

Property – Working on contracting snow removal for this winter. New AC and furnace installed for chapel and offices.

Executive – Scheduled employee reviews. Discussed funding for upgrading ministry with children and youth and asked Fellowship and Education to work on proposals. Received an offer from an outside group to put a refrigerator with our sharing cupboard and to provide perishable foods for anyone to access. Decided to request specifics on the refrigerator.

Pastor – Reported on LCMC gathering. Reported on new members, baptisms, and confirmations of faith.



WORSHIP SERVICES at Immanuel are recorded for viewing on HMU channel 15 (9:30 a.m. Sunday and 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday) and on FMCTC channel 48 (Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.). Our worship services are also posted on our website (www.harlanimmanuel.org/sermons.html) and on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/)



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Boys Scouts	31	1 9:00 CF Quilters 6-8:30 Boys Scouts Dist.	2 3:30 GROW 4:00 Women's BS 5:15 Bells 6:Choir 5:15 Confirmation 6:30 LYO	3	4	5 5:00 Communion
6 <u>CLOCKS FALL BACK</u> 9:00 Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Organ Forum 5:00 Boys Scouts	7 6:00 Garden Club	8 9:00 CF Quilters 2:00 Bunco	9 9:00 WOW Bd Mtg. 9:30WOW Gathering 1:30 GROW 4:00 Women's BS 5:15 Bells 6:Choir 5:15Confirm 6:30 LYO	10	11	12 8-12 Boy Scouts 5:00 Worship
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Worship and Fellowship Servants Schedule

	December 10-11	December 17-18	December 24 4:00	December 24 6:00	December 25
Acolytes	Grant Chipman Rex Swanson	Trevor Herbst Jace Palmer	Gavin Sisson Collin Burchett		Kaitlyn Stern Abbey Brue
Saturday Greeter/Usher	Kurt & Janelle Musfeldt	Sally Nairn			
Saturday Altar Guild					
Sunday Greeters/Ushers	Matt & Michele Bruck Ross & Lee Burchett	Bob & Patty Brue Vern & Linda Brue	John & Judy Davis Duane & Vicki Errett		Ernie & Stacie Foss Tom & Lisa Conry
Sunday Altar Guild			Jan Applegate Kathy Block	Maggie Hatcher	Staci Torneten Tammy Haake
Scripture Reader (Sunday)	Jan Applegate	Vicki Carstens	Becky Chipman		Rick Chipman
Communion Servers (Sunday)			Craig & Judy Olson		
Coffee Hosts (Sunday)	Rick & Cheryl Chipman	Richard & Sharon Daberkow			
Sound	Eric Torneten	Eric Torneten	Eric Torneten	Eric Torneten	Eric Torneten
Video	Darin Haake	Darin Haake	Darin Haake	Darin Haake	Darin Haake
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.)	Teri Johnson (Sun.)
Council Person	Jason Weis	Eric Chipman		Phil Nielsen	

