



IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS NOVEMBER 2023



KICK OFF YOUR CHRISTMAS SEASON!!

Attend the ILCW's Christmas Program (Tea), on Saturday morning, December 2nd in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a bit of a "history lesson" on the immigrants that settled in Iowa and the Christmas traditions they brought with them from their countries to our great state. There will be 5 countries showcased with ethnic costumes, items and pastries. Items such as a German sauerkraut cutter, to tiny tea spoons dated 1913 from Denmark, and too many items to list, will be on display for you to view! Many People have offered to share their prized items, so come take a look! You can enjoy some humor, fellowship and learn a few things; have you ever heard of **Semla**? Or **Rogaliki**? Or **Linzer cookies**? You will also find out the difference, and there IS a difference

between **KringLA and KringLE!** Plan to attend this **Immigrant Christmas Traditions Program**. There is no cost, as this a gift each year from the ILCW. **Please sign up** on the sheets on the table near the church office. (we **need** to have numbers for our bakers!) Plan to enjoy some humor, fellowship and learn a few things about the first 5 countries of immigrants that came to Iowa, and bring a friend! **SEE YOU THERE!!**

Individuals **bringing ethnic items** may place them on the tables in the fellowship hall near the kitchen on Thursday morning or afternoon, **November 30th** and Friday morning or afternoon, **December 1st**. Be sure to have your "place cards" telling about your item with you. (there will be plenty on the tables as well for you to use)



All Saints



All Saints Sunday (November 5) 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 Immanuel through Holy Baptism in the past 12 months:

Lucy Hastert, Millie Pitts, Jonah Weis, Ruth Hoch

Those who have joined Immanuel in the past 12 months:

Chris Booth, Jennifer Malone, Lonnie & Connie Pitts, Shane, Liz, and McKenzie Pitts

Those who have passed from Immanuel to the Church Triumphant in the past 12 months:

Linda Conrad, Austa Phelps, John Christensen, Twyla Grabill



November 2023

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last month a couple of us joined over 600 of our LCMC family at the 2023 Annual Gathering. The gathering theme focused on what has been called "LCMC 3.0." If LCMC 1.0 was the founding decade and LCMC 2.0 was the decade of rapid growth, LCMC 3.0 seems to be a focus on learning to care for one another in Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

One of our 4 LCMC core values is being "accountable to one another." I always thought that was a reference to discipline for wayward pastors and congregations. More importantly it is a call to encourage and care for one another within this association. As LCMC congregations, we should get to know our LCMC neighbors so that we can be there for one another through the challenges of being the Church in this world. LCMC hopes to encourage this by focusing on helping new LCMC congregations learn about LCMC, developing and caring for leaders, and strengthening our districts/fellowships within LCMC.

One of the highlights of the gathering was Ed Stetzer's entertaining and enlightening keynote address on our current cultural crisis. Stetzer described 6 cultural convulsions we have faced recently and are currently facing: disease (covid), distrust, toxic social media, a mental health implosion, identity disorientation, and divisions in the church. Traditional Christian ethics used to be a majority view in our society. Now traditional Christian ethics are the minority view as nominal Christians now share many values with unbelievers rather than with convictional Christians. In other words, the Church has lost its home field advantage in our society. In some settings there are clear disadvantages to being a Christian. But there are reasons to be hopeful. The cultural convulsion of the late 1960s gave birth to a spiritual renewal in the 1970s as young people realized the emptiness of the false hopes of the 1960s.

I also enjoyed some great presentations by Julie Smith of our LCMC staff. In a breakout session, Julie spoke on Lutheran preaching. Every Lutheran preacher needs to remember 2 important things before preaching. First, the congregation is made up of people who are in bondage to sin and cannot free themselves, and second, the preacher is called to preach the gospel that sets them free. In a keynote, she spoke on "The Mission Is Simple but the Process Is Messy." The mission is simple: speak and do the Gospel that sets people free (Word and Sacrament). The process to do that can be tedious and difficult. LCMC invites people to get out of the infant car seat complete with snacks and videos and to take the keys and get into the driver's seat and drive the church. LCMC is a call to get involved and do the messy work of making the Church what it is supposed to be instead of paying a church bureaucracy to do it for us.

I appreciate the opportunity to go to the LCMC gathering each year to connect with our LCMC family and our mission partners around the world.

Yours in Christ, Phil Nielsen





HAPPY belated BIRTHDAY!

James Burmeister was 82 on October 10.

Linda Norgaard was 84 on October 21.



Ken & Julie Vorm celebrated their 51st anniversary on October 1.

Ken & Carolyn Hursey celebrated their 56th anniversary on October 7.

Warren & Susan Grummert celebrated their 56th anniversary on October 28.



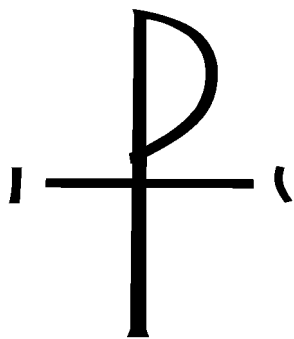
Happy Birthday to the following:

- Betty Andersen will be 98 on November 3.
- Arlene Warner who will be 94 on November 5.
- Dwayne Larsen will be 93 on November 12.
- Marge Ahrenholtz who will be 87 on November 13 .
- Ruthe Pattison will be 92 on November 17.
- Lavon Christensen who will be 89 on November 17.
- Mary Ann Beaman will be 85 on November 21.
- Dave Pedersen who will be 81 on November 24.
- Loretta Schultz will be 87 on November 29.



Happy Anniversary to the following:

Derald & Patti who will be celebrating their 69th anniversary on November 7.



Confirmation of Faith

Confirmation is the act of publicly confessing faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord. This year 2 young people stood up on Reformation Sunday, October 29, to confirm their faith in Jesus. We celebrated God’s gift and God’s call in the lives of Jolie Nielsen and Caden Herbst.

Young Adult Lunch

Immanuel Young Adults invite all young adults of the congregation to a “build-your-own-pizza” lunch and fellowship event on Sunday, November 12. We will gather in the fellowship hall at 11:30. Pizza crust, sauce, and toppings will be provided. Feel free to bring any toppings you would like to add. Child care and food will be provided as well. Hope to see you there!





A HUGE thank you for the support of the annual ILCW Harvest Bazaar & Luncheon. This event involves many from our Immanuel family. All proceeds go to our various mission projects.

ILCW HAPPENINGS COMING UP

November 8th :ILCW will be gathering in the fellowship hall at 9:30. Peg Haas will share some of her special Christmas Santa's. She asks that the rest of us bring a favorite Santa ... any size. It could be something that has special memories from your family, a favorite trip, etc. It will be a fun program. Invite your friends for good refreshments, laughs, and visiting.

November 18/19 is Thank Offering Saturday & Sunday. There is a "Thank Offering" envelope included with your November offering envelopes. These donations are given to a local group in need. Your envelope can also be left at church or sent to Kathy Block 1091 Kingwood Rd. Harlan.



December 2 will be the Christmas tea at 10:00. Don't miss this favorite event.

Poinsettias can be ordered to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas.

Worship in November

November 4-5 All Saints	Tanzania Team Presentation	Communion
November 11-12 Pentecost 24	Route 66: Judges "Success, Sin, Suffering, Salvation"	Choir
November 18-19 Pentecost 25	Route 66: Ruth "Called to Faithfulness"	Communion
November 23 (5:00 p.m.) Thanksgiving Eve	"The Miracle of Thanksgiving"	5 p.m.
November 25-26 Christ the King	Route 66: I Samuel "What Kind of King Do You Want?"	



Prayer Requests

ON OUR PRAYER LIST: Judy Pedersen, Jackie Larsen, Lavon Christensen, Pam Jacobsen, Julie Vorm, Kayla Weis, Sandra Haney, Connie Benson, Bill Broveak (son-in-law of Ed & Shelia Mills), Wade Mills (son of Ed & Shelia Mills), Curt Olson (son of Sue Olson), Julie Duval, Grace Pauley, Daniel Novotney, Margie Schenck, Sandy Hopper (Joey Hansen's mother), Josh Pedersen (son of Dave & Judy Pedersen).



OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The Immanuel Church Council met October 10 with 9 of 13 members present.

John Taggs led devotions about the power of lies and the healing power of forgiveness. Steve Allen will lead November devotions.

Treasurer: October income was \$19,854 and expenses were \$21,082. General Fund balance on October 1 was \$76,383 which is over \$25,000 ahead of last year. Capital Savings Account is at \$64,080. Organ Fund is at \$28,272.53. TZ Account is at \$32,209.

Worship/Evangelism: The balcony platform project is in progress. An organ dedication is tentatively scheduled for February 11 with a guest organist from Omaha Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Still needing a handbell director. Needing new sound and camera tech team members. Considering doing some sponsorships on KNOD. Wondering if many people listen to KNOD.

Fellowship/Education: Hosted Homecoming Sunday program and tailgate party. Reserved Okoboji staff for VBS July 22-25. LYO has set a fall schedule of activities.

Outreach/Stewardship: Our November Mission partners are Open Door Mission in Omaha and Lutheran World Relief. Food pantry donations are at 894 pounds. The Sharing Cupboard is regularly stocked and frequently empty. We have \$7500 toward another well. Cost is about \$1200. A Gratitude Sunday is being planned for November. Members are invited to give gifts designated for future production of "The Chosen".

Property: The balcony platform project is in progress. Organ is on schedule for installation in December.

Executive: Working on employee reviews. Offering envelopes will be ordered without names and addresses to ensure that we get them in time this year. We will put a name label on the boxes.

Pastor's Report: Transfer of Lee Gittins to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Denison. A parent has asked about a 2nd grader joining the first Communion class. Council approved.

WORSHIP & GIVING

	<u>Attendance</u>				<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sept. 30-Oct. 1	31	+	113	=	144	\$ 3,464.00	\$ 3,464.00
Oct. 7-8	27	+	93	=	122	\$ 3,348.35	\$ 3,418.35
Oct. 14-15	12	+	87	=	129	\$ 3,855.00	\$ 4,120.00
Oct. 21-22	13	+	85	=	98	\$ 5,169.00	\$ 5,169.00



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ILCW EXECUTIVE BOARD

October 4, 2023



The ILCW Executive Board met Wednesday, October 4 at 3:00 PM in the Narthex with Sandy, Janet, Sharon, Sally and Jean present. Sandy called meeting to order at 3:00 PM. The newspaper was there to take a picture of the Chair people for the Harvest Bazaar. The meeting resumed afterwards.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes were reviewed and there being no corrections, Sharon motioned to approve. Jean seconded. Ayes all.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy wrote a \$70 check to secure change for the tellers at the upcoming bazaar. There being no receipts, the September balance is \$1596.55.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Community: Sharon said Nov goodie bags could contain packages of 8 cards for Christmas/Birthday to give to those who are unable to shop for their own. Donations of cards appreciated.

Kitchen: Jean reported the Styrofoam cups have disappeared rather fast and will be ordering more supplies.

Mission Quilts: Sharon reported 6 quilts were completed.

OLD BUSINESS: Harvest Bazaar plans are being completed. Tickets distributed to sell, posters completed and placed in businesses, help has been secured to prepare and serve the meal and also work in the Country Store. Jean, Sharon and Becky will set up the Country Store area Monday, October 16.

Sandy thanked Linda Mosher, Sally Nairn and Becky Chipman for providing cookies for the recent blood drive.

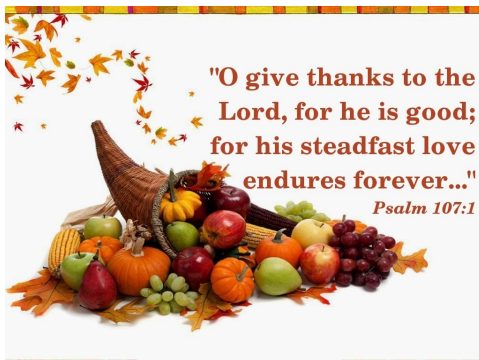
Sandy also says "thank you" to all who have supported the Harvest Bazaar by their donations and/or working that day. Without all working together the bazaar would not be possible.

NEW BUSINESS: Quilt Room: Discussion on what to do with the leftover supplies and chairs etc. Since ILCW purchased these things, it was decided to offer these to the ILCW women for a donation to the ILCW. This will be done at the November gathering. The file cabinet in that room is an ILCW file but the key cannot be located.

There being no further business we adjourned at 4:00.

UPCOMING EVENTS: **Nov 8-Board Meeting 9 AM/Gathering 9:30 AM. Peg has program & Sally S treats. **Nov 19 Thank Offering Sunday **December 2 Christmas Tea

Janet Johannsen, Secretary



WORSHIP SERVICES at Immanuel are streamed on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ilcharlan) Sunday mornings. They are also recorded for viewing on HMU channel 15 (9:30 a.m. Sunday and 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday) and on FMCTC channel 48 (4:00 p.m. Wednesday). Our worship is also posted on www.harlanimmanuel.org/sermons.html.



TANZANIA HAPPENINGS

Pies, Pies, Pies, yes it is time for our annual pie making fundraiser. Saturday, November 18, 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.

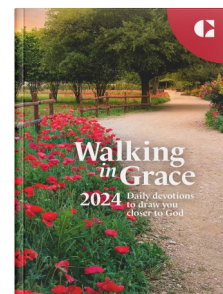
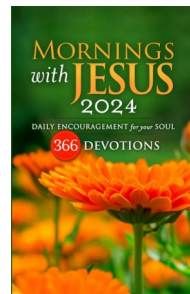
We will be ready to start selling pies after lunch on Saturday for \$14, stop by to take yours home. Otherwise the pies will be available after church or anytime during the week at the church, check with the church office. The proceeds will go to Kidugala for the orphans and other projects.



November 5th



2024 DEVOTIONALS from Guideposts magazine are available for free on the table near the statue of Jesus. Also available are free books telling the story of a Lutheran pastor who endured Soviet prison camps.



HONRING OUR VETERANS BREAKFAST, November 12th, 2023 - 7am to 12.

Free will donation breakfast: Scrambled eggs, Biscuits and gravy, Toast, Bacon, Milk, orange juice, coffee.

Veterans Auditorium, Harlan.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 9:00 Worship/NO JAM 10:00 Fellowship Coffee 10:15 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Boy Scouts	30	31 9:00 CF Quilters	1 3:30 GROW 4:00 Women's BS 5:15 Confirmation 6:30 LYO	2 7:00 Men's Bible	3	4 5:00 Communion
5 9:00 Communion/JAM 10:00 Fellowship Coffee 10:15 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Boy Scouts	6 6:30 Garden	7 9:00 CF Quilters 6-9 Boy Scouts	8 9:00 ILCW Bd Mtg 9:30 ILCW Gathering 3:30 GROW 4:00 Women's BS 5:15 Confirmation 6:30 LYO	9 6PM 1st Communion 7:00 Men's Bible	10	11 5:00 Worship
12 9:00 Worship/JAM 10:00 Fellowship Coffee 10:15 Adult Bible Class 11:30 Young Adult Lunch 5:00 Boy Scouts	13	14 9:00 CF Quilters 2:00 Bunco 6:30 Executive Bd 7:00 Church Council	15 3:30 GROW 4:00 Women's BS 5:15 Confirmation 6:30 LYO	16 <u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u> 3-4:45 Clover 4H 6PM 1st Communion 6:30 LADIES Homestead 7:00 Men's Bible	17 2:00 TZ Pie Set up	18 8:00 TZ Pies 5:00 Communion
19 9:00 Communion/JAM 10:00 Fellowship Coffee 10:15 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Boy Scouts	20	21 9:00 CF Quilters 6-8:30 Civil Air Patrol	22 4:00 Women's BS	23 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	24 Office Closed	25 5:00 Worship
26 9:00 Worship/JAM 10:00 Fellowship Coffee 10:15 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Boy Scouts	27 9:00 Mission Quilters	28 9:00 CF Quilters 2:00 Bunco Assemble Newsletter 6-8:30 Civil Air Patrol	29 3:30 GROW 4:00 Women's BS 5:15 Confirmation 6:30 LYO CHURCH DECORATING	30 6PM 1st Communion 7:00 Men's Bible (Set up - ILCW	1 Christmas)	2 10:00 ILCW Christmas Gathering 5:00 Communion

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Worship and Fellowship Servants Schedule

	November 25-26	December 2-3	December 9-10	December 16-17	December 23-24
Acolytes	Zoey Olson Maggie Petersen	Aubrey Petsche Katie Stern	Grant Chipman Will Chipman	Kolton Jensen Jace Palmer	Cade Neve Rex Swanson
Saturday Greeter/Usher	Al Ickes	Bonnie Ickes	Gayl Jensen	Larry Klein	Randi McEvoy
Saturday Altar Guild		Maggie Hatcher			
Sunday Greeters/Ushers	Terry & Karlene Jacobsen	Brian & Paula Kjergaard family	Steve & Julie Livingston	Randy & Sharon Kroger	Janell Leinen family
Sunday Altar Guild		Becky Brelje Cora Chapman			
Scripture Reader (Sunday)	Terry Torneten	Jan Applegate	Vicki Carstens	Becky Chipman	Rick Chipman
Communion Servers (Sunday)		Linda Mosher Sandy Nelsen			
Coffee Hosts (Sunday)	Larry & Peg Haas	Lois Hansen Karen Plewes	Jeff & Erin Hastert	Colin & Roberta King	Derald & Patti Kumm
Sound	Kayla Weis	DeAnn Nielsen	DeAnn Nielsen	DeAnn Nielsen	DeAnn Nielsen
Video	Rick Chipman	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.)	Cheryl Nielsen(Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)
Council Person	Craig Olson				