



IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS SEPTEMBER 2022



Fall Educational Programs

The main mission that Jesus gave the Church was to make disciples or followers of Jesus. So the Church is a school for discipleship. We continue to offer Sunday morning Adult Bible Class from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. This fall we are finishing up reading through the Book of Genesis. All are welcome. A popular women's Bible Study group will begin meeting again this month on Wednesday afternoons. And we are looking at bringing back our men's Bible study this fall.

High School students are encouraged to join us for LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization). We aren't so organized, but we are planning to meet together every Wednesday evening that school is in session from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We begin with a meal and have planned a variety of studies, games, and other activities. And always we close with devotions. 9th Graders will take a few weeks to finish up their confirmation preparation before Confirmation Sunday, October 30.

The 3-year confirmation program will meet every Wednesday that school is in session from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. for students in 6th through 8th grade. 6th graders will study an overview of the Bible. 7th and 8th graders will be studying the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer.

GROW (God Rocks our Wednesdays) is for 3rd through 5th grade every Wednesday that school is in session from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. We spend 3 years having fun while learning about the books of the Bible.

JAM (Jesus and Me) is for 3-yearold through 2nd grade students and they meet Sunday mornings after the children's message at worship for 40 minutes of learning about Jesus.

Learning to live as a follower of Jesus is a lifelong process. Join us as together we learn to follow Jesus.

Worship in September 2022

Date:	Message:	
September 3-4 Pentecost 13	Sowing and Reaping (Galatians 6:1-18)	Communion
September 10-11 Pentecost 14	Moses Was a Basket Case (Exodus 2:1-10)	Children's Message and Children's JAM time starts
September 17-18 Pentecost 15	Here I Am; Send Someone Else (Exodus 3:1-15)	Communion
September 24-25 Pentecost 16	Blood on the Door (Exodus 12:21-30)	



Dear Friends in Christ,

The Insanity of God: a Story of Faith Resurrected is Nik Ripken's story of his search for answers after his faith in the Gospel of Jesus was battered by his experiences serving in war-torn, famine-plagued Somalia in the 1990s. His search led him around the world to visit Christians who have survived and even thrived under persecution.



I have read several inspiring books on Christians facing persecution. We can learn a lot about following Jesus from our brothers and sisters in the persecuted church. One new thing I learned in Ripken's book is the importance of music to persecuted Christians. Several powerful stories talked about the power of "heart songs" for Christians facing persecution.

Music does play a powerful part in the lives of Christians. We don't sing because God needs to be entertained. We don't sing to entertain each other. We sing because we need to give voice to our faith and our prayers and we find that music helps us to do that with heart and soul and mind. Singing is good for the soul. It is also very good for the body as a low-impact cardiac exercise. I have read that singers live longer on average than non-singers.

The Lutheran tradition has always encouraged congregational singing. We sing hymns of praise and passion. We sing hymns of faith, hope, and love. We sing hymns of repentance and renewal. And we sing hymns that express the joy and sorrow of our hearts to God and to one another. We try to sing the kind of songs that have enough depth to carry a Christian through even the hardest of days.

Immanuel has a strong tradition of music. We want to continue that tradition of sharing the uplifting and enriching gift of music to one another. We are grateful to the folks who have answered the call to lead us forward in the sharing of gifts of music in our congregation in the coming year. There are plenty of changes to our music program, but our goal is the same: to provide opportunities for our members to find the joy of sharing in the gift of music.

If you could sit where I do on Sunday morning, you would hear the beautiful sound of a congregation blending their voices in song. It is truly a beautiful gift. I love to hear you all sing. If I could have anything I wanted in our congregation, I would wish for a quartet of song leaders who could lead congregational singing and provide some occasional harmonies. It could really improve our TV and internet recordings.

I am grateful to the vocal choir and the bell choir and the youth praise band. I look forward to your offerings of musical gifts in our worship gatherings. Practice schedules are still being developed at this time, but call the church office for practice times if you are interested in trying out one of our musical groups. And anyone who wants to share a musical gift in worship is encouraged to do so by signing up in the church for a Sunday or a Saturday service.

Yours in Christ,

Phil Nielsen



The Umpteenth Annual Hallelujah Golf Open

Immanuel in Harlan and St. Paul in Irwin are joining together again for a fun afternoon of fellowship on the golf course. Saturday, September 24, at 1:00 p.m. teams will begin vying for the Hallelujah Golf Trophy. If you are interested in joining Immanuel's team, contact the Church office (755-5207) or Jan Applegate (712-579-2160). St. Paul has held the trophy for far too long. It is time to bring it back where it belongs. Most importantly, we know we will have a lot of good fun together.

Meals on Wheels

Immanuel has been asked to help deliver the Harlan Senior Center Meals on Wheels for the month of September. We pick up meals between 10:45 and 11:00 in the kitchen of the Therkildsen Activity Center. It works best to have 2 people for each day. Sign-up schedule will be available outside the sanctuary. Thanks for your help.

Organ Survey

Immanuel Lutheran Church has a decision to make regarding our pipe organ which is slowly failing. At our 2022 annual congregational meeting, a clear majority of our members expressed a desire that we take steps to provide quality organ music for the future of our worship life. The Worship Committee has identified 2 options for moving forward. The original builder of our pipe organ, Temple, can do a full rebuild. Or we can purchase a new digital organ to replace our pipe organ.

If you have thoughts about a decision between a rebuilt pipe organ vs. a replacement with a digital organ and would be willing to share them with the church council, there is an information sheet and an opinion survey in the church office. You are welcome to take one, fill it out, and return it to the church office.

VBS Thanksgiving

Thanks to all who helped make our 2022 VBS such a good experience for children and adults. 39 children from 4 years old to 12 years old were here for 5 days of celebrating the Kingdom of God through the 6 seasons of the Church Year. We enjoyed songs, church mouse skits, stories, crafts, games, snacks, and Bible study. Over half of the children were guests from outside our congregation. Thanks to Pastor Phil and DeAnn, Becky Chipman, Donna Nelson, Linda Peterson, Vicki Carstens, and Patti Allen for staffing our VBS. Thanks to Sandy Nelson and her faithful kitchen crew for serving our snacks, and thanks to all who donated the snacks. A big thanks to our youth staff of Katie Stern Emeri Smith, and Kori Smith.

WORSHIP & GIVING

	<u>Attendance</u>				<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Total</u>
July 30-31	20	+	63	= 83	\$ 3,431.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 3,501.00
Aug. 6-7	25	+	89	= 114	\$ 7,347.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 7,472.00
Aug. 13-14	23	+	81	= 104	\$ 3,729.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 3,754.50
Aug. 20-21	23	+	86	= 109	\$ 3,326.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,376.50



Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following:

- John Haas will be 94 on September 1.
- Roger Schwieso who will be 87 September 1.
- Pat Pattison will be 90 on September 7.
- Roger Christensen who will be 83 on September 14.
- Patricia Koos will be 82 on September 25.
- Hertha Haas who will be 89 on September 26.

Happy Anniversary to the following:

- Galan and Janet Johannsen who will be celebrating their 56th anniversary on September 2.
- Connie and Lyle Behrens who will be celebrating their 53rd anniversary on September 20.

Make a *Joyful* noise unto the *Lord*
Psalm 98:4

Gifts of Music

The Church Council would like to encourage members of Immanuel to share gifts of music with the congregation during our worship services. Do you have a song to share? Instrumental or vocal. Solo or group. Maybe a child would like to play a piano piece. We have a "music calendar" in the church office for people to sign up to share music with the congregation during September and October.



ON OUR PRAYER LIST: Sherry Lytle, Sandra Haney, Deb Stendrup, Doris Towne, Connie Schwieso, Judi Pedersen, Harry Priest, Connie Benson, Sandra Farr (mother of Cora Chapman), Catherine Glenn (mother of Sharon Kroger), Bill Broveak (son-in-law of Ed & Shelia Mills and brother in law of Gaige & Sherry Lytle).



WOMEN OF THE WORD EXEC BOARD August 10, 2022

The WOW Exec Board met Wednesday, August 10 in the Fellowship Hall with Sandy Nelsen, Kathy Block, Janet Johannsen, Sharon Daberkow, Sally Nairn and Julie Vorm present. Chair Sandy called meeting to order at 4 PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Kathy and seconded by Sharon to approve the minutes from July 12.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy reported \$150 income from Grabill funeral and an individual donation bringing July ending balance to \$1837.24. There were no bills in July.

CORRESPONDENCE: A Thank You from Bonnie Grabill for serving the luncheon at her son Dale's funeral was read and will be posted on narthex bulletin board.

COMMITTEE REPORT: *Mission Quilters* - Julie Vorm presented a bill of \$18.91 for sheets used as backing for quilts. Sharon moved and Sally seconded to pay the bill.

OLD BUSINESS: *District WOW Fall Retreat* - The menu was discussed in detail as well as the different events for the day and the help needed for those events.

NEW BUSINESS: *Fall Bazaar/Luncheon* – October 12. Menu will be the same but because of increase in food prices, we will be charging \$12 this year. Tickets will be available at our September meeting. New chair people are needed.

There being no further business, we adjourned to the WOW Gathering at 5:15.

Janet Johannsen, Secretary

WOW GATHERING

A good turnout for our first ever late afternoon meeting with 27 people attending. Everyone introduced themselves and stated what flavor of ice cream was their favorite since this was an ice cream social of sorts. Some also told of church activities they were involved in and how long they have been members of Immanuel. Ole and Lena were present via Linda Mosher. Maggie presented the program displaying her Grandmother Lillian Frederickson's Friendship Monogram quilt from the late 1920's. Julie Vorm, her daughter and a sister, her Mother and her Mothers' cousin were attending as they had relatives who had embroidered on the quilt. Others attending knew of the families involved in embroidering the monograms as all were from Jackson Township. Everyone enjoyed the ice cream, all the toppings and bars provided by the Board. Next WOW Gathering will be Sept 14 @ 9:30 AM with Sally Nairn providing refreshments.

Upcoming Events: **LCMC District Retreat:** Saturday, September 17

Harvest Bazaar/Luncheon: Wednesday, October 12, **Christmas Tea:** Saturday, December 3

Reminder: LCMC Women of the Word District Conference Saturday, September 17th. Begin gathering at 8:30 AM. If you haven't registered yet, you still can in the church office. \$10 for the delicious lunch. We will also be collecting items for Tanzania. Some suggestions are reader/cheater glasses, good jump ropes, flash cards with math or colors, sewing scissors to cut fabric, soccer balls (flat) and pumps to inflate them, leather work gloves any sizes.

WOW: There will be our own regular gathering September 14 @ 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Hope to see you at both these fun gatherings.



TANZANIA HAPPENINGS

Immanuel Lutheran well drilling project history and summary

HISTORY

In 2010 Immanuel drilled our first two wells in our sister village of Kidugala, Tanzania. We were blessed to have learned from previous unsuccessful attempts the year before from another group that the small drilling rigs would not penetrate the rock shelf that is very common in this area of Tanzania. Both of our big rig wells were successful. One served the center of the village and the other one serves the community health care center. Both have a good supply of quality water and were dedicated by the bishop when the ILC travel team was there in 2010. Both are in full service today.

During the ramp up of other activities with our friends in Kidugala we took a break from the well drilling until COVID hit. In the aftermath of the 2020 COVID outbreak the giving at ILC continued while some of the expenses declined a bit. This left a surplus in the ILC general account. At the 2020 annual meeting, held in January of 2021, a motion was made and passed to put some of these funds to work drilling a well in Tanzania. Those funds provided a well in the Maasai village of Muzungulu near Chemala. With the help of our close friend Pastor Wallace Lupenza which many of you have met when he was hosted here in 2009, ILC was able to supply an incredible amount of good water to a very dry region. The government now is planning to pipe to three other Maasai villages in the area. That is a rural water district Tanzanian style! Also, in 2021 an Immanuel family wished to donate a well. This well was located at Igwanchanya, a village located about 20 Km from Kidugala. Pastor Wallace was a parish pastor at Igwanchanya for a couple years and knew first-hand how badly they needed good quality water.

In 2022 the ILC Tanzanian committee received funds for two more wells. One was placed at the secondary school in Kidugala. This well serves over 400 students that reside there as well. It also serves 150 workers and faculty members that live on campus or next to it. This well produces a lot of water and is now being piped over to the Bible school which has been talking about their shortage of water for years. The Bible school brings in students from all over and is training pastors and evangelists to spread the Gospel message. The second well of 2022 was our most challenging well yet. The chosen location was at a primary school near the village of Duluma, not far from Kidugala. After testing the drilling proceeded. Two holes were drilled producing a relatively small amount of water, but good quality. All of these sites are electronically tested, but we just didn't find water through the thick rock shelf. It was difficult to leave the community, though. We decided then to move to the health care center at the outskirts of Duluma. There we hit! It is an excellent source of water. After reevaluating the Duluma primary school situation we decided to drop an inexpensive small electric pump into the best of the two poorer wells to deliver enough good quality water for drinking and cooking at the school. It was good to see how the Immanuel and Wallace work through these challenges to accomplish these projects.

Also, early in 2022 the committee was approached by other families that wished to contribute to the well drilling in Tanzania. Before the committee could even meet to set up the groundwork, funds started coming in. The initial goal of \$10,000 was reached on July 31st. We asked Pastor Wallace to speak with his wife Wama, who is on the regional water board to help us locate this next well. The next day he called back and said that we can place it at the Ilembula Regional Hospital, and we can test tomorrow! WOW, nothing normally happens that fast in Africa! The Ilembula hospital already has a large water tower so at this point the water pump is on its way from Dar Es Salam. Soon it will be installed and connected to the tower.



SUMMARY

Year

Built	Well location	main group served	others that benefit	number served
2010	Kidugala center	Kidugala residents	guests to Kidugala	hundreds
2010	Kidugala Health Center	Kidugala residents	regional residents	thousands
2021	Muzungulu	Maasai village	3 more villages	around 750
2021	gwanchanya	Primary school	neighboring residents	around 1000
2021	Kidugala	Secondary school	piping to Bible school Surrounding residents	nearly 1000
2022	Duluma Primary	Primary school	neighboring residents	436 students
2022	Duluma Health Care	Health center	village residents	hundreds
2022	Ilembula	Regional Hospital		thousands

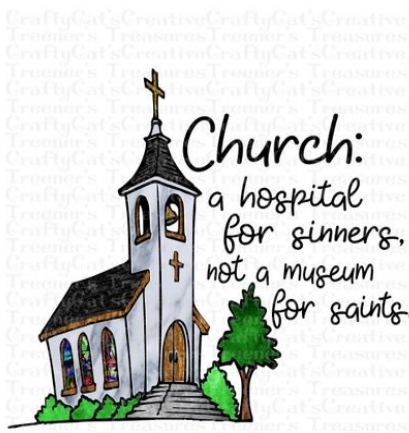
The ILC TZ Committee wishes to thank all those that supported, contributed, and prayed for these successful well projects. The impact and the gratitude from our friends in Tanzania continues to be amazing.

Asante Sana (Swahili)

Tuhongidze Hilo (Bena, tribal language)

Thank you very much Immanuel!

ILC TZ Committee



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/ilcharlan).



Immanuel Lutheran
Church
LCMC
1700 19th Street
Harlan, IA 51537

NON-PROFIT ORG

U.S. POSTAGE PAID

HARLAN, IOWA 51537

PERMIT NO. 97

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Church Office: 755-5207

Office Hours: 9-1(M-F)

Office Email: ilc@fmctc.com

Pastor Phil's Cell Number: 712-579-2098

Home Number: 712-766-3178

E-mail: peacephillip@gmail.com

www.harlanimmanuel.org

Staff:

Pastor Phil Nielsen

Office Manager: Connie Boysen

Custodian: Slava Aleev

SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Boy Scouts	29	30 9:00 CF Quilters	31	1	2	3 5:00 Communion
4 9:00 Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Boy Scouts	5 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	6 9:00 CF Quilters 6-8:30 Boy Scouts District	7 9:00 WOW Bd Mtg. 9:30 WOW Gathering 3:30 GROW 5:15 WOW Gathering 6:30 LYO	8	9	10 10-4 Donna Nelson 5:00 Worship
11 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Boy Scout Leaders	12	13 9:00 CF Quilters 6:30 Executive Bd 7:00 Church Council	14 3:30 GROW 5:15 Confirmation 6:30 LYO	15 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Ladies Homestead	16	17 Heartland District- WOW Gathering 2:00 Jenkins-McCool Wedding 5:00 Communion
18 9:00 Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Boy Scouts	19	20 9:00 CF Quilters	21 4:00 Womens B Study	22 Assemble Newsletter	23	24 8:00-4:00 Mary Taags Taags 8:00-12 Boy Scouts 5:00 Worship
25 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Boy Scouts	26 9:00 Mission Quilters	27 9:00 CF Quilters 7:00 Worship & Evang. Committee	28 3:30 GROW 4:00 Womens B Study 5:15 Confirmation 6:30 LYO	29 7:00 TZ Meeting	30	1 5:00 Communion

Worship and Fellowship Servants Schedule

	October 1-2	October 8-9	October 15-16	October 22-23	October 29-30
Acolytes	Donovan Smith Kobe Klaassen	Gavin Sisson Kaitlyn Stern	Aubrey Petsche Brody Jacobsen	Grant Chipman Caleb Ernst	Trevor Herbst Rex Swanson
Saturday Greeter/Usher	Lee Gittins	Warren & Sue Grummert	Darlene Hess	Ken & Carolyn Hursey	Al & Bonnie Ickes
Saturday Altar Guild	Kayla Jacobs		Cheryl Nielsen		
Sunday Greeters/Ushers	Roger & Pam Rust	Deb Schechinger Kate Smith	Lee & Brittany Schoof/Scott & Megan Shannon	Al & Sally Simdorn	Phil & Jane Smith
Sunday Altar Guild	Jan Applegate Tammy Haake		Erin Hastert Janet Johansen		
Scripture Reader (Sunday)	Linda Mosher	Donna Nelson	Sandy Nelsen	Verne Nelson	Confirmation Class
Communion Servers (Sunday)	Larry Haas Erin Hastert		Gary & Nancy Jahn		
Coffee Hosts (Sunday)	Kate Schechinger Winter Sette	Mark & Nancy Schmitz	Craig & Sandy Sisson	Ryan & Julie Carter	Chad & Lisa Swanson
Sound	Seth Johansen	Seth Johansen	Seth Johansen	Seth Johansen	Seth Johansen
Video	Mark Schechinger	Mark Schechinger	Mark Schechinger	Mark Schechinger	Mark Schechinger
Projection	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.)	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.)	Cheryl Nielsen(Sat.)	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.)	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.)
Council Person					