

# Immanuel Monthly

February 2023

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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Join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!



## JOIN US FOR THE SOUP-ER BOWL



On the evening of Sunday, February 12, many of you will take time to watch the global event known as the Super Bowl. But first, that morning, we will celebrate the Souper Bowl as part of our worship. And no, that's not spelled wrong.

We are asking members to bring in a can of soup for Bread of Life on February 12. As an incentive to do so, all who bring in soup can ditch their stuffy Sunday attire

and come dressed in the gear of their favorite football team, pro, college, high school, whatever you would like.

It is a fun way to take part in Super Bowl Sunday while also doing so good for those around us.

## LENTEN SEASON BEGINS FEBRUARY 22



Our Ash Wednesday worship will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22. Join us for this very meaningful service as we begin the Lenten season. **If you cannot attend the service but would still like to receive the ashes, please let Pastor Jeremy know and he will bring them to you.** Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

Throughout Lent we will be worshiping together every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. This year, we will look at some important figures from the history of Christianity whose story you may not know.

Outside of the pages of the Bible there have been many people who have had a huge impact on the shaping of Christianity as we know it today. Hear and be inspired by their stories each week throughout lent:

- March 1 - Justin Martyr
- March 8 - Augustine of Hippo
- March 15 - St. Patrick
- March 22 - Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- March 29 - C.S. Lewis

## MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION ON FEBRUARY 12

Greg Ver Steeg has been a part of several mission trips to Juárez, México to build a home for a family in need. He will share about his experience and spiritual growth during church on Sunday, February 12.

Juárez is a city of more than 1.3 million people and borders the United States by way of El Paso, Texas.

Where these two border cities collide, one of the greatest pictures of disparity is painted: on one side of the fence stand the tall buildings and affluence of the United States, while on the other lay dirt streets riddled with shacks and families struggling to survive. Although only separated by a fence and a small river, the contrast between these neighboring cities is overwhelming.

Many people come from all over México to the border town of Juárez in hopes of finding job opportunities to provide for their families. With this influx of individuals to the border, many find themselves not only without work but stranded and in need of housing.

Through the local churches and volunteer teams, Casas por Cristo is poised to meet this basic need for survival in the name of Jesus Christ.

# KFC SERVICE PROJECT MOVED

January's Service Project of assembling Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Kits was postponed due to inclement weather, and has been moved to Wednesday, February 15. LWR Kits are designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more, providing dignity and hope in the direst situations.

We currently have enough items to make 25 kits. Let's see how many more kits the Wednesday night KFC kids can put together!

Items may be left in the secretary's office.



One light-weight bath-size towel



Two bath-size bars



One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging



One sturdy comb, remove packaging



One metal nail clippers, remove packaging

## FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kevin Herding & Lynette Kruger
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Lynn & Barb Grotluschen

### BIRTHDAYS

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Blair Hansmann
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Johanna Hansmann
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Mark Hansmann
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Dillon Bathke
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Marni Hansmann
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Debra Bathke
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Joel Bathke
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Bridget Dickmann
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Henry Ver Steeg
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Char Bathke
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Faye Trei
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Marilyn Gelder
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Cael Hoing
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Neal Kruckenberg
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Darlene Woelber
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Ryan Funk

## Ways to Give at Immanuel



### BY MAIL

Mail your gift to:  
Immanuel Lutheran  
400 E Iowa Ave  
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### IN PERSON

Drop your gift in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.



### DIRECT DEPOSIT

Contact the Church Secretary for a form to complete.



### ONLINE

Scan the QR code to access online giving through Tithe.ly.

*Love one another as I have loved you.*

JOHN 13:34



# THIS MONTH AT IMMANUEL: FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>Faith Night at Immanuel</b> 6-6:30 Youth Meal 6:30-7:30 KFC, HS Bible Study	2	3	4
5 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/communion	6	7	8 <b>Faith Night at Immanuel</b> 6-6:30 Youth Meal 6:30-7:30 KFC, HS Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship - Souper Bowl Sunday; Greg Ver Steeg to speak on Mission Trip	13 	14  <b>Happy Valentine's Day!</b>	15 <b>Faith Night at Immanuel</b> 6-6:30 Youth Meal 6:30-7:30 Service Project: Assemble Personal Care Kits	16	17 Deadline for February Newsletter Submissions	18
19 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/communion	20	21	22 5-7: Bread of Life Distribution 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service †	23	24	25
26 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship	27	28				

## FEBRUARY/MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Ushers – February: TBD; March: TBD**

### SOUND/POWER POINT

- Feb 5: Henry Ver Steeg & AJ Landis
- Feb 12: Richard Heidloff & Sosie Ver Steeg
- Feb 19: Lexi Landis & Aiden Bathke
- Feb 26: Greg Ver Steeg & Bennett Jorth
- March 5: Gregory Stueven & Lillian Jorth
- March 12: Fred Landis & AJ Landis
- March 19: Henry Ver Steeg & Sosie Ver Steeg
- March 26: Richard Heidloff & Aiden Bathke

### READERS

- Feb 5: Julie Ver Steeg
- Feb 12: Mark Behrens
- Feb 19: Kristi Landis
- Feb 26: Lillian Jorth
- March 5: Mary Behrens
- March 12: Darlene Woelber
- March 19: Gregory Stueven
- March 26: Amanda Jorth

### GREETERS

- Feb 5: Brent & Amanda Jorth
- Feb 12: Lawrence & Noreen Funk
- Feb 19: Grant & Marla Krahling
- Feb 26: Norma Ubbinga & Darlene Woelber
- March 5: Jim McConnell & Janet Boone
- March 12: Greg & Julie Ver Steeg
- March 19: Dick & Glenda Heidloff
- March 26: Clay & Deb Hansmann

### ACOLYTES

- Feb 5: Jack Denny & Isaiah Sandbeck
- Feb 12: AJ Landis & Aiden Bathke
- Feb 19: Bennett Jorth & Colin Phelps
- Feb 26: Isaiah Sandbeck & Cullen Funk
- March 5: Khoryn Funk & Colin Phelps
- March 12: Leo Ver Steeg & Bennett Jorth
- March 19: AJ Landis & Isaiah Sandbeck
- March 26: Aiden Bathke & Jack Denny



# A NOTE FROM PASTOR JEREMY

## *You are loved by God*

I love putting my kids to bed. Not the stalling and fighting that leads up to it, which they have completely mastered already. I love the actual end process of tucking them in at night. For it is then every night that something amazing happens. They look up at me and say, "Goodnight Dad, I love you." I have decided there is nothing better in the entire world than hearing a child say I love you. Each and every time they say it my heart is filled with joy. No matter how bad my day has been, those three little words can make all my problems just melt away.

Sometimes I can't be home around bedtime, so I miss out. Which always makes my night significantly worse. Even though I know I will hear it again the next day, and the day after that, and so on. It still is no fun to miss hearing my children say they love me, even once. Because no matter how many times my kids tell me they love me, it will always be special. It will always be something that brings me joy. It will always be worth hearing. I will never get tired of it.

Do you know what else I will never get tired of hearing? The good news that God loves me. That Jesus Christ died for my sins. That I am completely forgiven and destined for eternal life. Every time I hear that amazing news, it fills me with joy. Even though I know it is true, I mean, I am saying it to people all the time, somehow whenever I hear the gospel message it still finds a way to move me. No matter how many times I hear that

Jesus loves me, it will always be special. I will never get tired of it.

I hope the same is true for you. Luckily for all of us, there is a place where we can go whenever we need to hear that good news, church. For it is at church that every Sunday you can come and hear God say to you, I love you. It is a place where every week, you can hear the good news of salvation and forgiveness. Where you can be given Jesus' body and blood, a physical reminder of how great God's love for you truly is.

It is not just a Sunday thing either. If you ever need to hear some good news. If you ever doubt that God can love you. I am always here to assure you of God's love. Seriously, you can call me at any time, and I would be more than glad to tell you God loves you. Because I know just how powerful that message can be. I need it too.

Life can be hard, yet God has given us a source of joy that is always there for us. Jesus loves you. No matter who you are reading this, Jesus loves YOU! Your sins are forgiven. You are saved. Someday you will live in Christ's love for all eternity. I hope you know that. And if you ever forget, or just want to hear it again, there is a place you can go and get that great news every week. It will always be special. It will always be worth hearing. You will never get tired of it. Don't go too long without hearing it again.

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## PLEASE LIFT IN PRAYER

Clay Hansman, Doug Hilbrands, Rita Hilbrands, Bev Hoing, Bev Kaster, Grant Khraling, Sandy Luenberger, Wanda Parker, Teresa Popkes, Isaiah Sandbeck, Wendy Smith, Military Families, and Ukraine.

# COUNCIL MINUTES

January 15, 2023

Amy Phelps, Julie Ver Steeg, Fred Landis, Ryan Funk and Pastor Jeremy were present. Mark Behrens and Mark Dickmann were absent.

Vice President Fred Landis called the meeting to order.

Pastor Jeremy opened with devotions and prayer.

## Pastor's Report

The Mid-Sioux Christmas project was a success, serving 21 households/41 individuals. Pastor Jeremy will be officiating a baptism this afternoon and one more in February. He added that Immanuel has hosted three baptisms in three months.

## Secretary's Report

Approved via email.

## Treasurer's Report

Amy presented financial reports. Julie made a motion to approve reports, Ryan seconded. All in favor, reports approved.

## Evangelism & Worship

Ash Wednesday is February 22. Midweek Lent worship services will be held each Wednesday at 6:30pm. Confirmation students will be taking part in the services.

Greg Ver Steeg will be speaking about his mission

trip to Mexico with Casas por Cristo during worship in February.

## Property & Stewardship

One of the two parsonage furnaces has broken. DRG provided three "good/better/best" estimates, \$14,250, \$16,445 and \$21,085 respectively. Ryan is going to partner with Harris Kaster in getting another quote and moving forward quickly from there.

## Education & Youth

No business.

## Old Business

The church directories should be arriving very soon!

Given the high price tag of the choir loft improvements, Mark has found a cart storage solution for the banners. Fred mentioned that some type of cabinet or tabletop storage may still be needed in the choir loft area.

## New Business

The 2022 Annual Meeting will be held on January 29th after worship, with a light lunch provided by the council. The next meeting date will be set after the annual meeting with the incoming council members.

Ryan made a motion to adjourn, Amy seconded. All in favor, meeting adjourned and closed with The Lord's Prayer.



**WE ARE HIRING!**

**FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR**

- ✓ INPUT WEEKLY OFFERING
- ✓ CREATE MONTHLY REPORTS FOR COUNCIL
- ✓ MANAGE VARIOUS CHURCH FUNDS
- ✓ PAY BILLS
- ✓ COMPILE REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

THIS IS A PAID POSITION. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR ARE INTERESTED IN THIS ROLE, CONTACT ANY COUNCIL MEMBER.



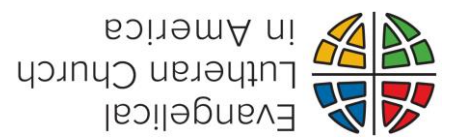
**Bread of Life**  
**February Item:**

**Cereal**

The next Bread of Life food distribution is from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22. Donations may be left by the pantry door.

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