

# Immanuel Monthly

January 2023

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



## JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT

### Assemble LWR Personal Care Kits

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Kits is a simple, fun, and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

#### We need your help to build Personal Care Kits

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more, providing dignity and hope in the direst situations. Every kit made will be cherished by the person who receives it in their time of need. Check out the Personal Care Kit Resources below.

#### Personal Care Kit Resources

We're looking for donations of the following items *by Wednesday, January 18*. Each kit will contain:

- ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended.
  - Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping.
- ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging.\*
- ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging.
- ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging.\*
- Ribbon/yarn to tie the items securely.

Items may be left in Pastor Jeremy's office or the secretary's office. Thank you for supporting this endeavor!



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

\*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.

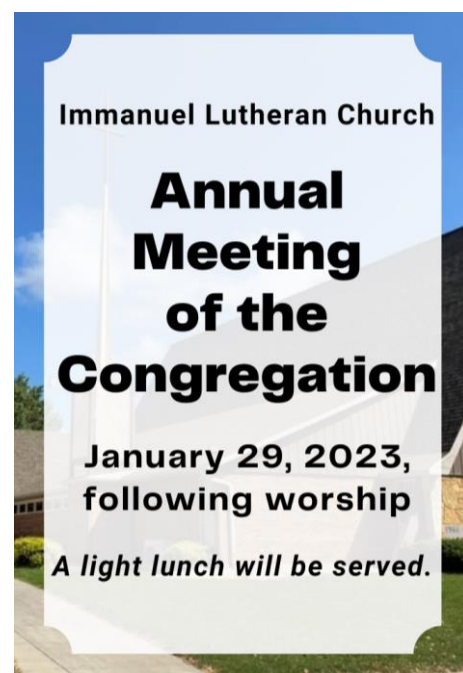
## A SPECIAL THANK YOU NOTE

Immanuel received a special note from Janie Krahling's girls, Maureen Jordan, Maggie Hammer, and Mitze Klingenberg and their families, following their mom's funeral at our church.

"Immanuel Lutheran was our home church throughout our childhood and was important to us and our parents, Chub & Janie Krahling," the note reads.

It goes on to say the families were thankful for the church supporting Maureen after a devastating home fire, and the use of the nursery during the funeral.

"Thank you for the part you've played in our lives."



# LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD COOKS



Have you got a knack for feeding hungry youth? Is your lasagna game strong? How about tacos? Perhaps simple sandwiches are more your jam.

Immanuel is looking for volunteers for the second half of the year to make a meal and serve it on Wednesday nights from 6:00-6:30 p.m. for those youth participating in Kids For Christ (KFC), Confirmation, and High School Bible Study.

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex!

# JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Allan & Betty Hansmann
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Doug & Rita Hilbrands
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Loren & Milli Krull

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Josh Parker
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Elliot Funk
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Allan Hansmann
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Doug Shaffer
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Donna Krahling
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Amanda Denny
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Reese Karalius
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Travis Dirks
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Ashley Schmidt
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Anna Schmidt
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Randy Popkes
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Myles Karalius
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Joe Quincy
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Stacey Dizaye
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Caitlin Everhart
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Grant Khraling
- 29<sup>th</sup> – James Luenberger
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Richard Heidloff
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Madilyn Matuska
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Alicia McConnell

# MEET YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

*A new series where we'll get to know the church council through a short Q&A!*

Introducing Frederick Landis! His term ends at the end of 2023.

Fred is married to Kristi, and they have two children: Daughter Lexi, age 16 and Son AJ age 13. The family also has a dog named Tobi.

**What are you thankful for?** I am thankful that I have been blessed with a very healthy family and an absolutely wonderful group of close friends.

**If you could ask God one question, what would you ask?** Are there any parts in the Bible that have been embellished or mistranslated?

**What's one thing you are looking forward to this month?** It's the holiday season so I am looking forward to so many family traditions such as cutting down the Christmas tree, baking weekend with my sisters, Pranksgiving with my daughter, family get-togethers, and holiday decorating.

**Top three things you would do if you won the lottery? And go!**

1. Travel the world and participate in international inline skating marathons
2. Find a quiet lake, buy a cabin, and relax
3. There are so many good projects that need to be done in town and the non-profit organizations are willing to step up but need funding. I would help fund those projects if volunteers are still willing to put forth the time and effort.



The Landis Family

# HOLD FAST

## God has good things in store.

Hebrews 10:23

### A NOTE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Should our Faith Night activities need to be cancelled due to weather, an announcement will be made on Facebook, through email, on KIWA radio, and via text message. If GLR has an early out or no school, there will be no Faith Night activities.

This same process will also be used for Sunday worship.

Use your best judgment and be safe!

# THIS MONTH AT IMMANUEL: JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  10:30 Worship w/Communion	2 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery	3 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery	4 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery <b>Faith Night at Immanuel</b> 6-6:30 Youth Meal 6:30-7:30 KFC, HS Bible Study	5 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery	6 <b>Epiphany of Our Lord</b> 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery	7
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15 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/communion	16 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery	17	18 <b>Faith Night at Immanuel</b> 6-6:30 Youth Meal 6:30-7:30 Service Project: Assemble Personal Care Kits	19	20 Deadline for February Newsletter Submissions	21
22 10:30 Worship	23	24	25 5-7: Bread of Life Distribution	26	27	28
29 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Annual Meeting following worship	30	31				

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Ushers – January: Ryan Funk; February: TBD**

### SOUND/POWER POINT

- Jan 1: Richard Heidloff & AJ Landis
- Jan 8: Lexi Landis & Sosie Ver Steeg
- Jan 15: Greg Ver Steeg & Aiden Bathke
- Jan 22: Gregory Stueven & Bennett Jorth
- Jan 29: Fred Landis & Lillian Jorth
- 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

### READERS

- Jan 1: Glenda Heidloff
- Jan 8: Cathy Huff
- Jan 15: Richard Heidloff
- Jan 22: Marla Ahrenholtz
- Jan 29: Brent Jorth
- Feb 5: Julie Ver Steeg
- Feb 12: Mark Behrens
- Feb 19: Kristi Landis
- Feb 26: Lillian Jorth

### GREETERS

- Jan 1: Rich & Marla Ahrenholtz
- Jan 8: Dave & Cathy Huff
- Jan 15: Steve & Darla Kruse
- Jan 22: Dale Garlic & Ida Mae Kruger
- Jan 29: Bev Strenge & Marilyn Van Gelder
- Feb 5: Brent & Amanda Jorth
- Feb 12: Lawrence & Noreen Funk
- Feb 19: Grant & Marla Krahling
- Feb 26: Norma Ubbinga & Darlene Woelber

### ACOLYTES

- Jan 1: Khoryn Funk & Leo Ver Steeg
- Jan 8: AJ Landis & Aiden Bathke
- Jan 15: Aiden Bathke & Cullen Funk
- Jan 22: Jack Denny & Isaiah Sandbeck
- Jan 29: Bennett Jorth & Colin Phelps
- Feb 5: Jack Denny & Isaiah Sandbeck
- Feb 12: AJ Landis & Aiden Bathke
- Feb 19: Bennett Jorth & Colin Phelps
- Feb 26: Isaiah Sandbeck & Cullen Funk

# A NOTE FROM PASTOR JEREMY

*“For with a new year comes hope.”*

New Year's Day always fascinates me. We go from one day to another, with no external changes happening at all. The sun will rise and set at the same time. It will be the same cold in the air and snow on the ground on January 1 as it was on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Everything will look exactly the same. And yet there is a change, isn't there? Not in the way the world actually is, but in the way we perceive it. For with a new year comes hope.

So, we make resolutions about specific ways life will be better this next year. We make plans to live healthier and happier lives. To give up our bad habits and take on some good ones. To just be better people. The only reasoning behind any of this is, well, because it is a new year.

We don't make resolutions in July or October. We can, but we don't. We wait for the New Year to make changes in our lives. It is the newness of it all at work.

For newness inspires hope in us. Hope that the past is behind us and that the future is going to be different. Hope that things can change and that they will change. That this year things will be better. It doesn't mean that the past year was horrible, but there is always something we hope will be better. Always something we hope we can improve on. Always something we are glad we have a new chance at. So, we like a new year because new is full of possibilities. New is full of hope.



In Christ we also get to have something new. But this is different from New Year's in that it is not just hope that things will change, but an actual change. We are made new. We may not look any different externally, but we are made different people. New people. People whose past sins and mistakes are gone forever. They are completely forgiven and wiped out. People who are given a new life

The best part is it doesn't just happen once a year. This newness comes to us every day. I love how Martin Luther puts it in his small catechism, "daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever." Every day you are a new person through baptism.

Your mistakes, your sins, your regrets, are all gone as you step out to live the new life given in Christ.

Every day we can have the hope we get with a new year. Every day is a new day and every day you are a new person. We should be excited every day as if it were New Year's Day, because for us it truly is. You are a new person this day, right now, as you read this. Get excited and start living this new life you have been given. And if things don't go as planned, don't worry. There is always a new day and a new you tomorrow.

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## PLEASE LIFT IN PRAYER

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

# COUNCIL MINUTES

December 11, 2022

President Mark Behrens called the meeting to order. Amy Phelps, Julie Ver Steeg, Fred Landis, Ryan Funk and Pastor Jeremy Winter were present. Mark Dickmann was absent.

Pastor Jeremy opened with devotions and prayer.

## Pastor's Report

Advent Bible Study on December 14 at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve worship with communion by intinction at 6:30 p.m. on December 24. Christmas Day and New Year's Day worship services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jeremy added that we will also have another baptism at Immanuel in January!

## Secretary's Report

Approved via email.

## Treasurer's Report

Amy presented current financial reports. Dick Heidloff and Greg Ver Steeg will be conducting the annual financial audit in the next couple of weeks.

## Property/Stewardship

Mark Behrens noted that Byron Krull fixed the broken security light. Byron will also be addressing the church electrical re-wiring project this spring. The total cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$10,000. Harris Kaster and Matthew Hansmann have agreed to help.

Amy noted that some green paint from the youth Christmas program dripped on the carpet at the front of the sanctuary. Fred will contact Jerry Smit (Deep Clean) to ask about our options. If he is not able to get the paint out, we will switch out the carpet squares. Fred will also contact Northwest Decor regarding purchasing additional carpet squares to have on hand.

Alternative choir loft project options were discussed. Mark will bring it to the congregation at the annual meeting.

Julie read a letter from Janie Krahling's daughters who donated \$100 to be used for nursery upkeep/improvements.

## Old Business

The church directory is nearing completion and should be available to hand out to members at the annual meeting.

Julie noted on behalf of the nominating committee that Angie McConnell and Craig Denny are willing to serve a 3-year term on the council, beginning in January.

Volunteers are still needed to deliver Meals on Wheels once a week from January 2-16. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jennifer Hansmann.

## New Business

Annual Meeting will be held on January 29, immediately following worship. A light lunch will be served.

The ad for the Financial Secretary position will remain in the paper for now.

Pastor Jeremy read a letter from the George Kiwanis Club regarding the weekend food voucher program. It costs approximately \$900/month to fund the program. Amy made a motion to donate \$500 to the George Kiwanis Club to be put toward the voucher program. Ryan seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Fred and Julie abstained from voting, citing Kiwanis Club membership.

Pastor Jeremy will be gone on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Julie will look for pulpit supply.

The council worked through the proposed 2023 budget. Jeremy excused himself for the remainder of the discussion, and the council completed the Pastor's salary/benefits portion of the budget. Proposed budget will be brought to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting.

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

The next meeting date was set for January 15<sup>th</sup> following worship.

## JOB OPENING: FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR



✓ INPUT WEEKLY OFFERING

✓ CREATE MONTHLY REPORTS

✓ COMPILE REPORTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

✓ MANAGE VARIOUS CHURCH FUNDS

✓ PAY BILLS



*This is a paid position. If you have questions, or are interested in this role, contact Pastor Jeremy or any council member.*

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