

THE MESSENGER

The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa December '23 - January '24

May the blessings of the Lord be with you and your family this Advent-Christmas season and always!



From the Immanuel Staff family: (l-r) Pastor Zech, Jaci, Elizabeth, Geno, Mike, Kathy, Rod, Kim, Elizabeth



CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

- 9:15am Christmas Eve Morning Worship ~ 'birthday party for Jesus'
- 1:00pm Forest Plaza Christmas Eve Service for residents & families
- 3:00pm Candlelight Service, communion, choir
(pre-service music begins at 2:30)
- 5:30pm Candlelight Service, communion
(pre-service music begins at 5:00)

Radio broadcast over KIOUW 107.3FM at 5:00 of pre-recorded 3:00 service;
3:00 Live online beginning at 2:30 in immanuelfamily.com or Facebook

Immanuel's Confirmation Class of 2023



These 12 young people affirmed their baptism at worship on Sunday, Oct. 29. Members of the 2023 class are:
Front row: Tyler Niess, Ashlen Kingland, Emerson Moore, Elaina Eastvold
Middle row: Rylee Eastvold, Kiara Bina, Keaton Hanson, Ashlee Aukes, Witten Linder
Back row: Pastor Rod Hopp, Aiden Frascht, Cooper Blaser, Caiden Squier, Intern Elizabeth Carr, Pastor Zech Anderson
Photo by Joni Miller Photography



The Children of
Immanuel Lutheran Church present
**The Holy Family
is Here!**
Sunday, December 10th
during the 9:15 worship service
Light brunch to follow

Together we can make a difference!

In August we entered into a partnership with Four Oaks Alternative School. They are renting space on our lower level for classrooms and 8-12 kids attend school here daily. They follow the Forest City Community School calendar.

In October, we received an endowment grant from the Western Iowa Synod for a back pack program for the kids. Every Friday, each student takes home a back pack with easy to prepare food and snacks. Thank you to Darwin Lehmann and the Forest City School District for donating the back packs to us and also to the Food Bank of Iowa in Des Moines for allowing us to order food for this program along with what we order for our Wednesday night meal program.

Together we can make a difference!



Pastor Rod and Kathy McEnelly receiving a \$750 endowment grant from Kay Broick from the Western Iowa Synod for the Backpack Ministry

ABIDE Young Adult Retreat (18+)

December 29-31, Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

Take a break. Catch your breath. Rest, relax, and be renewed by God. ABIDE is a brand new weekend retreat for young adults to gather for worship, Bible teaching, fun activities, and connection with other young adults.

Enjoy activities like: large group night game, breakout sessions, cookie decorating, coffee house karaoke, morning pilates, sledding and winter fun!

Cost is \$99. Deposit is \$30 (non-refundable). For more details and to register, check in out on the www.okoboji.org/abide website. (Most housing will be cabin groups of 3-6 males or females with some married housing available.)



Inclement Weather Policy

With winter weather in North Iowa, a plan needs to be in place to keep everyone safe when bad weather hits. Because of the importance we place on gathering for worship, fellowship, and education, we will make every effort to conduct Sunday and Wednesday activities. But just in case, please review our policy:

In the event of severe weather and we need to cancel in person worship, programs, and activities, we will strive to make this decision by

7:00 a.m. on Sundays and 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. When possible, a simplified live stream service will be available.

Weekday and evening programming activities will be cancelled if the public schools close or release early. Worship will be held otherwise noted.

Funerals, weddings, and other special events will be conducted as scheduled if possible.

Cancellations will be communicated via KIOUW 107.3FM radio (and on their webpage, kiow.com), KIMT television Channel 3 (and on their webpage, kimt.com), through Remind App, and on the Immanuel Lutheran Church Facebook page and website.

If severe weather strikes on other weekdays, the church office will remain open whenever possible.

No Time at all



It's December and January. For some people December flies by so fast. For some people January drags on. And for others it's the opposite, or maybe even the same for both months. For me December moves fast, the candles are lit, the family shows up, and by the time I say Merry Christmas it's New Years and the family is gone. January can be quiet, but I get out more when it snows, so it also goes pretty fast. And the saying is true, that took no time at all!

No Time, the theme for Christmas Eve. Followed by The End Time is the Beginning, for New Years Eve. When Christ comes into the World, time almost stands still. It's almost as if time has no idea what to do next, because nothing like this has ever happened before. Time stands still for the Shepherds as they are visited by the Angels proclaiming the time is now, there's no time left for something old. Time stands still as Mary holds onto her newborn baby Jesus, as it's as if no time passes at all on that silent night.

When I think of this, I am reminded of when Zoey was born. Time went slow, waiting for Zoey to be born. And then time sped up, almost at Warp Speed, when the nurses came in and said we need to move to the delivery room now so pack up all your stuff. A sense of urgency from all who were there ready to take a 30-week-old baby and put her into an incubator right away to give her a good chance at life. Even as she was born there were numbers being shouted out, time that was passing, calling out each minute as they tested her to see where she was at. And everything went so well, yet fast, that the doctor eventually asked, do you want to hold her? And of course, Mindy said YES! We never thought we'd get to hold her right away, but here we were. And for a few moments, time stopped, there was no time at all.

This moment, when God indeed was now among us as a human, was time stopping, there was no time at all. God was now with us as never before. The Shepherds run to see Jesus, they don't think about time the same way. Instead, they know that time will never be the same again.

This was now a new time; the end of time became a new beginning. Immanuel, GOD WITH US! And things would change, eventually Jesus would grow, would share the Kingdom of Heaven for all, would suffer and die, and rise again! This new time is different, it was a new year with God. And when Zoey was born, time moved forward once again, but each moment was new, and something never experienced the same way again.

That's what this season is all about. Immanuel, God is with us. Jesus is born and in no time at all, there is a new time starting. Thank you, Jesus, for coming into our lives and making all things new.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

I look forward to seeing you soon, Interlinked in Christ.

Pastor Zech Anderson



Dear Immanuel Family

Elizabeth Carr

In the cycle of our Church calendar, we have entered the sacred season of Advent—a time of waiting, of expecting, and of preparing for the arrival of the Messiah. Advent speaks to the way God uses time and events in our lives to speak to us, mold us, challenge us, and bring us into holy completions and fresh starts.

At times, the Christmas season seems rushed, filled with excessive activity, constant commotion, and our society's incessant compulsion for consumerism. It seems as if we're caught up in a maelstrom, overwhelmed by tasks, social gatherings, gift-buying, and end-of-year deadlines. In our haste, the solemn stillness of Advent might seem lost to us. And yet, even amid such flurry and frenzy, we are gently reminded of the urgency of the Day of the Lord. That advent, that glorious arrival, commands our focus and determination. Advent stands against our culture's 'fast-food mentality', beckoning us instead to be purposeful, to prepare and to wait.

As we look at our watches, synchronize our calendars, and note the hours ticking by, God is engaging with time in a remarkably different manner. For our eternal Creator, a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day (2 Peter 3:8). God exists outside of time, and yet graciously enters into our timelines, impacting and transforming our experience of time itself.

God meets us where we are in our moments of hectic haste or oppressive tiredness. In our anxious ticking-off of minutes and days, God offers us moments of stillness, fragments of grace, and gifts us moments where we can encounter God afresh and come to understand ourselves better.

Time spent with God—whether in worship, service, prayer, or solitude—has a way of taking the raw, wild fragments of our days and transforming them into something meaningful. Something that looks remarkably like eternity. So let us consider, in this Advent season, how our perception of time might alter if we look to see how God meets us within it, how God blesses, shapes, and challenges us within our unique and shared experiences of time. Our moments of waiting could then become hallowed, drawing us closer to the One who promises us that all our holy endings will pave the way for our sanctified beginnings.

God's promise in Christ is that time—our lives—is not cyclical, always repeating, but linear, with an end, a goal, a completion. Christ's second Advent reminds us that history, indeed our lives, are not caught in a relentless cycle of creation and destruction. Rather, we are moving toward a redeemed creation, where there will be no more suffering or death, but the fullness of life with God.

So this Advent, I challenge you not only to observe the season but to step into its rich rhythm of hope, waiting, and expectation. Breathe deeply, live intentionally, wait patiently, serve lovingly, and experience fully God's presence in the midst of it all.

With blessings for a holy and purpose-filled Advent and Christmas season,
Intern Elizabeth

+ Promiseland

Promiseland Families,



The students and teachers are busy preparing for the Christmas program on December 10th and they are so excited to show off all of their hard work!

In between practices, students have been learning about using their talents. We have found that there are a lot of talents that we have that we may not have even considered to be a "talent", but it's a gift we have from God and we need to be using that gift to serve others. It has been so fun to hear the kids talk about their talents and remind other students of talents that they have. The community the kids have with one another and the teachers is just amazing to see!

December Mission Emphasis

December's Special Offering will go towards the mission of 'negative lunch accounts of students attending Forest City schools'. This is an area that I'm very passionate about as I teach at the elementary as well as work with the students here at Immanuel. A donation to the negative lunch accounts helps take a burden off of families who may be struggling to get the account out of a negative. A student who is eating breakfast and lunch at school is charged about \$5 per day (these are students who are not receiving a free/reduced lunch discount). A \$5 donation pays for one child's breakfast and lunch for one day; a \$25 donation pays for a week. Thank you for your consideration and donation to the kids! There is also a treasure box decorated by the Sunday School students in the Narthex to always add a donation to.

Noisy offerings will be taken during worship on Wednesday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 17 to help with this mission. Thank you for caring!

Waldorf Student Needs During Winter Break

As Waldorf begins their winter break, there will be some students who will be staying on campus during this time. With no food service available until January 10, students would welcome donations of canned goods, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, bread, crackers, and nonperishable microwave meals. Donated items can be brought to the church office.

Board notes

Mission & Outreach

Becky Stumme

The Mission & Outreach Board met via Zoom on Wednesday, November 8, at 4:45 p.m. Six members were present. Opening devotions were given by Jaci Thorson.

\$196.88 is needed to fulfill our 2023 covenant commitment to Missionary Karen Anderson.

Noisy offerings for the November mission emphasis, Good Samaritan Fund, were held on Wednesday, November 15, and on Sunday, November 19.

Forest City school lunch account assistance was chosen as the mission emphasis for the month of December. Noisy offerings will be held on Wednesday, December 13, and Sunday, December 17.

The Board's recommendation for equally dividing the net proceeds from the Thanksgiving meal between Missionary Karen Anderson and Wednesday Night Meals was shared with Council members.

The Board will be doing a holiday mission outreach project in December. Additional donations have been received for the Waldorf students.

Donations of food for students to use during the winter break would also be welcomed. Additional information is shared in the December/January Messenger.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes posted some confirmation pictures on their Facebook page.

Trustees

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met on November 6, 2023 at the church. October income was \$84,387.20 and expenses were \$83,109.61 with a positive \$1,277.59 for the month of October. YTD is a negative (\$26,431.68) compared to a negative (\$37,658.96) for 2022. Other income included \$32,374.81 from endowment principle for approved cost and expensed for the new boilers for facility upgrade, Four Oaks rent for \$1,344.75 and Salary Reimbursement of \$3,149.00 including Bethany. November and December mission to Western Iowa Synod \$2,833.33 will be paid out of endowment for mission.

Endowment: \$55,000 estimated for distribution in 2024.

Property Committee: Front porch cement is sagging on parsonage. Midwest Foundation repair will raise the front porch cement with foam injection Nov 8 for \$3,619. There is no budget for repairs. Cost will come from firm foundation.

Personnel Committee: To meet in November.

New Business: 2024 Budget was presented and approved and forwarded to council for approval.

Old Business: a.) 4 Oaks update: Backpacks from a grant with food for students have been sent home for the students. There are currently 9 students.

Parish Council

Linda Ferjak

Council met on November 6 with an In Person format. Nine members, both pastors and the intern were present. Meeting was called to order

by President Kathy McEnelly and October minutes were approved. Board reports, pastors' reports, and the Intern report were presented and approved.

Ben Arentson volunteered to serve as secretary for the council. Steve Westerberg volunteered to serve as vice president for the council.

Pastor Rod reported on the outcome of the Dessert forums. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. He felt that overall, it was a positive conversation.

Board of Trustees presented the 2024 Budget for approval.

Business Financials can be found elsewhere in the Messenger.

Next Council Meeting is December 11.

Parish Life

Karen Keller

The Board of Parish Life met on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Members present: Lisa Chisholm, Linda Ferjak, Tina Berg, Melanie Westerberg, Kathy Leuwerke, Pastor Zech, and Karen Keller.

The main order of business was discussing the Christmas bags for kids at the two afternoon Christmas Eve services. We will be putting an apple, candy cane, candies, a bookmark, and stickers in the bags. Pastor Zech will provide a message or an activity for the kids. Everyone volunteered to get the different items and we will assemble the bags at our next Board of Parish Life. We will be postponing the Board meeting until December 21st.

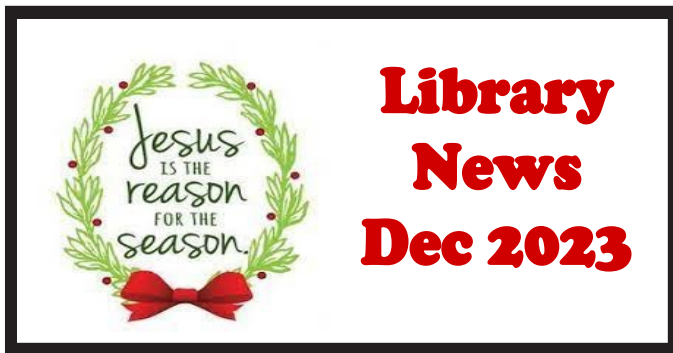
The Board of Parish life is responsible for the Music and Worship Budget. This includes Music and Worship Maintenance, Literature and Instruments, Licensing Fees, and Personnel. Kathy Leuwerke has recommended that these items stay in the Board of Parish Life Budget, but that they be prepared by the Director of Music, approved by the Council, and submitted to the Board of Parish Life which will present it in the budget recommendations.

The other recommendation Kathy had was concerning the financial statement. Each month Kim prepares a financial statement for the Council. Kathy would like to get a copy of the section of the Monthly Income Statement that contains all the line items in our budget so that we can compare actual amounts to budgeted amounts on a monthly basis rather than annually. She feels that it would give us a better idea of where we stand throughout the year in our area of responsibility. Both of these suggestions will be discussed at our next Board meeting which will be on December 21, 2023.

Board of Ed

Elizabeth Bohl

The Board of Education met and discussed details for the upcoming Christmas Program on December 10th. The children will leave the church service on the 10th after communion and their teachers will accompany them in getting costumes on for the program. After the program, high school students will be serving a light brunch of cinnamon rolls, eggs, fruit, juice, and coffee.



Library News Dec 2023

Christmas Focus

Make this your best Christmas ever by focusing on Jesus! The following are some books in your church library that might help:

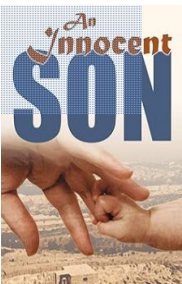
- Christmas With God
- Operation Christmas Child-A story of simple gifts
- Celebrate Jesus! At Christmas
- Seven Stories of Christmas Love
- Christmas Readings to Recapture the Wonder of the Season

These are on display in the library along with many others. Come and check them out. Be blessed with your best Christmas ever!

Adult Fiction Book

An Innocent Son

By Carol Ferguson



An Innocent Son is a fiction story set in Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Christ. When their son is one of the brutally killed boys per King Herod's orders, Judith and Ethan go on a lifetime search for answers. This story follows them through their journey of grief, dwindling hope and then the

renewal of dreams as they begin to see Jesus as their Messiah.

(Descriptions are taken from Amazon.com)

Promiseland News

Congratulations to these two winning teams from this fall's Bible Jeopardy games.



1st and 2nd Grade Winners Jase Holland, Elliot Korth, Ellie Abels, Lettie Harriman, Brinley Welp, Arther Hopp, Noah Thorson



3 and 4 Year Old Winners Jaelynn Welp, Aaron Thorson, Theo Hopp, Vincent Lohry, and Jovie Wooldridge

Library Thoughts

Christmas Gift Suggestions----

- To your enemy - Forgiveness
- To an opponent - Tolerance
- To a friend - Your heart
- To a customer - Service
- To all - Charity
- To every child - A good example
- To yourself - Respect



by Oren Arnold

And we would like to add to this list....

- To your family – Your time
- To everyone - A book.

Merry Christmas from your Library Committee

Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY October 2023

	October Actual 2023	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget	October Actual 2022	YTD Actual 2022
Income							
Regular Offerings & Envelopes	38,298.38	41,249.75	352,169.05	494,997.00	71.15%	36,623.36	358,413.95
Other Income	46,088.82	9,746.92	129,963.31	116,963.00	111.11%	8,690.97	93,190.66
Total Income	84,387.20	50,996.67	482,132.36	611,960.00	78.78%	45,314.33	451,604.61
Expense							
Staff Support	31,137.23	31,629.67	316,939.88	379,556.00	83.50%	30,569.17	323,787.34
Administration	45,714.92	11,733.92	142,555.19	140,807.00	101.24%	9,193.12	102,982.91
Ministry Areas	6,257.46	7,633.08	59,068.97	91,597.00	64.49%	8,044.61	72,493.32
Loan re-payment/contingency	0.00	0.00	(10,000.00)	0.00	0.00%	0.00	(10,000.00)
Total Expenses	83,109.61	50,996.67	508,564.04	611,960.00	83.10%	47,806.90	489,263.57
Income Less Expense	\$1,277.59	(\$0.00)	(\$26,431.68)	0.00		(\$2,492.57)	(\$37,658.96)

Volunteers

Dec '23 - Jan '24

Assisting Ministers

Dec. 3.....	Patti Strukel
Dec. 10.....	Olivia Banta
Dec. 17.....	Kathy McEnelly
Dec. 24, 9:15.....	Patti Strukel
3:00.....	David Readinger
5:30.....	David Readinger
Dec. 31.....	Ken Korth
Jan. 7.....	Patti Strukel
Jan. 14.....	Cynthia Ryder
Jan. 21.....	Kathy McEnelly
Jan. 28.....	

Scripture Readers

Dec. 3.....	Steve Olmstead
Dec. 17.....	Ken Hansen
Dec. 24, 9:15.....	John Tibodeau
3:00.....	Ken Korth
5:30.....	
Dec. 31.....	Carolynn Korth
Jan. 7.....	Patti Strukel
Jan. 14.....	Bruce Mielke
Jan. 21.....	Ellen Olson
Jan. 28.....	Marla Betz

Altar Care

Dec. 3.....	Mary Lund
Dec. 10.....	Julie Damm
Dec. 17.....	Jeanette Neuman
Dec. 24.....	Kathy Leuwerke
Dec. 31.....	Julie Damm
Jan. 7.....	Mary Lund
Jan. 14.....	Joan Beebe
Jan. 21.....	Marla Betz
Jan. 28.....	Jean Yeager

Ushers

Dec. 3, 10, 17.....	Jim Lund Gary McCarthy, Tina Berg
Dec. 24, 9:15.....	Gary McCarthy, Roland Drew, Colleen Schmidt, Tina Berg
3:00.....	Ryan & Tori Eastvold family
5:30.....	TBD
Dec. 31.....	Jim Lund, Joe Strukel, Tina Berg
Jan. 7.....	Joe Strukel, Jacob Beenken
Jan. 14.....	Chad, Marcy, Keaton Hanson
Jan. 21.....	Squier family
Jan. 28.....	Roland Drew, Colleen Schmidt

Communion Servers

Dec. 3.....	Melanie Westerberg, Harlan Rodberg
Dec. 10.....	Leah Boyd, Andy Buffington
Dec. 17.....	Carolynn Korth, Katherine Squier
Dec. 24 5:30.....	TBD
Dec. 31.....	Mary Kingland, Joan Beebe

Jan. 7.....	Katherine Squier, Melanie Westerberg
Jan. 14.....	Bink Keller, Sandy Lillquist
Jan. 21.....	Ken & Cindy Korth
Jan. 28.....	Tasha Banta, Joy Newcom

Offering Counters

December	Ellen Olson, Jan Buffington, Joyce Goranson, Sandy Lillquist, Melanie Westerberg
January	Ellen Olson, Jan Buffington, Darlene Carson, Mavis Hess, Linda Holland

Laundry

December	Jaci Thorson
January	Jean Yeager

All welcome to this free community meal

December Menu:



Dec. 6	Scalloped potatoes & ham, green beans, pears, cake (Thrivant grant - Carol Merritt.)
Dec. 13	Hamburgers, French fries, broccoli salad, strawberry fluff
Dec. 20	Egg bake, fruit, oatmeal (Thrivant grant - John Chisholm.)
Dec. 27	no meal

January Menu:

Jan. 3	Meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, scalloped corn, Jello
Jan. 10	Soup: chicken vegetable & chili mac, French bread, lettuce salad, Krispie bars
Jan. 17	Tater tot casserole, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, fruit crisp
Jan. 24	Baked chicken, oven-roasted potatoes, peas, cake
Jan. 31	Enchiladas, rice, pudding

Blessings & Prayers

Prayers

Jennifer & Michael Christ, Morgan, Michael Jace, family and friends in the loss of Jennifer's mom/grandma Pam Landheer of Thompson

Linda & Ken Ferjak, and family in the loss of Linda's brother-in-law James Moore of Waterloo

Family and friends in the loss of Anna Marie Mitchell of Emmetsburg, formerly Forest City

Renae & Aaron Aukes, Ashlee & Hayden, family and friends in the loss of Renae's dad/grandpa Darrell Brandt of Leland

Chad & Amy Kozitza, Phoebe, Tessa, family and friends on the loss of Chad's mom/grandma Diane Kozitza of Thompson

Worship on the Radio

Sunday morning worship over KLOW 107.3 FM airs at 11am. We have many open dates in the next four months. Consider sponsoring a broadcast for \$100 of this important radio ministry.

Available dates:

Feb. 4, 11

Mar. 10, 17, 31

Call or email the office to reserve a date (585-3152, jaci@immanuelfamily.com).

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:15am- Worship, communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH 10:30am- Promiseland	4 5-8pm- PEO, Shalom	5 3:30pm - Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom 5:30pm- Bell Choir	6 4:15-6:15pm- Meal, FH 5:25pm – Promiseland Program Practice/MS Ministry, Adult class, Lounge 6:30pm- Worship, communion 7:15pm- Choir 7:30pm- HS Youth Group	7 9am -Women's Bible Study	8	9 10am-4pm- private Christmas family party, FH-Kitchen
10 9:15am- Worship & Promiseland Christmas Program 10:15am- Light brunch, FH CAN-BOTTLE TRAILER	11 5pm- Trustees, Shalom 6:30pm- Council, Shalom	12 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom 4:30pm- Ed Board, Kitchenette 5:30pm- Bell Choir	13 4:15-6:15pm- Meal, FH 4:45pm- M&O, Zoom 5:25pm - Promiseland/MS Ministry, Adult class, Lounge 6:30pm- Worship, NOISY OFFERING-FC LUNCH ACCTS 7:15pm- Choir 7:30pm- HS Youth Group	14 9am -Women's Bible Study 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	15	16
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24 9:15am- Christmas Worship 1pm – FP Christmas Eve Service w/pastors 2:30pm- Pre-service music 3pm- Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, comm 5pm- Pre-service music 5:30pm- Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, comm	25 Merry Christmas! Church Closed	26 Church Closed	27 NO MEAL – NO WORSHIP – NO PROGRAMMING	28 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	29	30
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JANUARY 2024

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MISSION STATEMENT

Building community in the

Name and likeness of

Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays – 9:15am

Wednesdays – 6:30pm

In Person & Livestream

Office Hours

M-F : 8am – 5pm

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