

# THE MESSENGER

*The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa February 2023*



Thank you to our outgoing Council members:  
Daryl Krieger, Dave Melby, Marcy Hanson, Joyce Kasper.  
"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21

## *Immanuel's Congregational Annual Meeting*

**Sunday, Feb. 5,  
Immediately following worship (10:15)  
in the Sanctuary  
Hybrid Style (in person/Zoom)**

All members are invited and encouraged to participate.  
Business and celebrations of the meeting:  
Election and Installation of 2023 Council members  
Presentation of the 2023 Budget  
Ratify Constitution Amendments  
Western Iowa Synod Assembly Nominations  
Reports from Pastors and President

Members of the Do Day Quilters will be serving coffee  
in the Sanctuary before we call the meeting to order.

## **90th Birthday Party**

Express your congratulations to  
Anita Oleson

at a gathering in honor of her 90th  
birthday on

Sunday, Feb. 26 from 1-3pm, in the  
Immanuel Lounge.

No gifts please. Your presence is  
enough!



**February 22, 6:00 pm**

**Remember that you are dust,  
And to dust you shall return.  
Ecclesiastes 3:20**



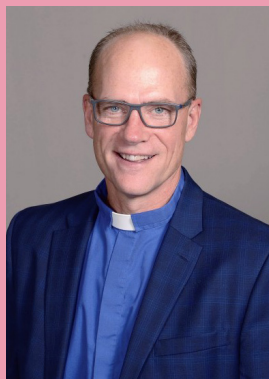
**WESTERN IOWA SYNOD ASSEMBLY  
April 21-22, 2023  
Le Mars Convention Center, Le Mars, IA**

Would you like to be a voting member from  
Immanuel Lutheran Church? Consider and  
volunteer to be a delegate when this item on  
the Annual Meeting agenda is discussed on Feb. 5.  
Registration and hotel accommodations paid by  
the church. In addition to pastors, ILC may have 2  
laymen, 2 laywomen, 1 youth (under 18), and 1 young  
adult (18-30).

# Letter from Pastor Rod

## A Lenten Journey

Our Lenten journey for 2023 is titled Unfinished. That sounds like pretty good news, doesn't it? Think about it for a moment, even if it isn't clear what is unfinished, there is a sense of hope and a promise embedded in the theme that the building project continues. If my life is unfinished, there is hope to move toward completion; and if God isn't finished with me and you, there is even more hope for the morrow because God is an amazing builder.



Our Wednesday theme, beginning with Ash Wednesday, will be Unfinished: Out of the Depths. In this series we will "dive into" (pun intended) the book of Jonah. If you think about it, Jonah walks a Lenten path. Like all human beings, he is prone to wander from his Creator in favor of determining the shape and scope of his own future. This temptation is especially powerful when God calls us to take on risky ventures, travel to strange places, step outside our comfort zone, and confront things inside of us that prevent us from seeing one another as God does. God meets us in those liminal, Lent like, spaces when we find ourselves somewhere between trust and doubt, courage and fear, anger and empathy.

Our Sunday theme will be Unfinished: Discovering God's Call in the Not Yet. This series will follow the Revised Common Lectionary, which is our common practice at Immanuel, but we will look at the texts with new eyes. We can probably all think of a host of experiences from our own lives in which we occupy the space between no longer and not yet. But we are not left alone in this space. God is here - present-tense, each and every day - calling to us, accompanying us, renewing and recreating us - over and over again.

This Lent, you are invited into the spiritual practice vocare, a practice designed to help you discover and embrace various ways that God calls you in everyday life. The spiritual practice "vocare" was developed by someone you may be familiar with, the Rev. Dr. Charlene Rachuy Cox, affectionately known as "Char." Pastor Char served as Campus Pastor at Waldorf for a number of years. In her words, "vocare is an ongoing spiritual practice designed to help you discern and embrace your multiple vocations so that you can more intentionally live life on purpose for the common good. Vocare invites regular reflection upon values, openness, call, attentiveness, regret, and the experience of God's presence." Instructions for vocare will come to you soon, so be on the lookout for that.

Included in our Unfinished series is a daily Lenten devotional that can be sent to you electronically or that can be downloaded and printed. Also, a Bible study focusing on the Book of Jonah will be offered following worship on Sundays in the Shalom room.

I invite you to engage in both our Sunday and Wednesday evening journey into Lent. Come on, let's jump into Lent with both feet this year, trusting God to continue God's

unfinished business in each of our lives and in the life of God's church. As we do, God will continue to shape us for lives of purpose for the greater good.

God bless your journey through Lent,

Pastor Rod Hopp

## Immanuel Kids

**"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you!"**

According to news reports, there is a mental health pandemic among young people today. That doesn't surprise me very much. When I was a kid, it often felt like I had a lot to worry about and I didn't even have to be brave and face a Covid 19 pandemic, nor any pandemic for that matter. My life was not nearly as busy either as the lives of you young people today. Oh, I was busy, but I was busy at school and at home with schoolwork and chores, and on the weekend – Sundays – we went to church and Sunday school. I didn't play sports until Junior High, and I didn't have any social media accounts to manage. In fact, we didn't have social media. My life was pretty simple as a kid. So, if you are a young person today, give yourself a break and add in some grace, because you have a lot to manage and I think you are doing an incredible job.

As we face stress and anxiety, where can we find peace and assurance that everything will be ok? For me that comes from faith in Jesus. Jesus says in John 14: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; I do not give it to you as the world does. Do not let your hearts be distressed or lacking in courage (Netbible translation).

When Jesus departed for heaven after his resurrection, these were his words to his disciples. They are his words to us every time we feel like Jesus has left us. He promises that when he goes away, he gives us his Spirit to be with us. Jesus is like a solid foundation that cannot be shaken. When we build our lives and set our hope in him, we can be assured we are never ever, alone, and will never be undone.

The Apostle Paul writes in Philippians 4:6-7 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. This is a powerful verse and a powerful promise. I invite you to mark it in your Bible and memorize it. God can give you a peace – in the storm and business of life that is beyond our understanding. It's like standing in a storm and feeling peace. How does this happen? Because God is with us.

When you feel scared, worried, hopeless, or sad, remember who your life is built on – the foundation of Jesus, and then take a breath, relax, and know that everything will be ok, because your life is in God's hands.

Crossed in Christ,

Pastor Rod





## Spiritual Practices

Last month I suggested some Spiritual New Year's Resolutions, including learning a new spiritual practice. As we look towards Lent, I wondered if it might be helpful for me to introduce a possible spiritual practice or two for you to consider adopting for your own Lenten journey.

**Prayer Beads-** Various forms of beads, or even knotted rope, have been used in prayer practices by many religions for thousands of years, including Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Baha'i, as well as Christianity. The beads allow the user to keep track of how many times they have said a particular phrase or prayer with little conscious effort, allowing them to devote their attention to the praying, rather than to counting.

Some years ago at my home church, we made "Lutheran Lenten Rosaries." They looked similar to this picture, with one bead for each day of Lent. Typically, a short prayer such as the Jesus



Prayer ("Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner") is said for the small beads, and a longer prayer such as the Lord's Prayer, or a creed, such as the Apostles or Nicene Creed, is said for the large beads. Other prayers and petitions can be used such as Luther's Morning and Evening Prayers, personal confession and asking for forgiveness, thanksgiving for God's gifts, petitions for blessing and healing for self and others, and anything else the user feels the need to pray for.

**Labyrinth-**A labyrinth is an ancient symbol of pilgrimage, or journey, to become closer to God. A labyrinth path leads, via a circuitous route, to the center of an intricate design and back out again. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth is designed for ease of navigation, and it is impossible to get lost within one. A prayer labyrinth is a labyrinth used to facilitate prayer, meditation, spiritual transformation, and/or unity.

A traditional prayer labyrinth is a path on the ground or floor, marked by stones, bricks, gravel, edging, paint, tile, dyed carpet, stained wood, or some other means. A finger labyrinth is a mini version which can be a small handheld device of wood or metal, a piece of paper with a labyrinth design on it, or you can even draw one yourself. For a finger labyrinth, you trace the path with your finger or a stylus, into the center and back out again.



There is no one way to walk or trace the labyrinth. You only need to enter and follow the path. It is your journey and your experience. Take your time and walk in your own way. Become quiet and clear your mind. Take off your shoes if you wish. Pause at the entrance and breathe. Ask God to lead you.

Whether walking the path of a prayer labyrinth in a beautiful indoor or outdoor setting, or maneuvering around a finger labyrinth in the comfort of your own home, the labyrinth process involves three stages: Releasing, Receiving, and Returning. Releasing occurs as you move toward the center of the labyrinth. During this stage, you shed the cares and distractions of life and open your heart and mind to the Holy Spirit. Receiving occurs at the center of the labyrinth; this is the time to receive the message God has for you through prayer and meditation; stay as long as you like. Returning occurs as you follow the same path out of the labyrinth and involves claiming the insight you received and rejoining the world with God's peace.

The Labyrinth Society© has resources for finding a labyrinth near you as well as downloadable finger labyrinths at [www.labyrinthociety.org](http://www.labyrinthociety.org).

I invite you to explore these and/or other spiritual practices as we journey towards the cross this Lenten Season and prepare ourselves for the Joyful Eastertide to come.

Blessings, Intern Elizabeth



## Promiseland

### Promiseland Families,



Elizabeth Bohl

Promiseland is off to a great start in 2023! Our Wednesday evenings have been busy learning about the Beatitudes and discussing the blessings we have in our lives. Students ranging in age from three-years-old all the way to fifth grade shared the blessings that bring them joy. What a great mid-week reminder of the blessings all around us!

My first few weeks as the Director of Children's Ministry has been so rewarding and fun! The children on Wednesdays and Sundays are so excited to come in to learn about and grow with Jesus. This couldn't be done without the wonderful volunteers we have! We are all so blessed to have adults willing to take time out of their week to teach these students from the Bible.

The Wednesday groups will be singing in worship on Wednesday, February 1 (Promiseland will be from 5:30-6:00). The Sunday School group will be singing on Sunday, February 19th during worship. The students and teachers send big thanks to Marla Betz for teaching music on Sunday mornings and Emily Walker for teaching music on Wednesday evenings!

More information will be coming out soon about the Lenten Fair!

## Are you a Thrivent member?



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You can help Immanuel in a big way! Thrivent members can apply for up to two

action grants per calendar year. In the past we have used these grants to buy food for Wednesday night meals. Each grant is \$250! If you would like to help us out, log into your Thrivent account and look for "action grant" and apply for one. You will need to put in the date of the event you want to sponsor (date of the meal) (ask Dawn Craig first – or call Jaci in the office for a Wednesday that isn't already sponsored) and apply. You will receive a \$250 Visa card for the event/meal you are sponsoring. If you want to shop, Dawn can tell you what to buy. You can also give the card to Dawn (via Jaci if you wish) and she will buy the food needed for the date you are sponsoring. Thrivent hopes that you will participate in the event/meal in some way, but this is not absolutely required. After the meal, you submit some data on Thrivent's website, which we can help you with, so Thrivent knows how the grant was used.

Please consider doing this for our Wednesday night meal program. The \$250 per meal grants go a long way towards feeding people and providing a nice opportunity for fellowship over a meal.

If you have questions, feel free to call Kathy McEnelly at 641-590-0355. She can answer questions, help you apply and/or help you submit the information afterwards.

*And note that these Thrivent action grants can be used for other projects and needs at church like supplies for LWR Kits, quilt batting for Do Day quilters, Children's Ed causes, Thanksgiving meal, support of missions, etc....*

Thank you!

# Board notes

## Mission & Outreach

Becky Stumme

The Mission & Outreach Board met via Zoom on Wednesday, January 11, at 4:45 p.m. Four members were present. Opening devotions were given by Ken Korth. The final net amount from the Thanksgiving Meal freewill offering came to \$1,576.80. \$788.40 each was given to Wednesday Night Meals and Missionary Karen Anderson. After all donations were received in 2022, there is a carryover amount of \$1,561.19 to be used towards our 2023 covenant commitment to Missionary Karen Anderson. A noisy offering for the first quarter mission emphasis of World Hunger, the Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank, and Wednesday Night Meals will be held on Sunday, March 26, and on Wednesday, March 29. A discussion began on how to begin building a stronger companion relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes. Jaci delivered some kitchen items to Megan Gabriell for the Waldorf international students. Thank you Jaci for your ongoing deliveries to Waldorf.

## Trustees

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met on January 9, 2023 at the church. Income was \$106,869.01 and expenses were \$75,320.83 for a positive \$31,548.18 for the month of December. YTD is a negative (\$11,732.56) compared to a positive \$1,422.77 for 2021. Endowment: 2023 allocation will be \$50,000 and most of it is earmarked for 2023. Property Committee: Mike Oleson is on medical leave until Jan. 23. In his absence, assigned responsibilities are getting taken care of. A quote by Nelson to replace the current Boilers would be \$33,000. The 2023 budget does not allow for Parsonage Roof replacement. \$40,000 has already been set aside for church repairs in Endowment. Personnel Committee: no update. New Business: The Board approved the 2023 proposed budget with a 3% base salary increase. Old Business: A) Geno as worship and music leader for both church services is going well. B) Teams have been put together for Wednesday night meals. Still need 2 to Spearhead.

## Parish Council

Linda Ferjak

Council met on January 9, 2023 with an In Person/Zoom hybrid format. Seven members and both pastors were present. Meeting was called to order by President Daryl Krieger and December minutes were approved. Board reports and Pastors reports were presented and approved. The Budget was presented as a motion from the Board of Trustees. Council moved and approved to put the motion into discussion to be presented at the Congregational meeting. Business Financials were presented and can be found elsewhere in the Messenger. The Annual Meeting Agenda was presented and approved. Council reviewed the responsibility descriptions of the various Boards as presented by members. A guide, or template was developed for members to follow when writing their descriptions to be published. Meeting was adjourned.

## Parish Life

Karen Keller

The Board of Parish Life did not meet in January 2023. There was nothing on the agenda for this month.

## Board of Ed

Elizabeth Bohl

The Board of Education met on Tuesday, January 10th. We began with devotions and prayers by Heather Johnson. We moved on to updating the details from the Christmas program and the reception with pie following the program. We spent the remainder of the meeting planning out beginning details for the Lenten Fair. We discussed six stations with each station representing a day during Lent. This will include the 3rd-5th grade students and their families. There is consideration of making the Lenten Fair a rotation of three different themes, so the students can experience all three in their years of attendance. Details will be finalized at the next meeting. Our next meeting was moved up to the first Tuesday of the month, February 7th at 4:30.

# Library News Feb 2023

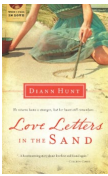


## Adult Winter Reading

When the cold winds are howling, open a book and take your self away to warmer climates and stories to warm your heart.

### Love Letters in the Sand

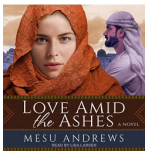
By Diann Hunt



Though the tide of World War II washed away her happily-ever-after dreams, years later, Eva Hilton dares to consider another chance at love. However, when the jilted teacher's past catches up with her and battle-scarred Paul Sommerfeld re-enters her life in 1957, they must navigate the shifting sands of their relationship as painful truths come to light. Ultimately, Eva discovers that, though the tide has washed away their forgotten love letters in the sand, she and Paul have a love that will be forever written upon their hearts.

### Love Amid the Ashes

By Mesu Andrews



People often think of Job sitting on the ash heap, his life in shambles. But how did he get there? What was Job's life like before tragedy struck? What did he think as his world came crashing down around him? And what was life like after God restored his wealth, health, and family? Through painstaking research and a writer's creative mind, Mesu Andrews weaves an emotional and stirring account of this well-known story told through the eyes of the women who loved him. Drawing together the account of Job with those of Esau's tribe and Jacob's daughter Dinah, Love Amid the Ashes breathes life, romance, and passion into the classic biblical story of suffering and steadfast faith.

All reviews from Amazon website.

## Promiseland Students

The Library continued to meet with the Promiseland students last Fall to give them time to browse the library and play some Bible games. Second through Fifth graders used their Bibles to search for the answers to Jeopardy questions.



Pictured left is the winning team from the Kindergarten and 1st grade group. Left to right is Elyse Zrostlik, Royce Heckes, and Taylor Sichanthongthip.

Pictured right is the winning team from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade group. Left to right is Harlow Frederick, Ellie Holland, Nevaeh Eastvold, Jordan Kingland, Ryder Herka, and Evelyn Wooge.



## Children Winter Reading

We want to encourage each Promiseland student to have an adult partner to help them obtain points for the ongoing contest. Adults can check out books or DVDs for themselves but using a student's name, once the material is returned the student will earn points just like when they check out material.

### Wherever You Are: My Love Will Find You

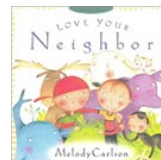
By Nancy Tillman



Board Book. Bestselling author/artist Nancy Tillman celebrates the ways in which the love between parents and children is forever.

### Love Your Neighbor

By Melody Carlson



One in a series of three books from award-winning children's author Melody Carlson, presents children with typical situations they may face every day but shows how the child should conduct themselves by illustrating what Jesus would have said or done. Other books in the series can be found on the church's library shelves.

## Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY December 2022

	December Actual 2022	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 100.00%	December Actual 2021	YTD Actual 2021
<b>Income</b>							
Regular Offerings & Envelopes	80,078.50	40,712.50	478,689.73	488,550.00	97.98%	99,652.32	487,762.72
Other Income	26,790.51	10,490.50	122,788.22	125,886.00	97.54%	22,090.11	115,017.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>106,869.01</b>	<b>51,203.00</b>	<b>601,477.95</b>	<b>614,436.00</b>	<b>97.89%</b>	<b>121,742.43</b>	<b>602,779.72</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
Staff Support	31,926.99	32,867.58	386,652.38	394,411.00	98.03%	32,220.42	386,117.35
Administration	25,852.59	11,152.67	140,164.79	133,832.00	104.73%	21,021.87	117,892.55
Ministry Areas	7,541.25	7,182.75	86,393.34	86,193.00	100.23%	12,586.17	97,347.05
Loan re-payment/contingency	10,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00%	10,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>75,320.83</b>	<b>51,203.00</b>	<b>613,210.51</b>	<b>614,436.00</b>	<b>99.80%</b>	<b>75,828.46</b>	<b>601,356.95</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>\$31,548.18</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$11,732.56)</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>\$45,913.97</b>	<b>\$1,422.77</b>



# Volunteer

## February 2023

### Assisting Ministers

Feb. 5.....	Olivia Banta
Feb. 12.....	Patti Strukel
Feb. 19.....	Kathy McEnelly
Feb. 26.....	Cindi Lehmann

### Scripture Readers

Feb. 5.....	Ken Hansen
Feb. 12.....	Ken Korth
Feb. 19.....	John Tibodeau
Feb. 26.....	Tasha Banta

### Song Leaders

Feb. 5.....	Scott Bertelsen, Cindi Lehmann
Feb. 12.....	Mark & Joy Newman
Feb. 19.....	Jaci Thorson & Renae Hopp
Feb. 26.....	Kathy Jerome, Zech Anderson

### Altar Care

Feb. 5.....	Jeanette Neuman
Feb. 12.....	Joan Beebe
Feb. 19.....	Julie Damm
Feb. 26.....	Kathy Leuwerke

### Sound/Video Techs

#### Wednesday

Feb. 1.....	Brody Hopp/Steve Olmstead
Feb. 8.....	Brody Hopp/Zech Anderson
Feb. 15.....	Brody Hopp/Zech Anderson
Feb. 22.....	Nic Determann/Karl Wooldridge

#### Sunday

Feb. 5.....	Karl Wooldridge/Ken Ferjak
Feb. 12.....	Karl Wooldridge/Ken Ferjak
Feb. 19.....	Geno Lopes/Ken Ferjak
Feb. 26.....	Karl Wooldridge/Ken Ferjak

### Communion Servers

Feb. 5.....	Kathy Jerome, Melanie Westerberg, Katherine Squier
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### Sunday Ushers

Jim Lund, Gary McCarthy, Tina Berg

### Offering Counters

Ellen Olson, Jan Buffington, Linda Holland, Mavis Hess, Darlene Carson

### Laundry

Mary Paulsen

### Coffee Fellowship

Do Day Group

## I Can Hear Your Heartbeat



Thump thump, thump thump. Do you hear it? Just reading those four words you may start to think about your heart beating. Maybe you remember

finding your heartbeat on your neck on your wrist and feeling how powerful it is, how fast it is beating. It can be scary or exhilarating feeling your heart, knowing you are alive and you actually have one.

There are a lot of phrases about your heart that you can think of. You're heartless, have a heart, I can hear your heartbeat, heart breaker. I'm sure you came up with a couple of your own ideas around the heart. And I'm guessing you're asking, Pastor Zech why are you talking about hearts so much? Thanks for asking, but have you been in stores since Christmas got over? There are hearts everywhere because it's Valentine's Day season. But I'm not going to talk about chocolate hearts and balloons, I want you to think about your own heart and your relationship with God. There's a camp song I remember hearing growing up that got my heart beating, and it talked about hearts, and it was based on this passage from Matthew,

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' (Matthew 22:37-39)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart. We love a lot of things, but is Christ at the center of our hearts? Is he the very heart of the matter, our faith? Yes. Yes, he is. And we love others too because he first loved us, even when it is hard to do. He loved us so much that he came into the world to take on all our sins, all the dark parts of our hearts, and fill our hearts with something greater through his forgiveness.

Thump thump, thump thump. Do you hear it? Do you feel it? Do you know it? One day our heart that keeps our bodies moving will stop beating, but our heart that loves God beyond all understanding will keep on beating, and it beats in the rhythm of Christ. So as we enter another Lenten season, feel your pulse, and feel it beating in rhythm with Christ. A beat that is worth living for.

I pray you have a blessed Lent, and I look forward to joining with you praising God as always interlinked in Christ. See you in worship in one way or another!

Pastor Zech Anderson

## February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:30pm- Whirl Wed./ MS Youth/Adult Learning 6pm- Worship, communion, kids sing 6:45pm- Choir 7:30pm- HS Youth Group	<b>2</b> 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>NAME TAG SUNDAY</b> 9:15am- Worship, Communion 10:15am- ANNUAL MTG 10:30am- Promiseland	<b>6</b> 2:30pm- Forest Plaza Communion Service w/pastor	<b>7</b> 3:30pm - Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom 4:30pm- Ed board, kitchenette 5:30pm- Bell Choir	<b>8</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 4:45pm- M&O Board 5:30pm- Whirl Wed./ MS Youth/Adult learning 6pm- Worship 6:45pm- Choir 7:30pm - HS Youth group	<b>9</b> 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:15am- Worship, Communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH 10:30am- Promiseland	<b>13</b> 5pm- Trustees, Shalom 6:30pm- Council, Shalom	<b>14</b>  3:30pm - Intercessor Prayer Group 5:30pm- Bell Choir	<b>15</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:30pm- Whirl Wed./ MS Youth/Adult learning 6pm- Worship 6:45pm- Choir 7:30pm - HS Youth	<b>16</b> 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 10am - Martha Circle, Shalom 1:30pm- Rachel/Sarah, Lounge	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:15am- Worship, communion, kids sing 10:15am- Coffee, FH 10:30am- Promiseland	<b>20</b> 2-4pm- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom <b>MARCH MESSENGER DEADLINE</b>	<b>21</b> 3:30pm - Intercessor Prayer Group 5:30pm- Bell Choir 6-8pm- Cub Scouts Pack mtg, FH	<b>22</b> 10:30am- Good Sam Ash Wed/Communion service 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:30pm- Whirl Wed./ MS Youth/Adult learning 6pm- ASH WED WORSHIP 6:45pm- Choir 7:30pm - HS Youth	<b>23</b> 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:15am- Worship, 10:15am- Coffee, FH 10:30am- Promiseland/ Lenten Bible Study 1-3pm- Open House 90 <sup>th</sup> for Anita Oleson, Lounge	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1pm- LWR Quilting Do Day, FH 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group 5:30pm- Bell Choir				



Join us each Wednesday for our free community meal served 4-6pm in the fellowship hall. Takeouts available too. Always room for more if you want to invite a friend or deliver to a neighbor. Interested in helping in the kitchen with serving? Talk to me.  
 Happy Valentine's Day!  
 Dawn Craig, Hospitality Specialist

## February Menu:

- Feb. 1 Tuna hotdish, cole slaw, green beans, brownies
- Feb. 8 Scalloped potatoes & ham, carrots, lemon cake dessert
- Feb. 15 Soups-chili & vegetable beef, bread, cherry crisp
- Feb. 22 Meatloaf hotdish (mashed potatoes on top), corn, lettuce salad, krispy bars with m&ms

## Worship on the Radio

Sunday morning worship over KIOW 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:

Mar. 19, 26      Apr. 16  
 May 7, 14, 28      June 11, 18

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

## Blessings & Prayers

### Prayers

- Family and friends in the loss of Bob Johnson of Forest City
- Dean Anderson and family in the loss of brother, Norrie Anderson of Thompson
- Family and friends in the loss of Burnett Murra of Cedar Rapids, formerly of Forest City
- Family and friends in the loss of Eleanor Lovik of Forest City
- Family and friends in the loss of Lois Holst of Forest City



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Building community in the  
Name and likeness of  
Jesus Christ.

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays – 9:15am  
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In Person & Livestream

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