

THE MESSENGER

The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa November 2020

Immanuel Lutheran Church's 25th Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Meal CARRY OUT ONLY

Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020

Pick up meals between 10:30AM - noon
free will donation ~ proceeds to missions

Call the church office at 585-3152 or
online sign up thru immanuelfamily.com
for carry outs, or homebound deliveries
by Thursday, Nov. 19

CONNECTIONS

- In this time of "dis-connection" as we try to avoid the COVID-19 virus, Immanuel is excited to announce two new mission initiatives right here in Winnebago County to help us safely find connection with each other and God.
- The first initiative, "Connection Through Technology" will seek to reach out to Immanuel Members and all Winnebago County residents to assist people with training and internet access for telehealth appointments, learning/using Zoom/Facebook/YouTube(online worship), and accessing the Immanuel Family website as well as other online medical, social services, and other resources.
- The second initiative, "Connection Through Food" will seek to reach out to Immanuel Members and all Winnebago County residents to provide Wednesday Evening Meals to nourish and encourage individuals and families on a weekly basis.
- The Immanuel Church Council submitted a \$17,000.00 federal grant proposal to the Northwest Iowa Care Connections (NWIACC) Region and was awarded \$5,650 for computer equipment, training, and transportation for the "Connection Through Technology" initiative. To date, approved funds for the "Connection Through Food" initiative total \$8,750 which will provide for carryout/delivery



SignUpGenius

Sunday & Wednesday Worship and Communion Opportunities

Indoor Worship at Immanuel continues on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Worship sign-ups are going well and worshippers are feeling that the precautions being taken to provide for 6-foot distancing is helping to keep worshippers safe.

You can sign-up by clicking on the Worship button on the immanuelfamily.com website or if not on-line, call the church office (585-3152) to get signed up.

Continue to sign-up each time you plan to attend worship. First, this makes sure we have a place reserved for you. Second, we have information that should we need to contact trace, we know who we need to reach out to.

Holy Communion is being scheduled three times per week in the Fireside Room - after Worship on Sunday/Wednesday and on Thursday nights at 5:30 p.m. Sign-up procedure is the same as for Worship.

Do we need to sign up every week? YES, we are publishing sign-ups one week in advance so that we can assess COVID risks and you can assess your personal health on a weekly basis.

We are grateful for everyone's willing to adhere to Immanuel's safety protocols to help us worship in-person as safely as possible. Thanks for your support in this process.

supplies, PPE, and supplement food costs for the Wednesday Evening Meal along with "sneeze guards" and a dedicated handwashing sink for the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. An additional amount is still being considered by the NWIACC Board for the county-wide expansion of the Thanksgiving Dinner.

The turn around time to utilize grant funding for equipment and start up costs is compressed as funds will be dispersed on October 27, 2020 and purchases must be made and records submitted to NWIACC by December 10, 2020.

Immanuel will seek to partner with other Lutheran Churches in Winnebago County to serve as satellite sites for meal distribution and internet access.

As we begin to develop plans to move forward efficiently with these initiatives, Immanuel's Council is asking you to prayerfully consider offering your time and talent. Please call the Immanuel office to volunteer to be a part of one of the two "Connection Teams".

We have all been affected by COVID-19. Things we took for granted like worship and meals have been upended. Immanuel wants to not only continue to meet the needs of our members, but of those around us to help maintain our physical, mental, and spiritual health through connection with each other, those in our community, and with God. Please pray for these mission initiatives as they spring up, knowing that with God all things are possible. We will be sharing more details as they become available and look forward to making "connections"!



Letter from Pastor Rod

Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise

Thank the Lord and sing God's praise. Tell everyone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear Christ's name. God recalls God's promises and leads God's people forth in joy, with shouts of thanksgiving, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Thanksgiving holiday is not an official Church holiday, however, as Children of God we recognize that all good gifts come from God above. We are called to celebrate God's goodness and to offer, with joyful and grateful hearts, thanks and praise to God for God's care and blessing.

The hymn Thank the Lord is quoted above. It serves as a sending in some of our liturgical settings calling and sending worshippers to go joyfully thanking God for all of God's blessings and to offer a testimony to all that God has done.

"Tell everyone what God has done," the singer bids. Thankfulness and praise is good, but it's even better when combined with a testimony telling what God has done, so others who may not recognize where these gifts come from may become aware and join the praise.

November is a time to take stock of the harvest that has come in from fields and gardens. It's a time to look back over the growing season and acknowledge the hardships faced and to celebrate the blessings that have come. It's a time to give thanks that God has seen us through the growing season to the harvest.

Some months ago I was talking with my older brother who farms near Estherville, Iowa and has for nearly forty years. As he reflected on those forty years he made this statement: "I commented to my wife last week that over our forty years of farming I really don't remember specific yields, but what I do know is that some of those years yields were really good and some years yields were very poor, but somehow it was always enough. God provided enough!" That was a good testimony to the Lord that lifted my spirit.

Whether we are in agriculture or not; whether we garden or not, November is a good time to look back and take stock of our lives. As we do we will have to, with my brother, acknowledge that some growing seasons have been filled with plenty and some have been very sparse. My question to you is, when do you/we learn to trust God most? I think with my brother, it was in the lean years. I think with myself it is in the lean, challenging seasons. I'm guessing the same is true for all who trust God.

2020 has been a tough growing season for our world. A devastating Derecho wind event in central Iowa, record destruction from wild fires in the West, a global pandemic, an economic shutdown, a death toll nearing a quarter of a million people in the US alone, and a national contentious election has made this a tough growing season for most. I wonder how in five or twenty years from now we will look back and acknowledge and testify that it was God who saw us through and realize how God used that difficult growing season to re-shape Christ's church and a new world? I don't know the answer to this question but I am confident that that is exactly what God will do because God is about the resurrected life.

Join with me in singing: Thank the Lord and sing God's praise. Tell everyone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear Christ's name. God recalls God's promises and leads God's people forth in joy, with shouts of thanksgiving, Alleluia, Alleluia!

God's Peace,
Pastor Rod

Worship on the Radio

Worship over the air and on the web over KIOW 107.3FM continues to be an important ministry to many members and non-members, locally and locations anywhere! Thank you to those of you who have helped this ministry by sponsoring a Sunday broadcast for \$100.

Upcoming dates available if you would like to give in memory of a loved one, or to honor a special occasion, or just because you, or someone you know is a faithful listener. Call the office (585-3152) to reserve a date:

Nov. 1, 8
Dec. 13

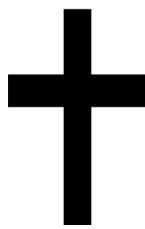
Feb. 7, 14
Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 6:30pm
Join us in giving thanks at our Thanksgiving Eve worship service. (Sign up via the link on immanuelfamily.com website.)

Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or more are gathered and join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.



Promiseland



Today marks 65 days until Christmas, 73 days until the New Year, and over 200 days since the children of Promiseland have been together to study and learn about Jesus in our church. I feel like these 200 days have gone by quickly, but at the same time, it feels like it has been forever since the halls at Immanuel on a Wednesday night or Sunday morning were filled with laughter and voices.

We have been patiently waiting for the day we can feel safe and comfortable enough to come back together, to live our normal lives. This time has not yet come, but I continue to pray that we are getting closer and that by the first day of 2021 we can gather enough volunteers to start meeting in person again.

There will not be a Christmas program this year. At least not in the typical way we have always done. There will be no singing together, no dressing up as the nativity and no crowding the front of the church in our best Christmas dresses and suits to proclaim the story of Jesus' birth. Christmas at church and maybe even at home will look a little different this year. But Christmas will still come! We will still celebrate the life of God's chosen son! Families of children whose birthdays have fallen during the Covid year have come up with all kinds of creative ways to celebrate their children's birthdays! We have seen drive-by celebrations and virtual celebrations. There have been mail-in parties and family game night parties. How ever we have celebrated, we have most likely done it in the comfort of our homes with the people we love the most. Our families and some very close friends. I will come back to the Christmas Program, but for now let's think about our homes. Our home is a safe place. A place where the people we lean on, trust and care about dwell. Our home is where our

relationship with Jesus can grow and change and blossom. Our home is an intimate place where we can always find Jesus and place where we can talk about our faith, ask our questions and not feel judged because the people there are family.

Let's think about the importance of a home in Bible Times. Homes are where children were born, where meals were shared, where Jesus went to minister to the people. Jesus healed people in their homes, He demonstrated His power, He used homes for teaching. Jesus performed miracles and built trust and relationships in the homes of both believers and non-believers. Why do you think Jesus chose the home for all of this? I believe it is because of the intimacy and comfortability in the home. Home is a place where we can be ourselves and feel open and unapologetic.

We as families, whether we are attending church or Sunday School in person or not, should be using our homes as a place to build our foundations on Christ. Talk to your kids about their faith. Encourage them to ask questions, to dig deeper into what they know and what they want to know. I think our Meal Time Family Time program is a great resource for starting these conversations. Sometimes we don't know where to start. This program will provide leading questions that will go beyond the yes and no answers. And it's fun! Guaranteed giggles and laughs around the table!

Now, back to Christmas. It will be different this year, but we want families to be involved in our Christmas services. We can use our homes to read the gospel, share musical talents and tell the Christmas story! If your family would like to be a part of our service, in person or virtually, get in touch with me at childrensed@immanuelfamily.com or call Jaci in the office. We can use our homes to bring us together in a different, and still meaningful way!

Peace, Tasha



Hi everyone,
Feels good to be back in the kitchen cooking and being able to see you again. Please sign up from thru the immanuelfamily.com website or call the church by Tuesday noon each week of how many meals you need and your pick-up time. Current hour of serving is 4:45-5:45. Drive thru the alley handicap entrance to pick up your meals.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone ~ be blessed and be healthy and safe. Dawn Craig

November menus:

- 4th Chicken fajitas, lettuce salad, fruit bars
- 11th Pork loin, carrots, tator tots, fruit
- 18th Taco salad, corn, peaches
- 25th no meal (Thanksgiving Day meal will be offered—see Thanksgiving sign up)

Card Shower for Anna Harringa

A Card Shower will be held for Anna Harringa in honor of her 90th birthday. Anna was born on November 9, 1930. Please feel free to share memories that you have shared over the years by sending greetings to the follow address:



Anna Harringa
235 W L Street
Forest City, IA 50436

A few VOLUNTEER opportunities to consider

- Usher duties on Sundays (be on an Usher Team that alternates every other month)
- Usher duties on Wednesdays
- Read scriptures lessons on Sundays (be on the yearly schedule to read a couple times a year, or as a sub)

Welcome your calls to the office (585-3152) saying 'YES' to any of these opportunities! Thanks, Jaci

Board notes



Parish Council

Linda Ferjak

Council met on October 12, 2020, via Zoom with ten members and one pastor present.

Meeting was called to order by President Daryl Krieger and September minutes were approved.

Pastor Zech reported on the Communion Services and the Worship Services that are taking place. Live Streaming is in place and is improving as each week goes by. He reported on the partnership with Bethany and the scheduling that is being worked on for Thanksgiving and Christmas services. He also reported on the Fall Programming for Confirmation and Promisedland.

The Trustees are continuing to work on clarifying the wording in the Constitution.

Financials reported that we are short of our projected income.

Take out Wednesday meals will resume starting October 13.

We will be submitting a Cares Act Grand application which will provide funds to help Immanuel further serve the needy in the community.

Christmas Services were discussed. With the COVID restrictions, we may have to add services to the Christmas Eve schedule.

Board Reports were shared, and meeting was adjourned.

Trustees' Notes

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met on October 12, 2020 by Zoom communication from home sign on and at the church. Sept income was \$28,170.83 and expenses were \$47,407.04 with a \$19,236.21 deficit. YTD Actual is (\$66,417.29) for September compared to 2019 YTD of (\$14,560.49). Daryl will give a temple talk on improving giving.

Endowment: Live streaming system came to \$5,307.75. Youth room flooring had \$1,000 knocked off. Pastor Zech will get a new server and computer to handle Live steaming and Pastor Rod will take Pastor Zech's for \$7,563.00.

Property Committee: No report as Mike Oleson was on vacation.

Personnel Committee: Policy no 1110B Corrective action for inappropriate behavior was approved. Disciplinary action form was revised and approved. Policy no. 1120 Grievance Procedures was changed and approved. Policy no. 1320 Accountable Reimbursement was changed and Approved.

New Business: Portico Insurance plan was increased 1% (\$1,400). There are 8 different plans, and we are staying with the same plan. Looking at increasing giving to the friends of the VanAuken music fund. A letter will be sent to those who have donated in the past.

Old Business: Bethany Lutheran Staff sharing and vitality group update: A kick off meeting was held last week. They are meeting every other week and Josh Banta has taken the lead in the meetings.

Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY September 2020

| | September Actual 2020 | Monthly Budget | Year-to-date Actual | Annual Budget | Percent of YTD Budget 75.00% | September Actual 2019 | YTD Actual 2019 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Income | | | | | | | |
| Regular Offerings & Envelopes | 24,887.89 | 43,044.50 | 301,967.06 | 516,534.00 | 58.46% | 41,990.79 | 347,051.90 |
| Other Income | 3,282.94 | 7,469.17 | 41,363.19 | 89,630.00 | 46.15% | 1,395.65 | 39,624.56 |
| Total Income | 28,170.83 | 50,513.67 | 343,330.25 | 606,164.00 | 56.64% | 43,386.44 | 386,676.46 |
| Expense | | | | | | | |
| Staff Support | 33,415.35 | 32,814.83 | 276,775.76 | 393,778.00 | 70.29% | 21,625.43 | 255,893.59 |
| Administration | 8,009.49 | 10,498.00 | 80,084.13 | 125,976.00 | 63.57% | 7,487.31 | 85,916.90 |
| Ministry Areas | 5,982.20 | 7,200.84 | 52,887.65 | 86,410.00 | 61.21% | 2,246.99 | 59,426.46 |
| Loan re-payment/contingency | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Expenses | 47,407.04 | 50,513.67 | 409,747.54 | 606,164.00 | 67.60% | 31,359.73 | 401,236.95 |
| Income Less Expense | (\$19,236.21) | | | | | \$12,026.71 | (\$14,560.49) |



My thoughts are on Pumkin Pie

Maybe it's the leaves falling, or the piles made that we jump into. Maybe it's that first snowflake that has fallen, or the wonderful feeling of a brisk cold morning.

That could be the Minnesotan in me, but besides that, I have a hunger for Pumpkin Pie. Now I know not everyone loves Pumpkin pie so if that's you don't, stop reading, and in your mind, edit out the word Pumpkin and insert your favorite pie flavor. And if you don't like pie, well I guess pick a different desert. Ok. Are you ready? Because as I write this my mouth is watering just thinking about that delicious pie with home made whipped cream. In fact, maybe I'm going to go home after I send this to Jaci and make one. Ok I'm getting off topic let's get this train back on track.

What goes into making a Pumpkin Pie? Well some very different ingredients, and please forgive me for making it out of a can. You need Evaporated Milk, sugar, salt, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, eggs, a pie crust, and of course the Pumpkin. Many ingredients that alone taste very different. But when they are mixed together you get a mouth-watering desert that even the smell makes you smile. I could really use some of that pie, good thing it's Fall now.

But when you stop and think about it, worship is a lot like this pie. There are so many ingredients. Ushers, Servers, Sound and Video Techs, Assisting Ministers, Pastors, Musicians, music, relationships, and the Word of God. So many things and people working together to give God our praise and thanksgiving. See, I got Thanksgiving in there for November. And this past year has seen many changes to this pie, more singing in our hearts rather than with our voices, relationships change with out coffee hour, maybe even our favorite pew has changed, Communion is different and yet the same, we may be at home sometimes instead of the pews, the list goes on an on. And these changes are hard for us all. It's like mom's Pumpkin Pie vs the one you make the first time. They are both Pumpkin Pie, yet they are different.

And the same is true for the worship in our lives today. We still are sharing our Praise and Thanksgiving to God! It may have taken a different form from what it was in February, but the praise and thanksgiving remain. Praise and thanksgiving for a God who remains unchanged, always reliable, always loving, always faithful, always forgiving, always...always...! And you can enter in your own always to this list. And that is something to be truly thankful for this year, today, and every day. I am truly thankful for all of you, and the many ways you give praise and thanksgiving to God here at Immanuel. I am truly thankful for all the support you have given during this crazy year. And truly thankful for how God is and will continue to use you in God's family. And I am truly, truly thankful for Jesus today and always.

That is some delicious pie. Now if you will excuse me, I think I need to get to my pie.

Blessed Thanksgiving and I'll see you in Worship for more praise and thanksgiving! In one form or another!

Pastor Zech

Over Halfway There! 4th Quarter Mission Emphasis



The Mission and Outreach Board's 4th Quarter Mission Emphasis is Immanuel's Missionary, Karen Anderson, in Chile. We have a \$5000 goal to support Karen and are almost halfway there having raised \$2998.60 year to date. We need your help to fulfill our mission obligation!

Karen was an ELCA Missionary in Chile from 1982 to 2000 and returned to the country in 2009. She founded and directs EPES - Education Popular En Salud, or Popular Education for Health. EPES works to build a sustainable health care organization dedicated to promoting the health, dignity, and rights of the poor in Chile.

The COVID-19 crisis has revealed the profound inequalities that exist in Chile, especially within the capital of Santiago, a city of 5.6 million people. The pandemic has worsened the already harsh living and working conditions for many, especially the thousands of families and communities that live on day wages.

Karen recently returned to Chile after having spent the last few months in Minnesota after all ELCA missionaries were sent back to their home countries during the height of the COVID outbreak. In one of her recent emails to us she said the following: "I am thankful for the community that propels me forward both in Chile and in the U.S. Thank you to all of the congregations that support our work and reach out to offer love, prayers and support. It was so good to have Zoom calls with many of you and I hope we can continue this tradition now that I am back in Chile."

Giving to Missionary Karen's ministry is to acknowledge that God's love and compassion is extending outside of the walls of Immanuel. While our ability to gather has been restricted, we are still blessed to be part of the Immanuel family. May the gratitude and hope, inspired by Karen as she educates and ministers among our Chilean brothers and sisters in Christ, inspire you to give generously!



High School Lock In

The Immanuel Youth Group will be hosting a lock-in on November 21, 2020 open to any high schoolers! We will be following the most current covid-19 guidelines and precautions.

More information will be available soon, along with permission forms. We look forward to a fun night as a community in lieu of an off-site retreat. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact me!

Ann

Volunteer

November 2020

Assisting Ministers

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| Nov. 1..... | Cynthia Ryder |
| Nov. 8..... | Dave Melby |
| Nov. 15..... | |
| Nov. 22..... | |
| Nov. 29..... | Olivia Banta |

Scripture Readers

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|--------------|----------------|
| Nov. 1..... | |
| Nov. 8..... | Brad Jones |
| Nov. 15..... | Carolynn Korth |
| Nov. 22..... | Cindi Lehmann |
| Nov. 29..... | Joan Beebe |

Altar Care

| | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Nov. 1..... | Jeanette Neuman |
| Nov. 8..... | Marla Betz |
| Nov. 15..... | Mary Lund |
| Nov. 22..... | Jean Yeager |
| Nov. 29..... | Kathy Leuwerke |

Offering Counters

Joyce Goranson, Mary Schaefer, Dorothy Olson,
Ellen Olson, Marj Anderson

25th Annual Community THANKSGIVING 'MEALS TO GO'—November 26, 2020

The tradition continues at Immanuel, just a little differently this year! **THANK YOU** for helping with Thanksgiving CARRY OUT ONLY on Thursday, Nov. 26, from 10:30-noon.

We could use your help by donating food and/or money to provide carry-out/or delivered meals (to homebound) on Thanksgiving Day. For planning and preparing this meal, signups for meals will be by phone calls to the office or sign up through the immanuelfamily.com website.

For donating, please fill out this form and put it in the offering basket or bring/mail it to the church office or give the office a call. Contact Deb Guarin (585-2507) or Jaci Thorson (585-3152-church office) for any questions.

| DONATE | FOOD | NEED |
|--------|--------------|-------------------|
| _____ | Turkey | 16 (14-16 lb.) |
| _____ | Turkey bags | 14 boxes |
| _____ | Potatoes | 80 lbs. |
| _____ | Butter | 8 – 1 lb. boxes |
| _____ | #10 can Corn | 8 (gal-size) cans |
| _____ | Milk | 2 gallons (2%) |

Cash Donation: _____ (Checks payable to "Immanuel Thanksgiving Dinner".)

Please bring turkeys & put in frig by 5:00 p.m., Friday, Nov. 20.
Bring canned goods, potatoes, and other items by Sunday, Nov. 22.

Please label items with your name and "Thanksgiving Dinner".

Name & telephone: _____

VOLUNTEERS

10:30-noon _____ help deliver meals

Name & telephone: _____



National Donor Sabbath Nov. 13-15

Organ, eye, and tissue donation is a gift! During this season of thankfulness, join the Iowa Donor Network in giving thanks for life. This is a time for all faiths to come together to learn about donation and join in conversation on the gift of life.

You can register to save lives at IowaDonorNetwork.org or say "yes" the next time you get a state-issued I.D. or hunting/fishing/fur-trapping license.

A few statistics by the numbers:

- 550 Approximately 110,000 people in the U.S. are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. Over 550 of those people live in Iowa.
 - 8 One organ donor can save the lives of eight different people.
 - 75 One tissue donor can save or enhance the lives of an average of 75 people.
- Learn more about organ, eye, and tissue donation and register to save lives as IowaDonorNetwork.org.

NOVEMBER 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| 1 All Saints' Day 9:15am- Worship (Sign up each week)/ Livestream 10:15 – Communion 10:15 – Promiseland | 2 | 3 7am-8pm- Election Polling Location, FH 2pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (Zoom) | 4 4:45-5:45pm- Meal to go (sign up) 5:30pm- 6-7 Confirmation 630pm - worship 7:15pm- Communion 730pm- 8-9 Confirmation/HS Youth | 5 530pm- Communion | 6 | 7 2pm- Forrie Buffington memorial live stream 1-1:45pm - Gathering of friends FH |
| 8 9:15am- Worship 10:15 – Communion 10:15 – Promiseland | 9 5pm- Trustees 6:30pm- Council | 10 2pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (Zoom) 4:30pm- Education board | 11 4:45pm- M&O Board 4:45-5:45pm- Meal to go 5:30pm- 6-7 Confirmation 630pm - worship 7:15pm- Communion 730pm- 8-9 Confirmation/HS Youth | 12 530pm- Communion 630pm- Good Grief Group, Fireside Room | 13 | 14 |
| 15 9:15am- Worship 10:15 – Communion 10:15 – Promiseland | 16 2-4pm- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom | 17 2pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (Zoom) | 18 4:45-5:45pm- Meal to go 5:30pm- 6-7 Confirmation 630pm - worship 7:15pm- Communion 730pm- 8-9 Confirmation/HS Youth | 19 10am- Martha Circle, Shalom 530pm- Communion | 20 DECEMBER MESSENGER DEADLINE | 21 HS Youth Lock-in |
| 22 9:15am- Worship 10:15 – Communion 10:15 – Promiseland | 23 | 24 | 25 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship | 26 10:30-12 Thanksgiving Day Meals to Go (sign up for pick up or delivery) | 27 Church Closed | 28 |
| 29 9:15am- Worship ~Advent begins 10:15 – Communion | 30 | | | | | |

Blessings & Prayers

Prayers

Larry & Sharen Rieffer and family in the loss of brother, Scott Rieffer of Mankato, MN

Family and friends in the loss of John Lee of Forest City

Bonna Peterson and family in the loss of sister-in-law, Janice Knudtson of Forest City

Jan Buffington, Andy & Keila Buffington, Mady & Isabel, John & Karen Monson, family and friends in the loss of husband/father/grandfather/brother-in-law, Forrest Buffington of Forest City

Jacqueline Fredrickson, Jamie Fredrickson, Kelsey Sheldahl, family and friends in the loss of husband/father/grandfather, Larry Fredrickson of Forest City



Inclement Weather Policy

With winter weather in North Iowa, a plan needs to be in place to keep everyone safe when bad winter weather hits.

Because of the importance we place on gathering for worship and education, we will make every effort to conduct Sunday and Wednesday activities.

But, just in case, please review our policy:

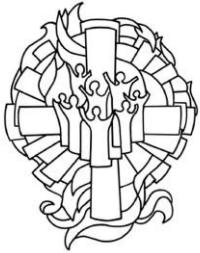
In the event of severe weather and we need to cancel worship, programs, and activities, we will strive to make this decision by 7:00 a.m. for Sunday morning and by 2:00 p.m. for Wednesday evening. Although circumstances may not always allow for this.

As a rule of thumb, weekday and evening programming activities will be cancelled if area public schools close or release early. Worship will be held unless otherwise noted. If in question, go to the communication areas listed below or call the church office (585-3152).

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

Cancellations will be communicated via KIOW 107.3FM radio (and on their webpage, klow.com), KIMT television Channel 3 (and on their webpage, kimt.com), and on the Immanuel Lutheran Church facebook page.

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



246 South Clark Street, Forest City, IA 50436
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST



MISSION STATEMENT

Building community in the Name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays – 9:15am
6:30 Wednesday
Livestream online

OFFICE HOURS

M-F 8am – 5pm

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