

The Country Christian

What happened in history on 1924?

Centenarian, Mabel Pieper!



- * The first crossword puzzle is published.
- * The first Winter Olympic Games opened in France.
- * The first electric automatic traffic signal is used.



Best of all, Leonhard and Edna (Kronitz) Christian introduced Mabel L. Christian on February 9th, 1924! She was baptized at Immanuel twelve days later, and confirmed here in 1937 (pictured below). Mabel later married Wilbert A. Pieper on August 18, 1946, and together they enjoyed 71 years of marriage!

Happy 100th Birthday, Mabel!



Back row: Norman Braunschweig, Carl Ulrich, Doris Grosenick Braunschweig, Irene Rose Hintzman, Oscar Schramm, Nordin Jaeckel
Front row: Florence Schoenike Holton, Mabel Christian Pieper, Pastor F. Bloede, Hilda Ruehlow Schultz, Margaret Fehrmann Guenterberg.

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Postern of the Pastor

Distance, Time, and Leap Year

Distance varies. You know. For a young person, hopefully, he or she can get out of bed and do a nice long walk, a hike, or for you farmers out there, hop the postern and head out to the far field without breaking a sweat. They might not listen, but they're not afraid to charge ahead. Middle-aged folks, well, we're mostly wise enough to know we're not young folks (although that doesn't stop us from getting lost in the middle distance with a pile of anxious detours). That riding lawn mower is beginning to look more comfy – or better yet – the kids can mow, bale hay, and that extra shift can wait.

For some folks of a certain age and generation, the distance from one's chair to the front door might be a great distance. Breath by breath, things seem further away. The remote control. The grocery store. A letter from a loved one - a loved one who lives not only in another state but a state of mind.

Regardless of our age, we pray our distance with God should never be far. You science folks out there know that distance and time often go together. Time with God can certainly mend the distance. This isn't just about prayer or reading the Bible – all good things. This also about following the call of God. Fast or slow, all Christians are on a trip. While we should be close with Him, that also means He will send us out – sometimes to stranger places than the grocery store. And as we all know, the world is full of temptations.

Nothing new here. The first Sunday of Lent always starts us with the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. We'll hear from Mark this year. His Temptation account is very short, so it is immediately followed by Jesus beginning His ministry. Like John the Baptist before Him, Jesus says those important words that cover the distance: repent and believe. (Luther would say that's Law & Gospel right there). And listen for the call. Wherever we are with matters of time or location, may we still live out this call – and know that we are NOT alone.

For this year, the 40 Days will take a special theme of going on a trek or expedition – what you need, what you pack, where you go – all pointing us to the destination of the cross and beyond. I pray Immanuel keeps its eyes on the prize that God has won for us – and the Kingdom that has begun. In the meantime, may we “repent and believe” and heed the call, grow in faith while shortening the distance in our Godly relationship. Oh – and one extra challenge for us all: it's Leap Year. We have an extra day, so to say on February 29. Even on a regular day – do we find time to give thanks for the distance covered by the love of Jesus Who died for us? It's not about you – but it's for you.

Remember an extra pair of preferably clean socks, a light snack, grab the Good Book, know the Holy Spirit protects and guides us – so pack up – here we go!

NALC 20/20 Vision

After two years of planning, the North American Lutheran Church kicked off the 2020 Mission Vision in 2023. This is a strategic vision to help ensure the future and mission of the NALC. The NALC is a young Church and is growing, which creates both challenges and opportunities. Part of this vision is to raise 5 million dollars for the support of this mission. The 2020 Vision is to focus on four areas to Grow, Serve, Renew and Fulfill. Current commitments exceed 2.1 million dollars. These commitments have come from both congregations and individuals. That's a great start. Some of the on-going mission support of the NALC is through congregational renewal projects and raising up pastors. As of this writing, there are currently 66 congregations actively in the call process and only 61 rostered NALC pastors actively seeking a call. We are also a growing Church and need support in starting new Churches and missions.

Your stewardship and finance committee would like to extend this invitation of the 2020 Mission Vision to Immanuel and provide a way for us to support the larger church. You can find out more information along with videos on the NALC 2020

Vision and the missions. The link to the site is <https://vision.thenalc.org>. You can also contribute directly to the campaign through this link.

Immanuel will be designating the Sundays of February 11, 18 and 25 to make the congregation aware of the NALC 2020 Vision campaign as well as make it convenient to make an individual financial gift to the campaign. We will be providing envelopes on those Sundays to designate a financial gift to the campaign. You can make the check out to Immanuel Lutheran church and designate it as NALC Vision campaign. We will then send one check on behalf of Immanuel to the campaign after the last Sunday in February.

Please consider making a financial gift to support our larger NALC Church as it grows and carries out God's work. As always, thank you for your continued financial support of Immanuel and all of its missions, school and special projects.

Russ Tietz

Stewardship & Finance Chair

The Rev'd Daniel Repp

Pastor

In Loving Memory



IN MEMORY OF DOLORES BARTEE

General Memorial Fund

Samuel & Colleen Galaviz

Pipes & Panes

Mike & Becky Uecker

Don & Lisa Kuehl

Robert & Arlene Hackbarth

Charlie & Melissa Hurtgen

Teri Tomaszewicz

Mark & Judy Zastrow

Dolan Family

Jeanne & Butch Probst

Kathy & Jim Lamp

Boehlen Family

Fred & Julie Guenterberg

Jeff & Sandy Budewitz

Diane Hicks

Darlene Turke

Rich & Kathy Wagner

Joyce & Wayne Fredrick

Ward & Karen Genz, Abbey

Connie & Orland Fredrick

Carolyn & Charlie Baranowski

Susie & Stan Schramm

Kristin Reyna

John & Carol Christian

Butch & Jean Klug

Roberta & Tim Neitzel

Troy & Allison Batterman

Lynn Zindl

Carole Christian

Jeanne Zuleger

Peggy & Bob Braasch

Howie & Joyce Gutzdorf

Sam, Drew, Zoey Haas

Connie Turke

Shirley & Rich Baumann

Cheryl Creydt

Debbie & Delmar Schramm

Jeff & Connie Held

Bob & Barb Eske

Neal & Julie Christian

Mark & Renee Ebert

Mary Affeld

Jim & Doris Gindt

Glen & Bonnie Lauersdorf

Paul & Mary Jaeger

Mike Williams, Ben, Megan

Lois & Charles Bartz

Jeannette Christian

Kirt & Connie Kenmitz

Donna & Jerry Gerndt

Delores Behl-Strassburg

Karen & Leroy Tietz

Cox Family

Evelyn Ruehlow

Ralph Krueger

Bruce & Debbie Pfeifer

Marcella Pfeifer

Judy & Bob Kluetzman

Jeff & Bonnie Peot

Dennis & Nathalia Christian

Wally Nass

Gail & Doug Hoffman

Patricia Frank

Gloria & Mike McDonald

Sherry & Bob Beaver

Jeff Kuehl

Karen & Ellward Kuehl

Lyle Christian

Russell Tietz

Bob Sell

Tim & Cyndi Grudzinski

Organ Fund

Rodger & Suzanne Dettmann

Irene Schuett

Joanne Braunschweig

Gail Kuehl

Janet & John Fiess

Jan Gerbig

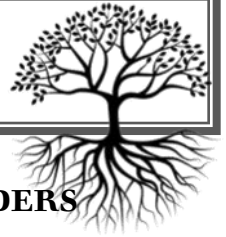
Window Fund

Anna Christian

Doris Korth

Linda Hensler

In Loving Memory



Kevin & Cindy Raether
Bonnie Jaeger
Patty Schwefel
Jane & Gary Prod
LLS/Immanuel Church Fund
Jeff & Kathy Lehman
Annie Neitzel
Bill & Sue Tietz
Dana & Jon, Raelynn, Brynlee Tietz
Lebanon Lutheran School
Wes & Judy Kehl
JoAnn Neumann
Carmen & Jerry Groehler
Dick & Linda Baehler
Special Project Fund
Joe & Sue Rhodes
Gary & Judy Schwefel
Karen Pugh
Chris & Gary Clark
Debt Fund
Shari Uecker

IN MEMORY OF JERRY HENSLER

Pipes & Panes
Mike & Becky Uecker
Wally Nass

Organ

Ryan Prod & Derek Prod

IN MEMORY OF ROSIE BANECK

Pipes & Panes
Ellward & Karen Kuehl

IN MEMORY OF JANE KRUEGER

Pipes & Panes
Ralph Krueger

IN MEMORY OF MIKE COUGHLIN

Windows
Kevin & Cindy Raether

IN MEMORY OF MIKE SANDERS

Windows
Kevin & Cindy Raether

IN MEMORY OF EUNICE MUELLER

Windows
Kevin & Cindy Raether

IN MEMORY OF ELVIN WILL JR.

General Operating Fund
Dan & Sue Egnarski
Bruce & Debbie Pfeifer

IN MEMORY OF REV. DR. WOLF

KNAPPE
Pipes & Panes
Jeff & Bonnie Peot
Bob & Judy Kluetzman
Lebanon Lutheran School
Wes & Judy Kehl

IN MEMORY OF MILDRED (MILLIE)

KOPFER
Lebanon Lutheran School
Wes & Judy Kehl
Pipes & Panes
Bob & Judy Kluetzman

IN MEMORY OF RAE ANN DANNER

Pipes & Panes
Patty Schwefel
Becky Uecker

IN MEMORY OF MARION DZOMBA

Pipes & Panes
Ellward & Karen Kuehl

IN MEMORY OF HERSCHEL WICKERT

Lebanon Lutheran School
Wes & Judy Kehl

TOTAL OF MEMORIALS & IN HONOR OF
12/26/23 - 1/21/24\$4185.00

Ask the Pastor

Q So I get the 40 Days of Lent are based on Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. Great. So how do those days get counted – because there's more than forty days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Eve.

A Churches vary on this one. Some count Sundays, some don't. Sometimes Holy Week is treated differently (it's an East/West

calendar thing along with other things). If you're doing a Lenten devotion – as Immanuel will provide some – you don't stop on Sundays do we? Pastor reminds us not to fuss too much about the count – and not sound like kids in the back seat screaming “are we there yet!?” Enjoy the ride. Besides, sometimes a good detour reminds us of why we're on the trip in the first place.



The Grief Ministry resumes on Sunday, February 25. Need a little time to either listen or share about grief? Consider joining us. We meet at 8 a.m. in the Conference Room, prior to the start of Holy Communion.

Pastor's Challenge

The first part of Exodus is exciting and cinematic. More than a few movies have used Exodus for inspiration. Moses is center stage, although Aaron, Miriam, and few others have important roles, including the heart-hardened Pharaoh. While Moses is important, God's role is even more important. Likewise, so is God's relationship with His people. As you read Exodus, carefully follow the ups and downs of this relationship. The Israelites seem stubborn – at times! You will quickly realize that with human nature, even in the Bible, the more things change – the more things stay the same.

The second half of Exodus tips into the challenging Book of Leviticus. While some struggle with the third Book of the Bible, others are fascinated by its various laws and customs. The 10 Commandments we find in Exodus (and Deuteronomy as well) are better expressed as the 10 “words” (that's literally what Decalogue means). There are actually 613 commandments in the first five books of the Bible – many of them found in our February readings. While Jesus fulfilled the Law, negating many ceremonial laws we find, the moral law remains in effect for us, as it shows us our sin – and our need for a Savior. All of which is perfect timing for Lent.

Day	Reading	Day	Reading
<i>February 1</i>	Exodus 7	<i>February 17</i>	Exodus 33
<i>February 2</i>	Exodus 8-9	<i>February 18</i>	Exodus 34
<i>February 3</i>	Exodus 10	<i>February 19</i>	Exodus 35-36
<i>February 4</i>	Exodus 11-12	<i>February 20</i>	Exodus 37-38
<i>February 5</i>	Exodus 13	<i>February 21</i>	Exodus 39-40
<i>February 6</i>	Exodus 14	<i>February 22</i>	Leviticus 1
<i>February 7</i>	Exodus 15	<i>February 23</i>	Leviticus 2-3
<i>February 8</i>	Exodus 16-17	<i>February 24</i>	Leviticus 4-6
<i>February 9</i>	Exodus 18	<i>February 25</i>	Leviticus 7-9
<i>February 10</i>	Exodus 19-20	<i>February 26</i>	Leviticus 10-11
<i>February 11</i>	Exodus 21-22	<i>February 27</i>	Leviticus 12-15
<i>February 12</i>	Exodus 23-24	<i>February 28</i>	Leviticus 16-17
<i>February 13</i>	Exodus 25-27	<i>February 29</i>	Leviticus 18-19
<i>February 14</i>	Exodus 28-29		
<i>February 15</i>	Exodus 30-31		
<i>February 16</i>	Exodus 32		

Prayer Requests

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

The family of the Rev. Dr. Wolf Knappe, Al Hildebrandt, Marlene Butler, Lyle Braunschweig, Terry Grudzinski, Evelyn Ruehlow, Jim Peirick, Gail Hoffman, Wes Kehl, Kaye Lillge, Delores Strassburg, Rodger Dettmann, Ron Kuehl, Cory Ewert, Kay Thomas, Marge Baumann, David Ropicky, Jon Schoenike, Connie Kemnitz, Abbey Genz, Mark Haubenschild, Wally Nass, LeRoy & Karen Tietz, Don Pugh, Andrew Dietrich, Nicki Clark, Joanne Todd, Austin & Amanda Field, Kathy Lehman.

Our Homebound Family

Bill & Ardelle Bergin, Delores Strassburg, Myrtle Grosenick, Dorene Grosenick, Marjorie Baumann, Janet Eigenberger, Allen Grosenick, Stan Kuehl, Mabel Pieper, Pamela Pieper, Steffanie Ropicky, Heidi Strauss, LeRoy Tietz, Robert Wittnebel, and Don Pugh.

Updated: 1/10/24



ATTENDANCE

Pastor Repp, Tom Kulke, Shandra Zastrow, Sue Rhodes, Bruce Pfeifer, Wes Kehl, Sue Tietz, Christina Plasil, Mike Uecker, Pam Bartee, Linda Hensler, Debbie Schramm, Lori Schwenkner

Pastor Repp opened with prayer and lead a discussion on - *The Theological virtues – 1 Corinthians 13:11-13*

Tom Kulke requested any additions or corrections to the November 15, 2023 Council minutes. Following discussion, a Motion was made by Sue Rhodes to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Debbie Schramm. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Shandra Zastrow presented the November and December 2023 Financials. November had four Sundays and two Thanksgiving services. Total income for November was \$44,306.00 minus expenses of \$57,979.58 plus designated purpose funds in for purchases of \$25,041.73 less designated purpose funds of \$2,786.00 for a positive difference of \$8,582.15. Checkbook balance is \$4,098.44.

Following questions, a Motion to accept the November financial report was made by Wes Kehl seconded by Debbie Schramm. Motion carried.

December had five Sundays and two Christmas Eve services and three Wednesday Advent services. Total income for December was \$62,141.04 minus expenses of \$34,416.00 less designated purpose funds of \$10,454.00 for a positive difference of \$17,271.04. Checkbook balance is \$24,093.35.

Following questions, a Motion to accept the Nov. financial report was made by Debbie Schramm seconded by Christina Plasil. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT Sacraments & Service

- February 11-Transfiguration Sunday - Organ rededication and prospective new members
- Lent Services – *The 40 Day Trek*

*February 13-Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday Celebration & the Burning of the Palms-*Letting Go Before You Go: What to Leave Behind*

*February 14-Ash Wednesday, 3:30pm and 6:00pm services-*Less is More-Simplify: What to Pack for a Trek*

*February 18th, 25th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th Sundays in Lent with Holy Communion at 9:00am-*On the Road: Traveler's Tales through Word and Sacrament*

*Wednesdays in Lent 6:00pm: the Litany & Night Prayer-*Fuel to Travel: the Means of Grace*

*February 21: The Blessing of Baptism

*February 28: The Power of Baptism

*March 6: Confession-What It Isn't

*March 13: Confession-What It Is

*March 20: Communion-Benefits (this will anticipate Maundy Thursday)

*Tuesdays in Lent at 10:00am the Pastor's Bible Study will focus on "Who is Jesus"-the destination Who doesn't like to sit still until **He's on the cross for us** (*study guides are available if you are not able to join*)

The Bender Baptism will be delayed until after Easter

Pastoral and Catechetical

*Pastor will continue with a Lenten Tuesday 10:00am bible study

*Pastoral Care ministry continues, addition of Lisa Kuehl

*Grief Ministry resumes February 25th

*Sunday School curriculum review-(take home)

*Youth & Family:

*Puzzle Exchange

*Bowling (possible date of February 25th)

Administrative and Additional

February publishing of the 2024 Directory

Anniversaries

Eldest member-Mable Pieper turns 100 years old on February 9th

ILCOL-100th Anniversary in 2025

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach – The following was reported -

Eight College Care packages were sent to college parishioners in November. Students were appreciative of the packages.

25 gift bags with donated items and tie blankets were donated to two assisted living facilities in Watertown.

Disconnected members from church will be receiving a gift bag consisting of soup mix, gift cards and lotion and/or candy. Focus will start with individuals who are current members who have not been able to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. One or two members will be chosen monthly.

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 11, 2024. We will again be making our Immanuel Lutheran Church famous chili and cheddar broccoli soup. All quarts will sell for \$8. Members can also bring cans of soup during this time to donate to the food pantry.

Dockhounds Game will be scheduled for June or July, more information to follow.

Signage at the church - looking for someone to take over responsibilities of making signage changes. Outreach will put information in the Country Christian etc.

Property Committee: Bruce Pfeifer's report included:

Church – Sidewalk cracks need to be cleaned out of old caulk, sand added and re-caulked-TBD East windows to be trimmed, date TBD

Church Cross metal I beam needs priming and painting. Kitchen cabinets to be primed and painted, date TBD.

Nolte has completed installation of the organ, we received a credit of \$3,000 for the volunteer work performed. Final payment needs to be sent.

Railing on front steps-will accept bid to rebuild the bottoms of existing posts from John Ellis Balcony wall repairs, getting bid for repairs

Kirt Kemnitz has volunteered to join the property committee

Parsonage – Walk through to be scheduled for 2024 budget. Service will be contacted for dishwasher repair.

Fellowship Hall – Janitor job description being completed. Floor Scrubber, walk behind being looked at and priced out.

Teacherage – Building is in need of tuck pointing, scheduling repair dates with Josh Reichert.

Posts on front porch rotting out on bottoms, scheduling replacement.

School – Installed windbreak on north entrance to prevent door damage. Water fountain in basement repaired by Jack and Wayne. Main circulating pump on furnace went out, used backup to fix, looking for replacement.

Stewardship & Finance – Russell Tietz's report included -

NALC 20/20 Vision: Today-Tomorrow-Forever Campaign. There was an article in the Country Christian regarding this campaign. The campaign will be mentioned at the Semi-Annual Meeting in January and additional information provided to the congregation. Looking at providing envelopes in February for a special offering for those who would like to contribute. The NALC has a goal to raise \$5 million dollars.

Pipes and Panes – The final organ payment will be made in the amount of \$7,000. The volunteer labor saved us \$3,000.

E-giving – Stewardship and Finance is looking at other e-giving options through Vanco and Venmo along with using QR codes. Other e-giving options are being pursued.

The Gary Neitzel memorial gift of \$9,000 will remain in the general fund at this time.

Stewardship Corner of the Country Christian for January was around stewardship and financial gifts based on how we are doing compared to budget. February article will be on the NALC 20/20 vision: Today-Tomorrow-Forever Campaign

Council Minutes

January 18, 2024

Worship and Music: Bob Sell reported –
February 4th – Blessing of the Babes, new members
February 14th – Ash Wednesday, 3:30 and 6:00 pm
services with communion / dispensation of ashes.
Advent and Christmas banners (which will be
purchased through Ada Christian memorials).
Paschal Candle: it would be welcomed if anyone
would like to donate monies for a new candle
(needs to be okayed by Pastor)

Congregational Life: Debbie Schramm reported
that the committee will be cooking and as-
sembling the chicken pies the week of January
22nd, the pies will be distributed Sunday, January
28th. Monies from this event will be donated to
the floor scrubber. Due to the Packer game the
times of Bingo were moved to earlier in the day.

LLS/ECC REPORT ECC

Christina “Tina” Aleem has been hired at the
ECC Director, starting December 28, 2023. Lori
Dominquez was hired for the 1-2 year olds, she
will start on January 22.

Infant Room – 5 babies
1-2 year olds – 3 children
2-3 year olds – 4 children
3 year old room - 5
Before & after school – 4 children

LLS

December Field Trips included a trip to Towne
Cinema in Watertown to see the movie *Star*.
Field trips in 2024 include the Madison Capital &
Children’s Museum on February 6th and a trip to
Brewer Weather Day Game on April 17th, 2024.

LLS had a wonderful Christmas season! Prepara-
tion for Accreditation continues. 2024 School
safety plan has been submitted to the DOJ. Bas-
ketball season is underway and going well. The
October book fair was a big success. Hannah
presented a JSB meeting guest policy, it was ap-
proved and will be added to the JSB Handbook.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of the Constitution/Bylaws continues.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial – Dr. Wolfe Knappe recently passed
away (father of Dean Knappe), a memorial was
discussed. A Motion was made by Sue Rhodes to
send a \$100 Memorial to the Society of The Holy
Trinity, seconded by Bruce Pfeifer. Motion passed.
Monies will come from the discretionary fund.
Ballots for candidates will be prepared for the
Semi-Annual meeting.

Malawi Orphan Care Project – Pam Bartee an-
nounced that our Malawi contact, Shadrak and
Yami Chikoti and their three children will be
coming to the United States in August. The fami-
ly will be visiting Ohio and traveling through sev-
eral other states. The Chikoti’s already have
plans for all Sunday’s but would be available for a
weekday visit to Lebanon. Pam would like to in-
vite them to a weekday pot luck to meet and
greet with congregation members. Shandra
Zastrow made a Motion to have Pam invite the
family and organize a meet and greet with the
Chikoti family. Seconded by Debbie Schramm.
Motion passed.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR THE GOOD AND BETTERMENT OF THE CHURCH

School Discussion – At the last Joint Council
meeting there was a discussion on the declining
enrollment of the school. Each church council
was tasked with having a discussion at their
council meetings on the subject. We are not
unique to other schools, public school enrollment
is also declining but parochial schools even more
rapidly. There is a concern about the continued
declining enrollment, currently there are 57 stu-
dents enrolled in LLS (compared to 75 several
years ago). Discussion included – smaller fami-
lies, more extra-curricular options at public
schools, cost to attend, home schooling, etc. The
council is looking at options for the future of LLS
– marketing campaign, school choice, etc. Dis-
cussion will be continued.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Schwenkner, Council Secretary

Semi-Annual Meeting

January 21, 2024

Council President Tom Kulke called the meeting to order. Pastor Repp opened the meeting with prayer.

The agenda and financials were sent by e-mail prior to the meeting and available upon request to congregation members in attendance.

Approval of July 25, 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes – Tom Kulke requested any additions or changes to the minutes. A Motion was made by Sheri Uecker to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Linda Hensler. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Shandra Zastrow shared the financials for July through December 2023. Total income is \$275,364.26 less expenses of \$257,534.13, add back Designated Funds In for Purchases of \$55,572.72, minus Designated Purpose Funds Out of \$41,052.05 for a positive difference of \$32,350.80.

Shandra mentioned that the memorial fund balance has been repaid but we still have a balance of \$125,000 in the investment program. This past year we have been fortunate to receive some sizeable donations from members/past members. There was a suggestion to remember the church in your will.

A Motion to accept the financial report was made by Jack Ewert, seconded by Howie Gutzdorf. Motion passed.

Pipes and Panes Project Update – the organ is up and running. A re-dedication is scheduled for February 11th. The final \$10,000 payment has been reduced to \$7,000, this is due to a \$3,000 credit for volunteer work.

The window project is tentatively scheduled to begin this spring. Waiting on a reply from the vendor on start date.

Stewardship & Finance Committee Update – Russ Tietz thanked the congregation for their financial support of our Mission (church, school, current and future special projects).

The 12/31/23 financial report includes several special financial gifts, but remember that nine months of the year we were in the negative. This year's budget increased approximately 7% - please reconsider your financial gifts if you can. \$177,794 has been raised for the Pipes and Panes project, all the funds needed for the organ have been received. Approximately \$52,000 needs to be raised for the window project.

The NALC 2020 Vision campaign is seeking to raise \$5 million dollars to support the growth of the NALC (support for new churches, seminary support, education of new pastors, etc.) A special offering will be held in February to support the NALC 2020 Vision campaign, look for more information in the Country Christian. The committee continues to look for new opportunities such as e-giving for making financial gifts.

Tom Kulke mentioned that church expenses do not stop if you are not in church, consider using the giving envelopes on Sunday's you are not in attendance to help cover monthly expenses.

Congregational Life Committee – the committee was thanked for the great job they are doing putting together events for the congregation!

Outreach Committee - will be selling chili and cheddar broccoli soup on Souper Bowl Sunday (February 11) for \$8 quart. Committee has been doing good things and appreciates the congregations support of fundraisers. This year the committee had care packages for college students, gift bags for assisted living facilities, support of disaster relief, goodie bags for the children on Christmas Eve.

Joint School Board - Wes Kehl mentioned that the board is working on the final school budget and will be presenting for review and approval soon.

Shandra Zastrow has agreed to be the business manager, this is a difficult job and she is

Semi-Annual Meeting

January 21, 2024

working together with staff to organize the financials.

It was noted that children are receiving high scores on their MAP testing and excelling in their classes.

Work continues on the School Choice program – there are many factors to work on, we are getting educated on the process. Schools participating in the School Choice Program are growing.

Old Business - none

New Business -

Election of Officers – Ballots were distributed for election of Council members and committee members. President Kulke reviewed each position as follows -

Vice President – Nominee – Bob Kluetzman – a Motion to close nominations was made by Sue Rhodes, seconded by Wes Kehl. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary - no nominees. A Motion was made by Mike Uecker to suspend the Constitution/Bylaws to allow Sue Rhodes to continue as Financial Secretary, Motion seconded by Marcella Pfeifer. Motion Passed.

A Motion to close the nominations was made by Linda Hensler, seconded by Bob Kluetzman. Motion passed.

Secretary – Nominee – Pam Bartee. A Motion to close nominations was made by Wes Kehl, seconded by Dan Stetler. Motion passed.

Property Committee – Nominee – Kirt Kemnitz. A Motion to close nominations was made by Linda Hensler, seconded by Sheri Uecker. Motion passed.

School Board Representative – Nominees – Dan Stetler and Sam Galaviz. A Motion to close nomination was made by Sue Rhodes, seconded by Marcella Pfeifer. Motion passed.

Outreach Committee – Nominees – Julie Strieter and Ruby Repp. A Motion to close

nominations was made by Wes Kehl, seconded by Russ Tietz. Motion passed.

Congregational Life Committee – Nominee - Brian Hrobsky. A Motion to close nominations was made by Sue Tietz, seconded by Kathy Stetler. Motion passed.

Following the review of the ballot Tom Kulke asked for a Motion to cast a unanimous ballot for all nominations except the School Board Representative which will need a vote. A Motion to was made by Delmar Schramm to cast the unanimous ballot for all except School Board representative, seconded by Jack Ewert. Motion passed.

Election results – School Board Representative – Dan Stetler elected.

All elected positions will be installed at the Annual Meeting, if they choose, they are able to attend respective committee meetings prior to the Annual Meeting.

Other items of interest –

February publishing of the 2024 Directory Anniversaries

Eldest member-Mable Pieper turns 100 years old on February 9th

ILCOL-100th Anniversary in 2025

A Motion was made by Bob Kluetzman to adjourn, seconded by Pam Bartee. Motion passed.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by –

Lori Schwenkner - Secretary

Treasurer's Report for November

Income:

<i>Sundays</i>	
1st Sunday	\$ 5,940.00
2nd Sunday	\$ 4,021.00
3rd Sunday	\$ 8,220.00
4th Sunday	\$ 7,183.00
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Thanksgiving Eve 10am	\$ 1,207.00
Thanksgiving Eve 6pm	\$ 1,784.00
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Special Gift	\$ 9,000.00
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Total General Fund:	\$ 37,355.00
Simply Giving Offerings:	\$ 3,485.00

Total General Use Offerings: \$ 40,840.00

Other Income

Teachergage Gift - Nov 2023	\$ 500.00
Gym Fees - Bball/Rentals	\$ -
God's Work/Giving Tree - DRSA	\$ -
Memorial Fund	\$ 105.00
Pipes & Panes	\$ 2,630.00
LLS	\$ 25.00
Tuition Assistance Fund	\$ -
Music	\$ -
LLS Special Fund 2023/2024	\$ 26.00
Pipes & Panes - Investment Program	\$ -
Thrivent Grant Funds	\$ -
Misc.	\$ 180.00

Total Other Income: \$ 3,466.00

Total Offerings & Other Income: \$ 44,306.00

Treasurer's Summary Report

Total Income	\$ 44,306.00
Total Paid Out	\$ 57,979.58
Designated Funds In for Purchases	\$ 27,056.73
Less Designated Purpose Funds	\$ 2,786.00
Difference	\$ 10,597.15

Expenses:

<u>General Operating Expenses</u>	
Worship & Programs	\$ 3,205.58
Education	\$ 14,679.83
(LLS Support & Youth Activities & Confirmation)	
Benevolence	\$ -
(Missions & Outreach)	
Administration	\$ 2,445.77
Pastoral	\$ 7,127.70
(Salary, Benefits, & Mileage)	
FICA/WorkComp	\$ 796.25
Interest Costs	\$ 168.53
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Building & Grounds - Main.	\$ 2,383.77
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Utilities	\$ 1,147.49
Insurance	\$ 1,024.66

Expenses Paid Out: \$ 32,979.58

Organ Payment: \$ 25,000.00

Total Expenses for June: \$ 57,979.58

Debts

Investment Program:	\$ 125,000.00
Pipes & Panes Invest. Program:	\$ -
Memorial Fund Loan	\$ -

Total Debt: \$ 125,000.00

Other Financial Information

Checkbook Balance before	\$ 6,884.44
November Designated Purpose:	\$ (2,786.00)
Less November Designated Purpose Funds:	\$ (2,786.00)
Gen. Fund November Ckg Balance:	\$ 4,098.44

submitted by Shandra Zastrow

Treasurer's Report for December

Income:

Sundays

1st Sunday	\$ 6,323.00
2nd Sunday	\$ 6,152.25
3rd Sunday	\$ 6,468.00
4th Sunday	\$ 5,180.00
5th Sunday	\$ 5,975.00

Christmas Eve 9am	\$ 7,019.00
Christmas Eve 4pm	\$ 2,969.00

Advent 12.6	\$ 1,157.00
Advent 12.13	\$ 1,150.00
Advent 12.20	\$ 893.00

Misc. Gifts	\$ 4,007.79
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Total General Fund:	\$ 47,294.04
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Simply Giving Offerings:	\$ 3,335.00
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Total General Use Offerings:	\$ 50,629.04
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Other Income

Teacherage Gift - Dec 2023	\$ 500.00
Gym Fees - Bball/Rentals	\$ 390.00
God's Work/Giving Tree - DRSA	\$ -
Memorial Fund	\$ 95.00
Pipes & Panes	\$ 7,945.00
Turke Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,000.00
LLL Scholarship Savings	\$ 58.00
Discretionary Fund - Helping Hands	\$ 100.00
LLS Special Fund 2023/2024	\$ 256.00
Pipes & Panes - Investment Program	\$ -
Thrivent Grant Funds	\$ 168.00
Misc.	\$ -

Total Other Income:	\$ 11,512.00
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Total Offerings & Other Income:	\$ 62,141.04
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Treasurer's Summary Report

Total Income	\$ 62,141.04
Total Paid Out	\$ 34,416.00
Designated Funds In for Purchases	\$ -
Less Designated Purpose Funds	\$ 10,454.00
Difference	\$ 17,271.04

Expenses:

General Operating Expenses

Worship & Programs	\$ 1,366.07
Education	\$ 14,850.59
(LLS Support & Youth Activities & Confirmation)	
Benevolence	\$ -
(Missions & Outreach)	

Administration	\$ 2,274.70
Pastoral	\$ 7,127.70

(Salary, Benefits, & Mileage)	
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FICA/WorkComp	\$ 405.86
Interest Costs	\$ 636.45

Building & Grounds - Main.	\$ 4,567.19
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Utilities	\$ 2,162.78
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Insurance	\$ 1,024.66
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Expenses Paid Out:	\$ 34,416.00
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Organ Payment:	\$ -
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Total Expenses for June:	\$ 34,416.00
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Debts

Investment Program:	\$ 125,000.00
Pipes & Panes Invest. Program:	\$ -
Memorial Fund Loan	\$ -

Total Debt:	\$ 125,000.00
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Other Financial Information

Checkbook Balance before	
December Designated Purpose:	\$ 34,547.35

Less December Designated Purpose	
Funds:	\$ (10,454.00)

Gen. Fund December Ckg Balance:	\$ 24,093.35
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Submitted by Shandra Zastrow

A note from the Principal

We sure are busy here at Lebanon Lutheran spending our days learning and growing in our faith! Our staff continues to work towards providing our students with a Christ-centered education in order to equip our students for a future of serving Christ and others! I recently had a conversation with our 1st and 2nd graders about what they would tell other people about God's love. Some of their responses were, "He loves you," "He is great," "He will forgive you," and "He is strong." Hearing their responses and the excitement in their voices, brought me such great joy knowing that even little minds and hearts can hold such a great understanding of the love our Lord and Savior has for us!

The months of January and February are full here at Lebanon Lutheran! We have winter MAP testing to see how much our students have grown academically since the fall, basketball tournaments, the 100th Day of School, and Parent Teacher Conferences!

Spring Speaker Series

Do you run a local business? Do you know someone who runs a local business? We are looking for area businesses to come into Lebanon Lutheran and speak to our 3rd-8th graders about their business. We are looking to educate and inform our students about a variety of careers and life skills! If you are interested in coming to speak to our students or teach them a life skill please

call the school office and our Administrative Assistant, Katie Marshall, will coordinate with you.

February Events

Thursday, Feb. 1st - Sunday, Feb. 4th

A Basketball Tournament

Friday, Feb. 2nd:

Basketball Games @ Zion Columbus (5pm, 6pm, 7pm)

Sunday, Feb. 4th

3rd-8th Sing @ IL (9am)

Wednesday, Feb. 7th

100th Day of School!

Wednesday, Feb. 7th

Chapel (3rd-8th @ 8:15am, 4K - 2nd @ 9am)

Sunday, Feb. 11th

3K-4K Sing @ IL (9am)

Monday, Feb. 12th

JSB Meeting @ St. Peters (6pm)

Wednesday, Feb. 14th: Chapel (3rd-8th @ 8:15am, 4K - 2nd @ 9am)

Friday, Feb. 16th

No School (Teacher In-Service)

Wednesday, Feb. 21st

Whole School Chapel @ IL (9am)

Thursday, Feb. 22nd

PTL Meeting @ IL (7pm)

Sunday, Feb. 25th

3K-4K Sing @ St. Peters (8am)

Tuesday, Feb. 27th - Wednesday, Feb. 28th

Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, Feb. 28th

Chapel (3rd-8th @ 8:15am, 4K - 2nd @ 9am)

Did you know that **Lebanon Luther School** received \$2,240.00 in grant money from the Educational Foundation of Watertown? The information was



sent to Principal Hannah Walters when school opened in August. She then informed and encouraged the teachers on staff to submit innovative educational ideas

that would directly impact the day-to-day instruction of students.

Congratulations Mrs. Fortlage who purchased a set of decodable books that provide opportunities that include decoding multisyllabic words and exposure to a variety of different text features.

Congratulations to Mrs. Hummel who purchased Lap Desks, Educational Activities and Games, and Manipulatives. These items increase student proficiency in reading and math through interactive activities and giving students flexible seating options.

Congratulations to Ms. Long who purchased Amazon Kids Fire Tablets. These are



a great alternative to more expensive tablets like iPads. They download the same type of interactive student apps and programs.



Congratulations to Mrs. Walters who purchased small group dry erase tables to promote small group instruction in classrooms and allow students more engagement as they can literally write or draw their ideas on the tables!

The Educational Foundation of Watertown holds one major fundraising event each year – The Irish Jig/Jog 5K Run/Walk.

It is scheduled for **Saturday, March 16, 2024** at the Watertown



Public Library and Bentzin Town Square. There is a little Leprechaun Run for kids. You can register for the 5K as an individual, as a family, or as a team. If you cannot Jig or Jog very well, we can use course volunteers to direct and encourage our runners and sponsors to help support our event. Please go the website watertownjigjog.enmotive.com and check us out!

Wisconsin School Choice Parent Meeting

Monday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Fellowship Hall or attend through a Zoom meeting

“Do we qualify? How do I know? How do I apply?”

All school and congregation members are invited to attend or participate via Zoom

This will be a presentation to cover information regarding how a family can start their application process, how to be eligible, what information is needed, etc. on the last Monday night in February. This is the time to bring your questions, we invite you to forward your questions prior to the meeting via email to suemrhodes9139@gmail.com or lzindl@aol.com. These will be addressed by the consultants.

Please take this opportunity to become informed. We are asking those we chose to attend via ZOOM to register with us, Wisconsin School Choice will then be sending you the ZOOM link. Please forward your name and email address. Everyone is invited to attend in person also.

Thank you, Sue Rhodes, Lynn Zindl

Wisconsin School Choice Administrator and Designee



Ladies and Gentlemen of Lebanon

The Lebanon Historical Society is planning an exhibition, a show of **wedding dresses, photographs, invitations, vintage marriage certificates**, etc. Do you have any

of the items from your wedding? Or from your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.? Would you care to share these items with the Lebanon Historical Society, either as a

loan or a donation?

We are looking for these items from Lebanon families that got married in Lebanon, or the surrounding towns.

We would like to have the show in

June 2024 at our new building.

Please Contact: John Uhlman, at 920-988-6016 or Johnhuhlman@gmail.com. P.O. Box 163, Johnson Creek, WI 53038



Picture Gallery



Announcements

Puzzle Exchange

Jigsaw puzzles are great indoor activities on cold winter days. Pick up a puzzle in the church basement and leave one for someone else as a loan or a donation. If you don't own any puzzles, that's OK too. You can still borrow!

When bringing a puzzle please put pieces in a zip lock bag inside the box so pieces stay together. *Puzzles can be for any age.*

Youth & Family Bowling

A bowling outing is planned for February 25th. More information to come.

Directory

We will be printing the 2024 church directory in February. Please check that the office has up-to-date contact information.

Souper Bowl Sunday

Outreach will be selling Chili and Cheddar Broccoli soup for \$8 a quart on Sunday, February 11th after church in the basement.

We will also be collecting cans of soup for the Watertown Food Pantry. We would like to collect at least 100 cans.

Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras will be on Tuesday, February 13th at 5:30 in the church basement.

Pipes & Panes

All collected and pledged monies as of December 31st totals \$177,794.05. That's 77% of our goal of \$228,937 to repair the windows and restore the organ!

Opportunities

LLS is looking for a long-term kindergarten sub from March 2024-June 2024.

If interested in this position, please email Hannah Walters at hwalters@llsedu.org or call the school office at 920-925-3791.

Rededication

"Come before the Lord with Joyful Singing". After 82 years, we will celebrate the rededication of our Pipe Organ on Sunday, February 11th following Worship Service.

Paschal Candle

The Paschal or Easter Candle is the large candle that is used throughout Easter Season, Baptisms, and Funerals. In recent years, Immanuel has begun using a real candle for this from a private donor. They typically are large enough to last one year. If anyone would like to contribute this year, please see Pr. Repp.

Handbells

Lynn Baumann is looking for one more ringer. The group meets at 6pm and 7pm during Advent and Lent. Contact Lynn Baumann at 920-285-6464 if interested.

Get to Know the Flock



Name: Tom Kulke

How long have you been worshipping at Immanuel? *Life-long member, baptized in this church.*

What keeps you busy? *Family, work, church, and hobbies*

Any ministries you are involved with or interested in? *President of the Church, Stewardship & Finance Committee, Men's Fellowship Group, Usher, and Communion Assistant*

Favorite Hymn? *Silent Night*

Any interesting hobbies to share? *Walking, Bicycling, Wine Making.*

Favorite Book or verse in the Bible? *John 3:16 (The Bible in a nutshell)*

Favorite food(s)? *Any dessert, potato pancakes, and churros*

Anything on the Bucket List you would like to share? *See the Grand Canyon and Alaska, take a hot air balloon ride.*

What do you love best about being a disciple at Immanuel? *Helping others to know who and what God is and what he means to those that believe.*



February 4

Blessing of the Babes

Thanksgiving of New Members

Feast of the Presentation

3rd-8th Grade Sing

February 11

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Rededication of the Pipe Organ

3K & 4K Sing

			Quantity	Total \$
*** GROCERY ***				
Pick N Save - Card	\$25	4%		
Pick N Save - Card	\$100	4%		
Piggly Wiggly	\$25	3%		
Piggly Wiggly	\$50	3%		
Piggly Wiggly	\$100	3%		
Glenn's Market	\$10	5%		
*** GAS STATIONS ***				
BP/Amoco Gas Card	\$50	1.5%		
Watertown Mart	\$50	10%		
Kwik Trip Card	\$25	4%		
Kwik Trip Card	\$100	4%		
Kwik Trip In-Store Only Card	\$25	10%		
Shell Gas Card	\$25 or \$50	1.5%		
Speedway	\$25	4%		
*** RESTAURANTS ***				
Applebees Card	\$25	8%		
Arby's	\$10	8%		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25	8%		
Burger King	\$10	4%		
Chill's	\$25	11%		
Cousins Sub	\$10	9%		
Cracker Barrel	\$10	9%		
Culvers	\$5	10%		
Culvers	\$10	10%		
Culvers	\$25	10%		
Dairy Queen	\$10	3%		
Dominos	\$10	8%		
Hardees	\$10	10%		
Little Caesar's	\$20	8%		
Noodles & Co.	\$10	8%		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	\$25	9%		
Outback Steakhouse	\$25	8%		
Panera Bread Card	\$10	9%		
Papa Murphy's Pizza	\$10	8%		
Pizza Hut	\$10	8%		
Pizza Ranch	\$25	8%		
Qdoba	\$25	9%		
Red Robin	\$25	9%		
Starbucks Card	\$10	7%		
Subway	\$10	6%		
Taco Bell	\$10	5%		
Texas Roadhouse	\$25	8%		
*** TRAVEL ***				
Best Western	\$25 & \$100	12%		
Delta Airlines	\$250 & \$1000	4%		
Hotels.com	\$100 & \$250	6%		
*** OTHER ***				

			Quantity	Total \$
*** DEPARTMENT STORE ***				
Farm & Fleet (Blain's)	\$25	5%		
Farm & Fleet (Blain's)	\$100	5%		
Fleet Farm (Mill's)	\$25	3.5%		
Fleet Farm (Mill's)	\$100	3.5%		
Kohls Department Store	\$10	5%		
Kohls Department Store	\$25	5%		
Kohls Department Store	\$50	5%		
Kohls Department Store	\$100	5%		
Wal-Mart & Sam's Club	\$25	2.5%		
Wal-Mart & Sam's Club	\$100	2.5%		
Ace Hardware Card	\$25	4%		
Target	\$25	2.5%		
Target	\$100	2.5%		
*** SPECIALTY STORES ***				
AMC Theaters	\$25	8%		
American Eagle Outfitters	\$25	10%		
Auto Zone	\$25	8%		
Best Buy Card	\$25 \$100 \$250	3%		
Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton	\$10	9%		
Bath & Body Works Card	\$10 & \$25	12%		
Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25	8%		
Dunham's Sports	\$25	8%		
Eberts Greenhouse Village	\$25	5%		
Lane Bryant	\$25	3%		
Game Stop	\$25	3%		
Home Depot Card	\$25 \$100 \$500	4%		
JoAnn Fabrics Gift Card	\$25	6%		
Marshalls / TJ Maxx	\$25	7%		
Maurices	\$20	7%		
Menards	\$25	4%		
Menards	\$100	4%		
Office Depot/Office Max	\$25	5%		
Old Navy/Gap/Banana Rep	\$25	14%		
Sally Beauty Supply	\$25	12%		
Staples	\$25 & \$100	5%		
Under Armour	\$25	11%		
Walgreen's Card	\$25	6%		
Watertown Bowl 18 & North	\$10	10%		
*** MAIL ORDER or IN STORE ***				
Cabela's Card	\$25	11%		
WilliamsSonoma/PotteryBarn	\$25 & \$100	8%		
Land's End	\$25	16%		
*** ONLINE RETAILERS ***				
Amazon.com	\$25	3%		
Amazon.com	\$100	3%		
Shutterfly	\$25	9%		

* Items highlighted are normally available from inventory.

Name: _____

Total Dollars Ordered: \$ _____

Church Committee Members

As of 9/22/2023

CHURCH COUNCIL

Meets monthly on the third Thursday @ 6pm

President*Tom Kulke
Vice President..... *Kathy Lehman
Secretary.....*Lori Schwenkner
Treasurer *Shandra Zastrow
Financial Secretary..... *Sue Rhodes
Congregational Life..... Debbie Schramm
Outreach Chair Christina Plasil
JSB Chair..... Wes Kehl
Property Chair Bruce Pfeifer
Stewardship & Finance..... Russell Tietz
Worship & MusicBob Sell

** Denotes executive council member*

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Meets monthly on the Monday prior to Council @ 6pm

Chair Russell Tietz
Treasurer.....Shandra Zastrow
Financial SecretarySue Rhodes
Designated Funds Don Kuehl
MemberJohn Baumann
MemberKathy Ewert
MemberWes Kehl
MemberBecky Uecker
MemberTom Kulke
Member Mike Uecker
Member Chad Albin

PROPERTY

Meets monthly on the first Monday @ 6pm

Chair Bruce Pfeifer
Vice-Chair..... Wayne Zastrow
MemberJack Ewert
MemberWard Genz
MemberKevin Raether
Member Dick Uttech
Member Dennis Schwenkner
MemberTom Dehnert
Member Brian Hrobsky

OUTREACH

Meets monthly on the first Sunday @ 10am

ChairChristina Plasil
Treasurer Russell Tietz
Member..... Mike Coughlin
Member.....Lori Schwenkner
Member.....Caroline Plasil
Member.....Shari Uecker
Member..... Bob Kluetzman
Member.....Anne Albin
Member..... Miranda Repp

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Meets monthly on the first Tuesday @ 5pm

Chair..... Bob Sell
Co-chairKathy Ewert
Member Lisa Kuehl
MemberKaren Pugh
Member Dan Stetler
AdvisorBonnie Peot
Advisor..... Lynn Baumann
Advisor.....Judy Kluetzman
Altar Guild Coordinator.....Kathy Stetler

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday @ 6pm

Chair..... Debbie Schramm
Member Patricia Frank
Member.....Patty Schwefel
MemberLinda Hensler
MemberShelly Grosenick
Member Julie Christian
MemberShari Uecker
MemberSue Tietz
MemberBrad & Jessica Thomas
Member Anne & Chad Albin

JOINT SCHOOL BOARD (JSB)

Meets monthly on the second Monday @ 6pm

Chair.....Wes Kehl
Member Sue Tietz
MemberLinda Hensler

February Life Celebrations

Birthdays

Joyce Gutzdorf3rd
 Isaac Plasil3rd
 Megan Jaeger.....5th
 Marilyn Brown7th
 Mabel Pieper9th
 Dennis Schwenkner10th
 Connie Held10th
 Judy Schwefel12th
 Lori Schwenkner13th
 Sadie Batterman15th
 Dorene Grosenick17th
 Audrey Braatz17th

Blake Peplinski19th
 Ella Peirick.....19th
 Diane Hicks20th
 Luanna Neitzel20th
 Pam Pieper21st
 Chase Vogel22nd
 Aaron Bohn.....23rd
 Tim Laehr25th
 Daryl Frederick26th
 Cynthia Grudzinski28th

Anniversaries

Joe & Kim Krueger25th ..35 yrs.



Special Services in February

Lent

at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon

The 40 Day Trek

This Lent join us at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon as we go on an excursion that will lead us to the cross and beyond.

Mardi Gras / Shrove Tuesday Celebration & the Burning of the Palms

Letting Go Before You Go: What to Leave Behind

February 13th, 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services with the Imposition of Ashes

Less is More – Simplify: What to Pack for a Trek

February 14th, 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Sundays in Lent : Holy Communion

On the Road: Traveler's Tales through Word & Sacrament

February 18th, 25th; March 3rd, 10th, 17th at 9 a.m.

Wednesdays in Lent: The Litany & Night Prayer

Fuel to Travel: The Means of Grace

6pm only

- * February 21: The Blessing of Baptism
- * February 28: The Power of Baptism
- * March 06: Confession – What It Isn't
- * March 13: Confession – What It Is
- * March 20: Communion – Benefits

This will anticipate Maundy Thursday

In addition, during Tuesdays in Lent at 10 a.m.,
the Pastor's Bible Study will focus on
"Who is Jesus" – the destination Who doesn't like to sit still until
He's on the cross for us.

If you cannot join us, study guides can be provided.

Worship Assistants Calendar—February

	February 4	February 11	February 14	February 18	February 21	February 25	February 28
1 st Lesson	Feast of the Presentation	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Ash Wednesday 3:30 6:00	First Sunday in Lent	Lenten Wednesday	Second Sunday in Lent	Lenten Wednesday
	White	White	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple
Psalm	Isaiah 40:21-31	Exodus 34:29-35	Joel 2:12-19	Genesis 22:1-18		Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	
	147:1-11	50:1-6	51:1-13 (14-19)	25:1-10		22:23-31	
2 nd Lesson	1 Corinthians 9:16-27	2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	James 1:12-18		Romans 5:1-11	
	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 9:2-9	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Mark 1:9-15		Mark 8:27-38	

Worship Assistants

Organist/ Pianist	Judy	Lynn	Bonnie	Lynn	Judy	Bonnie	
	Jeff Lehman	Gail Hoffman	Wes Kehl	Chad Albin	Bruce Pfeifer	Jen Tietz	Terry Coughlin
Lector	Shari Uecker, Bob Kluetzman	Katie & Shawn Ireland	N/A	N/A	Teresa Kulke, Russ Tietz	Keith Schmidt, Jack Ewert	N/A
	Shari Uecker, Chad Albin	Keith Schmidt, Tom Kulke, Sandy Nimmann, Dave Bridgham	Pam Bartee, Bob Kluetzman, Julie & Neal Christian	Sue Rhodes, Jack Ewert, Wes Kehl, Shari Uecker	Debbie & Bruce Pfeifer, Wes Kehl, Lauren Eisenberg	Gail & Doug Hoffman, Suzanne & Rodger Dettmann	N/A
Greeters	Addison	Maddy	Ashlyn	Madelyn	Embrey	Kaine	Kieran
	Sophia	Ivy	Nolan	Hannah	Kieran	Madelyn	Zachariah
Comm. Assistants	Ava	Robby		Zachariah		Hannah	
	Gloria McDonald, Lynne Uttech						
Acolytes							
Altar Guild							
Ushers	Dick Uttech-C, Wes Kehl, Bob Kluetzman, Jon Lehman, Connor Lehman, Wally Nass, Delmar Schramm, Allison Howlett						

Calendar of Events—February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Basketball Tournament-Imme 9:00am Service of Holy Communion w/ Blessing of the Babes 10:00am Outreach Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am Walking the Gym 6:00pm Property Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00pm Worship & Music Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15am Chapel at Immanuel 4:30pm Community Confirmation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am Walking the Gym 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Basketball Tournament-Immanuel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am Men's Fellowship
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am Service of Holy Communion: The Transfiguration/w Organ Rededication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am Walking the Gym 6:00pm Joint School Board @ St. Peters 6:00pm Stewardship & Finance Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am Pastor's Study 4:00pm Ruby's Pantry @ St. Peter's 5:30pm Mardi Gras in Church Basement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am All-School Chapel at Immanuel 3:30pm Ash Wednesday Service 4:30pm Community 6:00pm Ash Wednesday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am Walking the Gym 11:00am Women of the Church Bible Study 6:00pm Council Meeting 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:45am Women's Bible Study
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am Service of Holy Communion: Lent 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am Walking the Gym 8:00pm Country Christian Deadline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am Pastor's Study 6:00pm Congregational Life Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15am Chapel at Immanuel 4:30pm Community Confirmation 6:00pm Lenten Prayer Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am Walking the Gym 	23	24
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am Grief Ministry 9:00am Service of Holy Communion: Lent 2 12:00pm Youth & Family Bowling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am Walking the Gym 6:00pm School Choice Meeting @ St. Peter's 7:30pm Dartball Home Game in Church Basement (Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am Pastor's Study 6:00pm The Chosen-S2, E6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15am Chapel at Immanuel 4:30pm Community Confirmation 6:00pm Lenten Prayer Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am Walking the Gym 	Mar 1	2
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