

January 2024

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon

# The Country Christian

IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN FOR...

## Chili, Soup, AND Bingo

JOIN US ON

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**AT 5:00 PM**

IN THE GYM.

BINGO WILL START AT 6:00 PM.

### **SIGN UP SHEET**

will be available beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>  
for those bringing food to share.

*The Sign-up sheet can be found In the back  
of church or in the basement.*

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# Postern of the Pastor

## Be it resolved.

Have you ever seen that phrase posted after public meetings? It simply means a “firm decision has been made – and here it is....” Whatever that decision might be.

I think you know where I’m going with this with the new year upon us. Any resolutions? Diet? Exercise? Lay off the screens? Read more? Last year I challenged the congregation to read the New Testament. This year, let’s amp it up. How about the whole Bible?

### WHAT!?!

Back up the truck. Let’s read the whole Bible in two-years. Is that manageable? A little more bite-sized? In this edition of the newsletter you’ll see Genesis and a little bit of Exodus mapped out. I would also like to create some check-ins with this. If you have any questions, comments, that sort of thing – please, **ASK**. I may not have all the answers – but I will try to help you to a fuller understanding of the Bible. Send me an e-mail. Send me a text. Be it resolved that – aside from diets, exercise, being nicer to people from Ashippun, and the usual fare – deepen your faith by being in the Word. It allows us to have a deeper, fuller understanding of the faith – encouraging us to make Jesus known and to evangelize.

And that’s what the Epiphany is all about. Below is a reflection from our NALC “Echoes and Epiphanies” Devotion, written by Pastor Amy Little:

The tradition in the Church arrived to see the infant Lord up to two years after His birth and not immediately in an outbuilding in the holds that the wise men who sought the King of the Jews, more than likely, the City of David. However, the important thing here is that God revealed the Christ child to the wise men— and He continues to reveal Christ to people every day. That’s what the season of Epiphany is all about: God revealing the truth of the Messiah, God in the flesh, to the world.

In my previous devotion on Christmas Eve, I wrote about entering the temple and how it required worshippers to be pure and blameless in the sight of God. When Jesus came among us to live with us, it showed us that, as St. John said, “he pitched his tent and lived among us” (John 1:14). In the original language, “He tabernacled with us.” This phrase hearkens back to the Exodus journey where God had His own special tent, the tabernacle, that the Israelites set up at each stop along the way.

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This was sacred space and God dwelt among His people for forty years in this manner.

We often think of the church as the place where Jesus resides, the place where we can find Him when we need Him. But according to St. John in Revelation, the temple in the coming kingdom is the Lord Jesus. In the vision God gave to John, he noticed that there was no temple to go to—not in the whole city of the New Jerusalem! Rather, it is Christ Himself who is the temple. Why would this be? If you think about it, if we are fully in the presence of God, then we have no need for a physical place to go and worship Him.

The promise is that God will live among his people, He will be accessible in a way that we have never fully known. No more, “It’s time to go to church.” Instead, the object of our devotion will be physically present, within reach, walking beside us, communicating with us, loving us. God won’t have to offer any further revelations or epiphanies to His children, it will be obvious to all who love Him that we are in the presence of the divine Creator of all that is. God will fully reveal Himself to His people, and we will dwell with

Him in His eternal glory. What happened long ago was a foretaste of eternity.

### **Be it resolved. God is with us.**

*Be resolved with God, but read what your Council President has to say for some considerations ahead.*

*Special Thanks for all the Christmas cards, gifts, and prayers – from our home to yours –  
The Repp Family*





## The Small and Rural Church from [thenalc.org](http://thenalc.org)

**W**hether located in towns, the farmlands, or out in the prairie, the North American Lutheran Church's mainstay is small and rural congregations. While other faith communities look for ways to close and minimize these churches, the NALC values these parishes as they continue to seek avenues to enhance ministry and make disciples for Jesus. Like all other congregations, small and rural missions face both challenges and opportunities.

Small and rural churches deal with dwindling memberships, aging parishioners, lack of finances, older buildings, conflict, fewer resources, and memories of the past. While these challenges are real, they cannot thwart the resilience of these parishes and the opportunities. Too often in the church, we are asking the wrong question. Instead of asking, "What do we need to 'bring in' to do ministry", we should be asking, "What has God already blessed us with to do ministry?" The Holy Spirit continues to provide the small and rural church with the talents and abilities of its people to make Christ known in their communities.

Sadly, many small and rural churches feel "less than" their larger counterparts. This is due to a lack of programming, size, and staff. The worst thing that a congregation

can do is compare itself with another. Every church is different and has a unique opportunity to share Christ and his saving love. Specifically, what are some of the advantages of a small and rural congregation?

**Relationships:** In towns and villages, relationships are paramount. It is in these personal relationships where neighbors help others, and Christ can be shared. A smaller church is a natural place for these bonds to be nurtured and deepened. These relationships assist in developing and maturing discipleship.

**Aging:** While many might conclude that an "aging church is a dying church," they are missing the mark.

**While a majority of small and rural churches have older members, this should be recognized as an asset. Ministry and evangelistic efforts can be centered around this age group. Also, bringing older adults, teens, and younger children together in intergenerational ministry can enhance discipleship growth.**

*Pastor Repp strongly agrees with this!*

**Participation:** If a smaller congregation is going to prosper, then many will have to be involved in ministry. This is the beauty of this size church. The talents of the members are needed for service,



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outreach, and keep the parish going.

**Flexibility:** While rural and village congregations may not be known for flexibility and nimbleness, they are. Smaller churches can respond more quickly to adapt and re-tool to changing situations in the communities that they serve. These advantages and others show why the small and rural congregation is the “backbone” of the Christian Church in America.

**Realizing their value and importance in sharing faith, the Mission Office of the North American Lutheran Church, specifically the NALC Renewal Team, has developed an online course entitled, “Small and Rural Church Ministry.”**

This comprehensive learning module is structured with the following components:

- Struggles
- Importance of Relationships
- Gift of Aging and Intergenerational Ministry
- Discipleship
- Equipping
- Outreach and Evangelism
- Attitudes
- Technology and Digital Ministry.

This course is easy to use and is recommended for pastors, church members, leadership teams, and others interested in strengthening small and rural ministry. We urge you to consider embarking on this continuing education journey and participating in an affirming teaching on ministry in towns and rural areas. **This course is free to all NALC Members. To access this course or for more information, please visit:**

**<https://bit.ly/SmallAndRuralChurch>**



Point your smartphone's camera at the above QR code to be directed to the online course.

While some may see the small town and rural church in a spiral of decline, clinging to former days, we see it with a “future of hope.” God is still using these congregations to build relationships, serve, and make disciples for Christ. As these congregations continue to be the “bread and butter” and majority of the NALC, let them be strengthened and renewed to witness Jesus.

# In Loving Memory



## **IN HONOR OF DAN STETLER'S 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

### **General Memorial Fund**

Bill & Sue Tietz

Neal & Julie Christian

## **IN MEMORY OF WANDA CHRISTIAN**

### **Pipes & Panes**

Wally Nass

Ward, Karen & Abbey Genz

### **General Memorial Fund**

Kevin & Connie Field

## **IN MEMORY OF ELAINE LANGHOLFF**

### **Pipes & Panes**

Wally Nass

## **IN MEMORY OF MIKE COUGHLIN**

### **Special Project Fund**

Jack & Kathy Ewert

Joe & Sue Rhodes

### **Lebanon Lutheran School**

Wes & Judy Kehl

Dick & Linda Baehler

Jerry & Carmen Groehler

Luanna Neitzel

### **LLS/Immanuel Church Fund**

Jo Ann Nuemann

Bill & Sue Tietz

### **General Memorial Fund**

Darlene Turke

### **Pipes & Panes**

Richard & Lynne Uttech

Jeff & Connie Held

Mike & Gloria McDonald

Bruce & Debbie Pfeifer

Don & Lisa Kuehl

Anna Christian

Bob Sell

Dave & Bev Stendel

Marcella Pfeifer

Bob & Sherry Beaver

Mike & Becky Uecker

Dennis & Nathalia Christian

Leroy & Karen Tietz

Trudy Dobbratz

Neal & Julie Christian

Doug & Gail Hoffman

Wayne & Shandra Zastrow

Myron Christian

Ellward & Karen Kuehl

Ralph Krueger

Dennis & Lori Schwenkner

Patricia Frank

Brenda Geib

Pam Bartee

Outreach Committee

Rich & Kathy Wagner

Linda Hensler

Lynn Zindl

Jeff & Bonnie Peot

Charlie & Melissa Hurtgen

Diane Hicks

Patty Schwefel

Richard & Wanda Udovich

Howie & Joyce Gutzdorf

Del & Debbie Schramm

Ward & Karen Genz

Gail Kuehl

Tom & Teresa Kulke

Tom & Chris Dehnert

Lois Cota

Bonnie Jaeger

Paul & Mary Jaeger

Jon & Dana Tietz

Russ Tietz

Joanne Braunschweig

Glenn & Bonnie Lauersdorf

Bob & Judy Kluetzman

Sharon Brede

Dale & Jennifer Bakke

Kris Duffy

Janice Oates Duffy

Roy & Mary Eisfeldt

Gregory Else

Tim & Sue Gillingham

Allan & Lynn Miller

Dave & Nancy Tessmann

John & Lynn Baumann

Wally Nass

## **IN MEMORY OF WENDELL**

**(WENDY) WILSON**

### **Special Project Fund**

Jack & Kathy Ewert

Joe & Sue Rhodes

### **Pipes & Panes**

Patricia Frank

Bruce & Debbie Pfeifer &  
Family

Don & Lisa Kuehl

Jeff & Bonnie Peot

Doris Korth

Pam Bartee & Bruce Chris-  
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Brenda Beck



# In Loving Memory



Joanne Braunschweig  
Rodger & Suzanne Dettmann  
Howie & Joyce Gutzdorf  
Doug & Gail Hoffmann  
Bonnie Jaeger  
Bob & Judy Kluetzman  
Ellward & Karen Kuehl  
Gail Kuehl  
Kay MacAskill  
Gary & Judy Schwefel  
Patty Schwefel  
Dan & Kathy Stetler  
Leroy & Karen Tietz  
Phyllis Turke  
John & Lynn Baumann  
**Organ Fund**  
Marcella Pfeifer  
**Lebanon Lutheran School**  
Wes & Judy Kehl  
**LLS/Immanuel Church Fund**  
Jon & Dana Tietz  
Jo Ann Neumann  
Bill & Sue Tietz  
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Bruce & Debbie Pfeifer  
Jeff & Bonnie Peot

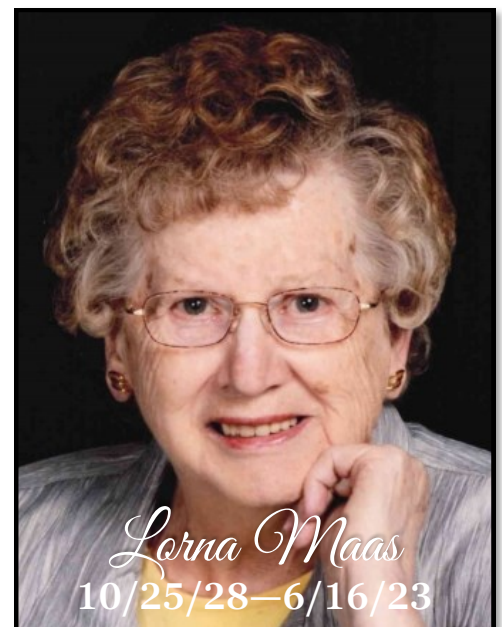
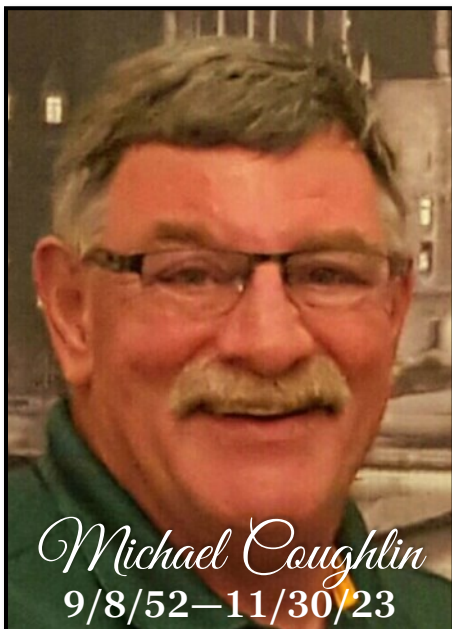
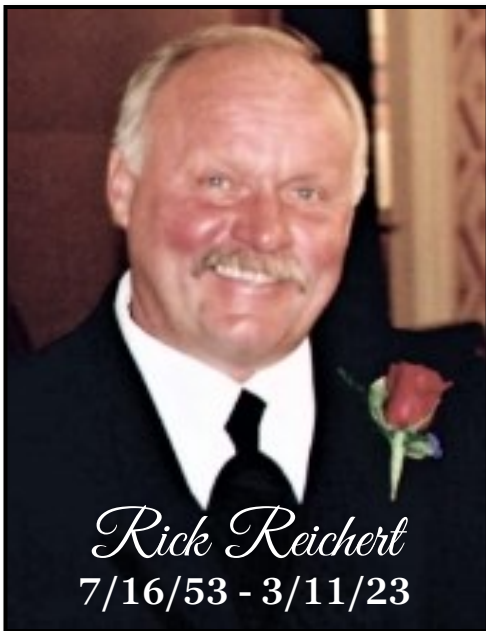
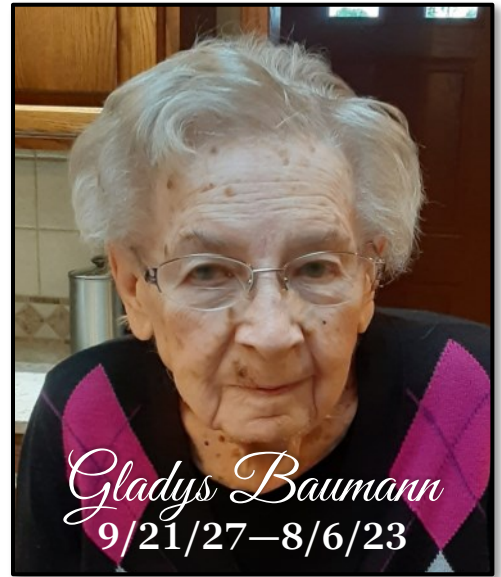
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**IN HONOR OF LYNN BAUMANN'S**  
**65TH BIRTHDAY**  
**Pipes & Panes**  
Gail Schroeder-Hoffmann  
**IN MEMORY OF GLADYS BAUMANN**  
**Pipes & Panes**  
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**IN MEMORY OF DOLORES BARTEE**  
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Karen Loeffler  
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*The office will be printing the 2024 church directory in January. Please check that the office has up-to-date contact information for you and your family.*

*Thank you for your attention  
Colleen Galaviz, 920.925.3540*

*In loving memory of those that have  
died and shared in the Resurrection of  
our Lord in 2023.*





# Ask the Pastor

**S**o why don't we sing Christmas carols in Advent?

Answer: Well, there are many beautiful Advent carols – even some good Lutheran ones. Christmas gets pushed early enough in the box stores. I'll save a deeper explanation for next year, but it's important that the Scripture readings shape the hymns – not the other way around. Besides, there were several Christmas sneak-ins. Let's now turn the tables:

It's Christmas now – as Christmas isn't one day with some lingering left-overs. Christmas is 12 Days – celebrate them all!

Also, as Pr. Amy Little observed, Epiphany is coming!

## Epiphany is coming!

Epiphany occurs on January 6, marking the end of the 12 Days of Christmas. Like many churches, we will transfer it to the following Sunday (January 7). Epiphany Season is short this year – with Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine's Day (wow – that's early!). Two things to consider during the Epiphany Season:

- ↪ Epiphany means making Jesus known. Epiphany and evangelism go hand-in-hand. Consider how you make Jesus known to encourage others to Christ.
- ↪ House Blessings. There's an old custom of having the pastor come by and bless the family house during this season. If you are so interested, please notify the pastor.



## BLESSING OF THE BABES

Those that have been baptized at Immanuel in 2023 are invited for a special blessing on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

The list includes Clara Devlin, Henry Keene, Lennox Nehls, Vinnie Braatz, Carter Humphries, and Arya Walters.

# Pastor's Challenge

Here it is. A Two-Year Reading Plan of the Bible, beginning at the... beginning.

***Can you do it? Can you commit?***

The daily readings are roughly based on consistency and topic – which is why the chapters vary per day. This plan is loosely based on the Two-Year Reading Plan found on page lix of the Lutheran Study Bible.

The first book of the Bible is one of the most important – Creation – Fall – Noah - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob/Israel, to Joseph in Egypt. This early on, the Bible expresses both Law and Promise. Women have a strong role. Faith and trust are vital. There are also plenty of nuances that raise questions from the Two Trees to the Nephelim to Melchizedek to the Binding of Isaac. Genesis is a dramatic and exciting read – anything but boring.

<b><i>Day</i></b>	<b><i>Reading</i></b>	<b><i>Day</i></b>	<b><i>Reading</i></b>
<i>January 1</i>	<b>Genesis 1-2</b>	<i>January 17</i>	<b>Genesis 31-33</b>
<i>January 2</i>	<b>Genesis 3</b>	<i>January 18</i>	<b>Genesis 34-35</b>
<i>January 3</i>	<b>Genesis 4-6</b>	<i>January 19</i>	<b>Genesis 36-37</b>
<i>January 4</i>	<b>Genesis 7-8</b>	<i>January 20</i>	<b>Genesis 38-39</b>
<i>January 5</i>	<b>Genesis 9-10</b>	<i>January 21</i>	<b>Genesis 40</b>
<i>January 6</i>	<b>Genesis 11</b>	<i>January 22</i>	<b>Genesis 41:1-40</b>
<i>January 7</i>	<b>Genesis 12-13</b>	<i>January 23</i>	<b>Genesis 41:41-57</b>
<i>January 8</i>	<b>Genesis 14-15</b>	<i>January 24</i>	<b>Genesis 42-44</b>
<i>January 9</i>	<b>Genesis 16-17</b>	<i>January 25</i>	<b>Genesis 45-46</b>
<i>January 10</i>	<b>Genesis 18-19</b>	<i>January 26</i>	<b>Genesis 47-48</b>
<i>January 11</i>	<b>Genesis 20-21</b>	<i>January 27</i>	<b>Genesis 49-50</b>
<i>January 12</i>	<b>Genesis 22</b>	<i>January 28</i>	<b>Exodus 1</b>
<i>January 13</i>	<b>Genesis 23-24</b>	<i>January 29</i>	<b>Exodus 2</b>
<i>January 14</i>	<b>Genesis 25-26</b>	<i>January 30</i>	<b>Exodus 3-4</b>
<i>January 15</i>	<b>Genesis 27-28</b>	<i>January 31</i>	<b>Exodus 5-6</b>
<i>January 16</i>	<b>Genesis 29-30</b>		

# Prayer Requests

## PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

The family of Dolores Barteo, The family of Jerry Hensler, Gene Gerth, Al Hildebrandt, Willard Maas, 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: 12/21/23



# From the President

## 2024 New Year's Resolutions-Considerations

**I**t is that time of the year when some people make New Year Resolutions. This year instead of, or in addition to those resolutions, give some thought to making some **Considerations**.

There have been recent sermons touching on some considerations and there have been events when considerations have been evident. The considerations I am referring to are those related to "Time", "Talent" and "Treasurers". Some of these considerations were apparent with the beautiful church services that were held, concerts, special programs, sermons, decorating the tree, donating flowers and wreaths to beautify our church, reinstallation of the organ and etc. Some of these were done to prepare for the birthday of our Lord. To continue to celebrate that very special event of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we need to continue to offer of ourselves. Here are some considerations for you to ponder on while we enter this new year. These are not in any specific order:

**Consideration #1-** At the end of the month our semi-annual meeting will be held and there will be an election of officers and committee members to

replace those that have given their time and talents to serve your/our church. The following positions will be up for election: Vice President, Secretary, Financial Secretary and a member for each of the committees; Joint School Board, Congregational Life, Outreach, Property, and Worship & Music. Please give thoughts to consider giving of your time and talents to serve. If you are approached to serve give it serious consideration. If your heart leads you to volunteer for one of these positions please reach out to any of the present council members if you have any questions.

**Consideration #2-** At last year's annual meeting the budget that was presented was approved and resulted in an increase over the prior year's amounting to about a 6.6% increase. If you already had considered this in your offering the last half of this past year, **THANK YOU**. If not, to meet our expenses and not have to borrow monies to do so, please give the consideration of "Treasurers". As the expenses increase and if you are able, we need to also give consideration in increasing our offerings.

**Consideration #3-** This kind of goes



# From the President

## 2024 New Year's Resolutions-Considerations Continued

along or piggy backs on Consideration #2. Your church's expenses do not decrease if you are not in church on a given Sunday. We still incur all the regular and normal expenses and need to pay for them, such as heat, electricity, and upkeep. Whether you give on a weekly, monthly, quarterly or in any other fashion, please remember that expenses do not stop if you are unable to attend a worship service. Please consider making up those offerings that you missed so we can pay and meet the budgeted expense requirements.

**Consideration #4-** There are many opportunities to serve your church other than being on the church council so in 2024 please give consideration of you time and or talent to volunteer when help is needed for a project to be completed.

Thanks for any and all considerations you have given or plan to give to continue to make Immanuel of Lebanon a wonderful church and family to belong to and be proud of.

*Tom Kulke/President-Church Council*



## GET TO KNOW THE FLOCK

Name: Colleen Galaviz

How long have you been worshipping at Immanuel? 1 1/2 years

What keeps you busy? Church, family, 2 part-time jobs

Any ministries you are involved with or interested in? Something in Education

Favorite Hymn? Faith of Our Fathers

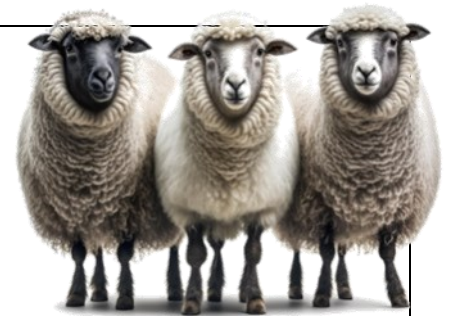
Any interesting hobbies to share? Photography, playing flute in Watertown's Municipal Band

Favorite Book or verse in the Bible? Luke 1:30

Favorite food(s)? Tacos de barbacoa

Anything on the Bucket List you would like to share? I want to travel to Peru

What do you love best about being a disciple at Immanuel? Knowing God



# Lebanon Lutheran School

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Christmas time is one of the craziest, but most joyful times in a school! Kids truly understand the meaning of Christmas Joy! Throughout the month of December, I loved seeing our students write and distribute Christmas cards, sing along to Christmas songs during work time, and decorate the school with Christmas cheer! And here at LLS we get the added joy of being able to share the true message of Christmas each and every day!

The students and staff put on a wonderful Christmas program that shares the story of Jesus' Birth in the form of a Game Show! It was truly a unique and fun performance. Along with all things Christmas, basketball season kicked off, and it sure has been awesome to see the kiddos laughing and having fun on the court! I can't wait to see what blessings God grants LLS in 2024!

## LONG TERM SUB NEEDED

We are in need of a long-term sub in our Kindergarten classroom starting in March through the end of May. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested, please reach out to Hannah Walters at LLS via email or phone. Mrs. Shelby Hummel is expecting and will be gone on Maternity leave.

*Congratulations Mrs. Hummel!*

## JANUARY EVENTS

Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Chapel (3-8 @ 8:15am, 4K - 2 @ 9am)

## Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

Basketball Games @ St. Stephens Beaver Dam (5pm, 6pm, 7pm)

## Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

JSB & Joint Council Meeting @ IL (6pm)

## Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

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

## Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

Home Basketball Games (5pm, 6pm, 7pm)

## Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

No School (Staff Work Day)

## Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

Whole School Chapel @ St. Peters (9am)

## Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

PTL Meeting @ St. Peters (7pm)

## Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

Basketball Games @ St. John's Juneau (5pm, 6pm, 7pm)

## Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

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

## Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

Home Basketball Games (5pm, 6pm, 7pm)

## Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

B Basketball Tournament @ LLS (All Day)

## Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

4K-2 Sing @ St. Peters (8am)

## Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

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

*God's Blessings!*

Hannah Walters  
Principal, Lebanon Lutheran School

Email: [hwalters@llsedu.org](mailto:hwalters@llsedu.org)

Phone: (920) 925-3791



# Picture Gallery





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# Announcements

## With Appreciation

We would like to thank Wes & Judy Kehl for providing the two wreaths on the church doors as well as Bruce & Debbie Pfeifer for the large wreath on the front of the fellowship hall over the bench. The wreaths are very pretty and help to beautify our church for the Christmas season.

## Opportunities

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

If you are interested in this position, please email Hannah Walters at [hwalters@llsedu.org](mailto:hwalters@llsedu.org) or call the school office at 920-925-3791.

## Walking the Gym

The gym will be available again this winter for indoor walking until spring. Open hours will be every Monday and Thursday beginning January 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 am until 10 am until weather permits outdoor walking. Call Trudy Dobbratz with any questions at 920-285-7466.

## Breakfast!

Men's Fellowship will be holding its Saturday morning breakfast this coming Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am in the church basement. If you would like to assist in cooking, please contact either Wes or Tom.

## Joint Council

The council will meet on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> in the church basement here at Immanuel at 6:00 pm.

## Semi-Annual Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> immediately following the service. The election of officers and a financial update will be a couple of the items on the agenda.

## Chili, Soup and Bingo

Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. For those that will bring food to share, sign up sheets will be available beginning January 1st

## Altar Flowers

There are two options for notifying the Altar Guild and the church office of your plans.

### OPTION 1:

Call the Altar Guild Coordinator, Kathy Stetler, at 262-224-7799. She will look at the altar flower calendar and gather all necessary information from you over the phone.

**OPTION 2:** Use Immanuel's website to view the altar flower calendar and submit a form.

			Quantity	Total \$
<b>*** GROCERY ***</b>				
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%		
<b>*** GAS STATIONS ***</b>				
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%		
<b>*** RESTAURANTS ***</b>				
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%		
<b>*** TRAVEL ***</b>				
Best Western	\$25 & \$100	12%		
Delta Airlines	\$250 & \$1000	4%		
Hotels.com	\$100 & \$250	6%		
<b>*** OTHER ***</b>				

			Quantity	Total \$
<b>*** DEPARTMENT STORE ***</b>				
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%		
<b>*** SPECIALTY STORES ***</b>				
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%		
<b>*** MAIL ORDER or IN STORE ***</b>				
Cabela's Card	\$25	11%		
WilliamsSonoma/PotteryBarn	\$25 & \$100	8%		
Land's End	\$25	16%		
<b>*** ONLINE RETAILERS ***</b>				
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 & Music .....Bob Sell

*\* Denotes executive council member*

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

*Meets monthly on the Monday prior to Council @ 6pm*

Chair ..... Russell Tietz  
Treasurer.....Shandra Zastrow  
Financial Secretary .....Sue Rhodes  
Designated Funds ..... Don Kuehl  
Member .....John Baumann  
Member .....Kathy Ewert  
Member .....Wes Kehl  
Member .....Becky Uecker  
Member .....Tom Kulke  
Member ..... Mike Uecker  
Member ..... Chad Albin

## PROPERTY

*Meets monthly on the first Monday @ 6pm*

Chair ..... Bruce Pfeifer  
Vice-Chair..... Wayne Zastrow  
Member .....Jack Ewert  
Member ..... Ward Genz  
Member .....Kevin Raether  
Member ..... Dick Uttech  
Member ..... Dennis Schwenkner  
Member .....Tom Dehnert  
Member ..... Brian Hrobsky

## OUTREACH

*Meets monthly on the first Sunday @ 10am*

Chair .....Christina 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-chair .....Kathy Ewert  
Member ..... Lisa Kuehl  
Member .....Karen Pugh  
Member ..... Dan Stetler  
Advisor .....Bonnie 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  
Member .....Linda Hensler  
Member .....Shelly Grosenick  
Member ..... Julie Christian  
Member .....Shari Uecker  
Member .....Sue Tietz  
Member .....Brad & Jessica Thomas  
Member ..... Anne & Chad Albin

## JOINT SCHOOL BOARD (JSB)

*Meets monthly on the second Monday @ 6pm*

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

# January Life Celebrations

## Birthdays

Debbie Fenner .....	1 <sup>st</sup>
Arlan Korth .....	4 <sup>th</sup>
Sally Leis .....	4 <sup>th</sup>
Dayton Peirick .....	4 <sup>th</sup>
Dale Wegner .....	5 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Tietz .....	6 <sup>th</sup>
Esmeralda Garity .....	6 <sup>th</sup>
Karen Tietz.....	8 <sup>th</sup>
Meghan Hurtgen.....	8 <sup>th</sup>
Kayla Keel.....	9 <sup>th</sup>
Zachary Ireland.....	10 <sup>th</sup>
Leanna Lillge.....	12 <sup>th</sup>
Calvin Hurtgen .....	12 <sup>th</sup>
Jacob Hurtgen.....	12 <sup>th</sup>
Brooke Zastrow .....	13 <sup>th</sup>
Chloe Stockhus .....	15 <sup>th</sup>
Jeff Schwefel .....	16 <sup>th</sup>
Lola Braatz .....	16 <sup>th</sup>
Cheryl Creydt .....	16 <sup>th</sup>
Evelyn Ruehlow .....	18 <sup>th</sup>
Autumn Kuehl.....	18 <sup>th</sup>
Dylan Kuehl .....	18 <sup>th</sup>
Patty Schwefel.....	18 <sup>th</sup>

Britni Grosenick .....	20 <sup>th</sup>
Kevin Field .....	21 <sup>st</sup>
Dave Bridgham.....	21 <sup>st</sup>
Tessa Schwager .....	21 <sup>st</sup>
Daxton Braatz.....	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Lauren Braatz .....	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Abby Reichert.....	24 <sup>th</sup>
Cynthia Raether .....	25 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Dehnert.....	28 <sup>th</sup>
Alisha Peplinski.....	28 <sup>th</sup>
Nathan Pfeifer.....	28 <sup>th</sup>
Myron Christian.....	30 <sup>th</sup>
Melissa Hurtgen.....	30 <sup>th</sup>
Dick Uttech .....	31 <sup>st</sup>
Kathy Ewert .....	31 <sup>st</sup>

## Anniversaries

Kady & Darrick Rejret .....	6 <sup>th</sup> .....	17 yrs.
Jacob & Connie Braatz.....	7 <sup>th</sup> .....	11 yrs.





## Worship Assistants Calendar—January

	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
	Baptism of Our Lord Epiphany 1	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
	White	Green	Green	Green
First Lesson	Genesis 1:1-5	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalms	Psalms 29	Psalms 139:1-10	Psalms 62	Psalms 111
Second Lesson	Romans 6:1-11	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35)	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Gospel	Mark 1:4-11	John 1:43-51	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:21-28

### Worship Assistants

Organist/Pianist	Judy	Lynn	Bonnie	Bonnie
Lector	Jonathan Lehman	Chris Peirick	Brooke Zastrow	Russell Tietz
Greeters	Karen & Ward Genz	Marcella Pfeifer, Wally Nass	Julie & Neal Christian	Lynne & Dick Uttech
Communion Assistants	Shari Uecker, Dave Bridgham	Sue Rhodes, Tom Kulke, Joyce & Howie Gutzdorf	Kathy Lehman, Wes Kehl, Lauren Eisenberg, Jack Ewert	Kathy & Dan Stetler, Colleen & Sam Galaviz
Acolytes	Cooper	Callen	Lola	Embrey
	Kieran	Ivy	Zechariah	Brycen
	Lila	Ava	Robby	Kaine
Altar Guild	Terry Coughlin, Dana Tietz, Jennifer Tietz			
Ushers	Jeff Held, Pam Barte, Rodger Dettmann, Tim Grudzinski, Howie Gutzdorf, Dan Stetler, Kathy Stetler			

# Calendar of Events—January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 31	Jan 1, 24	2	3	4	5	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00am Service of Holy Communion: The Epiphany tr.</li> <li>10:00am Outreach Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00pm Property Meeting</li> <li>8:00am Walking the Gym</li> <li>6:00pm Joint Council &amp; JSB @ Immanuel</li> <li>6:00pm Stewardship &amp;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00am Pastor's Study</li> <li>4:00pm Ruby's Pantry @ St. Peter's</li> <li>6:00pm The Chosen- S2, E4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15am Chapel at Immanuel</li> <li>4:30pm Community Confirmation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am Walking the Gym</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am Men's Breakfast in Church Basement</li> </ul>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00am Service of Holy Communion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am Walking the Gym</li> <li>12:30pm Blood Drive (Host Site)</li> <li>7:30pm Dartball Home</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00am Pastor's Study</li> <li>6:00pm Congregational Life Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00am All-School Chapel at Immanuel</li> <li>4:30pm Community Confirmation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am Walking the Gym</li> <li>11:00am Women of the Church Bible Study</li> <li>6:00pm Council Meeting</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30pm Chili-Soup, Bingo</li> </ul>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00am Service of Holy Communion</li> <li>10:00am Semi-annual Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am Walking the Gym</li> <li>7:30pm Dartball Home Game in Church</li> <li>8:00pm Country</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00am Pastor's Study</li> <li>6:00pm The Chosen- S2, E5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15am Chapel at Immanuel</li> <li>4:30pm Community Confirmation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am Walking the Gym</li> </ul>		
28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00am Service of Holy Communion</li> <li>10:00am Turkey Potpie Pick-up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am Walking the Gym</li> <li>7:30pm Dartball Home Game in Church Basement (Church)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15am Chapel at Immanuel</li> <li>4:30pm Community Confirmation</li> </ul>			

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# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LEBANON

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## Worship

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays 6:00pm *during Advent & Lent*

*We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion every Sunday.*

## Pastor

The Rev'd Daniel Repp

Email: pastor@ilcol.org

Cell for Emergencies: (574) 226-2133

## Church President

Tom Kulke

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## Administrative Assistant

Colleen Galaviz

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## Lebanon Lutheran School

**Principal:** Mrs. Hannah Walters

**Administrative Assistant:** Katie Marshall

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## LLS Early Childhood Center

*State Licensed Facility*

**Director:** Currently hiring for this position

**Childcare/Preschool:** 925-3040

eccdirector@llsedu.org

*Operated as a joint ministry between the two churches, our state licensed facility for daycare and preschool provides a caring Christian atmosphere where children experience the love of Jesus in words and actions.*