

May 2024

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon

The Country Christian

The Rite of **Confirmation**

The following confirmands will affirm the promises of baptism and publicly confess their faith before the congregation of

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
of Lebanon.**

Ashlyn Thomas

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Addison Streich

Deuteronomy 31:6

Zechariah Repp

Zechariah 7:9-10

Nolan Thomas

1 Timothy 4:12

Embrey Hurtgen

Joshua 1:9b

Examination Day
Thursday, May 16th at 6:00pm

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Day

Sunday, May 19th at 10:00am

8:00am Service of Holy Communion, no confirmation

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Give blood.



American
Red Cross



Blood Drive

Immanuel Lutheran Church | N572 Co Rd R | Watertown

Monday, May 6, 2024, 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Lebanon



Race to give April 29-May 19 and get a coupon for free haircut by email, thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts! Plus, chance to win a VIP NASCAR experience to the 2024 NASCAR Cup series & Xfinity Races at Darlington Raceway. Rcblood.org/win

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BRAT FRY & BAKE SALE

Friday, May 17th, 10am-3pm

Glenn's Brat Haus, 722 W Main St. Watertown

Sheboygan Brats, Ballpark Brat (Brat of the Week) Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Chips, Soda, Water & Delicious Baked Goods!

For more information or to sign up to volunteer for the event, please contact Katie Boehlen at 920-246-1286 or Dana Tietz at 920-285-0033.



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will benefit the
Lebanon Lutheran PTL**

Postern of the Pastor



There's an old poem, written by Alexander Pope, that goes:

*“Hope humbly then; with trembling pinions soar;
Wait the great teacher Death; and God adore!
What future bliss, he gives not thee to know,
But gives that hope to be thy blessing now.*

Hope springs eternal in the human breast:
*Man never is, but always to be blest:
The soul, uneasy and confin'd from home,
Rests and expatiates in a life to come.”*

Has a nice ring to it, doesn't it? Definitely not Taylor Swift or Beyoncé, but that's okay. You might not have heard of it before, but odds are you've come across the bit in **boldface: Hope springs eternal**. This line simply means that we, as God's flock, should hold on to a sense of hope that is eternal – no matter what the world throws at us. This doesn't mean we are always sappy or putting on superficial airs of optimism.

In the face of adversity, even with a battle-hardened face, we don't abandon hope in things eternal – like Resurrection. In May, the 50 Days of Easter end in “Pentecost” – the Fiftieth Day after the empty tomb – when the Spirit descends and empowers his flock to be sent out. We still are.

Pentecost will be extraordinary this year as we will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation at the 10 a.m. service. Five

young faces will be reminded that, through their Baptismal faith, they will be sent out. The pastor lays his hands upon them and says these words: **Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.** And the newly confirmed replies: **AMEN!**

Our church is also being sent out to support not only these young faces, but to continually renew our sense of mission – and hope. Over the last few months, your church council has looked at the three great theological virtues we find at the end of 1 Corinthians 13: FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE/CHARITY. We all love the last one (bad pun) and Lutherans often cling to the first one. But let's not forget HOPE. Your council considered ways we make hope come alive here at Immanuel. I'll list a few:

- * Our worship (Word & Sacrament)
- * How we welcome visitors
- * We provide a nurturing place for renewal
- * Our various programs to help form people to learn about Christ
- * We encourage folks to share their talents in a Godly way
- * Our pastoral care and visitations to the shut-ins

Postern of the Pastor



The promise of Resurrection begins not at death but in faith. It ends in God's love. In the meantime, we are in the business of HOPE – a Godly HOPE – to encourage folks that there is indeed something more. And believe it or not, this HOPE is stronger but gentler than a windstorm in Lebanon! As we hope and pray for **Embrey, Zechariah, Addison, Ashlyn, and Nolan** – may we be so stirred up. May our hope indeed spring eternal.

PASSPORTS CONTINUE!

During the 50 Days of Easter, there will be "Passports" available each Sunday (and Ascension Day) for children 6th grade on down to those learning to read and write. On each Passport will be a time to reflect on our worship. At the end of each service, Pastor will stamp each Passport.

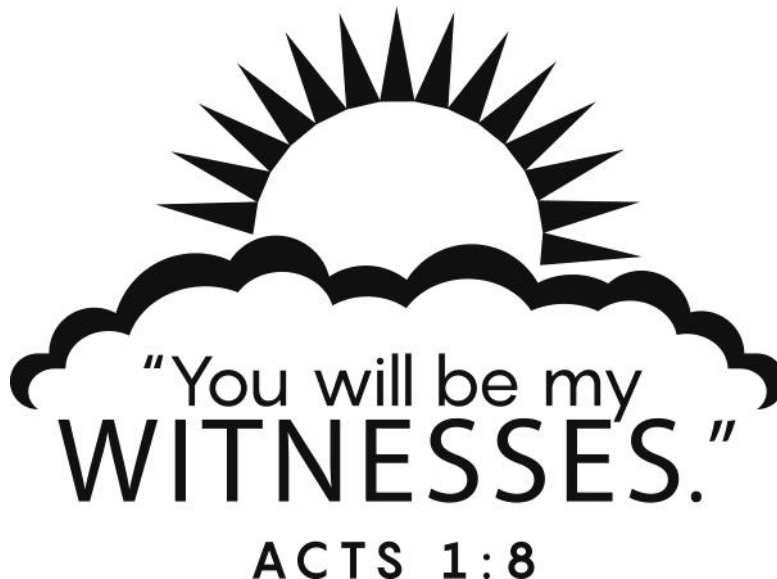
Please save all of your passports – and bring them all back on Pentecost Sunday (May 19 – there will be two services – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. with the Rite of Confirmation). Whoever has the most passports – wins a prize – to be announced on Trinity Sunday (May 26)

ASCENSION DAY

Immanuel will celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday, May 9. Pastor Ken Nelson will be the guest presider and preacher. Refreshments will follow.

NEW MEMBERS:

On May 5, Immanuel will welcome new members to the flock, including: Bruce Mallow, Eric Streblov, Nicole Streblov, Sawyer Streblov, Colette Kuehl, and Nora Kuehl. Please keep them in prayer! ☩



In Loving Memory



IN MEMORY OF CHAD ZWIEG

Pipes & Panes

Jeff & Connie Held

Bruce & Debbie Pfeifer

Ralph Krueger

Jack & Kathy Ewert

General Memorial Fund

Jon & Dana Tietz & Family

Bill & Sue Tietz

IN MEMORY OF SUSAN CHRISTIAN

General Operating Fund

Dan & Sue Egnarski

Lebanon Lutheran School

Luanna Neitzel

IN MEMORY OF MARJORIE BAUMANN

Pipes & Panes

Dennis & Nathalia Christian

Thomas Gerger

Gary & Jane Prod

Evelyn Ruehlow

Bob Sell

Leroy & Karen Tietz

Mark & Judy Zastrow

Jerald & Carmen Groehler

IN MEMORY OF ANTOINETTE FENNER

General Memorial Fund

Debbie Fenner

Pipes & Panes

Doris Korth

IN MEMORY OF CLAUDINE GERMER

Pipes & Panes

Doris Korth

IN MEMORY OF MEREDITH ZOELLER

Pipes & Panes

Bruce & Debbie Pfeifer

IN MEMORY OF ALICE STRASSBURG

Panes

Delores Strassburg

IN MEMORY OF FRANCES LAUFENBERG

Pipes & Panes

Jill Schmitz

IN MEMORY OF ALBERT DAMROW

Panes

Bev Stendel

Jack & Kathy Ewert

Paul & Mary Jaeger

Ed, Sally, Nate & Becca Leis

IN MEMORY OF DAN WESTERMEYER

Panes

Jack & Kathy Ewert

Dick & Linda Baehler

IN MEMORY OF DAVID STENDEL

Lebanon Lutheran School

Wes & Judy Kehl

Jo Ann Neumann

In Loving Memory



Pipes & Panes

Robert & Arlene Hackbarth
Mike & Becky Uecker
Bill & Karen Devlin
Pam Bartee
Edgar & Florence Ninmann
Marcella Pfeifer
Dean & Donna Christian
Joe & Sue Rhodes
Tom & Teresa Kulke
Mike & Kim Herro
Laurie Krohn
Don & Karen Pugh
LeRoy & Karen Tietz
Darlene Turke
Bob & Judy Kluetzman
Wally Nass
Judy Runt
Gladys Dietzel
Ellward & Karen Kuehl
Jon Kohlmetz
Sheryl Levitsch
Joan Doyle
Patricia Frank
Janet Gerbig

Violet Christian
Ralph & Crystal Poweleit
Joanne Braunschweig
Kevin & Beth Stendel
Doris Korth
Diane Hicks
Don & Lisa Kuehl
Bruce & Debbie Pfeifer
Ed, Sally, Nate & Becca Leis
Joe & Mary Jo Georgen
Jack & Kathy Ewert
Pat, Karen & Sean Doyle
Mike & Gloria McDonald
Jeff & Connie Held
Wayne & Shandra Zastrow
Richard & Lynne Uttech
Cyril Stendel

IN MEMORY OF JEAN MERACLE

Panes

Patty Schwefel

Memorials & Honor of

3/25/24—4/24/24

Total\$2185.00



Ask the Pastor



Q What are the gifts of the spirit or spiritual gifts?

A With Pentecost around the corner, my Charismatic friends get excited. The word “charism” simply means “gift”. The Charismatic movement spread across many church traditions (including some Lutheran bodies) and became popular in the 1970s and 1980s. This movement was most famous for its emphasis of “speaking in tongues” although other spiritual gifts were important as well, including the gift of healing through the laying-on of hands. These gifts could take on supernatural forms or the miraculous. As with anything, there was abuse and misuse with some of these charismatic claims.

Some Christians take a position that these supernatural gifts and miracles ceased at the end of the New Testament age, while others hold that they’ve continued. Many hold an in position in-between. The NALC does not hold a formal position on this matter.

The New Testament has several lists of spiritual gifts, most especially in Paul’s letters (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10; 12:28-30; Ephesians 4:11; etc.). All of these gifts are given by God’s Spirit to help build up the church. That’s the most important part, along with the everyday miracles of God’s people coming together to serve in His Name. Should we reach out to people in His Name who speak a different language or look different than us? Youbetcha. Should we pray for healing? Youbetcha again – but remember to always pray for spiritual healing. 🙏



Youth & Family

is planning an event for May.

More information to come.



Pastor's Challenge



Ah, the Book of Judges... welcome to the wild, wild west! If you like westerns, romance, or adventure novels, here you go! The conquest of the Promised Land melts down into chaos as various tribal chieftains known as “judges” attempt to assert God’s Law. Some are better than others, but apathy and indifference lead to many bad decisions. This book is anything but boring – especially with folks like Deborah, Gideon, Abimelech and Jotham, and of course Samson.

Ruth is a beloved book by many as it sets the stage for David’s ancestry. That aside, it’s narrative reminds us of how God works through difficult times to built up and restore relationships – especially that ever tricky relationship between daughter-in-law and mother-in-law. Faithfulness trumps bitterness.

1 Samuel starts the reader into the Bible sometimes called the historical books. More on this next month, but consider how God provides for His people through unexpected ways.

<i>Day</i>	Reading	<i>Day</i>	Reading
<i>May 1</i>	Judges 1	<i>May 17</i>	1 Samuel 4
<i>May 2</i>	Judges 2	<i>May 18</i>	1 Samuel 5-6
<i>May 3</i>	Judges 3	<i>May 19</i>	1 Samuel 7
<i>May 4</i>	Judges 4-5	<i>May 20</i>	1 Samuel 8
<i>May 5</i>	Judges 6-8	<i>May 21</i>	1 Samuel 9-10
<i>May 6</i>	Judges 9-10	<i>May 22</i>	1 Samuel 11
<i>May 7</i>	Judges 11-12	<i>May 23</i>	1 Samuel 12
<i>May 8</i>	Judges 13-16	<i>May 24</i>	1 Samuel 13
<i>May 9</i>	Judges 17-18	<i>May 25</i>	1 Sam 14
<i>May 10</i>	Judges 19-20	<i>May 26</i>	1 Samuel 15
<i>May 11</i>	Judges 21	<i>May 27</i>	1 Samuel 16
<i>May 12</i>	Ruth 1-2	<i>May 28</i>	1 Samuel 17
<i>May 13</i>	Ruth 3-4	<i>May 29</i>	1 Samuel 18-19
<i>May 14</i>	1 Samuel 1	<i>May 30</i>	1 Samuel 20-21
<i>May 15</i>	1 Samuel 2	<i>May 31</i>	1 Samuel 22
<i>May 16</i>	1 Samuel 3		

Prayer Requests

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

The family of David Stendel, The family of Clifford Schuett (The father of Suzanne Dettmann), Elaine Feder, Lois Wegner, Lori Schwenkner, Bob Sell, Al Hildebrandt, Marlene Butler, Lyle Braunschweig, Jim Peirick, Gail Hoffman, Wes Kehl, Kaye Lillge, Rodger Dettmann, Ron Kuehl, Cory Ewert, Kay Thomas, David Ropicky, Jon Schoenike, Abbey Genz, Mark Haubenschild, LeRoy & Karen Tietz, Don Pugh, Andrew Dietrich, Nicki Clark, Joanne Todd, Austin & Amanda Field, Kathy Lehman.

Our Homebound Family

Willard Maas, Gene Gerth, Evelyn Ruehlow, Ardelle Bergin, Delores Strassburg, Myrtle Grosenick, Dorene Grosenick, Janet Eigenberger, Allen Grosenick, Stan Kuehl, Mabel Pieper, Pamela Pieper, Steffanie Ropicky, Heidi Strauss, LeRoy Tietz, Robert Wittnebel, and Don Pugh.

Thanksgiving for the birth of Ivy Eisenberg and the baptism of Hana Ann Kuehl and for upcoming new members.

Updated: 4/23/24





ATTENDANCE: Pastor Repp, Tom Kulke, Shandra Zastrow, Sue Rhodes, Bruce Pfeifer, Wes Kehl,

Christina Plasil, Mike Uecker, Bob Sell, Bob Kluetzman, Lori Schwenkner

Pastor Repp opened with prayer and lead a discussion on – *Catechesis: HOPE*

Tom Kulke requested any additions or corrections to the March 21, 2024 Council minutes. Following discussion, a Motion was made by Shandra Zastrow to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Christina Plasil. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Shandra Zastrow presented the March 2024 Financials. February had five Sunday services with multiple services on Palm Sunday and Easter, Lenten services, Maundy Thursday and two Good Friday services. Total income for March was \$76,627.85 minus expenses of \$42,697.02 plus Designated Funds in for purchased of \$182.00, less designated purpose funds of \$4,590.00 for a positive difference of \$29,522.83. Checkbook balance is \$45,893.11.

Following questions, a Motion to accept the March financial report was made by Sue Rhodes seconded by Wes Kehl. Motion carried.

PASTOR’S REPORT

Sacraments & Service

New members – Bruce Mallow, Eric, Nicole, and Sawyer Streblow

Easter PASSPORT and STAMP continues
Burial Service for David Stendel – Noon
Saturday, April 20

Holy Baptisms slated:

- Hana Kuehl – April 28
- Ivory Eisenberg – in discussion
- Waylon Jaeger – September
- Special April Service – 3:30pm Wed April 24 - Word / Stories in Stained Glass
- Ascension Day – 6pm, Sunday May 9 – guest preacher/presider Pr. Ken Nelson
- Examination Day – 6pm Thursday, May 16
- Pentecost – Rite of Confirmation – 10am Sunday, May 19

Pastoral and Catechetical

Council members – please consider attending the last Community Confirmation Class on May 8 at 4:30 p.m. to help the candidates review for confirmation. Class time will build in an opportunity for you to share “what you do” around the church.

- LLS Spring Concert – 10am and 6pm- Thursday, May 2
- LLS Graduation will be private this year.
- Pastor’s Study will resume in April 9, Tuesdays at 10 am: Luther’s Last Will and Testament
- Youth & Family: May
- Pastoral Care updates
- Marriage Banns: Saturday, June 15 at ILCOL – Donald L. McNaughton and Leone “Lee” Marie Cerk.

Administrative and Additional

Anniversaries FYI: the church building
LHS Dedication and Open House, April 20



Children’s Worship Guide
 Summer Family/Small Group Curriculum
 in discussion
 New member planning strategy
 May Calendar Draft

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Congregational Life: Reception will be held after confirmation examination.

LLS/ECC Report – Shandra Zastrow, Business Manager reviewed high bank service charges for the ECC & LLS. These fees are from families paying by credit card or debit card. Discussion was held on passing these charges onto the user for next year. Software will be researched that has the ability to switch these costs to the user.

ECC

ECC pay increase is effective March 18th.
 Waiting list for September-December includes 6 children (babies & siblings). Two 3K children have enrolled into the LLS 4K program for next school year.
 New hire Morgan did not start on 3/25/24, Tina decided to wait to hire.
 State site visit on 3/25/24 – received seven violations. Violations were corrected the following day.
 Curriculum proposals were presented. Highscope curriculum will be purchased using grant money (approximately \$2,200 per year).

ECC rate increases will be effective May 1, 2024.

LLS

Accreditation team was on site April 10, 11 & 12th. There was time scheduled to meet with each JSB member.

Field trip for grades 3-8 to attend the Milton House.

A new field trip policy will need to be written for the 2024-2025 school year. Changes needed are clarification of the number of field trips, dates due and approval from PTL before JSB.

School Choice-there has been some interest, deadline to apply is April 18th.

Outreach – The following was reported - Blood drive scheduled on Monday, May 6 from 1:30-6pm

Brat Fry will be held on Saturday, June 15 at Piggly Wiggly from 10am-2pm.

Sundae Sunday is June 16 after church service in the church basement.

Dockhounds Game is scheduled for Saturday, July 13th, start time is 6:05pm, tickets are \$15 each for stadium seating. Order tickets online, link is posted on Facebook, Country Christian and the bulletin. We have 120 tickets. We will be doing the High 5 tunnel and one lucky parishioner will throw out the first pitch.

Property Committee: Bruce Pfeifer’s report included:

Church –

Sidewalk cracks need to be cleaned out of



old caulk, sand added and re-caulked-TBD

Church Cross metal I beam needs priming and painting-TBD

Railings on front steps-rebuild the bottoms of existing posts - John Ellis-install TBD

Balcony wall repairs, getting bid for repairs.

Window renovation is going really well. When the original storm windows were taken off, they found that previously laminate was used to cover past wood frames. This has caused the wood to rot and needs to be replaced. Glass is ¼' and tempered. Additional \$1,500 per window to fix the rot. Impressed with the workmanship. Additional cost will be extended to the project fund.

Basement windows and storms need painting (volunteers welcome)

Kitchen double wide refrigerator compressor, paid for by donation from church groups

Rear entrance exterior dust/dawn lights not working, repair/replace

Janitor Job description completed/reviewing

Unexplained water found its way into organ pipe room, some leathers for pipes were damaged

Ceiling attic above organ pipe room received a new Duralast vinyl roofing, materials donated by Fred Pugh, Bader

Roofing

Nolte back repairing water damage in organ pipe room

Parsonage –

Walk through completed

Basement light switch repaired

Need a new bathroom ceiling fan upstairs

Basement entrance needs new storm and insulated doors

Back porch entrance needs a new storm door

Fellowship Hall –

Janitor job description completed, being reviewed.

Floor Scrubber, delivered, paid for by church groups and private donations

Teacherage –

Building needs tuck pointing, scheduling bids and possible repairs TBD

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

School –

Minor repairs and updated completed for school recertification done by Jack Ewert

Grounds –

Crossbar on tire swing has bent, needs a new pole

Stewardship & Finance – report included -

Pipes and Panes – discussion and recommendation of committee, sign the contract for additional work on the window sills, approximate cost is \$15,375, subject to information on screens and the



need for repair to be done on all windows. There was discussion on the organ water damage, estimated total of \$6,600. We will use \$6,600 of the organ room renovation monies for repair.

Suggestion to donate the monies from the Special Service on Wednesday, April 24 collection to go Pipes and Panes. Sue Rhodes made a Motion for monies from April 24 service to go towards the Pipes and Panes fund, Bob Kluetzman seconded. Motion carried.

Worship and Music: Due to weather there was no meeting held in April. Items to mention include

Ascension Day Service, Thursday, May 9th at 6:00pm (Rev Ken Nelson officiating)

Confirmation examination on Thursday, May 16 at 6:00pm, encourage council members to attend. There will be a reception to following in the church basement.

Pentecost Sunday, Sunday, May 19th (Confirmation)

8:00am service with communion

10:00am service with Confirmation and communion

OLD BUSINESS: Review of the Constitution/Bylaws continues.

Audit committee has been identified.

Media Resolution will be reviewed in May.

NEW BUSINESS: May Council meeting is scheduled during the night of confirmation examination. May council

meeting will be rescheduled to Thursday, May 23rd.

Easter Coffee hour donations – \$250 – suggestions where monies would be used. Bruce Pfeifer made a Motion to put the \$250 from the Easter Coffee hour toward the Pipes and Panes fund, seconded by Sue Rhodes. Motion passed.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR THE GOOD & BETTERMENT OF THE CHURCH

School Discussion Item – discussion continue.

Budget – committees to start considering their budgets for next year.

New council members to attend future meetings – suggested made to have new council members attend a council meeting prior to taking office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council meeting – Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00pm (**note change to current schedule)

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. ✠

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Schwenkner, Council Secretary

Treasurer's Report for March

Income:

Sundays

1st Sunday	\$ 4,485.00
2nd Sunday	\$ 6,677.00
3rd Sunday	\$ 4,218.00
4th Sunday - Palm Sunday Eve	\$ 8,940.00
4th Sunday - Palm Sunday	\$ 2,517.00
5th Sunday - Easter Dawn	\$ 5,664.00
5th Sunday - Easter 9am	\$ 4,763.00
Lent - 3.6.24	\$ 575.00
Lent - 3.13.24	\$ 805.00
Lent - 3.20.24	\$ 1,550.00
Maundy Thursday	\$ 13,657.00
Good Friday 1pm	\$ 555.00
Good Friday 6pm	\$ 800.00
Council - Easter Breakfast	\$ 250.00

Total General Fund: \$ 55,456.00

Simply Giving Offerings: \$ 2,810.00

Total General Use Offerings: \$ 58,266.00

Other Income

Teachergage Gift - March 2024	\$ 500.00
Gym Fees - Bball/Rentals	\$ 1,720.00
God's Work/Giving Tree - DRSA	\$ -
Memorial Fund	\$ 245.00
Pipes & Panes	\$ 3,435.00
LLS Endowment Fund	\$ 10.00
Worship & Music	\$ -
Discretionary Fund - Helping Hands	\$ -
LLS Special Fund 2023/2024	\$ 25.00
NALC 20/20 Vision	\$ 875.00
Thrivent Grant Funds	\$ 382.00
Paschal Candle Donation Funds	\$ 169.85
Floor Scrubber Donation Funds	\$ 11,000.00

Total Other Income: \$ 18,361.85

Total Offerings & Other Income: \$ 76,627.85

Treasurer's Summary Report

Total Income	\$ 76,627.85
Total Paid Out	\$ 42,697.02
Designated Funds In for Purchases	\$ 182.00
Less Designated Purpose Funds	\$ 4,590.00
Difference	\$ 29,522.83

Expenses:

General Operating Expenses

Worship & Programs	\$ 837.62
Education (LLS Support & Youth Activities & Confirmation)	\$ 14,899.74
Benevolence (Missions & Outreach)	\$ -
Administration	\$ 3,101.51
Pastoral (Salary, Benefits, & Mileage)	\$ 7,127.70
FICA/WorkComp	\$ 456.69
Interest Costs	\$ 423.84

Building & Grounds - Main. \$ 12,543.88

Utilities \$ 2,281.38

Insurance \$ 1,024.66

Expenses Paid Out: \$ 42,697.02

Window Payment: \$ -

Total Expenses for March: \$ 42,697.02

Debts

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

Total Debt: \$ 125,000.00

Other Financial Information

Checkbook Balance before March
Designated Purpose: \$ 50,483.11

Less March Designated Purpose
Funds: \$ (4,590.00)

Gen. Fund March Ckg Balance: \$ 45,893.11

Submitted by Shandra Zastrow

A Note from the Principal



Isaiah 61:11 says, “For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.” May brings about lots of joy for many people. The sunshine, green grass, and blooming flowers energize and refresh us. Just like Spring brings about joy in our personal lives, May brings about lots of joy in schools. There is joy found in being able to be out in the sunshine for recess, the many special events that happen in May, the awards and honors, the completion of state testing, and graduation for some! As I have been thinking about all the upcoming celebrations, I couldn’t help but think about how lucky we, as Christians, are to be able to experience God’s joy throughout the entire year! John 15:11 says, “I have you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” The celebrations of the end of another school year give a sense of joy, but we as Christians get to experience full and complete joy all year around from the greatest source of joy - Jesus Christ!

Teacher Appreciation

May 6th - May 10th is Teacher Appreciation Week! If you see a teacher, be sure to thank them for their service and dedication!

This week we are praising God and celebrating that Lebanon Lutheran has been Accredited by the National Lutheran School Accreditation! Thank you to all those who helped make our validating team feel welcomed here at Lebanon Lutheran. Thank you to those who donated food, made snacks, and helped prepare and clean-up our welcome dinner. Your time and efforts are appreciated! It was a blessing to be able to showcase the kind heartedness that makes up Lebanon! We are looking forward to reading the full report from the validating team and determining how we can best implement their recommendations to fit our school and community.



Accreditation

Throughout the entirety of the 2023-2024 school year, a team of LLS stakeholders have been working through the Accreditation process to renew our Accreditation status. The process includes

A Note from the Principal

writing a self-study based on national standards, collecting evidence to show our compliance with these standards, and a self-evaluation. On April 11th and April 12th, we had a validating team of six Lutheran School principals, pastors, and teachers come validate our self-study and provide us with recommendations to strengthen our ministry. The goal of this entire process is to encourage, assist, and recognize Lutheran schools that provide a quality Christian education and support them in continuous improvement.

Spring Concert

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 2nd and attend the LLS Spring Concert! Our students will be performing summer themed Christian songs through singing and instruments! Performances are at 10:00am and 6:00pm in the gym.

Brat Fry

Please save the date for our upcoming PTL fundraiser:

Glenn's Market Brat Fry and Bake Sale

Friday, May 17th 2024

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

signup.com/go/eDagSkd

We need many hands to help this event run smoothly and successfully. Please click on the sign up link. Thank you for your commitment and help!

May Events

- * Wednesday, May 1st
Whole School Chapel @ Immanuel, 9am
- * Thursday, May 2nd
Spring Concert @ Immanuel Gym, 10am/6pm
- * Monday, May 6th-Friday, May 10th
Teacher Appreciation Week
- * Wednesday, May 8th
Chapel: 3rd-8th @ 8:15am, 4K - 2nd @ 9am
- * Monday, May 13th
JSB Meeting @ Immanuel, 6pm
- * Wednesday, May 15th
Chapel: 3rd-8th @ 8:15am, 4K - 2nd @ 9am
- * Wednesday, May 15th
PTL Meeting @ St. Peters, 7pm
- * Friday, May 17th
PTL Brat Fry @ Glenn's
- * Wednesday, May 22nd
Chapel: 3rd-8th @ 8:15am, 4K - 2nd @ 9am
- * Monday, May 22nd
No School, Memorial Day
- * Wednesday, May 29th
Olympic Day
- * Friday, May 31st
Last Day of School
Closing Chapel @ St. Peters, 10:15am &

God's Blessings!

Hannah Walters

Principal

Lebanon Lutheran School

Photo Gallery



New Members



BRUCE & RHONDA BOYD



LEONE (LEE) CERK & DON McNAUGHTON

Welcome
to the Flock



JANEL FRARCK & SCOTT KIRCHOFF

Photo Gallery



Announcements



Dockhounds

Join us on Saturday, July 13th for an evening of fun and fellowship at the ballpark as we cheer on the Lake Country

DockHounds in their game against the Sioux Falls Canaries!



We will be in the regular stadium seating this year. Our group will be part of the high 5 tunnel, and one lucky parishioner will have a chance to throw out the first pitch!

Tickets are \$15 each, and you can order them online at

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Immanuellutheran7>.

If you would like to throw the first pitch, enter your name in the container in the church basement. Pastor will draw the lucky name at Sunday service on May 5th.

Quilters Needed

The Quilters of Immanuel needs help making lap blankets for the wheelchair-bound of Marquardt Manor in Watertown. This is in preparation for Christmas. For questions, call Bev Stendel at 920-342-9220 (cell) or 262-593-2509 (home).

Vacation Bible School

VBS 2024 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church will run from June 10th through the 14th, from 8:30-11:30am. Throughout this program, we will emphasize how Jesus gives us joy through exciting games, lively music, and more! Let's Celebrate the Savior!

Sign up today at

<https://vbsmate.com/stpeterslebanonwi>.

Spring Concert

Lebanon Lutheran School will hold their Spring concert on Thursday, May 2nd in the fellowship hall (gym). There will be two concerts that day, 10am and 6pm.



Ascension Day

Immanuel will celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday, May 9th. Pastor Ken Nelson will be the guest presider and preacher. Refreshments will follow.



Thank You Notes



Palm Sunday Brunch-2024

Once again Immanuel held a fantastic brunch this year. On behalf of the Men's Fellowship Group we would like to thank all of you that assisted with the Palm Sunday Brunch to make it another successful event for our church. This would not be possible without all the great volunteer help and donations. Success can be gauged on a few different factors: number of people that attended, the amount of food that was eaten, or the amount of fellowship that was encountered by not only members of Immanuel but also by visitors that came and enjoyed.

For this, the Men's Fellowship Group would like to thank all of you that volunteered and helped on Saturday and also on Sunday. A thank you also goes out to those that made donations of goods such as potatoes, oil, jam, juice and etc. Also to those that made financial donations. A thank you goes out to those that donated the quilts and wine for the raffles and lastly to those that attended the event.

There were 1175 that were served. All the bills have not been rec'd yet but a profit of a little over \$10,000 should be realized from the event.

It was great to see several new faces that pitched in this year and helped where it was needed, both inside as well as outside in the tent. Thanks again! Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Men's Fellowship Group

Thank you for your donation of items for our Personal Essentials Pantry. We greatly appreciate any and all help so we can help our families in need.

The Personal Essential Pantry helps families where the Food Pantry can't help withy personal care items and household products.

God's blessings to you all!

Personal Essential Pantry
Showing God's love and care for all who are in need.

I would like to thank everyone for the many cards and prayers during my recent setback. Especially Pastor Repp for all his visits and prayers.

Bob Sell

Watertown Food Pantry thanks you for your support and donation of 22 and 212 food items.

Watertown Food Pantry
209 N. 9th Street
Watertown, WI 53094
1-920-390-4252
watertownfoodpantry.org

Get to Know the Flock



Name

RHONDA BOYD

How long have you been worshipping at Immanuel?

7 YEARS AND A GRADUATE OF LEBANON LUTHERAN SCHOOL

What keeps you busy?

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

Any ministries you are involved with or interested in?

IN CONSIDERATION

Favorite hymn?

BORN/ING CRY

Favorite Book or verse in the Bible?

JOHN'S GOSPEL

Favorite food (s)?

LASAGNA

Any interesting hobbies to share?

VOLUNTEERING, 4-H, ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY, BASEBALL



Anything on the bucket list you would like to share?

TOO BUSY LIVING

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

FAMILY ATMOSPHERE



 **CONFIRMATION** 
SUNDAY
MAY 19TH AT 10:00AM

			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
Member Ward 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
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
MemberLinda Hensler

May Life Celebrations

Birthdays

Amanda Otto.....	2 nd
Holly Mills.....	2 nd
Lucas Schramm.....	3 rd
Connor Lehman.....	3 rd
Guinevere Jaeger.....	3 rd
Nevaeh Peirick.....	4 th
Elaine Feder.....	4 th
Gary Schwefel.....	5 th
Doug Hoffman.....	5 th
Martin Christian.....	9 th
Kieran Boettcher.....	11 th
Jeff Held.....	12 th
Sue Tietz.....	12 th
Cameron Reichert.....	12 th
Carson Peirick.....	16 th
Hannah Haberkorn.....	16 th
Joshua Nettesheim.....	18 th
Ralph Stangler.....	19 th
Amy Kranz.....	19 th
Fletcher Thomas.....	20 th
Rodger Dettmann.....	21 st
Olivia Uecker.....	22 nd
Arya Walters.....	22 nd
Donna Hrobsky.....	23 rd
Samuel Galaviz.....	23 rd
John Baumann.....	25 th
Darlene Turke.....	25 th

Kady Rejret.....	25 th
Wayne Zastrow.....	26 th
Raelynn Tietz.....	26 th
Paul Jaeger.....	28 th
Lillian Kulke.....	28 th
Brian Plasil.....	31 st
Sawyer Genz.....	31 st

Anniversaries

Wes & Judy Kehl.....	5 th .. 62 yrs
Ellward & Karen Kuehl.....	9 th .. 60 yrs
Dennis & Kaye Lillge.....	10 th .. 44 yrs
Ron & Elaine Feder.....	10 th .. 66 yrs
Jeff & Connie Held.....	15 th .. 48 yrs
LeRoy & Karen Tietz.....	15 th .. 59 yrs
Erik & Lillian Kulke.....	20 th 1 yr
Dave & Bev Stendel.....	22 nd .. 59 yrs
Joan & Gregg Grosenick.....	23 rd .. 32 yrs
Tim & Cynthia Grudzinski.....	23 rd .. 26 yrs
Paul & Mary Jaeger.....	24 th .. 49 yrs
Bruce & Debbie Pfeifer.....	25 th .. 39 yrs
Gordon & Nancy Christian.....	26 th .. 40 yrs
Don & Lisa Kuehl.....	31 st 16 yrs



Worship Assistants Calendar—May

	May 5	May 9	May 12	May 19	May 26		
Sixth Sunday of Easter	White	White	White	Red	Confirmation	Holy Trinity Sunday	White
	9:00 am	6:00 pm	9:00 am				8:00 am
First Lesson	Acts 10:34-48	Acts 1:1-11	Acts 1:12-26	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Isaiah 6:1-8		
Psaln	98	47	1	139:1-12 (13-16)		29	
Second Lesson	1 John 5:1-8	Ephesians 1:15-23	1 John 5:9-15	Acts 2:1-21	Acts 2:14a, 22-36		
Gospel	John 15:9-17	Luke 24:44-53	John 17:11b-19	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15		John 3:1-17	

Worship Assistants

Organist/ Pianist	Bonnie	Bonnie	Lynn	Judy	Judy	Judy
Lector	Chris Peirick	Jen Tietz	Russell Tietz	Chris Peirick	Wes Kehl	Sandy Nimmann
Greeters	Marcella Pfeifer & Wally Nass		Lynne & Dick Uttech	Shari Uecker & Bob Kluetzman		Katie & Shawn Ireland
Communion Assistants	Pam Bartee, Dave Bridgham	Bob Kluetzman, Wes Kehl	Sandy Nimmann, Tom Kulke, Gail & Doug Hoffman	Lynne & Dick Uttech, Sue Rhodes, Keith Schmidt	Kathy & Dan Stetler, Joyce & Howie Gutzdorf	Suzzanne & Rodger Dettmann, Bruce & Debbie Pfeifer
Acolytes	Cooper	Ashlyn	Embrey	Ava	Callen	Sophia
	Hayley	Nolan	Zechariah	Hayley	Robby	Maddy
Altar Guild	Maddy		Addison	Tenly	Brycen	Hayley
Ushers	Suzzanne Dettmann, Joyce Gutzdorf					
	Dick Baehler, Linda Baehler, Brian Hrobsky, Kirt Kennitz, Jo Ann Neumann, Jeff Priebusch, Kevin Raether					

Calendar of Events—May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
9:00am Easter 6: Service of Holy Communion 10:00am Outreach Meeting	12:30pm Blood Drive 6:00pm Property Meeting	10:00am Pastor's Study 5:00pm Worship & Music Meeting 6:00pm Congregational Life Meeting	8:15am Chapel at Immanuel 4:30pm Community Confirmation	10:00am Spring Choir Concert 1:30pm Water testing 6:00pm Spring Choir Concert		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00am Easter 7: Service of Holy Communion 10:00am Carnation Sale	6:00pm JSB @ Immanuel	10:00am Pastor's Study 4:00pm Ruby's Pantry @ St. Peter's	8:15am Chapel at Immanuel 4:30pm Community Confirmation	6:00pm Ascension Day		7:45am Women's Bible Study
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00am Easter 7: Service of Holy Communion 10:00am Carnation Sale	6:00pm JSB @ Immanuel	10:00am Pastor's Study 4:00pm Ruby's Pantry @ St. Peter's	8:15am Chapel at Immanuel	11:00am Women of the Church Bible Study 6:00pm Examination of Confirmation Candidates	10:00am PTL Brat Fry at Glenn's Market	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:00am Pentecost: Service of Holy Communion 10:00am Service of Holy Communion with Rite of Confirmation	6:00pm Stewardship & Finance Meeting	10:00am Pastor's Study	8:15am Chapel at Immanuel	6:00pm Council Meeting	12:00pm Blood Drive	
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1
9:00am Trinity: Service of Holy Communion	8:00pm Country Christian Deadline	10:00am Pastor's Study			10:15am Last Chapel at St. Peter's	

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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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Office Hours: M, F: 9:00-3:30pm, TWTh, 1:00-5:00pm



GOD IS WITH US IMMANUEL



NORTH AMERICAN
LUTHERAN
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LEBANON LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. Hannah Walters

Administrative Assistant: Katie Marshall

Immanuel Campus (3rd - 8th): 925-3791

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lebanon.lsoffice@gmail.com

LLS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

State Licensed Facility

Director: Christina Aleem

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.