

IMMANUEL'S

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AUGUST 2023

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH AT IMMANUEL

S.O.S. (Supporting Our Students)

The school supply distribution for children/families in need will be held on Tuesday, August 22 at St. Henry Parish Center. School supplies will be prepackaged based on the children's grade/school as indicated on a registration form that they must complete. Forms are available in Immanuel's church office. The distribution will be drive thru in the St. Henry parking lot and bags of supplies will be given out at pre-arranged times.

Donations are needed and can be placed in the barrel in the narthex or can be given to Janis in the office. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Volunteers are also needed to assist in packing supplies on Monday, August 21, distributing on Tuesday, August 22, and helping pack boxes for schools on Wednesday, August 23. Contact Anne Roberson at 920-988-9524 if interested in helping.

List of needed school supplies: Backpacks, simple inexpensive 4 function calculator, scientific calculator, crayons (8 and 24), bold washable markers, school glue, glue sticks, scissors (5 in. pointed tip and larger student), ruler, pencil box, pencil bags, large pink erasers, #2 pencils, colored pencils, dry erase markers, highlighters, protractor/compass, post-it notes, red pens, black or blue pens, wide and college ruled composition books, index cards, plastic folders (primary colors), spiral notebooks (wide and college ruled, primary colors), loose leaf filler paper (wide and college ruled), 1, 2, and 3 inch binders, dividers, pencil sharpeners, earbuds, headphones.



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APPETIZER POTLUCK AND GAME

NIGHT FOR YOUNG-ISH PEOPLE

Friday, August 25 from 6-8 pm, youth room

Please bring an appetizer and your favorite games!

Childcare available, \$10 per family.

Light dinner provided for children or send a snack.

RSVP due August 18.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, August 15 from 11-12

Upstairs in Youth Room

Would you like a supportive group in which to share your grief and experience? Some of the topics we cover in this conversation-based group are: What to expect in grief, coping with grief, when will the pain end, feeling alone, living in a new reality, dealing with insensitive comforters, dealing with regret and guilt, anger, and what grief teaches us. You are welcome to join us, no matter what or whom you are grieving.



IMMANUEL'S
MISTLETOE MARKET

Craft Fair & Bake Sale
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023
9:00 AM TO 2:30 PM

Bake Sale - more to follow from Jean Kwapil

Craft Fair - *Looking for crafters for this event NOW!*

Booth Size & Price will vary

In order to grow our Fair, we offer larger booths on our 2nd floor

- ◆ Electricity is limited- if needed - - - cost additional \$10.00
- ◆ Advance set up: Fri., Dec. 1, 2:00 to 5:00 PM & Sat., Dec. 2 8:00 to 9:00 AM
- ◆ Parking after set up will be in our parking lot between 8th & 9th Streets
- ◆ Refunds not given - - We will include photos of your crafts for advertising purposes, if submitted electronically to us by Sept. 15.

Applications can be found in the church office or contact Mary and/or Judy for applications and questions:

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GENEROSITY? What's your story?

How do you live generously? Is it by writing a check to your church or favorite cause? Or making a batch of cookies or soup and sharing it with a neighbor or friend?

Maybe you're helping in the Pep or Food pantry, welcoming new church or community members, or just being a good listener to a friend that's going through a tough time.

While all these look a bit different, they are all ways of being generous.

We either are giving of things or giving of self. These are parts of an article in the Thrivent magazine. We have applied for Thrivent action team seed money for many fund raisers around Immanuel. So many of them have helped others. It's not always about making money but how we can Serve!

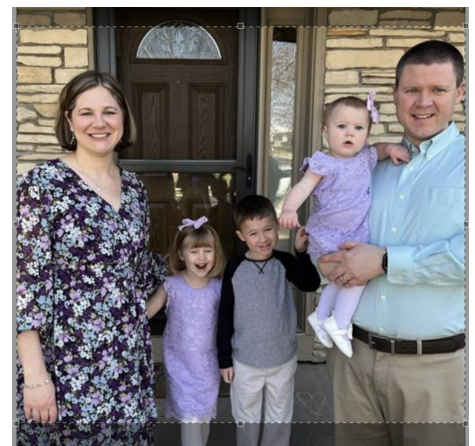
New Church Directory - Submit Your Pictures!

We are excited to announce that work is beginning on a new church directory in anticipation of our 150th anniversary!

We will be using a service called *Instant Church Directory*, which **will allow members to access the directory through a secure website and app AND allow the church office to publish printed copies of the directory** whenever they are needed. One of the exciting benefits is that this directory can be continuously updated. As contact information changes and new members join the congregation, we can make those changes online instantly and print new editions as needed.

To make this successful, we need your help! Because this directory is not connected to a photo studio like previous directories have been, **we will be relying on you to submit a picture of you or your family** or sign up to have your picture taken by a volunteer. Please follow the tips and guidelines below or contact the church office to request someone to take your photo.

- **No Need to be Formal** There is no need for a formal photo shoot. If you have a favorite photo from a recent vacation or holiday party, use it! Have a beloved pet? Include them in your family photo! We want our directory to reflect our Immanuel family, and we want to see the real you!
- **Keep it Current** You may have had your best hair 25 years ago, but we want everyone to recognize you.
- **How to Take Your Photo** Most smartphones today take photos that are just as good as professional cameras, so feel free to use yours for your photo. Each photo will be a square shape, so keep that in mind as you're capturing yours.
- **How to Submit** Digital submissions are highly preferred. Please send your photo to directory.immanuel@gmail.com. If you only have a printed copy, please bring it to the church office. If you would like the photo returned, it must be labeled.
- **We're Here to Help** If you'd prefer that someone help you take your photo or you have any questions, please reach out to the church office or Trevor Thom, our Director of Congregational Life, at thomt.immanuel@gmail.com.



IMMANUEL'S BOOK CLUB Wednesday, Aug. 16th - 1:00pm

Are you interested in reading a good book and then discussing it with others? If so, then we're the group for you! Immanuel's Book Club will be reading *A Woman of Substance* by Barbara Taylor Bradford; this is the first book in a trilogy. The book is available through the Public Library. Discussion will take place on Wednesday, August 16, at 1:00 in the Youth Room at Church. Join us!



**BETH
BOXELL**

Birth to 3

Elizabeth (Beth) has been a member of Immanuel since May of 2018. A mom of three (Zach, Molly, & Abby), she is a teacher at Gingerbread Preschool & Child Care Center. Beth grew up in Colorado, went to college at Valparaiso University in Indiana, and is a consecrated deaconess with the Lutheran Diaconal Association (LDA). She is so excited to teach the littlest members all about Jesus' love, grace, and the joys of being together as a church. Come sing and play with all your friends the first Sunday of the month!



**JANA + TIM
STROBEL**

4K & 5K

Jana & Tim Strobel are excited to be teaching 4K and 5K Sunday school again this year! Jana is an art teacher and Tim is a farmer. Their claim to fame is that they've been bringing a lamb to Immanuel's Sunday School since 1995. Jana & Tim were married here and have two daughters that are 10 and 13. They look forward to telling Bible stories in exciting ways and doing craft projects that go along with them!



**MARTA
BOXELL**

4K & 5K

Marta has been a member at Immanuel since she and her husband, Bob, moved here from Evansville, IN in 2021. Marta was a public school teacher for 37 years, including 23 as a kindergarten teacher. She was also active in her Indiana church as chair of the preschool board of directors, and is excited about continuing to teach the love of God to children at Immanuel. Marta and Bob have two sons, Andy and Mark, daughter-in-law Elizabeth, and grandchildren Zachary, Molly and Abby.



**RUTH
MACK**

1st & 2nd Grade

Mrs. Mack, a life-long member of Immanuel, is thrilled to be teaching 1st & 2nd grade Sunday School! She lives in Beaver Dam and enjoys telling stories, reading, walking, flying, giving blood, tulips, making memories, and the color RED!



**MYA
GROSEKNICK**

1st & 2nd Grade

Mya is excited to be helping out in Mrs. Mack's classroom again this year! She's a junior at Watertown High School and participates on the swim team, wrestling and lacrosse. She also enjoys working as a lifeguard at the Aquatic Center.



**KATIE & AUSTIN
BARTELT**

3rd & 4th Grade

Katie & Austin Bartelt will be teaching the 3rd & 4th graders this year. Katie is returning for her third year teaching and will have assistance from Austin who was confirmed in May 2023. Austin was a frequent visitor to the 3rd grade classroom last year and is stepping up his role this year. The Bartelts joined Immanuel in September 2019 and live in Johnson Creek. As a family, they enjoy camping, playing board games and hanging out with our dog Toffee.

2023-24 TEACHERS & HELPERS

We're excited for the school year ahead!



**SUE
PUTRA**

5th & 6th Grade

Sue is so excited to teach 5th and 6th grade again this year, and she's looking forward to learning new things along with the students. Classes will be interactive, include treats, and be relevant to what is happening in school and community - often applying memorable Bible stories to our daily lives. Action activities are included, providing fun interactions within the group. Sue welcomes students and their friends to join our class each Sunday. Had a sleepover Saturday night? No problem! Bring your friends and she'll provide breakfast snacks.



**DAVID
MORSTAD**

Music

Since coming to Watertown in 1977, David has been active in many of Immanuel's music programs. As the Sunday School musician, he counts on his enthusiasm to make up for his many wrong notes and he lives by the motto, "If you're going to make a mistake, make a loud one." And his mistakes are very loud, indeed. In addition to making music, David has a passion for disability inclusion and accessibility in faith communities. He has lectured about that from Ixonia to Istanbul, wrote a book about it, and, as time allows, blogs about it at www.LargerTable.com.



**PASTOR CARINA
& TREVOR**

Confirmation

Rev. Carina Schiltz and Trevor Thom are excited to be teaching our confirmation class again this year! Pastor Carina has served as our pastor since April 2022 and Trevor has been on staff, most recently as Director of Congregational Life, since November 2020. They are both committed to cultivating safe, creative spaces for the youth of Immanuel to engage with their faith; have fun; and build relationships with other young people, their congregation and its leaders, their community, and (of course) with God!

FAITH FORMATION by Ruth Mack

GOOD NEWS - RALLY DAY (the first day of Sunday School for the school year)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10

9:15AM multi-purpose room

Families are invited to come with their children, birth thru' 6th grade, for singing with the "music man", meeting their child's teacher and then going to their class spaces.

*Birth to age 3 Sunday School classes normally meet the FIRST SUNDAY of each month **however they will meet on SEPTEMBER 10th**.*

There will also be snacks for all and a registration form for parents to complete. And it's all FREE!

AND, MORE GOOD NEWS

PLANNING FOR the new Education year is underway!

Important dates for **EVERYONE** to note:

September 24 is child -led services at 10:30AM AND 3RD Graders will receive their Bibles

November 5 Children sing at both services

December 16 pageant rehearsal (morning)

December 17 10:30 Children's Christmas pageant

And More in 2024!

DETAILS CLOSER TO THE DATE!

Immanuel's 150th Anniversary

Mark your calendars NOW for **January 2025** when we will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our congregation.

Did you know . . . *Pastor Wonn, (Pastor here 1941-1956) an amateur woodworker, made miniature crosses out of the beautiful oak wood which had been part of the former pipe organ. That organ was located in the alcove immediately northeast of the lectern.**

Watch for more fun facts in the coming months!

*This cross can be seen in the glass cabinet in the lobby outside of the office.



WORSHIP & MUSIC by Matt Stein

Summer Sing: calling all altos & sopranos!

- * Learn an anthem to sing in Worship on August 20
- * Short rehearsal Wednesday, August 16 @ 7:30pm

Bring your alto or soprano voice, **bring a friend!**

Please RSVP to Matt (mstein.immanuel@gmail.com)

Immanuel Ladies Lunch Bunch -

We hope to meet the 4th Tuesday of the month on August 22 at 11:30am. Look for more information later.

Bishop Kay Ward to Preach on September 3rd

We are delighted to welcome the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kay Ward back to Immanuel's pulpit on Sunday, September 3 at 9:00am (Labor Day weekend)! Kay, as she prefers to be called, was elected as a bishop in the Moravian Church in 1998 - the first woman in that role. She has served in congregational ministry and as a seminary professor, and has written several books and bible studies - including content for *Gather*, the magazine of Women of the ELCA. Kay and her husband, the Rev. Aden Ward, now reside at The Marquardt here in Watertown. Aden has sung with the Faithful Men, and both have preached at Immanuel in the past. We look forward to the grace and humor she will bring to our worship on September 3rd!

Please note: we will not be having worship on Labor Day - Monday, September 4.



Personal Essentials Pantry Coordinator Needed

Personal Essentials Pantry (PEP) is currently seeking a coordinator for this important ministry. These responsibilities could easily be taken on by one person or shared among multiple people depending on the time you have and your comfort and abilities:

- Schedule volunteers and fill in as needed
- Keep track of inventory and order needed items online or through local stores
- Hand in receipts and keep track of the PEP checkbook
- Be an ambassador for PEP by giving occasional tours and presentations as requested
- Make sure the computer and printer are in working order

Serve as a board member for PEP Partnership, Inc., of which our pantry is affiliated. The board meets quarterly via Zoom for about an hour.

If any of these tasks sound interesting to you, please contact Kathy Schuett or the church office.

MISSION WORK

MONTHLY REPORTS June 2023

Hometown Mission Fund

Beginning balance: 06/01/2023	\$ 617.98
Deposits	\$ 1,492.30
4 check(s) written	\$ 627.00
Service fees	\$ 2.95
Ending balance 06/30/2023	\$ 1,480.33

16 contacts made in June
4 families received assistance

Community Laundry

Beginning balance: 06/01/2023	\$ 3,151.74
PLUS: Deposits	\$ 840.00
PLUS: Interest	\$ 0.06
MINUS: Withdrawals	- \$ 300.00
Ending balance 06/30/2023	<u>\$ 3,691.80</u>

Loose Coin on Hand 06/01/2023	\$ 273.00
Withdrawals	\$ 300.00
MINUS: Operating Cost	- \$ 554.00
Loose Coin on Hand 06/30/2023	<u>\$ 19.00</u>

66 families served in June (0 new families)
110 washer loads - 148 dryer loads

Personal Essentials Pantry

Beginning balance: 06/01/2023	\$ 7,724.47
June Deposits	\$ 0.00
June Purchases	\$ 631.01
Ending balance 06/30/2023	\$ 7,093.46



SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST . . .

- 3 First Congregational
- 10 St. Luke's Lutheran
- 17 St. Paul's Episcopal
- 24 St. Henry's Catholic
- 31 Orbis Corp.

Bread & Roses - June Report

Beginning Balance 06/01/2023	\$ 3,838.43
June Deposit	\$ 7,829.00
June Expenses	\$ 1,460.94
Ending Balance 06/30/2023	\$ 10,206.49
Savings Balance: 06/30/2023	\$ 3,542.61
Guests Served: 06/01 - 06/30/2023	1,195

B&R HOSPITALITY COORDINATORS

There is an exciting new opportunity for Immanuel members to support the longevity and outreach of the Bread and Roses mission, as we work to expand back to in-person dining!

Volunteer Coordinators are sought to welcome, orient and direct community service groups each week. Ideally numerous volunteers will work in groups of two on a rotational basis.

Please call Jenifer Hedrick 920.988.8209 or Wanda Udovich 920.342.7864 for further information.

Noisy Offering

Mission & Outreach will coordinate the Noisy Offering schedule. We will always (most usually) have the Noisy Offering on the 3rd weekend of each month. If your group is interested in having a weekend set aside please contact a member of the Mission & Outreach Committee.

August 20-21, our Noisy Offering will go towards **Project Comfort**. Money collected this weekend will go towards quilting supplies and shipping charges for Lutheran World Relief.

Start saving your change for this worthy project!



Membership Report - June 2023

Worship Attendance:

	8:00 am	10:30 am	6:30 pm	9 am / Special	Total	Average	Info/Service
2023							
Jun. 4/5			25	116	141	71	
Jun. 11/12			31	114	145	73	
Jun. 18/19			38	127	165	83	
Jun. 25/26			32	83	115	58	
Totals			126	440	566		
2022							
Jun. 5/6			39	105	144	72	
Jun. 12/13			18	120	138	69	
Jun. 19/20			35	82	117	59	
Jun. 26/27			37	95	132	66	
Totals			129	402	531		

No Baptisms in May

Deceased:

Victor Andrew Miller, May 19, 1943-June 24, 2023

Baptized: 839*

Confirmed: 713*

*These are the numbers that are available through our current membership software.

New Member(s): June 18, 2023

Jarred & Melissa Burke w/Declan & Ryan

Karen Foelker

Donna Hammond

Pat Kreitzman

Ken & Marty Miller

Jason Niemuth

GIVING REMINDER:

The opportunity continues for us to decrease the principal on our building loan through end of January 2024 before we begin a mortgage. Let's pay down the principal as much as possible together! Please consider giving to this effort now. **Our goal is to raise \$100,000 by the end of January 2024 to bring the loan amount below \$1,000,000.**

You can give online on our website, write a check, or use vanco or Venmo.

Thank you for your commitment to the present and future of Immanuel and the ministry we do for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

W-ELCA & IMMANUEL'S CIRCLES

W-ELCA Board will meet on Wednesday, August 2 @ 10:00am

Quilter's are meeting in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am on:

Tuesday, August 1, Wednesday, August 9 and Thursday, August 24



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Bible Circles

Our Bible Circles continue to meet; you are welcome to join either group.

This month **Mary AND Sarah Circle** will meet together with Pastor Carina

Tuesday, August 15th at 4:00pm

Bring a salad to pass & we will share a meal together following the Bible study.

All women of Immanuel are welcome to join us!



CELEBRATING WOMEN - AUGUST 15

Women have a remarkable knack for combining creativity with critical, important work. We bring things into being that are necessities and we do it with flair. The Gospel of John provides a framework for empowering women to bring things into being. We don't have to wait passively for the work of God to happen, but rather see ourselves as instruments of God, called to do Gods work.

And if anyone knows that there's work to be done, it's women. Let's get to work.

Join us on Tuesday, August 15, beginning at 4 pm upstairs in the youth room; we will start with Pastor Carina leading a study and finishing with a salad supper.

Bring a salad to share. If you can't make 4 come at 5 or 5:30 for a meal Then let's see what Immanuel's women can accomplish this fall!

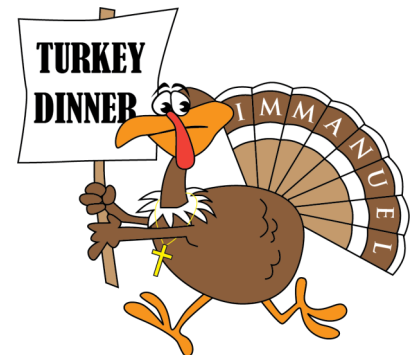
Women's Circles



TURKEY DINNER - We need your help!

Looking for someone to take over our turkey dinner. Jean & Judy took over the turkey dinner in 2000. And it's continued for 22 years. One year they could not do it when our fellowship hall was housing the food pantry and remodeling was being done.

It's a fun event and we have a great group of volunteers. If you are interested, or know someone who might, please let Jean know soon.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

2	Aveline Jacob	18	Robert Geier
3	Tyler Boeder	18	Molly Lessner
3	Angie Preuss	18	Janis Shackley
4	Micah Boeder	19	Ruth Baumann
4	Kelsey Patoka	19	Wendy Pichette
4	Carol Schroeder	19	Carina Schiltz
6	Brian Hoffman	20	Austin Bartelt
6	Jeffrey Krause	20	Chad Sweet
6	Ashley Scholze	21	Christine Bethke
7	Douglas Justman	21	Craig Dedo
9	Emma Lindemann	21	Elizabeth Lueck
10	Judy Hoffstetter	22	Susan Armstrong
11	Wayne Behm	22	Cheryl Page
11	Roger Griep	22	Kay Voigt
11	Nic Heiden	23	Richie Bartelt
11	Brandon White	23	Mike Gaugert
11	Alayne Zoellick	25	Claire Jaeckel
12	Susan Daniels	25	Mark Rohr
12	Kathy Schneidewind	26	Julie Chapman
12	Kevin Thom	27	Michael Lafler
13	Luis Avila Vette	27	Todd Zubke
13	Randy Braunschweig	28	Peter Heiden
13	Heidi Zechzer	29	Vicky Arndt
14	Tahlia Koehler	29	Jenny Boeder
14	Brittany Lascari	29	Matthew Stein
14	Mark Putra	29	Bill Sweet
14	Autumn Schmidt	30	Mitchell Christensen
14	Ronald Schmidt	30	Keith Lueck
15	Melvin Boeder	30	Joann Teska
15	Kaden Sommers	30	Sharon Wolff
15	Kathleen Steindorf	31	Rikki Gutzdorf
17	Logan Fuchs		
17	Arlene Kropf		
17	Daniel Page		
17	David Steindorf		



Wedding Anniversaries!

1	Roger & Judy Griep
2	Kent & Deb Jacobson
6	Joe & Jan Gillmann
6	Doug & Tina Justman
6	Ben & Rhiannon Stivarius
7	Bob & Marta Boxell
7	Mary & Richard Eckert
7	Brad & Leah Klotz
12	Elden & Val Engelbrecht
12	Fred & Cindy Gremmels
12	Claire & Lana Petersen
12	Kevin & Sheri Thom
14	Gary & Sandra Kemnitz
16	Dick & Connie Wolff
17	Richard & Toni Held
17	Pat & Chris Koehler
18	Jeremy & Shelly Schmidt
20	Mark & Sue Putra
21	Dan & Cheryl Page
23	Julie & Brad Peterson
24	Tim & Victoria Taugher
26	Ralph & Georgeann Kusel
26	Larry & Linda Nehls
31	Bob & Jane Bender
31	Rick & Vicki Olson

If your date is missing, please call the office.

Ministers: All the people of Immanuel

Rev. Carina Schiltz, Pastor

Matt Stein, Director of Music Ministries

Janis Shackley, Office Manager

Dawn Westenber, Financial Secretary

Trevor Thom, Director of Congregational Life

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August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00a Quilter's	2 10:00a W-ELCA Board Meeting	3 No Worship & Music	4	5 2-4p Multi Purpose Rm rented by Boxell's
6 9:00a Morning Worship	7 5:15p Mission & Outreach 6:30p Evening Worship	8	9 9:00a Quilter's	10 12:00p Finance	11	12
13 9:30a Ecumenical Worship @ Bentzin Town Square (rain location @ Immanuel)	14 6:30p Evening Worship	15 11:00a Bereavement Support Group 4-6p Mary & Sarah Circle Bible Study w/Pastor Carina Youth Room 5-7p Food Pantry MP Room 6:00p Congregational Council - Conf. Room	16 1:00p Book Club in Youth Room 5:30-7:30p Summer Celebration Event 7:30p Rehearsal for Summer Sing	17	18	19
20 9:00a Morning Worship Summer Sing w/Alto's & Soprano's <i>Blessing of the Quilts</i> w/Coffee Fellowship by Sue Putra Noisy Offering for Project Comfort	21 5:00p Faith Formation 6:30p Evening Worship	22 11:30a I.L.L.B.	23 11:00a Staff Meeting	24 9:00a Quilter's	25 6-8p Game Night - Appetizers	26
27 9:00a Morning Worship <i>Blessing of Backpacks</i> 10:15a Confirmation Orientation 10:15a Nominating Committee	28 6:30p Evening Worship	29	30	31		

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

With what gifts have you been blessed? How can these gifts be used to serve God and the church? Some people may have some difficulty identifying or expressing their gifts. But we must always remember that God loves and provides for us in abundance.

Dig deep into your soul and seriously consider the gifts you have been given. You may find it helpful to actually make a written list of your gifts. Do not dismiss your gifts as unimportant or of less value. Do not limit yourselves to wealth or the lack of it. What God-given gifts do you use every day: in your home, your work, your neighborhood or town, and especially in your heart?

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Many people have been sharing their gifts for many years. Some of our fellow brothers and sisters at Immanuel have given, over and over again, their gifts of time and money. But as we age, it physically becomes increasingly difficult to give all of what we have given before. That doesn't mean that we no longer have these gifts, but instead, it simply becomes more difficult to share those gifts.

It is always the right time to share your gifts, whether physically or mentally, whether you are young or old either in mind or in body. If you are younger but not sure how to do the many tasks, projects or activities that happen at Immanuel or in the community every day, you simply need to ask. Remember what I said earlier, some people may not be able to share their gifts physically, but they still have their experience and love of God in their hearts and they are very willing to share that experience and love with all of you.

This is an important time for the members and friends of Immanuel to step forward and offer their gifts. There are many property tasks, both inside or outside, where we are in desperate need of help. There are many committees and activities where any amount of time and experience is greatly valued. If you are not sure how you can help, make your written list of gifts and stop by the church and share that list with Pastor, Trevor, Matt, DeWayne, Janis and Dawn, or any of the Council members. We will help you make the necessary connections.

Please give with your heart, mind, body and soul no matter how young or old you feel.

Praise God in all his glory!

DeWayne

KEEP UP WITH IMMANUEL SERVICES IN ANY OF THE WAYS LISTED BELOW

Cable Broadcast

Channel 985 & WatertownTV.com

Tuesdays at 12:00p & 7:00p

Sundays at 4:00p

Web Site & YouTube:

[watertownimmanuel.org/online worship](http://watertownimmanuel.org/online-worship)

FaceBook:

facebook.com/watertownimmanuel

PASTOR HAS THE LAST WORD!

Hello, dear church.

Earlier this summer I co-lead a book study with Mother Monica and Deacon Meredith from St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We read "Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times" by Bishop Michael Curry, the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

The study brought together around 17 people for 4 weeks from both congregations, and there was no shortage of discussion! We talked about how difficult it is to love, and how transformative, too! Bishop Curry writes, "The way of love is a commitment to seeking the good and well-being of others. When we truly do that, we are all blessed. In fact, if we all made the commitment--to loving beyond our nationality, our ethnicity, our politics, our religion, or any other difference--we and the earth itself would be blessed." (242)

God's love in Jesus Christ calls us to "loving beyond"--an expansive love! On our last day, I asked the book study group, "Imagine a world where love is the way. What would that look like?" Here's a list of what they said: respect, friendship, access to healthcare, wholeheartedness, learning, compassion, connection, shared values, unity, vulnerability, dignity, empathy, co-creation, creativity, access to housing, understanding, living wage, path to citizenship.

What would you add to the list? If love is the way, what would the world look like?

Peace be with you!

Pastor Carina

The Council did not meet in July so there are no minutes to post in this Messenger.

There will also be no Treasurer's Report for the month of June until next month.



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Mission Statement

Celebrating God's grace in Jesus Christ. Accepting all unconditionally.
Growing in God's call to serve the world



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All are Welcome!

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