

IMMANUEL'S

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JULY 2023

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH AT IMMANUEL



Join us for our first **Ministry Fair - Sunday, July 30th** following the 9:00 am worship service in the Multi Purpose Room!

Each ministry team will have a creative display of what each team focuses on. Additionally, ministry team members will be available to discuss how we are sharing our gifts, and most importantly, ways you can serve!

Worship and Music committee will also host an Ice Cream Social at the same time in the Multi Purpose room. Monetary donations will go towards the Capital Campaign.



It is Immanuel's turn to help serve and donate whatever is needed for the Menu on **Thursday, July 13.**

We usually do this twice a year. Right now, they are doing To-Go dinners only. **We need 8**

volunteers that day with about 4 to come 3:45-4 pm and 4 to come about 4:15. We stay after to help with clean-up. Our responsibility is to help with set-up of To-Go trays and bags. Packaging any product or whatever the Chefs need us to do. It all depends on what the Menu is that day.

We also, need parishioners to help bake 200 or more desserts, usually cookies or bars, previously we individually wrapped these. Depending on the Menu there might be other things we need to bring. These items need to be brought to the Church sometime that day before 3:30 pm.

Volunteer sheets will be available in the Narthex for volunteers to help work and for those who can bring desserts. It is a fun evening that flies by and helps the Bread and Roses Chefs. Please consider volunteering in any way possible.



Church and office will be **closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023.** We will be open on Monday, July 3rd with worship service at 6:30pm.

SUMMER CELEBRATION



Fun Events for All Ages!

Third Wednesday of Summer Months from 5:30pm-7:30pm

ALL AGES are invited as we gather for monthly summer events with activities and worship geared especially for children and families! We'll get together in the Multipurpose Room for a meal at 5:30pm before things kick-off at 6:00pm.

We'll explore scripture, sing, pray, learn, and play together!

Our time will wrap up with outdoor worship (weather permitting) from 7:00pm-7:30pm.

If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Trevor Thom.

WatertownImmanuel.org/summer



**Wednesday, June 21
Celebrate Creation!**

God's love is like a seed.
Will we be good soil so we
can grow and share that
love with the world?



**Wednesday, July 19
Celebrate Jesus!**

Join us as we celebrate Jesus'
birth, life & teaching, and his
resurrection all in one night!



**Wednesday, August 16
Celebrate Baptism!**

Wear something you feel
comfortable getting wet in...
because you know we can't
celebrate the gift of baptism
without WATER!



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

S.O.S. (Supporting Our Students)

It's time to start preparing for S.O.S., our community school supply distribution for children/families in need. We will again be doing a pre-registration with all families given a pre-arranged time to come to the St. Henry's church parking lot and pick up pre-packaged supplies. Each child will also be given the opportunity to pick out their own backpack and choose a book.

How can you help? We need school supplies as well as monetary donations. A barrel will be placed in the narthex and a box placed in the office. If giving checks or cash, please make sure it says they're for S.O.S.

Volunteers are also needed to assist in packing supplies and distributing them.

List of needed School Supplies: backpacks (larger sizes needed); simple inexpensive 4 function calculator; scientific calculator; crayons (set of 8 large); crayons (set of 24); washable markers (set of 8-10 bold colors); markers (bold colors); school glue bottles; glue sticks; scissors (kids 5 inch pointed tip and larger student scissors); ruler; pencil box; 3 hole pencil bags; large pink erasers; pencils; colored pencils; dry erase markers; highlighters; protractors/compass; post-it notes; red pens; black or blue pens; composition books (wide and college); index cards; folders-plastic and laminated preferred (red, blue, yellow, green); spiral notebooks-wide and college ruled (red, blue, yellow, green); loose leaf filler paper (wide and college); 1 inch, 2 inch, and 3 inch ring binders; dividers; pencil sharpener; ear buds; headphones.

Any questions, call Anne Roberson 920-988-9524
Mission & Outreach Committee Member



WORSHIP & MUSIC by Matt Stein

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday, July 9: "Come and **SING**"

Come and help lead the morning's anthem! Short rehearsal at 8am in the choir loft to learn a simple anthem to be sung during the service. **All** are welcome!

- Sunday, July 23: "Come and **RING**"

Looking for those interested in preparing a handbell anthem for Sunday July 23. We will have 3 Monday evening rehearsals (7/3, 7/10, 7/17) at 5:30pm. Please contact Matt Stein (mstein.immanuel@gmail.com) if you are interested.



IMMANUEL'S BOOK CLUB Wednesday, July 19th - 1:00pm

Another holocaust book is on tap for Immanuel's Book Club in July. We will be discussing *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Hannah, one of our favorite authors. We will meet at 1 pm on Wednesday, July 19, in the Youth Room at church. See you there!



South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
Womens Ministries

Greetings to all Women's Ministries and Women of the ELCA,

Please see that this letter gets to those in charge of the Women's Ministry/Women of the ELCA.

This is an announcement and invitation to the upcoming 2023 Biennial Women's convention and Gathering of Women of the ELCA.

- The Biennial convention and gathering will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Midvale Community Lutheran Church, 4329 Tokay Boulevard, Madison
- Business meeting/convention is 8:15 to 9:15 am.
- Each congregation in the Synod shall have one voting member present at the business meeting.
- **Action Item** - The name and address, email address of the voting member and alternate shall be sent to Donna Peterson, Synodical President dpeter8182@gmail.com or US mail 4966 Wi Hwy 23, Dodgeville, WI 53533 or texted to 608-574-5389 by Thursday, August 31, 2023
 - You are strongly encouraged to provide an alternate name. The alternate would serve in the voting member role when the named voting member is unable to serve.
- **Action Item** - All attendees, including the voting member, and alternate will need to register online for the event.
- Registration will be done electronically. <https://scsw-elca.org/2023gathering/>
- The Gathering event will follow the business meeting and conclude at 2:30 pm.
- The Women of the ELCA Synod web page will have additional information. <https://scsw-elca.org/welca/>
- **Action Item** - The Synod Nominating Committee is in the process of contacting women to ask if they would consider serving on the synod board. If there is someone you would like to nominate as a Synodical Board officer OR as a Synodical Board member please contact Polly Carter, Chris Wick or Carolyn Meyer by Tuesday, August 15, 2023.
- **Action Item** - All Resolutions and Memorials should be submitted to Sandy Seffrood via email by end of day Tuesday, August 15, 2023 or sent US mail and postmarked Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Refer to the document How to Write a Resolution on the website.

We hope to see a representative from your congregation at the Synod business meeting. We hope that a number of your women will join us at Midvale Community Lutheran Church for the Gather part of the Synod Women's Biennial. Early bird registration ends September 9.

Your Sisters in Christ,

Lynn Mehringer, Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) - Secretary
Donna Peterson, Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) - President

Friends in Christ,

Throughout March and April 2023, Immanuel's Listening Team reached out to 65 individuals or families and had the opportunity to listen to 50. The team's goals were to start/strengthen relationships in the congregation and gain a variety of perspectives regarding welcome and extending hospitality at Immanuel and beyond.

As listeners, we asked the following questions:

What brought you to Immanuel?

What is special about this place?

How do you see us living out "accepting all unconditionally"?

What else do you hope to see happen?

Are there ways we excel or could use work in how we extend hospitality and care to members and guests alike?

What sort of education and support would you like to see as we work toward greater hospitality?

We are grateful to each and every person who accepted our invitation to be heard, and we are hopeful as the Spirit leads our congregation toward an even more faithful future — where all can celebrate, accept, and grow together!

What We Heard



There is a lot of enthusiasm about Immanuel, the ministries of the church, our involvement in the community, and hope for the future.



Immanuel sees itself as a place to belong, and we celebrate our history of acceptance. At the same time, church members want to learn how to be more welcoming, particularly to LGBTQ+ folks, neurodiverse folks, people with disabilities, and all ethnicities who live in the wider community.



Many mentioned the desire to have more intentional welcome, such as greeters, before worship.



Our mission statement is great. How do we take it beyond the walls of the building and into all aspects of our lives and the community?



There is a longing to get new folks involved and included and a desire for more small group opportunities and relationship building among all ages.



There is an interest in renewing faith formation and education for all ages.

Suggested Next Steps

- Pursuing the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) process and providing further educational opportunities will help the congregation put our mission statement into practice in more tangible, intentional ways.
- Exploring ways to begin/renew various small group ministries will help deepen relationships within the congregation.
- Seeking increased collaboration with community partners (congregations, non-profits, schools, etc.) will help deepen relationships within our community.

Immanuel's Listening Team

Beth Boxell, chair
Linda Argus
Bob Boxell

Marta Boxell
Laura Ferree
Jens Hetzler

Lynel Hetzler
Ann Nagle
Pastor Carina Schiltz

Margaret Steward
Mary Wolff
Ashley Woodard



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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Judy Schumacher

1413 Oakland Avenue

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Immanuel Ladies Lunch Bunch - We hope to meet the 4th Tuesday of the month on July 25th at 11:30am. Look for more information later.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THIS AWESOME OPPORTUNITY!!!

The June Messenger noted my plans to step down as coordinator of the Personal Essentials Pantry (PEP) after over 10 years. I would like the transition to a new coordinator to take place BEFORE September 1, 2023. So now is the time to step-up and find out what the 'job' involves. There is a written 'job' description available.

It is perfect for a person with a few hours per week who is looking for a way to serve society. Barb Eske also serves as a very capable assistant and takes over when I am not available, so the transition to a new coordinator will be easy. It is NOT difficult, yet very fulfilling and a great way to meet people. Please contact Janis in the office, Barb or me for more information, I promise to help you get started in the 'job'. Please check the June Messenger for more details.

Kathy Schuett

MISSION WORK



MONTHLY REPORTS May 2023

Hometown Mission Fund

Beginning balance: 05/01/2023	\$ 1,493.43
Deposits	\$ 434.45
VOID 2 checks from 2022	\$ 219.96
12 check(s) written	\$ 1,527.50
Service fees	\$ 2.36
Ending balance 05/31/2023	\$ 617.98

16 contacts made in May
10 families received assistance

Community Laundry

Beginning balance: 05/01/2023	\$ 751.74
PLUS: Deposits	\$ 3,000.00
PLUS: Interest	\$ 0.00
PLUS: Loose Cash Donations (not deposited)	\$ 22.00
MINUS: Withdrawals	- \$ 600.00
Ending balance 05/31/2023	<u>\$ 3,151.74</u>

Loose Coin on Hand 05/01/2023	\$ 361.25
Withdrawals	\$ 600.00
MINUS: Operating Cost	- \$ 688.25
Loose Coin on Hand 05/31/2023	<u>\$ 273.00</u>

192 families served in May (10 new families)
138 washer loads - 190 dryer loads

Personal Essentials Pantry

Beginning balance: 05/01/2023	\$ 8,471.97
May Deposits	\$ 268.00
May Purchases	\$ 1,015.50
Ending balance 04/30/2023	\$ 7,724.47

SCHEDULE FOR JULY . . .

- 6 River Valley Alliance Church
- 13 Immanuel Lutheran Watertown**
- 20 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- 27 First Baptist

Bread & Roses - May Report

Beginning Balance 05/01/2023	\$ 4,035.24
May Deposit	\$ 548.12
May Expenses	\$ 744.93
Ending Balance 05/31/2023	\$ 3,838.43
Savings Balance: 05/31/2023	\$ 3,542.28
Guests Served: 05/01 - 05/31/2023	864

Immanuel will take their turn serving at Bread & Roses on July 13th. There will be sign up sheets in the narthex. We will be looking for donations of requested food and also volunteers to help serve.

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.

July 16-17, our Noisy Offering will go towards S.O.S. (Supporting Our Students). Money collected this weekend will help purchase needed school supplies for area students for the upcoming school year.
Start saving your change for this worthy project!

Membership Report - May 2023

Worship Attendance:

	8:00 am	10:30 am	6:30 pm	9 am / Special	Total	Average	Info/Service
2023							
May. 7/8	78	85	20		183	61	
May. 14/15	96	46	25		167	56	
May. 21/22	55	130	27		212	71	Confirmation 10:30
May. 28/29			13	114	127	64	start 9 am Sunday
Totals	229	261	85	114	689		
2022							
May. 1/2	94	60	22		176	59	Pr. Carina's Installation
May. 8/9	84	40	25		149	50	
May. 15/16	80	100	22		202	67	Confirmation 10:30
May. 22/23	114	50	27		191	64	
May. 29/30			19	102	121	61	start 9 am Sunday
Totals	372	250	115	0	718		

No Baptisms in May

No Funerals in May

New Member(s):

Jim & Cathy Stein – May 1
Suzanne Hader – May 25

Confirmation: May 21

Austin Bartelt, Nayeli Calzada-Chairez, Julienn Riedl, Mimi Stivarius, Teagen Stivarius, Charles Sukow

Baptized: 835*

Confirmed: 706*

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

Immanuel Quilter's

The quilter's would like to thank everyone who donated all the wonderful fabrics and sheets. We have been busy using these supplies in making our beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We appreciate all the donations and please continue your support. God bless you all!

W-ELCA & IMMANUEL'S CIRCLES

W-ELCA Board will not meet in July. Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 2 @ 10:00am

Quilter's are meeting in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am on:
Wednesday, July 5 & 12 and Thursday, July 27

Bible Circles

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

Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, July 18 at 4:00pm in the Youth Room.

Sarah Circle will not meet in July.

Treasurer's Report - May 2023

Actual Weekly Income

	General	Debt Retirement	Building Offering	Mission Support	Other Budgetary Designated	Capital Campaign	Other Designated	Total
4/30	5,520.50	—	160.00	100.00	598.00	2,410.00	48.18	8,836.68
5/7	7,196.00	—	55.00	20.00	124.60	1,150.00	96.02	8,641.62
5/14	5,350.50	—	55.00	20.00	30.00	5,430.00	155.29	11,040.79
5/21	5,805.50	—	55.00	20.00	83.62	56,035.75	231.76	62,231.63
5/28	3,898.00	—	90.00	20.00	—	9,139.05	40.00	13,187.05
TOTALS:	27,770.50	—	415.00	180.00	836.22	74,164.80	571.25	103,937.77
Year-to-Date GENERAL Budget Needs (Week #22)			\$155,785.00		Actual	\$162,112.15		
Year-to-Date CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Budget Needs (Month #5)			\$125,000.00		Actual	\$156,195.80		
Year-to-Date OTHER Designated Income						\$9,061.92		

Loan Expenses: Line of Credit: \$ 0.00

Immanuel's Promise: Loan Balance: \$1,146,500.00
(Interest paid in May: \$6,408.39 and Principle paid in May: \$58,218.18)

Memorials:
Sue Larson: Capital Campaign-\$25.00

Honorarium:
Mark Peterson: Capital Campaign-\$50.00

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.

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

1 Taylor Gaugert	17 Elaine Grosenick
2 LeeAnn Umland	18 Allen Campbell
2 Nick Zubke	18 Brad Scholze
3 Connie Hoffmann	18 Bruce Zweg
3 Caroline Lenius	19 Donna Borchardt
3 Roxie Pearson	19 Owen Christensen
4 Cynthia Boeder	19 Byron Kluewer
4 Julie Heiser	20 Charlie Busshardt
4 Anne Roberson	20 Theresa Kluewer
5 Andy Grinwald	21 Sue Hader
5 Kevin Sukow	21 Deb Jacobson
5 Elaine Thompson	21 Zach Jones
5 Kevin Wilke	21 Dan Niemuth
7 Randel Burgardt	21 Cheryl Sonnenberg
7 Randall Johnson	21 Jay Winker
7 Layne Suhr	22 Katie Bartelt
8 Sam Loeber	22 Molly Boxell
8 Krista Schmidt	22 Jesse Ferree
9 Alaina Chairez	22 David Lueck
10 Ava Ashenfelter	23 Cheri Hoffman
10 Stephanie Braunschweig	23 Ronald Maas
10 Bobbi Jo Nielsen	23 Kirsten Zimdars
10 Sue Putra	25 Isaac Carpenter
11 Kaely Burgardt	25 Bradley Klotz
11 Melvin Klug	26 Harold Lenius
11 Barbara Polenski	26 Kaleb Poor
12 Eric Quanbeck	26 Margaret Steward
12 Harry Ruehlow	26 Jeff Travis
12 Sharon Stanke	27 Abby Boxell
13 Neil Baumann	27 Samantha Zimdars
13 Ann Nagle	28 Richard Daevel
13 Andy Wheeler	28 Helayne Kirchoff
13 Callie Zubke	28 Scott Shackley
14 Kent Jacobson	28 Daniel Zubke
14 Dianne Nass Krueger	29 Kendra Miller
14 Amelia Straub	30 Richard Held
14 Alexis Zubke	31 Greg Grabow
15 Eli Grosenick	31 Jason Jaeckel
15 Dorothy Woodard	31 Emily Lessner
16 Janet Sommerfeldt	



Wedding Anniversaries!

1 Bob & Erline Adler
3 Tom & Ruthie Pugh
6 Brad & Kelly Scholze
7 Ryan & Katie Bast
8 Al & Mary Campbell
8 Roy & Sharon Wolff
17 Lynn & Ken Richardson
19 Sue & Mike Weihert
20 Korbyn & Brandon Prust
21 Tim & Heidi Graf
22 Tom & Julia Gaugert
23 Tim & Melody Pickens
24 Tim & Jenni Sommers
24 Robert & Rita Zimmermann
25 Ron & Kathy Miller
31 Bob & Barb Eske

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 Westenberg, Financial Secretary

Trevor Thom, Director of Congregational Life

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July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1

2
9:00a Morning Worship

3
5:30p Handbell Rehearsal
6:30p Evening Worship

4
4th of July HOLIDAY

Office Closed
No Food Pantry

5
9:00a Quilter's
No W-ELCA Board Meeting

6
6:00p Worship & Music

7

8

9
Come and SING
(8:00a Rehearsal)
9:00a Morning Worship
w/Coffee Fellowship by
W-ELCA

10
5:15p Mission & Outreach
5:30p Handbell Rehearsal
6:30p Evening Worship

11
NO Food Pantry Board Meeting in July

12
9:00a Quilter's

13
4:00p Bread & Roses
Immanuel Serves

14
5:00p Wedding Rehearsal

15
4:00p Wedding - Seeber-Peterson

16
9:00a Morning Worship
No Finance

17
5:30p Handbell Rehearsal
6:30p Evening Worship

18
No Bereavement Support Group
4:00p Mary Circle Youth Room
No Congregational Council this month

19
1:00p Book Club in Youth Room
5:30-7:30p Summer Celebration Event

20
No Sarah Circle
4:30p Wedding Rehearsal

21
4:30p Wedding - Zastrow-Matson

22

Noisy Offering for Support Our Students

23
Come and RING
9:00a Morning Worship
w/Coffee Fellowship by Ruth Mack

24
6:30p Evening Worship

25
11:30a I.L.L.B.
3:00p 150th Anniversary Meeting

26
11:00a Staff Meeting

27
9:00a Quilter's

28

29

30
9:00a Morning Worship
10:00a Ministry Fair in Multi Purpose Room & Ice Cream Social

31
6:30p Evening Worship

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:00pm Location: Youth Room

PRESENT: Bob Boxell, Emily Lessner, Ruth Mack, Sue Weihert, DeWayne Roberson, the Rev. Carina Schiltz, Brian Konz, Sue Putra, Andy Woodard

ABSENT: Ryan Lessner

Call to Order

President DeWayne Roberson called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. A quorum was present.

Opening Devotion

Collaboration - Being a Disciple. Question for group - How have you experienced collaboration this week?

Approval of Meeting Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

By: Sue Putra, Second: Sue Weihert — *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Vision Victories

New members on Sunday, Lots of people at church, Monday night Communion share, Dancing up on the side on Monday, Ferrees singing

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Congregation Council meeting held in May 2023.

By: Ruth Mack, Second: Bob Boxell — *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Financial Report

The Finance Committee reviewed the financial reports and recommends acceptance.

MOTION: To accept the May 2023 Financial Report as presented.

By: Andy Woodard, Second: Katie Bartelt — *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Membership Report

MOTION: To accept the May 2023 Membership Report.

By: Sue Weihert, Second: Sue Putra — *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Pastor's Report

Pastor submitted her report to council prior to the meeting.

Pastor also reminded council that the Listening Committee's report was shared, and committee will be formed to lead us through the RIC process - with Council approval.

Committee Reports

The council received written reports from most committees of the congregation via email prior to the meeting. Following the meeting, all reports will be on file in the church narthex.

MOTION: To accept Committee Reports

By: Sue Putra, Second: Sue Weihert - *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Old Business

- Restroom assist rails - Done
- Police Dept. walk-through with Mark Putra, Pastor, & DeWayne
 - Nightlocks®
 - 3M® Bulletproof Security Film
 - "Greeters" at unsecured doors during church services
 - Unsupervised areas
 - Security cameras not operable -possible offer from WELCA
- Audit Report 2022 - prepared by Kelly Braunschweig - D. Schilling, E. Ferree contacted to review report
- Staff Evaluations Committee
- Listening Committee report - approval of written report.
- Church Library
- Parish Protection Plan - Pastor
- Endowment has approved \$5000 to cover the maintenance costs incurred in the kitchen drain problems.

New Business

- **Elect two outgoing members of Council to serve on Nominating Committee**
 - Brian and Ryan - Only Council members unable to run again
 - MOTION: to close nominations and elect Brian Konz and Ryan Lessner to Nominating Committee. - By: Ruth Mack, Second: Andy Woodard - *Motion carried by voice vote.*
- **Bread & Roses fee consideration**
 - Discussion at Bread and Roses board meeting.
 - **Discussed Processes and Questions:**
 - ✦ Discussed clean-up expectations.
 - ✦ Fee: Discussed a potential fee (equal to Food Pantry) which they will be discussing as a board. No dollar amount was formally discussed. Discussed determining amount (if any) to charge. (energy audit?)
 - ✦ Cooks: Updated on process currently used by Bread and Roses - teams of cooks.
 - ✦ Hospitality: Support with hospitality - welcoming to service groups and diners.
 - ✦ Next steps: Table for now, research questions and work to determine cost
- ✦ **Parish Protection Plan formal approval**
 - MOTION: to approve the parish protection plan By: Brian Konz, Second: Sue Putra - Approved by voice vote - 1 council member abstained.
 - Add to next agenda for further discussion as needed.
- **Ministry Fair - Interactive Council table?**
- **Turkey Dinner**
 - Turkey has to be ordered by August.
 - Very organized, but needs a coordinator if it is to continue.
- **Endowment has approved \$1500 toward the creation of new signage**

Calendar Review

06/20 Tuesday Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
06/21 Wednes. Summer Celebration 5:30-7:30
07/19 Wednes. Summer Celebration 5:30-7:30
07/30 Sunday Ministry Fair 10:00 a.m.
08/15 Tuesday Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
08/16 Wednes. Summer Celebration 5:30-7:30
09/10 First Sunday of Sunday School

Closing Prayer

The council meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

By: Brian Konz, Second: Andy Woodard — *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Lessner
Secretary

We welcomed the following people into Immanuel's congregation on June 18, 2023.

Jarred & Melissa Burke w/Declan & Ryan

Karen Foelker

Donna Hammond

Suzanne Hader

Pat Kreitzman

Ken & Marty Miller

Jason Niemuth

Jim & Cathy Stein

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, friends in Christ!

I hope you saw the listening team report in this edition of the newsletter. A hearty thanks to those who did the listening and those whom we heard!

Listening is holy work--getting to know one another, deepening relationships, is central to the ministry of the church. Jesus' ministry was all about relationship: with God, with neighbor, with God's good creation! Relationship-building isn't a "quick" thing. It requires energy, intention, thoughtfulness, and our own vulnerability. Relationship is not a transaction--it is transformation!

While you ponder the listening team report, I also invite you to keep in mind the wider listening that happens in the community and beyond. I was recently introduced to the Dodge-Jefferson Healthier Community Partnership Community Needs Assessment from 2022, which was shared publicly in October. Through listening, focus groups, surveys, and a summit, the assessment names the following as priorities of community focus and need:

1. Access to affordable, quality mental health care
2. Access to affordable, quality housing and affordable, reliable transportation
3. Access to affordable, quality childcare
4. Equitable access to community-based resources and supports

Are you surprised by this list? Did you know these were needs in our communities, including Watertown? Perhaps you read this list and just nodded--you know folks who could benefit from any or all of the above. Maybe it's you who seeks housing and transportation, childcare, or community resources.

I invite you to keep both the listening report *and* this community health needs assessment at the forefront of your mind as we strive to be the church God calls us to be, here, in this community. What relationships can we build to effect change for the common good?

Come, Holy Spirit.

In hope,
Pastor Carina

Immanuel's 150th Anniversary

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

Did you know . . . *In 1902 the stove in the sanctuary of the old church with its "long black pipe arms" was removed and replaced with a furnace and the kerosene lamps were replaced with lights.*

Watch for more fun facts in the coming months!





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