

IMMANUEL'S

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OCTOBER 2023

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH AT IMMANUEL

BBQ the Pork Dinner - October 15



October 15, 2023

We are trying something new this year! We couldn't do a turkey dinner so we are going for a Pork BBQ! Pricing will be like the previous turkey dinner. It will be **Carry-out & Dine In**.

Single ticket - \$15 Day of dinner - \$17

Under age of 10 ticket - \$10

High on the Hog - \$35

(will admit 2 & \$5 goes to Capital Campaign)

Super Porker - \$100

(will admit 2 & \$70 goes to Capital Campaign)

Tickets can be purchased between services or in the church office.

Building a Welcoming Watertown

Community, Conversation, and Christian Welcome

Sunday, October 1, 2023 - 12:30p-2:30p

Community Room at Watertown Public Library

Lunch Provided

Hosted by Watertown Area Congregations

Let's build a more inclusive community - together!

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Richard D. Shaw

The Rev. Dr. Richard Shaw is a pastor, preacher, teacher, and social activist, currently serving as pastor of St. Matthew CME Church in Milwaukee.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Deadline for submitting applications to the Endowment Board will be **Friday, October 6**. Applications will be reviewed at their meeting on Monday, October 9. Applications are in the church office.



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

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Mistletoe Market and Holiday Goodies

This year we are spreading out and offering a craft fair in multi purpose room and holiday bake sale in fellowship hall.

We are looking for members to bake some of their holiday favorites. All baked goods can be brought to fellowship hall Friday afternoon (December 1) where we will package them.



All Saints Day Sunday, November 5, 2023

The Worship and Music Committee is inviting members of the congregation to remember and honor their deceased loved ones by bringing a picture of them for our Narthex display. Bring the picture sometime during the first week in November or before the service you attend, place it on the display, and identify who it is by writing their name on a provided place card.

On Nov. 5, after the traditional tolling of the bell and lighting of candles honoring those who have passed over the past year, congregational families will be invited to light a candle in memory of someone who is dear to them but no longer living among us.

The Narthex display will be present until Nov.26, but members are free to take their photos home any time following the Nov.5 weekend celebration.

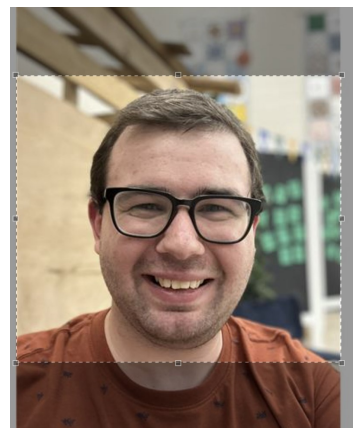
New Church Directory - Submit Your Pictures!

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, October 18th - 1:00pm

Our next Book Club discussion will be on Wednesday, October 18, at 1 pm in the Youth Room at Church. We will be discussing *Janesville: An American Story* by Amy Goldstein. "This is the story of what happens to an industrial town in the American heartland when its main factory shuts down—but it's not the familiar tale."

BUTTER BRAIDS & COOKIES

WELCA is once again having a fundraiser with our favorite bakery items! Holidays are fast approaching and these Butter Braids are so easy to prepare for brunch or gifts for neighbors, friends or as thank you gifts.

Choose from a delicious fruit selection or stock up on gifts. Frozen cookie dough in the freezer is so nice to have to prepare a quick dessert. They are so yummy too!

Orders can be made at the church office (920-261-1663). Or with a number of W-ELCA members who have order blanks.

Delivery will be drive up again in front of church on Friday, November 3 from 1 pm - 2pm

Thank you for being so supportive of our WELCA events!!



Thanks so much for your support!



My Name: _____ My Phone: _____
 Organization: Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Checks Payable: WELCA
 Contact Name: Nancy Gillingham Contact Phone #: (920) 285-3346



Please collect payment when taking orders.

		Apple	Cinnamon	Cream Cheese	Raspberry	Strawberry Cream Cheese	Cinnamon Rolls	Chocolate Chip	Confetti	Peanut Butter	Snickerdoodle	Triple Chocolate	White Mac Nut	BUTTER BRAID PASTRY ALLERGEN NOTICE: This product may contain Egg, Milk, Soy, Wheat. This product does not contain nuts, but is manufactured in a facility and on equipment which processes nut products.	
		All Braids \$16 Each						All Cookies \$19 Each						Items	Amount
1															\$
2															\$
3															\$
4															\$
5															\$
6															\$

Return Order Date: 10/27/2023 Delivery Date: 11/03/2023

NOTE: These products are manufactured in a facility and on equipment which processes nut products.

S.O.S. - Supporting Our Students - Thank You!

Thanks to all who contributed school supplies and made monetary donations to this years Support Our Students. We again served a record breaking number of families and children: 184 families and 447 students. All children received a bag of school supplies based on their grade and were also able to pick out their own backpack and a new book. The Watertown Food Pantry also offered a large bag of food to each family. Special thanks to Immanuel's squad of fantastic volunteers - your hard work and dedication, despite unbearable heat, is very much appreciated! Because of the generosity of Immanuel, these children now have the resources they need to start the year off right.

Thank you! Anne Roberson



FALL CLEAN UP

Saturday, October 29, 9a.m.

Bring your rake! Confirmation students can get service hours.

Jam sales will start on Sunday, October 1

before & after church services and at the Pulled Pork Dinner. This year we will have raspberry, blueberry, blackberry, grape jelly and Black&Blue (black raspberry/blueberry). WE DID NOT RAISE PRICES - still \$5 a jar And five jars for \$20! Jam is also for sale in church office.



Immanuel Ladies Lunch Bunch -

We hope to meet the 4th Tuesday of the month on October 24th at 11:30am. Look for more information later.

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 Barb Eske, Kathy Schuett or the church office.

MISSION WORK



MONTHLY REPORTS August 2023

Hometown Mission Fund

Beginning balance: 08/01/2023	\$ 1,012.97
Deposits	\$ 1,945.00
7 check(s) written	\$ 2,478.00
Service fees	\$ 2.36
Ending balance 08/31/2023	\$ 477.61

16 contacts made in August
12 families received assistance

Community Laundry

Beginning balance: 08/01/2023	\$ 2,928.37
PLUS: Deposits	\$ 0.00
PLUS: Interest	\$ 0.00
MINUS: Withdrawals	- \$ 190.00
Ending balance 08/31/2023	<u>\$ 2,738.37</u>

Loose Coin on Hand 08/01/2023	\$ 689.00
Withdrawals	\$ 190.00
MINUS: Operating Cost	- \$ 688.50
Loose Coin on Hand 08/31/2023	<u>\$ 190.50</u>

73 families served in August (0 new families)
141 washer loads - 187 dryer loads

Personal Essentials Pantry

Beginning balance: 08/01/2023	\$ 6,204.43
August Deposits	\$ 200.00
August Purchases	\$ 850.00
Ending balance 08/31/2023	\$ 5,554.43

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER . . .

- 5 Bread & Roses Board
- 12 Zion Lutheran - Ashippun
- 19 St. Michael's Lutheran Hustisford
- 26 Lake Mills Bank

Bread & Roses - August Report

Beginning Balance 08/01/2023	\$ 6,294.92
August Deposit	\$ 702.38
August Expenses	\$ 2,717.51
Ending Balance 08/31/2023	\$ 4,279.79
Savings Balance: 08/31/2023	\$ 3,543.09
Guests Served: 08/01 - 08/31/2023	1,179

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.

October 15-16, our Noisy Offering will go towards the Personal Essentials Pantry program. Money collected will help purchase toilet paper, laundry soap, toothpaste, bar soap, etc.

Start saving your change for this worthy project!



Membership Report - August 2023

Worship Attendance:

	8:00 am	10:30 am	6:30 pm	9 am / Special	Total	Average	Info/Service
2023							
Aug. 6/7			31	108	139	70	
Aug. 13/14			23	160	183	92	ecumenical service in square guesstimate
Aug. 20/21			28	119	147	74	
Aug. 27/28			30	150	180	90	
Totals			112	537	649		
2022							
Aug. 7/8			33	85	118	59	
Aug. 14/15			32	91	123	62	Riverfest weekend
Aug. 21/22			25	120	145	73	
Aug. 28/29			25	131	156	78	
Totals			115	427	542		

No Baptisms in August

Baptized: 841*

Confirmed: 712*

No Funerals in August

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

W-ELCA & IMMANUEL'S CIRCLES

W-ELCA Board will meet on Tuesday, October 3 @ 10:00am in the Youth Room.

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

Tuesday, October 3, Wednesday, October 11 and Thursday, October 26

Bible Circles

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

Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, October 17th at 4pm in the Youth Room

Sarah Circle will meet Thursday, October 19th at 9:30am in the Conference Room

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 1916 the youth of the congregation asked to use the basement of the schoolhouse for social functions "like billiards and card playing." It was denied!*

Watch for more fun facts in the coming months!

Treasurer's Report - August 2023

Actual Weekly Income

	General	Debt Retirement	Building Offering	Mission Support	Other Budgetary Designated	Capital Campaign	Other Designated	Total
7/30	5,460.50	—	60.00	60.00	553.28	555.00	520.00	7,208.78
8/6	6,910.00	—	55.00	50.00	1,200.00	4,780.00	35.00	13,030.00
8/13	5,243.00	—	55.00	20.00	71.00	965.00	965.00	7,319.00
8/20	4,756.00	—	55.00	20.00	28.00	1,355.00	777.00	6,991.00
8/27	5,168.00	—	90.00	20.00	—	6,420.00	120.00	11,818.00
TOTALS:	27,537.50	—	315.00	170.00	1,852.28	14,075.00	2,417.00	46,366.78
Year-to-Date GENERAL Budget Needs (Week #35)			\$247,851.00		Actual	\$254,788.98		
Year-to-Date CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Budget Needs (Month #8)			\$200,000.00		Actual	\$189,982.80		
Year-to-Date OTHER Designated Income						\$20,637.44		

Loan Expenses: Line of Credit: \$ 0.00

Immanuel's Promise: Loan Balance: \$1,141,500.00

(Interest paid in (August) \$6,290.93 Principle paid in (August) \$0.00

Memorials:

Honorarium:

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

2	Victor Krueger	17	Gloria Snow
2	Dale Schauer	18	Bob Bender
3	Tanner Zwiag	18	Melanie Braunschweig
4	Kenneth Boeder	18	Heidi Jagler
4	Stephanie Cruz	18	Karsen Patoka
4	Sarah Hinze	18	Rita Vette
4	Lora Konz	18	Isabelle Wood
4	Arianna Quintero	19	Linda Argus
4	Karina Surdick	19	Owen Klauer
5	Kelsey Clark	19	Don Neverman
8	Carrie Grosenick	20	Charles Sukow
9	Cindi Limburg	20	Dione Zubke
10	Wanda Voigt	21	Bonnie Bohlman
11	Marion Draeger	21	Tom Lees
11	Briaunna Konz	21	Lori Lemley
11	Balin Kueffer	21	Jadyn Zechzer
11	Timothy Taugher	22	Geof Kaufman
12	Mary Morstad	22	Kinsley Strobel
12	Addison Strobel	24	Abigail Boeder
12	Bryan Yang	24	Nathan Graf
12	Allen Zabel	25	Mary Eckert
13	Rick Olson	25	Linda Maas
13	Dale Sjoberg	25	Easton Nagel
13	J.J. Trujillo-Zubke	26	Kim Grinwald
13	Amy Wesemann	26	Rita Lueck
14	Braelynn Bengtson	28	Shelly Firari
14	Harper Field	29	Amy Callison
14	Erin LaCombe	29	Laura Ferree
14	Violet Prust	29	Gregory Foltz
14	Jack Wolff	29	Mike Gaugert Jr.
14	Andrew Woodard	29	Michelle Jaeckel
14	Mackenzie Young	29	Nolan Sommers
15	Richard Neitzel	29	Michael Sonnenberg
16	Brian Christian	30	Alexandra Agar-Pratt
16	Josh Koehler	31	Kathleen Ebert
16	Barbara Schultz	31	Valerie Engelbrecht
16	Ryker Theis	31	David Zoellick
17	Noah Argus		
17	Donna Hammond		
17	Katie Hanson		
17	Karin Scott		



Wedding Anniversaries!

1	Bob & Sandi Amis
1	Randy & Marilyn Kleba
2	Todd & Krista Schmidt
3	Stan & Jodi Dabrowski
3	Pam & Paul Neis
4	Vikki & Kevin Kohlhoff
5	Brian & Lora Konz
6	Lori & Robert Lemley
7	Kelly & Therese Kreitzman
7	Ryan & Emily Lessner
7	Al & Janice Schmidt
8	Dan & Linda Argus
8	Ezra & Kayla Suhr
10	Tabitha & Justin Kumbier
11	Michael & Cheryl Sonnenberg
15	Leah & Rick Grochowske
15	Nathan & Angela Preuss
17	Katie & John Hanson
18	David & Dorothy Woodard
19	Brian & Carrie Grosenick
19	Rod & Wendy Pichette
19	Jaime & Margaret Straub
20	Randy & Kelly Braunschweig
21	Tyler & Ashley Boeder
22	Carl & Betty Krueger
23	Herb & Linda Page
28	LeRoy & Joyce Nemitz

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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October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00a Morning Worship Coffee Hour by W-ELCA 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Worship 12:30-2:30p <i>Building a Welcoming Watertown</i> Community Room at the Public Library	2 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:15p Mission & Outreach Conf. Room 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship	3 9:00a Quilter's 10:00a W-ELCA Youth Room	4 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 3:30p Confirmation to Mary's Room No Choir Rehearsals	5 No Worship & Music	6 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal	7 1:30p Konz-Breen Wedding
8 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Worship	9 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 11:00a Memorial Svc. In Sanctuary 5:00p Endowment Bd. 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship <i>Deadline to Return Pledges</i>	10 5:00p Food Pantry Conference Room	11 9:00a Quilter's 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 3:30p Confirmation 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir	12 5:00p Finance	13	14
15 8:00a Morning Worship Led by Confirmation Class 9:15a Education Hour w/Mentor Meet Up 10:30a Worship 9-1p <i>BBQ Pork Meal Dine In or Carry Out</i>	16 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 5:00p Faith Formation 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship	17 11:00a Bereavement Support Group 4:00p Mary Circle in Youth Room 6:00p Congregational Council - Conf. Room	18 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 1:00p Book Club in Youth Room 3:30p Confirmation 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir	19 10:00a Sarah Circle in Conference Room	20	21
Noisy Offering for P.E.P.						
22 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Worship Followed by <i>Worship on Wheels</i>	23 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Service of Healing Prayer	24 11:30a I.L.L.B. 3:00p 150th Anniversary Meeting	25 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 3:30p Confirmation 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir	26 9:00a Quilter's	27	28
29 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Worship	30 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship	31				

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tuesday, September 19, at 6:00pm Location: Youth Room

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

Call to Order

Vice President Brian Konz called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. A quorum was present.

Opening Devotion

People know that if they come to Immanuel, people know that people here care.

Prompt: One interaction today that brought you hope, or connected you with the depths of humanity.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

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

Vision Victories

Sunday School started again - Registration sheets. More children coming for both Sunday School and Confirmation (18 kids in Confirmation) - people are reaching out to members.

Good reactions to worship. People liked the candles.

Attendance and finances consistent as compared to other years.

Lutherdale retreat was shared as a highpoint of church - 8th graders reflecting with Sue Putra.

Small group sang for Emily Krueger - organized by Matt Stein.

Music is up and running again. Matt Stein has been here for 1 year!

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

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

Financial Report

So far this month we have paid \$15,000 off of the loan - in addition to interest. Pledge cards are coming in with contributions.

Committee discussed talking at church on the 8th in order to share progress and what is remaining - form due back on the 9th.

Pledge cards have a spot for a 1-time donation, also for annual contribution.

Committee also talked about meeting with Jerry regarding the anticipated Mortgage. Brian Konz will be working to set up a meeting with Jerry and the committee in October.

MOTION: To accept the August 2023 Financial Reports as presented.

By: Ryan Lessner, Second: Andy Woodard — *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Membership Report

MOTION: To accept the August 2023 Membership Reports.

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

Pastor's Report

Pastor Carina shared her report with the council prior. Pastor shared about a modified wedding blessing (fee) happening this Spring.

Pastor spoke Spanish two times today!

Committee Reports

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

Additional information shared -

MOTION: To accept Committee Reports

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

Old Business

- **Police Dept. walk-through with Mark Putra, Pastor, & DeWayne**

- **Staff Evaluations Committee**

- **Church Library**

- **Parish Protection Plan - Pastor**

- People are being trained

- **Bread & Roses progress**

- Sue shared that Loaves & Fishes is now meeting/eating in person. Hospitality training was encouraged to the board - for service groups - our church proposed supporting them in this.

- **Budget review and considerations**

- If you need something added into the budget, please send to Andy or Dawn ASAP - prior to Finance Committee meeting in November. Committee will work to adjust the budget.

- o Finance committee is working on a draft.
 - o **BBQ the Pork Dinner (Oct. 15 - 9:00-1:00 - Carryout only earlier, Sit-Down Option Later)**
 - o BBQ Pork is being prepared by a caterer. Menu: BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Coleslaw, Cowboy Beans, Mac & Cheese, Bars (Choice)
 - o Continuing with the “Turkey Club” - modified (Tom)
 - o All served out of Multipurpose Room
- The group needs help - Council members encouraged to volunteer - Sue will send out an email

New Business

- **Janis Shackley** - absence approved; Volunteers supporting office
- **Welcoming Task Force**
 - o Request has been made that we change it to the Reconciling in Christ Committee
 - o RICC - Process church goes through to do the hard work in making ourself an intentionally accepting and affirming congregation
 - o Listening Committees, first step in this process - contacted almost 100 people and had intentional conversations - “Accepting all unconditionally”
 - o 2nd Phase -
 - ✦ Educational phase:
 - ✦ Council recognizing a committee who will do this intentional educational work
 - ✦ Tentative timeline planned out
 - ✦ Council Step - Commission this group during worship
 - ✦ Beth Boxell - will continue on as Chair of committee
 - ✦ After 2nd Phase - 3rd Phase - write a welcoming statement and have it posted (congregation votes on this)
 - ✦ Goal - Want members to learn and grow

Question - What are the areas of education - focused on one area, or many?

MOTION: To accept the Reconciling in Christ Committee

Discussion - Other areas in diversity in the community (ethnic diversity). Pastor’s response - Who are we intentional about including, where are our blind spots. Listening sessions gave feedback that small groups were a desire of the conversation - Faith and Life Groups (monthly meeting) - proposals that 3 months would have a focus on diversity topics.

FAQ share - why do we have to clarify - “All are Welcome” - Pastor shared a response from RIC about the importance of clarifying
By: Sue Putra, Second: Sue Weihert - Motion carried by voice vote.

- **Building Use**

- o Wendy Umland - Saturday, June 8, 2024
- Motion to approve building use request - By: Emily Lessner, Second: Katie Bartelt - Motion carried by voice vote.

Calendar Review

- 9/24 - Sunday - Child-led Service - 10:30 am
- 10/15 - BBQ the Pork - 9:00 am-1:00 pm - Confirmation leads service
- 10/23 - Healing Prayer Services - 6:30 pm
- 11/5 - Sunday - Children sign at both services; All Saints Day (pictures)
- 11/19 - Ecumenical Services
- 12/2 - Saturday - Mistletoe Market - 9:00-2:30 pm
- 12/16 - Saturday - Pageant rehearsal
- 12/17 - Sunday - Children’s Christmas pageant
- 12/17 - Sunday - Candlelight Concert

For New Business (October) - Council Meeting for November (keep on 3rd Tuesday, or move)

Closing Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM.

By: Pastor Carina, Second: Andy Woodard — *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Lessner, *Secretary*

PASTOR HAS THE LAST WORD!

Hello, dear church!

If you've looked at the October calendar, I hope you noticed a few things that would bring healing, connection, and community to your life, whether that's showing up for our church meal, participating in worship on wheels (going to home of someone who is homebound or nursing home to be the church present with them for a short worship experience), or coming to the healing service on a quiet Monday night on the 23.

When we are baptized, we are promised by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and the church, that we will never be alone and we will always be loved and supported. We embody this promise in our relationships with each other and God's beloved world. Thanks be to God that we get to be the church--a people who reflect God in Christ's welcome, to share in food, worship, service, relationship, to pray for and accompany one another in our joys and sorrows and in-betweens.

Intrigued by the service of healing prayer? Come. Do you have a need for healing in any part of your life? Come and hear a word of blessing and prayer, gathering with the church who accompanies you. This worship service centers on God's presence in the midst of suffering, God's love in the midst of the Christian community, and God's promise of wholeness and peace in Jesus Christ.

I hope to see you soon, and I hope you know if you need a listening ear, a prayer, or encouragement, that I'm here, that church folks are here for you. If you ever want to stop by or want a visit from me, call the office or chat with me at church. We're in this together!

Peace be with you.

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