



# *The Immanuel Informer*

## Immanuel Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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### **Lutheran Student Center**

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*The mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is to preach Christ crucified and risen from the dead for the salvation of the world. We also reflect God's love by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through a caring ministry of reaching, teaching, and serving our congregation and the community.*

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**January, 2023**



## **The Flower Chart**

For 2023 is now up on the wall.  
Please sign up for what Month and Day that  
you would like to have. Thank You

Please let us know if you are ordering the flowers or are having someone else order them for you, or if you want us to order them. Also please let me know what you would like to have on the card. This is very important - when ordering please make sure that they have on the card who the flowers are from. Thank you.3Philip

### **New Sign-Up Sheets for 2023 are now the wall:**

Communion Attendants, January to March  
Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks, January to March  
Altar Guild Schedule for (January to December)  
College Refreshment Snacks, January to April

College Refreshment Tuesday,

College Refreshment Sign up for 2023 is now up  
on the Wall for Tuesday's 7:00pm. January to April,  
please sign up for what Month and Day that you would  
like to do. Thank You.10 Gad

**Sunday School:** Every Sunday at 10:15 am in the Lutheran Student Center. 1:Maacah



**Bible Study:** Every Sunday at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying Book of Ecclesiastes

Come join us every **Thursday at Noon for Bible Study:** will meet in Fellowship Hall. We are studying The Book of Ephesians

**Leisure Lutheran** Cards and Games every Thursday at 1:00 pm after Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to participate. 2:Ahimaaz

**A LEISURE LUTHERAN Re-activation meeting** will be held Wednesday, January 18, 10:00 am in the church fellowship hall. Leisure Lutherans have been somewhat dormant since the Covid Pandemic and perhaps it is time to reactivate some of the additional offerings of Leisure Lutherans.

The Leisure Lutherans group "seeks to intentionally enhance the older adult ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church." Previous programs of Leisure Lutherans included "monthly newsletters, monthly 'Leisure Lutherans' meetings, tape ministry to the shut-ins, Bible study at

nursing homes, adoptive grandparents for confirmands, children's worship bags, volunteer projects at the church, Parish Nurse and Health Ministry, hearing devices for the hearing impaired, travel and other fellowship activities, interest groups and an annual musical to 'celebrate the years'".

Currently, Thursday afternoon Game Day has been reactivated. But, can Leisure Lutherans participate in other ministries of Immanuel? Please join in the "fact-finding" meeting on January 18, 10:00 a.m. or contact Kathy Nickason or Mary Wittmaier for information, ideas, or concerns.

**Lutheran Student Fellowship Bible Study:** Every Tuesday evening at 7:00/pm, Bible Study for the LSF students at the Lutheran Student Center. We are currently studying – HAS AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY FAILED?

**Confirmation Classes:** Are every Wednesday, in the Lutheran Student Center from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

**COPIES OF "LIFE DATE"**, a quarterly journal of news and commentary from Lutherans for Life, are available for the taking on the table next to the church office door. This publication is filled with life issue articles. Feel free to take one and add it to your reading list this fall 6: True (Mark6:3)

Pastor Swyres and Kelle would like to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts and cards this Christmas, and hope that everyone had a good Christmas.

From your secretary: Sue Nardi I would also like to thank everyone for the nice gifts and cards this Christmas, and hope that everyone had a good Christmas.

**January's Newsletter:** There are copies on the table in the Narthex for you to take.

**Parking Lot Special Fund:** The new parking lot project is underway. In addition to the parking lot itself, we will need to fund (at the minimum) the following as part of the parking lot project: landscaping, parking lot lighting, and a new shed (to replace the one that is currently located where the parking lot will be). If you would like to make a donation toward this project--above and beyond your normal offering, please list "Parking Lot Fund" on your donation and place it in the

offering plate. Any questions can be directed to Christy Rush (treasurer) or any Council member, 5:Zechariah

**If you have any changes to the information listed in the membership directory**, please contact Christy at [treasurer@ilcrolla.org](mailto:treasurer@ilcrolla.org) to correct this information. An updated membership directory will be available in January.

**Offering envelopes for 2023** are now available on the table in the Narthex. Please pick yours up as soon as possible. If you did not receive envelopes and wish to have a set for the new year, please contact Robert 8:Ehud at [financialsecretary@ilcrolla.org](mailto:financialsecretary@ilcrolla.org).

**We would like to thank the following people who order Poinsettia's either in Honor Of, or Memory Of:**

*Pastor & Kelle Swyres: In Memory of Robert & Karen Sandcork*

*Mary Wittmaier: In Memory of family members in Heaven*

*Tim, Christy, & Nikki Rush: In Memory of Mary Goddard & Dan Rush*

*Garrett & Serena Langston: In Honor of Jesus's Birthday*

*Wayne & Kay Beasley: In Memory of Patrick*

*Albert Malone & Family: In Memory of: Laura I. Malone*

*David & Carla Roedemeier: In Memory of: Milton & Virginia Roedemeier, and  
Carl & Mignon Webb*

*Jim & Sue Perry: In Honor of: Grandchildren*

*Richard & Berniece Strandberg: In Memory of: Mel & Andy Strandberg and  
Edwin & Clara Kirch*

**NOW FOR A LITTLE BIT OF FUN:**

**Look for the Hidden Answers and Mistakes:**

**THE ULTIMATE BIBLE FACTS and QUIZ TRIVIA:**

- 1: Who was the mother of Absalom, King David's son?
- 2: According to 2 Samuel, which son of Zadok was renowned for his running?
- 3: Which New Testament deacon had four daughters who were prophetesses?
- 4: Which good king of Judah was the son of Ahaz?
- 5: Who was the father of John the Baptist?
- 6: True or False? Jesus had four half-brothers.
- 7: After his escape from prison the apostle Peter went to the house of whose mother?
- 8: In the Old Testament which son of Gera was renowned for being left-handed?
- 9: According to Romans which twin was loved by God whilst the other one was hated?
- 10: Which son of Jacob's name means "Good Fortune"?



## *Showing God's Love and Making a Difference*

### **Showing God's Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico — God Cares About You Mission — \$98,000**

*Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land' (Deuteronomy 15:11).*

The International District is in southeast Albuquerque, New Mexico and is home to an ethnically diverse and disadvantaged people. The population is multicultural representing more than ten nations. Forty percent live below the poverty level. Crime, drug and alcohol abuse, homelessness, prostitution, teen pregnancy, poor living conditions, low education levels, low paying jobs, and health issues put the well-being of adults and children at risk.

In 2009, a mission outreach was initiated in Albuquerque. The pastor and members of Christ Lutheran Church had a passion to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to help people. They reached out to show God's love in the International District and started God Cares About You, a mission to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of those in the community. By sharing Christ's love, they are transforming lives now and for eternity.

Mission volunteers embrace and work through cultural differences knowing that God is using them to further His kingdom and help people in their daily life. As they serve, they build relationships and meet people where they are. God Cares About You uses various programs to reach people in the International District. Some of the programs include children's ministry, tutoring, helping with homework, Bible lessons, adult Bible study, supplying meals, fellowship, providing groceries and clothing, teaching life skills, supporting a Back to Work Program, and guidance to connect with community resources. Volunteers help them learn how God cares about them and that God is real as they grow in faith and learn about His promises.

God Cares About You is currently open three days a week. This grant will provide funds to hire a services coordinator and a kitchen manager. With the increase in staff, services can be offered six days a week with extended hours. The needs of the community are great and the funds from this grant will help improve the lives of people physically and spiritually. It is estimated that 2,000 people are touched by God Cares About You each month.

Learn more about this mission grant at [lwml.org/mission-grants](http://lwml.org/mission-grants)

# LWML/Dorcas



We hope you have saved your change for our mite collection box. It is located near the entry to the sanctuary. For a complete list of grant projects visit [LWML.org](http://LWML.org) and click on the Mission tab. Checks should be written to Immanuel Dorcas LWML Society. Mites collected from Dec 2022 \$43.51  
Total mites for 2022 was \$633.35 To God be the glory.

**DORCAS/LWML** activities for January include Mite Collection on Sunday, January 1. Start the new year with a resolution to contribute to the district and national mission projects of the LWML. All mite contributions are sent directly to fund local, national and international LWML mission projects. Pick up a mite box to collect your mites during the month for the next collection Sunday in February.

**Servant Workshop** will be conducted on Tuesday, January 17, 1-3 pm and 7-9 pm in the church basement. Workshop projects include marking Bibles for Prison Ministry, making dresses for Orphan Grain Train and tying quilt layers together for disaster relief disbursed by Orphan Grain Train and Lutheran World Relief. All skill levels are encouraged to participate. One only needs to be able to tie shoe laces to contribute time and talents to the quilting project.

**SAVE THE DATE** for the Zone LWML Prayer Service and Luncheon, Immanuel, Rolla, Saturday, February 25. All members of Immanuel are invited and may bring a guest. More information will follow.

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

To God be the glory.

**Servant Workshop for January:** Tuesday, January 17, 1-3 pm and 7-9 pm in the church basement. 9: Jacob

**THRIVENT MEMBERS:** A new year opens the opportunity to request two (2) new \$250 grants to benefit non-profit organizations of your choosing. At Immanuel, Thrivent



Action Team Grants are being used to fund LWML Servant Workshop mission projects such as, Backpack Program, Bibles for Prison Ministries, dresses for Orphan Grain Train, quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train and Bags for Babies for Pregnancy Resource Center. Any non-profit organization may benefit from this funding with a service or fundraising project. Please contact Sue Kamprath for suggestions and information on requesting a grant for the backpack program and Carla Roedemeier or Mary Wittmaier for information on requesting a grant for Bibles, dresses, quilts or Bags for Babies or any other project that comes to mind.

**The Back Pack Committee** continues to assemble weekend food items for children in the Rolla School District. Should anyone wish to participate or apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant to support this activity, please contact Sue Kamprath.4:Hezekiah

**Plastic Bags:** Plastic bags are again needed for the backpack program.

## **Did you know?**

### **PROJECT CONNECT:**

Good news that makes a difference!

Bring welcomed hope to your community through Project Connect—an indispensable, on site, booklet ministry resource that uses display fixtures of :pocket-sized, topical booklets to promote outreach. Project Connect Booklets can help people with relevant, Christ – centered messages connecting with them wherever they are. Theses free booklets cover a variety of topics and can be found on the rack in the Fellowship Hall 7:Mark's

January 1, 2023

Learning to Pray (6BE158)

In this little booklet, children will find a colorful story that reminds them God is always available as it encourages them to pray.

January 8,

Welcome (6BE178)

This little booklet, Hospitality is one of the best traits a child can learn, and this begins at home, in words and pictures how important it is to be welcoming to others--- just as God has invited and received us.

January 15,

Raising your Children with Respect (6BE45)

This booklet offers helpful tips for building a rewarding relationship with your children. You'll find suggestions for opening up communication, stimulating creativity, setting the right example, and raising your children with respect.

January 22,

Talking Openly with kids---facing tough issues (6BE49)

This booklet offers practical advice on how and when to address these subjects with your children. Recognizing the sign of trouble in your children as well as understanding your own nonverbal messages are two areas necessary for establishing effective communication patterns.

January 29,

How to talk About Your Faith: An Introduction to the Spiritual Conversation Curve (6BE175)

This easy-to-read, easy-to-use booklet is ideal for helping you have more fruitful conversation about Jesus.

### **GREETER ASSIGNMENTS:**

First Week: Erma Jean Haas and Arlene Marr

2nd Week: Sue Perry and Jim Perry

3rd Week: Carla Roedemeier and Jana Wassilak

4th Week: Nancy Anderson and Andy Anderson

5th Week and Subs: Bill Wuenscher,

**IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BE A GREETER, PLEASE LET  
BILL WUENSCHER or the CHURCH SECRETARY KNOW**

**Elders: for January:**

January 01<sup>st</sup> Matt Banholzer  
January 08<sup>th</sup> Matt Banholzer  
January 15<sup>th</sup> Jim Perry  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> Jim Perry  
January 29<sup>th</sup>. Bob Gorrell

**Ushers/Teams for January:**

January 01<sup>st</sup>. Team 1  
January 08<sup>th</sup>. Team 2  
January 15<sup>th</sup>. Team 3  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Team 4  
January 29<sup>th</sup>. Team 1

**Organ Schedule for January:**

January 01<sup>st</sup>. Berniece Strandberg  
January 08<sup>th</sup> Phil Thiem  
January 15<sup>th</sup> Berniece Strandberg  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Phil Thiem  
January 29<sup>th</sup>. Berniece Strandberg

## **Altar Guild for the Month of January:**

Aaron & Kacie Wassilak

## **Flowers for the Month of January:**

January 01<sup>st</sup>. Altar Committee

January 08<sup>th</sup> Charlie Horn

January 15<sup>th</sup> Andy & Nancy Anderson (Anniversary, 52/years )

January 22<sup>nd</sup> Emily Guffey

January 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **College Refreshment for January (Tuesday's)**

January 17<sup>th</sup> Nancy Anderson

January 24<sup>th</sup>

January 31<sup>st</sup>

## Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks for January:

January 01<sup>st</sup> Eileen Theiss

January 08<sup>th</sup>. Janis Wassilak

January 15<sup>th</sup> Gigi Gamst

January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

January 29<sup>th</sup>.Jana Wassilak

## SUNDAY SCHOOL JANUARY, 2023:



### Perfect attendance for December.

Tylin Davidson was winner of attendance prize. John, Josie & Jasmine Bennett, Oaklyn Crawford, Roslyn & Rodrick Perry, Caleb McClelland & Joshua Holzerland had perfect attendance for December.

**Sunday School:** At 10:15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center. We will have **Preschool** 3-year-old to kindergarten, **Elementary** 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 4<sup>th</sup> grade & **Jr Youth** 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Come join us as we start "In the

beginning". We'll learn about creation; man's fall into sin & that God promised to send a Savior. 6: Genesis

## **Sunday School Lesson Summaries**

### **UNIT 5**

#### **God Leads His Nation:**

Jan 08,  
Lesson 1:

The lesson this week is "The Idle Idol." Atop Mount Sinai, Moses receives the Law from God. Meanwhile, the Israelites grow impatient and convince Aaron to create a golden idol. When God sends Moses down from the mountain, Moses sees the people's wanton worship and smashes the stone tables. The people are punished for their idolatry. Moses returns to Sinai to plead God's mercy for the people.

Jan 15,  
Lesson 2:

Today, we will study "A Tent for God." Moses the process of building a portable house (called a tabernacle) for the Lord by gathering from the Israelites. God provides detailed instruction for the creation of the ark of the covenant as well as the fixtures of the tabernacle. When the tabernacle is finally assembled, the glory of the Lord descends on the tabernacle in

the form of a cloud. As long as the presence remains, the people remain in that place.

Jan 22,

### Lesson 3:

In today's lesson. "The Fall-Short Report." Students will learn how Moses chooses one man from each of the twelve tribes and sends them to spy on the land God has promised. The spies report a land of great plenty but occupied by mighty, fearsome people. Despite Caleb and Joshua's pleas to seize the land promised to them, the people rebel. Moses pleads for mercy, and God promises to care for His people. At the same time, He condemns the Israelites to forty years of wandering in the wilderness. Of all the adults, only Joshua and Caleb will live to enter the Promised Land.

Jan 29,

### Lesson 4:

In today's lesson, "The Unlikely Ally," the Israelites prepare to enter the Promised Land. Joshua Sends two spies to explore Jericho, a prostitute, first hides the spies from the authorities, and later she helps them escape out her window in the city wall. Because of her faithfulness, the spies promise to spare Rahab and her family when the Israelites come to occupy the city.

## **Some History from The Past:**

**1932:**

By 1932 the State Walther League convention was hosted with 500 in attendance. Due to strong beliefs about Christian education Pastor Streufert, supported by Henry Haas and other leaders encouraged Immanuel to start a Christian Day School – Plans came together and a Christian Day School was implemented in 1933. It was started in the basement of the church with 25 student in the 8 grades with one teacher. Pastor Streufert would don his “funny little cap” and drive an old school bus 50 miles everyday to pick up students while the teacher drove the pastor’s car in another direction to pick up others. A car pool brought some from the Newburg area. With in 3 years enrollment increased to 66.

**1916:**

The original English version of the 1916 Constitution follow, it was also written in German.