



Immanuel Messenger

We are here to enrich lives by sharing the loving word and ways of Jesus.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, LCMS

Sandy, Oregon



December 2021



Sunday Worship

10:00 AM

In person or via Zoom.us

See Immanuel.com

For details.

Holy Communion

1st and 3rd Sundays

ANNUAL MEETING

There will be an Annual Voters Assembly Meeting to be held December 5th 2021 following church service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Church Council Members (Executive Director, Assist Executive Director, Treasurer), Elders and IEC Board Members. The Slate of Nominees for 2022 as follows:

Church Council

Executive Director:	Sharon Capp
Asst/Exec Director:	Open
Members-at-Large	Debbie Stone Darold Hessel Janet Nelson Ann Marie Amstad
Treasurer:	Jan Anderson

Board of Elders

Dwight Reigert
Ralph Stevens
Wayne Stone
Erv Schroeder

Immanuel Enrichment Center Board

Christie Lamer
Barb Reigert

At this time we usually approve the annual budget but at the September Leadership Council Meeting, there was a motion made and approved that we postpone the budget until January or within the first Quarter of 2022, which may give us time to have more accurate monetary numbers for a pastors salary and benefits.

If you have any questions or concerns please call or text Sharon at 775-778-1227.



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Message from Pastor Keil

Here I am at the beginning of Advent, with a growing list of things that must be done: Shopping, Worship Services, parties, cards sent, and more. I know that I will survive and even bring hope and joy to people, but I don't feel very positive right now. I need to take time to think about Jesus coming and this world as a human being, to let that incomprehensible event overwhelm me with wonder and fill me with praise and adoration. I get too involved in the 'busyness' of Christmas and forfeit the experience of God's gift of His Son. I must pause at the manger to focus on that which is truly and ultimately important.

Do you get too busy with shopping, visiting, hosting, partying, traveling, decorating to feel the excitement of Christmas, the amazing revelation of our Savior? Do you schedule time to allow the impact of God-becoming-man to change your attitudes, to discover that Jesus' coming means everything is different now? Join me in using time each day this month to meditate on the message of Bethlehem, the message that God loves us so much that He came to save us from sin and death. As we do so, our joy and love will increase and overflow. May our Christmas celebration lead us closer to the One Who gives us eternal life. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In Christ,
Pastor Keil



Service Schedule for Christmas

There will not be Advent services this year.

Christmas Eve service will be 6:00PM

There will not be a service on Christmas Day.

There will be a customary service on Sunday, December 26th
(In case of inclement weather the service will be held via Zoom)



Call Committee Update

The Call Committee met Sunday, November 21st, 2021 and decided to interview two of the three possible candidates. We will begin the process of setting up those interviews via Zoom. Once that is complete we will look at our finances and what we feel we can afford. After that we will determine if the Committee will pass one or both of them onto the congregation for a vote.

Thank you,
Dwight Reigert



Patricia (Pat) Haselwander

October 30, 1931 – November 4, 2021



Long time Sandy resident, Patricia (Pat) Haselwander went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on November 4, 2021. Pat passed away peacefully, surrounded by family. She was 90 years old. Pat was born in Bantry, North Dakota. In 1936, her parents, Carl and Violet Gomoll moved their family from North Dakota to Oregon. Pat attended school in Sandy and graduated from Sandy High School.

In 1951, Pat married her high school sweetheart, Ken (Bud) Haselwander, while he was home on leave from the Air Force. They spent one year in Florida and then returned to Sandy. Pat began her working career first at the Oregon State 4H Department and then moved to Walrad Insurance Company. She later accepted a position at PGE. After 30 years of service, leaving a job she loved, Pat retired from PGE as a Customer Service and Accounts Supervisor.

After retiring, Pat found great joy in spending time with her grandchildren and later, great grandchildren. Family was very important to her. Pat's hobbies kept her very busy. She loved tennis, hiking, and bowling the occasional 500 series well into her 80's. She also enjoyed quilting, sewing, gardening, playing bridge, traveling with Ken, and spending time with friends.

Pat was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sandy for almost 40 years. Always ready to lend a helping hand wherever needed she truly was a servant of the Lord. She is fondly remembered for her volunteer work within the church and for the beautiful flower arrangements she made for the altar and other special occasions.

Pat will be forever in our hearts. Her sweet smile and infectious laugh will be greatly missed by family and friends. Surviving are her children Jan Anderson of Sandy, Ken and Barbara Haselwander of Damascus and Debbie and Tim Hunter of Redmond, 6 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren; her sister, Dona Scheel of Sandy and her brother Doug Gomoll of Sutherlin. Pat was preceded in death by Ken, her husband of 55 years and two brothers, Merle and Donnie.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church Altar Guild in Sandy, OR or Mt Hood Hospice.





December Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

Anniversaries

2nd Jan Anderson
3rd Ernie Schwartz
13th Iola Lofthus
23rd Bill Riggs
28th LaVerne Luedtke

22nd Jack & Judy Markle
30th Don & Iola Lofthus



Those who have signed up for AmazonSmile Rewards has helped ILC earn \$69.88 in contributions for 2021!!

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to ILC.

For more information about the AmazonSmile program, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about>.

Volunteers



Come help decorate the church for Christmas!!
December 11th, 10:00 AM



IEC

We received a grant from the State of Oregon worth \$54,986.00. 20% of the grant must be used on staff wages and the rest may be spent on a playground! More fun to come!



Katy Rees

Director/Lead Teacher



FINANCE SUMMARY

Immanuel Lutheran Church Financial Summary as of 11/29/21

Checking Account Balance	\$ 101,975.16
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 1,451.45
Subtotal - Checks/Debits	\$ 1,451.45
Available Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 100,523.71
Designated Funds:	
Altar Guild	\$ 140.00
Missions Payable	\$ 193.00
Pastor's Contingency Fund	\$ 503.79
Church Improvement Fund	\$ 104.45
Exterior Building Fund	\$ 3,132.67
Subtotal - Designated Funds	\$ 4,073.91
Remaining Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 96,449.80
Upcoming Expenses:	
ILC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 141.18
IEC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 682.79
Janitorial Service	\$ 733.00
NW Natural	\$ 387.79
Office Depot	\$ 50.98
City of Sandy	\$ 176.04
Medical Contingency Funds	\$ 4,000.00
Subtotal - Upcoming Expenses	\$ 6,171.78
Checking Acct. - Funds Available	\$ 90,278.02

The information in the Financial Summary is as of November 29th, 2021. Our General Fund offerings and income are \$26,937.10 and expenses are \$4,999.82. The checking account funds available as of November 29, 2021 are \$90,278.02.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the financial information. Thank you!

*Blessings,
Dawn*



Checking Account Balances

Enrichment Center	\$80,216.81
LWML	\$ 390.04
Youth Group	\$ 1,048.65

LCEF Mortgage Loan Balance

LCEF Mortgage Loan Balance	\$102,017.53
LCEF Steward Account	\$ 18,802.92
LCEF Steward Account Building Fund	\$ 0
LCEF Steward Account Electronic Offerings	\$ 108.71
LCEF Steward Account Sale of Property Funds	\$ 14,933.59
Thrivent Mutual Funds	\$ 39,986.75
Unemployment CD - CCB	\$ 2,423.45

Who's who Janet Nelson



I was born in San Rafael, California in 1954. My parents met at a roller skate rink. Mom and her cousin wore matching skating outfits. My dad was born in Austin, MN, of Norwegian descent, and the family worked at the Spam factory. Dad was in the Airforce. My mom's family came from Yugoslavia, later settling in Aspen, CO. Mom was born in Snowmass, my great Aunt Lucille was the midwife for the area. The family had a ranch for cows, pigs, chickens, potatoes, eggs, etc. and sold to people in the area. My great grandfather worked in the Icehouse, and the Marble quarry. The marble for the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Lincoln Memorial came from Marble, CO. Most people in the valley worked in the tourist industry, skiing, motels, and mountain climbers.

My mom enrolled her 3 very active children in lessons for skiing, skating, tennis, swimming and kept track of us as we bicycled across town to her work places. I continued skiing and have been on the National Ski Patrol for 32 years. This is fun setting up

the hill for the day, giving people directions, doing a little first aid, and getting first run in the morning and the last run at night.

I became a nurses aid in high-school and obtained my RN degrees in 1978 and 1990. I worked many different nursing units including St. Mary's hospital and ER, Flight team, then Hospice and currently Home Health. I've been caring for people for 50 years.

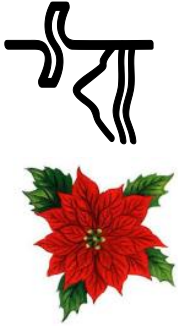
My sister moved to Scappoose, Oregon about 40 years ago. Her husband worked at Schnitzer Steel for 40 years. You all hear me talking about her 5 grandchildren. I attend their soccer games, baseball, basketball, music concerts, and 4H projects such as raising goats and chickens; sewing and cooking. My one brother lives in Idaho. He was an auto mechanic, has one son and 3 grandchildren in CA. His son is very talented in carpentry and is an electrician. I was married "off and on", always thought I would have children but those years have gone past. So I'm still a kid at heart.

I met Pat Haselwander in 2013 in Scappoose when she was picking up quilting batting at my sister's church. She invited me to the quilting ladies at ILC. Then Elaine Gynther invited me to Sunday service where I met all of you, a wonderful church family. One day the Scruffy's band had a change in members, Ed Pitzrick moved to MS, Pastor Kevin switched to guitar, and asked me to play the Bass. I said I'd give it a try.

The PNW is so much different than western CO. I'm really enjoying how green it is, the many different blooming plants and trees, and hiking with Wrigley, the 9 year old golden retriever. Wrigley and I have traveled across the great USA seeing many National parks, Monuments, friends and family.



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Lutheran Church



December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Lay Readers: 12/5 Dennis Lane 12/12 Barb Reigert 12/19 Ann Marie Amstad 12/26 Missy Aho</p>	<p>Altar Guild:</p>					
<p>12/5 10:00AM Divine Service</p>	<p>6 10:30 AM DHS Visit</p>	<p>7 7:00 PM-8:00 PMSDG 10:00AM-Noon Quilting</p>	<p>8 10:30AM-Women's Bible Study 12:00PM -1:00PM Courage to Change</p>	<p>9 2:00PM DHS Visit</p>	<p>10 10:00 AM Help Decorate the Church for Christmas</p>	<p>11 8:00AM-9:00AM SDG</p>
<p>12 10:00AM - Worship</p>	<p>13 10:30 AM DHS Visit</p>	<p>14 7:00 PM-8:00 PMSDG 10:00AM -Noon Quilting</p>	<p>15 10:30AM-Women's Bible Study 12:00PM -1:00PM Courage to Change</p>	<p>16 2:00PM DHS Visit</p>	<p>17 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>18 8:00AM-9:00AM SDG</p>
<p>19 10:00AM-Divine Service</p>	<p>20 10:30 AM DHS Visit</p>	<p>21 7:00 PM-8:00 PMSDG 10:00AM-Noon Quilting</p>	<p>22 10:30AM-Women's Bible Study 12:00PM -1:00PM Courage to Change</p>	<p>23 2:00PM DHS Visit</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM</p>	<p>25 8:00AM-9:00AM SDG Merry Christmas</p>
<p>26 10:00AM - Worship 11:15AM Leadership Council Meeting</p>	<p>27 10:30 AM DHS Visit</p>	<p>28 7:00 PM-8:00 PMSDG 10:00AM-Noon Quilting</p>	<p>29 10:30AM-Women's Bible Study 12:00PM -1:00PM Courage to Change</p>	<p>30 2:00PM DHS Visit</p>	<p>31 NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>	



Christmas Child

*He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant,
Being made in human likeness.*

Philippians 2:7

Imagine the One who made cedars spring from seeds starting life over as an embryo; the One who made the stars submitting Himself to a womb; the One who fills the heavens becoming what would be in our day a mere dot on an ultrasound. Jesus, in very nature God, making Himself nothing (Philippians 2:6-7). What an astonishing thought!

Imagine the scene as He's born in a plain peasant village, among shepherds and angels and bright lights in the sky, with the bleating of animals His first lullabies. Watch as He grows in favor and stature: as a youngster, astounding teachers with answers to grand questions; as a young man at the Jordan, getting His Father's approval from heaven; and in the wilderness, as He wrestles in hunger and prayer.

Watch next as He launches His world-changing mission-healing the sick, touching lepers, forgiving the impure. Watch as He kneels in a garden in anguish and as they arrest Him while His closest friends flee. Watch as He is spat on and nailed to two wooden posts, the world's sins on His shoulders. But watch, yes watch, as the stone rolls away, an empty tomb ringing hollow, because He is alive!

Watch as He is lifted to the highest place (v.9). Watch as His name fills heaven and earth (vv. 10-11).

This Maker of the stars who became a dot on an ultrasound. This, our Christmas Child.

*Sheridan Voysey
Our Daily Bread*

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