



Immanuel Messenger

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church, LCMS

Sandy, Oregon

February 2022

Sunday Worship

10:00 AM

Or via Zoom.us

See Immanuelsandy.com
for details

Holy Communion
1st and 3rd Sundays

Call Committee Update

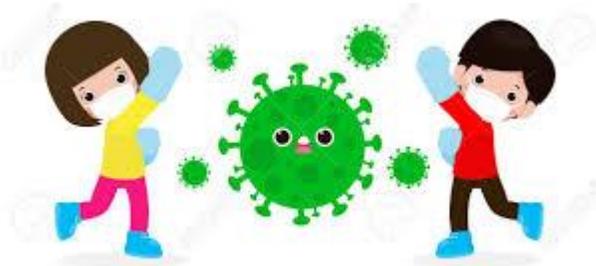
On January 16th we held a Special Voter's Assembly Meeting. As a result of voter approval we have issued a call to Pastor Garcia. Dwight called Pastor Garcia to let him know and he said he was still interested in coming to Immanuel and that he would prayerfully consider our call.

The official call documents were mailed out January 24th, 2022. Copies were also sent to President Rev. Paul Linneman and Rev. Jim Sprengle. The church's copy will be kept in the church office. It is typical to give them three to five weeks to decide.

IEC News

Thank you for your continued prayers for the health of the IEC kids. All have returned from quarantine with only one left testing positive.

Katy Rees
Director/Lead Teacher



Isn't The Love Of Jesus
Something Wonderful

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A Word from Pastor Keil

When we get cold, sometimes we huddle next to someone else in an effort to share blankets and body heat. That attempt seeks to make efficient use of the resources available. If we stay isolated from others, not joining together for the benefit of all, we are more vulnerable to the cold, and our body has to work harder to keep us warm.

When we are wrestling with a problem or major decision, we can tap into the wisdom, experience, and insight of others by seeking advise and support. The other choice is to keep matters to ourselves and hope that we can figure out things on our own.

When we are weighed down by grief, weakened by doubt and discouragement, overwhelmed by circumstances beyond our control, we can receive strength, hope, and confidence from the compassion and presence of others. The alternative is to “tough it out” by ourselves, all alone in a world we don’t trust.

I feel sad and frustrated when I see Christians detach themselves from the body of Christ during some crisis or tragedy. They cut themselves off from the resources that could help them immensely. Within the fellowship of saints, they should be able to find warmth and compassion, the counsel of wise and spiritually mature believers, the support and strength of those who have discovered God’s unfailing care, the hope that Jesus gives to His people each day.

With that in mind, remember to be sensitive and available to others who are hurting. Remember to stay connected to the body of Christ, because He puts us together for mutual support and consolation. Remember to celebrate, wholeheartedly, the love of God that surrounds us and holds us close to Him every day.

*In Christ,
Pastor Keil*



Who's Who at Immanuel**Twila Jennings**

I was born at Portland Adventist Sanitarium in Portland Oregon on January 22, 1943. My father had to navigate a snow storm (12 inches on ground) from our home on NE 23rd street to get my mother to the hospital on 60th and Belmont where the hospital was located at the time.

When I was 6 months old, we moved to Hood Street in Sandy Oregon (just 2 houses west of the grade school). I attended Immanuel Lutheran grade school through 7th grade. Beula Noack, Marie Schwartz, Grace Reich, and others cooked hot lunches for the students. 8th grade was a challenge for me starting at the public school in Sandy as I had been well protected from the secular school trappings. Besides that, my mother was a 2nd grade teacher at Sandy Grade at the time.

When I graduated from Sandy Union High School (now Cedar Ridge Middle School) in 1960, I started nurses training at Emmanuel Hospital in Portland. Unfortunately, it only lasted 4 months. I then worked as file clerk and typing pool at Farmers Insurance Group Regional office truck department located on Sandy Blvd in Portland. I carpooled with 3 other gals (Ruth Clark, Elvis Noack, and a classmate from high school) from Sandy until I moved to an apartment on 23rd and Sandy Blvd.

In 1961, I met my husband, Clyde, in Hampton Oregon (population 8) located between Bend and Burns. In May, 1962 we were married in Las Vegas. In June, 1963 our son, Bruce, was born. In August, 1965 our daughter, Velvet, was born. With 2 children we decided to get out of the city so I quit my job at Farmers and we moved to a little house at Alder Creek east of Sandy. Later we moved to Orient, right across from the school. In 1967 we moved to SE 140th & Ellis in Portland, right next door to Hilda Clark's daughter and family, Lu (Clark) and Allyne Grimm.

I returned to work in 1967, working at Omark Industries (Oregon Saw Chain) in the personnel department as general clerk and steno-typist. In 1970 I transferred to Omark Federal Credit Union (same building) so I could work part-time. The credit union was small so my duties were various functions.

In 1977 we moved to 286th & Haley Road in Boring. In August, 1978, I pursued a new job opportunity at Lutheran High School as accounting manager. After 6 months, I returned to work at two different small credit unions (Rockwood and Dairy CU's) until I was hired at Mountain View Credit Union in Gresham as bookkeeper and computer operations manager.

In February, 1984, there became a need for a CSR at the computer company (AOG) that Mt. View CU was using (we were part of a co-op of credit unions using this computer network). AOG was in the process of moving the company from Sunnyvale CA to Portland OR in 3 months so the plan was to send me down there just for that short time. Unfortunately, the plan fell through after I had moved down there. (Clyde stayed home as he was in the middle of physical therapy after a work related back injury).

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I finally had enough of California, longing to return home, after 14 months. What an adventure!!?? I returned to work at Omark Credit Union as operations officer, using the same computer network (AOG). We added a branch on the AOG network located in Lewiston ID at the Omark CCI (ammo) division credit union. I traveled quite often during the installation and operation.

In 1988 my mother, Evelyn Krebs, came to live with us. That lasted until 1993, when I had major surgery, and could no longer keep up with the responsibilities. This also led to downsizing the responsibilities of house and 1 acre of land. So, in December 1994, Clyde and I bought a 35' Jayco 5th wheel and moved to Portland Fairview RV Park. We met some wonderful neighbors there, which was a God-send for both of us. (Velvet and family moved into our house on Haley Road, at the same time, and are still living there.)

In October, 1994, Clyde became extremely ill while camping in the Ochoco's out of Prineville. I had to drive home with our 18' vacation RV 5th wheel, which was quite an experience since I had never driven with a trailer in tow before. But, by the grace of God, we safely made it home. When he saw his doctor the next day, he was immediately taken to the hospital, in ICU for 3 days on ventilator, as he was diagnosed with COPD (lung disease). Because we lived near the airport, freeway, and train tracks, his doctor highly recommended we move to a location with a cleaner environment.

In March, 1996, we finally moved to Prineville on the 20 acres we owned. It was on the edge of a mesa 10 miles west of town, just around the corner from my brother, Ron, and his family. There we enjoyed the best part of our married life. The life style there was so laid back and serene, with lots of wild life surrounding us. I worked at American Pine Products as the payroll specialist (300+ employees). When the company was sold in August, 2004, I was no longer needed, as the payroll was moved to Idaho.

After a few months, I started volunteering at the Crook County Library mainly shelving books, CD discs, and magazines. After 2 months they hired me part-time with pay!! This was my most favorite 'job' in my career, next to payroll specialist at APP.

March, 2006 we moved back to Boring, as Clyde's health was deteriorating to the point of needing more oxygen. So his doctor recommended moving to a lower elevation. We found our new home just 3 miles east of Velvet and family. Clyde 'moved' to heaven January 22, 2011 (my birthday). Twas a bitter-sweet gift as he struggled constantly toward the last year. God always knows best.

Now I enjoy my family – Bruce (still single), Velvet and Kerry; grandkids Jed and Mary and their kids, Zeke, Lilly, and Zander; Zack and Haleigh; Kaitlyn; and Carissa and Alex. I keep busy gardening, sewing, canning/freezing, maintaining 1 acre of land, and many family functions.

Deadline for Messenger Articles

February 18th for
the March edition



2022 Budget Planning

Please submit any church operating budget requests you may have for this year to Jan Anderson by Thursday, February 10th, 2022.

Thank you!





February Birthdays



1st Ursula Solso
 3rd Bev Wilson
 6th Grant Eisele
 8th Jonathan Reigert

9th Christie Lamer
 15th Kate Lane
 24th Bill Kiggins
 Michael Stone
 28th Maridean Eisele



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OFFERING COUNTERS!

The sign up sheet for 2022 is now posted up in the Narthex.
 If you have any questions please contact Janet Nelson
 at jurnel@aol.com or 971-678-4016

Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS



Feb. 6th Bev Wilson

Feb. 13th

Feb. 20th

Feb. 27th



Special Thank You

We wish to extend a big thank you to Darold Hessel and his friend Frank Heckendorn for implementing a pulley system for our Eternal Light. No more climbing ladders to fill it with lamp oil!!

We also want to thank Janet Nelson for polishing the bronze on the lamp. It looks amazing!



FINANCE SUMMARY

Immanuel Lutheran Church Financial Summary as of 1/31/2022

Checking Account Balance	\$ 59,019.93
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 666.84
Subtotal - Checks/Debits	\$ 666.84

Available Checking Acct. Balance \$ 58,353.09

Designated Funds:

Altar Guild	\$ 390.00
Missions Payable	\$ 90.00
Pastor's Contingency Fund	\$ 503.79
Church Improvement Fund	\$ 104.45
Facility Maintenance	\$ 500.00
Exterior Building Fund	\$ 3,132.67
Subtotal - Designated Funds	\$ 4,720.91

Remaining Checking Acct. Balance \$ 53,632.18

Upcoming Expenses:

ILC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 223.59
IEC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 1,000.12
Janitorial Service	\$ 608.00
NW Natural	\$ 948.32
CCB Safe Deposit Box	\$ 25.00
City of Sandy	\$ 134.39
Medical Contingency Funds	\$ 4,000.00
Subtotal - Upcoming Expenses	\$ 6,939.42

Checking Acct. - Funds Available \$ 46,692.76

The information in the Financial Summary is as of January 31, 2022. Our General Fund offerings and income are \$19,080.00 and expenses are \$7,102.99. The checking account funds available as of January 31, 2022 are \$46,692.76. On January 20th, 2022 we moved \$50,000.00 from our checking account with Clackamas County Bank to our LCEF Steward Account which pays interest. Our quarterly payment to Missions was also sent in January.

If you have any questions regarding the Finance Summary please let me know.

*Blessings,
Dawn*

Checking Account Balances

Enrichment Center	\$ 112,193.31
LWML	\$ 390.04
Youth Group	\$ 1,048.65

LCEF Mortgage Loan Balance	\$101,143.82
LCEF Steward Account	\$ 68,806.98
LCEF Steward Account Building Fund	\$ 0
LCEF Steward Account Electronic Offerings	\$ 108.75
LCEF Steward Account Sale of Property Funds	\$ 14,936.82
Unemployment CD - CCB	\$ 2,423.45
Thrivent Mutual Funds	\$ 39,882.65

Immanuel Lutheran Church

February 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00AM—12:00 PM Quilting 7:00 PM—8:00 PM SDG	2 10:30AM Women's Bible Study Noon—1:00 Courage to Change 	3	4	5 8:00 AM—9:00 AM SDG
6 10:00AM-Divine Service	7 11:00AM - Scruffy's	8 10:00AM—12:00 PM Quilting 7:00 PM—8:00 PM SDG	9 10:30AM Women's Bible Study Noon—1:00 Courage to Change	10	11	12 8:00 AM—9:00 AM SDG
13 10:00AM - Worship	14 11:00AM - Scruffy's 	15 10:00AM—12:00 PM Quilting 7:00 PM—8:00 PM SDG	16 10:30AM Women's Bible Study Noon—1:00 Courage to Change	17	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 8:00 AM—9:00 AM SDG
20 10:00AM-Divine Service	21 11:00AM - Scruffy's 	22 10:00AM—12:00 PM Quilting 7:00 PM—8:00 PM SDG	23 10:30AM Women's Bible Study Noon—1:00 Courage to Change	24	25	26 8:00 AM—9:00 AM SDG
27 10:00AM - Worship 11:00AM Leadership Council Meeting	28 11:00AM - Scruffy's	6th 13th 20th 27th	Lay Readers Dennis Lane Barb Reigert Ann Marie Amstad Missy Aho	Altar Guild Michele Riggs Jan Anderson		



The Power of Love

*Many waters cannot quench love.
Song of Songs 8:7*

Two octogenarians, one from Germany and the other from Denmark, were an unlikely couple. They had each enjoyed sixty years of marriage before being widowed. Through living only fifteen minutes apart, their homes were in separate countries. Still, they fell in love, regularly cooking meals and spending time together. Sadly, in 2020, due to the coronavirus, the Danish government closed the border crossing. Undeterred, every day at 3:0 PM., the two met at the border on a quiet country lane and, seated on the respective sides, shared a picnic. “We’re here because of love,” the man explained. Their love was stronger than borders, more powerful than a pandemic.

The Song of Songs offers an impressive display of love’s invincible power. “Love is as strong as death,” Solomon insisted (8:6). None of us escapes death; it arrives with a steely finality we can’t break. And yet love, the writer said, is every bit as strong. What’s more, love “burns like a blazing fire, like a mighty flame (v. 6). Have you ever watched a fire exploding in feverish rage? Love-like fire-is impossible to contain. “Many waters cannot quench love.” Not even a raging river can sweep love away (v. 7).

Human love, whenever it’s selfless and true, offers reflections of these characteristics. However, only God’s love offers such potency, such limitless depths, such tenacious power. And here’s the stunner: God loves each of us with this unquenchable love.

*Winn Collier
Our Daily Bread*

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