



Immanuel Lutheran Church of Brunswick

The Beacon

Monthly Newsletter

October 2023



Photos by Colleen Hendershot

Dear Members of Immanuel,

I love October! It's my favorite month of the year. This is a month of beauty and transition, of pumpkins and apples and gorgeous fall colors.

I am Pastor Janeva Stromberg. I will be celebrating my 30th year of ordination soon. I am retired but clearly not done. I am helping out at Immanuel on a very part-time basis for as long as I'm needed. You will see me on most Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

I am looking forward to helping you out as a "Bridge Interim Pastor." I've got all the bells and whistles (credentials and experience) you need, just part time.

Oh by the way, October is all about caramel apples and tricks or treats and Trunk or Treat. I can't wait for my very first Trunk or Treat night on October 28!

See you in church.
Pastor Janeva

SYNOD INFO

REMAINING STEPS OF THE CALL PROCESS

2. Interim Period
 - Transitional Ministry Forms - Selection of Call Committee
 - Role of Church Council is to focus on mission, oversee ongoing ministries, communicate with congregation, arrange for pastoral care.
3. Call Process
 - Call Committee completes the Ministry Site Profile
 - Names of pastoral candidates are sought - the Interview
4. Calling the New Pastor
5. Welcome and Installation

For more information on the call process, please see the NEMN Synod website:



REGULAR EVENTS

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9am
Streamed live on Website: under Worship tab
Immanuellutheranbrunswick.com
Also on Facebook and YouTube pages

BIBLE STUDY 9:30am
Each Tuesday in Fellowship Hall
Women of ALL ages welcome!

WELCA WOMEN
1st Thursday of the Month
Hostesses: Connie K & Gladys N
Lesson 6
Bible Word: pray/praying

QUILTING
Every Monday @ 9 a.m.

SENIOR LEAGUE
10 am - 1 pm
4th Monday every month
Join us for fun, fellowship and games with
Mexican Train and enjoy a potluck lunch.

FROM THE OFFICE

We now have a new email address for the church office:
brunswicklc@gmail.com
Please make the necessary changes to your contact

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Monthly newsletter deadline is 22 of each month.
Information may be submitted to:
brunswicklc@gmail.com
Please try to submit information via email so doesn't
have to be retyped if possible, thank you!

IN OUR THOUGHTS ...

Those asking for the prayers of this congregation.

Tammie Johnsen
Gwen Johnsen
John M.
Nancy Jacobson
Jack Stephens
Joan Lakedon
Corinne Argetsinger

Teri Svendsen
Dale Doerr
Al Dockendorf
Wilson Hartog
Brian Prokosch
Eldon Duke

COUNCIL

YOUR 2023 COUNCIL:

Dan Hartog Sarah Bauer
Cathi Nehring Janie Richardson
Colleen Hendershot Donna Oslund
Colleen Sinell

Council meets 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Annual Meeting Oct. 15 10:30 a.m.
With potluck lunch

*Monthly Council Meeting minutes can be found on the
bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and also in monthly*

FINANCIAL

Current general fund balance is \$21,913. Each month we continue to transfer money, which would of been used for pastoral expenses, into the Misc. Transfer Acct., minus cost associated with not having a pastor. This shows us how we are doing as if we had a pastor and allows us to have money available when we call a new pastor. Our monthly average giving through August is comparable to our giving in 2022.

Parking Lot Update
Current Balance in parking lot account is \$3,386.05, with payments of \$508.77 monthly, this covers almost seven months

OUR PEOPLE

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY!

Oct 2 Walt Argetsinger
Oct 3 Cheerie Smith
Oct 6 Judy Dawson
Oct 6 Tucker Hass
Oct 8 Alison Nehring
Oct 8 Michelle Nelson
Oct 9 Ginny Turner
Oct 12 Lucas Dick
Oct 14 Karen Schoumaker
Oct 16 Tommy Johnsen
Oct 20 Amanda Voge
Oct 21 Waylon Maciej
Oct 22 Joy Nehring
Oct 27 Aubrey Howe
Oct 27 Debra Minnich
Oct 27 Mason & Nathan Nelson
Oct 29 Brody Smith
Oct 31 Arnie Eggert

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Schedule:

Oct 4 Youth Group

Oct 11 Class—Introduction to the Bible

Oct 18 NO CLASS—MEA

Oct 25 Class—Hebrew Bible

Oct 29 Trunk or Treat

Whether you are a returning student or a new student we are so excited to start the new year with you! If you have questions, please call or text Shirley Zierke 651-271-12248 or Mel Pioske 952-913-4190.

STUDENTS AND THEIR MENTORS

Grade 9

Amelia Atchinson, Connie Kawalek

Sam Dick, Bob Richardson

Heleigh Eggert, Colleen Sinell

Ethan Stromberg, Rick Stromberg

Grade 8

Alison Nehring, Janie Richardson

Amarah Pioske, Barb Dick

Gibson Pioske, Bob Richardson

Jacob Vigstol, Shirley Zierke

Grade 7

Willow Atchison, Shari Hartog

Lucas Dick, Rick Kawalek

Shane Pioske, Jeff Monson

Thank you to all our mentors who have volunteered to mentor a student this year.

Green Team

Amelia Atchinson

Gibson Pioske

Jacob Vigstol

Lucas Dick

Haleigh Eggert

Ethan Stromberg

Blue Team

Willow Atchison

Sam Dick

Amarah Pioske

Alison Nehring

Benjamin Bauer

Shane Pioske

Meals Provided for Confirmation class:

October 4 (21 people) Stromberg family

October 11 (15 people) Dick family

October 18 NO CLASS

October 25 (15 people) Stromberg family

YOUTH—THE SERVICE CONNECTION

God designed us to be in relationship to one another: to love one another, to support one another. There is no better way to show our love and support than through simple acts of service.

This year, we are introducing Service Connection. This is a way to connect service needs to service volunteers. Our confirmation students will be looking for jobs they can do to help you around your homes. For example: watering flowers, washing a car, picking up sticks in the yard, raking leaves.

Some things to keep in mind: you will need to provide all supplies and equipment. For safety reasons, students will not be allowed to operate power tools or go up on ladders.

If you have a simple task, please contact Shirley Zierke or Mel Pioske. We will need to know the size of the task and when you would like it completed. We will then do our best to match your task with a confirmation student that is available. Bigger tasks may require more than one student so may take a bit longer to complete.

YOUTH GROUP

Calling all 7-12 grade students to join us for Youth Group which meets the first Wednesday of each month, 6-8 pm, supper is provided. We eat a meal together, play games, think about life and about God, grow in our friendships and in faith. All are welcome and please invite your friends!

New Orleans 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

“Created to Be” July 16-20, 2024

New Orleans Youth Gathering – 6 children and 3 adults planning on attending. Down payments made! One additional adult on backup in case someone unavailable to attend from Grace, Calvary, or Immanuel.

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 2023 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

Members Present: Dan Hartog, Janie Richardson, Colleen Sinell, Donna Oslund, Colleen Hendershot, Sarah Bauer, Pastor Janeva Stromberg, Cathi Nehring

Members Absent:

Guests: Gladys Nelson, Dave Howe

Devotion / Prayer: Colleen Hendershot, Up Lift – “Enough”

Guest:

Dave Howe: Tech Update

Google Workspace – access to Gmail, google photos, calendars etc. for those that have an Immanuel Lutheran account.

Cost of \$0.00

Social Media – moving access to a different format, creating an account under our new

Need to update the social media agreement.

Immanuel Lutheran domain.

Central management of social media resources – Facebook, YouTube, Website

Through a program caused okta

Cost of \$0.00

Technical Refresh –

When technology needs to be replaced.

Computer safety and security.

Square space – is used for the website functions.

Not a secure site, does this matter? Breeze and the online shop is separate sites that are secure.

\$ unknown

Breeze – online giving site.

\$72 monthly

Next Steps:

Should we use Google Workspace as a management system?

Should we use Okta as a social media management system?

Creating a list of responsibilities and access to things.

How are we going to protect the information of this church?

How do we want to move this church forward?

Create a technology line on the budget?

Colleen Sinell made a motion to create a CTO (Chief Technical Officer) volunteer position within Immanuel Lutheran Church, under the auspices of the council. Seconded by Sarah Bauer. Motion Passed

Colleen Hendershot made a motion to appoint David Howe as the CTO of Immanuel. Seconded by Donna Oslund. Motion Passed

Technical Committee will include David Howe, Colleen Hendershot, and Gladys Nelson. With the option of other rotating members of Colleen Sinell, Cathi Nehring, and Sarah Bauer.

They will first make an audit of what they have, where they are, and what they need to move forward (vision planning).

Monthly reports will be given to the council.

Gladys Nelson: Annual Meeting

Dan to submit letter by September 27th

Review the voting member list (active members)

Take communion and have a giving record.

Reports for the annual meeting

Clean up the roles of inactive members.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund: \$21,664.13

Pastor Misc. Transfer Account: Any money that would have gone towards paying for a Pastor that is not being used for Pastoral Care needs is being separated into a different account.

Upcoming Bills: \$4,622.00

Pastor's Report:

Office Manager Report:

Preparing for Annual Meeting Will be mailed by October 2nd

Committee Reports:

Buildings & Grounds / Property Committee:

Update from Mary F. S.

Met with insurance adjuster on Sept. 5th. She did an examination of roofs on church, parsonage, and cemetery garage and is turning in a recommendation for replacing all. Will be hearing from insurance. (Check received from insurance company)

Bob Richardson took down the dead tree north of church and put a new pipe and cover on the sewer standpipe.

The kitchen faucet in the kitchen and leak problem were repaired by Eric Herges.

Would like to create a platform and then a screen or wall of some kind for the garbage cans.

Youth/Sunday School:

Planning for Trunk or Treat

Confirmation to begin next week.

New Orleans Youth Gathering – 6 children and 3 adults planning on attending. Down payments made! One additional adult is on backup in case someone is unavailable to attend from Grace, Calvary, or Immanuel.

Upcoming Events:

Annual Meeting – October 15th

Blood Drive – October 20th from 10am – 4pm

Trunk or Treat – October 29th from 4:00pm-6:30pm

Live Nativity – December 16th

Blood Drive – December 22nd from 10am – 4pm

Unfinished Business:

O Constitution and Bylaw Updates (Donna / Colleen S) – no update from synod

O Update on road sign

O Parking Lot Fundraiser Ideas: Need to make a push to make money to pay for parking lot loan.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Pledge Cards / One Time donation cards
Movie Night
Dance with live band
Parsonage:
Have the property committee go through the parsonage and determine what needs to be done.
Laptop: Purchased

New Business:
Parsonage
Colleen Hendershot made a motion to not rent the parsonage. Colleen Sinell seconded.
Discussion
4 no's, 1 yes, 1 no vote
Additional Conversation about the parsonage tabled until November meeting.
Selling the parsonage
Housing expense vs. Parsonage
Utilities at the parsonage (phone and internet)

Annual Meeting Planning – October 15th
Constitution
By Laws
Where do we want to see our church going in the future?
Transition Planning
2024 Budget
Snow Removal
Approved at \$70 / time plowing and \$15.00/bag of salt.

September Minutes: Read and Approved.

Lord's Prayer

Adjournment: *Motion:* Sarah Bauer *Second:* Cathi Nehring
Time of Adjournment: 7:43pm

Next Meeting: October 10th @ 5:30 to discuss everything for the annual meeting.

SERVING US THIS MONTH

MONTH	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29
Acolyte	Jacob Vigstol	Sam Dick	Willow Atchison	Gibson Pioske	Haleigh Eggert
Altar Guild	Barb D & Jamie D	Barb D & Jamie D	Barb D & Jamie D	Barb D & Jamie D	Barb D & Jamie D
Coffee Treats	Mary AS & Cheerie S	Atchinson family	Annual Mtg Potluck	Gladys N & Michelle N	5th Sunday Breakfast
Communion	Rick S	Jim N	Shelby A	None	Rick K
Counters	Connie K & Joy N	Cathi N & Colleen S	Gladys N & Sarah B	Connie K & Joy N	Cathi N & Colleen S
Lector	Rick S	Jamie D	Shelby A	Gladys N	Shirley Z
Sound	Dave H & Brady N	Dave H & Brady N	Dave H & Brady N	Dave H & Brady N	Dave H & Brady N
Ushers	Rick & Mary S	Jim & Joy N	Bob R & Rod M	Brent & Kay S	Rick & Connie K

Ushers: Don't know what to do? There is an instruction sheet on the back pew. Just follow along.

If you cannot make assigned date: Please call someone else to swap or sub. Remember to do so in a timely manner and let the office know of the change.

Have questions? Or want to sign up to serve as a Worship Assistant?
Call Connie Kawalek 320-679-1491

OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Worship &Streaming Online	2 9am Quilting	3 9:30am Ladies' Bible Study 5pm Worship 7pm AA Mtg	4 6-8pm Youth Group	5 1:30pm WELCA	6	7
8 9am Worship &Streaming Online	9 9am Quilting	10 9:30am Ladies' Bible Study 5:30pm Council 7pm AA Mtg.	11 6-8pm Confirma- tion	12	13	14
15 9am Worship &Streaming Online 10:30amAnnual Meeting of the Church	16 9am Quilting	17 9:30am Ladies' Bible Study 7pm AA Mtg.	18 6-8pm no class MEA	19	20 10am-4pm Blood Drive	21
22 9am Worship &Streaming Online Newsletter deadline	23 10am Senior League	24 9:30am Ladies' Bible Study 7pm AA Mtg.	25 6-8pm Confirma- tion	26	27	28
29 9am Worship &Streaming Online 4-6:30pm Trunk or Treat	30 9am Quilting	31 9:30am Ladies' Bible Study 7pm AA Mtg.				