



Immanuel Lutheran Church of Brunswick

# The Beacon

Monthly Newsletter

February 2024



## 6:00 p.m. Soup Suppers Lenten Services at 7:00 p.m.

What is God Up to?

Theme for our Lenten evening services!

Several members both adults and youth will be shar-

ing with us how they see God at work in their lives! Come, listen, support and reflect on how God is at work in your life! Holden Evening Prayer is a contemplative service that has become a beloved favorite for Immanuel members. Please join together for soup and spiritual growth!

## Ash Wednesday

### Wednesday, February 14



On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that 'now is the day of salvation.' Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

## 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: [nemnsynod.org](http://nemnsynod.org) or scan QR code



## ABOUT US

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320-420-5474

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

22nd of each month, submit info to:  
colleen.hendershot@gmail.com  
or brunswicklc@gmail.com

Please try to submit information via email so doesn't  
have to be retyped if possible, thank you!

## COUNCIL

### YOUR 2024 COUNCIL:

Dan Hartog	Sarah Bauer
Cathi Nehring	Janie Richardson
Colleen Hendershot	Joy Nehring
Colleen Sinell	

Council meets 5:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday each month.

*Monthly Council Meeting minutes included in newsletter.*

## 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

### 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.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS ...

*This list to be renewed monthly*

Len Ochowicz	Brian Prokosch
Joan Lakedon	John M. (Joan L.)
Eldon Luke	Walt Argetsinger
Corinne Argetsinger	Gwen Johnsen
Nancy Jacobson	Tammie Johnsen
Teri Svendsen	Colleen Hendershot

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

### February

3 Liam Stromberg  
6 Landon Schoumaker  
6 Phyllis Bergren  
22 Dylan Smith  
22 Kay Speers  
23 Nichole O'Bert  
27 Cathy Bergren

## MANY THANKS

Thank you to Craig Nelson for donating his time and materials to install insulation in the roof of the east addition. This should eliminate possible ice dams and indoor leaks. Many thanks Craig!!! We are so grateful to you for helping to discover and fixing the problem!

*Immanuel Property Committee*

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

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## CONFIRMATION

Class Schedule:

Feb 7 Bishop Amy visiting

Feb 14 NO CLASS Ash Wednesday

Feb 21 NO CLASS Soup Supper & Service

Feb 28 NO CLASS Soup Supper & Service

If you have questions, please call or text Shirley Zierke 651-271-1248 or Mel Pioske 952-913-4190.

## STUDENTS AND THEIR MENTORS

### Grade 9

Amelia Atchison, Connie Kawalek

Sam Dick, Bob Richardson

Heleigh Eggert, Colleen Sinell

Ethan Stromberg, Rick Stromberg

### Grade 8

Benjamin Bauer, Jim Nehring

Alison Nehring, Janie Richardson

Amarah Pioske, Barb Dick

Gibson Pioske, Bob Richardson

### 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.*

## Confirmation Supper:

2/7- Barb & Janie

2/14-NO CLASS Ash Wednesday

2/21-NO CLASS Soup Supper & Service

2/28-NO CLASS Soup Supper & Service

## Class Spotlight:

On our 2/7 Class we are welcoming Calvary & Grace to our church for time with our Bishop Amy Odgren. We will be providing dinner for all churches, having a large group activity and then joining to hear the Bishop speak to us. We are excited to have the Bishop and the other congregations joining us for the night.

## Green Team:

Amelia Atchison

Gibson Pioske

Lucas Dick

Haleigh Eggert

Ethan Stromberg

## Blue Team:

Willow Atchison

Sam Dick

Amarah Pioske

Alison Nehring

Benjamin Bauer

Shane Pioske

## YOUTH—THE 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. 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.

## 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.

Be sure to join us for the  
Valentine's Fundraiser Dinner!



Interested to go to Bible Camp ??

See Mel Pioske for details.....

## Taken from Highlights of Timeline from Building Committee

October 25, 1998:

A special congregational meeting was held. Dick Nord addressed the building goals and special concerns were addressed. The vote was 72% of members attending to move the church. The building proposal was approved 52 to 8. There is \$ 148,131.23 in the building fund. Dick Nehring said we might be able to meet in the Town Hall. It was moved, seconded and passed that we move the church in the spring. Total project estimate: \$ 400,642 (volunteer labor could lower total cost)

Members of Committee: Dick Nord, Joe Oslund, Russ Bergren, Carol Fealy, Bruce Nehring, Kevin Peterson.

*Photo from Jan. 1999 issue of Kanabec County Times*

### From Archive Committee –

#### 25th Anniversary of moving the church!

##### Chapter I—Church to move (a little)

As Kevin Peterson recalls, the first time someone suggested putting the Immanuel Lutheran Church building on wheels and moving it to adjacent field, the idea was “shot down in a hurry.”



Church members have spent years looking at ways to add space for Sunday School classrooms, enlarge the kitchen and fellowship area, and improve access to the elegant Brunswick landmark - - a true “Cadillac” among church structures, in Loren Barnick’s words. He said builders back in the middle of the century “spared nothing” when erecting Immanuel Lutheran. Now, the expansion is about to happen. And guess what? They’re going to put the church building on wheels and move it out to that level field a little west of where Immanuel Lutheran now stands!

## COUNCIL MINUTES

### Note from Council President, Dan Hartog

The Council will be meeting in February with a person looking to be our Interim Pastor. Prayers for ALL the Council members as they work through the process and continue to keep the spiritual needs of members on the forefront.

### Scholarship applicants 2024:

The scholarship application packets will be available in February from the church office and submitted by April 1 to the office or Donna Oslund’s mailbox. The committee will review and submit them to the Council for final approval. Students must include their latest GPA (2.75 or above) with the application. If approved the money is sent the second semester to the college, and students must reapply every year.

*Scholarship Committee*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**Financial Update:** Current general fund balance is \$9,404.50. Each month we continue to transfer money, which would have 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. Our monthly average giving for 2022 was \$2,501.84 compared to \$2,152.59 for 2023. Needed weekly average giving (to meet 2024 budget as approved by the congregation at the 2023 annual meeting) is \$2,834.42. January looks like it will come in around \$1,500 for weekly average giving.

**Parking Lot Update:** Current Balance in parking lot account is \$3,821.05, with payments of \$508.77 monthly, this covers seven months. Our balance is \$35,514.89.



# LENT & HOLY WEEK



## LENT

Wilderness. Waiting. Reflection. Repentance. Lent is all these things and more: the 40 days (plus Sundays) when Christians around the world take time to reflect on the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. It is a time to examine our own walk as we follow Jesus — perhaps there are things cluttering our lives during this time that we “give up,” or holy habits and practices we wish to add. Lent is a chance to reexamine our lives and refocus on our Lord who desperately wants to lead us into life.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

*February 14 7:00pm Worship*

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten journey. Join us for a quiet time of worship in song and prayer, scripture and silence, confession, ashes and communion. On this day, we mark a cross in ashes on foreheads as we remember our human frailty and turn to God in repentance. “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

### SOUP SUPPER & SERVICE

*February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20*

*6:00 Soup Supper; 7:00pm Worship*

Join us every Wednesday throughout our Lenten journey. Soup Supper begins at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall and is followed by a short worship service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM. Worship will use the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy.

### PALM SUNDAY

*March 24 9:00am Worship*

The Palm Sunday Liturgy recreates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as we wave our palms and make our procession into the church. This joyful mood soon changes to sober contemplation of our Lord's Passion at the Gospel. Thus, Holy Week begins.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

*March 28 6:00pm Worship*

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. As we celebrate the Lord's Supper in Worship, we will also share a Potluck Dinner together. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper in two parts. In the first part, we will share the bread, the body of Christ. Then we will share in a potluck supper together. Following the meal and fellowship, we will celebrate part two of the Lord's supper with the wine, the blood of Christ. The service will conclude with the stripping of the altar as we anticipate the crucifixion of Christ. ( Final details to be in March Newsletter)

### GOOD FRIDAY

*March 29 7:00pm Worship*

Worship continues on Good Friday. We will observe Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, through word and song and silence, using a Tenebrae style service of the Seven Last Words of Christ.

### EASTER SUNDAY

*March 31 9am Worship*

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# SOUP SUPPER

During the season of Lent we will come together as a church family and share on Wednesday evenings in soup suppers beginning Feb. 21. All Great Chefs are welcome to contribute (guys included)!! Please note in the bulletin each week when you are scheduled to bring soup. This will also be posted in the kitchen and current newsletter. **Bring a gallon of soup or more** to ensure there will be enough for the evening. Those providing soup are asked to help with serving and clean up on your week, if possible. Confirmation students will be helping with serving and clean up as well. If you cannot bring the evening you are scheduled, please find someone who you can trade with. **Serving starts at 6:00 pm; service at 7:00 pm.**

## MMMMMMMM SOUP!

*Ash Wednesday Feb. 14:*

Worship Service only – NO Soup Supper

*Persons asked to bring soup:*

*Wed., Feb. 21:*

Sarah Bauer

Colleen Sinell

Lindsey Atchison

Jennie Niedzielski

Jaime Dick

Christy Belsheim

*Wed., Feb. 28:*

Barb Dick

Shirley Zierke

Ashley Eggert

Mary F. Stromberg

Kay Speers

Joy Nehring

*Wed., March 6:*

Cathi Nehring

Judy Dawson

Lia Hass

Deb Arens

Michelle Nelson

Genea Howe

*Wed., March 13:*

Sam Pioske

Gladys Nelson

Mary A. Stromberg

Cheerie Smith

Connie Kawalek

Shari Hartog

*Wed., March 20:*

Janie Peterman

Heather Stromberg

Janie Richardson

Amy Gamble

Rose Nelson

Jenna Maciej

Angie Bergren

## DON'T FORGET THE CRACKERS!

*Persons asked to bring 2 boxes of crackers:*

Donna Oslund

Phyllis Bergren

Angie Johnson

Mel Pioske

Rosalie Ludwig

***Questions related to soup suppers: please contact Barb Dick 612-965-0834.***

### Sun., Feb. 25 is a Special Day at Immanuel!

This is the last Sunday that Pastor Janeva will be leading worship at Immanuel. There will be a brunch served after the service as a “Thank You” and also in observance of the 30th Anniversary of Pastor Janeva’s ordination into the ministry. Be sure to come together with all of Immanuel as we send our appreciation for work that she has done within the church and wish her well!

### From Worship Committee:

- \*Going forward we are only going to be expecting Communion a minimum of 2 times a month
- \* We will be following "Setting Eight" thru Lent due to enough changes already going on
- \*We DO NOT need a Pastor to have our Soup Suppers, only for services.

Colleen Sinell

### From WELCA:

WELCA meeting: Thursday, Feb. 1, 1:30: business meeting, lesson 8, Bible word is “decisions.” Lunch hostesses: officers. Please join us!

CALVARY, GRACE, & IMMANUEL LUTHERAN YOUTH

## MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER DINNER



**SUNDAY**  
**4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**February**  
5 pm Social Time  
5:30 Meal Served

ADVANCE TICKETS: \$30/ PERSON OR \$50/ COUPLE  
SAME DAY TICKETS: \$40/ PERSON  
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE | JAZZ MUSIC  
 **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
301 Forest Avenue E., Mora, MN 55051

FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT YOUTH ATTENDING THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS

ADVANCE TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT EACH CHURCH FOLLOWING REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES OR AT GRACE LUTHERAN, MON-THURS, 8-4

## SERVING US THIS MONTH

MONTH	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25
Acolyte	Amelia Atchison	Ali N	Lucas D	Haleigh E
Altar Guild	Mary AS & Amy G	Mary AS & Amy G	Mary AS & Amy G	Mary AS & Amy G
Coffee Treats	Atchison family	Sarah B & Janie R	Joy N & Kay S	Brunch!
Communion Asst.	Gena Howe	Shelby A	None	Cathi N
Counters	Connie K & Joy N	Cathi N & Colleen S	Gladys N & Sarah B	Connie K & Joy N
Lector	Shirley Z	Cathi N	Jaime D	Shirley Z
Sound	Dave H & Brady N	Dave H & Brady N	Dave H & Brady N	Dave H & Brady N
Ushers	Dave & Gena Howe	Atchison family	Mike Dick family	Dan H family

**Ushers:** Don’t know what to do? There is an instruction sheet in 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 church office 320-679-2015



# FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Scholarship packets available this month	1 1:30pm WELCA business meeting	2	3
4 9am Worship & Streaming Online 5:30pm Mardi Gras Dinner	5  9am Quilting	6  9:30am Ladies' Bible Study  7pm AA Mtg.	7  6-8pm Confirmation Bishop Amy Odgren visit; Calvary & Grace to attend	8	9	10  5pm Valentine Fundraiser Dinner
11 9am Worship & Streaming Online	12  9am Quilting	13  9:30am Ladies' Bible Study  5pm Worship 7pm AA Mtg.	14  Confirmation to attend Worship  <b>7pm Ash Wednesday Service</b>	15	16	17
18  9am Worship & Streaming Online	19  9am Quilting	20  9:30am Ladies' Bible Study  5:30pm Council 7pm AA Mtg.	21 <b>Confirmation kids to help with Soup supper !</b> 6pm Soup Supper & 7 pm Service	22  Newsletter deadline	23	24
25  9am Worship & Streaming Online **BRUNCH Pastor Janeva Farewell	26  10am Senior League	27  9:30am Ladies' Bible Study  7pm AA Mtg.	28 <b>Confirmation kids to help with Soup Supper !</b> 6pm Soup Supper & 7 pm Service	29		