



# The Gleaner

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**Mission**  
**Joyfully Christian.**  
**Humbly Serving.**  
**Boldly Loving.**



THANK YOU TO  
**BETH MUNDWILER**  
FOR



OF SERVING THE YOUTH  
AT IMMANUEL!!!

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FOR A CELEBRATION!

# A letter from Pastor Dana...

Friends in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

It was such a lovely, joyous Easter AND spring is finally showing up. I am grateful to share with you that this Lent you gave more than the goal of \$2,000 to help with aid in the Ukraine. We'll be sending over \$4,490.25 when including the matching funds from our Mission Endowment! We also raised \$591 at the Easter breakfast to help the youth on their mission trip. And on May 8, we get to celebrate Beth Mundwiler doing youth ministry with us for 25 years! Bring your party hats!

On the business side of things, please hold Beth Mundwiler, Ted Tuma, and I in prayer during the annual synod assembly on May 14. I have also received official notice that we will not be getting a vicar in the 2022-2023 year. I was blessed to have interviewed two lovely students out of the three total who were able to leave the Chicagoland area. I was grateful that two of them wanted to interview with us, but perhaps Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, doesn't quite have the same ring to it as Texas, Maine, or Florida. Council and the personnel committee will discuss further (considering financials too) as to if we want to try again for the 2023-24 year. I am disappointed, but I also know that God is leading us, and we're along for the ride!

If you'd like to keep up on the business of the church, we will be posting the approved council minutes in the Gleaner each month. We will also include a separate link in the Gleaner email if you'd like to view just the minutes.

I pray you enjoy this spring and get out into God's creation as often as the weather allows. Every time you feel the warmth of that sun- remember just how much God loves you!

In Christ,  
Pastor Dana Hendershot

## **Lenten Alms Giving**

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the US and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

To learn more about the work that they do please check out their website: <https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response>

Mission Endowment agreed to match our alms up to \$2,000! We have received \$2,490.25 in gifts, therefore the total we will be able to send to Lutheran Disaster Response: \$4,490.25

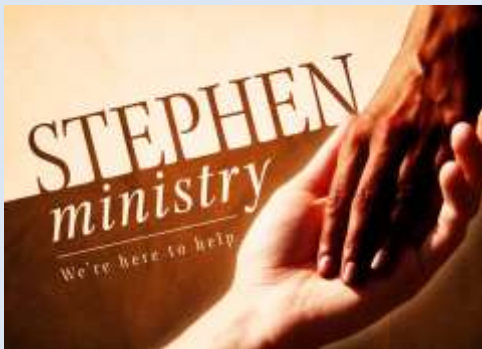
Thank you to all who help make this gift possible!!



## **Theological Discussions with Pr. Dana**

If you are interested in a small group discussion, please join Pr. Dana's Theological Discussion on Thursdays at 11am in the Capital Room or via ZOOM. (The link is on our website)

# Ministry with Each Other



**Lonely? Sad? Discouraged?**

**Going through a tough time--  
emotionally or spiritually?  
Struggling with a crisis or simply  
feeling down?**

Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, and very helpful.

To learn more, talk with Pastor Dana, Chris Schuster, Fred Schuster, or Gail Mitchell.



Spring Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 7 from 9am-noon.

Bring your gloves and rakes and help us to get the building and grounds ready for summer!!

ALL help is welcome and appreciated.



- 1 Roze Zeferi**
- 2 Beth Mundwiler**
- 4 Jan Kruska**
- 6 Donna Parr**
- 7 Jennifer Gallaher**
- 10 Kathy Marshall  
Tony Powell**
- 11 Leah Wicander**
- 13 Matthew Strandskov**
- 14 Julia Hoffman**
- 16 Haylee Geisthardt  
Gabe Goodrich**
- 20 Trudy Staples**
- 22 Chris denHeeten**
- 23 Kennedy Brauker**
- 25 Michael Deaton**
- 27 Peggy Burke**
- 29 George Dunn  
Ashley Shellenbarger**
- 30 Ryan Ferguson**



## Contributing Stocks or Bonds

To contribute capital gain property such as stocks or bonds to the church, per IRS Publication 526 you can deduct the Fair Market Value of the asset on your personal tax returns - not the basis in the asset. Immanuel has a brokerage account to facilitate the transfer of these assets directly. If you are interested, please contact the church for information or assistance.

## Tax Break for Contributions –people over 70 1/2 years-old

If you are over 70.5 did you know that you can give directly from your retirement account to Immanuel Lutheran Church and pay no taxes on the gift? Due to the tax changes that include a higher standard deduction and the elimination of the personal exemption, you may receive the best tax benefit if you donate directly from your retirement account.

### Financial Monthly Report – YTD as of March 31, 2022

Spending Plan 2021-2022: \$379,162

Actual Expenditures: \$150,055

Giving-To-Date: \$150,947

### Lawn-Mowing Volunteers Needed

We are looking for more people to become part of the church lawn-mowing team. If you are interested, please contact Chuck Clise at 989-463-5292.

## Community Input: Praises and Pinches

To be a healthy, faithful community, Immanuel needs to be open with what we expect in all areas of life. If there is anything in our community life that brings joy or causes concern, please share any feelings and questions. Thank you for taking the time to communicate ways we are doing well in our ministry at Immanuel and the areas that need attention. Your Mutual Ministry Team needs your feedback. If you would like a personal response to your “praise” or “pinch,” please be sure to sign this form at the bottom.

To discuss a concern directly with the Mutual Ministry Team or one of the Team members, please indicate below.

**Praises:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pinches:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Desired Outcome:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is it OK to publish in Gleaner?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No (Name must be posted if you wish for this to appear in Gleaner.)

A specific question I would like answered: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Ministry with Each Other



## The Care Store

*Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.*

*~1 John 3:18*

The shelves at church for The Care Store are in need of more items!

Please consider picking up a few items at the store the next time you are there.

Let's help those in our community who most need help!



## 2021-2022 Church Council

President.....Ted Tuma  
Vice President.....Sarah Gilbert  
Past President.....Beth Mundwiler

Council Members:  
Natalie Douglas, Penny Endres, Kip Ferguson,  
Gabe Goodrich, Jim Hageman, Rose Prasad,  
Mark Strandskov

Treasurer.....Judy Emmons  
Financial Secretary.....Paul Kruska  
Recording Secretary.....Denise Kaiser





# Worship Ministry

## May Worship Helpers

### Altar Guild

- 1 Billie Plouff
- 8 Sue Bergeson
- 15 Joann Johnson
- 22 Diana House
- 29 Donna Parr

### Assisting Ministers

- 1 Chuck Clise
- 8 Amy Powell
- 15 Chris Schuster
- 22 Natalie Douglas
- 29 Volunteer needed

### Ushers

- 1 Dennis & Kathy Marshall
- 8 Dennis & Kathy Marshall
- 15 Dennis & Kathy Marshall
- 22 Dennis & Kathy Marshall
- 29 Volunteers needed

## Immanuel Offers Electronic Giving

Immanuel Lutheran Church is pleased to offer an electronic option for making regular or special offerings.

Visit our website,  
[www.immanuelmp.com](http://www.immanuelmp.com) click "Give".



## Memorial Day

On Sunday, May 29 we will be honoring the fallen men & women of our Armed Forces. There is a sheet in the Narthex to list the names of those you would like to honor during the service.



## Altar Flowers

Now that Lent is over, we will resume having altar flowers on Sundays. If you would like to purchase flowers for a Sunday service, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The cost is \$45 per Sunday and you are welcome to take them home with you following the service on Sunday!

## Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, May 22, we will celebrate the Confirmation of Laney Douglas, Luke Douglas & Tanner Goodrich during our 10am worship service.  
We hope you will join us!

# Church Council Minutes –March 17, 2022

PRESENT: Gabe Goodrich, Natalie Douglas, Rose Prasad, Ted Tuma, Penny Endres, Beth Mundwiler, Pastor Dana Hendershot

ABSENT: Kip Ferguson, Mark Strandskov, Jim Hageman, Sarah Gilbert

GUESTS: Judy Emmons, Denise Kaiser

## FEBUARY MINUTES

Corrections – add Penny’s name reflecting she was “present.” January Minutes need to be added.

Gabe moved to accept minutes with above corrections, Penny seconded, motion carried.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Community and the World was the sole team that met and reported.

Rose moved to accept the Consent Agenda, Penny seconded, motion carried.

## PASTOR REPORT

Written report was submitted.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Written report was submitted.

Natalie moved to accept both reports, Rose seconded, motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

Lenten opportunities for study. There are numerous prayer stations throughout the church, there is also a Zoom study Thursdays at 7pm.

Pr. Dana asked Council for approval to put a “Go Fund Me” request for a friend of the church whose family lives in the Philippines and is struggling with the aftermath of the hurricane. Council approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

Council Retreat is May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-1, with details to follow.

Kaden- It has come to light that Kaden has 12 pending charges against him and the court is proceeding with prosecution, ostensibly to provide Kaden help. Ted explained that our relationship with Kaden will change, he will be welcome at youth group and community events, but all staff will stop going over and above trying to help him, as he was not fully invested in the help he received.

Vicar – Pr. Dana has interviewed two candidates. She asked Council whether revisiting this opportunity next year would be acceptable if these interviews don’t produce an intern, Council agreed to revisit next year.

## OTHER

Youth Gathering is not a possibility this year. Beth reported that instead a group will be going to Harrisburg PA for a mission trip. The group will put on an Easter Brunch as a fundraiser for the trip.+

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: April 21, 2022

ASSIGNMENTS: Denise to correct February minutes and resubmit.

ADJOURMENT: Ted adjourned meeting at 7pm.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.