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Worship Schedule

Worship Services -

Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Bible Studies - 9:45 a.m.

Pastor

Rev. Randall Weinkauff

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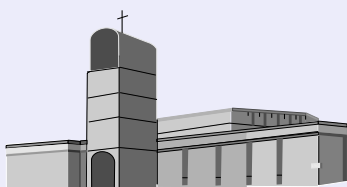
Karen Lawson

Jan Leines

Mission Statement

Our mission is

*"To share God's love in Jesus
Christ by word and deed."*



FROM THE PASTOR

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Lord God, heavenly Father, though You have created us for a life of eternity, we confess that by our sins we have transformed the space of time into a prelude for death. Forgive us the sins of the past, and breathe into us the Spirit of Your Son that we may serve You in this new year.

On this first day of a new year, pour into our hearts the rich measure of Your grace, that we may fill the moments of the new year with the enduring qualities of eternity. On this day You placed Your Son under the Law to fulfill all righteousness for us; make us Your obedient children. On this day our Lord was given His name according to Your Word; may we also be known by His name.

In Him we find courage to begin again. He is our Beginning and our End, our Alpha and our Omega. In Him is our hope. In Him this year and all things are made new because we are forgiven. For His sake, help us to live for You and our fellowman. Amen.



Prayer from *Lutheran Book of Prayer* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1970), 60.

Meet Your Officers and Board Members for 2017

President	Lori Bichsel-Dougherty	Treasurer	Vern Bartels
Vice President	Tammie George	Secretary	Jane Hoyt

Board of ILC/USC Services

Property and Grounds Committee Chair

Stewardship Committee Chair

Personnel Administrator

vacant

vacant

Linda Herbel

Tim Hetzler

Board of Outreach

Social Ministry Committee Chair

Evangelism Committee Chair

Campus Ministry Chair

Health and Wellness Committee Chair

Dudley Karstensen

Virgil Dean

Dudley Karstensen

April Czarnetzki

Don Herbel

Board of Educational Ministries

Parish Education Committee Chair

Youth Committee Chair

Sunday School Superintendent

Ann Hossler

Beth Dwyer

Mark Crabtree

Margaret Peterson

Board of Spiritual Affairs

Elders: Elois Allan, Tim Hetzler, Richard Lucas (co-head elder),
Kelly Rector, Barb Riley, Sandra Studley (co-head elder)

Worship Committee Chair

Scott Sponholtz

Immanuel Lutheran Church & University Student Center
Church Council Meeting— November 14, 2016

Present: David Magill, Lori Dougherty-Bichsel (6:37), Tim Hetzler, Eloise Kerbs, Dudley Karstensen, David Lahm, Ann Hossler, Brian Stapleton, Elois Allan, Pastor Randy Weinkauf. Visitor: Linda Herbel

Call to order:

Council President David Magill called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Opening Devotion:

Pastor Weinkauf shared an opening devotion by reading/referencing Hebrews 13:17. Pastor expressed thanks for the celebration honoring his 35 years in ministry.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the October 10, 2016, meeting were presented for approval. A change to the minutes was noted. On October 31, 2016, Council members voted by email to approve the proposed 2017 budget. A motion was made by Brian Stapleton and seconded by Tim Hetzler to approve the minutes with the change. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Tim Hetzler. Tim offered options should there be any cash flow problems in the future. The options presented were as follows: cease \$1,000 budgeted per month for the new staff position, cease \$400 budgeted per month for a new roof, cease \$300 budgeted per month for extra mortgage reduction, and the emergency funds account. Following discussion, a motion was made by David Magill and seconded by David Lahm to accept the options as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Statistics/Parochial Report:

Pastor Randy told Council that more students are part of the KU Campus Ministry, averaging 12-14 students per week. The students are meeting at the church and being served dinner.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor provided an update for upcoming weddings, Jr. Confirmation, and the Adult Information Study.

Calendar:

November - no changes

December - (4) Elders meeting 6:00; (12) no Stewardship; (21) no Advent supper or Advent service; (25) one service at 10:00; (26) no Elders meeting

BOARD/COMMITTEE ITEMS

Board of Spiritual Affairs:

Co-head Elders Elois Allan and Brian Stapleton reported that committee chairs for 2017 were elected. Sandra Studley and Rick Lucas were elected co-head Elders. Tim Hetzler has agreed to be an Elder.

Council discussed the process to make changes/updates to the By-Laws of the Constitution. A motion was made by Tim Hetzler and seconded by Brian Stapleton to reconvene those original committee members to review the By-Laws, while receiving input from committee chairs. Motion passed unanimously.

Board of Educational Ministries:

Ann Hossler reported that the children's Christmas program will be December 18.

Board of ILCUSC:

David Lahm told Council that tree removal has begun. Those who expressed interest in being on the Security Team are gathering information and looking at security options.

Board of Outreach:

Dudley Karstensen said Finals Care Packages will be distributed to college students in December.

OLD BUSINESS

Voters' Meeting:

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. Linda Herbel will have individuals help count paper ballots for the vote on the proposed 2017 budget. She reported that there were still vacancies for the positions of Vice-President and chair of ILCUSC.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council President David Magill reported that, with Council approval, Tim Hetzler would be appointed to the position of Personnel Administrator. Approval was given by consensus.
- Council discussed the Christmas gifts for church staff, which will be handled as in the past. Members of the congregation will receive letters regarding this. A motion was made by Dudley Karstensen and seconded by David Lahm to continue this past practice. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Annual Voters' Meeting will be held January 29, at 10:00 a.m. Annual committee reports are due from committee chairs by January 8. Please email the reports in Word form to the church office.
- Installation of Officers will be January 8 at the 8:30 service.
- Vice-President Lori Bichsel provided Council with information about the church's obligations under the U.S. Department of Labor and Kansas Department of Labor statutes and regulations for employees timekeeping.

David Magill closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. A motion was made by Lori Bichsel and seconded by David Magill to close the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Eloise Kerbs, Secretary

RESULTS OF "CONSECRATED STEWARDS" FINANCIAL PLEDGES FOR 2017:

The results of the financial pledges are encouraging:

- * 79 giving units out of 209 regularly giving units pledged for 2017.
- * This is an increase of 6 giving units (8%) from the 73 giving units that pledged for 2016.
- * 49 giving units (62%) increased their commitments over last year's.
- * The 79 giving units committed a total of \$331,725. Based on past experience, we can expect about 91% of this amount, or \$301,870; the reduction is because some giving units will be unable to complete their pledges because of moving away, death, or other life changes.
- * If the giving units that didn't pledge continue to give at the same level in 2017 as in 2016, we can expect an additional \$67,824 plus another \$8,000 in unidentified offerings.
- * Total income of \$377,694 in offering to the General Fund could be expected for 2017-- compared to an estimated \$362,420 for 2016, and \$381,171 received in 2015.

Questions? Contact Cristi Hansen or the Stewardship Committee.

Stewardship
CAMPAIGN 2017



New Year's Eve Worship Service, Dec. 31, 7:00 P.M.

**New Year's Day
Worship Service
with communion**

Sunday, January 1, 10:00 A.M.

PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2016

Baptism:

Trinity Moe, infant daughter of Tony & Crystal Moe

Transferred In:

Paul & Sandra Hiller and children: Justin, Ryan, and J.R., from Immanuel, Canton, KS

Transferred Out:

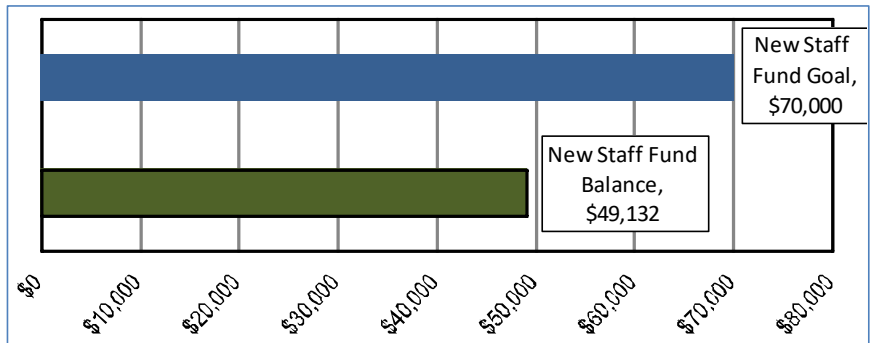
Joylynn Harlow and children, Daryn & Ashlynn, to Redeemer, Lawrence, KS



- Jan Leines 2
- Ed Clement 5
- Amanda Storm 5
- Herbert George 6
- Micah Katzenmeier 8
- Lanie Killian 8
- Mickey Dick 10
- Sophia Grear 12
- Marvin Bredehoft 15
- Ruth Ellen Bartels 15
- Sean Minton 15
- Olivia Ferguson 15
- Patricia Main 18
- Lee Flachsbarth 20
- Monica Shaheed 20
- Kyle Wittman 21
- Jacque Durr 22
- Ralph Planthold 23
- Ethan Miller 24
- Jacob Horton 25
- Kyle Flachsbarth 25
- Stan Larson 30
- Ryan Lutz 30
- Lily Watkins 31

BUDGET & EXPENSES	Total Yearly Budget	Current (Nov. 2016)	Year-to-Date (Jan-Nov. '16)
General Offerings	\$385,542	\$30,424	\$334,892
Building Use	2,215	110	430
Other income	0	0	10,793
Total Gen. Receipts	387,757	32,276	346,115
Total Gen. Expenses	395,121	29,571	351,872
Net Income (Loss)	(\$7,364)	\$2,705	(\$5,758)

OFFERINGS	General Fund	Designated
Nov. 6	8,707	224
Nov. 13	7,766	70
Nov. 20	8,366	389
Nov. 27	5,585	1,191
Total	\$30,424	\$1,874



- Peter & Gail Shaheed 2
- David & Jennifer Nigro 3
- Garry & Jennifer Fister 4
- Sally & Bryan Lowry 18

Ignite!

It is with Christians as with burning coals. If these are scattered apart, one after the other, they are easily extinguished. But, when collected together, the fire of one preserves that of the other, and the glowing coals often ignite others that lie near.

—August Francke

“be united in the same mind and the same purpose.”

1 Corinthians 1:10 NRSV

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



The Children's Christmas Program
December 18, 2016



The Young Families Group will meet January 15 and February 19 for food, fellowship and faith building. Please join us at 5:00 p.m. for a potluck, with or without kids. Babysitting is only \$2/child.

Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

*Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.
Then read the completed Bible verse.*

KEY: A E I O

" _ _ M TH _ L _ GHT _ F
TH _ W _ RLD. WH _ _ V _ R
F _ LL _ WS M _ W _ LL N _ V _ R
W _ LK _ N D _ RKN _ S S."
J _ H N 8:12, NIV

Answer: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." John 8:12, NIV

iROCC News . . .


The iROCC group finished the year with a study of Ann Voskamp's "The Greatest Gift." Even though the writing style was very poetic, and at times difficult to digest, we persevered to learn more about how to slow down and make time for Jesus during the season of Advent.

Our monthly Pig Out, Pitch In event was Epic this month - literally! The group went to Epic Fun for laser tag and video games before coming back to church to tie blankets. We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Amanda Storm and Libby Grady for stepping up to lead this event at the very last minute. In 2017, you can expect to see iROCC host a bake sale, help at the Valentine's Dinner, and serve on 5th-Sundays.

We continue to support Shamima, our sponsored child through World Vision. In her recent annual report, she told us she wants to become a doctor!

Thank you all for your continued support of our iROCC youth program!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Name of Jesus Sunday Red Wagon Food Collection</p> <p>10am New Year's Day Service</p>	<p>2 Church Offices Closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 Social Ministry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever Council Reports Due</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Adult Info Class</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever Annual Reports Due</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00am Saturday Morning Bible Class</p>
<p>8 Baptism of Our Lord</p> <p>Installation of Officers</p> <p>Noon Handbell Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever 5:00 Stewardship Committee 6:30 Church Council</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 Circuit Pastors' Conf. - Hope, Topeka 7:00 Close Knit Friends</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever 7:45 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study Noon – Quilting for LWR 6:00 Deaf Ministry</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00am Saturday Morning Bible Class 3-6pm Chinese Church</p>
<p>15 2nd Sunday a. Epiphany</p> <p>Messenger articles due</p> <p>Noon Handbell Choir</p> <p>5:00 Young Families Gathering</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever</p> <p>7:00 Men of Immanuel</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever 7:45 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study 5:30 KU Bible Study 5:30 Ministry to the Blind Outreach Dinner 6:00 MOPS Family Promise Training</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00am Saturday Morning Bible Class</p>
<p>22 3rd Sunday a. Epiphany</p> <p>Noon Handbell Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever 1:00 Ministry to the Blind Committee 6:00 Worship Committee 6:30 Elders</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 LWML Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever 7:45 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study Noon – Quilting for LWR 5:30 KU Bible Study 6:00 Deaf Ministry 6:30 Signers of Faith</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00am Saturday Morning Bible Class</p>
<p>29 4th Sunday a. Epiphany</p> <p>10am Annual Voters' Meeting</p> <p>Noon Handbell Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Noon to 6pm ARC Blood Drive</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>9th</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>January</p> </div> <p>Sunday Worship Service Schedule</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes 11:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion</p> <p>(Only one service will be held on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 10 a.m.)</p>		

GOD'S PROMISED SPRING

Like winter, some seasons of our faith journey feel cold, barren, devoid of life. Will renewal ever come? Will spring flourish again in our heart? Yet the world bears witness to God's power to bring new life where all seems lost.

In the early 1990s, the St. Louis neighborhood of South City deteriorated sharply due to a stagnant economy, population decline and crime. Then Bosnian refugees started settling there. Thousands of people renovated abandoned houses and other buildings; they started businesses and brought skilled labor back to the neighborhood. As the area returned to life, the refugees experienced renewal, too — hope in place of discouragement, opportunities where none had existed, peace instead of war, life replacing death.

When our faith is challenged by despair, lost dreams or an uncertain future — when God's promises feel as dead as winter — real-life renewal stories are signs of spring. They testify to the resurrection God has in store for us.

From *Newsletter/Newsletter*, January 2017

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE IN JANUARY

USHERS Early Service	Pat & Deb McCandless; Herb & Tammie George	
	Late Service TBA	
GREETERS Early Service	TBA	
	Late Service TBA	
LAY CALLERS	1st	Virgil Dean
	8th	Jim Sylwester
	15th	Dudley Karstensen
	22nd	Virgil Dean
	29th	Jim Sylwester
READERS 830am/1100am	1st	Sara Deterding (10am service only)
	8th	Christine Frese/Tim Hetzler
	15th	Linda Herbel/Ruth Ellen Bartels
	22nd	Lyle Hettinger/Lynn Krusemark
	29th	Jane Hoyt/TBA
ACOLYTES	1st	Abigail Hossler
	8th	Elly Moe
	15th	Zachary Signor
	22nd	Olivia Ferguson
	29th	Aris Grady
COMMUNION CARE	1st	Cristi Hansen/Kathy Buffington
	8th	Cristi Hansen/Kathy Buffington
	15th	Cristi Hansen/Elvira & Richard Angeletti
	22nd	Cristi Hansen/Elvira & Richard Angeletti
	29th	Cristi Hansen/Elvira & Richard Angeletti



A 'THANK YOU' FROM LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

On November 27, 2016, Rev. Larry Rockemann, Church Relations Officer for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, was our guest preacher. During Bible class, Rev. Rockemann told us about LHF's mission work around the globe and how God calls people to faith through the Lutheran literature available in their own languages. The Rev. Matthew Heise, Executive Director of LHF, writes this in response to the gifts from Immanuel's congregation:

"I have just returned from the northern parts of eastern and central Europe where Lutheran churches are grateful for the new Small Catechisms in Farsi that are being distributed. Iranians and Afghans have fled oppression in their homelands and found peace among the Lutheran Congregations that have welcomed them as brothers and sisters in Christ. But now they have a book that can help them learn and grow in the Faith.

... Your support has helped them receive the opportunity to read God's Word in their heart language. We in turn are very grateful to you for your support of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation as we translate, publish, distribute and introduce books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven. May the Prince of Peace, our Lord Jesus Christ, be the center of your Christmas celebration."

Immanuel members contributed \$315.00 to the LHF General Mission Fund in November and December. Thank you!

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A NEW YEAR, ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES

Immanuel’s members and friends have responded very positively to the many opportunities to serve others. You may volunteer by signing the volunteer notebook on the table in the narthex or by contacting the person designated. Pray, too, that God would bless our efforts.

RED WAGON SUNDAY: On the first Sunday of each month, members bring canned foods and other items to be distributed through a local food bank.

L.I.N.K. (Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen): On February 8, and the second Tuesday of April, June, August, October and December, we will serve the noon meal at the 1st Christian Church, 10th & Kentucky, for 120-140 people. We provide the food, serve and “do the dishes.” The Angelettis coordinate this effort.

FAMILY PROMISE: On February 5 through 12, Immanuel will provide rooms and beds for twelve-to-fifteen homeless people to stay that week. We will also provide their evening meals. We do this once each quarter. Other congregations assist by providing food. Twelve other Lawrence worship centers do likewise. See Ann Hossler or Virgil Dean.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: On Tuesday, January 31, and approximately every eight weeks thereafter, the Red Cross will use our Activity Center for the community blood drive. See Jack Landgrebe and Caryn Scott to learn how you might help.

FAITHFULLY FIT FOREVER: On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays approximately 20 people from the community meet at 11 a.m. in our Activity Center to exercise. Caryn Scott leads this effort.

CROP WALK: On the first Sunday in October, our youth and other members of Immanuel walk to raise funds for the hungry. Delisa Drewes coordinates this activity.

JUSTICE MATTERS: This community effort involving Immanuel and 22 other worship groups seeks to meet the local challenge of housing, mental illness and child abuse. See Ann Hossler or Virgil Dean.

CANS FOR COMMUNITY: Place your aluminum cans in the “hut” in our parking lot. The money raised provides funds to improve Lawrence.