

Immanuel's 3rd Church — 1923

***Immanuel Evangelical
Lutheran Church LCMS***

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***Immanuel is here to serve God
and all those who seek Him.
If you are looking for a
church, we would be glad to
have you join us.***

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the building of our church



The Mission Statement of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, White Clay Lake, is to provide for the Christian welfare of all God's people through the administering of the Sacraments, worship services, gatherings of Christ-centered groups, caring for the sick and needy, offering the forgiveness of sins through the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and reaching out to the unchurched, showing love and concern.

Anniversary Info - Week 1 - August 6, 2023

From the minutes of Immanuel Lutheran Church:

At a regular meeting of the members of the St. Immanuel's Congregation held at the school on this 1st day of July 1922 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to notice duly given, the following proceedings were had:

The meeting was called to order by B. Prah, the president. The regular secretary and quorum of the members were present.

The following preambles and resolutions were presented, read and on motion were adopted:

Whereas, it has become, is necessary, and for the best interest of this Church corporation to borrow the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars fo the purpose of erecting a church, and

Whereas, such money can be obtained on the time and terms stated in the resolution following these preambles, and on the corporate note of this church corporations, the payment thereof to be secured by mortgage on all its real estate with insurance, option and tax clause, and

Whereas paid money will be required \$5000.00 August 15th, 1922 and \$5000.00 Nov. 30th 1922

Therefore be it resolved, that the trustees of this church corporation be and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to negotiate and make a loan of 10,000 dollars for the purpose stated and duly issue the corporate note of this corporation for the payment thereof, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 ½ centum per annum, interest payable semiannually and as collateral security to the payment of said note, said trustees are authorized, empowered, and directed to duly execute, acknowledge and deliver a mortgage (with option, insurance and tax clauses) of all real estate and appurtenances of this church organization.

On Motion meeting then Adjourned.
B. Prah, president
Arth. Benter, Secretary.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the following vote, namely
For the resolution - 42 votes
Against the resolution - 13 votes

I also certify that the above resolution has been duly entered upon minutes of the meetings of the members of the St. Immanuel's Congregation held on the 1st day of July of 1922.
Arth. Benter,
Secretary

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The new 40x90 church was to be built of tile and brick, with a foundation of cement. The bank committee consisted of Wm. Mayer, Hein. Runge, B. Prah, Wm. Dittman, Bern. Lemke, and Heln. Polzin. The Allotment committee was composed of F. Rueckert, Ed. Polzin, F. Moesch, F. Dittman, Rob. Bahr, Otto Marohl and Chas. Woldt.

## Anniversary Info - Week 2 - August 13, 2023 - Church Picnic

### History of Mission Fest

The first Annual Mission Festivals were held in Hellers' woods on the left side of the present late Mr. August Heller, Sr. 's home; later they took place on the side toward the lake known to most people as "Hellers' Woods".

This was a very special time and needed much preparation, especially getting enough planks for seating people. We had a bandstand and bands from Cecil (The Louis Schmidt Band, Bonduel Bands and various other bands. The choir also sang.

The children enjoyed the refreshment stands; ice cream, "Cracker Jacks", fruit, and soft drinks were served. These stands (*only one remains*) are now located in our park in the back of the church. It was Rev. H. F. Braun who dreamed of someday having our own park. Trees were planted and have now grown tall and strong.

The ladies served lunch (coffee was cooked in a large black kettle) This continued until about the 1930's. Dinners were then served in the church basement. In July 1942, charges were 30¢ for adults; 15¢ for children; in 1943, 60¢ for adults and 35¢ for children. In 1960, \$1.50 for adults; 75¢ for children. In 1936, it was decided not to serve dinners but to only have potlucks, which we are still doing at present. (from 1980 bulletin).

In recent years we have gone from Mission Fest to Annual Joint Parish Picnics held in August.

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1922-1924 Church Building Expenses

1922

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| Nov. 16 | 2700.00 | Fritz & Feltz - labor & materials |
| Dec. 11 | 131.06 | Bonduel Lumber - tiling |

1923

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| May 26 | 7.70 | Shawano Abstract Co, |
| June 30 | 2800.00 | Fritz & Feltz, labor & materials |
| July 2 | 36.10 | W. H. Dicke Ins. & Abst. fees |
| July 2 | 175.50 | Joseph Svoboda - 10% on seats |
| July 10 | 1000.00 | Fritz & Feltz, labor & materials |
| Aug. 1 | 2000.00 | Fritz & Feltz - partly on building |
| Aug. 15 | 1000.00 | Fritz & Feltz - material & labor |
| Aug. 27 | 22.20 | Arthur Brede - helping electrician |
| Sep. 13 | 2000.000 | Fritz & Feltz - partly on building |
| Oct. 1 | 1375.00 | Baranowski Glass Co. - windows |
| Oct. 26 | 268.51 | John T. Callahan - wiring |
| Oct. 26 | 27.61 | Rackford & Wright Co. - church doors |
| Nov. 3 | 1535.70 | Joseph Svoboda - full on seats |
| Nov. 10 | 5625.66 | Fritz & Feltz - full on contract |
| Nov. 14 | 65.42 | Zachow Land & Lumber Co. - Lumber |
| Nov. 14 | 506.33 | Bocher & Son Co. - furnace |

1924

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| May 17 | 544.70 | Bocher & Son Co. - Last on Furnace |
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Anniversary Info - Week 3 - August 20, 2023

1920's through 1960's

- May 22, 1922 - A special meeting was held to decide on whether to build a new church.
- July 1922 - Type of brick and cost of brick determined at \$31 per thousand.
- Apr. 27, 1923 - \$7000 was borrowed from Wisconsin Church Mutual at 4% for 4 years.
- 1925 - wall & metal ceiling was put in the furnace room
- Apr. 1926 - Floor of the church was varnished.
- Jan. 1928 - Repair of tower and church roof
- July 1928 - Electricity discussed for church
- Dec. 1928 - Lights on pulpit and communion lights
- Jan. 5 1929 - It was resolved to decorate the church, each member to contribute half of his annual assessment to cost
- Apr. 1930 - Ladies Aid gave \$900 for redecorating
- Oct. 1933 - Church property insured for \$18,000
- Mar. 1937 - Ladies provided stronger altar lights and a pulpit light
- Aug. 1937 - Ladies had wardrobe built in sacristy
- Apr. 1938 - church floor and pew were varnished
- July 1940 - Hex asbestos shingle suggested for church roof repair
- Aug. 1941 - Ladies bought flags for church
- Jan. 1943 - Another hymn board was purchased
- Jan. 1944 - Cement walks were placed on the west side of the church and connected with a 6' walk to the cemetery just behind the church
- Feb. 1944 - New furnace and stoker for church approved
- Nov. 1944 - Ladies remodeled kitchen with paint, new linoleum, etc. for \$467.83
- Jan. 1945 - The walls and ceilings of the church were washed
- Mar. 4, 1945 - A complete redecoration job for the church was decided on
- Jul. 1949 - The elders of the congregation were added to the rug committee; dedication of carpet in church on Oct. 30.
- Around 1950, under the instigation of the ladies, the congregation put in carpeting in the chancel and aisles of the church.
- Oct. 1955 - Ladies bought new refrigerator
- Jan. 1956 - Bid of \$195 from Advance Hardware was accepted for rewiring the church basement to hook up an electric stove
- Fall 1956 - Electric refrigerator installed
- Aug. 1958 - Interior of church was washed by Jensen for \$300
- Changes in the church basement came about in 1962 when major improvements were made, including the following: Installation of indoor toilets, a new oil furnace, remodeling of the kitchen and raising the kitchen floor to the same level as the school room floor. The major amount of the work was contracted out to Mr. Roland Wudtke.
- July 1966 - Permanently installed racks on the back of the pews in memory of Lydia Mayer
- 1967 - Mr. Wudtke painted the trim on the church
- 1969 - Electric clock in church was donated in memory of Charles Woldt

Taken from church & LWML meeting minutes

Anniversary Info - Week 4 - August 27, 2023
1970's through 1990's

A major improvement of the church property came about in 1970. After discussing off and on for 30 years the matter of enclosing the church steps. An information committee was appointed in October of 1968 to contact architects and contractors for information on costs and various possibilities for erecting a new addition. On the information committee were: Ellsworth Davis, Leonard Marohl, Roland Wudtke, Elmer Mayer, Herman Marohl, Arthur Manthei, Marvin Fischer, Ervin Polzin, Vernon Boerst and Bruce Homan

On May 15, 1969, a special meeting was held on whether or not to build. Results of voting were 55-yes, 24-no. It was then decided not only to build, but also to provide additional Sunday School rooms and the church office.

In July 1969, a building committee was appointed, and the committee employed Mr. Vern Condor as architect and Mr. Ben Despin & Co. as General Contractors. Mr. Roland Wudtke of Advance Hardware was placed in charge of lighting and heating. The Larsen Furniture Co. of Bonduel received the charge of laying the carpeting. Members of the building committee were: Harry Bankert, Paul Heller, Herman Wasmund, Arthur Manthei, Elmer Mayer, Herman Marohl, William Hanson, Victor Wudtke, Leo Bahr, Roger Breitzman, and Howard Berg.

Mar. 1970 - accepted bid of \$57,718 for building project from Despins Construction out of Green Bay
Feb 1971 - Total paid to Despins was \$61,903.10

On the last Sunday in May 1970, ground was broken for the new addition. Work began in early June and was completed in December.

1972 - P.A. installed by Detert's for \$665.75

1978 - Paid \$7,384 to J. F. Stradel of Wayside to paint inside of church, including touch up to murals.
Jesus' robes were repainted to match the carpet

1979 - carpeting the church - \$3600 (donated by Mr & Mrs Bill Fischer)
Storm windows for the church - \$5000

Over the past two years (1978-1980) many improvements have been made to the church property, including completely redecorating the church's interior, refinishing the pews, carpeting the entire nave and chancel areas, installing permanent storm windows, and drilling for a new well. Some of the memorials or donations of items for the church were: Sunday School room was furnished in the memory of Mr. & Mrs. walter Bocher, at a cost of \$410, the front window with the cross was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kohn in memory of their parents, at a cost of \$800. (*Rev. Donn Radde, written for the 100th Anniversary booklet*)

1980 - 2 ceiling fans installed (donated by Margaret Boerst)

1984 - new furnace put in church

1986 - wooden floor in basement taken out and replaced with concrete

1988 - Pews to be cushioned for \$2600

Anniversary Info - Week 5 - September 3, 2023
2000 through Present

In the past 23 years we've had two major additions. The first, after many years of discussion, was the addition of an "elevator" or chair lift in 2000. The second was the handicapped bathrooms addition/remodeling. This included taking out Pastor's Study in the basement, adding a File/Music Room, Classroom, Men's handicap accessible bathroom and Women's handicap accessible bathroom. Upstairs we added Pastor's Study and a large handicap accessible bathroom. This project was dedicated in 2016.

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Parts of the Church

Narthex - Vestibule leading to the nave of the church

Nave - Main part of the interior of a the church

Altar - In Christian worship, the symbol of the divine presence in a church and the focus of devotion. The many forms it takes all derive from the table in early places of worship to which members of the congregation brought their offerings and on which Communion was celebrated. In best Lutheran tradition it is covered to the floor on all sides and has on the mensa in addition to the service book, only 2 candles and a crucifix (though these need not stand directly on the altar).

Mensa - (Latin for "table"). Top or center slab of altar.

Chancel - Originally the sanctuary or space immediately around the altar.

Sacristy - Room in, or attached to, a church (and usually near the altar), where vestments, sacred vessels, altar linen and hangings, and sometimes church records are kept. Often used by officiants to prepare for a service. Often called vestry.

Pulpit - The pulpit (elevated preaching stand) is, as a rule, on the Gospel side of the chancel. Some Protestant churches used merely a desk on a raised platform; more formal churches built pulpits that rise from a single shaft or stem and are richly decorated.

Lectern - Reading desk from which Scripture lessons are read.

Eternal flame - Eternal flame/altar lamp: Represents the never-ending presence of God with His people (Exodus 27:20).

Baptismal font - The baptismal font should have a definite, permanent place, either in a special baptismal chapel or at the entrance of the sanctuary, but not so as to interfere with movement of communicants. Some fonts are sculptured of marble with a cover of like material or of ebony wood. Simplest fonts consist of a pedestal and basin holder; others are elaborate with sculpture. The top of our heavy marble font was rescued from the church fire in 1922 which led to the building of the new church.

## Anniversary Info - Week 6 - September 10, 2003

### A Brief History of Hymnals in the LCMS

By Michael Poynter

1847— **Kirchengesangbuch fur Evangelisch-Lutherische Gemeinden ungeänderter Augsburgischer Confession— (German) (Hymnal for Evangelical-Lutheran Congregations of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession)** With the encouragement of Dr. C.F.W. Walther, the first president of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the Kirchengesangbuch was the first hymnal produced for this newly formed church body. This hymnal was published in German since this was the language spoken in the worship life of these congregations.

1912—**Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book (ELH)** Published by the English Synod (now a part of the LCMS). It is the first English Hymnal to be used in the LCMS.

1941—**The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH)** The first English hymnal produced by the LCMS through the efforts of the Inter Synodical Committee on Hymnology and Liturgics for the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America. It was authorized for use by the Synodical Conference.

1969—**Worship Supplement (WS)** In 1965, The LCMS in Convention resolved to cooperate with other major Lutheran Church bodies in America in developing a Hymnal for all Lutherans. At the invitation of The LCMS, representatives from 4 other Lutheran Church bodies came together to form the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship (ILCW) in February of 1966. WS was a foretaste of the efforts from this hymnal project.

1978—**Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW)** This is the hymnal adopted by the Lutheran Church of America (LCA), the American Lutheran Church (ALC), and other smaller Lutheran church bodies, most of which now constitute the ELCA. Because of major theological concerns about LBW, the LCMS, in its 1977 convention, resolved to suspend approval of LBW until a blue-ribbon committee could assess congregational concerns. The committee found a phenomenal amount of Biblical and theological error in LBW, but recommended “LBW be accepted with modifications.”

1982—**Lutheran Worship (LW)** The 1979 convention adopted the recommendations of the Special Hymnal Review Committee and, in 1982, the new hymnal for The LCMS was published under the name Lutheran Worship. LW is adopted by the LCMS as its first official hymnal.

1998—**Hymnal Supplement 98 (HS-98)** With the encouragement of Dr. A. L. Barry, tenth president of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the Commission on Worship in 1997 announced plans to produce a new hymnal combining the best of both hymnals as well as new material. HS-98 was published as a foretaste of the upcoming hymnal scheduled for release in 2007.

2006—**Lutheran Service Book (LSB)** LSB is adopted as the second official hymnal by the 2004 Synodical Convention by 88% of the delegates. It was published ahead of schedule in the summer of 2006, ready to begin the new Church year with Advent.

2040—2050—**A New Hymnal** Efforts will probably begin in the development of a new Lutheran Hymnal

## The Lord's Prayer - German & English

On Sept. 10, 2023, during our worship service, we recited the German prayer.

Vater unser im Himmel,  
Geheiligt werde dein Name,  
Dein Reich komme,  
Dein Wille geschehe,  
Wie im Himmel so auf Erden.  
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute,  
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,  
Wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern.  
Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,  
Sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.  
Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft  
und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.  
Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
As it is in heaven;  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses.  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power  
And the glory forever and ever.  
Amen

After the service we enjoyed a delicious potluck meal. Members were encouraged to use a recipe from one of our past cookbooks.

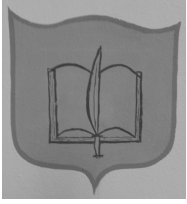
Stories from the 100th anniversary, after the meal.

- After the 2nd church burned down in 1922, some of the members wanted to build in Cecil.
- The original 1923 hymn board is on the right side of the church, the 2nd one was added in 1943.
- The lectern came later.
- The Altar was originally in the center of the Chancel and people walked behind it for the Lord's Supper.
- The framed cross glass panes above the door in the entrance were taken from the old doors which separated the Narthex and the Nave
- The front stained glass window on the right side above the grapes was broken during a recess baseball game. Several members believe the ball was hit by Teacher Fischer, since he was the only one who could hit that far!
- Before the stairs were enclosed, several children in the neighborhood would take their little coaster sleds to the top of the stairs and slide down through the snow, sometimes ending up in Heller's front yard.
- For a time there were curtains on the front stained glass windows because Pastor Clausen didn't like the glare.
- There used to be two long tables in the kitchen which were used for confirmation class.
- The collection box used to be mounted in the back of the nave.



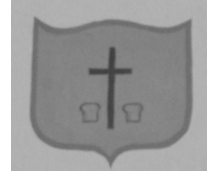
## Anniversary Info - Week 7 - September 17, 2023

### The Symbols of the 12



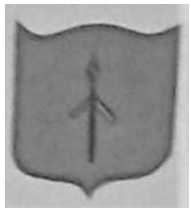
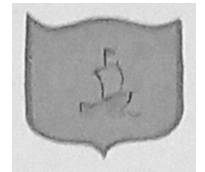
**Bartholomew** - The bible and a flaying knife are the signs of Bartholomew. He had firm faith in the word of God, which he preached freely. He met his Martyrdom by being flayed alive.

**Philip** - The bread represents the feeding of the multitude, which was a major concern for him. The cross represents the way he gave up his life for Him who is the Bread of Life.



**John** - According to legend, an attempt was made on John's life by putting poison in his chalice. John was the only one of the 12 to live to a ripe old age and die naturally.

**Jude** - A ship symbolizes heroic Jude on missionary expeditions accompanied by his friend Simon. Jude is sometimes known as Thaddaeus.



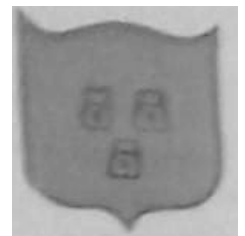
**Thomas** - Thomas's emblem includes a carpenter's square. According to legend, he built a church in India while carrying on his ministry there. The spear depicted tells the story of a painful but valiant death.

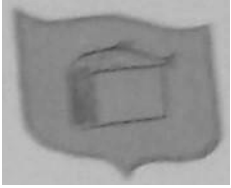
**Peter** - Peter's emblem depicts two crossed keys, which represent the Church's founding confession of faith: *"You are the true Christ, the Son of the living God"* (Matthew 16:16) Anyone who possesses the same faith that Peter expressed so clearly and firmly has the keys to entering the Realm of God.



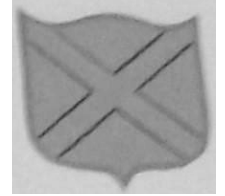
**James the Greater** - In his preaching and teaching, James the Greater walked a lot. The staff, (or walking stick), was used in his pilgrimages. The scallop shell in the emblem was a simple dish with numerous applications.

**Matthew** - The emblem for Matthew, the former tax collector, depicts three money purses, a nod to his previous occupation. Matthew invited Jesus for supper at his house with sinners and tax collectors, "I came not to call the just, but sinners."

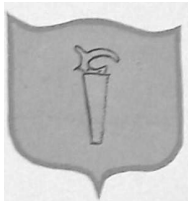




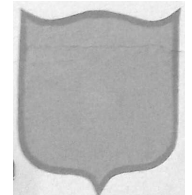
**Simon** - Simon the Zealot was the inspiring companion of Jude and was martyred in Persia on a missionary journey. A relentless fisher of humanity through the power of the Gospel, Simon is symbolized by a fish on a bible.



**Andrew** - The saltire cross, also known as St. Andrew's cross, is the traditional form of the cross on which he was crucified after preaching the Gospel in Greece.



**James the Lesser** - James was a brother of Jesus. It is known that he preached throughout Jerusalem until he was stoned to death and his body was sawn asunder, hence the hand saw on his emblem.



**Judas or Matthias** - Matthias was chosen by the apostles to take the place of Judas the traitor. Matthias is usually depicted with a Bible, because he was well-versed in the scriptures, and a scimitar, as he was beheaded after missionary service in Judea.



September 10, 2023

## Anniversary Info - Week 8 - September 24, 2023

### Stained Glass Windows



#### **Bible & Dove**

John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.



#### **Lamb & Christian Flag**

Revelation 6:1 Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!"



#### **Alpha & Omega**

Revelation 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.



#### **10 Commandments**

Exodus 20 And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery." "You shall have no other gods before me.



#### **Crown & Cross**

1 Timothy 1:17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



#### **Grapes**

1 Corinthians. 10:16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?  
*See also Numbers 13:23 and Isaiah 65:8*



#### **Wheat**

1 Corinthians 10:17 Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. *See also John 12:24*



### **Anchor**

Hebrews 6:19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain



### **Palm Leaves**

John 12:13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"



### **Lilies**

John 20:15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."



### **Crown of Thorns INRI**

Matthew 27:37 And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Mark 15:26 And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

Luke 23:28 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

John 19:19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."



September 10, 2023 - Sharing church stories

## Anniversary Info - Week 9 - October 1, 2023

### Pastors in the past 100 years

#### **1919-1935 Rev. Harold F. Braun**

Saw Immanuel through the building of the new church. He resigned due to health issues and passed away in 1939. Rev. Braun is buried in our church cemetery.

#### **1936-1946 Rev. K. R. Going**

Left to accept a Call at St. James in Shawano. Passed away in 1993, at the age of 86 and is buried in Longmont, Colorado. *The "K" stood for Kletus.*

#### **1946-1953 Rev. Fred. C. Benecke**

Pastor Benecke supervised the remodeling of the "present parsonage", in 1947, literally from top to bottom. As a result it was known as one of the most convenient and spacious parsonages in the area. Left to accept a Call in Suring. Passed away in 1966.

#### **1953-1957 Rev. Aaron R. Schulz**

Came to us from Iron Mountain, MI, and left for a Call at St. John's in Tigerton. In 1960 he became an editor for Concordia Publishing House. He passed away in 1990.

#### **1959-1960 Rev. Ernst Carl**

Came to us from Isla de Pinos near Cuba. He was a prisoner of war who spoke very thick German. Parishioners complained and they couldn't understand him and he couldn't understand them. He stayed about 6 months and went back to Cuba.

#### **1960-1964 Rev. Bernhard Strassen**

Immanuel and Zion, Zachow, became a dual parish during this time as Rev. Strassen was also serving Zion as a vacancy pastor. He retired from Immanuel.

#### **1965-1976 Rev. Marvin W. Clausen**

Came from Garrison, Iowa, to serve Immanuel and Zion. He was here when it was decided to undertake the project to enclose the steps and add rooms to the basement. He left to serve Bethlehem in Dundee, IL. After retirement he served as vacancy pastor for several congregations in Arkansas and also served as pastor and teacher in South Africa intermittently from 1999-2008. He passed away in 2011.

#### **1978-1997 Rev. Donn Radde**

Was here for the 100th anniversary of the church in 1980. Was called to Athens, WI, in 1997. He is currently at Immanuel in Marshfield, where he lives.

#### **1998-2008 Rev. Steven Hyvonen**

Was a Missionary at Large for Native Americans. He was community minded by being a volunteer fireman. After retirement from Immanuel he served as vacancy pastor for some congregations in Bessemer, MI, where he resides today.

**2010-2021 Rev. Steven Pockat**

Was here when the new bathrooms were added on. He retired from Immanuel, but is currently pastor at St. John's Lutheran in Mattoon.

**Current Rev. Craig Nehring**

**Teachers**

**1916-1953 Arthur William Benter**

Taught here for 38 years. Is buried with his wife, Eleanor (Wolf) in our cemetery.

**1955-1961 Arnold H. Kell**

The calling of Teacher Kell generated discussions with the future and faith in God to consolidate. Provisions were made for the children of Zion, Zachow to attend the Christian Day School at Immanuel.

**1961-1971 Roger Fischer**

Left to serve in Luxemburg, WI. After he left, the hard decision was made to close the school and encourage parents to send their children to St. Paul School in Bonduel. He passed away in 2019 at the age of 87 and is buried in our cemetery.



## Anniversary Info - Week 10 - October 8, 2023 - Potato Pancake Dinner

### History of Potato Pancake Dinners

Serving Potato Pancake Meals was first introduced by the Men's Dartball Team in the 1940's. Serving at first was mostly to our own congregation; later the choir, the youth group, and others joined in serving. These pancake suppers were held on an October Thursday, starting at 4:00 p.m. The men helped with peeling and grating the potatoes by hand. The menu included pea soup, pancakes, and pies. Later, around 1953, the ladies of the congregation took over the serving, and after a few years, decided to have the pancake meal as a Sunday noon dinner.

In May 1971, permanent dates were set for the first Sunday in May and the third Sunday in October, as days for the meal.

Among one of Dartball's first projects was that of putting a hot water heater in the church kitchen and also that of buying a stove. Since there still was a Day School in those earlier times, it took "a bit of doing" to take out all the school desks before the meal and to have them in place again before the next day of school on the following morning. (from 1980 bulletin)

Our current dinners are put on by the LWML with the support of the congregation, past members, family & friends. Dinners are held on the 1st Sunday of May (May 5, 2024) and the 2nd Sunday of October (Oct. 13, 2024).



## **Congregation Stats from 1923 to Present**

### **Baptism Info**

- Most common last names - Marohl (35), Mayer (35), and Bahr (30)
- Most common male names - James(11),Donald (10), and Robert(10)
- Most common female name - Carol (7), Ruth (7), and Susan (6)
- 8 sets of Twins (Lawrenz, Brede, Runge, Herm, Schneider, Watry, Knutson, Klatt)
- 3 sets of Triplets (Wudtke, Marohl, Genke)
- Oldest member baptized here - Eugene Schreiber (8/1928) & Evelyn Polzin Homan (11/1928)
- Current members that were baptized here - 115
- 699 total baptisms

### **Confirmation Info**

- 654 total Confirmands
- Current Members that were confirmed here - 70
- First Confirmation, in new building was on June 1, 1924, and consisted of:
  - Rudolph Robert August Bahr
  - Harold Carl Waldemar Schultz
  - Walter Robert Carl Bahr
  - Arthur Franz Robert Manthei
  - Hulda Clara Mathilde Bahr
  - Beatrice Friedricke Wilhelmina Hall (Hughes)
- A month later, on July 6, 1924, a English service was held for:
  - Rosetta Ida Maria Rueckert (Marohl)
  - Leona Clara Anna Behnke
  - Rosella Maria Margaret Bartels
- Most Popular Confirmation Verse was John 10:27-28

### **Marriage Info**

- 270 wedding ceremonies were performed
- 1st wedding in new church was for Willie Giese (age 29) and Ella Schmidt (age 22)
- 75 of our current members have been married here

### **Funeral Info**

- 420 Funerals have been held in our church
- 360 of those individuals are buried in our cemetery
- The first funeral & burial was for Robert C. Hinze. He was 30 years old when he died from Typhoid Pneumonia. He left behind his widow, Amanda (Moesch).