
What Happened at Immanuel in 2022? Let's Recap...

January

- We welcomed Tina DeMond as the new janitor for Immanuel's Church & Preschool.
- Immanuel's Preschool children sang during a church service and had an art show to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week. We also recognized all the past students who attended our Preschool or Day School.

February

- Several youth and adults participated in a service project at CFNA in St. Louis.
- The Board of Evangelism dropped off Valentine's goodies to our shut ins.

March

- Midweek Lenten dinners were held and hosted by various organizations and groups.
- Following a very long (several months) wait, we received our newest pictorial church directories. There are still a few copies available in the narthex or church office.
- The mission team hosted a Trivia Night & Silent Auction to support their upcoming mission trip in January 2023 to Cambodia.
- The Women's Christian Ministry hosted a Women's Tea Luncheon at Josephine's Tea Room in Godfrey.
- Immanuel's Preschool held their 2nd annual Scavenger Hunt.

April

- On Easter Sunday, the Board of Evangelism hosted their annual Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt for all to enjoy.
- Immanuel's Women's Christian Ministry hosted their annual Women's Mini-Retreat with over 50 ladies in attendance from Immanuel and other area congregations.
- Immanuel's Men's Ministry served the breakfast at the annual Women's Retreat.
- 9 eighth graders were confirmed.
- A committee was organized to begin planning for Pastor Troup's retirement celebration.

May

- The Board of Evangelism hosted their annual Bingo Night complete with some awesome prizes donated by Immanuel's various boards and groups.
- The Board of Social Ministry hosted the annual New Member Luncheon to recognize those new members at Immanuel. This year new members from 2020-2022 were recognized.

- The Quilters' Guild hosted their annual Spring Quilt Tying Day where those present worked on completing mission quilts for Orphan Grain Train.
- Deborah Joellenbeck finished her last year as Teacher's Aide at Immanuel's Preschool.

June

- Our annual outdoor service was held at Camp Wartburg, and the Board of Evangelism hosted a fellowship luncheon afterwards.
- 75 people attended the Cardinals baseball game as part of a youth group fundraiser.
- Our Vacation Bible School was held at Immanuel with Holy Cross, Wartburg, as co-host. 82 children and 50 volunteers enjoyed a fun week in the "Tree of Life" learning about Jesus!

July

- The Board of Evangelism dropped off Fourth of July goodie bags to our shut ins.
- 11 youth & 5 adults traveled to Houston, Texas, for the National Youth Gathering
- The Men's Ministry went on a Caving event to the Illinois Caverns.
- Deborah Joellenbeck and many volunteers began preparing for our annual Rummage Sale.

August

- The 14th annual Rummage Sale was held and was a huge success!
- On Rally Day, the children sang, and the 2022-23 Preschool & Sunday School teachers and Bible study leaders were installed.
- We welcomed Donna Sandersfeld as the new teacher at Immanuel's Preschool.

September

- 4 members, Sue Bradshaw, Lois Heise, Jack & Kathy Netzeband, were recognized as "Crown of Silver" recipients (reaching the age of 85). The Quilters' Guild hosted their annual Fall Quilt Tying Day where those present worked on completing mission quilts for Orphan Grain Train.
- 9 children received copies of the Holy Bible during the annual Third Grade Celebration, and the Board of Christian Education hosted a luncheon in their honor.
- 160 people attended the Cardinals baseball game as part of a mission team fundraiser.
- A large retirement celebration was held with a luncheon & special retirement program to honor Pastor Troup and Cindy. Many current & past congregation members, SID President Timothy

Scharr, fellow area pastors & wives, their close friends, and their extended family were in attendance.



- Several youth and adults participated in a service project & lock-in at CFNA in St. Louis.
- Our Sunday School children held a special Children's Christmas Service "O Christmas Tree." Over 40 children participated in this special service.
- A special Service of Lessons & Carols (followed by cookies & hot cocoa) was held during the last Wednesday in Advent.

Year-End Numbers (as of December 21, 2022):

- 180 various adult Bible studies
- 167 worship services
- 114 Preschool – 8th grade Sunday School classes
- 110 mission quilts were completed by Immanuel's Quilters' Guild and 90 of those were donated to Orphan Grain Train, CFNA, Moms on a Mission, and our shut ins.
- 38 high school Bible studies
- 20 students enrolled in Immanuel's Preschool
- 13 funerals or memorial services
- 11 people transferred in and 4 people were received by Profession of Faith
- 10 baptisms (5 girls and 5 boys)
- 10 people transferred out and 12 people were released from membership
- 7 dedicated people make up the staff of Immanuel Lutheran Church & Preschool (1 pastor, 2 teachers, 1 music director, 1 groundskeeper, 1 custodian, and 1 office secretary). And countless volunteers who serve on boards, committees, or in different groups, and who do various tasks around the church and preschool!
- Our membership consists of 785 baptized members (this includes 619 confirmed members)
- Our average weekend attendance (for all 3 services) is 185. (In comparison, our 2021 average weekend attendance was 166.)

October

- On October 1, Pastor Troup officially retired after serving Immanuel since January 1996 (over 26 years).
- Our annual Wurstmarkt & Country Store was "back to normal" and a total of 321 meals (both dine in & carry out) were served.
- The Preschool director & teachers attended the 3-day Lutheran Education Association (LEA) Convocation in Milwaukee, WI.
- The Women's Christian Ministry hosted their annual Ladies' Bunco Event and over 20 ladies attended.
- The Board of Evangelism hosted a Square Dance & Chili Cook-off. Brian Ehlers won the 2022 Golden Ladle!

November

- At our semi-annual congregational meeting, the congregation voted for the council to organize a committee to begin looking into calling another pastor and to allow Linda Polansky to begin the process for a before and after care program beginning in fall 2023 in coordination with the Preschool classes being offered.
- Immanuel's Preschool hosted their annual Thanksgiving luncheon for all preschool families. The children helped prepare the meal and all the table decorations.
- The Board of Social Ministry delivered Thanksgiving meals to 2 families in the congregation.

December

- Midweek Advent dinners were held and hosted by various organizations and groups.
- The Board of Social Ministry dropped off Christmas goodie bags to our shut ins.

***Many 2023 events are already planned. You can find our Google calendar on our website (immanuelwaterloo.org). Feel free to subscribe to this calendar to stay up to date on all that is happening at Immanuel!*