



Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church

The Beacon January 2023



A New Years Resolution... Try This!

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
2 Corinthians 5:17

Dear Partners in the Gospel,

An excerpt from Charles Colson's book, *How Now Shall We Live?* caught my eye, and I'd like to share it with you.

"Western culture once resembled the first-century Jewish culture. Most people knew the Scriptures, even if they weren't always obedient to its commands. Likewise, most Americans had some sort of church affiliation and knew the basic tenets of Christianity, even if they went to church only on Easter. But that is no longer the case. Today, many people are completely unfamiliar with even basic biblical teaching, and we must find ways to engage those who think more like Greeks than Jews. We must follow the New Testament pattern for addressing a pagan culture."

Colson raises the challenge of the Church today. We can no longer assume that even our members have the basic bible knowledge that is required to build a faith response that will filter through all our lives. We must realize that it is no longer a given that people see the Church as a vital part of their life experience. We, as believers, know the joy and wholeness that a relationship with Jesus may bring. But unfortunately, many of us find it difficult to share those beliefs even with those we love most, let alone those whom we don't know. Colson continues,

"as his (Christ's) instruments, we are called to love people enough to reach to them in their own language. This is, of course, what foreign missionaries do; and today, more than ever, we are aliens in our own land, worldview missionaries to our own post-Christian, postmodernist (and pagan) culture."

As we walk into this post-Covid reality, my prayer is that we all will prioritize a daily time for prayer, scripture reading, personal devotions, and spiritual renewing activities. As followers of Christ, we need to continually grow in our spiritual disciplines so that we may "know the story, love the story, and then be empowered by the Holy Spirit to Share God's story" to all who will listen.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Tom

ANNUAL MEETING

**Annual Meeting
Scheduled for Sunday,
January 22, 2023
Following the 9:30a
Worship Service**



Loaves and Fishes will be serving meals on Monday, January 9.

Pans and recipe are located in the church narthex. Please bake casseroles before dropping off at Church of Peace, 158 South Military

Road, by 4 pm **or** before noon at Immanuel -Trinity on Monday, January 9. To volunteer, please arrive at Church of Peace by 4pm. Any questions contact Ray or Tess Schwartz at call 920-922-3218 or email tessschwartz@charter.net



Paige Hansen, Youth Program Director

Hello. My Name is Paige. I am the Youth Program Director here at church. You might have seen my office, which was former Christian Education room and you might have seen my classroom, The Senior High Youth Group room. They are both super decorated so it's hard to miss.

If I am a new face to you, I hope you will get to know me. I've been here since September but I was baptized here many, many years ago. I think I'm pretty cool. My students might say otherwise, but who knows?

As the Youth Program Director, I coordinate the family and children events here at Immanuel - Trinity Church. I am currently working on getting a Family Easter event planned also currently planning Vacation Bible School for 2023. We do not have a large number of children yet at Immanuel Trinity Church, but I'm currently in the works to have other churches join our super cool events. But that is still not enough, I would encourage you all to share the word with family and friends (word of mouth is the best invitation) to come and join our family here at Immanuel Trinity.

Feel free to come and visit me or chat with me. I hope to become friends with every one of you.



In Memory of Irene Roehl
Given by: Lavonne Waller

In honor of Beth Krause's birthday
Given by: Chris Pieper



January Birthdays



January 1

Helen Meyer

January 2

Tess Schwartz

January 3

Faye Gokey
Joanne Zimmerman
Marvin Grahl

January 4

Daniel Jacobs
Mark Spannbauer
Scott Comeaux

January 6

Carla Hanna
Amy Popp

January 8

Elaina Seider

January 9

JoAnne Schwarze
Patrick Dobbs
Everly Jacobs

January 11

Angie Long

January 12

Amy Wright

January 13

Brennan Solamita
Robert Zar

January 14

Jacob Boykins

January 15

Dylan Fleischfresser
Emma Hansen
Terry Schuett

January 16

Michele Brosi

January 17

Donald Chapman
Mary Jean Aspatore

January 21

Rowan Jacobs

January 22

Eloisa Metallo

January 23

Jenna Nell
Patricia Plout

January 24

Travis Moser

January 26

Ralph Malo, Sr.
Trevor Taylor

January 27

Andrew Jurgensmier
Barbara Bigsby

January 29

Colt Boykins
Gary Dilling
Katie Hamburg
Martie Schmalz

January 30

Craig Seider

January 31

Conrad John Mayer



~ January 2023 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Worship w/ Communion <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	3 7:00p Boy Scouts	4 6:30p Spark, Connect, Confirmation 6:30p Prayer Group	5 1pm Deborah Circle 6p Wildcats BB	6	7 5:30pm Worship
8 9:30am Worship 10:30a Adult Ed 10:30a Littles' Spark	9 9a-10a Yoga on the Mat 10:15-11:15a Chair Yoga 4p Serving for Loaves & Fishes 6p Champions of FdL BB	10 6:30 Council Meeting 7:00p Boy Scouts	11 6:30p Spark, Connect, Confirmation	12 6p Wildcats BB	13	14 5:30pm Worship w/Communion
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22 9:30am Worship followed by Annual Meeting 10:30a Littles' Spark	23 9a-10a Yoga on the Mat 10:15-11:15a Chair Yoga 6p Champions of FdL BB	24 8:45a, 10a; 11:15a Stay Strong 7:00p Boy Scouts	25 6:30p Spark, Connect, Confirmation	26 8:45a, 10a; 11:15a Stay Strong 6p Wildcats BB	27	28 5:30pm Worship
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