

# Executive Team

## **President Dwain Dixon**

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The President of the Congregation has his hands full, including presiding over meetings, being an ex officio member of all Boards and Committees of the congregation, encouraging board members appointing people to positions.

He is also a leader for our entire congregation, making a fulfilling commitment to make sure our church and its members continue to grow in Christ.

## **Vice President Roger Dahlenburg**

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In addition to being the President's go-to-guy, the Vice President maintains the personnel policies and procedures of Immanuel Lutheran Church and assist in their fair implementation for all contracted and non-called professional staff. This person ensures that an annual review is conducted for each contracted and non-called staff member by their supervisor and/or their supervisory board and that such reviews are appropriately maintained in the church's files.



# Elders

## **Chair David Ammermann**

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The Board of Elders serves as the main support for the Office of the Pastoral Ministry, and is to be considered the spiritual board of the congregation, and shall do whatever is necessary and, in harmony with the confessional standard of the congregation, to foster and maintain high spiritual standards in the lives of members of this congregation and in all activities of this congregation.



We do this by assisting the Pastor in ministering to the sick and all others in need of pastoral assistance with visits both in home and in the hospital. Visits can consist of a small devotion, serving communion, or just chatting and answering any question and concerns the member(s) and their family may have. Visits are not limited to members. Some by be with visitors of the congregation who have questions or are in need.

Over the past couple of years we have assigned families to a certain elder. This was done to assist in the ministry and to hopefully reach more of the congregation. This break-down can be found on the latest addition of the printed directory or you can call the church office to find out who your elder is. This does not mean that you have to talk only to “your” elder. I you are have some problems or just need to talk to someone please seek out pastor or any elder. We are all here to be of guidance and care.

# Worship

## Chair Tom Fricke

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The Board of Worship assists the pastor with planning and carrying out our worship services here at Immanuel. That includes everything from working with choirs and soloists to provide special music for our services, to planning extra services for our Christmas and Easter celebrations.

In addition to our Sunday morning worship at 9:30 am, we have a Chapel Service on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (6:00 pm during the summer). During Advent and Lent our Wednesday services are held in the Sanctuary.



There are many facets of worship that provide volunteer opportunities for members, including:

- Lay Reader
- Usher
- Choir
- Altar Guild
- Greeter
- Communion Assistant
- Handbell Choir
- Acolyte
- Nursery

If there is an area where you'd be interested in being a part of our worship team, feel free to contact me.

# Missions & Social Ministry

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Do Facebook posts about "random acts of kindness" tug at your heartstrings? Then maybe Missions and Social Ministry is for you. This group of volunteers serve in Mission and Welfare activities in our church and community, showing Christ-like care and concern to all people.

This board team has many major focuses.

- **Food Pantry:** Local agencies refer families in need to Immanuel Lutheran Church, where men and women prepared emergency food packages for them. The team can always use help packaging food and finding donors.
- **Prayer Shawl:** Knitters craft beautiful shawls, symbols God's inclusive love. The shawls are given to those who could use a comforting embrace.
- **Parish Nurse:** These angels of mercy provide everything from blood pressure checks to after-hospital-release home visits.
- **Immanuel Cares:** This team shows true Christian caring by making home visits and phone calls, sending greeting cards and even driving members to doctor visits.
- **Early Response Team:** After training, you'll be able to give a new level of help after a community disaster like a tornado or flooding.

# Evangelism

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Our Board of Evangelism provides training and encouragement for every member to fulfill their calling to make disciples of all nations, living as a friend and missionary to their personal sphere of friends, relatives and contacts—letting the light of Christ shine through them.

- **Visitor Packets:** This group creates gift bags for people visiting our church.
- **DLS Outreach:** Immanuel stays connected with Danville Lutheran School teachers and families, helping them stay connected with God.
- **College Student:** Keeping true to your faith can be difficult anytime, but it is especially true when you are young and leaving home for the first time. Gifts and notes sent to our collegiate members remind them that their church family is praying for them.
- **Lutheran Hour:** Listen to sermons online or the radio with weekly broadcasts.
  - [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)
  - WGN 720 AM - Sunday 6:00 AM
  - WITY 980 AM - Sunday 10:00 AM
- **Bible Sticks:** Each year, Immanuel's members donate money to purchase audio Bibles for deployed military men and women.

# Board of Youth Ministries

## Chair Joshua Christensen

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The Board of Youth Ministries is composed of both adult and youth members of Immanuel Lutheran Church. We are unique in being the only board with official youth members making their voices heard. We are responsible for all forms of youth ministry in the congregation.



This includes identifying the needs of our youth and implementing programs, events, and organizations to meet those needs. We also recruit and train adult and youth leaders for the Parish youth ministry. Lastly, we evaluate the role of youth in congregational life and recommend actions or procedures to ensure the youth a role in the congregation.

We are currently involved in preparations for attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA next year.



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# Stewardship

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Recognizing that the body of Christ consists of many parts with Christ as the head; together we work together to share the Gospel. Together we make up the whole body of Christ.

Christians have the responsibility to share the good news of the cross and that God's love and forgiveness is for everyone. We use stewardship to identify the gifts of time, talents, and treasure and once they are discovered we use them to the glory of God in service.



Stewardship involves discernment of the best use of God's people and their God given talents to further His kingdom. Stewardship is a learned way of thinking, about what we have, and how we can use it in the best way that reflects the charity and grace that God shows each of us in His mercy and forgiveness.

An example of stewardship at work in our church are many committees; the social ministries as they gather gifts of food and money to support those in need. Another example of stewardship is the work of the capital fund drive that gathers monetary gifts that we have used to replace items that are worn out.

The worship committee uses their time and talents in assisting with worship; this includes those who play music, sing, ring bells, communion assistants, and altar guild. Individuals who help in these groups are good stewards of their resources.



We ask each member to consider, what are your gifts? How can you use what God has given you in abundance to help him? When we respond to these questions in service and by giving; we are being good stewards.

The church needs many people, people who work with their hands, people who understand finances, people who can enhance worship with their talents, people who can give of their time in service on the board of directors. Immanuel Lutheran Church, your home, needs help with its mission regarding the school. The children who attend the school are benefactors of your generosity and stewardship as they are being instructed in God's love and academics.

What else can you do to be a good steward? Pray! Pray for the many ministries and individuals who work together to provide. Pray for each other, for health, comfort, love peace, and especially to strengthen each other in faith. Pray that faith carries us to the day that Jesus calls each one of us home.

One final thought, prayerfully consider serving on the stewardship board. We need help, ideas to grow, hands that are willing to serve and a spirit of reach out in faith.

# Parish Education

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Our Board of Parish Education supervises and promotes the spiritual education of Immanuel members of every age. We offer many opportunities for learning.

- **Kids Sunday School:**

Bring your little ones to Immanuel at 8:30 on Sunday mornings to join in the fun and memorable ways to learn about our faith.

- **Adult Sunday School:**

Drop in on Sunday mornings at 8:30 for a deeper understanding of God's Word.

- **Vacation Bible School (VBS):** In the summer, we suspend Sunday School, but so make up for it with a week of hands-on learning and friend-making.

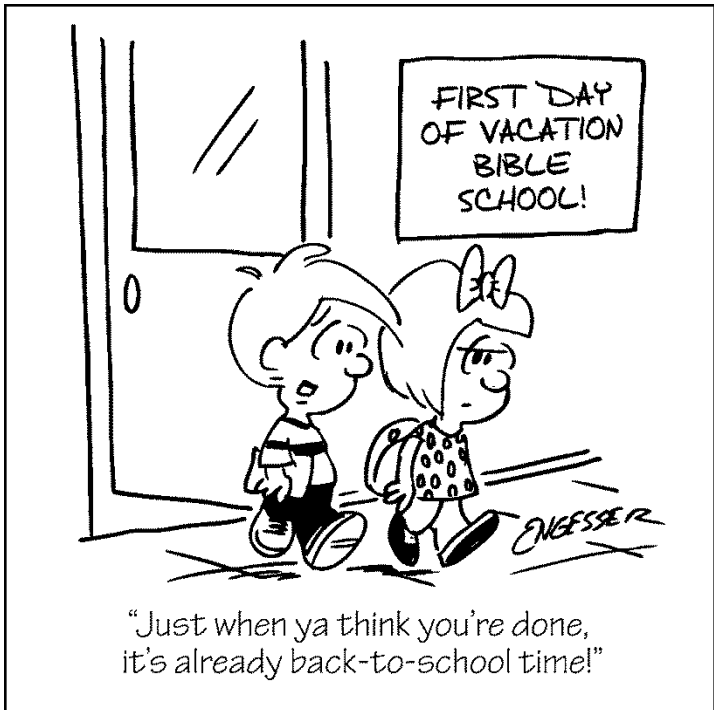
- **Youth Bible Classes:** These classes will help teens apply scriptural truth to life.



- **Adult Bible Classes:** These small groups help you see how all Scripture points to Jesus and our salvation.
  - Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9:30 AM
  - Men's Bible Study: Thursdays at 9:00 AM
- **Special Bible Studies & Activities:** Sometimes Immanuel offers special activities, such as bible study for married couples on a Friday night.

If you are looking for a bible study that isn't listed? Just let us know. There are always new opportunities waiting to be created.

We are always looking for new help to make these events inspirational. From donating Ziploc bags for VBS to hosting a bible classes, there is a volunteer opportunity for everyone.



# Finance

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Our Board of Finance is responsible for the management of the congregation's finances. It includes:

- Bonding of our Financial Secretary
- Maintain financial records and reports
- Prepares our budget

Consider yourself good with money? Or maybe just love playing around with numbers? Then we could really use you on the Finance team.

- **Offering Counter:** After service, the counters confidentially gather the offerings and record the offerings.
- **Auditor:** A team of members periodically audit the books, making sure there are no mistakes. *We have a vacancy in auditing that needs to be filled, so please pray for his position.*

# Properties

**Chair Wayne Mann**

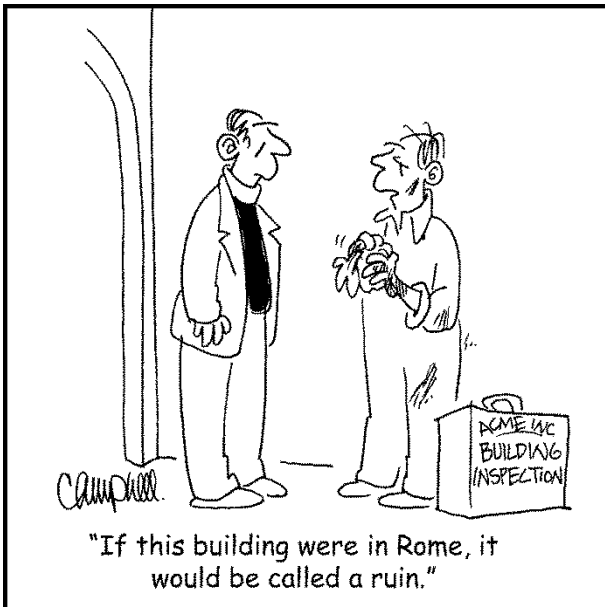
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The Board of Properties has as its mission the maintenance of the facilities of Immanuel Lutheran Church. This includes but is not limited to:

- overseeing daily custodial needs,
- maintaining and/or repairing facilities and equipment
- maintaining the grounds at Immanuel

It is because of dedicated individuals that we are able to continue this mission but, because of the magnitude of our responsibly, we pray for and welcome more willing hands to do His Work.



# **Women's Guild**

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The Women's Guild is an uplifting combination of fun and outreach. As an axillary group of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the Immanuel Women's Guild is active in supporting needs within the church, the community and in the mission field. Over the years, the Guild has used a "mite box" to gather funds in support of local and even global ministries. You can pick up (and drop off) your mite box on the tables right outside the sanctuary.

The Guild meet once a month for devotion, brief business meeting, and often to hear a guest speaker or other entertainment. There are no set dues, but a freewill offering may be given. These offerings are used for charitable work in God's kingdom.

# **Men's Club**

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On the second Monday of each month, the men of Immanuel get together for a brief Bible study, business meeting, snack/dinner, and a fun activity. It may be a speaker, a boat trip on the Vermilion or even a woodworking project.

The Men's Club also hosts the Taste of Deutschland dinner each winter. It's a good time to tap into your inner chef and some good old German heritage.

# Crafts

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The Immanuel Lutheran Craft group meets Wednesday at 9:00 am with members coming and going according to their own schedules. We all enjoy making handmade crafts, whether quilts, pillows, or many, many other items, along with the fellowship and fun of being together. Often we bring our lunch – and goodies too!

The crafts are then sold at the Immanuel Lutheran Little Drummer Boy Bazaar each November. Proceeds go to everything from pipe organ repairs to donations to the women's shelter.

# Technology Group

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The technology ministry helps the church to use technology to minister the Word of God. From computer networking to social networking and from software testing to member training, this committee is always looking for another “geek” in our Master’s service.

# **Our Mission at Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Making known by Word and Action  
the Healing Presence of God and Christ Jesus  
with Us and with the World.