

## Cemetery Walk August 10, 2024

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Over 675 burials have taken place. 46 veterans from World War I and II, Korea and Vietnam wars are buried in Immanuel's Cemetery, including 29-year-old Dr. Gerhard Hartwig who was killed in Belgium during World War I and Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, Arthur Beyer (WWII). Since 2017 the driveways are lined with American Flags year-round to honor our veterans. Jerry Beaver manages the flags. The American Legion place a flag pole in the middle of the cemetery in 1957.

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directory in 1999. The directory is updated annually to include recent burials. In 2004, Keith Horgen made the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery sign located in the northeast corner of the cemetery.

1. **Pastor Wiegner** Immanuel's first pastor 1845-1890  
White flag (Pastor Mark Squire)
2. **Herman Treichel** farmer who donated land for the cemetery 1823-1878  
Green flag (Norman Pahl)
3. **Melvin & Oscar Schroeder** World War II soldiers 1918-1942 & 1921-1992  
(Blue flag Mel Schroeder)
4. **Becky and Edson Dockstader** Veterinarian and LWML Officer 1930-2003 & 1929-1998  
Purple flag (Julie Schroeder)
5. **Harland 'Pete' & Ruth Hackbarth** Sunday School superintendent and Sunday School secretary 1913-2015 & 1915-2002  
Orange flag (Janelle Francis)
6. **Martha Knaak** donated major gift to the church 1899-2001 Yellow Flag (Carol Pahl)
7. **Helena Pagel** one of the Pagel sisters 1896-1993  
Gold Flag (Genean Bohl)
8. **Arthur Beyer** Congressional Medal of Honor recipient 1909-1965  
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