



THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

February 2016

Just some random thoughts for February. Each year, Immanuel decides how benevolence contributions will be disbursed. In 2016, contributions marked "Benevolence" will be divided in the following ways: 30% to North American Lutheran Church, 20% North American Lutheran Seminary, 20% NALC Theological Education Fund, 10% World Mission Prayer League, 10% St. Elias Church, Chicago, IL, 10% Life Stream Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL. The NALC uses those funds to operate the church. The NALS uses the contributions to operate the seminary. The Theological Fund helps with scholarship and educational opportunities for students and pastors. The World Mission Prayer League is the global missions organization which the NALC uses to spread the gospel around the world. St. Elias Church is an NALC congregation consisting of Arabic speaking Christians. Life Stream Church is an NALC congregation that serves the Ethiopian Christians. It is great help when you mark your envelope "Benevolence." They and I really appreciate your generous support. Without you, their ministries would be diminished.

Each year, all of the offerings received at the special lenten worship services are sent to benevolent causes. At the recommendation of the Social Ministry Committee, the council has designated four recipients to receive the equally divided offerings. (1) The *Cunningham Children's Home* is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. It is a community that converges to give hope to those who need it most—youth who suffer from serious emotional and behavioral challenges that have been caused by abuse, neglect, mental illness, and more. (2) The mission of the *Daily Bread Soup Kitchen* is to feed the hungry of our community regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity. They welcome all volunteers to this service who share an unconditional positive regard for every human being. They provide a safe, respectful, and inviting environment in an atmosphere of hope and dignity. (3) The work of the *Iraqi Christian Relief Council*

consists of humanitarian efforts, advocacy, prayer support, and education. They travel extensively throughout the United States of America on behalf of the indigenous people of Iraq, the Assyrians also known as Chaldeans and Syrians. Despite the cruel ISIS attacks in 2014, we've witnessed the Assyrian Christians of Iraq remain steadfast in their faith in the Lord. We are continually moved by the passion and perseverance of this ancient Christian community. (4) The *Society of the Holy Trinity (STS)* is a Lutheran ministerium focusing on prayer as the means of renewing the clergy and laity of the Lutheran Churches across North America. It is divided into Chapters. The lenten offerings will go to the Great Rivers Chapter, of which Pastor Cindy and I are members.

In 2017, the Lutheran Church will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Immanuel is organizing a trip to Germany to learn about the Reformation. We will soon have a flier available. From June 21-29, 2017, we will see ten cities important in the 16th century renewal of the Church. An optional addition will be a cruise up the historic Danube river from June 29-July 6, 2017. Some may want to extend their trip to other areas in Germany. If there is interest, something can be arranged there as well. I want to thank Jennifer Wayland for helping to put this together. She is excited to help with your plans! On Sunday, March 20, at 4:00 p.m., an informational meeting will be held at Immanuel. A representative from the tour company will be here to help explain and answer questions you may have.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Lord together. I am happy to be part of a congregation that places great emphasis on understanding the faith and sharing the gospel through its benevolent giving. May God bless you!

Rev. James T. Johnson SR



February – Women & Heart Disease:

“Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.” Proverbs 4:23 NLT

There is a misconception that cancer is the greatest health risk for women, especially breast cancer. In reality, heart disease kills more women than all forms of cancer put together. Minority women have the highest death rate from heart disease while the entire gender has a higher death rate from stroke than men. Part of the problem is that heart disease is displayed differently in women than in men so it becomes difficult to recognize in women if the observer doesn't know the difference in symptoms.

The classic symptoms for heart attack are severe chest pain, a squeezing sensation in the chest lasting 5-10 minutes, pain radiating down the left arm or profuse sweating. Up to 50% of women who suffer heart attacks have symptoms that are considered atypical. These include shortness of breath, indigestion, pain in the jaw, shoulder, or back, sudden nausea or vomiting, unexplained fatigue, fainting, or even dizziness. Anytime a female experiences these symptoms, she should seek medical attention by calling 911. Even a slight hesitation could lead to severe consequences if she is having a cardiac episode.

Plaque buildup can be different in women also. In men it tends to be clumpy and irregular which responds well to angioplasty and stents that flatten out the plaque. In some women, plaque forms an even layer on the vessel lining which means drug therapy works better than angioplasty. Women also respond to aspirin differently. In women, it seems more effective in preventing stroke while in men it is more effective for heart attack prevention.

For a woman, the most important thing to do is talk to her physician. She should discuss her

health history and determine potential risks for heart disease. The next step would be to create a plan to change or impact those risks and follow the doctor's instructions. Women are the same but different. It is important to find out individual needs and then address them.

(Source: www.mayoclinic.com)

“For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy.” Proverbs 2:10 NLT

You have heard of cholesterol levels but do you know what they mean? LDL is the 'bad cholesterol' and stands for 'low density lipoprotein cholesterol.' It builds up on the walls of your arteries and can cause cardiac problems. To lessen your risk of heart disease, your LDL number should be below 100. HDL is 'high density lipoprotein cholesterol' and is the good kind because it keeps the LDL from building up in your arteries. For women this number should be above 40. Triglycerides are fats and the higher the number the greater risk of disease. This number should be less than 150. Total cholesterol is the combination of LDL and HDL found in your bloodstream and should be less than 200. To keep these numbers under control, watch your diet and limit fatty foods.

“The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish.” Psalm 25:17 NIV

Indigestion is one of the symptoms of heart disease so how do you determine when it is heart related and when it is the hot peppers you just ate? Since heartburn is not lifethreatening, pay attention to other symptoms you may be having. Are you experiencing any heavy sweating, heart palpitations, or shortness of breath? If so, it could be heartrelated and you should see a physician right away. Heartburn will generally occur after a heavy meal and is quickly relieved with antacids. If you have any question at all, call 911, go to the ER, and see a physician to rule out cardiac problems. It's better to find the episode is a false alarm rather than be surprised by a heart attack.

"The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy." Psalm 28:7 NLT

Women need to be specifically concerned about two risk factors. Depression is twice as common in women and doubles or triples the risk of heart disease over women without depression. The feelings of disinterest and hopelessness make living a healthy lifestyle difficult, especially when trying to remedy any weight gain. Menopause is the other risk factor because of the changes in hormone levels. Studies have shown that a decrease in estrogen may contribute to higher risk of heart attack but hormone replacement is not unconditionally recommended. Rather, lifestyle changes are encouraged to minimize the impact of menopause and decrease the risk of heart attack.

"His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes."
Psalm 112:8 NIV

To decrease your risk for heart disease it is important to maintain a healthy weight and to promote good circulation. Exercise can do that and should be part of your daily life. The optimum amount of exercise is 30-60 minutes of moderate exercise most days of the week. If it is difficult to carve out that much time, break it down into 10-15 minute sessions to get the same benefit. The most economical exercise is walking since the only cost is a good pair of walking shoes. Set a course that gets the blood pumping and offers you a contemplative setting. This will strengthen your heart and relax your mind. If you work better with support, find a walking buddy to keep you on track for a healthy heart.

References / Resources:

www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/heartdiseaseinwomen.html - National Institutes of Health
www.webmd.com/heart-disease/guide/women-heart-disease - HON approved webMD for consumer information
www.womenshealth.gov/faq/heart-disease.cfm - US Department of Health and Human Services

www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=4786 – heart and stroke information from American Heart Association
www.4woman.gov/minority/africanamerican/hd.cfm - heart disease for minority women
– US Dept of Health and Human Services

By
Nancy Merila RN BSHA
Mary Slutz RN BS MHCA



WOMEN OF FAITH

On Tuesday night February 23rd @ 7:00 pm we will start a new bible study.

This study is from Lutheran Women's Missionary League on The Right Words in the Midst of Life's Plan. It covers these 3 topics

How can I control my tongue?

Saying the Right Words.... (they study covers those who are barren and if the group has suggestions we can add other topics as well)

Is my heart really forgiving?

These studies have us diving into the Scriptures to see what they have to say to us about each of these topics and how we live this out. I am excited to lead this study and I am looking forward to learning and growing along side of you. ~Pr. Cindy



FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

The February Stewardship Project for the Women of Immanuel will be collecting cookies and other goodies for Immanuel's College students. We will also include Immanuel's church members who are active military and stationed overseas. Be sure that the church office has addresses for the above mentioned individuals. Please have the goodies (individually wrapped) to the church by February 8th. We will be packing the boxes and mailing them that day in order for them to be delivered by Valentine's Day. We will start packing the boxes at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to help!



Council Minutes January 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Keith Sjuts at 5:58 p.m.

Devotions were given by Blake Hedrick. Refreshments and closing prayer were provided by Callie Heidbreder.

Secretary's Report

A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Robin Camp and seconded by Tim Clink. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to approve the December treasurer's report was made by Ranae Buck and seconded by Derek Harms. Motion carried.

Expenditures

A motion to accept the December expenditures report was made by Maynard Duitsman and seconded by Robyn Camp. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Lehmann led discussion on The Way of Mission. Pastor Lehmann will not be attending the NALC Clergy Retreat due to scheduling conflict. Juliana Taimoorazy from Iraqi Christian Relief Council is scheduled to preach March 12-13.

Committee Reports

Parish Education – Suspending Summer Sunday school has been added to the 2016 Annual Meeting Agenda.

Social Ministry –

A motion to approve equal distribution from Lenten offering to STS, ICRC, Daily Bread and Cunningham Children's Home was made by Robyn Camp and seconded by Maynard Duitsman. Motion carried.

Property

Waters Electric completed replacing the spotlights and flood lights in the sanctuary. The cost for the life was \$2418 and the light bulbs ranged from \$20-\$40 each (12 bulbs were replaced). Thanks to Derek Harms, Norman Uken, John Blue and Deon Ramm for providing much needed assistance to the lift in and out of the church.

HovelN Heating and Colling submitted an invoice for the annual A/C checks in the amount of \$2145.00. The entire cost of this invoice was waived as a donation to the church.

The drainage tile problem on the south side of Diers Hall was repaired by Derek Harms.

Marvin Rademacher replaced the hinges on the ladies restroom door-the spring tension hinges solved the problem.

Unfinished Business

Council Lunch-January 17, 2016 @ 12:30pm @ Silver Creek

Council Retreat tentatively set for January 31 from 11:30am-5pm with a working lunch

Memorials for and bequest from Norman Franzen family.

Working on annual meeting agenda a. Endowment explanation and interest: 40% Crisis Nursery; 25% NALS; 25% capital improvement; 10% common Vote on NALC constitutional amendment

Discussion of heating/cooling in Diers Hall Proposal to suspend summer Sunday school

Discussion regarding one service on Sunday mornings Thank you to the Franzen family for their memorial and bequest contribution.

Recommend that benevolence for 2016 be distributed: 30% NALC; 20% NALS; 10% World Mission Prayer League; 10% St. Elias Church, Chicago, IL; 10% Life Stream Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL; 20% NALC Theological Education Fund

New Business

Lenten offering designations-see social committee report

Election of officers a. President-Robyn Camp

Vice President-Ranae Buck

Treasurer-Derek Harms

Secretary-Callie Heidbreder

Choice dollars from Thrivent Financial. A motion to approve designating the Choice dollar funds to NALS was made by Callie Heidbreder and seconded by Robyn Camp. Motion carried.

Responsibilities for next meeting:

Committee Schedule:

Devotions: Ranae Buck **Refreshments:** Kyle Johnson

Date of next meeting: February 9, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:12pm was made by Maynard Duitsman and seconded by Tim Clink. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with a prayer lead by Callie Heidbreder followed by the Lord's Prayer.

HYMN SING

Hymn Sing will be Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 1:30 p.m., at Brookstone. Please join us as the residents love to hear your beautiful voices.

DEVOTIONS AT COUNTRY HEALTH

Please join us for devotions with Pastor Barbara Busboom at Country Health Care and Rehab on Sunday, February 28, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome!

OSTFRIESIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Ostfriesian Heritage Society will meet on Sunday, February 21, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

CANCELLING WORSHIP SERVICES

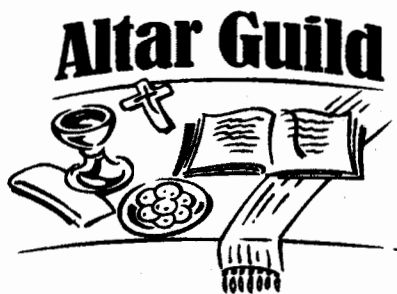
In case of inclement weather, the decision regarding cancellation of worship services will be made between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. The decision will be announced on our website & Facebook page, as well as on WCIA-TV, WIXY, and WHMS. You may also look on illinoishomepage.net.



Holy Communion at Country Health will be on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. Please join us even if you do not have a loved one living there. All are welcome.

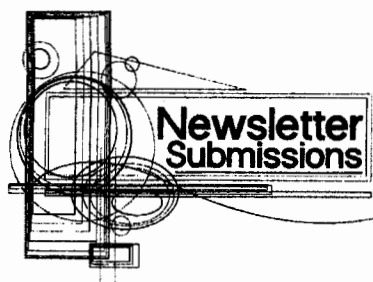


Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion is Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.



**ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE
FOR FEBRUARY**

Donna Wiltshire (Chair) 893-1715
 Casey Flesner 369-7763
 Brenda Barr 582-2071
 Bev Heiden 568-7114
 Denise Wolken 202-2663
 Teri Travis 694-4526 Cell:369-4538
 Mary Huls 377-5215



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter deadline for March will be **Monday February 15, 2016**. If you have any notes, minutes, or newsworthy items you would like included in this newsletter, please get them to Katie by this deadline.

NEW CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Please pick up your new contribution envelopes. They are located in the breezeway for your convenience.



Happy FEBRUARY Birthdays!

Our warmest and best wishes to each of you as you celebrate your special day!

- 2/2 Errol Bergman
- 2/8 Merle Sage
- 2/9 Louise Brownfield
- 2/9 Erna Mennenga
- 2/11 Sylvia Sage
- 2/12 Karen Harsha
- 2/17 Leon Schmidt
- 2/18 Lela Huls
- 2/19 Raymond Uken
- 2/23 John Huls
- 2/27 Dora Freese

ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY

	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> 8:00 a.m.	<u>Sun.</u> 10:15 a.m.	<u>Totals</u>
1/3	29	114	88	231
1/10	55	89	54	198
1/17	30	91	101	222
1/24	50	159	Annual Mtg. (No Service)	209

SPECIAL DATES IN FEBRUARY

- Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 7, 2016
- Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016
- First Sunday in Lent, February 14, 2016
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2016
- Presidents Day, February 15, 2016
- Second Sunday in Lent, February 21, 2016
- Third Sunday in Lent, February 28, 2016



Schedule for Lent

For Lent, we will be visited by area pastors.

February 17

Pastor Donna Smith Give us this day our daily bread.

February 24

Pastor Allan Oman Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

March 2

Pastor Tim Hubert Lead us not into temptation.

March 9

Pastor Deb Domeier Hallowed be thy name.

March 16

Pastor Dennis Meyer Deliver us from evil.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Soup and sandwich supper is at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, starting February 17, 2016. Please see the sign-up sheet across from the church office for ways you can help in providing soup, dessert or set up/clean up.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

The results from the Euchre tournament on January 17, 2016:

High Score: Lorenz Siuts

Low Score: Julie Laich

Loners: Delmar Grussing

Pokes: Darlene Johnson

The next Euchre Tournament will be on Sunday, February 21st, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Diers' Hall. Please join us for fun and fellowship in a most welcoming group of players.

PROCEDURE FOR SIGNING UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS AND RADIO BROADCAST

The new 2016 sign-up charts for Altar Flowers and Radio Broadcast are on the bulletin board, next to the office, for you to make your reservations. **There are many open dates for February and March.** Altar flowers are \$35.00 per Sunday and Broadcasts are \$70.00. You may call the church office to reserve a date or come in to the office. Please pay for your flowers or radio broadcast at the time you make your reservation.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

The Wednesday morning Bible Studies (6:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.) will begin again on Wednesday, February 3, 2016.

CALL THE PASTORS

You may be sure of this: Your pastors are willing to come to the hospital or your home, the jail, the street corner, or anywhere at any hour of the day or night when they are needed. Call them if you need them. Otherwise they will not know of your need until it is too late. Do not trust the grapevine to get the message to them. "Everyone already knows" is seldom true and the messages coming through the grapevine are often incorrect. Call the pastors. It is better that they receive the same message several times than to not know of the need at all.

MEN'S MINISTRY

LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

The Lutheran Brotherhood will hold its monthly breakfast meeting in Luther Lounge on Saturday, February 6, 2016, at 7:00 a.m. Come and join us. New members are always welcome.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

The New Member class will continue every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. through March 3rd. If you would like to become a member of Immanuel, please talk to one of the Pastors.

***Please add to the Baptism Statistics in the Annual Report that Ava Elizabeth Mae Crites, born on 3/16/15 was baptized on 5/24/15.**

Big Creek 2016 Summer Mission Trip

July 10th-17th

Big Creek Missions puts the focus on
Worship over work
People over a project
so that....

Surrender rids us of selfishness.

They understand that you want to see results, like finishing a project, while you are here but they also want you to know that you are not going to be able to fix other people's problems. Christ is the only one that can fix problems. As we serve Christ and His mission, all of us our changed because we encounter His power at work in our lives.

Students from 7th grade up to adults of all ages are encouraged to look over the information on the bulletin board regarding Big Creek and its mission to Bear Branch Kentucky and the surrounding area. *We need both the youth and adults for this mission.* If you have questions please ask Sharolyn Worley, Diana Sjuts, or Pastor Cindy.

LIBRARY NEWS

War Room- a novelization by Chris Fabry
"God showed me that it wasn't my job to do the heavy lifting... It was my job to seek Him, to trust Him, and to stand on his word." This book is a great read for the prayer warriors of our church!

Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good- by Jan Karon
"Sleep in peace, God is awake" Another great story about Father Tim Karonagh, his family and the town of Mitford.

Old Fashioned- a novelization of the motion picture by Rene Gutteridge
Teens and older should enjoy this book about God and relationships.

SHUT-INS

Keep our homebound and shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers. They would all enjoy calls or visits:

Brookstone Estates

- Ann Duitsman
- Dora Ehmen
- Norma Flesner
- Dorothy Fruhling
- Lela Huls
- Emilie Steffey



Country Health Nursing Home

- Alma Ackerman
- Emma Bergman
- Abbie Demien
- Albert Ehmen
- Hilda Huls
- Esther Kopmann
- Arlene Peavler
- Margie Wolken

Holly Brook, Savoy

- Norma Reitmeier

Knights Templar Home

- Margie Huls

Riverview Assisted Living, East Peoria

- Donna Flessner

Helia Healthcare

- Dennis Ehmen

Homebound

- Elvin Ackerman
- Clara Graham
- Arnold Hinrichs
- Marguerite McDonald
- Hilda Swanson - in Arizona



NAME: Austyn Mae Ramm
 BORN: June 8, 2015
 PARENTS: Darren & Ashley Ramm
 SPONSORS: Jason & Kathy Waller
 BAPTIZED: January 9, 2016

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NAME: Myles Jay Blankenship
 BORN: November 26, 2015
 PARENTS: Jeffrey & Morgan Blankenship
 SPONSORS: Taylor Wood
 Wade & Brooke Blankenship
 BAPTIZED: January 17, 2016

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NAME: Natalie Ann Waters
 BORN: November 22, 2015
 PARENTS: Lyle & Cayla Waters
 SPONSORS: Matt & Ashley Steele
 Lee Waters
 Regan Emkes
 BAPTIZED: January 23, 2016

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NAME: Christian William Buhr
 BORN: December 25, 2015
 PARENTS: Michael & Tina Buhr
 SPONSORS: Carrie Conner
 Jason Buhr
 BAPTIZED: January 24, 2016

FRIENDSHIP CARDS



This month, don't just *send* valentines; *be* a valentine! Create these Friendship Cards to express love through kind acts for your loved ones — all month long.



What you need:

- 29 index cards
- A small box or container
- Colored pens or glitter pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. On each card, write something nice you can do for other people. Ideas include "Give someone a hug," "Clean someone's room," "Read to someone" and so on. You can use colored pens to draw a picture.
2. Decorate the box or container. Place the cards inside.
3. Each day in February, select a card and do that nice thing for someone!



True Friendship

What makes someone a good friend?
The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

*Directions: Starting at the *, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

WORD BANK:
heart prings ir verbs vice ness end

27:9, NIV pleasant_____

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the _____ • s_____

From •

27:9, NIV

Answer: The pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

Acolytes, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Ushers

February, 2016

Date	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Comm Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, 2/7 5:00 PM			Lois Harms		8:00 AM Marvin Rademacher (Capt) Rodney Bergman Darla Rubarts Bob Tuller
8:00 AM	Josh Burkhardt Elizabeth Reitmeier	Angie Sage	Callie Heidbreder Robyn Camp	Barry and Sandy Maury Ranae, Janna, and Jamie Buck	
10:15 AM	Daniel Scott Karsten Wayland	Erin Siuts	Erin Siuts Megan Siuts	Les and Debra Siuts Shirley Johnson	10:15 AM Larry Frerichs (Capt) Brian Emkes Dirk Harms Todd Wilson
COMMUNION					
Wednesday, 2/10 Ash Wednesday 7:00 PM	Rhyane Bushman Jessica Palmer	Elaine Wilson	Denise Wolken Sharon Emkes	Maynard and JoAnn Duitsman Rodney and Peggy Bergman	
COMMUNION					
Sunday, 2/14 8:00 AM	Kale Goff	Leon Schmidt		Jake and Marla Goff Family Molly Flessner	
10:15 AM	Makayla Learned	Ellen Blue		Virlon and Wilma Suits Rick and Jodi Wolken	
Wednesday, 2/17 7:00 PM	Josh Burkhardt	Coley Wolken		Leon and Mary Ann Schmidt Darius and Lois Harms	
Sunday, 2/21 5:00 PM			Peggy Blue		
8:00 AM	Abby Harms Anna Crites	Sue Calhoun	Sue Calhoun Molly Flessner	Ray and Judy Rademaker Robyn Camp	
10:15 AM	Denley Heller Brayden Karlson	Amy Jones	Diana Sjuts Rylee Sjuts	Janice Duitsman Joyce Romine	
COMMUNION					
Wednesday, 2/24 7:00 PM	Austin Cotter	Karon Currie		Bev Lehmann Gene and Joan Schmidt	
Sunday, 2/28 8:00 AM	Tyler Scott	Robyn Camp		Tyler and Stephanie Vogelsang Darius and Lois Harms	
10:15 AM	Elizabeth Reitmeier	Toni Brown		Julie Wilson and Calle Heidbreder Dr. Bruns	

If you are not able to attend at a time scheduled, please attempt to find a substitute, if possible. If unable to do so, please contact Robyn Camp, rcamp@illinois.edu, or 217.493.7090. Thank you!

FEBRUARY 2016 CALENDAR-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	2 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 7:00- p Healing Service	3 6:00 a- Mens Bible Study 9:30 a- Bible Study 6:15 p- Joy Bells 6:30 p- Youth Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation/ Cathedral Choir	4 7:00 p- New Member Class	5	6 7:00 a- Lutheran Brotherhood 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
7 8:00 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/Adult Class 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion Baptism Jack & Cole Franzen	8 9:00 a.m.- Pack Cookies	9 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 6:00 p- Council	10 Ash Wednesday 6:00 a- Mens Bible Study 9:30 a- Bible Study 7:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion	11 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 1:30 p- Communion at Country Health 7:00 p- New Member Class	12	13 5:00 p- Worship
14 8:00 a- Worship 9:15 a- SS/Adult Class 10:15 a- Worship	15 8:30 a- LWR Sewing NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	17 6:00 a- Mens Bible Study 9:30 a- Bible Study 6:00 p- Lenten Supper 7:00 p- Worship	18 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 7:00 p- New Member Class	19	20 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
21 8:00 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/Adult Class 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 1:00 p- Ostfriesian 3:00 p- Euchre	22	23 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	24 6:00 a- Mens Bible Study 9:30 a- Bible Study 6:00 p- Lenten Supper 7:00 p- Worship	25 7:00 p- New Member Class	26	27 5:00 p- Worship
28 8:00 a- Worship 9:15 a- SS/Adult Class 10:15 a- Worship 1:30 p- Hymn Sing @ Brookstone 2:00 p- Devotions @ Country Health	29					

Acolytes, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Ushers

March, 2016

Date	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Comm Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, 3/6					
6:00 PM			Sharon Emkes		8:00 AM Ray Rademaker (Capt) Judy Rademaker Sylvia Flessner Grant Goff
8:00 AM	Kale Goff Jessica Palmer	Lloyd Duitsman	Molly Flessner Julie Hedrick	Bob Tuller Darlene Johnson	
10:15 AM	Austin Cotter Rhyane Bushman	Keith Sjuts	Toni Brown Hailey Quinlan	Gene and Joan Schmidt Janine Standifer	10:15 AM Rick Wolken (Capt) Jodi Wolken Jerrod Lantis Keith Sjuts
COMMUNION					
Wednesday, 3/9					
7:00 PM	Daniel Scott	Ellen Blue		Darla Rubarts Virlon and Wilman Suits	
Sunday, 3/13					
8:00 AM	Brayden Karlson	Adam Crites		Edgar and Kay Busboom Ernie and Evelyn Sjuts	
10:15 AM	Josh Burkhardt	Judi Studer		Leo and Judi Studer Mary Quinlan	
Wednesday, 3/16					
7:00 PM	Makayla Learned	Maynard Duitsman		Dave and Denise Wolken Dr. Bruns	
Sunday, 3/20					
5:00 PM			Lois Harms		
8:00 AM	Tyler Scott Elizabeth Reitmeier	Clarissa Schluter	Darla Rubarts Amy Jones	Lloyd Duitsman Lawrence and Clarissa Schluter	
10:15 AM	Denley Heller Karsten Wayland	Joyce Romine	Joyce Romine Sharon Emkes	Marie Reitmeier and Danny Roelfs Jason Stalter Family	
PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION					

DECEMBER 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT

Fund Balance Information

GENERAL FUND			
Fund Balance	11/30/2015	\$	187,504.30
Offerings	\$ 34,341.90		
Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts	5,036.69		
Total Income		\$	39,378.59
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 25,705.09		
Worship & Service	4,378.26		
Our Church Home	4,539.86		
Dedicated Fund Expenses	2,417.56		
Total Expenses		\$	37,040.77
Total Fund Balance	12/31/2015	\$	189,842.12
Less Dedicated Fund Total			65,282.24
Total Unobligated Balance		\$	124,559.88
General Fund Invested as:			
Money Market	\$34,955.22	CD	\$41,382.34
		Checking	\$ 2,765.19
		CD	\$ 110,739.37

BUILDING FUND			
Fund Balance	11/30/2015	\$	63,507.30
Offerings	\$ 11,129.00		
Insurance Claim	5,000.00		
Total Income		\$	16,129.00
Building & Repair	\$ 3,763.43		
Utilities	4,730.80		
Special Projects - Sidewalks	6,732.00		
Total Expenses		\$	15,226.23
Total Fund Balance	12/31/2015	\$	64,410.07
Building Fund Invested as:			
		Checking	\$ 64,410.07
Other Fund Balances			
Endowment Capital	\$ 45,372.21	Memorial	\$ 25,630.88
Endowment Common	\$ 14,501.81	Endowment Interest	\$ 432.61

Offering & Attendance December 2015

By Category

General	\$ 34,341.90
Benevolence	\$ 23,186.18
Building	\$ 11,129.00
Total	\$ 68,657.08

December Attendance

895
Average Weekly Attendance
224

Benevolence Offering Includes

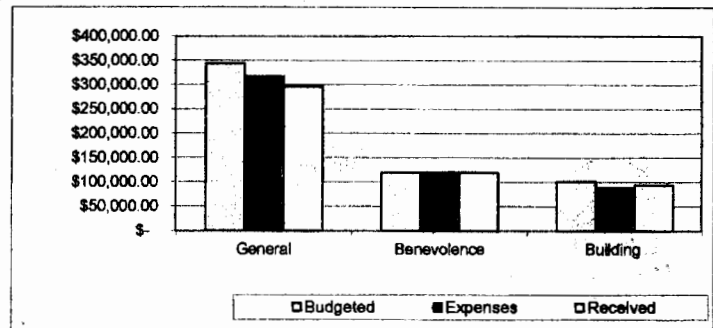
Gen Benevolence	7,437.25	Food Bank	370.00
NALC Seminary	1,402.00	Lutheran CORE	40.00
Christmas Eve	9,632.93	World Hunger	70.00
Christmas Day	3,172.00	Thanksgiving	100.00
SS Christmas Program	922.00	FOTCOH	40.00

Additional Offerings Received

Sunday School	472.21	Parking Lot	400.00
LYO	40.00	Radio Broadcast	565.00
Altar Flowers	315.00	Cookbooks	105.00
Endowment Fund	107.00	Haiti-Medical Missior	365.00
Poinsettias	225.00	Offering Envelopes	5.00
Historical Magnets	318.50	Times Center	239.51
Pictorial Directory	5.00		

Stewardship Progress Year to Date

	Budgeted	Received	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 344,097.00	\$ 295,930.09	\$ (48,166.91)
Benevolence	120,000.00	119,892.29	(107.71)
Building	101,200.00	94,201.75	(6,998.25)
TOTAL	\$ 565,297.00	\$ 510,024.13	\$ (55,272.87)
	Expenses	Ahead/(Behind)	
General	\$ 316,580.96	\$ (20,650.87)	
Benevolence	119,892.29	-	
Building	88,297.18	5,904.57	
	\$ 524,770.43	\$ (14,746.30)	



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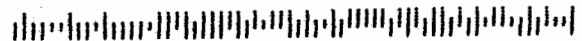
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