

THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

March 2016

Lent. A time to look inside ourselves and take an honest look at what obstacles we put before our relationship with God. Part of what is shaping my look is Justice Antonin Scalia. Since his death the newspaper reports about how he lived out his faith and the homily his son gave at his funeral have given me much to think about.

We have been given a rare glimpse in how a very public figure lived out his faith, not only in action but with words. There was no separation of what he believed from his vocation. We see him walk through the twists and turns of the Constitution and Amendments. Solicitor General Paul Clement, a onetime clerk to Scalia, said, "I think he thinks that his faith provides him clear answers and I think that's sufficient unto him in most areas." ^A

For instance "when the court struck down a spoken prayer at a public school graduation, Scalia angrily dissented. The Founding Fathers, he said, viewed nonsectarian public prayers like this one as a mechanism for breeding tolerance and unifying people of diverse religious backgrounds.

"To deprive our society of that important unifying mechanism in order to spare the nonbeliever what seems to me the minimal inconvenience of standing or even sitting in respectful nonparticipation is as senseless in policy as it is unsupported in law," he said. ^A

As member of the Supreme Court did not stop him from being vocal about Christianity, in or outside the courtroom. In another article it is cited that "He urged fellow intellectuals to be "fools for Christ" and once used an interview to underscore his belief in the existence of the Devil, whose latest maneuver, he said, 'is getting people not to believe in him or in God.' ^B

We, again, see glimpses of how the Word of God influenced Justice Scalia in many areas of his life. This influence was again revealed in the homily given by Father Scalia, his son, who celebrated the funeral service. The emphasis of the service reflected the faith of the man, what Jesus Christ does for all who believe, His mercy and promise of life eternal. What Christ did, does and will do for us.

"We are gathered here because of one man," Father Scalia said. "A man known personally to many of us, known only by reputation to even more. A man loved by many, scorned by others. A man known for great controversy and great compassion. That man of course is Jesus of Nazareth. It is he who we proclaim." ^B

Continue to take the time look inside yourself this month to not only identify the sin that separates us from being what God intends us to be and also take the time to learn from the lives of the saints that live around you and who have gone before you. Such a rich tapestry the body of Christ has woven and continues to weave.

A www.npr.org/2016/02/13/140647230/justice-antonin-scalia-known-for-biting-dissents-dies-at-79

B The Washington Post 2/20/16, Antonin Scalia's funeral reflects the justice's life of faith, Robert Barnes

At this website you can find the transcript of Father Scalia's homily
www.suscipedomine.com/forum/index.php?topic=13782.0

March – Disabilities:

“For the whole law can be summed up in this one

command: Love your neighbor as yourself.” Galatians 5:14 NLT



There are approximately 54 million people living in the United States with various kinds of disabilities that impact the way they lead their daily lives. Conditions causing disability include mental illness, blindness, military injuries, mental retardation, learning disabilities, and problems with hearing. A large portion of this population have physical disabilities or mobility problems because of a link to diseases like multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, polio, or various spinal injuries. Historically we have handled this population poorly and rather than encourage them, have kept them isolated in their homes. How welcoming were the sweeping staircases in churches of the 1900's? Are we doing better today or are we still keeping people 'trapped' at home with caregivers that are just as isolated? Churches need to include the disabled into the active life of membership as well as support the families who care for them. Check in with the family of those with disabilities to see how you can be of help. Offer to sit with the husband disabled from a stroke so the wife can get her hair done. Take the mother/spouse of one dealing with mental illness out for lunch to offer her respite from her daily challenges. Sometimes it's the small things that help the most.

Those with disabilities want to be productive at home and at church so look for ways to be inclusive. Is your building handicap accessible? Can a person get into the sanctuary as easily as they can the bathroom? Are there classes, small groups, or ministries in which the disabled can participate? Evaluate the tools that are currently available in your church. Are there devices and magnifiers to help the hearing and visually impaired? Have classes been adapted to welcome those with Down's Syndrome or other mental disorders? Are there

groups to support the families of those with disabilities? Christ welcomed everyone to his table; what about you? Ask your parish nurse for additional ways to welcome all to your family.

*(Source: Interfaith Disability Connection
www.interfaithdisability.org)*

MEN'S MINISTRY

LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

The Lutheran Brotherhood will meet for breakfast and Bible study on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at 7:00 a.m. We invite all men of the congregation to join us in Luther Lounge.

WOMEN OF IMMANUEL

Women of Immanuel. In March we will be doing the second study in the book, if you do not have a book please stop and see Pr. Cindy, Saying the Right Word's to our barren Sisters in Christ. We will be exploring what scripture has to say about being barren and what are the right words to use. Tackling this will help guide our words in other situations as well. Bring your book and a bible and please join us March 22 at a new time, 6:30 as we go through this study together. Learning from each other and from God's Word.

MARCH STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

The Stewardship project for this Lenten/Easter season is "Basket of Promise." We will walk with people around the world afflicted by war, displacement and poverty by collecting and assembling Lutheran World Relief "Personal Care Kits." Please bring the following items:

Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark colors recommended)

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)

Sturdy combs

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)

Bars of Soap
(4 to 5 oz. any brand, in original wrapping)

There will be a basket in the church breeze way to place the items.

Thank you for all the cookies and goodies you provided for the Valentine boxes. We sent a total of 21 boxes. Thank you, also, to the ladies who filled the boxes.



CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council met on February 10, 2016.

Pastor's Report:

Pastoral activity report was discussed and it was decided to have both pastors share each month the number of general visits/counseling/consultations they participate in, the number of hospital visits they make and the number of nursing home visits they make. This will start effective February 1. Pastor Lehmann gave an update on the February 28 Iraqi Christian Relief Council guest. Our guest will be at both the 8am and 10:15am service and will be presenting during the adult Sunday school hour.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism – A new member letter is being prepared and will be mailed soon.

Property – A work day will be scheduled for the spring.

Worship– Ranae Buck is looking forward to working with the committee and Pastors this year to incorporate contemporary music into the services.

New Business- The council and Pastors would like to recognize Pastor Busboom's service to Immanuel by organizing a card shower.

Responsibilities for next meeting:

Devotions: Kyle Johnson

Refreshments: Callie Heidbreder

Date of next meeting: March 8, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:54pm was made by Kyle Johnson and seconded by Casey Flesner. Motion carried.

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

HOLY COMMUNION



We will celebrate Holy Communion at Country Health on Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. We invite you to join us even if you do not have a loved one living there. All are welcome.

OSTFRIESIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Ostfriesian Heritage Society will gather on Sunday, March 20, at 1:00 p.m. in the basement. Anyone is welcome to join us.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Area Lutheran pastors will be participating in a pulpit exchange for midweek lenten worship. Immanuel will be hosting pastors:

- Mar. 2 Pastor Deb Domeier (1st Petition)
- Mar. 9 Pastor Seth Jersild (Doxology)
- Mar. 16 Pastor Dennis Meyer (7th Petition)

Join us at 6:00 for a soup and sandwich supper and worship to learn more about the Lord's Prayer.



CONFIRMATION CLASS REUNION

Immanuel has for many years hosted reunion for confirmation classes on Palm Sunday. The classes to be honored on March 20, 2016, include the following. Names are listed in the order as they appear on their confirmation picture.

Class of 1941 (75th Anniversary)

Anna Ehmen, Rosie Cornelius, Eveline Ackerman, Bertha Flessner, Laverne Duitsman, Hilda Busboom, Margie Olson, Ralph Loschen, Jerrold Harsha, Elmer Grussing, William Ackerman.

Class of 1966 (50th Anniversary)

Barbara Ackerman, Marlin Franzen, Daniel Busboom, James Goldenstein, Ronald Flesner, Steven Buhr, Janet Huls, Ellen Flessner, Patricia Kopmann, Diane Freese, Diane Wolken, Laura Hinrichs, Brenda Flessner, Loren Evans, Ronald Ideus, Richard Peavler, Janine Wienke, David Schmidt.

Received as Adults in 1966

Mrs. Anita Adkins, Mrs. Marsha Sue Johnson, Karen Kay Keller, Ronald Stalter, Maryanne Stalter, Dennis M. Starkey, James Lyle Way.

Class of 1991 (25th Anniversary)

Cory Hinrichs, Michael Siems, Jason Little, Kurt Johnson, Derek Harms, Andy Lubben, Ryan Ihnen, Siegel Reitmeier, Melanie Rubarts, Danny Ellis, Shannon Albers, Heather Appl, Brian Duitsman, Jill Rademaker, Kortnei Kopmann.

<u>Date</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	
		<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:00</u>	
Jan. 31	41	133	117	291
Feb. 7	21	105	93	219
Ash Wed.				115
Feb. 14	26	93	82	201
Feb. 17				110
Feb. 21	22	122	88	232

REFORMATION TRIP

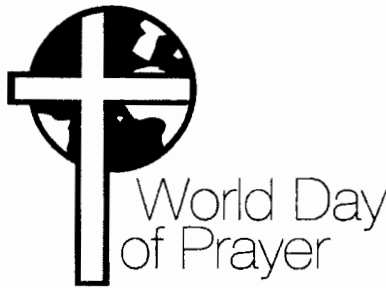
In 2017, we mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Included in this newsletter is a brochure outlining a trip to Germany. It is in two parts. One visits important sites of the Reformation. The other is a cruise on the Danube River. A person may participate in one or both of them. On Sunday, March 20, at 4:00 p.m., a representative from the tour company will be at Immanuel to discuss and answer questions. If you are at all interested, please come and find out more.

While this is not a sponsored youth event, we encourage parents or grandparents to travel with your son/daughter to learn about our religious routes. This trip is not restricted to members of Immanuel. This promises to be quite a joyful and memorable experience!

REFORMATION RESOURCES

In preparation for the anniversary of the Reformation, we will highlight some resources that will help you to grow in understanding. These three may be found in the Historical Room.

1. ***Martin Luther Sketch Book***. This includes pictures and short descriptions of cities and churches that were instrumental in the 16th century.
2. ***What Does This Mean?*** This was produced to mark the 450th anniversary of Martin Luther's Small Catechism. This gives a brief history of the teachings and how they came to America.
3. ***D. Martin Luther der deutsche Reformator***. This has wonderful pictures of the life of Luther. And, if you can read German, you will learn a lot as well.



World Day of Prayer

Attention anyone who can clasp their hands in prayer. On Friday March 4th is World Day of Prayer. Rain or

shine meet Pastor Cindy at the flag poles at 7:15am to pray for our world. We will pray for those who are persecuted for their faith, who live in fear, who do not know where their next meal will come from. We will name countries in which these issues complicate the lives of others. We want to draw attention that body of Christ crosses all borders, that our brothers and sisters not only live in the same house but across oceans. The purpose of this day of prayer is to remind everyone that we all face our own struggles but what we can all do is pray for each other. We will do this again on May 5th for National Day of Prayer as well.

EUCHRE

Six tables of players gathered for two hours of enjoyable cards, snacks and fellowship. Join in on the next tournament which will be Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in Diers Hall.

High Score: Lorenz Siuts
 Low Score: Erna Mennenga
 Most Loners: Rosetta Suits, Velma Olson, Janice Duitsman
 Most Pokes: Mervin Olson

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The 2nd-6th Grade Sunday School classes will be singing the last Sunday in March (Easter, March 27th) at the 10:15 a.m. service.

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
 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



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

NAME: Cole David Franzen
BORN: July 10, 2015
PARENTS: Neil & Kim Franzen
SPONSORS: Bill & Sarah Jenkins
BAPTIZED: February 7, 2016

NAME: Jack Dylan Franzen
BORN: July 10, 2015
PARENTS: Neil & Kim Franzen
SPONSORS: Bill & Sarah Jenkins
BAPTIZED: February 7, 2016

NAME: Blake James Wolken
BORN: December 10, 2015
PARENTS: Bradley & Stacey Wolken
SPONSORS: Kristi Mitchell
BAPTIZED: February 14, 2016

SPECIAL DATES IN MARCH

- World Day of Prayer, March 4, 2016
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 6, 2016
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 13, 2016
- Daylight-Saving Time Begins, March 13, 2016
- Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016
- Holy Week, March 20-26, 2016
- First day of Spring, March 20, 2016
- Maundy Thursday, March 24, 2016
- Good Friday, March 25, 2016
- Holy Saturday, March 26, 2016
- Easter Sunday, March 27, 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.



BLESSING OF SPRINGTIME AND PLANTING

I&I Antique Tractor Club invite you to a "Blessing of Springtime and Planting Season" on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at 3:00 p.m., at the Club Showgrounds in Penfield, IL. Celebrate Life Singers, outdoor blessing and refreshments will be included.



The Easter Vigil is the most important Liturgy of the Church year. In a magnificent way the Church expresses liturgically the meaning of her Lord's Pasch, his Passover. Our Lord's passage from death to life is the fulfillment of Israel's passage from bondage to freedom. The Vigil is also the celebration of our own passage from sin and death to holiness and Life through the waters of Holy Baptism. Finally, the Holy Eucharist is a testimony to the coming greater celebration of life at the Messianic banquet before the throne of God.

The Liturgy consists of these parts:

...the **LITURGY OF LIGHT**, which centers around the Paschal Candle. This includes the blessing of the light (a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World); a solemn procession in which the people of God follow the Light through the darkness into light; and the Easter Proclamation.

...The **LITURGY OF THE WORD**, which involves hearing what God has done for His people from the beginning of creation. This is a remembrance of salvation history as recorded in the Hebrew scriptures.

...the **LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM**, which incorporates us into salvation's story and new life through the water and the Word. The water is blessed, the candidates are initiated into the Christian faith through water and the Spirit, and we renew our own baptismal vows as we are sprinkled with the water.

...the **FIRST EUCHARIST OF THE RESURRECTION**. Here the Church is called to the table which the Risen Christ has prepared for us through His death and resurrection. We celebrate our participation in the salvation given us by Christ."

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

In the Exhortation on Ash Wednesday, we heard, "And if, in your preparation, you need help and counsel, then go privately and open your grief to a discreet and understanding pastor, and confess your sins, that you may receive the benefit of absolution, and spiritual counsel and advice; to the removal of scruple and doubt, the assurance of pardon, and the strengthening of your faith."

Luther's *Small Catechism* includes the following:

What is private confession? Private confession has two parts. First, we make a personal confession of sins to the pastor, and then we receive absolution, which means forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess? Before God we should confess that we are guilty of all sins, even those which are not known to us, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But in private confession, as before the pastor, we should confess only those sins which trouble us in heart and mind.

How may we be assured of forgiveness? The pastor may pronounce the absolution by saying, "By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Those who are heavily burdened in conscience the pastor may comfort and encourage with further assurances from God's Word.

Two opportunities are available if you would like to hear these words of absolution spoken directly and individually to you. Pastor Cindy will be available on Thursday, March 17, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Pastor Lehmann will be available on Saturday, March 19, from 1:00-3:00 pm.



Palm Sunday: Sunday, March 20th

8:00 & 10:15 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, March 24th

7:00 p.m. Worship and Holy Communion

Good Friday: Friday, March 25th

7:00 p.m. Worship

Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 26th

7:11 p.m. Worship and Holy Communion & New Member Recognition

Sunrise Service: Sunday, March 27th at 6:30 a.m. with breakfast at 7:00 a.m.

Easter Services: Saturday, March 26th 5:00 p.m. & Sunday March 27th at 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion

Lamb of God

John the Baptist knew Jesus was the Messiah – and offered a special greeting when he saw Jesus.

Directions: Cut apart the squares and arrange them in a rectangle in numerical order, starting with #1 in the top left and going across to #7. Continue building four more rows of seven squares each, to reveal John 1:29, NIV.

1	2	25	4	20	16
8	33	27	12	23	18
29	6	32	20	10	34
24	17	5	19	22	11
3	31	26	9	13	15
14	7	28	35	21	

MARCH 2016 CALENDAR-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 7:00 P- Healing Service	2 6:00 a- Mens Bible 9:30 a- Bible Study 6:00 p- Lenten Supper 6:30 p- Youth Choir 7:00 p- Worship Cathedral Choir Practice after worship	3 7:00 p- New Member Class	4 7:15 a- World Day of Prayer - meet at Flag Pole with Pastor Cindy for Prayer	5 7:00 a- Lutheran Brotherhood 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
6 8:00 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/Adult SS 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion Baptism Nash Trotter	7 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	8 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 6:00 p- Council	9 6:00 a- Mens Bible Study 9:30 a- Bible Study 6:00 p- Lenten Supper 6:30 p- Youth Choir 7:00 p- Worship	10 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 1:30 p- Communion at Country Health	11	12 5:00 p- Worship
13 8:00 a- Worship 9:15 a- SS/Adult SS 10:15 a- Worship	14	15 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	16 6:00 a- Mens Bible 9:30 a- Bible Study 6:00 p- Lenten Supper 6:30 p- Youth Choir 7:00 p- Worship NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 7:00-8:00 p- Private Confession/absolution with Pastor Cindy	18	19 8:30 a- Altar Guild 1:00-3:00 p- Private Confession/absolution n- Pastor Lehmann 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
20 Palm Sunday 8:00 & 10:15a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a-SS/Conf.Reunion 11:30 a- Conf. Dinner 1:00 p- Ostfriesian 3:00 p- Euchre 4:00 p- Reform. Trip	21 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	22 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 6:30 p- Women of Immanuel	23 6:00 a- Mens Bible Study 9:30 a- Bible Study	24 Maundy Thursday 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 7:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion	25 Good Friday 7:00 p- Worship	26 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion 7:11 p- Easter Vigil & New Member Recognition
27 Easter 6:30 a- Sunrise Service 7:00 a- Breakfast 8:00 & 10:15a- Worship & Holy Communion 10:15- 2 nd -6th Sing 9:15 a- SS/Conf.Reception 2:00 p- Devotions at Country Health	28	29 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	30 6:00 a- Mens Bible Study 9:30 a- Bible Study 6:15 p- Joy Bells 6:30 p- Youth Choir 7:00 p- Cathedral Choir/Confirmation	31		

Acolytes, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Ushers

APRIL, 2016

Date	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Comm Assistants	Greeters	Ushers	
Sunday, 4/3	05:00 PM		Peggy Blue		08:00 AM Kyle Ramm (Capt) Wally Worley Trent Worley Tad Worley	
	08:00 AM	Elizabeth Reitmeier Anna Crites	Nicole Crites	Diana Sjuts Rylee Sjuts		Robyn Camp Darlene Johnson
	10:15 AM	Austin Cotter Kale Goff	Angie Sage	Sue Calhoun Sharon Emkes	Jake - Marla Goff Family Tyler & Stephanie Vogelsang	10:15 AM Lois Harms (Capt) Mike Stark Gary Busboom Kyle Johnson
	COMMUNION					
Sunday, 4/10	05:00 PM					
	08:00 AM	MaKayla Learned	Sharon Emkes		Donna Garrell Ray & Judy Rademacher	
	10:15AM	Josh Burkhardt	Joyce Romine		Les & Debbie Siuts Betty Ihnen & Carla Lantis	
Sunday, 4/17	05:00 PM		Lois Harms			
	08:00 AM	Abby Harms Rhyane Bushman	Denise Wolken	Molly Flesner Karon Currie	Mark & Kim Wood Rosetta Suits	
	10:15 AM	Daniel Scott Tyler Scott	Mike Stark	Joyce Romine Bev Lehmann	Leo & Judy Studer Mike Stark	
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY						
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	05:00 PM					
	08:00 AM	Denley Heller Brayden Karlson	Virton Suits		Andy & Missy Buhr Larry & Eunice Frerichs	
	10:15 AM	Anna Crites Jessica Palmer	Kalista Lutes	Sharolyn Worley Bonita Kopmann	Dorothy Fruhling Emilie Steffey	
COMMUNION 10:15 ONLY						

If you are not able to attend at the time scheduled, please attempt to find a substitute, if possible. If unable to do so, Rodney Bergman, rpberg@wigi.us or 217-568-7269. Thanks!

please contact

Big Creek Mission Trip

Curious about what Big Creek Ministries is all about?

Do you like to build things?

Do you like to construct things?

Are you interested in serving your neighbor in need?

Would you be willing to guide others to serve their neighbors in need?

We are looking for another leader for the mission trip this summer who has some construction experience and would like to help others serve someone in need.

If you are interested in this check out the information on the bulletin board in the hallway. There is an information sheet there for you to take with you as well. We need to know soon if you are interested. Please talk to Pr. Cindy if you have questions concerning this trip.

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Colossians 3:23, NLT



USHERS WANTED

If you have not filled out your time and talent sheet and are interested in being an usher, please do so as we are in need of increasing our number of ushers. Please contact either Rodney Bergman or the church office.



TEKNON NEWSLETTER

If your child did not receive their Teknon (Children) Newsletter please contact the church office. If you are looking for extras there are more located in the hallway.

Acolytes, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Ushers

March, 2016

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

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March, 2016

Date	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Comm Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
Thursday, 3/24 7:00 PM MAUNDY THURS COMMUNION	Kale Goff Anna Crites	Robyn Camp	Robyn Camp Denise Wolken	Gery and Lois Maury Leon and Mary Ann Schmidt	
Friday, 3/25 7:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY	Abby Harms	Bev Lehmann		Larry and Carol Johnson Shirley Johnson	
Saturday, 3/26 5:00 PM			Peggy Blue		
Saturday, 3/26 (Sundown) 7:11 PM EASTER VIGIL COMMUNION	Daniel Scott Jessica Palmer	Sue Calhoun	Sue Calhoun Joyce Romine	Janice Duitsman Bev Heiden	
Sunday, 3/27 8:00 AM 10:15 AM EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION	Josh Burkhardt Karsten Wayland Rhyane Bushman Brayden Karson Kale Goff Abby Harms Makayla Learned Denley Heller	Megan Siuts Dr. Bruns	Adam Crites Nicole Crites Karon Currie Lois Harms Callie Heidbreder Bonita Kopmann Toni Brown Hailey Quinlan	Ranae, Janna, and Jami Buck Julie Hedrick Maynard Duitsman Barry and Sandy Maury	

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JANUARY 2016 TREASURER'S REPORT

Fund Balance Information

GENERAL FUND				BUILDING FUND			
Fund Balance	12/31/2015		\$ 189,842.12	Fund Balance	12/31/2015		\$ 64,410.07
Offerings		\$ 23,639.85		Offerings		\$ 7,490.25	
Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts		4,590.66		Total Income			\$ 7,490.25
	Total Income		\$ 28,230.51				
Pastoral Ministry		\$ 16,077.75		Building & Repair		\$ 654.01	
Worship & Service		5,153.18		Utilities		5,253.56	
Our Church Home		2,461.54		Insurance		4,603.00	
Dedicated Fund Expenses		1,429.01		Total Expenses			\$ 10,510.57
	Total Expenses		\$ 25,121.48				
Total Fund Balance	1/31/2016		\$ 192,951.15	Total Fund Balance	1/31/2016		\$ 61,389.75
Less Dedicated Fund Total			67,489.40	<i>Building Fund Invested as:</i>			<i>Checking \$ 61,389.75</i>
Total Unobligated Balance			\$ 125,461.75				
<i>General Fund Invested as:</i>				<i>Other Fund Balances</i>			
		<i>Checking \$ 5,870.78</i>		Endowment Capital	\$ 45,624.05	Memorial	\$ 27,051.63
<i>Money Market \$34,958.66</i>	<i>CD \$ 41,382.34</i>		<i>CD \$ 110,739.37</i>	Endowment Common	\$ 14,545.08	Endowment Interest	\$ 98.81

Offering & Attendance January 2016

By Category

General	\$ 23,639.85
Benevolence	\$ 6,410.50
Building	\$ 7,490.25
Total	\$ 37,540.60

January Attendance

1151
Average Weekly Attendance
230

Benevolence Offering Includes

Gen Benevolence	5,292.50	Food Bank	255.00
NALC Seminary	723.00	Lutheran CORE	40.00
Christmas Eve	35.00	FOTCOH	40.00
Men's Shelter	25.00		

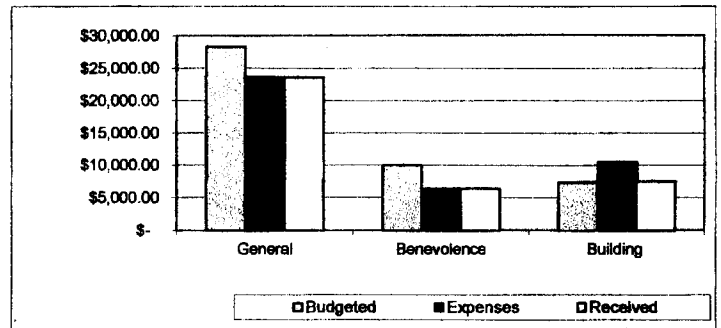
Additional Offerings Received

Sunday School	440.98	Parking Lot	550.00
LYO	75.00	Radio Broadcast	705.00
VBS	15.00	Lutheran Brotherhood	37.00
Altar Flowers	330.00	Haiti-Medical Trip	50.00
Endowment Fund	142.50	Offering Envelopes	716.75
Poinsettias	14.00	Historical Books	20.00

Stewardship Progress Year to Date

	Budgeted	Received	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 28,367.60	\$ 23,639.85	\$ (4,727.75)
Benevolence	10,000.00	6,410.50	(3,589.50)
Building	7,341.63	7,490.25	148.62
TOTAL	\$ 45,709.23	\$ 37,540.60	\$ (8,168.63)

	Expenses	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 23,692.47	\$ (52.62)
Benevolence	6,410.50	-
Building	10,510.57	(3,020.32)
	\$ 40,613.54	\$ (3,072.94)



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