



And they will call Him  
Immanuel -  
"God With Us"  
Matthew 1:23

# Immanuel Messenger

Never Moved a Mountain

March, 2014

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

*We, the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church, in joyful response to all that our gracious God has done for us, seek to glorify God by bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.*

**We have GOOD NEWS! Jesus is ALIVE and LOVES YOU!**



## Immanuel Lutheran School

*Where Faith & Education Meet*

A **Child** nurtured in a **Christian** Lutheran setting will be **Prepared** to live a **Joyful**, productive, God-pleasing **Life**.

*Quality Christian education open to all children  
Preschool through  
Grade 8*

Something for us to think about. How big of a faith do we need?

*For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you." - Matthew 17:20*

Our thanks to an unknown author for the following lyric testimony to God's providence:

Lord, I have never moved a mountain and I guess I never will. All the faith that I could muster would not move a small ant hill. Yet, I will tell you, Lord, I am grateful for the joy of knowing Thee, and for all the mountain moving, down through life you

have done for me.

When I needed some help You lifted me from the depths of great despair. And when burdens, pain and sorrow have been more than I can bear, you have always been my courage to restore life's troubled sea, and to move these little mountains that have looked so big to me.

Many times when I have had problems and when bills I have

had to pay, and the worries and the heartaches just kept mounting every day, Lord, I do not know how you did it. I cannot explain the where's or whys. All I know is that I have seen these mountains turn to blessings in disguise.

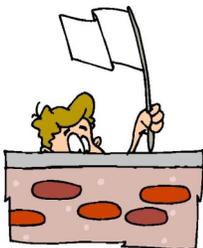
No, I have never moved a mountain, for my faith is far too small. Yet, I thank you, Lord of Heaven, you have always heard my call. And as long as there are mountains in my life, I will have no fear, for the mountain-moving Jesus is my strength and always near.



In case of emergency call Pastor Ed Behling at 218-732-3778 or Head Elder Joel Vinkemeier at 547-6733 or 612-865-1621.

## I Give Up!

*For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 1 Peter 2:21*



During this time of Lent I have again been thinking of what Jesus gave up for me. Of course, we won't fully be able to comprehend that until we get to heaven. During Lent we have a small opportunity to "walk in the steps of Jesus" by giving up something for Him.

Here are some examples of things people give up in today's world: Television, radio, favorite food, eating out, alcohol or favorite beverages (caffeine, etc.), smoking, clutter, using credit cards, social media, swearing, procrastination, and on and on.

However, I was thinking we could make a new list of things to give up, such as: complaining, pessimism, disparaging words, worry, discouragement, jealousy, anger, bitterness, criticism, etc. One list I was reading said they were going to give up "giving up"! I rather like that.

I read somewhere that it takes 21 days to form a new habit. So, maybe we could use the 40 days of Lent to form a new "godly" habit. Maybe we could focus on stillness, self-examination, attention to God's Word, the needs of others, prayer, or what Jesus is forming us to become (like HIM).

It is my prayer that we can all benefit spiritually during the Lenten 40 days by keeping our eyes on Jesus and his example—because when we give up, we get everything! And I say, HALLELUJAH to that!

## Opportunities For Worship



**Sunday Worship**—We worship God each Sunday at 9:00 AM and celebrate The Lord’s Supper the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. Remember to invite your family member, your new neighbor or a friend to worship with you. Also, each “5th Sunday” is a bit more contemporary.

**Lenten Services**—Each Wednesday from Ash Wednesday, March 5 through April 9, beginning at 6 pm for supper and followed by Worship at 7 pm.

**Lutheran Hour Ministries**—Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on Sunday mornings at 6:05 AM on WCCO 830, 12:30 PM on KDHL 920, or 5 PM Sundays on KTIG 102.7.

**The Lutheran Hour Ministries** has expanded into additional markets. The Lutheran Hour is now available: online, MP3, Podcast, Sirius XM Satellite Radio. For local broadcast information visit [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

**College Students**—Students don’t leave home without Him! Connect with your Campus Church now or contact: [www.lcmscampus.org](http://www.lcmscampus.org).

## Opportunity For Bible Study

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** Join us for Sunday morning Bible study choices! First—a study on the morning Gospel reading prior to worship at 8:30 am in the back of the church. Then fill up your coffee cup and join a group right after Sunday Worship from 10:30—11:30, in the Fellowship Hall. Your input is valued. You will be blessed and be a blessing to us!

**Youth Study:** 5th—12th Graders meet by the Church Library after church each Sunday.

**Thursday Mornings:** Join us for **Men's Bible Study** and also a **Women's Bible Study** every Thursday morning at 8 am. We’re excited to have you join us as we share God’s Word and fellowship with one another.



**E-DiBS** will electronically deliver to you a daily Bible study where we will go book by book, verse by verse and have a short explanation and application for better understanding. Sign up by contacting the Church office by phone, email or in person.

## Opportunity For Supporting Our Church



**Will You Help?** Stop by the bulletin board in the entry hall to read ways to help support our church. Immanuel receives

many small to medium sized bills during the month. Some larger bills have been divided into smaller amounts in order to encourage members to “chip in”. The Board of Stewardship would like to thank those who have helped already and would like to ask the rest of the congregation, “Will You Help, too?”

**The Endowment Fund for Immanuel Lutheran Church and School** has been set up at the First National Bank in Walker. If you are interested in contributing to this fund, serving on the governing board for this fund, or want more information, stop in the office.

**LCEF is a Place to Grow:** Have you ever considered how you

might help where individuals and ministries come together to grow in the Lord? Lutheran Church Extension Fund makes available resources and services that are used to equip Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) ministries as they embrace God's plan. These tools are all made possible through competitive-rate investments.

LCEF puts investors together with LCMS congregations, rostered church workers, schools, universities and seminaries, and other ministries with the common mission of sharing the Gospel.

If you are considering an investment, why not choose one that shares your Lutheran values and puts money to work directly through ministries in your neighborhood and around the world? We can grow together.

## Lenten Worship

Come to Cavalry's Holy Mountain by Pastor Behling

Join us for Lenten midweek worship at 7 pm

Ash Wednesday, March 5 ..... Sermon title "Unbelief" from Isaiah 53:1-3

March 12..... Sermon title "Substitute" from Isaiah 53:4-5

March 19..... Sermon title "Silence" from Isaiah 53:6-7

March 26..... Sermon title "Injustice" from Isaiah 53:8

April 2..... Sermon title "Buried" from Isaiah 53:9

April 9..... Sermon title "Satisfied" from Isaiah 53:10-12

Lenten Supper will be held at 6 pm each Wednesday before Lenten Worship at 7 pm.  
On March 5 the LWML will be serving with the donations for supper going to LWML Mites.

The other 5 Wednesdays the meal will be served by  
Immanuel School with donations for the meals going to the school.

Knowing the Bible is one thing. Knowing the author is another.



Exciting News! A new Women's Bible Discussion Group on Thursday Mornings at 8 am  
beginning the first Thursday in March! ALL WOMEN INVITED!

Try it. You'll like it!



## Prayer Corner

*Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. Revelation 8:2-4*



**Health Concerns & Other Issues:** Amelia (infant daughter of friends of Tim & Meg Duin) Pastor Bitz and Family, Floyd & Deanie Caster, Liz Dahn, Richard & Marie Donnell, Sharae Hogan (Nancy Albrecht's sister-in-law), Darrell Iverson (brother of Lavonne Keske), Bruce & Deloris Kastning (parents of Wayne Kastning), Blanche Kennedy, Wes Kruger (son of Pam & Dick Kruger), Carla Morgens-tern (friend of Darin & Corina Bronczyk), Paul Nagel (brother of Mike Nagel), Jean Parsons, Deborah Peterson (Mike Keske's sister), Leona Strand.

**Prayer of Remembrance:** For all our loved ones who have passed away this year and their families and friends who mourn them.

**Deployed Military:** Kenneth Schaub (son-in-law of Kathy & Paul Pinsonneault) Operation Noble Eagle, Air Defense Team, Washington, DC

**Missions:** Immanuel Lutheran School, Missions of the LCMS Church

## Stewardship

### What Have I Done for Him?

Lent is a season in the church year during which we particularly focus on the sacrifice Jesus made for us to pay the debt we owed for our sin. We know there is no way we can pay the debt ourselves. Only the sinless Son of God could do that. We have access to heaven only by grace through faith in Christ Jesus.

While we cannot repay Jesus for what He has done for us, His love does require a response. Paul, speaking of our ministry of reconciliation, wrote, "For Christ's love compels us..." (2 Corinthians 5:14). We remain on earth to carry out the tasks which Christ left for us to do: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the prisoner, (Matthew 25:31-46). James admonished us that "So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:17). We provide the funds that support our pastors, teachers, and missionaries.



Again, we can quote Paul writing in 1 Corinthians 9:11-12. "If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more?"

Certainly each of us is addressed by the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19). The following words from Frances Ridley Havergal are a poignant reminder that Christ's love and sacrifice for us require a response:

Thy life was given for me, Thy Blood, O Lord, was shed

That I might ransomed be, and quickened from the dead.

Thy life was given for me, What have I given for Thee?

And Thou hast brought to me Down from Thy home above

Salvation full and free, Thy pardon and Thy love.

Great gifts Thou broughtest me, What have I brought to Thee?

We are saved by grace through faith for works. Let us pray for the desire to be good stewards of the gifts of salvation, health and wealth, and time and opportunity which God has given us that we might have a part in the furthering of God's kingdom.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

## Finances

### Church Finances

#### 2013 Actual to Budget Comparison General Fund

##### *Income from Envelope/Plate/Special Services*

Budget = \$112,000.00

Actual = \$107,088.00

**Annual Shortage = \$4,912.00**

##### *Expenses*

Budget = \$130,466.00

Actual = \$125,009.00

**Under Budget = \$5,457.00**

##### *Building/Mortgage Payment Fund*

Budget (12 Mortgage Payments) = \$26,732.00

LCEF Rebate Received = \$1,073.00

Actual Contributions Received = \$23,340.00

**Annual Shortage = \$2,319.00**

Income for both general and mortgage payment funds were less than budgeted, however, the "good news" is expenses were also less than budgeted. \$13,200 was transferred from Steward Account to meet general fund expenses and mortgage payments (Building Fund Contributions only) during the first half of the year. \$15,000 was transferred back to the Steward account during the second half of 2013 resulting in a current Steward (Sale of Parsonage) Account balance of over \$35,000.

### School Finances

1/1/14-1/31/14 income \$13,090.42

1/1/14-1/31/14 expense \$12,317.80

(Actual income & expense – loan amounts removed)

Lines of credit balance owed as of 2/3/14 \$18,505



## LWML Update

**Baskets of Promise:** This Lenten Season we're joining Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise appeal. Each week, we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

### HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

- March 9: Bars of soap (4 to 5 oz, any brand, in original wrapping)  
 March 16: Bath towels (light-weight, maximum 52"x27", dark color recommended)  
 March 23: Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging) no toothpaste.  
 March 30: Combs  
 April 6: Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)

April 13: (PALM SUNDAY) Bars of Soap

**Lenten Meal:** We will be serving the meal before Lenten services on Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 6PM.

**Our next meeting** will be March 19 at 5PM before the Lenten meal. All women are invited to join us.

Thank you for your continued support.



## Men of Immanuel



Next Breakfast Meeting Date Saturday, March 8, 2014. Wayne Kastning & Lou Eckhoff are the cooks. All the Men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to come and enjoy the breakfast fellowship. We will be talking more about Easter Breakfast coming up on April 20th.

## Board of Education

**Mobile Classroom:** The Board of Education is in the process of obtaining a used, new or to lease a mobile classroom for the 2014-2015 school year. With our increased enrollment the past 3 years, we are in need of additional classroom space. This past year, Janna Kietzmann has been holding class for the 1st through 3rd graders in the entryway to the church. While this has been a short term solution to our lack of classroom space, it has not been the ideal learning environment for our students. We also need additional space for our growing kindergarten classes. Please pray for this endeavor and also keep your ears open if you hear of a mobile classroom for sale. Thank you!

**Upcoming events** – Beef Stew/Chili Cook-Off/Silent Auction on March 16th. Reserve that date for an evening of good food, fun and music plus the opportunity to purchase some good auction items. This event is one of the school's main fundraisers in addition to being a time for good food, fellowship as well as a way to support our school. Hope to see you there!

**Help For the ABC SALE** - The Board of Education is looking for someone (or many 'someones') to head up our biggest fundraiser, the ABC Sale in 2014. If you can help in one or more areas of

the ABC Sale, please prayerfully consider volunteering for this important fundraiser. You may speak to any of the Board of

Education members, or Janna Kietzmann for additional information.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** – Please note that March 31st, 2014 is the deadline for allocating any Choice Dollars that you may have accumulated during 2013. Please check your account and consider allocating any undesignated amounts to Immanuel Lutheran School prior to March 31, 2014. Thank you.

**Look for information regarding CPR/AED training opportunities in the near future.**

**Thank you** all for your continued support for the school through our Annual Fund Drive "Touching Lives Forever" as well as volunteering your time and talents.



## From our Congregational President

As we heard from Pastor Bitz at church services on 2/16/14, his doctors have discovered that he has a fractured vertebrae in his neck. He is scheduled to have a cervical fusion of the two involved vertebrae performed by surgeons in Fargo on 3/3/14. We are all praying and hoping that this surgery will help to solve his headache problems that have troubled him for so long. Please keep Pastor Bitz, his family and his doctors in your prayers.

We had our February Church Council meeting with our new member Vern Black. If you have issues you would like the Council to consider, talk to Vern about it.

We completed the upgrade to our four furnaces. Thank you to Joel Vinkemeier for picking up the 4 new plenum heaters in Monticello and to Leroy Strand for getting them installed. As we have been hearing about the propane shortage in Minnesota this winter, getting this done was very timely. A special THANK YOU to all of you that donated a special contribution to complete this project.



Your Call Committee is working hard to stay on schedule. Based on the input from our members, we submitted six names to LCMS MN North District President Fondow. He is researching them and will add some more. By about March 1, we should have the final list. Our congregation will then meet to narrow the list to about six candidates. Background screening will occur on those that remain on the list. Once that is completed, the congregation will meet to issue a call. Watch the Sunday bulletin to stay current on the list of candidates, meeting dates etc.

This is an exciting time at Immanuel as we work on finding out who God has selected to be our next

pastor.

Keep the process and our church in your prayers.

In His and your service, Tim Duin

## Lenten Altar Paraments Given in Memory of Pastor Tom Palomaki

Lynn Palomaki, along with her sons David Palomaki and Jon Palomaki and their families have purchased a five piece set of Lenten paraments for our altar, pulpit and lectern in loving memory of Pastor Tom Palomaki.

These beautiful adornments will be dedicated on Sunday, March 9 at the morning worship service. These Lenten purple paraments consist of the large "antependia" for the altar—embellished with crosses, along with two other altar pieces; and then two "bookmarks" for the pulpit and lectern embellished with nails.

Our Immanuel Lutheran family is grateful for these gifts, and continue to cherish the memory of Pastor Palomaki and all of the blessings he bestowed on us. His joyful and gracious heart reflected his love for our Lord Jesus, which he demonstrated through servanthood to so many.

We thank the Palomaki family, and continue to hold Lynn before the throne of God.



## Immanuel's 100th Anniversary

**100**  
th  
Anniversary

In 2015 we will be celebrating 100 years of Immanuel Lutheran Church. We need to start planning now. This event needs the input/help of many. We will be having a meeting on March 10th at 9:00 am in the sanctuary or fellowship hall, whichever is available to us. Please don't allow this very special event to fall on the shoulders of just a few people. Perhaps you've attended these sorts of celebrations in other churches and have seen some special idea or way in which it was done that seemed especially meaningful. Bring your opinions and ideas to this meeting and let's get started on making the 100th birthday of "Immanuel – God With Us" a wonderful occasion.

We're still hoping to locate the book, **"I Trust When Dark My Road."** We know it was making the rounds among congregation members – and that's as it was intended. If you have it and are done reading it, would you please drop it off at the office or put in the mailbox on the wall outside the office. Thanks much!



### Evangelism—What is it? By George Johnson

Evangelism – What is it? Is it important for a church? In Ephesians 4:11-14 Paul writes, “And he (Jesus) gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints (us) for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.”

Webster’s 1992 Dictionary defines

“evangelical” as: Concerned with or relating to the preaching of the Christian Gospel.

Teaches that men are saved or justified by faith, denies good works and sacrament are in themselves efficacious for salvation, avoids ritual, and recognizes no authority in religious matters other than the Bible.

In its definition of Evangelical Church, they mention that the majority are Lutherans. Later editions of Webster omit most of this!

Evangelism very clearly is of the most important reasons for the existence of a Christian Church. We can notice that the children at Immanuel are in to evangelism big time by

getting equipped at home and school, singing at church and nursing homes, Bible Bowls, singing in school, etc.

It would be a good time to take inventory of the evangelism as a Lutheran Church who claims to be as the Bible and dictionary claims. Can we do better? Your Evangelism Committee will have as its goal to lift our evangelism effort as a goal. We will be offering thoughts of good ways in the future. We will hope we do better in home, community, and world mission. If the Holy Spirit gives you a desire to help, call or talk to our new Evangelism Chairman, Mike Schmidtke.

To God be the glory.

p.s. We have an active women’s group, the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML). The Ladies have been supporting missions for years. We used to be in the Lutheran Laymen’s League (LLL).



### From Your Elders

“So I exhort the Elders among you to...shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.” - 1 Peter 5:1-3

Hello to the flock from your Elders. Just a note to encourage you that you are cared for and prayed over by your Elders. Each year the rotation of Elders changes according to each members last name. You can find your Elder by looking at the first inside page of the directory, or at the poster on the wall in the church entry. We encourage you to contact your Elder if you or a member you know is in need of prayer, or spiritual need. (It doesn’t necessarily need to be your

assigned Elder.)



We take our calling from God seriously, recognizing that Jesus is the Shepherd and Overseer of all our souls. We want to encourage you in whatever way we are able.

Here is the breakdown of this year’s member assignments according to your last name: **A-B = Mike Keske, C-G = Randy Schmidtke, H-K = Mike Schmidtke, L-P = Dick Kruger, Q-S = Gordy Dahn, and T-Z = Joel Vinkemeier.** Joel is our Head Elder.

*Praying God’s blessings over you—in Jesus’ name,  
Your Immanuel Elders*

### Secret Servants

Thank you to **Dale Ross** for shoveling out the furnace vents and doors and to **Ed Thue** for keeping our lot clear of snow.

Thank you also to Dale and Ed for taking the pop can trailer down to Pine River on a cold day recently. The Youth and the school split the proceeds of the pop cans. Thank you to everyone who collects and donates them.

Thank you very much to our secret servants who has been keeping the kitchen stocked with paper towels, lemonade and coffee.



### “This is a Battle of the Sexes” - Game Night Event



The Vinkemeiers and Duins cordially invite all adults in the congregation to an evening of fun (and challenging) fellowship. We've heard so much about how great the Immanuel couples group was many years ago. Let's revisit that fun. We'll gather at **7:00 pm** in the fellowship hall on **March 24th**. Bring your competitive spirit and a snack to share - bag of chips, etc. We'll provide the liquid refreshments and direct the competition!! Singles, couples - all adults ..... see you there!!

## Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center

### LIFE. Love it. Protect it.

The Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center exists to provide physical and spiritual life affirming choices for women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy.

**Spring Fundraiser Banquet April 15, 2014** is coming up fast. Our speaker, Kirk Walden has a great vision for the future of Pregnancy Help Centers! We can't wait for him to share it with us. We are praying for 300+ attendees this year. To reserve your place at a table, contact us at: 547-5433 or email: walk-erpsc@arvig.net.

**Please keep us in prayer:** not only regarding the banquet, but also for the important life-saving work that happens daily. Pray for the men, women and children who hear the Gospel through contact with the Center – that Jesus will change their lives.

**Spring is coming—and we are IN NEED of:** baby clothing—especially newborn “onesies” and sleepers, but all sizes up to 2T. We are in need of good used or new CRIBS, strollers and swings, pack-n-plays or other baby equipment that a new family could use. Also



Diapers: Newborn, Size 1 and Size 2 along with wipes, diapering ointment, baby wash, really anything someone would give as a baby shower gift.

**Attention Anyone Who Shops at any Teal’s Market Location!**

PLEASE give us your original receipts, we send them in and Teals will make a 1% donation to the Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center. An AMAZING gift to us!!!!

**Still praying for Board Members** from Longville, Laporte, Onigum, Hackensack, Remer, and Cass Lake. We wish to be represented by all of our service areas.

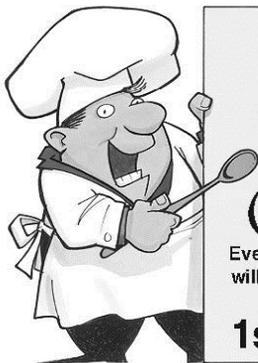
**Good Search—Good Shop:** This is a very easy way to support the center in everyday life! Just go to their site and select

the Walker Area Pregnancy Center and every time you use this search or shop, the center receives support.

**Location:** The pregnancy center is located at 507 Front Street in Walker. Hours are Monday through Thursday, from 11 AM to 4PM.

*Thank You for your faithful prayers on behalf of the Center and those we serve!*

# WANTED Your Best Chili!!



You're invited to participate in our  
6th Annual

## Immanuel CHILI COOKOFF

Everyone at the Beef Stew & Silent Auction  
will have a chance to vote for their favorite  
chili... and awards will be given to

**1st, 2nd & 3rd Place!**

**Sign up deadline: Friday, Mar. 7th**

- LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS -

Call Lori Langton to sign up at 547-4139 (school) or 218-255-4051 (cell)

**Bring your crockpot of chili by 5 pm  
Sunday, March 16th**

Each “Chili Chef” must serve their chili to the voters - bowls & toppings provided.  
Any ingredients must be listed on a sheet. (allergies, etc.)  
Each chili must have a creative Recipe Name and labeled Hot, Medium or Mild.

## Opportunities to Support Our School

**RECYCLING:** Immanuel School can now recycle your old cell phones. Just drop them at the office or deposit them with the ink jet cartridges.

**On-Line Search:** Immanuel School has signed up as a charity on [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). Every time you use this search engine, they donate 1 cent to our school. Please choose Immanuel Lutheran School as your charity when it asks you, “Who do you “Goodsearch” for?”

**Scrip Orders:** The school’s scrip program is a great way for parents, grandparents, family and friends to help pay for tuition! 50% of each scrip order’s profit may be designated toward a student’s tuition. Many retailers participate in the gift card program and also offer ScripNow, where certificates can be downloaded from your account through orders placed online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Scrip packets are available by the office. New order deadline: 10th of each month. Contact Angela Bitz (547-1330) or Kelly Schmidtke (547-1080) with any questions.



# March Celebrations

## Anniversaries

- 3/6 Brandon & Allie Campbell (4 years)
- 3/10 Brad & Lori Zubke (36 years)
- 3/14 Jim & JoAnne Loewen (58 years)
- 3/21 Sherman & Judy Jensen (50 years)



## Birthdays

- 3/3 Caleb Bitz (9)
- 3/7 Melissa Salvhus
- 3/10 Jessica Schmidtke (13)
- 3/13 Deb Hines
- 3/15 David Kennedy
- 3/18 Holly Zubke
- 3/20 Jean Parsons
- 3/21 Lori Zubke
- 3/21 Mike Hines
- 3/22 Duane Payne
- 3/23 Linda Holk
- 3/25 Karla Schmidtke
- 3/25 Darlene Thue
- 3/27 Skylar Kastning
- 3/27 Lori Reeve
- 3/29 Lynn Palomaki
- 3/29 Phyllis Payne



## NEWSLETTER NOTE:

We had only positive comments regarding our new “delivery method”! Hopefully you will be able to enjoy and forward our email version to your friend and family! And if you need printed copies, a few will be available for you to pick up at church.



You are welcome to submit an article any time to the church office (immannuellutheran@arvig.net) or to Pam Kruger at: pamk@uslink.net.

**Also—please remember to notify the office of any email address change!**



## Ash Wednesday—March 5

6 pm Supper  
7 pm Worship  
(Lenten Suppers and Worship each Wednesday through April 9)

## NEW! Women’s Bible Discussion Group.

All women invited to join us on Thursday mornings at 8 am. Try it.



## Daylight Savings Begins on March 9.

Be sure to change your clocks before bed on Saturday night!

## “Battle of the Sexes”



Game Night for all adults (Singles, couples, all adults) Monday, March 24 at 7 pm Fellowship Hall (See page 7 for details)

We want to include YOU!  
Please let the office know your special days so we can celebrate with you!

**Membership Change**  
Alicia Beres requested a release of membership.



Anybody can observe the Sabbath, but making it holy surely takes the rest of the week.

# LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK HIGHLIGHTS



**SCHOOL IN HONDURAS**  
**PAT TALKS ABOUT**  
**MAKING HOMEMADE TOR-**  
**TIAS IN HONDURAS**



**MISSION DAY**



**JACKIE COLLINS: HAITI MISSION**



**FATHER FRANCIS: KENYA**

## MILITARY PAST & PRESENT



**LOU ECKOFF TALKS ABOUT WWII**



**PRISCILLA: WALKER AREA PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER**



**TODD SHANER TALKS**  
**ABOUT MILITARY**  
**PRESENT**

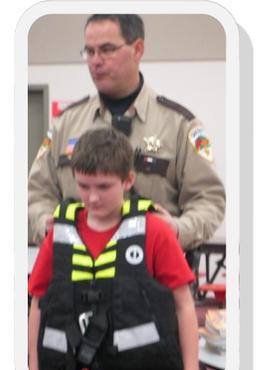


**TEACHER SWITCH DAY**

## SAFETY AFTERNOON



**BRIAN VANVICKLE:**  
**FIRE SAFETY**



**BOB LANDREVILLE:**  
**WATER AND ICE SAFETY**



Bowls made by each class will be up for bid at the Silent Auction on March 16.

(Kindergarten girls featured here working on the kindergarten bowl.)



JOIN US SUNDAY, MARCH 16  
FOR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S ANNUAL  
SILENT AUCTION / BEEF STEW / CHILI COOK-OFF  
FROM 5:00 - 7:30



SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT BY:  
IMMANUEL SCHOOL CHILDREN AT 5:00

Many wonderful items up for bid!

Alumni, Mark Langton is teaching music to K-8th grade students. Here he is teaching them how to play the chimes.



The chime choirs will play at the silent auction on March 16.

**OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2014**  
**8:30 - 7:30**

REGISTER FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR!

PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADES

\*VISIT WITH TEACHERS

\*CHECK OUT THE CLASSROOMS

\*JOIN US FOR SING ALONG AT 9:00



**We are no longer Aliens**

"Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the common wealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ...

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God...(Eph. 2:12,13,19)

**ONE IN CHRIST!**

Preschool & Pre-kindergarten students enjoyed an evening with their dads and grandpas at the annual "Dad's Night". It was an "Alien" theme complete with games, photo ops and taco bar. Pictured here students & dads are making



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You are welcome, wanted and needed!

*And when they came  
to a place called  
Golgotha, which  
means Place of a Skull.  
—Matthew 27:33*

*(Note: Calvary is from a  
Latin word for skull.)*



**LENT**

Travel with us to Calvary's Holy Mountain each Wednesday  
Evening during Lent: March 5—April 9  
Supper at 6 pm and for Worship at 7 pm.

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Whatever you do, work heartily as for the Lord, and not for man. Colossians 3:23

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**Servants in the Lord's House for March**

**Altar Duty:** Dar Pehling

**Elder:** Dick Kruger

**Greeters**

3/2 Mike & Kelly Schmidtke

3/9 Jack & Kathi Hopen

3/16 Ralph & Barb Jankovich

3/23 Darrin & Corina Bronczyk

3/30 Jim & Linda Kolar

**Acolytes**

3/2 Bradley Foster

3/9 Matthew Salvhus

3/16 Andrew Salvhus

3/23 Kristina Harder

3/30 Randi Nielson



**Fellowship Servers**

3/2 Kathy Pinsonneault & Lori Reeve

3/9 Meg Duin & Dar Pehling

3/16 Nancy Albrecht & Marilyn Black

3/23 Fellowship Potluck Brunch

3/30 Pam Kruger & Darlene Thue

**Ushers**

3/2 Jack Hopen & Ralph Jankovich

3/9 Jack Hopen & Ralph Jankovich

3/16 Will Pehling & Lou Eckhoff

3/23 Will Pehling & Lou Eckhoff

3/30 Duane Paulson & Gordy Dahn

*A huge **THANK YOU** to all who continue to serve our congregation! Bless you!*

Immanuel Lutheran Church			MARCH 2014			<i>"God With Us"</i>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Feb. 23</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<b>Feb. 24</b>	<b>Feb. 25</b>	<b>Feb. 26</b>	<b>Feb. 27</b>	<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	<b>3</b> 7 pm Board of Ed	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 3:30 pm Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	<b>6</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	<b>7</b> 10 am Elders Meet	<b>8</b> 8 am Men of Immanuel Breakfast
<b>9</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	<b>10</b> 9 am Church Centennial Committee meets	<b>11</b> 7 pm Council meeting	<b>12</b> 3:30 pm Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	<b>13</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study 5-8 pm Beef Stew, Silent Auction, Chili Cook-off	<b>17</b> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 3:30 pm Confirmation 5 pm LWML 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	<b>20</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	<b>21</b>  <i>Spring Begins</i>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	<b>24</b> 7 pm "Battle of the Sexes" - Game Event for all Adults	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 3:30 pm Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	<b>27</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	<b>31</b>	<b>April 1</b>	<b>April 2</b> 3:30 pm Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	<b>April 3</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	<b>April 4</b> 10 am Elders Meet	<b>April 5</b>

