

"God With Us"



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

A monthly newsletter from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

Immanuel Messenger

From Pastor Vrudny

February, 2015

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*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Ps.122

Does this sound like a quote from....**you**? I pray you are thinking "yes" as you respond

according to your God-given gift of faith. Let's consider a couple of thoughts by author Paul Peterson:

First, the Coca-cola company got a lot of mileage out of its slogan, *"The pause that refreshes."* That statement recognizes that, for everyone, there must be times to pause and reflect and find refreshment. But humans are not worldly 'machines'; we have a 'spirit' or soul! We need more than physical refreshment. There must be time for spir-

itual refreshment! So, instead of only repeating the Lord's 3rd Commandment, the psalmist subtly declares an invitation to worship. The psalmist elsewhere writes, *"I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart... I will be glad*



and rejoice in you; I will sing to your name, O Most High."

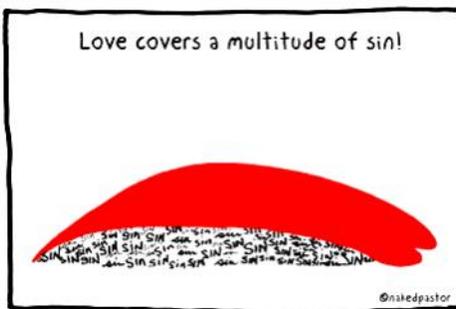
Worship is many things; and

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The Cover Up

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. —1 Peter 4:8



Don't you just love to be covered up and snuggle in when it's cold outside? Ohhhh—those soft, fuzzy blankets they make now are amazing! I was thinking about that while I was in our porch getting ready for our ladies Bible study the other day. And I was remembering Peter's words from the verse above, that love covers a multitude of sin. WOW! Those words kind of made me do a double-take! Just think—God's love covered our sin, and now he says we should cover each other's sins with the same attitude!

Then I started thinking about what sins was he talking about, anyway? Maybe an unkind word? Maybe a snub? Maybe a correction I wasn't expecting? Maybe an attitude? Maybe a look?

Maybe something even worse! I guess it could be anything UNlovely I may experience from another person. Yes—I know it's easier to love the lovelies. But I like the thought of love covering the UNloveliness. And am I ever glad that's how it was between God and me. He gave us the most expensive covering we could ever imagine! He covered us with the blood of His own son, our own Lord Jesus.

I'm going to try to remember that the next time I snuggle up in a nice, soft, fuzzy blanket. Or the next time something unlovely happens to me. And then I'm going to rejoice that love covers a multitude of sin! What a great cover up! I hope you'll join me in saying a hearty HALLELUJAH to that!

-Pam's Thoughts

Opportunities For Worship



Sunday Worship—We worship God each Sunday at 9:00 AM and celebrate The Lord’s Supper the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Remember to invite your family member, your new neighbor or a friend to worship with you. You are welcome, wanted and needed!

Lenten Worship Wednesdays during Lent—beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00. (Preceded with Lenten supper at 6:00 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

College Students—Students don’t leave home without Him! Connect with your Campus Church now or contact: 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—except during summer months.

Men's Bible Study each Thursday morning at 8 am in the

back of the sanctuary. All men are encouraged and invited to attend.



Women’s Bible Study every Thursday morning at 8 am, meeting now at the church library. 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. This service is free because of a generous donation. For more information visit: www.e-dibs.org.

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.

NEEDED: The church could use regular coffee! Thanks!

\$1,000 LCEF Scholarships Available!

Apply before Feb. 28, 2015 at: lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships.

Six \$1,000 LCEF upper Midwest districts scholarships will be awarded this year. Your college choice can be anywhere, as long as it is accredited. Awards are not based upon the type of degree you are pursuing. Students must be a current



LCMS member of Minnesota North District.

A one page essay and two letters of recommendation are required.

Graduating seniors and current college students should visit: lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships for qualification details and application.

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among those things it is a time for receiving spiritual refreshment -- a time to pause for a gasp of prayer or praise, and a song of lament or thanksgiving. Dear members, every Sunday is divinely set aside by God Himself for the refreshment of the soul. You need that kind of refreshment -- we all do. So find your way to His House -- the gathering of God's harried but hopeful people. Pause. Be refreshed!

Second, one of the most frequently used images for the presence of God in the Bible is 'Light.' To the Corinthians Paul wrote, *"For it is the God who said, 'let light shine out of the darkness,' who has shown in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."*

Dear members, you and I are children of light -- people of God who have been called out of darkness by the amazing love

of God. The light of God shines on us in Jesus Christ. Much more than a worldly 'enlightenment', by faith you and I are divinely "lit up!" And more than simply being illuminated as all religions claim,

"Much more than wordly enlightenment, by faith you and I are divinely 'lit up'!"

we are only reflectors of that One, True Heavenly Light. Just as the rays of our earth's one sun will strike a mirror, sending light in new directions, we, too, reflect the Light of Christ, heaven's One Son, to others, *"Let your light so shine before others"* Jesus said. By your faithful regular worship, and by willing and visual obedience to His Holy Word of Life, be a reflector of the Love of God.

Our rejoicing at the thought of going to the House of the Lord can certainly come from these two aspects: We need

a refreshing pause, and we desire to reflect who we really are to others -- a saved sinner and a hopeful child of God. The good news of God is that He also desires for all those we meet to have the same forgiveness, faith and hope.

Did your holidays & vacation days go the way you hoped it would? Has your New Year began as well as it could? If there is any room for improvement for the approaching year then each day, and every Sunday, remember the One who will **refresh** us so that you may **reflect** Him. The Lord bless us, every one! --- *pastor vrudny*

Prayer Corner

Health Concerns & Other Issues:

- ✚ Pastor Bitz and Family
- ✚ Lyle Bronczyk
- ✚ Bruce Crandell (brother of Sharon Gutheridge)
- ✚ Gordy Dahn
- ✚ Jim Eklund
- ✚ Pat Finney (friend of Della Lembke on kidney dialysis)
- ✚ Michael Hannegraf (friend of Ralph & Barb Jankovich)
- ✚ Sherman Jensen
- ✚ Delores Kastning
- ✚ Mike Keske (knee surgery)
- ✚ Della Lembke (now at May Creek)
- ✚ Carla Morgenstern (friend of Darin & Corina Bronczyk)
- ✚ Paul Nagel (brother of Mike Nagel)

- ✚ Deborah Peterson (Mike Keske's sister)
- ✚ Daisy Schmidtke (Lyme's Disease)
- ✚ Leroy Strand
- ✚ Leona Strand (at Golden Living Center, room 110)



Prayer of Thanksgiving: Darrell Iverson (brother of Lavonne Keske), Mike Keske, Trevor Lindahl

Prayer of Remembrance: For the families who have had loved ones who have passed away.

Missions: Immanuel Lutheran School, Missions of the LCMS Church

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. —James 5:16

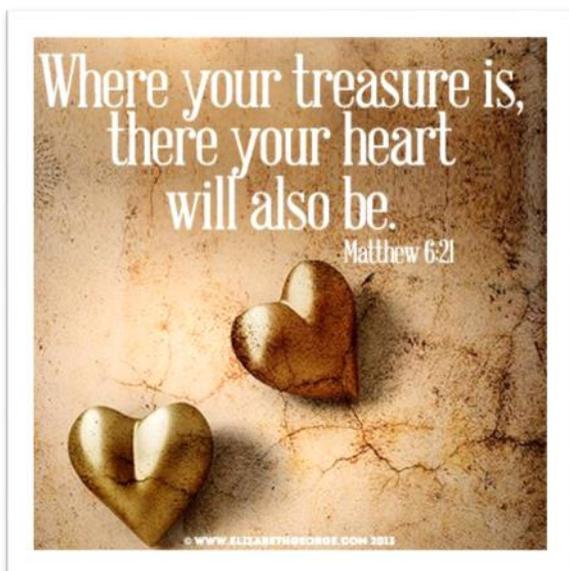
Stewardship

Stewardship Is a Matter of the Heart

The word “heart” is used in the Bible hundreds of times. While this may refer to the organ that pumps blood through the body, usually the word is used figuratively.

We speak to someone “from the heart” or learn a hymn by “heart.” In God’s Word, the heart represents one’s very being, the full spectrum of emotions and the center of one’s

person. When we hear that “home is where the heart is” we get a feeling for the sense of the word.



The Bible presents a picture of the heart that combines all aspects of our human existence. That is why we betray our true interests, concerns, and loves with the heart. Jesus said that “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). What is important to me? How do I spend my efforts and

time and money? Where are my priorities, and are they pleasing to God? What kind of steward, manager, am I of the gifts God entrusts to me? These types of questions help identify and explain that stewardship is a matter of the heart.

When our hearts are right with God and He is doing His good

works through us, we, as God’s stewards, know the joy of the Lord. This joy draws us closer to the Lord and compels us to bear the fruit of good works. Our good works are possible only because the

grace of God fills our hearts with love for Him and His Church.

As God blesses us and gives us joy in Him, we are equipped and willing to give even more to Him. This may come in the measure of time or effort in service to others, and it may come in the generosity of our offerings. The contributions put in the offering plate are a reflection of one’s heart. Money is not everything nor is it the root of all evil, but, if we fall in love with our money or feel we must keep it for ourselves, that is evil (1 Timothy 6:10). We need to repent of our selfishness and stinginess, as we commit ourselves to the Lord and His work. Then our hearts will be filled with joy!

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

Finances

Church Finance

December Financial Information

General Offerings:

December Offerings = \$12,729.32

Total Expenses = \$13,381.69

Shortage = \$652.37

Building Fund:

December Offerings = \$810.00

Mortgage Payment = \$2,227.63

Shortage = \$1,417.63



School Finances

12/1/14-12/31/14 income \$15,578.72

12/1/14-12/31/14 expense \$18,273.98

(Actual income & expense – loan amounts removed)

Lines of credit balance owed as of 1/5/14 \$16,045

From the Congregation President

January 10th brought about 40 men together to participate in a one day seminar called "STEPPING UP". The program is a basic call for Christian men to fulfill their God given role as husbands and fathers. The program was put together by a man named Dennis Rainey who is president and CEO of the Christian organization called, "Family Life". There were 8 different speakers whose videos were presented and studied. Each discussed what is happening in today's society where men are fathering children and then leaving and not serving or providing for the physical and spiritual needs of their family as they should and as God has established. A HUGE THANK YOU to Joel Vinkemeier who organized this event and also provided food and drink, including a delicious lasagna for lunch, to all the attendees!

This was a unique event in that the attendees were men from Immanuel, First English Church in Dorsett as well as other churches in our community. As a follow up to this one day sem-



inar, there will be a course presented which will help to "flesh out" each of these issues. Even though you may have missed the one day event, please prayerfully consider attending the course here at Immanuel.

January 11th brought our annual meeting. We had a great group of attendees who listened and reviewed the annual reports of each of our

Boards and Committees. Of

course the biggest thing to happen at Immanuel in the past year was the calling and installation of Pastor Vrudny. We are so pleased that our God has provided us with a fantastic spiritual leader! For those of you that are interested but could not attend, please contact our church office and request a copy of the annual report.

In His and your service,
Tim Duin

LWML Update

WELCOME ALL WOMEN!

Update: The LWML started out an exciting new year at the home of Bev Johnson. The meeting began by examining "The Resume of Jesus", by looking up verses dealing with His "goal" for wanting the job of being the Lord of our lives; His qualifications, background, and more. It was an enjoyable study.

There was also an opportunity for brainstorming ideas/goals/plans for 2015. If you have any thoughts, please let President Meg Duin know! It should be a great year of activity.

The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, February 17 at 1:00

pm at Bev Johnson's home.



FYI: The purpose for our LWML "society" is to: promote growth in The Word, gather funds for mission grants (mites), further love for and help provide for active participation in Christian service, foster Christian fellowship, cooperated with Immanuel Lutheran Church in its ministry to build the Kingdom of Christ.

Thank you to ALL for your continued support in the efforts of the LWML at Immanuel! (Ask about our mite boxes!)

ALL women are welcome, wanted and needed! Try it. You'll like it!!

Men of Immanuel

Next Breakfast Meeting: Men of Immanuel will meet on Saturday, February 14 in the fellowship hall for breakfast and fellowship at 8 am. Cooks for the morning are Ed Thue and Dick Kruger. All men of Immanuel Lutheran Church are invited and encouraged to come! The coffee will be on!





Save the date:

Immanuel Centennial Celebration

Sunday, October 4, 2015



Immanuel Centennial Cookbook

Dear Members and Friends,



In honor of Immanuel's 100th Anniversary, we are creating a custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members, former members, and friends. These cookbooks will be professionally published and are sure to be a treasured keepsake for us all. Money raised will be used to help defray Anniversary expenses.

Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our cookbook. Many recipes from all members will ensure that our cookbook is a success. We are using Morris Press Cookbook's web site to easily submit recipes online. If you do not have Internet access, our committee can enter them for you. Submit hardcopies of your recipes to the Recipe Committee, through the Church office by filling out a "Recipe Collection Sheet". These sheets can be picked up from the Church office or can be duplicated from the Church Newsletter.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain to order enough. To reserve your copies, email Barb Vinkemeier at: "barbvink1@gmail.com" with the number of cookbooks you will be purchasing. The slip below may also be given to the Recipe Committee, through the Church office

Please submit your recipes online or to the Recipe Committee, by **March 20, 2015** so we can meet our deadline.

Thank you!

I want a cookbook! Please reserve _____ cookbook(s) for me.

To Submit Recipes Online:

- Go to www.typensave.com and click 'Login.'
 - Enter the User Name: Immanul .
 - Enter the password: pudding963 and click 'Submit.'
 - Enter your name and click 'Continue.'
- Click 'Add Recipes' to begin adding your recipes.

Recipe Writing Tips:

- When adding recipes, review the "Tips" and use standard abbreviations.
- Only enter 1 ingredient per ingredient line.
- List ingredients in order of use in the ingredients list and directions.
- Include container sizes, e.g., (16-oz.) pkg., (24-oz.) can.
- Write directions in paragraph form, not in steps.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar." DO NOT use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.

Additional comments about the recipe (history, nutritional data, suggested uses, etc.) are not allowed unless a "Recipe Note" field is visible. Enter extra recipe content in that field.

Name: _____

Return this slip to: Immanuel Church office.

(See enclosed form to submit your recipe by hand.)

Secret Servants

Thank you to the Wayne & Pat Kastning family for donating a new large roaster to the church.

Thank you also to Ed & Darlene Thue for a large supply of lemonade, napkins, toilet paper and paper towels.

Thank you also to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schmidt (friends of Immanuel & Immanuel School) for all the toilet paper and Kleenex's they donated to the school.

Yes, God is keeping track of the "good deeds" you do in private. However, if you see someone doing something "in secret", let the church office know so we can all say thank you! The smallest thing you do is GREATLY appreciated! YOU are appreciated!





RECIPE COLLECTION SHEET

For office use only	Recipe No.
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Category _____

Recipe Title _____

Submitted By _____

INGREDIENTS: Use abbreviations: pt. qt. pkg. env. c. ctn. tsp. T. oz. lb. gal. doz. sm. med. lg.

DIRECTIONS: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- Print **NEATLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL**, and place only **ONE RECIPE** per form.
 - If more room is needed, use another sheet of the same size and staple together.
 - Please **WRITE LEGIBLY**, as this will greatly reduce errors.
 - List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
 - Include container sizes, e.g., 16-oz. pkg., 24-oz. can.
 - Keep directions in paragraph form – not in steps.
 - Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar." **DO NOT** use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients."
 - Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.
 - Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
 - Any special recipe notes (anything other than ingredients, directions, contributor name, serving size, or recipe title) should be kept as a separate comment on the bottom of this form, as they may not be included unless we pay extra for it.
 - Your recipes should fit into the following categories:
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|---|--|
| Appetizers & Beverages
Soups & Salads
Vegetables & Side Dishes
Main Dishes | Breads & Rolls
Desserts
Cookies & Candy
This & That |
|---|--|

Dear Friend,

Our organization is preparing a taste-tempting custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. These cookbooks will be professionally published and contain special pages of interest, a table of contents, an index, helpful cooking hints, and recipe category dividers. It is sure to be treasured for years to come.

Please submit 3–5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our group's cookbook. Follow the instructions above. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes. Your help in contributing recipes will ensure that our cookbook will be a big success.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain to order enough. You can reserve one or more for yourself and your family at this time to be assured of receiving them.

Please reserve _____ cookbook(s) for me.

Name _____

P.S. Please submit your recipes to the Recipe Committee by March 20th so we can meet our deadline. Thank you!

Blog Thoughts from George Johnson

“To blog or not to blog? That is the question.”

What is a blog? Literally it is a “web log”. It might be a 25 to 700 word article which enables you to express your thoughts in order to influence others.

In past history, a great example of God providing opportunity was through the invention of a printing press, and then His Spirit influencing Martin Luther at just the right time, which allowed the Bible and the Catechism to be put into the hands of the people for the first time. Now we have this thing called the internet. We well know how it can be used in many detrimental ways to hurt or destroy even good people. However, could the increase of Christians using the internet be positive and bring God-pleasing results.

Many individuals are already doing this individually, but maybe congregations promoting its use would give more joy in our effort to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It may have potential in School, Sunday School, Youth, and of course, the adults who use it.



Example: If Molly, a first grader, gets home from school, and blogs Suzy, “Who is your best friend?”, hoping for a blog back, “You are, Molly” - but it comes back, “Jesus”, this may open further communication.

Increasing use of the church and school websites by many members may also be a way to open further communication. Add the fact when one gets comfortable with its use, sets up their own “web network” for family and friends who feel they can ask for prayers and support, then we’ll never again have to ask the question, “To blog or not to blog”.

P.S.—Keep in your mind, the invention of the printing press was a pretty big factor in the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We already have volunteers to help in the start up and use of blogging in our church. Would anyone enjoy reading a blog about how their faith has been a help and a blessing in their lives? If anyone has an idea to give, please share it with the congregation. We may like to check both the school and church websites when blogs start to appear. (Remember, no politics needed.) Is a congregation full of bloggers worse than pluggers? Plodders?



Church Website: “www.immanuel.lutheranwalker.org”

School Website: “www.immanuel.lutheranwalker.com”

You can also find Immanuel Lutheran Walker on Facebook!

Board of Education

Upcoming events:

- ♥ Bible Bowl on February 21st (Saturday). It is a fun event and is an opportunity to help for a few hours and possibly learn new Bible facts in the process! Contact Janna Kietzman if you would like to volunteer for a few hours.
- ♥ Beef Stew/Chili Cook-Off/Silent Auction on March 15th. Reserve that date for an evening of good food, fun and music plus the opportunity to purchase some

great auction items!

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.

Facility Update: Look for an announcement of a meeting with Steve Krause from the LCEF Architectural Advisory Committee (AAC) to answer questions and address

concerns regarding the need for expansion of the school’s facilities, future plans, needs, what is working, what is not working. He will present benefits of the AAC-LCEF service for us. Mr. Krause is a volunteer of the AAC-LCEF and is a member of the LCMS with family history of being church workers. Mr. Krause also is an architect in the Twin Cities area with his own firm – SDK Architects.



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. 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. 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.

Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center



LIFE. Join us in building a "wall of hope" in Walker and around the world.

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

Please be in prayer for women making the toughest decision of their lives...and one that will affect them for the rest of their lives, no matter what they choose. Pray for them to come to know and trust God with their future and their child's life.

Plans for the New Year:

- ♥ Annual Spring Fundraising Banquet! Save this date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015.
- ♥ Advertising 2015 - We are working on a plan to have some smaller size billboards on our main highways so more young people will be made aware of our confidential services.
- ♥ Looking forward to many more opportunities to speak to area church groups, and to present our message of 'hope' to those we serve.



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!!!!

Amazon Smile: Anyone who signs up for Amazon Smile and chooses us as their Charity, will automatically contribute 0.5% if their purchase of most items to our Center. You can sign up at: <http://smile.amazon.com>

"LIKE" us on Facebook: Please find us on Facebook for ministry updates and then be sure to "Like" us.'

Prayer Partner: If you would like your email to be included in our list of Monthly prayer calendars (and impromptu prayer concerns throughout

the month) please email: walkerpsc@arvig.net.

Location: The pregnancy center is located at 507 Front Street in Walker. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 AM to 4PM. Our phone is: 218-547-LIFE (5433) and our email is: walkerpsc@arvig.net.

Thanking God for LOVE and LIFE!



Ash Wednesday and Lenten Suppers and Worship

Ash Wednesday is February 18.

Be sure to save Wednesday evenings during Lent to come and worship at 7 pm.

Supper will be provided at 6pm for a free will donation.

As a fundraiser LWML will serve the first one being Ash Wednesday and the school will serve the others.

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan on coming on Wednesday's for supper and worship!

From the Elders

At their first meeting of the year, the Elders selected Dick Kruger as Head Elder.

Elder assignments are determined by your last name.

Please feel free to call on your Elder (or any Elder) at any time.

Dick Kruger, 682-3300: A – F
Joel Vinkemeier, 547-6733: G – K

Randy Schmidtke, 547-1349: L – R
Mike Keske, 682-3824: S – Z

February Celebrations

Anniversaries

- 2/8 Gordy & Liz Dahn (57 years)
- 2/21 Brad & Angie Thompson (11 years)



Birthdays

- 2/2 Helen Paulsen
- 2/2 Aiden Salvhus (5)
- 2/2 Dominic Schmidtke (4)
- 2/4 Kristina Harder (17)
- 2/4 Lilly Schmidtke (5)
- 2/9 Sis Geiser
- 2/9 Don Taschner
- 2/12 Clark Daniel
- 2/13 Jim Loewen
- 2/15 Nathan Bitz (7)
- 2/18 Warren Anderson
- 2/19 George Johnson (85)
- 2/25 Matthew Salvhus (15)
- 2/27 Mackenzie Mitchell (11)



Ash Wednesday is February 18

Every Wednesday during Lent :
Worship at 7 pm
Supper will be provided at 6pm
for a free will donation.



Men of Immanuel

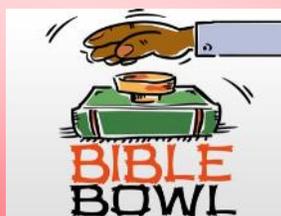
Breakfast & Fellowship
Saturday, February 14
8:00 am
All men welcome!



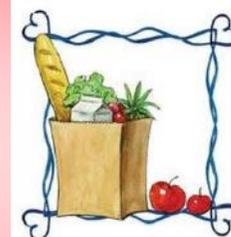
Family Night
Tuesday, February 17
5:30 pm
All welcome!



Bible Bowl
Hosted by Immanuel
School
February 21
9—Noon



Food Shelf
Tuesdays during February
From 11-3, on the 3, 10, 17
And 3:30-7 pm on the 24th.



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

To love and be loved is to feel
the sun from both sides.

—David Viscott

New Address for Della Lembke
May Creek Senior Living Center
P O Box 530
Walker, MN 56484
(No need to put her room number for address.)
She would love company in her
new room #102!



Immanuel Lutheran School—Where Faith and Education Meet



Immanuel Lutheran School
 Is hosting the annual
**LUTHERAN SCHOOL
 BIBLE BOWL**
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015
9:30 - 12:00



Join us in welcoming families from our
 MN North District Lutheran Schools as teams of 4th - 8th grade stu-
 dents gather together to compete in 6 rounds of questioning.
 If you would like to help us with this event
 please call: 547-4139

"I have called you by name, you are mine."
 - Isaiah 43: 1



For more than a century people have been giving Sweethearts Conversation Hearts to family, friends and loved ones. They are a sweet way to tell someone you care. Although some of the sayings have changed with time, "Be Mine" is one of the classics and has been in existence from the beginning.

Another sweet conversation that comes right from the heart are the words from God; "you are mine". God loves you. He created you, formed you, redeemed you and called you by name. When you pick up a "BE MINE" conversation heart remember the sweet words from God found in Isaiah 43:1 and share them with others.



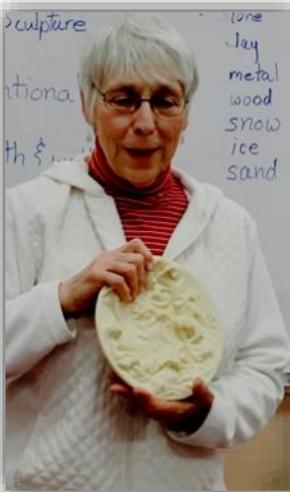
Painting with worms for letter "W" in Pre-K



Panning for gold in preschool

Dates to Remember

- February 3: Preschool/Pre-K Dad's Night
- February 2-5: Parent / Teacher Conferences
- February 16: No School
- February 17: Family Night
- February 21: Bible Bowl
- March 15: Beef Stew/Chili Cook-off/Silent Auction



Meg teaches the students about Sculptor, Lorenzo Ghiberte



Kindergarten & First grade students hard at work on reading and math



Above, students are practicing singing for church and Below, Mark is leading the 4th—8th grade in chime practice



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God so loved the world (you) that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16



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

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Elder: 2/1 & 2/8 Mike Keske
2/15 & 2/22 Randy Schmidtke

Greeters
2/1 Joel & Barb Vinkemeier
2/8 Marie Bakker & Liz Dahn
2/15 Vern & Marilyn Black
2/22 Tim & Meg Duin

Acolytes
2/1 Jessica Schmidtke
2/8 Mark Salvhus
2/15 Jonathan Myers
2/22 Ethan Schmidtke

Fellowship Servers

2/1 Peggy & Karla Schmidtke
2/8 Phyllis Eklund & Bonnie Vrudny
2/15 Corina Bronczyk & Kelly Schmidtke
2/22 Kathi Hopen & Theresa Bilben

Ushers
2/1 Jim Kolar & Neil Butenschoen
2/8 Jim Kolar & Neil Butenschoen
2/15 Darrin Bronczyk & Gordy Dahn
2/22 Darrin Bronczyk & Gordy Dahn

Altar Duty: Karen Sellner



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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	2 Council Agenda Due 10 am Elders Meet 7 pm Board of Ed.	3 6-7pm Dad's Night Preschool & Pre-K Food shelf 11am-3 pm	4 3 pm 1 st Yr Confirm. 6 pm 2 nd & 3 rd Yr Confirmation	5 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	6	7
8 <i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	9	10 Scrip Deadline 9:30 am Circuit Pastor's Winkle at Wolf Lake Food shelf 11am-3 pm 7 pm Council Meeting	11 3 pm 1 st Yr Confirm. 6 pm 2 nd & 3 rd Yr Confirmation	12 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	13	14 8 am Men of Immanuel Breakfast  <i>Valentine's Day</i>
15 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	16 <i>President's Day</i> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE NO SCHOOL	17 1:00 pm LWML at Bev Johnson's 5:30 pm Family Night Food shelf 11am-3 pm	18 ASH WEDNESDAY 3:00 pm Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship 	19 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	20	21 8am School Bible Bowl here
22 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	23	24 Food shelf 3:30-7 pm	25 3:00 pm Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	26 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	27	28
March 1 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	March 2	March 3	March 4 3:00 pm Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	March 5 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	March 6	March 7