

THE MESSENGER

The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa - March 2025



LENTEN SEASON BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 5th, 6:30pm Worship

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"

Designated 'Lenten offerings' will be given to Lutheran Disaster Response

Lenten Devotionals available through the office (suggest \$5 donation)

Bible Camps

Best. Week. Ever.

The Challenge from Lutheran Lakeside Bible Camp.

"To know Jesus Christ and to make Christ known to all"

The Mission of Ingham Okoboji and Riverside Lutheran Bible Camps.

We at Immanuel offer all three of these Camps our MARCH-APRIL MISSION EMPHASIS. Our gifts help the camps with day to day needs, upkeep, and things needed to provide children and adults their best experience at camp!

RAGBRAI is coming to town!

Immanuel's RAGBRAI committee is being formed and looking for people interested in serving. Forest City will be hosting the overnight stop of thousands of bicyclists on Tuesday, July 22 as they ride across Iowa.

Immanuel will be hosting a meal and possibly some other hospitality fun.

If you are interest in helping either with the planning team or the day of the event, please contact Jaci in the church office (585-3152, jaci@immanuelfamily.com).

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35



POTLUCK BRUNCH '3rd Sunday'

Sunday, March 16, 10:15am, Fellowship Hall



All are welcome to the monthly potluck brunch following 9:15 worship on March 16. Trustees will be hosting this month. Just leave your 'dish to share' down in the kitchen before

worship. Even if you aren't able to bring any food to share, you are always welcome!



Spring Tour 2025

BETHEL WIND SYMPHONY

Steven Thompson, Conductor

Saturday, March 8 | 6:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
246 S. Clark Steet
Forest City, IA
641.585.3152

Free Admission



CONCERT AT IMMANUEL – Saturday, March 8, 6:30pm

All welcome to this free concert of the Bethel University Wind Symphony, from St. Paul, MN, as they begin a Spring Tour. Conducted by Steven Thompson, as many of you would remember as former Waldorf University Band Director.

Letter from Pastor Rod

Unbroken
living faith

Lent 2025

This Lent we celebrate a church that lives out the fundamental idea that as God's beloved people, we are always discerning, always reforming, always leaning into what it means to be the people of God in each unique time and place.

The opening confession of the Book of Hebrews states: *Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son,* whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains* all things by his powerful word.*

The Living Catechism is a project flowing from St. Olaf Colleges' Lutheran Center and Church Anew and it asks, "how do we articulate the core understandings of a Lutheran perspective and take seriously the complex realities of life – today." Martin Luther was responsive to the particularities of life in his time, while seeking to be faithful to the Christian Scriptures. A Living Catechism seeks to do the same in our time – to be faithful to the Christian Scriptures and be responsive to the unique realities of our time and place.

The 7 Principles of A Living Catechism include:

God becomes human for us in Jesus Christ. John 1:1-5

God meets us in bread, wine, and water. Luke 22:14-20

God feels our pain and suffering. 2 Corinthians. 1:3-4

God delights in our goodness & judges sin. Genesis

1:1 – 2:2

God speaks to us through Scripture and Spirit. Hebrews 1:1-3

God compels creation toward mercy. Luke 15:11-32

God loves us eternally. Revelation. 21:1-5

Each week during Lent we will explore one of these seven principles in connection with scripture, discovering anew how God's word speaks to us in our day, calling the church in our era to discernment, reformation, and to lean into what it means to be the people of God in our time and place.

The faith we share is passed down from generation to generation - it's an unbroken line of ancestry that connects us all the way back to Jesus. The powers of the world wanted to break Jesus and yet this faith that we rest on is strong enough that they couldn't do it. We are a part of this great tradition that will not and cannot be broken. Worship with us Sundays and Wednesdays as we explore and renew the gift of faith through God's word.

Pastor Rod Hopp



Immanuel Kids

In Like a Lamb; out like a _____?

Have you ever heard the saying, "In like a lamb; out like a lion!"? This saying is an old wives tale meaning that if the first day of March is warm and sunny (sweet like a lamb), then the last days of March will be cold and bitter (angry like a lion). It's not always true.

The church begins our celebration of Lent in March. Lent is a time when the church focuses on Jesus as he makes his journey to the cross. As I think about Jesus' journey, it makes me think about this saying, In like a lamb; out like a lion! But it doesn't quite fit.

Jesus is like a lamb. Isaiah 53:7 states, like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth." In other words, Jesus did not protest or fight back when sinners mistreated him and crucified him. Instead, he went to the cross willingly to save us. He went in like a lamb.

But when Jesus was raised three days later, he did not come out like a lion. A lion would have torn to shreds those who had hurt him; those who had betrayed and denied him, and those who had abandoned him. Instead, Jesus came out like a shepherd. He came out of the grave in great love and began to gather his flock. He met Mary and Peter, and James and John and so many others and he loved them and forgave them; gathered and fed them.

In like a lamb, out like a shepherd! Jesus goes in like a lamb – the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world – and he came out like a shepherd – a shepherd who gathers, protects, and feeds his flock.

"Thank you," Jesus, "for loving us enough to forgive us, gather us, and save us. Thank you for being our lamb and our shepherd." Amen.

Crossed in Christ,

Pastor Rod

parish nurse hired!

Excited to announce the hiring of Rachel Holst in a new position as a Parish Nurse at Immanuel. Her starting date will be April 1. We look forward to introducing her to you next month.



Immanuel member, Scott Leber, is our newest part-time custodial staff responsible for the cleaning mostly in the lower level of the church building.

Welcome him when you see him around the building working—mostly late day/evening after his full-time Winnebago job and family man.

Unbroken Devotion



It seems so late this year, and that's probably because it's pretty close to the latest it can be, but Lent is finally here. I've said it before and I'll say it again, this is one of my favorite times of the year. 40 days to wander, 40 days to grow, 40 days to listen to God, and 40 days of so much more. This year the theme is Unbroken: A Living faith. We are using a Lenten theme that was put together by Church Anew, and it provides a

lot of resources for us to use. One such resource is a Lenten Devotional. The devotional this year looks at some Spiritual Practices and Reflections. 40 Days to practice and reflect. There are two ways in which you can participate again this year. You can join the Immanuel Facebook Group which will have the devotions online with an opportunity to talk to one another and reflect with a larger group. The other option is for you to pick up the devotional in the church office and you can read along at your own pace.

But what exactly is this series going to be like. Great question, thank you for asking. Here is a little explanation by Ellie Roscher and Joe Davis who created this year's devotion. Each week there will be a video, 5 days of devotion, and a day of reflection. Here is a sample of one of the devotions:

God is speaking to you through whispers and wails, through the wind and the waves, through strangers and loved ones. Lent is a beautiful time to quiet ourselves and listen. Begin your spiritual practice today with intentional listening. Find a comfortable place to sit and create a shape with your body that is alert and calm. Take some light movement, maybe rocking, swaying, or taking some slow neck rolls or shoulder circles. Then move toward stillness, eventually shutting your eyes or taking a soft gaze inward. Listen to the sounds in the room. Then listen to the sound of your breath, noticing the cadence of your inhales and exhales. Then allow your exhales to bring your awareness into your body and for several moments listen to what your body is communicating to you. Today, notice how God is speaking to you through stories. We are swimming in stories that are rich and offer meaning. Stories remind us of where we came from and how we are interconnected. They can present messy, beautiful truth in a way that facts do not. They bring us back to ourselves and hold us in the web of creation, including our ancestors and descendants. Choose a story, biblical or not. Don't overthink your choice, just notice what story rises to the surface. The stories that are important to you have accompanied you for a reason. If none come to mind, think of a picture book you loved as a child. Ask, "God who speaks through story, what truth are you inviting me to remember today?" Ponder the story anew. If you have the time, read the story with an open mind and heart. If not, simply reflect on the story you hold and notice what parts of the story are shimmering with God's voice. What good news might the story carry for you today?

I pray you consider taking some time this Lent to join me on another Lenten journey as we grow together in Christ who is with us on the journey.

I look forward to seeing you soon, Interlinked in Christ.

Pastor Zech Anderson

✝ Promiseland

Elizabeth Bohl



We are in the midst of our PROMISELAND PAINTING campaign and need your help! We only have two more rooms that need volunteers to paint, but we have lots of opportunities for you to donate to updating our education wing! You can find a board to grab a donation piece from in the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, or across from the office. Please let Elizabeth Bohl know if you have any questions!! Thank you SO much for helping make our education wing welcoming, safe, and comfortable for our youngest learners to grow with God!

PROMISELAND *classroom revamp*

OVERVIEW:

We are planning a big update in the education wing! It is time to freshen up and give the classrooms and hallway a new coat of paint and some updated decor. More information will be presented to the congregation in December and January, but the colors on this page are similar to the colors we have chosen—calm and welcoming colors! There will be a bulletin board with envelopes and signs ups in the Narthex and office beginning mid-December. The project will begin June, 2025 after Vacation Bible School and will be completely volunteer and fundraising driven.

two ways to give:

DONATE FUNDS

Take an item off of the bulletin board with various prices. Place amount of item (listed) in envelope and return.

ADOPT A ROOM

Take a "classroom" off of the bulletin board and volunteer to paint the room. Purchase paint and painting supplies. Family/ies may choose from three colors for their room.

March 11 - Join Lutheran Services in Iowa And the three Iowa synods of the ELCA for Lutheran Day on the Hill in Des Moines



Lutheran Day on the Hill is LSI's biggest advocacy event of the year. Over 150 participants gather at a local downtown church to learn about critical issues Iowa children, adults and families are facing. After learning about advocacy and LSI's mission in action, the group heads to the Iowa State Capitol to talk directly with legislators. Online registration for this free day is open until March 5; www.lsiowa.org/ldh/

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Would you be interested in getting to know your fellow members of Immanuel in a small group setting? If so, please fill out an interest sheet in the church office or contact Nancy Westerberg at 712-269-6712 so we can get more groups started with those of like interests.

There are several options of what a small group could look like, anything from book studies to preparing a meal together. We'd love for you to join or start a group.

Board notes

Mission & Outreach

Keith Walker

We had 7 members present for our meeting via Zoom at 6:30pm on February 3rd, 2025.

- Ben is reaching out to the Western Iowa Synod for guidance on our 2025 missionary commitment.
- January and February's mission emphasis is split between Good Sam Fund & Wednesday Night Meals.
- March and April emphasis will be Bible Camps.
- Lenten emphasis will be Lutheran Disaster Response.

Trustees

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met on February 10, 2025 at the church and by Zoom. January 2025 Income was \$40,281.50 and expenses were \$51,745.31 with a negative (\$11,463.81) for the month of January. 2024 was (-\$7,695.37)

Endowment: \$54,000 was allowed for disbursement in 2024 and \$68,000 will be allowed in 2025. No new requests were submitted.

Property Committee: Tim Severson continues the insulation of water lines in the boiler room, changing out burned light bulbs replacing with LED, and looked at the Parsonage oven replacement options.

Personnel Committee: Policy 1120 Grievance procedure and Policy 1145 Inclement weather was updated. Policy 1125 was also restructured. Board approved for council final approval.

New Business: Looking at Directional signage to Immanuel for out-of-town entrance.

Parish Council

Ben Arentson, Secretary

Members Present: Ben Arentson, Jen Jenkins, Kathy McEnelly, Steve Westerberg, Keith Walker, Kristine Pederson, Marla Betz, Tina Berg, Pastor Rod Hopp, Pastor Zech Anderson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Kathy McEnelly at 6:30pm. Devotions were shared by Ben Arentson.

Old Business: Pastor Zech would like to be gone on his sabbatical May 12-August 3rd. Jen moved to approve the sabbatical, with a second by Keith. Motion carried. Policies 1120 (Staff Grievance Procedures), 1125 (Restructuring of Staff), and policy 1145 (Inclement Weather Policy) were reworked by the Board of Trustees. All three policies were cleaned up; there are no major changes outside of wordsmithing and streamlining the wordiness of the policies. Board of Trustees brought the motion to Council to approve during the consent agenda.

New Business: Kathy clarified her expectations for Council meetings and presented the Congregational Leadership Council document to all members.

Pastor Jeniffer will be installed on 2/16/25, followed by a meet and greet coffee hour.

Council discussed RAGBRAI coming to town. A planning committee will be established, following a vote by Council.

Pastor Rod discussed his and Kathy's retreat to learn more on Reconciling in Christ (RIC) on 2/8/25.

Steve discussed small groups with Council. Small Groups have gone on for a year—three groups currently exist. There is a young people group meeting regularly, a community service-

oriented group, and a bible study group. A video is being put together with testimonials of those participating in the groups to inform the congregation of the opportunities. Also, an insert will be included in the bulletin to collect more names of those interested.

An update was given by Pastor Rod regarding the Parish Nurse. We have a qualified candidate that interviewed within the last 2 weeks that has an RN and is expecting to finish her BSN in June. The personnel committee brought a motion forward to hire this candidate; a second was offered by Keith. Motion carried.

A custodian was hired—Scott Leber. He is doing a great job. Ben asked for volunteers to fill in as secretary. Marla will be backup and Jen will be second backup.

Keith asked if we could bump the next council meeting to the 17th of March due to spring break.

Business Financials: Income for January was \$40,281.50, with expenditures of \$51,745.31, resulting in a net negative of \$11,463.81 for January.

Upcoming Events: Next Council Meeting is March 17th Closing Prayer offered by Ben. Meeting Adjourned by Kathy at 8:00 PM.

Parish Life

Lisa Chisholm

Board of Parish Life met at 4:30 on Tuesday, February 4, 2025. Members Present: Tina Berg, Lisa Chisholm, Kathy Leuwerke, Pastor Zech and Linda Ferjak by phone.

Tina and Lisa prepared 4 Visitor's Gifts. Lisa will purchase a bag of chocolates and Kathy will make welcome labels.

Our board will host the reception following Pastor Jeniffer's Installation Service on February 16th. Linda is ordering the cake which will be delivered to the church by 9:00AM that morning. Kathy will purchase paper plates and Tina will purchase pink lemonade.

Discussion was held on ways to thank volunteers and expand our Welcome Team.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – PERSONAL CARE KITS

We are again collecting supplies for Personal Care Kits for LWR. Last year kits were shipped and distributed in Ukraine, Peru, Angola, Lebanon and other areas of need.

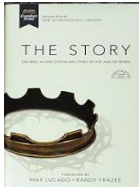


Each kit includes a lightweight bath towel (darker color), 2 - 4 oz bars bath soap, toothbrush, nail clipper, and a sturdy comb. Please bring donated supplies to the office. Your donations will be supplemented by a grant from Thrivent. If you wish to make kits, please put clipper, toothbrush, soap and comb inside towel, roll and tie with string or yarn.



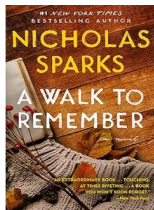
Adult Books

The Story



By Zondervan, world-leading Bible publisher God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what *The Story* is all about: the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, *The Story* sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the world's most popular modern-English Bible, the New International Version, and printed in the exclusive Zondervan NIV Comfort Print® typeface, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. Like any good story, *The Story* is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption—and this story is true! Located in section 4.

A Walk to Remember



By Nicholas Sparks
A high school rebel and a minister's daughter find strength in each other in this star-crossed tale of "young but everlasting love" (*Chicago Sun-Times*). There was a time when the world was sweeter....when the women in Beaufort, North Carolina, wore dresses, and the men donned hats.... Every April, when the wind

smells of both the sea and lilacs, Landon Carter remembers 1958, his last year at Beaufort High. Landon had dated a girl or two, and even once sworn that he had been in love. Certainly, the last person he thought he would fall for was Jamie, the shy, almost ethereal daughter of the town's Baptist minister....Jamie, who was destined to show him the depths of the human heart—and the joy and pain of living. The inspiration for this novel came from Nicholas Sparks's sister: her life and her courage. From the internationally bestselling author Nicholas Sparks, comes his most moving story yet....

Your Library Committee: Leah Boyd, Allison Strommen, Kristine Peterson, Marcy Hanson, Nancy Westerberg, Sandy Lillquist, Suzie Falck-Yi, and Bev Retland.

Promiseland News

This is a busy time in the church library as we host all the Promiseland classes for the second time this school year. This year's Reading Contest is by classroom rather than individual students. Each classroom has a goal (based on last year's numbers) and is located on the wall of their classroom. When the goal is reached, all of the class members for that classroom will receive a prize. Parents – Bring your children to the library regularly and make your children's classroom winners.

Youth Books

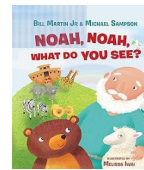
Last Shot, Mystery at the Final Four



By John Feinstein
This action-packed mystery is set at the NCAA Final Four men's basketball tournament. Eighth-graders Steven Thomas and Susan Carol Anderson are aspiring journalists and winners of the U.S. Basketball Writers Association 14-and-under writing contest. Their prize is a trip, with press credentials and reporting responsibilities, to the Final Four in New Orleans. While exploring the Superdome, they overhear a blackmail threat leveled at Minnesota State University's star player. Threatened with a falsified transcript that would disqualify him and his team, Chip Graber is pressured to deliberately lose the final game against Duke. Stevie and Susan Carol become resourceful sleuths determined to save Chip and to expose the scandal.

Children Books

Noah, Noah, What Do You See?



By Bill Martin Jr., Michael Sampson
Noah, Noah, what do you see? I see animals in the ark with me. Moses sees the Red Sea part. Daniel sees lions in the den. Mary sees baby Jesus smiling at her. *Noah, Noah, What Do You See?* introduces little ones to favorite Bible heroes from the Old and New Testaments. With colorful art from Melissa Iwai and the signature rhyming style of *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*, parents and children alike will love the classic storytelling of Bill Martin Jr. and Michael Sampson.

(All descriptions are taken from Amazon.com)

Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY January 2025

	January Actual 2025	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 100.00%	January Actual 2024	YTD Actual 2024
Income							
Regular Offerings & Envelopes	30,947.28	40,033.83	30,947.28	480,406.00	6.44%	29,496.56	29,496.56
Other Income	9,334.22	17,485.92	9,334.22	209,831.00	4.45%	12,810.35	12,810.35
Total Income	40,281.50	57,519.75	40,281.50	690,237.00	5.84%	42,306.91	42,306.91
Expense							
Staff Support	35,354.14	36,080.00	35,354.14	432,960.00	8.17%	31,861.78	31,861.78
Administration	6,839.05	13,663.17	6,839.05	163,958.00	4.17%	11,253.57	11,253.57
Ministry Areas	9,552.12	7,776.58	9,552.12	93,319.00	10.24%	6,886.93	6,886.93
Loan re-payment/contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	51,745.31	57,519.75	51,745.31	690,237.00	7.50%	50,002.28	50,002.28

Income Less Expense (\$11,463.81) \$0.00 (\$11,463.81) 0.00 (\$7,695.37) (\$7,695.37)

Volunteer March 2025

Assisting Ministers

- Mar. 2.....Ken Korth
- Mar. 9.....Andy Buffington
- Mar. 16.....Kathy McEnelly
- Mar. 23.....Patti Strukel
- Mar. 30.....Andy Buffington

Scripture Readers

- Mar. 2.....Joy Newcom
- Mar. 9.....David Readinger
- Mar. 16.....Denise Holst
- Mar. 23.....Marla Betz
- Mar. 30.....Patti Strukel

Song Leaders

- Mar. 2.....Mark & Joy Newcom
- Mar. 9.....Scott Bertelsen, Renae Hopp, Pastor Zech
- Mar. 16.....Steve Olmstead, Jaci Thorson
- Mar. 23.....Sarah Leichsenring, Steve Olmstead
- Mar. 30.....Scott Bertelsen, Cindi Lehmann

Altar Care

- Mar. 2.....Kathy Leuwerke
- Mar. 9.....Jean Yeager
- Mar. 16.....Mary Lund
- Mar. 23.....Joan Beebe
- Mar. 30.....Marla Betz

Communion Servers

- Mar. 2.....Melanie Westerberg, Tasha Banta
- Mar. 9.....Andy Buffington, Mindy Anderson
- Mar. 16.....Keith Walker, Joan Hanson
- Mar. 23.....Steve & Nancy Westerberg
- Mar. 30.....Denise Holst, Laura Winter

Sound/Video Techs

TBD

Offering Counters

Darlene Carson, Mavis Hess, Linda Holland, Ellen Olson

Ushers

- Mar. 2.....Michael & Elizabeth Bohl family
- Mar. 9.....Chad & Marcy Hanson family
- Mar. 16.....Ryan & Katie Strom family
- Mar. 23.....Roland Drew & Colleen Schmidt
- Mar. 30.....Keith & Emily Walker family/Michael & Elizabeth Bohl family

Laundry

Barb Braun

The Shepherdess Speaks

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
 Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
 Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
 Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,
 Christ in the eye that sees me,
 Christ in the ear that hears me.
 I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
 Through a belief in the Threeness,
 Through a confession of the Oneness
 Of the Creator of creation.

-Excerpt from The Prayer of St. Patrick, aka the Lorica



They say that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. I say that whether the weather be foul or fair, we can weather the weather wearing good and proper weavings. I want to give a huge thank you to everyone who made the Installation an amazing day for the records. March marks the beginning of so many amazing moments this year: March Madness, Women’s History Month, the beginning of Lent on March 5th, St. Patrick’s Day on March 17th, the Spring Equinox on March 20th, and of course the return of the Lavender Cold Foam Matcha Latte at Starbucks.

This month, I get to explore a question as old as time itself with our Middle Schoolers, “What is the meaning of Life?” Since the meaning of life harbors so many different meanings to everyone, I am going to empower our Middle Schoolers to come up with their own answers by exploring three central themes paired with the Apostle’s Creed: Mortality on March 5 (Ash Wednesday), Family on March 19th (Parent’s Night), and Creativity on March 26th (Ummm...).

I will be preaching on March 16th here with our Immanuel Family and with our Bethany Partners in Thompson. Waldorf University will also be Live Streaming our 10:30 AM Wednesday Morning Rest and Renewal services for the whole community to view. Live Streaming posts will be made available in the future. I am currently working with our Waldorf Staff to promote several Social Media platforms if you’re curious about what’s happening with our Campus Ministry. For now, I leave you with a St. Patrick’s Day Riddle: How many gold coins can a Leprechaun throw in an empty pot? The first forty people who tell me the correct answer on March 16th will receive a “Lucky Charm”. Have a blessed month, and as always:

May the road rise up to meet you.
 May the wind be always at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face;
 the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
 -The Irish Blessing

In God’s Abiding Love,
 Pastor Jennifer Tillman,
 Chaplain of Waldorf University



Installation Service with WIS Bishop Lorna Halaas and Celebration morning Feb. 16

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2 9:15am- Worship 10:15am- Coffee, FH 10:15am- Promiseland	3 2:30pm- Forest Plaza Communion Service w/pastor 6:30pm- M&O, Zoom	4 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom 4:30pm- Parish Life, Lounge 6pm- Book Study, Lounge	5 10:30am- ASH WED @ Good Sam 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:25pm - Promiseland /MS ministry, Shalom 6:30pm- ASH WEDNESDAY Worship, comm 7:30pm- HS Youth Group	6 9am -Women’s Bible Study, Lounge	7	8 10:30pm- Joann L Bartleson funeral 6:30pm- Bethel Wind Symphony Concert, Sanctuary Turn your clocks ahead
9 9:15am- Worship 10:15am- Coffee, FH	10 Spring Break week for FC Schools & Waldorf University	11 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom 6pm- Book Study, Lounge	12 4-6pm- Meal, FH 6:30pm- Lenten Worship 7:15pm- Choir	13 9am -Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	14	15
16 9:15am- Worship 10:15am- POTLUCK BRUNCH, FH	17 2-4pm- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom 5pm- Trustees, Shalom 6:30pm- Council, Shalom	18 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom 4:30pm- Ed Board, Kitchenette 6pm- Book Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Scouts Pack mtg, FH	19 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:25pm - Promiseland /MS ministry, Shalom 6:30pm- Lenten Worship 7:15pm- Choir 7:30pm- HS Youth Group	20 9am -Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 10am – Martha Circle, Shalom 10:30am- Good Sam Comm service 1:30pm- Rachel/Sarah, Lounge APRIL MESSENGER DEADLINE	21	22 6pm-MS Church Lock In w/Lutheran Lakeside
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*Have you (your family)
enjoyed a meal with us?
Have you invited someone
or told them about our FREE
weekly meal?
Have you done takeout for
yourself or someone in need?
Have you volunteered in the
kitchen and enjoyed serving*

*others? Have you donated toward this mission or gifted a Thrivent Grant?
All options available.*

SERVING EACH WEDNESDAY, 4-6PM IN THE DINING ROOM.
Kathy McEnelly, Cook

March Menu:

- Mar. 5 THRIVENT MEAL SPONSORED BY ALICE LEWELLEN
Cheesy chicken spaghetti, lettuce salad, dinner roll,
variety of cake
- Mar. 12 Pork chop or ham, baked potato, green beans,
blueberry or cherry crisp w/ice cream
- Mar. 19 THRIVENT MEAL SPONSORED BY CAROL MERRITT
Gilled cheese sandwich or egg salad sandwich, chili,
tater tots, Jello w/whipped topping
- Mar. 26 Scalloped potatoes & ham or goulash, corn, pears,
chocolate chip cookie bars

Worship on the Radio

We are fortunate to offer Sunday morning worship over the radio airwaves over K1OW 107.3FM at 11:00am on Sundays. We are thankful for Immanuel members, families, or friends who help sponsor these broadcasts each week. The cost is \$100.

Would you like to sponsor one of these available dates?

Available dates:

Mar. 23 Apr. 13
May 4, 11 June 8, 22

Call or email the office to reserve a date (585-3152, jaci@immanuelfamily.com).

Blessings & Prayers

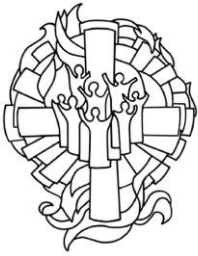
Prayers

Family and friends in the loss of Melvin Peterson of Forest City

Bob & Natalie Alsop, Ethan and Elijah Alsop, family and friends in the loss of Bob’s mom/grandma, June Alsop of Duluth, MN

Shirley Rollefson, family and friends in the loss of stepson, Jay Rollefson of Story City (formerly of Forest City).

Ron Kvale and family in the loss of sister-in-law, Marie Thayer of Edina, MN



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Sundays – 9:15am
In Person & Livestream
Wednesdays – 6:30pm

Office Hours

M-F : 8am – 5pm

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