



The Immanuel Informer

Immanuel Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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The mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is to preach Christ crucified and risen from the dead for the salvation of the world. We also reflect God's love by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through a caring ministry of reaching, teaching, and serving our congregation and the community.

February, 2023



The Flower Chart

For 2023 is now up on the wall.
Please sign up for what Month and Day that
you would like to have. Thank You

Please let us know if you are ordering the flowers or are having someone else order them for you, or if you want us to order them. Also please let me know what you would like to have on the card. This is very important - when ordering please make sure that they have on the card who the flowers are from. Thank you. 1:Eve

New Sign-Up Sheets for 2023 are now the wall:

Communion Attendants, January to March
Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks, January to March
Altar Guild Schedule for (January to December)
College Refreshment Snacks, January to April 4:True (John 11:39)

College Refreshment Tuesday,

College Refreshment Sign up for 2023 is now up
on the Wall for Tuesday's 7:00pm. January to April,
please sign up for what Month and Day that you would
like to do. Thank You. 6:The Lord

Sunday School:

Every Sunday at 10:15 am in the Lutheran Student Center.



Bible Study: Every Sunday at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying Book of Ecclesiastes 2: The angel at the tomb

Come join us: Thursday at Noon for Bible Study: will meet in Fellowship Hall. We are studying 1 Peter

Leisure Lutheran Cards and Games every Thursday at 1:00 pm after Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to participate 9: Joseph's brothers

Lutheran Student Fellowship Bible Study: Every Tuesday evening at 7:00/pm, Bible Study for the LSF students at the Lutheran Student Center. We are currently studying The Book of John

Confirmation Classes: Are every Wednesday, in the Lutheran Student Center from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

COPIES OF "LIFE DATE", a quarterly journal of news and commentary from Lutherans for Life, are available for the taking on the table next to the church office door. This publication is filled with life issue articles. Feel free to take one

February Newsletter: There are copies on the table in the Narthex for you to take.5:John the Baptist

Parking Lot Special Fund: The new parking lot project is underway. In addition to the parking lot itself, we will need to fund (at the minimum) the following as part of the parking lot project: landscaping, parking lot lighting, and a new shed (to replace the one that is currently located where the parking lot will be). If you would like to make a donation toward this project--above and beyond your normal offering, please list "Parking Lot Fund" on your donation and place it in the offering plate. Any questions can be directed to Christy Rush (treasurer) or any Council member, 7:The Lord Jesus

NOW FOR A LITTLE BIT OF FUN:

Look for the Hidden Answers and Mistakes:

THE ULTIMATE BIBLE FACTS and QUIZ TRIVIA:

- 1: Who made the excuse, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate"?
- 2: Who reassured some women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, he has risen"?
- 3: Who said to Isaac, "This is from the Lord. We can say nothing to you one way or the other. Here is Rebekah take her and go"?
- 4: True or false? Martha said about Lazarus' tomb, "By this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."
- 5: Who identified Jesus with the words, "Behold the lamb of God"?
- 6: Who promised Solomon, " I will give you what you have not asked for--- both riches and honor--- so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings"?

7: "This is my body, which is for you, do this in remembrance of me," Who said this on the night he was betrayed?

8: What was the surprising source of this comment, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?"?

9: Was it Joseph's brothers or Nebuchadnezzar's advisers that said, "Here comes that dreamer! Come now, let's kill him"?

10: Who said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches"?

LEISURE LUTHERANS

The "Revitalizing" meeting of Leisure Lutherans on Wednesday, January 18, resulted in an effort to renew the activities and service projects of the organization. Plans are underway to schedule meetings, lunches, informational programs, and service projects. Please watch for bulletin announcements and newsletter articles inviting retirees to participate. Anyone wishing to be placed on the group email list, please inform Mary Wittmaier.

Currently Kathy Nickason and Mary Wittmaier are serving as co-chair and Nancy Anderson is serving as treasurer.

The first event is a VALENTINE POTLUCK LUNCH, Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 12 Noon, in the church fellowship hall. Leisure Lutherans will provide the meat (chicken) and beverages and ask those attending to bring a side dish or dessert. Those in attendance will prepare Valentine cards for Immanuel's homebound members. Please RSVP Kathy Nickason, Nancy Anderson, Mary Wittmaier, or sign up on the Leisure Lutheran Bulletin Board in the fellowship hall.

LWML Lutheran Women in Mission

Packaging backpacks for area school children has resumed. Please contact Sue Kamprath to participate in this project by requesting a Thrivent Action Team Grant to purchase weekend food items. Plastic bags are again needed for the Backpack Program.

LWML continues to receive funding through the Kroger Community Rewards Program when customers utilize their "Kroger card" and designate the rewards dollars to Immanuel/Dorcas (organization code FC697).

Cancelled stamps are still collected, submitted to national LWML, processed, and sold to stamp collectors. Profits from this effort are directed to mite mission projects. Check with Carla Roedemeier or Mary Wittmaier for detailed information.

ZONE PRAYER SERVICE will be held Saturday, February 25, 2023, Immanuel Fellowship Hall. Registration begins at 11:15 am, luncheon at 11:30 am and the prayer service will begin at 12:30 am.

A donation of mites for district mission projects will be taken and an in-gathering conducted benefiting the weekend Backpack Program. Suggested items for the in-gathering are 4 count package pudding cups, 6 count package applesauce cups, 8 count package cheese on cheese crackers, 8 count package peanut butter on cheese crackers, 6 count package single serving raisins, 12 count package individually wrapped granola bars, 32 count package individually wrapped fruit and grain bars, 15 oz. can of Chef Boyardee pasta, 4.6 oz. original Vienna sausage in can.

The ladies of Immanuel are asked to donate salads for the luncheon and are encouraged to attend and bring a guest. Please contact Mary Wittmaier or Carla Roedemeier to RSVP and inform of salad donation.

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

To God be the glory.

PROJECT CONNECT:

Good news that makes a difference!

Bring welcomed hope to your community through Project Connect—an indispensable, on site, booklet ministry resource that uses display fixtures of :pocket-sized, topical booklets to promote outreach. Project Connect Booklets can help people with relevant, Christ – centered messages connecting with them wherever they are. Theses free booklets cover a variety of topics and can be found on the rack in the Fellowship Hall 3:Laban and Bethuel

February 5, 2023

Regrets, Reality, Restoration (6BE159)

We can move beyond the crippling pain our decisions may have caused.

February 12, 2023

The Bible What? When? Why? (6BE136)

Christians read the Bible and talk about it and study it. Gain insight this book is so important.

February 19, 2023

My Digital Voice: An Introduction to the Digital Conversation Pledge
(6BE177)

More and more of our conversations are happening digitally. So what does research reveal about all these digital conversations.

February 26, 2023

The Truth About Angels (6BE03)

Do angels really exist? From a biblical look what we know about the origin, ranks, and purpose of angels.

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS:

First Week: Erma Jean Haas and Arlene Marr

2nd Week: Sue Perry and Jim Perry

3rd Week: Carla Roedemeier and Jana Wassilak

4th Week: Nancy Anderson and Andy Anderson

5th Week and Subs: Bill Wuenscher,

**IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BE A GREETER, PLEASE LET
BILL WUENSCHER or the CHURCH SECRETARY KNOW**

Elders: for February:

February 05th Matt Banholzer
February 12th Tom Mesko
February 19th Bob Gorrell
February 26th Jim Perry

Ushers/Teams for February:

February 05th. Team 2
February 12th. Team 3
February 19th. Team 4
February 26th. Team 1

Organ Schedule for February:

February 05th. Phil Thiem
February 12th Berniece Strandberg
February 19th Phil Thiem
February 22nd (Ash Wednesday) Phil Thiem 12:00 pm 12:00 pm
Berniece Strandberg 6:00 pm
February 26th. Berniece Strandberg

Altar Guild for the Month of February:

Bob & Debbie Lemen

Flowers for the Month of February:

February 05th. Altar Committee

February 12th

February 19th

February 26th

College Refreshment for February (Tuesday's)

February 07th. Gigi Gamst

February 14th

February 21^s

February 28th

Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks for February:

February 05th. Jean McWilliams

February 12th. Christy Rush

February 19th. Carla Roedemeier & Sara McClelland

February 26th. Tracy Rosenow & Karen Clancy

SUNDAY SCHOOL FEBRUARY, 2023:



Sunday School: At 10:15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center. We will have **Preschool** 3-year-old to kindergarten, **Elementary** 1st grade to 4th grade & **Jr Youth** 5th grade to 8th grade. Come join us as we start "In the beginning". We'll learn about creation; man's fall into sin & that God promised to send a Savior. 8:Balaam's donkey

Sunday School Lesson Summaries:

UNIT 5

God Leads His Nation:

Feb 05,
Lesson 5:

"The Downfall Wall" is the title of this week's lesson. Confident in their wall, the people of Jericho shut themselves up inside the city. Following God's unusual battle plan, Joshua gathers the priests, trumpets, ark of the covenant, and people. Six days

they once around the city, then seven times on the seventh day, giving a shout at the conclusion of the least circuit. The city walls come tumbling down, and the Israelites wipe out the citizens and livestock while plundering precious metals for the tabernacle. Yet Rehab and her family are spared.

Feb 12

Lesson 6:

The account of Deborah serves as today's lesson. "The Palm-Tree Judge," Judge Deborah urges Barak to gather 10,000 troops to go up against Sisera's army of 900 iron chariots. When the battle turns against Sisera, he flees on foot, seeking refuge in Jael's tent. Snoozing beneath a rug, Sisera meets his end at the hand of Jael as she pegs him through his temple to the ground.

Feb 19,

Lesson 7:

Today, we will study "The Weakened Judge." God grants Samson great strength in defeat the enemies of God's people. Seeking to overcome Samson, the Philistines bribe Delilah to find the source of Samson's strength. Samson deceives Delilah each time she tries to uncover the secret, but he finally reveals the key to his power. Shorn and blinded by the Philistines,

Samson is brought to entertain thousands of revelers at the feast to Dagon. Identifying the house's supporting pillars, Samson prays, and God grants him power to bring down the temple, killing everyone.

Feb 26,
Lesson 8:

Today's lesson. "The Faith-Full Family," tells of Ruth's loyalty to her widowed mother-in-law, Naomi. Returning to Naomi's ancestral home in Bethlehem, Ruth gleans Boaz's fields to provide food for herself and Naomi. Ruth finds favor with Boaz, who purchases Naomi's land and redeems Ruth from her widowhood. Having married Boaz, Ruth bears a son, Obed, the grandfather of King David.

Some History from The Past:

1884:

Pease, Elk Prairie church was established by several families of German heritage. Led by Johann Friedrich Haas. They built the “little white church” in 184 officially named Peace Lutheran Church, Elk Prairie. Rev. George Mueller from St. James served as the first pastor. There were about 10 families in the initial membership including the Haas, Sachs and Benads extended families. Mr. Haas was leader of this effort.

The pastor who served Elk Prairie used to stop in Rolla to preach to the faithful Lutheran here. The earliest recordings of assembly of Lutherans in Rolla were in 1866 with Candidate C. Friedrich Lieb who established a meeting place in a local theater.

Here are a few of the pastors who served the Rolla Area before the first Immanuel constitution:

1892- 1894, Pastor George A. Mueller from Elk Prairie

1898- 1900, Pastor Theodor Siek, who died in a hotel fire in St. James.

1909-1914, Pastor Karl Haller, who lived with the Haas family, met with the Lutheran in the Rolla Presbyterian Church and “paid” rent for the church with firewood.

1914-1917, Rev. Ottomer Krueger, lived in the parsonage across from Peace, Elk Prairie. The congregation at Elk Prairie had lost some of its membership to other congregation due in part to the language barrier since services were in German. Pastor Krueger wrote the original Immanuel Lutheran Church Constitution. He left in 1917. This was during WW1 which was hard times for churches as well as the country.

