

The Immanuel Informer

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Immanuel Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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Pastor's Monthly Minute...

Lent is right around the corner. Rending hearts with fasting, weeping, and mourning are the marks of repentant Christians. As sinners, we confess before God that we are mere dust and ashes. But in Christ-in spite of afflictions, hardships, and calamities we are cared for by the Holy Spirit to receive love, to speak truth, and to witness the power of God in forgiveness. God bestows divine blessings on believing, repentant people through Christ alone. He is our treasure on earth and in heaven.

Sursum Corda,

Pastor Swyres



Immanuel Lutheran Church is the sole supporter of The Lutheran Hour on KTTR every Sunday morning 9:30 am to 10:00 am. You can also listen on many streaming services. The sermon topics for this month are:

February 2024

February 4

"Nature Abhors a Vacuum"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

What fills the heart that has no room to forgive?

(Ephesians 4:32)

February 11

"What Is Evangelism?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

How do you encourage someone to receive the gift God has for them? That's what evangelism is all about.

(Mark 9:7-8)

February 18

"Redeeming DIY"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

(Mark 1:12-13)

February 25

"When Winning Is Losing"

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dr. John Nunes**

(Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 5:1-11, Mark 8:8-27)

The Ladies of the Dorcas Society of Immanuel are
hosting the 2024 Rolla Zone Prayer Service



When: Saturday, February 17, 2024

Where: Immanuel Fellowship Hall
801 W. 11th Street, Rolla
Lower level off 10th Street

Time:

Registration: 11:15 AM

Luncheon: 11:30 AM

Prayer Service: 12:30 PM

A mite collection will be taken. A salad luncheon will be provided.

We will have an ingathering to benefit "Sleep in Heavenly Peace".

"Sleep in Heavenly Peace" is an American nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that builds and delivers beds to children who don't have beds to sleep in. Founded in 2012, there are currently 270 local chapters including 16 in Missouri & one here in Rolla. Their motto is NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN. Accepting NEW twin-sized sheet sets, comforters, bed-in-a-bag, pillows & blankets.

Please let Mary Wittmaier at 573-578-0652 or mapwittmaier@gmail.com or Carla Roedemeier at 573-201-1301 or croede@outlook.com, know how many will be attending by Monday, February 12th.

Mid-Week Lent Services

February 14th Ash Wednesday 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

February 21st 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

February 28th 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

March 6th 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

March 13th 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

March 20th 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Holy Week

March 28th Maundy Thursday Service 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

March 29th Good Friday Service 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

March 31st Easter Service 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School...

All children ages 3 through 9th grade are invited and encouraged to join us. We meet at 10:15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center.

Feb. 4: Lesson 5 The Pointing Prophet-John points to Jesus.

John was the prophet sent to point out the Messiah. When John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River, the Spirit descends on Him as the voice of the Father proclaims, "This is My beloved son."

Feb. 11: Lesson 6 A temple Cleansing-Jesus Clears the Temple.

Merchants and money changers filled the temple in preparation for the Passover. Jesus overturns the tables, & drives them out to restore the temple to its proper purpose, to worship God.

Feb. 18: Lesson 7 The Born-Again Truth-Jesus Teaches Nicodemus.

Nicodemus, a leader of the Jewish Council, comes to see Jesus under the cover of darkness. Puzzled how someone can be born again. Jesus explains the spiritual rebirth found only in Christ.

Feb. 25: Lesson 8 Living Water-Jesus Teaches the Samaritan Woman.

When a Samaritan woman comes to the well where Jesus was, He reveals all her hidden secrets. Through their conversation, the woman recognizes Jesus as the true Messiah & she spread the Good News throughout the town.

Congratulations

Mason Roedemeier was winner of the December attendance prize & Taye Davidson was winner of the January attendance prize.

Ushers

Ushers are needed for Sunday morning Please prayerfully consider helping out in this ministry.

LSF

The 2024 College refreshment sign-up sheet is up on the bulletin board for Tuesday evening bible class. Please consider helping out in this ministry.

A sign up sheet for Sunday morning refreshments is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Plenty of spots remain. It would be nice to partner with someone. Please consider helping in this ministry

Flower Chart

The 2024 flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board and several spots are open. Please consider helping in this ministry.

Immanuel Book Club

Many people are unaware that Immanuel has a book club. The book club is a book discussion group that meets in Immanuel's fellowship hall on the **third Monday** of each month, except December. Our meetings begin at 2pm. The books are chosen in advance by the book club attendees. We try to divide our yearly list of books between fiction and non-fiction. Our leader is Kathy Nickason, but generally whoever suggested the monthly book leads the discussion on it.

The books we choose to read are not always books with a Christian theme, or by a Christian author. But we always discuss them from our Christian perspective. If you love to read and talk about books, the Immanuel Book Club might be something you want to try. Here is a list of the books we will be discussing from

January 2024 – November 2024.

February 19 Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club (fiction) by Ryan Stradal

March 18 The Day the World Came to Town (NF) by Jim DeFede

April 15 Thursday Murder club (F) by Richard Osman

May 20 America's First Daughter (NF) by Stephanie Dray, Laura Kamoie

June 17 The River We Remember (F) by William Kent Krueger

July 15 The Light We Carry (NF) by Michelle Obama

August 19 Hang the Moon (F) by Jeannette Walls

September 16 Unwise Passion (NF) by Alan Crawford

October 21 The Ladies Midnight Swimming Club (F) by Faith Hagan

November 18 The Greatest Beer Run Ever (NF) by John "Chick" Donohue

There is no meeting in December.

Updates Around Church...

The HVAC at the Lutheran Student Center unexpectedly needs to be replaced. The bid we have accepted is just under \$20,000 by Hartley's. If you would like to make a donation specifically to this expense, please make a note of "LSC HVAC" on your donation.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

On Sundays, everyone is welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15am for Bible study. We are currently studying the book of Genesis.

A weekly Bible study is held every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall at noon. We are currently studying the book of Ephesians

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THRIVENT

The beginning of 2024 allows all Thrivent members, 18 years and older, to request two \$250 Action Team Grants funding projects benefiting a non-profit organization. In the past, Action Team Grants have funded supplies for the Backpack Program, quilts for Lutheran World Relief, baby needs for Pregnancy Resource Center, and pillowcase dresses for Orphan Grain Train.

We would like to include a new opportunity by suggesting Sleep In Heavenly Peace which provides beds for children. This organization provides several opportunities for volunteers to construct beds and provide bed linens for children. Please contact Sue Kamprath to provide an Action Team Grant for the Backpack Program and Carla Roedemeier or Mary Wittmaier to provide a grant for Lutheran World Relief, Orphan Grain Train, Pregnancy Resource Center or Sleep In Heavenly Peace.

Those Who Serve in February...

Elders

Feb. 4th: Matt Banholzer
Feb. 11th: Bob Gorrell
Feb 14th Bob Gorrell (Ash Wednesday, Jim Perry 6:00 p,m.)
Feb. 18th: Ethan Swyres
Feb. 25th: Jim Perry

Ushers

Feb. 4th : Team 2: Ben Mcwilliams, Aaron Wassilak, Dan Wassilak, Jim Wassilak, and John Wassilak
Feb.11th : Team 3: Tom Evers, Charlie Johnson, Tracy Krauss, Tim Rush and Bill Wuenscher.
Feb. 18th : Team 4: J.D. Cox, Bob Gorrell, Jim Perry and David Roedemeier.
Feb. 25th: Team 1: Andy Anderson, Matt Banholzer, Alan Elsing, Bob Iemen and Ethan Swyres.

Organists

Feb. 4th: Berniece Standberg
Feb. 11th Phil Thiem
Feb. 14th Phil Thiem (Ash Wednesday)
Feb. 18th Berniece Strandberg
Feb. 21st Berniece Strandberg (Lent Service)
Feb. 25th: Phil Thiem.
Feb. 28th Phil Thiem. (Lent Service)

Greeters

Feb.4th: Erma Jean Haas and Bill Wuenscher
Feb.11th: Sue Perry and Jim Perry
Feb.18th: Carla Roedemeier and Jana Wassilak
Feb.25th: Nancy Anderson and Andy Anderson

Money Counters

Feb. 4th: Jean Kramme & Sue Perry
Feb. 11th: Don Langhoff & Terry Theiss
Feb. 18th: David Roedemeier & Aaron Wassilak
Feb. 25th : Malissa Bisson & John Wassilak

Altar Guild Kelle Swyres

Sunday Bible Class Snacks

Feb.4th Carolyn Tilford
Feb.11th: Tracy Rosenow & Karen Clancy
Feb.18th: Martha Cox & Kelle Swyres
Feb.25th: Heidi Dennis

Altar Flowers

Feb. 4th
Feb: 11th
Feb. 18th
Feb. 25th

February Birthdays

Feb 4	Phil Thiem
Feb 5	Lori Nix Ethan Swyres
Feb 7	Bob Mundahl
Feb 8	Mary Hoertel
Feb 10	Jim Perry
Feb 15	Jana Goddard
Feb 20	Tom Evers
Feb 22	Rachelle Gorrell Tom Wassilak
Feb 24	Lori Hoertel Richelle Schwarz
Feb 25	Myra Franks
Feb 26	Don Swetnam
Feb 27	Eliza Kay Wrozier
Feb 28	Ryan Cox

Happy Anniversary

Feb 05 Ben and Jean McWilliams

Feb. 10 Kate Rehkop & Mark Remspecher

Feb 11 Matt & Sue Banholzer

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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