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February 2019 Newsletter for
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Did you know that Saint Valentine's Day is an official feast day in the Lutheran Church? Did you know that there were more than one early Christian martyrs named Valentine? One of them, St. Valentine of Rome, was a priest imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry, and for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire. Legend has it that while he was in prison, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his judge, and before his execution he wrote her a farewell letter signed "Your Valentine." The day first became associated with romantic love in the 14th century when courtly love flourished. In 18th century England it evolved into an occasion for lovers to express their affection with flowers, confectionery, and greeting cards which became known as "valentines."

For me, February 14th falls three days after my Valentine's birthday. Many women prefer not to discuss their age, but my wife, Renee, is happy and thankful to share that she turns sixty this year. Why is that exciting? Next month she will also mark the 50th anniversary of being diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. If you have had close friends or family members with the disease, you understand how remarkable that is. Diabetes can destroy one's health in a hundred different ways. For Type 1 diabetics who want to avoid the dire consequences and prolong life, managing the disease requires constant diligence, every minute, every hour, twenty-four hours a day, three-hundred-and-sixty-five days a year.

Thanks be to God, medical science and technology have made tremendous advances in the past fifty years! When Renee was first diagnosed in 1969, the life expectancy for someone like herself was thirty years from that point. Statistics revealed that she likely would not live beyond age forty. Managing diabetes meant urinating in a cup and using test strips that would change colors to indicate whether your blood sugar was in a good or bad range. Insulin was inferior to what is available today, and diabetics carried a vial and syringes everywhere they went in order to take several shots each day.

Today, Renee wears a continuous glucose monitor on her arm that every five minutes sends her blood sugar level to her Apple watch and I-phone via blue tooth. She wears an insulin pump on her hip that is also controlled by a wireless transmitter. Insulin is much improved, but the cost has risen astronomically. Unfortunately for many people, these God-given miracles of modern medicine are available only to people with medical insurance or a lot of money. Thanks be to God, thanks be to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and thanks be to you, the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church for my medical insurance coverage.

To celebrate God's goodness, my Valentine and I will be taking a four-night cruise out of Galveston. Pastor Elroy Haverlah will be Immanuel's guest preacher on February 10th. Please join us in prayers of thanksgiving to God. Pray for continued advances in medical research and technology, and for political and economic decisions that allow all of God's children access to the health care they need.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Tom

Tired and Retired met in January to welcome in the new year with twenty seven present. Becky Boyer gave us some interesting thoughts about new years. Pastor Tom led us in two lovely hymns: "O Christ the Same" and "O God our Help in Ages Past". The Day School entertained with three songs: "Itsy Bitsy Spider", "BIBLE" and "Father Abraham". This is always so enjoyable, thanks to teachers and kiddos. Thanks to UP for the added table decorations, it all made everything look so great. Door prizes were won by birthday girl Mildred Huebel and the others by Merle Weiss and Lois Luedtke. In February we are having potluck on Wednesday, February 13th at 11:30 a.m. Hope to see lots of you there. We will be recognizing the following February birthdays: Bob Avant, Brenda Chambers, Joann Damstrom, Dana Davis, George Davis, Scott Hickman, Eldon Johnson, Renee Kesselring, Mike Klepac, Gloria Kuempel, Glenda Loeve, Diane Markert, Lauren Moede, Susan Moellenberg, Carol Smithe, Elenora Stark, Deborah Stover, Robert Tanner, Linda Volek, Betty Wolf.

Women Of The ELCA

Lutheran World Relief: Women of Immanuel are asking for your help in collecting items for LWR Baby Care Kits. The items in these kits include the following in sizes 6-24 months: two lightweight cotton t-shirts (onesies can be cut and hemmed to make a t-shirt), two long or short sleeved gowns/sleepers without feet (top and pant sets/P.Js may be substituted for gowns/sleepers.), two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square, four cloth diapers, one jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap, two pairs of socks, one hand towel, dark color recommended, two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap, in original wrapping (8 to 9 oz. total weight), two diaper pins or large safety pins. Please place your donations in the WELCA room or in the rolling cart in the breezeway. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Our WELCA Bible Study for February continues our adventure into the Book of John. The lesson includes Nicodemus, the woman at the well, an official's sick son, the healing at the pool, and the feeding of 5,000 (chapters 3 - 6). Joins us as we connect the dots and color within the lines. Circles will meet at the usual time and place: Crafters - Monday, Feb 4th, at 9:00, in Candy Hansen's studio; Elizabeth Circle Tuesday, Feb 5th at 2pm, in the narthex; Mary Circle, Tuesday, Feb 5th at 6:30pm, in a member's house; and, Rebecca Circle Tuesday, Feb 5th, at 6:30, in the narthex. Copies of the Gather magazine are available in the magazine rack outside Sherri's office.

New Bible Study Group: A new Bible Study group will meet Feb 9th, 9:00 - 10:30, in the parlor. We will study John Chapters 3-6. Bring your own coffee, Bible, copy of the Gather magazine, and curiosity. Study leader: Dana Leary.

WELCA: Cause of the month: Our cause for February is the ELCA's Disaster Response fund. As per its website: "Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters." These responses include the Calif Wildfires, Hurricane response, W. Va. flooding, Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami, Gaza Humanitarian Assistance, South Sudan Relief, Africa drought, Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis, and AMPARO Protecting Migrant Minors. Donations may be made through the church office. Envelopes should be marked as Disaster Response Fund.

The quilters were busy in 2018. Eighty quilts were sent to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to the ladies that faithfully showed up to tie quilts and hem them. A big thank you to Vicky DeWeese (Renee Kesselring's sister) who made so many beautiful quilt tops for us. A special thank you to Vernice Krueger who made so many lovely quilts at her home. She is an amazing lady. The quilters meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:30am in the narthex. We would love to have you join us in this very worthwhile project that provides quilts to people in need around the world. No special skills are required.

WELCA

All ladies of Immanuel are invited to attend the North and South Capital Conference event which will be held here at Immanuel in the Parish Hall on Saturday, March 2, 2019. The theme of the event is "God, Our Wireless Connection" based on James 5:16b. Come at 8:30 am for coffee and goodies. The event starts at 9:00 am. Music will be provided by members of Sotaria. Bible Study will be led by Vicar Katie Wegner and keynote speakers are Miranda Roberts and Rachel Alvarez from Refugee Services of Texas. Lunch will be served. In the afternoon we will offer you one of two "fun" sessions: Chair yoga or construction of dog toys. Everyone attending must register and a form is attached below. Forms are also provided on the WELCA bulletin board located in the hallway across from the lower narthex. Please consider attending so that we can have a large group of Immanuel ladies in attendance.



Capital North/Capital South Conference
Hosted by Immanuel Lutheran
Church in Pflugerville

Saturday, March 2, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Immanuel Women of the ELCA are pleased to invite you to the Capital North/Capital South Conference Event on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 500 Immanuel Road in Pflugerville.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will conclude no later than 3:00 p.m. following a closing worship service with Holy Communion. The conference theme is "**God, Our Wireless Connection**" based on the Bible verse from James 5:16b, "the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."

The **monetary love offering** will be divided 25% to WELCA churchwide, 50% to the Southwestern Texas Synodical Women's Organization, and 25% to the Austin Refugee Services of Texas. Please bring a **physical offering** for Austin Refugee Services to include any of the following items:

- Gift Cards (\$10, \$25, \$50): HEB and Walmart
- Hygiene products: deodorant, hair brush, travel Q-tips (no feminine products needed)
- Baby wipes and Diapers (newborn - size 6)
- Women's leggings (S, M, L)
- Men's sweatpants (S, M, L)

Complete, detach, and return the Registration Form below no later than Friday, February 22, 2019, to:

Marie Davis, P. O. Box 340, Pflugerville, TX 78691

Email: mawd@prodigy.net
Phone: 512-251-2508

The **registration fee is \$12.00 per person** (snacks and lunch included) and checks should be made payable to Women of the ELCA. No refunds will be issued. Walk in registration will be welcome. Please promote this event by sharing copies of this form with the women in your congregation. Thank you.

(Cut here to remove form)

REGISTRATION FORM

Capital North/Capital South Conference Event, March 2, 2019

Church Name: _____ Date: _____

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

For additional information or questions, contact Janelle Hebbe at 512-251-4007 or by email to janelle@sbcglobal.net.

Registration Deadline is Friday, February 22, 2019. Thank you for your prompt reply.

COMPLIMENTARY COMMUNITY EDUCATION /SEMINAR Self defense (protect yourself) on February 02nd at Immanuel Lutheran Church in the Parish Hall from 10:30am to 12:00pm. Typical Audience is middle school/high school/teenagers (to prevent physical bullying), women.

Topic Description:

Are you sometimes worried that you may find yourself in a situation where a bad guy will attack you and you will not have a way to defend yourself? Do you believe that you need way more strength to fend off a bad guy? Have you wondered what you could do? You are not as defenseless as you think.

We have this complimentary community education seminar for you to understand what your options are. We will present live techniques to help you understand your choices in those situations. Self defense techniques will be demonstrated live by 6th Degree Black Belt Master Instructor Joseph J. Culin (or 3rd Degree Black Belt Instructor Mr. Hackbarth / Ms. Garza) of Culin Karate, Cedar Park, supported by 2nd Degree Black Belt student Arsh Gamare (LASA High School).

Disclaimer: This is a complimentary presentation for community education. Please review your choices before you act on them.

Medical Disclaimer: Always consult your physician before beginning any exercise program. If you experience any pain or difficulty with these exercises, stop and consult your healthcare provider.

As we begin this New Year, the Freudenberg family would like to thank the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church for supporting Megan. Immanuel Lutheran Church has always been a big part of Megan's life. We are grateful for all the church has done for Megan this past year (2018).

**God Bless,
Bruce, Mary, Megan & Christopher Freudenberg**

Stewardship Committee: The results from the General Fund pledges were discussed and it was noted that there was very little difference between last year and this year, 33 pledges and 30 pledges respectively. However, the amount pledged did increase from \$120,139.00 to \$129,086.00. It was agreed to hold the Stewardship "Town Hall" meeting in late February to present the Stewardship program for 2019. The possibility of reducing the number of ways available for online giving was discussed with more information and recommendations to come in the near future.

Mini Treasurer's Report:

General Fund

Balance 01/23/19	\$ 66,471.03
Income 12/18-01/23	\$ 68,824.00
Expenses 12/18-01/23	\$ (57,606.39)
Balance 01/23/19	\$ 77,688.64

Building Fund Balance 1/23/19 \$ 164,433.87

Day School:

Balance 01/23/19	\$ 32,272.02
Income 12/18-01/23	\$ 177,901.63
Expenses 12/18-01/23	\$ (28,834.17)
Balance 01/23/19	\$ 181,339.48

Anyone who wishes to make a contribution to the church in memory or honor of a loved one, may choose from the following funds:

- Garden of Prayer/Labyrinth Fund
- Cemetery Endowment Fund
- Pre-Theological Fund
- Technology Fund
- Cemetery Fund
- Food Pantry

Food Pantry News for December

Number of clients assisted—87
 Number of Family Members—288
 New clients included—2
 Pastors Fund assists—

"Blue Star Prayers"

Our United States is defending Freedom in many parts of our world today. Please keep these individuals and their families in your prayers.

Daylon Hethcock US Navy Cyndi Motloch's Grandson	Justin Steffek, Msgt. US Air Force Marie Randig's Grandson	Chase Bowden Serving in Iraq Paula Bowden's Son
Dan Dye Tx. National Guard Pat & Jan Dye's Son	SSG Larry Jameson US Army Bradley Jameson's Father	Cole Elliott US Navy Yvonne Zimmer's Grandson
Elliott Bo Burns, Maj. US Army Willie Mae Burns' Grandson	Justin Hoffman, Col. US Air Force Bob & Patti Hoffman's Son	Patrick Roberts, St/Sgt US Air Force Peggy Roberts' Grandson
Michael Wayne Green, Capt. US Marine Corp. Wayne & Aileene Saegert's Grandson	Michael Bradshaw US Air Force Glenn Herzog's Grandson	Matthew R. Tiemann, Capt. US Marine Corps Rob & Carrie Tiemann's Son
Kelsey Westman, 2nd Lt. US Army Reserves Betty Wicklund's Granddaughter		

Official Acts:

Deaths: 1/13—Marie Randig

The 14th Annual Austin and Central Texas Senior Fest will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 8:30am—3:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3501 Red River Street, Austin. The theme will be "Living Fearless Lives of Courage and Faith" with keynote speaker the Bishop Michael Rinehart. Registration brochures are available on the table outside the office. The cost for the event will be \$25. \$30 after January 27, 2019.

EDUCATION MINISTRY

February 2019

Happy Valentine's Day! God's Love is so amazing and you can see it daily in your own lives! Think about all the goodness of God's love that takes place each day in your life. You wake up everyday to fulfill God's purpose. Think about the small good things that happen to you daily, a driver lets you in during heavy traffic, someone opens a door for you, or you receive a compliment.

I see God's love each week in our Sunday School classes. Teaching our students about God's Love and seeing how they implement it each week in their daily lives is a true blessing. We have some of the nicest and most caring students and adults each week in Sunday School. They truly care about each other and have such a good time together. You are always welcome to visit any of our classes and experience God's love. I look forward to gathering with you at Sunday School, grow in God's word, and serve God by serving others!

Melissa Weiss Parry



Feature Teachers



Claudia Cardwell has been a Sunday School Teacher here at Immanuel for 4 years. She is currently a teacher in our PreK classroom, ages 2-5. Her hobbies include spending time with family, salt-water fishing, volleyball, art, and photography.

Courtney Emken has been a Sunday School Teacher here at Immanuel for 16 years. She is currently a teacher with our Middle and High School Youth. Her hobbies include knitting and taking care of their business, DogBoy's Dog Ranch.

Mary Hemenes has been a Sunday School Teacher here at Immanuel for 7 years. She is currently a teacher in our 3rd—5th grade classroom. Her hobbies include spending time with family, especially camping and beach trips, and she enjoys volunteering in the community.

Please say THANK YOU to these teachers for their service!

Looking for Sunday School Assistants

Do you have ONE free Sunday a month from 9:45 am—10:45am? We need extra pairs of hands and eyes in the young children's classrooms in the basement. If there is any way you can help out, please talk or email Melissa Parry, melissap@ilcpville.org. It is so much fun!

Only your presence is required, no experience or preparation is necessary!

Secret Prayer Sisters will be beginning for 2019! You will pray for a sister in Christ for a year and then another sister prays for you! You send anonymous cards and encouragement throughout the years. To join this awesome group of prayer warriors, pick up a form on bulletin board outside my office or outside Ms. Sherri's office. Please return form (or email) to Melissa Parry by February 3.

Available Sunday School Classes each week at 9:45am:

Age 2—5th Grade: Basement

Middle—High School: Youth Room by the Bistro
(breakfast provided)

Adult Classes: Conference Room, Cry Room, and Parlor



Parish Ed Committee...NEW MEETING TIME! We will meet on the 1st SUNDAY of the month at 11:00am in the Parlor. If you have any interest in what we are planning please join us at one of our meetings. Next meeting is SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 11:00am.



Upcoming Dates:

March 17— No Sunday School (Spring Break)

June 17-20, 2019 VBS 5:30pm—8:15pm



Serving in January 2019

Acolytes

Feb 3: Julia Mueller (7:45) Kadie Van Houten & Shelby Weaver (11:00)
Feb 10: Connor Herring (7:45) Jacqueline & Catherine Kruse (11:00)
Feb 17: Stella Rachui (7:45) Addison Villegas & Alyssa King (11:00)
Feb 24: Tate Reiland (7:45) Payton Montandon & Ella Knobloch (11:00)

Elders for February: Kelly Knobloch (Early) Steve Barczi (Middle) Steven Dubes (Late). (Please contact them if you would like to assist with worship in February or go to <http://bit.ly/ILCsignup> to sign up yourself.)

Readers

Feb 3: Mary Jo Beene (7:45) Kristina Hamilton (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Feb 10: Candy Hansen (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Feb 17: Annyce Bohls (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Feb 24: Ella Knobloch (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Communion Assistants

Feb 3: Mary Jo Beene (7:45) Kristina Hamilton (2), **2 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **1 needed** (11:00)
Feb 10: Candy Hansen (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **2 needed** (11:00)
Feb 17: Annyce Bohls (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **1 needed** (11:00)
Feb 24: Kelly Knobloch (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **2 needed** (11:00)

February Chapel Assistants

Early Service: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley
Late Service: **1 needed** (3) Bruce Freudenberg (10) J.B. Marshall (17) **1 needed** (24)

Altar Guild

Feb 3 & 10
Bonnie & Mark Sassman,
Kirsten & Stanley Tindall

Feb 17 & 24
Sharion Tanner, Trilba Eschberger, Jan Selman

Ushers

Feb 3: Kelly Knobloch, **3 needed** (7:45) Kristina Hamilton (2), **2 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Feb 10: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Feb 17: Kelly Knobloch, **3 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Feb 24: Kelly Knobloch, **3 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

Children's Message

Feb 3: Jennifer Hoffman (8:45) Rebecca Dittmar (11:00)
Feb 10: **1 needed** (8:45) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)
Feb 17: Puppets (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Feb 24: Mike Maluschka (8:45) Rebecca Dittmar (11:00)

Console Operators/Parish Hall Projectionist

Feb 3: Charles Mott (7:45) Martin Jakubowsky (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)
Feb 10: Brent Reeder (7:45) Martin Jakubowsky (8:45) Charles Kleen (11:00)
Feb 17: Matthew Krieg (7:45) Martin Jakubowsky (8:45) David Gifford (11:00)
Feb 24: Vera Gebert (7:45) Martin Jakubowsky (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)

Coffee Maker for February:
Mark Mueller

Flower Calendar

Feb 3:
Feb 10: Chapel—Joy Pfluger
Feb 17:
Feb 24: