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March 2019 Newsletter for
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This month we begin the season of Lent, for me, a favorite season in the church year and a cherished time in our life together here at Immanuel. On Ash Wednesday, March 6, we will once again hear the following invitation:

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' Passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed. We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. We are invited, therefore, to the disciplines of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. (Augsburg Fortress: Evangelical Lutheran Worship Leaders Desk Edition, p.617, copyright 2006)

Beginning March 13, our midweek Lenten services at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary will include a hymn-sing and the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. Our theme this year will be "The Gospel and Dr. Seuss." The Scripture meditations each week will feature illustrations from stories by Dr. Seuss. Special thanks to Annyce Bohls who has blessed us (and especially me!) again this year by producing and coordinating this special series.

To encourage the discipline of sacrificial giving and in ILC's tradition of Lenten support for ministry beyond our walls, we will again designate the offerings from our midweek Lent and Holy Week services to the Tiemann Endowment Fund for Leadership Development. Our Southwestern Texas Synod of the ELCA established this fund last year to support the development of congregational lay leaders, pastors, and deacons serving in our Synod. Managed by Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest as a permanent endowment, this fund is creating a new generation of supported and trained leaders.

Also beginning March 13, soup and sandwich supper will be served in the Parish Hall each Wednesday beginning at 5:15 p.m., and a First Communion Class will be offered in the Conference Room beginning at 5:30 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us as we gather and worship, grow in the Word, and serve God by serving people this Lenten season.

Pastor Tom

Tired and Retired got together for potluck in February with twenty-six present. There was a lot of red and it looked so nice. Also lots of good food. Thanks to all and we had some new and not so new members return. Great!!! Door prizes were won by birthday girl, Gloria Kuempel. Others winning were Marilyn Lorfing and Don Wiederhold. Sure hope you are using your Utterly Smooth crème. It really works. Thanks to our great group of day schoolers and their teachers who sang "Rink a Dink", "I'd like to send a Valentine" and "Jesus Loves You". Valentine readings and jokes were enjoyed by all. Thanks to those who participated in the opening and program.

Please join us on Wednesday, March 13, at 11:30 a.m. for another potluck. See you there. We will be honoring the following March birthdays: Sharon Avant, Janet Bohls, Ernie Casbeer, Mike Cearley, Trilba Eschberger, John Estes, Deborah Fuchs, Mary Jo Fuchs, Randy Gebert, David Gifford, Bill Haehnel, Brenda Hagn, Gail Hammett, Lloyd Hebbe, Ray Kraemer, Jay Lee, Marilyn Lorfing, Dorothy Luedtke, Jacquelyn Muehlbrad, Doreen Randig, Melanie Samuelson, Mark Sassman, Kenneth Schuessler, Richard Straub, Jr., Craig Tangedal, Linda Taylor, Susan Woods.

Women Of The ELCA

On March 5th WELCA will have its March General Meeting in the lower narthex starting at 6:30 with a Bible Study by Pastor Tom. Our general meeting will start at 7pm. We will be selecting our convention delegate and nominating committee. We will be updated on LWR, funeral hostessing, and our root beer socials. Please join us.

Gather Magazine Bible Study: Both the crafters and the Elizabeth circles will meet at their regular times. This study continues our Meetings with Jesus in the Book of John. We will discuss the woman who committed adultery, a blind man, and three friends of Jesus who are transformed by faith. Extra copies of the Gather Magazine are available in the magazine rack next to Sherri's office.

WELCA Cause of the Month: Our cause of the month for March is the New Life Center (Upbring). The center provides a home for teenage girls who stay 6 to 8 months receiving intense therapy, on-campus education, preparation for adult living, structured recreation, and spiritual care.

LWR reminds us that March 16th is National Quilting Day. Last year one of our own was recognized by LWR for her dedication to making quilts. Here at Immanuel volunteers cut and sew the top pieces and bottom pieces; a group tacks the quilts on the third Wednesday of each month; volunteers binds the quilts; and, another group packs and weighs the boxes for shipping to LWR in Maryland. Last year our quilts were sent to Iraq. WELCA also provides \$2.25 per quilt to help with shipping. Donations to help support LWR at ILC may be made through Sunday offerings, marked LWR on the check.

My thanks to everyone for all the prayers, cards and phone calls. Thanks to Renee and Pastor Tom for their hospital visit. Your thoughtfulness is so greatly appreciated.

Peggy Roberts & Family

To Immanuel,
Many thanks for all the cards, phone calls and prayers during Terry's hospital stays. A special thanks to Pastor Tom for his visits and to the women for the beautiful prayer shawl. May God continue to bless you as you have blessed us.

Terry & Sherri Hoefling

Thank you for all the memorials and prayers at the passing of our mother Ellie Stark . Special thanks to Pastor Tom, Vernagene Mott, the Ladies of the Church in assisting during the funeral.

**God's Blessing to All,
The Family of Ellie Stark**

Thanks for your cards, calls, kind words, prayers and thoughts of encouragement during my time of discouragement and during my recovery. God has heard your prayers and I am showing improvement. I am truly blessed by my church family, friends, family and God.

Vernice Krueger

From Your Church Council.....

February has always been a busy month for your Congregational Council. The six new and six returning council members met on February 2nd for a day-long retreat. It was a great opportunity for us to get to know each other better and Bob Tanner joined us in the afternoon for a discussion regarding where the ILC has been, where we are now, and what is next. Council members are committed to keeping those discussions going and furthering the goals established in the long-range plan through committee and congregational actions.

The council met again on February 19th. Facilities Administrator Melissa Sjolander reported that a general cleanup day is scheduled for April 6th. The Council also discussed a future rekeying of exterior doors and approved moving the nursery into the Cry Room, freeing up the room previously used as the nursery for classes or other purposes.

As a part of the New Business agenda item for the meeting, council members continued to discuss topics raised during the retreat, including: communicating with the Synod office regarding how the future Call Process will work, developing member volunteer information, assisting with the Walk to Calvary activity, and possible alternative ways of serving the Annual Senior Member Dinner later in the year.

Finally, we are committed to furthering Chris Rankin's efforts to keep the congregation informed regarding Council activities through Image articles and other methods. As I find my footing with these articles (conveying enough, but not too much), please contact myself, other Council members, or staff with any questions.

Yours in Christ,
Kevin Kluge
Council President

Spring Fundraiser: Save the date for a great time at the youth spring fundraiser on March 30th for the Festival de la Juventud [Festival of the Youth]! We will have chicken poop bingo and many silent/live auction items and with a \$10 fajita dinner ticket, you get a free raffle ticket into a \$500 VISA card drawing! Imagine what you could do with that! Additional raffle tickets can be bought for just \$10 each. We will also have free meal & babysitting for kids potty-trained thru 5th grade in the gym. No, you can't pass up free babysitting! The youth will be selling tickets.

Lock-in: The Youth celebrated their first ever Locked-into the Lord event Friday, February 15th and stayed up all night playing games and enjoying each other's fellowship with tons of snacks right here at the church. We had a great turn out with over 20 people in attendance. If you would like to help chaperone events like these, please contact Cassi at cassi@ilcpville.org to volunteer.

The Youth will be leading worship on Sunday, March 3rd. To participate in the service, please have your youth contact Cassi at cassi@ilcpville.org to sign up.

The Youth are selling a variety of jewelry pieces in the breezeway. Feel free to pick out a piece that you like and place a donation in the envelope. Funds help support our group activities. We are very grateful for your support!

Coming Soon We will be posting a full-time administrative assistant position for the church office. Many of you know that Sherri Hoefling will be retiring this year (yikes!), and we will need to fill her position. This role will require Microsoft Office and administrative support experience. Please keep us in mind!

The Property Committee will be busy this spring/summer. Many projects have been identified through the Long Range Planning Committee. Be on the lookout for input, planning, and implementation opportunities. To prepare for Easter Sunday, a workday has been scheduled for April 6. This will involve cleaning the sanctuary and some outdoor beautification projects. As we progress on various projects, we will be needing certified plumbers, electricians and qualified general contractors. If you have any contacts or are interested in participating in any of these events, contact Ken Singer (512-971-4335), Amy Singer (512-971-4334) or Mel in the church office.

Plea for Altar Guild Volunteers: This may sound like a broken record, but it's a broken record that needs fixing. The Altar Guild needs more folks to join this ministry. We have a couple of spots that have no one to serve. Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of the Altar Guild. You will be put with someone that is familiar with the routine and will train you. This does not apply to only women. Men and families can also serve. Call the church office if you are interested.

Stewardship Committee: The Stewardship Committee hosted a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, February 24th in the Parish Hall following the second service. The meeting was an open discussion concerning the need for volunteers on the part of committees, ministries and worship services. Information covering these areas of service were available. There was also a discussion covering the "On-Line Giving" possibilities.

Texas Lutheran-Episcopal Legislative Event March 17-19: You are invited to the first joint legislative conference being held at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin. The program planned by Texas Impact on policy issues and advocacy starts at 3pm Sunday and concludes at the Capitol at noon on Tuesday. Program includes state and national speakers. Cost for Event including meals is \$100. Schedule and registration on texasimpact.org. Call Dorothy Kraemer, 512-251-6929, for more information.

Mini Treasurer's Report:

General Fund

Balance 01/23/19	\$ 77,688.64
Income 01/24 - 02/25	\$ 70,648.28
Expenses 01/24 - 02/25	\$ (74,869.79)
Balance 02/25/2019	\$ 73,467.13

Building Fund Balance 02/25/19 \$ 167,443.73

Day School:

Balance 01/23/19	\$ 181,339.48
Income 01/24 - 02/25	\$ 97,438.83
Expenses 01/24 - 02/25	\$(157,879.97)
Balance 02/25/2019	\$ 120,898.34

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 January

Number of clients assisted—107
 Number of Family Members—314
 New clients included—4
 Pastors Fund assists—11

Official Acts:

Deaths: 1/28—Elenora Stark

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

Ash Wednesday is March 6th and begins the season of Lent. Holy Communion services with the imposition of ashes will be offered at 10:00am in the Chapel and at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Our Wednesday mid-week Lenten services will follow the same schedule the next five weeks, March 13th — April 10th, with soup and sandwiches served in the Parish Hall beginning at 5:15 p.m. (note, no dinner will be served Ash Wednesday). Our Lenten theme this year is "The Gospel and Dr. Seuss". Here are the weekly themes and scripture readings:

- Week 1, "Bartholomew and the Oobleck" - Matthew 23:11-12; 6:14-15
- Week 2, "Horton Hatches the Egg" - 1 Peter 1:6-7
- Week 3, "The Zax " - Luke 15:13-19
- Week 4, "The Sneetches" - Galatians 3:28
- Week 5, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" - Matthew 6:9-11

1st Communion Class - Any 4th or 5th grader (or beyond) that would like to participate are invited to do so. If you have a younger than 4th grader and would like to consider participating, please talk to Pastor Tom. Classes will meet Mar. 13th & 27th, Apr. 3rd & 10th from 5:30-6:15pm before Lenten Worship in the Conference Room. 1st Communion will take place during Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Pastor Tom if you or your young person plan to attend.

EDUCATION MINISTRY

March 2019

Spring is almost here! There are signs of new growth beginning to emerge on trees, plants, and grasses! Everywhere you look you see new growth in nature and of course we all anticipate all the beautiful wildflowers on the Texas roads! God truly blessed Texas!

I hope you take this opportunity to pursue new personal growth as well! May you find a new book to read, learn a new task, take up a new hobby, or lend your talents or service to Immanuel. Immanuel is always looking for new volunteers and helpers! There are so many ways you can help out each week, as an usher, altar guild, greeter, reader, assistant Sunday School teacher, or even attend a committee meeting! Many volunteers here have no prior experience and just need your gift of time.

I also hope you enjoyed your Valentine message from the Sunday School students as we passed out handmade cards to everyone in attendance at the service on February 10th! I look forward to gathering with you at Immanuel, grow in God's word, and serve God by serving others!

Melissa Weiss Parry

Feature Teachers



Barbara Bohls has been a Sunday School Teacher here at Immanuel for 40 years and has been on Parish Education Committee that long as well! She is currently a teacher in one of our Adult Classrooms. Her hobbies include reading, bicycling at Highland Haven, volunteering in the WELCA activities, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Susan Hufstедler has been a Sunday School Teacher here at Immanuel for 20 years! She is currently a teacher in our PreK classroom, ages 2-5. Her hobbies include needlework, reading, and puzzle books.

Vicki Lovett has been a Sunday School Teacher here at Immanuel for 15 years! She is currently a teacher in our Pathfinders Adult Classroom in the Parlor. She enjoys spending time with family, gardening, baking and eating!!!

Neal Weiss has been a Sunday School Teacher here at Immanuel for 8 years. He is currently a teacher with our Middle and High School Youth. His hobbies include woodworking, watching sports and attending his kids' activities (Go Weiss Wolves!).

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!

We especially need help on March 24th

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

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, Parlor and classroom across from Conference Room



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, MARCH 3rd, 11:00am.

Upcoming Dates:

March 3—Parish Ed Meeting, 11:00am, Parlor

March 17— No Sunday School (Spring Break)

March 24—Looking for any assistance in the basement Sunday School classes

June 17-20, 2019 VBS 5:30pm—8:00pm



Serving in March 2019

Acolytes

- Mar 3: Elliott Weiss (7:45) Julia Mueller & Connor Herring (11:00)
- Mar 6: **(Ash Wednesday)** Reese Krause & Kadie Van Houten (6:30)
- Mar 10: Shelby Weaver (7:45) Stella Rachui & Tate Reiland (11:00)
- Mar 13: **(Lenten Service)** Jacqueline Kruse (6:30)
- Mar 17: Catherine Kruse (7:45) Payton Montandon & Mason Deckard (11:00)
- Mar 20: **(Lenten Service)** Alyssa King (6:30)
- Mar 24: Addison Villegas (7:45) Elliott Weiss & Emerson Perisho (11:00)
- Mar 27: **(Lenten Service)** Ella Knobloch (6:30)
- Mar 31: Connor Herring (7:45) Shelby Weaver & Stella Rachui (11:00)

Elders for March: Garry Sjolander (Early) Carol Fletcher (Middle) Jane Dunnigan (Late). (Please contact them if you would like to assist with worship in March or go to <http://bit.ly/ILCsignup> to sign up yourself.)

Readers

- Mar 3: Mary Jo Beene (7:45) Devorah Jakubowsky (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
- Mar 10: Candy Hansen (7:45) Carol Fletcher (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
- Mar 17: Annyce Bohls (7:45) Carol Fletcher (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
- Mar 24: **1 needed** (7:45) Amy Singer (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
- Mar 31: **1 needed** (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Communion Assistants

- Mar 3: Mary Jo Beene (7:45) Brenda Bubert, Vic Smith, Sabastian & Nikolas Hamilton (8:45) Grace Lin, **1 needed** (11:00)
- Mar 6: **(Ash Wednesday)** Carol & Clint Fletcher
- Mar 10: Candy Hansen (7:45) Carol & Clint Fletcher, Brenda Bubert, **1 needed** (8:45) **2 needed** (11:00)
- Mar 17: Annyce Bohls (7:45) Carol & Clint Fletcher, Brenda Bubert, **1 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **1 needed** (11:00)
- Mar 24: **1 needed** (7:45) Amy & Ken Singer, Brenda Bubert, Vic Smith (8:45) **2 needed** (11:00)
- Mar 31: **1 needed** (7:45) Brenda Bubert, **3 needed** (8:45) **2 needed** (11:00)

March Chapel Assistants

- Early Service: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley
- Late Service: **1 needed** (3) Bruce Freudenberg (10) J.B. Marshall (17) **1 needed** (24 & 31)

Altar Guild

- Mar 3 & 10—Kristin Adix & Sherri Hoefling
- Mar 17, 24 & 31—Candy, Lori & Mike Hansen

Ushers

- Mar 3: **4 needed** (7:45) Brenda Bubert, Vic Smith, Sabastian & Nikolas Hamilton (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
- Mar 6: **(Ash Wednesday)** Carol & Clint Fletcher, **2 needed** (6:30)
- Mar 10: **4 needed** (7:45) Carol & Clint Fletcher, Brenda Bubert, **1 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
- Mar 13: **(Lenten Service)** **4 needed** (6:30)
- Mar 17: **4 needed** (7:45) Carol & Clint Fletcher, Brenda Bubert, **1 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
- Mar 20: **(Lenten Service)** **4 needed** (6:30)
- Mar 24: **4 needed** (7:45) Amy & Ken Singer, Brenda Bubert, Vic Smith (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
- Mar 27: **(Lenten Service)** **4 needed** (6:30)
- Mar 31: **4 needed** (7:45) Brenda Bubert, **3 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

Children's Message

- Mar 3: Mary Hemenes (8:45) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)
- Mar 10: Vicki Lovett (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
- Mar 17: **1 needed** (8:45) Rebecca Dittmar (11:00)
- Mar 24: Puppets (8:45) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)
- Mar 31: Mary Hemenes (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Coffee Maker for March:
Kristin Adix

Flower Calendar

- Mar 3:
- Mar 10:
- Mar 17:
- Mar 24:
- Mar 31:

Console Operators/Parish Hall Projectionist

- Mar 3: Charles Mott (7:45) Martin Jakubowsky (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)
- Mar 6: **(Ash Wednesday)** Matthew Krieg (6:30)
- Mar 10: Brent Reeder (7:45) Martin Jakubowsky (8:45) Charles Kleen (11:00)
- Mar 13: **(Lent)** Vera Gebert (6:30)
- Mar 17: Vera Gebert (7:45) Martin Jakubowsky (8:45) David Gifford (11:00)
- Mar 20: **(Lent)** Charles Kleen (6:30)
- Mar 24: Matthew Krieg (7:45) Martin Jakubowsky (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)
- Mar 27: **(Lent)** David Gifford (6:30)
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