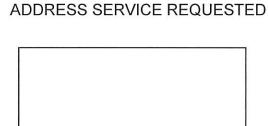


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March, 2020 Newsletter for

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Eric Estrada, Maintenance Technician
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Cassi Montandon, Interim Youth Coordinator
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Dear Friends in Christ -

The Lenten season is upon us. It is a wonderful and important time of the year that we Christians celebrate with Wednesday worship and devotions. Here is what's coming up:

- Holden Evening Prayer returns on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the chapel, and 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Come enjoy this perennial Lutheran favorite led by our own soloists. The scripture readings will be followed by a guided meditative prayer style, Lectio Divina. It's an ancient practice of listening to God's Word - it soothes the spirit and soul.
- Wilderness: our theme for Sundays in Lent. We rarely enter the wilderness willingly, but through our wandering we remember who we are and whose we are. Listen to the scriptures for way-markers and way-finders to guide our community.
- Check out the Gather Gallery! With thanks to our Crafting Group, we have a temporary gallery in the Gather Room complete with artist's statements. Come learn what Christian artists are inspired to say about the Wilderness.
- Devotionals: This season be guided at home. We have a Wilderness Theme devotional booklet for free, and Janelle Hebbe has "Wonderous Love" available for a small fee from the ELCA.

In other news...In March we have a New Members class continuing, lay communion visitors are being installed (March 8), and our handbell and adult choirs are practicing again for Sunday offerings. Regular Q&A sessions with myself and Council Treasurer, David Hufstedler, are coming up later this Spring. Immanuel is going strong!

Pastor Candice



Our Wednesday Lenten Services are at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will follow the same schedule the next five weeks, March 4 – April 1 with a soup dinner served in the Parish Hall beginning at 5:15 p.m. This year's theme is "Wilderness." Please make plans to join us during this special season.



Meet Jack. Jack is a 6th grader at Kelly Lane Middle School and a member here at ILC. For the past 3 years, Jack has been raising money and shaving his head to help find a cure for pediatric cancer. Over the past 3 years, he's raised almost \$4000 and shaved his mom's head too! Jack is trying to crush his goal of \$2,000 this year...would you consider helping him? All donations are tax-deductible and can be dropped off in the Day School office with his mom, Melinda or made online at:

www.stbaldricks.org/participants/jdiemicke.

Thank you so much for your support!





Tired and Retired got together in February on a cold, wet day. There were 23 present. Thanks to the Day School for singing "Jesus Loves the Little Children", "Jesus Loves Me" and "I'd Like to send a Valentine". The valentines were a special gift-thanks so much! After a few announcements there was a Q & A with Pastor Candice. Thanks for explaining some issues to us. The birthday door prize was won by Gloria Kuempel and other winners were James Harlow and Lou Smith. Hope you enjoy your special pickles!



Please join Tired and Retired in March on Wednesday, March 11 at 11:30 a.m. for potluck.

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	Teri Hardi	Lloyd Hebbe
Cindy Klepac	Ray Kraemer	Jay Lee	Marilyn Lorfing	Dorothy Luedtke
Jacquelyn Muehlbrad	Doreen Randig	Deborah Reeder	Melanie Samuelson	Mark Sassman
Kenneth Schuessler	Richard Straub Jr.	Craig Tangedal	Linda Taylor	Susan Woods

Women of the ELCA

The WELCA General Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gather Room. We encourage all ladies to join us that evening. Our devotional will be given by Pastor Candice, there will be some business, and lots of goodies to enjoy. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Immanuel Women of the ELCA Bible Study Circles

We welcome all ladies of Immanuel to join us in Bible study each month. If you wish to attend and do not have a "Gather" subscription to our magazine used in the study, there are extra copies in the rack in the Gather Room and outside of the church office. The schedule below outlines dates and times the circles meet.

If you should have questions, please contact Janelle Hebbe at janelle@sbcglobal.net or 512-251-4007.

Crafters	Every Monday	9:00 a.m.	Hansen's Studio
Elizabeth Circle	1st Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Gather Room
Rebecca Circle	1st Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Gather Room
Mary Circle	1st Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Member's House

Thank you for everyone who donated items for quilts and the various kits collected for Lutheran World Relief. In March WELCA members will be boxing, weighing and labeling the kits and quilts for shipment in April. Lutheran World Relief requests each church contribute financially for the cost of shipping and has provided the following approximate cost to ship each kit or quilt. Please consider donating financially to help cover these costs. Checks/contributions should be made to ILC WELCA with the notation that the donation is for LWR Shipping:

One Quilt-\$2.25
One school kit-\$1.40
One personal care kit-\$2.65 (includes toothpaste)
One baby care kit-\$1.30
One fabric kit-\$1.00



Lutheran World Relief

Thank you to everyone who donated items for quilts and the various kits collected for Lutheran World Relief. In March WELCA members will be boxing, weighing and labeling the kits and quilts for shipment in April. We still need the following items (sizes 6 months to 24 months) to complete the Baby Care kits: jackets/sweatshirts/sweaters (Salvation Army & Goodwill have these at a reasonable cost); socks, diapers (cotton flat fold preferred), full size ivory soap, and receiving blankets. Thank you for any and all donations!!!

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, April 18 WELCA will take a tour of Community First Village. We will be meeting at the church at 9:00 a.m. Community First provides homes and opportunity for work skill development for the chronically homeless.

All women of the church are invited.



Our mission at ILC: To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we **GATHER** and worship, **GROW** in the Word, and **SERVE** God by serving people.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold our next meeting on Saturday, March 14 in the Gather Room. Come join the fun as we learn new ways to knit and crochet shawls, scarves, and other projects of service. For more information contact Bonnie Sassman at bsassy22@aol.com or Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com.

A Cemetery Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 a.m. Families whose loved ones are buried in ILC Cemetery are encouraged to remove seasonal decor, trim any unsightly shrubs and clean any unwanted items from the graveside prior to Thursday, March 26 as we transition into spring/Easter. All are invited to participate in the Saturday, March 28 cleanup with Sat April 4 as an alternate inclement weather date. Please do not remove USA flags unless replaced by new ones as this helps identify those who have served. The American Legion Post annually replaces in May prior to

The Walk to Calvary will be Good Friday at noon starting on the lawn of the First United Methodist Church at 500 Pecan St. All churches in the community are invited to join us April 10 to walk the Hike & Bike trail up to Immanuel's cemetery. Join us for this meditative walk in silence reflecting on scripture read by members of 7 different churches in our area. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the walk.



Reminder that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt is April 5. More Details will be available soon!

The Council created a new standing committee in January to address safety and security issues of our church. Members of the committee are Bob Avant, Randy Appelhans, Mark Sassman, Larry Bradley, Vernagene Mott, Ron Moellenberg, Joe Malinoowski, and Kelly Knobloch with Erik Hendrickson as the Council Representative. The committee is looking for volunteers to serve on Sundays who are current or former law enforcement, military, fire service, or educators. Please contact one of the committee members if you are interested in serving on the Safety & Security team.

Thanks to God for all of the doctors, nurses, and the wonderful hospital facilities that took care of me during my extended illness, and of course my dear family for all of their concerns and prayers. Without the help of our dear Lord, I may not have been able to express my sincere thanks today. I also want to thank Pastor Candice for her kind thoughts, prayers, and frequent visits. It was also so gracious of all my dear church family members for their prayers, very meaningful cards, and the beautiful flowers. Thanks again for all of your thoughts and prayers!

Trilba R. Eschberger

We had a busy February!
The Food Pantry is open each
Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and
is open to anyone living in the
Pflugerville School District.
Those families are welcome to receive food
once every 28 days.





Food donations are accepted outside the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

Beginning in January, the Property Committee Chair (Ken Singer) and Council Representative (Amy Singer) began meeting with Eric Estrada, our Facility Maintenance Tech, to identify and review facility maintenance and repair needs. Many projects have been completed recently. including replacing the pendant lights in the sanctuary with LED, dimmable bulbs and replacing the ceiling tiles in the Chapel. Routine preventative maintenance items are also being identified and scheduled. We are blessed to have Eric as part of our church community. The skills he brings to the job and is commitment to our campus is evident in this work ethic. If you haven't had a chance to meet him, please stop by and introduce yourself.

The ILC Golf tournament which supports our bible and college scholarship funds will be played on Sunday, May 31 at 1:30 p.m. at Star Ranch Golf Course.
Register online at:
www.ilcgolf.weebly.com. March special pricing is available. Please contact
Bob Lovett with questions at 512-825-1769.

Praise God for "Sweet Little Jesus Boy!" So many people worked toward the goal of its success. Ray Kraemer who wrote the original script, the men who put up and took down the stage, the stage turners, the crew who fed us at our first run-through, the greeters, the stage director, the publicity people, Melissa Parry who designed the flyers, the cast, and the crew who took it all down including the UP students! What an incredible group of people....Immanuel members and friends who donated countless hours to the project! Counting the cast and crew we had about 200 people at each performance. May God implant the message of the play in our hearts and minds as we reflect on our Lord's passion during Lent. Thanks for your support!

Annyce Bohls

Mini Treasurer's Report:	
General Fund	
Balance 02/26/2020	\$ 123,995.42
Income 01/30-02/25	\$ 108,632.20
Expenses 1/30-2/25	\$ 135,949.93
Balance 02/26/20	\$ 96,677.69
Building Fund Balance 01/29/20	\$ 127,973.25
(balance includes \$101,546.81k CD)	
Day School:	
Balance 02/26/2020	\$ 50,198.27
Income 01/30-02/25	\$ 255,713.45
Expenses 01/30-02/25	\$ 196,717.08
Balance 02/26/2020	\$ 109,194.64

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

Prayer Garden
Cemetery Endowment Fund
Pre-Theological Fund
Technology Fund
Cemetery Fund
Food Pantry
Sunday School
Backpack Ministry

"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	Justin Steffleck, Msgt,	Chase Bowden
US Navy	US Air Force	Serving in Irag
Cyndi Motloch's Grandson	Marie Randig's Grandson	Paula Bowden's Son
Dan Dye	SSG Larry Jameson	Cole Elliott
Tx. National Guard	US Army	US Navy
Pat & Jan Dye's Grandson	Bradley Jameson's Father	Yvonne Zimmer's Grandson
Matthew R Tiemann, Capt.	Justin Hoffman, Col.	Patrick Robert's, St/Sgt.
US Marine Corps	US Air Force	US Air Force
Rob & Carrie Tiemann's Son	Bob & Pattie Hoffman's Son	Peggy Roberts' Grandson
Michael Wayne Green, Capt.	Michael Bradshaw	Devon Hethcock
US Marine Corp.	US Air Force	US Marines
Wayne & Aileene Saegert's Grandson	Glenn Herzog's Grandson	Cyndi Motloch's Grandson
Rory Korzeniewski US Marines Cyndi Motloch's Grandson-in-law		

A Message from Immanuel Church Council

Your Immanuel Lutheran Church Council for 2020 has been elected and our new council term is well underway! We attended a council and staff retreat on February 8 where we discussed goals for the year and worked to strengthen our "Teamwork" for church leadership.

We have many important objectives for this year. We have staff positions to fill and ministry goals to implement. We will be rolling out ministry goals throughout the year. We are working to fill two important staff positions after carefully considering these positions' goals and requirements. First, the Facilities and Office Administrator is a very important position with many responsibilities, much of which involve our financial transactions and documentation. Other duties will involve the church facilities, cemetery, communications, vendor coordination and many other tasks. We are also working to support our youth program with a new youth director. The council agrees this is a very important need for Immanuel and we are moving forward carefully to get a quality person for this role.

The Technology Committee is recommending some new sound and video equipment for the Sanctuary, Parish Hall and Chapel. We will go into detail to explain the scope of these upgrades in the next few weeks with group discussions. Some of this work is required because of equipment obsolescence and other because of government reassignment of frequencies for wireless microphones.

These are only a few of the many agenda items with which we work to find the best solution. I feel a profound desire to tell the congregation about the conviction and purpose I observe from our church council members as they work to serve our church. I see the love and devotion to Immanuel by each member as they do the work of their respective committees. It is an honor to work with such a talented and dedicated council. I hope that you get to personally know our council members if you don't already. We will be open and transparent in the work that we do. If you have questions, we will be glad to answer them.

This is my first message to the congregation as your new president of the 2020 ILC Church Council. This new responsibility for me is great and I am realizing that I have much to learn in order to be a good leader. At the same time, I know this will be a great experience for me and I look forward to a great year. I thank you for putting this trust in me.

We thank you for your support and ask for your prayers to guide us toward our future.

May God Be with You,

Brent Reeder/Church Council President

EDUCATION MINISTRY March-20

Spring is right around the corner and it is so joyful to watch the new plant and flower growth this season! The growth you witness in the spring time is all due to a unity of many elements in our universe coming together at once. The earth must be at the right temperature, there must be proper levels of nutrients in the soil, and enough water in the ground for the seeds and leaves to sprout and flourish, and thrive for a new year. All of these factors are dependent upon each other to have the wonders in nature we see each year! If one element is lacking, the other components can not sustain life without all components at the proper balance. God created our elements in our universe to work together to create his master plan. We must follow His wonderful creation and we must work together here at Immanuel to create unity and peace as we Gather and worship, Grow in His Word, and Serve God by serving others.

I hope you enjoyed your Valentine message from the Sunday School students as they passed out handmade cards to everyone in attendance at the service on February 9, 2020! The students thoroughly enjoyed making the cards as much as you did receiving the cards! Thank you always for your continued support to all education here at Immanuel!

Melissa Weiss Parry

COMMUNION

First Communion Class

A first communion class will be offered on Sunday, March 29, 2020, 1-3pm, in the Parish Hall for all children 2nd grade and older that have not already taken a First Communion Class.

Parent must attend the class with their child as Pastor Candice will lead parents and children in the sacrament of communion in this important milestone in the child's faith.

> Please RSVP to Melissa Parry with child's name and grade level, melissap@ilcpville.org.



New Member Class

New member class continues this month at 9:30am in the Parish Hall, led by Pastor Candice. This class is open to anyone interested in becoming a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, or current members who want a refresher on life about Immanuel. New Member Sunday will be April 5, 2020! Please greet and introduce yourself to new faces you see each week!

Sunday School for ALL ages, 9:30am - 10:25am

Age 2—5th Grade: Basement

Middle School and High School: Youth Room by Gym

Breakfast at 9:30am in the Youth Room, then classrooms:

6th—7th grades, Bistro, next to Youth Room

a8th grade, Confirmation, "Garage" Classroom behind Youth Room

9th—12th grades, Youth Room

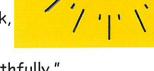
Adult Classes:

"Pathfinders" Class, Parlor, "Relevant Topics of Today!"

"Searchers" Class Conference Room, Exploring the Gospel each week,

led by Dorothy Kraemer. "Growers" Class, Grow Room (across hall from Conference Room),

led by Barbara Bohls, a study of the book of James, "Live Faithfully."



UPCOMING DATES

March 8 March 1-29 Parish Ed Meeting, 11:00am, Parlor

New Member Class continues each Sunday, 9:30am, Parish Hall

March 15 No Youth Sunday School (Spring Break) March 29

First Communion Instruction Class, 1-3pm, Parish Hall

June 22 - 26 VBS, 6-8pm



March Volunteer Schedule

March			
Early Service	Garry Sjolander	512-799-1143	peabodysj@gmail.com
Late Service	Jane Dunnigan	512-569-6200	janedunniganrc@aol.com

Readers (1 needed for each service)		
	8:30 a.m. Parish Hall Service	10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service
March 1	Mary Jo Beene	Michael Dunnigan
March 8	*	Candy Hansen
March 15	*	Debbie Wiederhold
March 22	*	Courtney Emken
March 29	*	Candy Hansen

	Greeters/Ushers		
	8:30 a.m. Parish Hall Service	10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service	
March 1	Sabastian Hamilton/Mark Sassman	Jan Selman/Dennis & Donna Slocum	
March 8	*	Marta Gregory/John & Luanne Gytri	
March 15	xe xe	Jane Dunnigan/Bob & Delores Brydson	
March 22	*	Jan Selman	
March 29	*	*	

	Communion Assistants 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall Service		
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March 1	Sabastian Hamilton/Mark Sassman		
March 8	*		
March 15	*		
March 22	*		
March 29	*		

	Altar Guild		
	8:30 a.m. Parish Hall Service	10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service	
March 1	Peggy Parker	Kristin Adix/Sherri Hoefling	
March 8	Peggy Parker	Kristin Adix/Sherri Hoefling	
March 15	Elizabeth Arndt	Candy, Mike, & Lori Hansen	
March 22	Lou Smith	Candy, Mike, & Lori Hansen	
March 29	*	Candy, Mike, & Lori Hansen	

Children's Message		
	8:30 a.m. Parish Hall Service	10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service
March 1	Mike Maluschka	Mary Hemenes
March 8	*	*
March 15	*	Debbie Wiederhold
March 22	*	Claudia Cardwell
March 29	ILC Puppets	*

Parish Hall Projectionist/Console Operators		
	8:30 a.m. Parish Hall Service	10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service
March 1	Martin Jakubowsky/Kelby Sladek	Charles Kleen
March 8	Martin Jakubowsky/Kelby Sladek	Dave Gifford
March 15	Martin Jakubowsky/Kelby Sladek	Charles Kleen
March 22	Martin Jakubowsky/Kelby Sladek	Matthew Krieg
March 29	Martin Jakubowsky/Kelby Sladek	*

Acolytes (2 needed for 10:30 a.m. service only)		
March 1	Beth Mueller & Quinn Cardwell	
March 8	*	
March 15	*	
March 22	*	
March 29	*	

Chapel A	ssisting Minister (10:30 a.m. service)
March 1	Chris Rankin
March 8	Jean Pfluger
March 15	Bruce Freudenberg
March 22	Jean Gifford
March 29	Jean Gifford

	Flowers
March I	*
March 8	*
March 15	*
March 22	*
March 29	*

Coffee Maker for	Ма	rch		
			 	10.00
Hal Kuempel				

^{*}Indicates an open volunteer position. Please go to www.bit.ly/ILCsignup to fill open positions.

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Saturday	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday