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Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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Immanuel Lutheran School



## Lenten/Easter Worship Schedule

[Online sign up for Special Services Link](#)

Reservations needed for all services

### February 17

Ash Wednesday Worship – 5:00 and 7:00 pm

### February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24

Midweek Lenten Worship – 7:00 pm

### April 1

Maundy Thursday Worship – 7:30 pm

### April 2

Good Friday Worship – 12:15 pm

Tenebrae Service – 7:30 pm

### April 3

Easter Vigil – 7:30 pm

### April 4

Easter Worship – 7:00, 8:30, and 10:30 am



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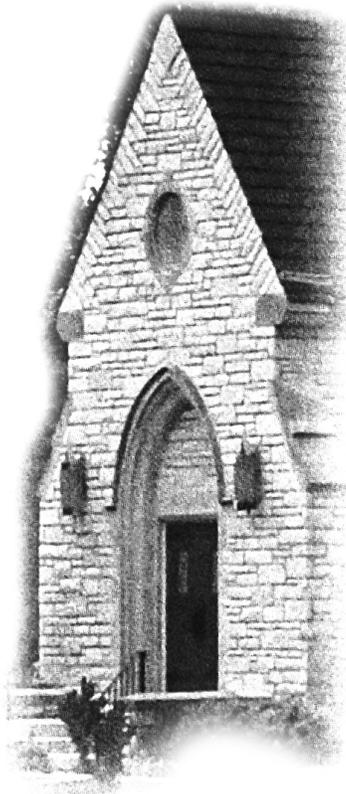
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*Compassion for all*



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**LOVE**  
 IS PATIENT & KIND  
 DOES NOT ENVY  
 BOAST  
 IT IS NOT PROUD  
 IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS  
 IT IS SELF-SEEKING  
 NOT EASILY ANGERED  
 KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS  
 LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL  
 BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH  
 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8  
**LOVE** ALWAYS **PROTECTS**  
**NEVER FAILS** TRUSTS **HOPES**  
**PERSEVERES**





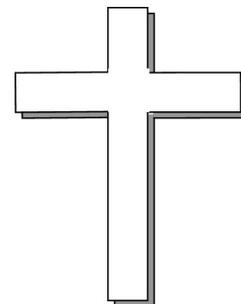
From the  
Pastor's Desk



I don't know much about the history of the modern calendar, but I do find it interesting that Valentine's Day falls right in the middle of the month. So, for February, at the center of the month is a day dedicated to love. Because of this, some would say that love sets the tone for the full month of February.

Life at Immanuel isn't much different. Our identity and our mission are determined by what is at our center, and what is at the center is Jesus Christ and his life, death and resurrection. In other words, **the cross. Jesus, the very heart of God**, His own Son, is at the center not just of a single month, but of all of human history. Jesus is the long promised Messiah, the one who was, is, and is to come.

At Immanuel we see this centeredness on Christ most vividly when we are in worship. Sitting in the nave with eyes forward we cannot but help to see the center of our faith. It is as St. Paul said, *"We preach Christ...and him crucified."* The message at Immanuel is the message of the **cross of Jesus Christ. The cross of Christ** is at the center of our worship life and the **message of the cross** comes to each of us through the proclamation of God's Holy Word and in the administration of His Sacraments—Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. When we are in worship, we receive God's Son, receiving **God's very heart** that comes to us in Word and Sacrament.



So in this month dedicated to love, how will you share your love with someone you care about? Let me make a suggestion rooted in what St. John has shared, *"We love because [God] first loved us."* If we know that in worship **God is giving us His very heart**, giving us the **gifts of the cross of Christ**—forgiveness, life and salvation—shouldn't we want to share these gifts with those we love? Over this past year, nearly every aspect of our lives has been affected by the COVID pandemic, including worship. In this month of February, give some thought to those you know who are still not comfortable attending in person worship; lift them up in prayer, write a note, call to check on them, let them know we are all looking forward to being in worship together soon. Take a moment and bring God's love to them; invite them when they are ready to come back in person and let them hear and taste for themselves of God's great love. *"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."*

~ Pastor Karg





## ***Partnering with Families to Prepare God's Children for the Future*** **Immanuel Lutheran School's Mission**

*Responding to God's grace through Christ, Assisting families with whole child development, and Preparing children for God's service.*

Theme 2020-2021 *Be Kind, Gentle, Humble, and Patient* – Colossians 3:12

By Principal Wendy Morris

### **Immanuel Lutheran School Update**

We have begun our second semester. The first week after the Christmas break our kindergarten through 8th grade students worked remotely while our preschool students came to school. We had some of our kindergarten through 8th grade students who needed childcare attend school physically distanced in one of our classrooms with Ksenia Mirly, Jenny Hackmann, or Vicki Lu. Our enrollment has grown. We added four preschool students for a total of 24 students enrolled in preschool (last year we had 46). We added three students in our K-8th grade program for a total of 126 students enrolled (last year we had 120).

We thank our faculty and staff who work tirelessly to inspire our students and each other. They truly reflect the love of Jesus in everything they do. We also thank our parents who are very cautious about keeping their kids home if they are not feeling well. To God be the glory for giving our preschool 85 out of 85 school days in person and 80 of our first 85 days in person in our kindergarten to 8th grade program.

### **Principal 360 Program**

Our principal, Wendy Morris, is one of 12 Lutheran principals selected to participate in the Principal 360 Program sponsored by Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation (CLEF). Participants are coming from the Michigan, Missouri, and Indiana Districts. The program helps principals sharpen skills needed to face the unprecedented challenges of reversing the current trend of Lutheran schools' enrollment decline.



Some of the topics covered are Lutheran leadership in the 21st century, school business management, school finances and financial planning, leading academic excellence, and innovation in the Lutheran school. The topic modules are taught by innovative leaders from Lutheran schools across the country as well as instructors from Concordia University Chicago. It is a full year program with personalized coaching to provide each principal with the tools to strategically operate schools with an entrepreneurial mindset and to provide a path for innovative thought leadership.

The Missouri District is fully funding the attendance of three principals this year. The cost is \$5,000 per participant. The goal of the district is to eventually have all principals participate in this program to strengthen our school leaders and our Lutheran school ministries. At the conclusion of this program Wendy will share her experience with principals across the district at administrator conferences as well as mentor other principals through the program in future years. Our principal and our school are blessed to have this opportunity to be strengthened for growth.

## FROM THE VICAR

### What makes a "Healthy" Church?

What makes a healthy church? This was the question posed to me as I began my Seminary journey 3 years ago. Though one may think this question of a healthy church would only be answered by the practical department, almost every professor in every department sought to broaden our definition of what a healthy church really meant. It almost seemed redundant hearing my practical professor, systematics professor, history professor, and even my language professors speak toward this question. However, little did I know that my vicarage would coincide with a global pandemic. Today, the phrase "healthy church" has taken on a whole new meaning. With churches fluctuating in attendance, or closing down due to an overwhelming amount of infections, the question of a healthy church rattles in my head once again.

I cannot tell you how many fitness advertisements I woke up to January 1, 2021. Every advertisement on my phone directed me to some fitness program or nutritional subscription. Every advertisement on TV told me how unhealthy I had become, and the time for shedding the Thanksgiving and Christmas poundage had come. Although there was some truth in their claim, the wave of information quickly overtook me. I began to wonder what it truly meant to become healthy. If I paid for this fitness program, would I really get the body I want? If I took this pill daily, would I really lose 20 lbs? If I wore this smartwatch, would it really inspire me to run? If I met all their standards, would I really become healthy again? In college, I learned that the definition of healthy didn't stem from one specific area in the body. Health encapsulated 5 areas: muscle strength, muscle endurance, flexibility, nutritional, and most importantly, cardio vascular health; the heart. Each area plays an important role in one's health, but if the heart stops working, then the rest doesn't really matter. It's about the heart.

It is easy for pastors and congregations to become occupied by surface level matters. They define a healthy church by how many people attend service, or the amount of money donated, or the size of the youth group. Although these things are important and should be attended to, the health of a church begins at the heart. Does the church recognize their need for God? Do they recognize their need for a Savior, and that Savior being Jesus Christ? Because it is in this need that we find out what will truly make us healthy.

It is by hearing Christ Crucified, and receiving His Sacrament that we are made healthy. It is by His Word rightfully preached, and His Sacrament properly administered that cures our sickness and makes our heart new.

That's what makes a healthy church; knowing their need for a Savior, and being confident that God will provide for their daily bread. This is why we confess the words of the psalmist, "Create in me a clean heart, oh God, and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10). We pray that God would purify our hearts; that He would orient us back to His message of forgiveness and mercy. By His death and resurrection, our hearts are made pure, and we can confidently address the needs of each other, the church, and the world.

Even if an individual possesses a healthy heart, it is still important to address the other parts of his body. This is the same for the church. Although our hearts are made pure through Christ's work on the cross, that does not mean we should neglect discussions of church attendance, staff health, intentional outreach, and stewardship. We can confidently approach each area of the church knowing that Christ has made us pure and will continue His good work in us in every area of our lives.





## ***Loss of a Spouse and GriefShare at Immanuel***

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to challenge our country, GriefShare programs have had to adapt to the changing situation. At Immanuel, congregational policy and the concerns of our three facilitators mean that we will be using Zoom rather than hosting in-person sessions. The single-session "Loss of a Spouse" program will be held on Sunday, February 7, at 2:30 pm. This will be followed by the 13-week "GriefShare" cycle, starting on Sunday, February 21, also at 2:30 pm. We invite members of Immanuel and their friends and family members who are grieving the death of a loved one to join us. Registration is available at [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org); Immanuel's team will then contact registrants with additional information.

Meeting online brings with it blessings as well as challenges. It is a blessing that anyone with a device that allows them to use Zoom can join us from anywhere in the USA—or the world! But instead of picking up the required book at the first meeting, arrangements must be made to get a book to the participants either by a contact-free pickup at Immanuel by a local participant, or by having an out-of-the-area participant purchase a book online. It is important to register as soon as possible so that a book can be obtained in advance. Zoom meeting connection information will also be shared with registrants.

Despite the challenges, as of early January we have a total of seven registrants for the two programs. It is our prayer that others who are grieving will join us for these Bible-based programs.

There are other GriefShare groups in the St. Louis area, some of which are meeting in person. Information about these can be found at [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org). One of them might fit a prospective participant's schedule better than ours. It is worth noting, however, that we are one of only two churches within 100 miles of St. Louis that are offering "Loss of a Spouse" at this writing. Immanuel members are invited to direct questions to [GriefShare@ImmanuelOlivette.org](mailto:GriefShare@ImmanuelOlivette.org); registration should be completed on the [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org) website.



## **News from North**

Faculty and students alike have had to navigate the waters of online education this past semester in varying degrees. It has been a challenge for all. Immanuel members who are students at Lutheran North have persevered, however, with the following being placed on the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Honor Roll.

Congratulations to Nick Ballenger, Allison Cullen, Ellie Jander, Carrie Meyr, Christian Salemink, Nathan Salemink, Courtney Wittler, and Nathan Wittler, each of whom earned a GPA greater than 3.6.





## Support Immanuel with Gift Cards

Immanuel School is still selling gift cards to benefit all students! Our SCRIP ladies are still selling in person after some services and the website is available 24/7. You can order online and pick it up at church the following week.

**Check out the SCRIP site: <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/>**

**NEW APP!** SCRIP also has a new app (RAISE RIGHT) that is really easy to use and you can get your gift card within minutes on your phone.



Contact Katie Krenning at the number or email below and the gift cards can be left at church for pickup.

You can also order online for physical cards, electronic gift cards, or to reload your current gift cards at:

[www.shop.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shop.shopwithscrip.com) and enter code:  
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contact Katie Krenning:  
[immanueldayscrip@gmail.com](mailto:immanueldayscrip@gmail.com) or call  
314-567-5828

Order forms are also available at church.

Retailer	Re-bate	Denom	Qty	Total \$
Amazon	3%	\$25		
AMC Theatres	8%	\$25		
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$25		
Best Buy	4%	\$25		
Bob Evans	10%	\$10		
Buffalo Wild Wings	10%	\$25		
<b>BRANNEKY</b>	<b>10%</b>	\$10/25		
Build-a-Bear	8%	\$25		
Burger King	4%	\$10		
Dick's Sporting	8%	\$25		
Dierberg's	4%	\$25		
Disney	4%	\$25		
Foot Locker	9%	\$25		
Gap/Old Navy/Athleta	14%	\$25		
Hardee's	5%	\$10		
Home Depot	4%	\$25		
iTunes	5%	\$25		
<b>Jack in the Box</b>	4%	\$10		
Kohl's	4%	\$25/100		
Lowe's	4%	\$25		
Macy's	10%	\$25		
Maggiانو's/Chili's	11%	\$25		

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Michael's	4%	\$25		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster/ Longhorn	9%	\$25		
<b>Panera</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>\$10/\$25</b>		
Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
<b>Shop N Save</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$25</b>		
<b>Starbucks</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>\$10</b>		
Subway	6%	\$10		
<b>Target</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>\$25</b>		
Total Wine	5%	\$25/100		
TJ Maxx/ Marshalls	7%	\$25		
Walgreens	6%	\$25		
<b>Walmart/Sam's</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>\$25</b>		
Wendy's	4%	\$10		
Whole Foods	3%	\$25		
Shutterfly	9%	\$25		

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LIGHT OF CHRIST

## Celebrating the Holiday Season in 2020

In the past years, we have all been very busy during the holiday season. Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year... We have had many activities to celebrate God's grace. This year, however, things have changed—yet God's grace remains abundantly evident. Although we cannot be together in person, this past year has given us the opportunity to show how we can all celebrate and praise the Lord together in spirit.



*Online Dumpling Party*

To kick off the holiday season, we had an online sharing on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, with an evening of thankfulness. A total of 46 people attended, many of them sharing what they were thankful for. They were so eager to share how God blessed them this past year, even through all the difficult and unpredictable circumstances. We are all so grateful for God's continued blessing through this year of uncertainty, and there is nothing that will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For Christmas, in order to bring our church community together even though we were apart and to share in the Christmas joy, we came up with the idea of having each member/family record a short video clip singing Christmas

carols or sending the season's greetings. These were compiled and made into a Christmas video and sent out to our church members on Christmas Eve, so that we could all wish one another a Merry Christmas, even from within our homes.

Every New Year's Eve, it's our tradition to have our favorite yearly outreach event—the dumpling party. But making and eating dumplings together as a church seemed impossible this time. However, we were determined to make it happen, so instead we held an online dumpling party over Zoom. Every family made their own dumplings and ate them in their homes, but showcased them and chatted together over Zoom. It felt like we were still eating together, and it was great fun! Thirty families joined in. After dinner, we looked at videos of our past dumpling parties together. We also had two sisters give testimonies of their journey of faith—one of them, in fact, will be baptized on January 10. We were so deeply moved by their stories. The Spirit of God was truly with all of us that night. Thanks be to God for a great night!



We have encountered many challenges as a church family through such an unprecedented year but in Christ Jesus, nothing can separate us from God's love and grace and by His strength, we pray we will always remain steadfast under Him. By God's grace, we all have made it to a new year, together.

(Helen Qiu, Michelle Zhang)

# WOMEN'S GUILD

LWML

## Women's Guild – Calling All Ladies!

*Save  
the  
Date*

In keeping with safety precautions, Women's Guild has not met as a group since March 3, 2020. We have sorely missed gathering for a charitable baby shower, banquets, "add to" dinners, guest speakers, games, discussing business and enjoying fellowship with our sisters in Christ. But take heart!

Plans are being made for a Guild "reunion" on March 2, 2021. We will meet at 7:00 in the church for a socially distanced Prayer Service. Afterwards, we will go to the fellowship hall or gym (again socially distanced) for a brief meeting and to reveal Secret Pals. It will be wonderful to see everyone again! Reservations must be made in advance to plan seating and logistics. Watch the Announcements and your email for a link to sign up electronically or simply call Rita, 314-298-3484.

## Ushers Needed!

Please consider volunteering to be an usher. Our teams are in short supply, and we especially need ushers for the upcoming Lenten services. There is no rule that says the ushers need to be men, so women, consider volunteering! Also, families should consider partnering up with a spouse or teenage son/daughter or grandchild. Contact Tom Murray by email at [murray23@juno.com](mailto:murray23@juno.com) or by phone, 314-324-0487 or 314-807-4105. Thank you!

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

## Immanuel's Library News

Wintertime seems the perfect season to immerse yourself in reading biographies and memoirs. We can learn so much through the lives of other people. Immanuel's "elevator" Library has a good selection of such books. Of course, there are multiple biographies about Martin and Katie Luther, but the section ranges much further!

***Light in the Dark Belt*** by Rosa Young is the autobiography of a dedicated educator who spent her life bringing schools to the Black community in central Alabama. After being confirmed into the LCMS, she partnered with educators and missionaries from St. Louis to open additional schools and start congregations throughout the area. She was instrumental in founding over 30 schools, 35 congregations, and Concordia College in Selma.

***A Rainbow of Saris*** edited by Janice Kerper Brauer collects stories about four women whose service as missionaries to India spans the 20th Century. The hardships they faced as they worked with their husbands bringing Christ to India continued a long-standing tradition of the LCMS. Each came to love the land and people of India.

***This I Recall*** is the autobiography of former LCMS president John W. Behnken, father of our own sainted Helen Schmelder, and revised by her husband, Professor William Schmelder. This engrossing volume is a fascinating history of our Synod framed through the life of one of its passionate servants.

***Mission to the Head-hunters*** by Frank and Marie Drown is the riveting story of a missionary couple bringing the Gospel to the Jivaro Indians of Ecuador in the 1940s-50s on behalf of the Gospel Missionary Union. At the time the Drowns began their service, the Jivaro were considered to be among the most savage groups left on Earth.

***Till the Night Be Past: the Life and Times of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*** by Theodore J. Kleinhans is a shorter, and less daunting narrative, of Bonhoeffer's life before he was martyred in a concentration camp.

Don't miss these and other amazing volumes found under Luther's Works by the elevator.



### Care Team

*Our Mission: To reach out in compassion and care to those in need in our community in the name of Christ.*

## Recap of Christmas Gift Collection

This Christmas season, the Community Care Team conducted a COVID-modified Christmas Gift Collection. As usual, the Lutheran Community Center children and families (housed in Transfiguration Lutheran Church in North City) were the recipients of our generosity. To simplify things this year, instead of asking our members to purchase gifts and bring them to our Christmas tree drop off point at church, we purchased 40 \$25 Walmart gift cards through PSCE to give the parents so that they can purchase their own gifts for their child. The gift cards, along with a fresh ham, were distributed by Shirley Booker, the Center Director, to the parents of the Lutheran Community Center. The hams were paid for in part by a \$250 Thrivent gift card arranged by Dot and Ted Hanske. The parents were very appreciative that Immanuel continued to support them this year. Thank you VERY MUCH to our faithful Immanuel members who supported this collection by contributing money to pay for the Walmart gift cards! Even though COVID has prevented the children from meeting together at the church this year, Shirley Booker has made home visits and used Zoom to keep her group of children and families together in God's Word and fellowship. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

## Immanuel Inbound Family

The Christmas cards were delivered to our inbound Immanuel family members' homes by Sheila Stelzer. Thank you, Sheila! The inbound are always so grateful to be remembered!

Please remember our inbound family on their birthdays. Watch for announcements of their birthdays and due dates. Place all cards in the mail box in the atrium for delivery. Be sure to put the recipient's name on the envelope.

**MARCH birthday is Cherie Pick. Birthday cards will be picked up from the mail box on Sunday, March 14 at 10:30 am.**

Also remember our inbound family at Easter. Easter cards, with name on envelope, will be picked up from the mail box on Sunday, March 21 at 10:30 am. for delivery.

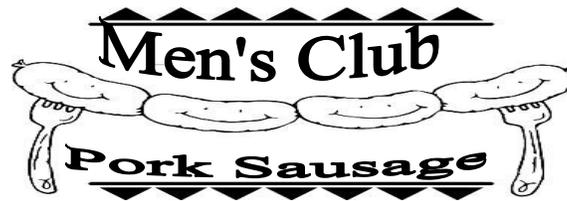
Inbound Family:

Marilyn Brockmann	Dorothy Knoll	Cherie Pick
Christina Chancellor	Lera Koenig	Donna Scotino
Richard Crane	Donna Leaser	Marilyn Weinstock
Catherine Forest	Helen May	Patricia Whitener
Joan Gansman	Cheryl Metzler	Zane Zeable.
Larry and Lois Greenway	Jacqueline Molitoris	
Lee Janssen	Jean Mueller	

Questions? Contact Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 or [diane\\_tallyn@hotmail.com](mailto:diane_tallyn@hotmail.com).

## Christmas Cottage

Donations for the Christmas Cottage are accepted throughout the year. A tote for donations is available by the food pantry table near the church elevator. Needed items: gift bags (all sizes) and new or like new gifts for all ages. The 2021 Christmas Cottage is planned for Tuesday, November 30th. Questions? Contact Diane Tallyn at 314-910-2032 or [diane\\_tallyn@hotmail.com](mailto:diane_tallyn@hotmail.com).



Did you know that the Men's Club:

- has always funded the purchase of Portals of Prayer Daily Devotion booklets for every member of Immanuel, as well as Hopefull Living Devotions.
- provides funding for many organizations and missions both at home and abroad (LLL, Lutheran Hour, LOC, Sr. Youth Program, Day School, College Care Committee, and various Lutheran missionaries).
- has funded several large landscaping improvements, including new plantings on the east side of the main school, in front of the East Building, and in front of the church.
- Replaced the overgrown evergreens surrounding HVAC equipment with a new fence that looks like stone.
- Provided funding for Cemetery maintenance, including the driveway and removal of overgrown vines and shrubs along the north property line.

We are only able to provide funding for these many worthwhile projects and organizations with your support!

So, it's time to place your order for our fresh Men's Club Pork Sausage, and make sure you stock up for grilling this summer. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 concerns, once again the sausage will be made by Wenneman's Meat Market of St. Libory, IL. Wenneman's produced our sausage using our secret recipe for the first time last November. We hope that you enjoyed the same quality that you have been accustomed to in the past. If you have not tried our sausage before, we invite you to try some as we are confident that you will find the quality and value of our sausage is superior.

Due to the change in sourcing, we **MUST** have your orders **NO LATER THAN Monday, March 8th**. The price is \$4.25 per pound. Orders may be placed by phone or mail to any of the following:

- Church Office (314) 993-2394
- Wayne Meyr (314) 423-8944
- Paul Rohan (636) 530-6160

**Orders will be ready for pick up on Friday March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 4 – 6 pm, or Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> after both services.**

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MEN'S CLUB SAUSAGE ORDER

**Cost: \$4.25 per lb.**

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sold by: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME MARK PACKAGE	REGULAR				SEASONED				TOTAL
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>									<b>\$</b>

# Steward Builders

To help you grow as a steward.

## New Every Morning

It's a new year. Not only do we turn over a page on the calendar, we begin a whole new calendar. For many, a new year brings promise of a new start, but many don't have such an optimistic view.

The bills from over-spending at Christmas are starting to come in, and there's no more money now than there was a month ago. Your boss is still the same old hard-to-get-along-with guy he was before. Then there's the problem of the extra ten pounds you put on due to all the goodies you consumed. None of this is new. The calendar may say a new year, but only the date is new.

Even the Preacher of Ecclesiastes moaned that there's nothing new. *"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun"* (Eccl. 1:9).

Jeremiah, the "Weeping Prophet," had his troubles too. He wrote, *"I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within*

*me"* (Lamentations 3:19-20).

But Jeremiah had another perspective, one that we should adopt as well. He follows those words with, *"Yet this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every*

*morning; great is Your faithfulness"* (Verses 21-23).

Instead of looking around us at our circumstances or inside ourselves where there is no hope or inspiration, let us look at God's unfailing compassion and His blessings which He pours out on us daily. Let us spend our prayer time in thanks for all He has done for us and provided for us, rather than in lamenting our sorry state. Let us look to His wisdom to manage His gifts to us in a wiser manner so that we might please Him and be of service in His Kingdom. Especially let us thank Him for the gift of forgiveness and the new start He gives us minute by minute.



## There Is a Lad Here

The whole world thrilled to the story of Robert Hill, many years ago. This thirteen year old boy, hearing about the work of Albert Schweitzer, decided to help by sending a bottle of aspirin to the good doctor's hospital in Africa. Since his father was in the Army, stationed in Italy, he asked the commander of the Air Force to deliver the bottle of aspirin in one of his planes. A radio commentator reported the incident on his program with the result that Robert Hill flew into Africa with four tons of medical supplies valued at thousands of dollars, on planes provided by the Italian and French governments. When Dr. Schweitzer saw the boy, he said, "I never knew a little child could do so much for my hospital." Some would say this was a matter of charity or compassion; but at a deeper lever, it was a matter of stewardship. Here was a lad, very much like that boy in Scriptures who offered a few fishes and loaves, who gave what he could in service to others. (Paul Strauch)

## Beginning Again

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"* (Genesis 1:1). Sometimes it's good to get back to the basics. When the whirlwind of holiday events and celebrations is over, it's time to gather our wits and prepare for the coming year. Time to get our bearings. Time to think afresh. Time to take stock of the past year, for some remembering its blessings, for others, sorrowing over its setbacks.

Whether rejoicing or sorrowing, however, God is there with us. He laughs with us in our times of joy and wipes away our tears of sadness. He is always here. He was here "in the beginning." He created it all. When *"the earth was formless and empty, [and] darkness was over the surface of the deep, the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be... And there was ..."* (Genesis 1:2, 3).

All it takes is a word from God's mouth and there it is. He created it, He owns it, and He loans it to us for our use. In addition, all the time, He is there with us; never will He leave us (Hebrews 13:5). This is no time for regrets over the past, for God has *(cont. on next page...)*

forgiven and forgotten our sin. There is no cause for worry over what the New Year will bring, for God has already been there.



Each of us can make a new beginning; in fact, each day, each moment can be a new beginning. God promises to provide for all our needs. Paul wrote, *"And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:19). Believing this promise, we do not need to fear for our futures, financial or otherwise.

We do not need to store up wealth for some calamity. We can afford to be generous giv-

ers because, as believers, we are covered by God's promise to care for us.

By God's grace, let us make that new beginning, then, living according to God's plan for us and managing the vast resources He has loaned to us to the best of our abilities, honoring Him in all we say, in the way we live, and through our generous offerings as we work to make His name known.

### On the Lighter Side

Somebody has well said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

### Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!

## PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have any prayer requests, please email [prayers@immanuelolivette.org](mailto:prayers@immanuelolivette.org). In your request, please note in your email:

1. Your name or your desire to be anonymous
2. Your prayer request
3. Whether or not you would like this to be shared with only Pastor or with Immanuel members who signed up to receive our prayer chain
4. How long you would like us to petition your prayer request (a week, until a specific date, a month, indefinitely? etc)

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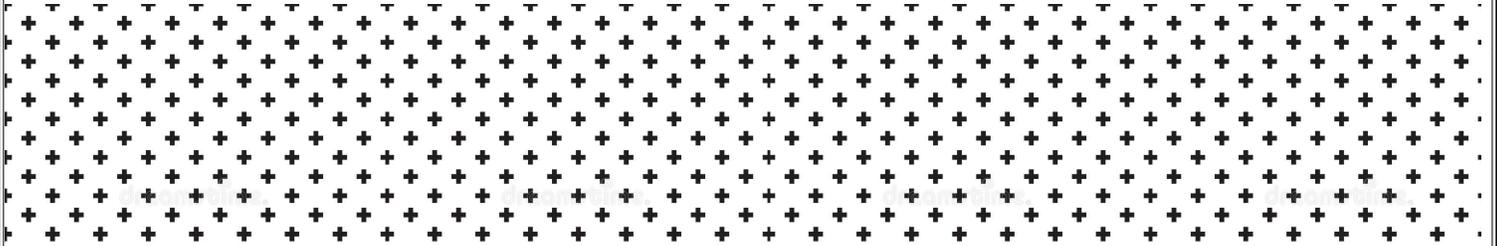
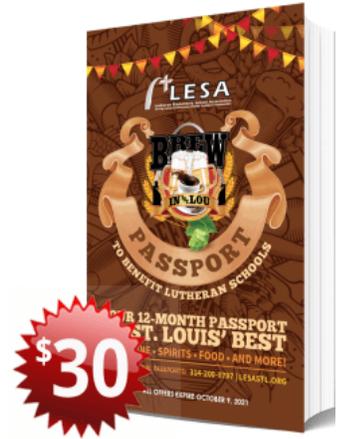
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# FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 <small>9:30-10:30 Quilters</small>	5	6
7 <small>8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship  5:00 Confirmation Classes 6:30 Sr. High Youth</small>	8	9 <small>10:00-11:00 Communion 11:00 Ladies Bible Study</small>	10  <small>5:00-6:00 Communion</small>	11  <small>9:30-10:30 Quilters</small>	12	13  <small>5:00 Worship</small>
14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> <small>8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship  5:00 Confirmation Classes 6:30 Sr. High Youth</small>	15 <b>Presidents Day</b>	16 <small>10:00-11:00 Communion 11:00 Ladies Bible Study</small>	17 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  <small>5:00-6:00 Communion 7:00 Lenten Worship</small>	18  <small>9:30-10:30 Quilters</small>	19	20  <small>5:00 Worship</small>
21 <small>8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship  5:00 Confirmation Classes</small>	22	23 <small>10:00-11:00 Communion 11:00 Ladies Bible Study</small>	24  <small>5:00-6:00 Communion</small>	25  <small>9:30-10:30 Quilters</small>	26	27  <small>5:00 Worship</small>
28 <small>8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship  5:00 Confirmation Classes</small>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our Mission Statement:</b> Connected in Christ—Compassion for All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Connected  Compassion</p>					

# MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <small>10:00-11:00 Communion 11:00 Ladies Bible Study</small>	3  <small>5:00-6:00 Communion 7:00 Lenten Worship</small>	4  <small>9:30-10:30 Quilters</small>	5	6  <small>5:00 Worship</small>
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28 <b>Palm Sunday</b> <small>8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship  5:00 Confirmation Classes 6:30 Sr. High Youth</small>	29	30 <small>10:00-11:00 Communion 11:00 Ladies Bible Study</small>	31  <small>5:00-6:00 Communion 7:00 Lenten Worship</small>	<p><b>Sunday Morning Schedule</b> <b>Immanuel:</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p><b>Sunday Morning Schedule</b> <b>Light of Christ:</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p>		



*I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*  
Psalm 122:1

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Worship Services by [Reservation](#)

with Holy Communion Celebrated:

Saturdays – 5:00 pm

Sundays – 8:00 am (Live streamed [YouTube](#)) and 10:30 am

Holy Communion by [Appointment](#)

Tuesdays – 10:00-11:00 am

Wednesdays – 5:00-6:00 pm

**Light of Christ Worship**

Sundays – 10:30 am (also Live streamed on [YouTube](#))

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