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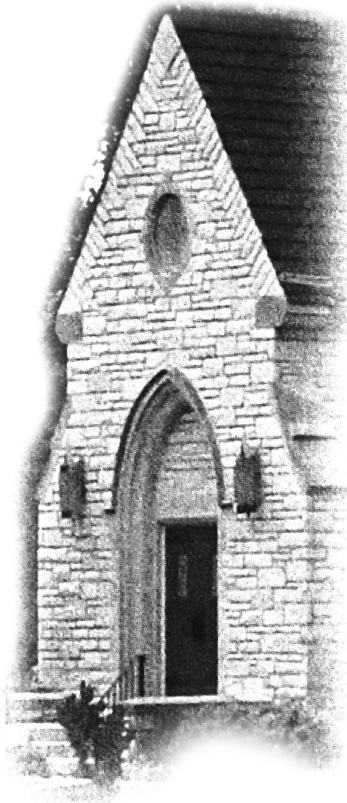
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Connected in Jesus



Compassion for all



Immanuel Lutheran Church
Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission
Immanuel Lutheran School



LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Ash Wednesday Worship – 9:30 am & 7:00 pm
Fellowship Supper – 5:00-6:15 pm

Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr. 1

Midweek Lenten Worship – 9:30 am & 7:00 pm
Fellowship Supper – 5:00-6:15 pm

Any group willing to host a Fellowship Supper,
please contact Mary Ann Karg, 314-761-5548.



Sunday, February 9, 2020

Also Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of
Light of Christ

And Chinese New Year

Guest Pastor: Rev. Lau, Pastor of Light of
Christ 2000-2006 will preach at the 8:00 &
10:30 services in the sanctuary

Light of Christ will host lunch and
entertainment in the gym after the combined
10:30 service.

Lunch and Entertainment: Noon-1:00

Everyone is invited!

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Notes to Greeters: Please note on your personal calendar, and trade with someone if you have a conflict. Badges are in the Volunteer Room.

More Greeters are always welcome.

Please call Judy Meyr (429-5354) if interested in this service to the Lord.

February 2020

Sat. 2/1: 5 pm Ricci Grabski
 Sun. 2/2: 8 am Luke & Barb Burkemper, Betty Burkhardt & Carol Stewart
 10:30 am John & Suzanne Domalewski, Susan Green

Sat. 2/8: 5 pm Tom & Marilyn Brockmann
 Sun. 2/9: 8 am Trudy & Natalie Oleshchuk, Dan & Liza Dable
 10:30 am Joan Marek & Gene Geib, John & Christa Hellert

Sat. 2/15: 5 pm Lorna & Christine Arbet
 Sun. 2/16: 8 am Andy & Michele Zalmanoff, Velma Rohan & Sheri Looock
 10:30 am Lisa Sutkus & Lakesha Latimore, Charles & Judy Meyr

Sat. 2/22: 5 pm Mike & Mar Croxton
 Sun. 2/23: 8 am Lois Stiegemeier & Linda Wilson, Bob & Angie Sudbring
 10:30 am Adam & Leslie Brandt, Jerry & Margaret Watkins

Ash Wed.

2/26: 7 pm Ken & Rita Eckert
 Sat. 2/29: 5 pm Leslie Elgert

March 2020

Sun. 3/1: 8 am Diane Tallyn, Leon & Carol Mittler
 10:30 am Barb Stuckman & Carla Bennett, John & Crista Hellert

Wed. 3/4: 7 pm Dave & Janelle Leidholdt

Sat. 3/7: 5 pm Ricci Grabski
 Sun. 3/8: 8 am Dan & Liza Dable, Terry Meyr
 10:30 am Susan Green, Michael & Evelyn Irving
 Wed. 3/11: 7 pm Trudy & Natalie Oleshchuk

Sat. 3/14: 5 pm Lorna & Christy Arbet
 Sun. 3/15: 8 am Matt & Mara Springer, Mark & Char Gordon
 10:30 am Joan Marek & Gene Geib, Carl & Chrilla McKenzie

Wed. 3/18: 7 pm Andy & Michele Zalmanoff

Sat. 3/21: 5 pm Margaret Watkins
 Sun. 3/22: 8 am Duane & Bette Bude, Casey & Barb Kiehl
 10:30 am Greg & Sherry Miller, Lisa Sutkus & Lakesha Latimore



Welcome Deaconess Glenn!

On Sunday, Oct. 27, Deaconess Dorothy Glenn was installed as Immanuel's Communication and Admission Director. Immanuel Lutheran Church and School celebrates her presence and welcomes her to the Immanuel family.

Deaconess Glenn is the daughter of missionary parents and lived in the United Kingdom until she was 13, at which time the family relocated to the United States. Deaconess Glenn attended Concordia University Chicago and graduated in 2013, earning a degree in Theology with Deaconess Certification. While at Concordia, she met her future husband, Rev. Micah Glenn. Rev. Glenn currently serves as Regional Ministry Facilitator at Lutheran Hour Ministries. The Glenns have three children – Jonathan, age 6, Talitha, 4, and David, 2. They also host two 17-year-old boys – Sebastian from Sweden and Luca from Italy – who are students at Hazelwood High School and will be with them through the end of May.

In the Deaconess program, women are trained to use their gifts to build community through performing works of mercy, teaching the faith, and giving spiritual care. Their emphasis is always to guide people to the Word and Sacrament provided by the Pastor. At Immanuel, Deaconess Glenn is welcoming families to Immanuel and enrolling children in Immanuel School. Her mission is to make everyone feel a part of the Immanuel family, and therefore a part of God's family.

Deaconess Glenn is using her skills to build relationships with current and future families while she increases communication within Immanuel and outside of Immanuel. If you haven't already done so, introduce yourself to the Glenns and support them with your friendship and prayers. We ask for God's rich blessings on all facets of Immanuel's ministry.



32nd Annual Sausage Dinner & Spring Bazaar Sunday, March 1, 2020*

Dining Room Serving: Noon – 4:00 pm

Adults – \$12

Carry-outs Available: 11:30 – 5:00

Children (6-12) – \$5

Featuring our Immanuel Men's Club Pork Sausage

Age 5 and under – Free

Menu includes

- All-you-can-eat Pork Sausage**
- Real Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
 - Sauerkraut w/Pork
- Green Beans w/Bacon & Onions
 - Applesauce, Bread & Butter
 - Dessert & Beverages

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and enjoy a great home-cooked meal. You can also do some shopping at the Spring Bazaar, featuring many handmade, unique items; beautiful Easter decor and table decorations, lots of cute Easter favors, children's items, doll clothes, beautiful greeting cards, home-baked goods, decorative crosses, etc.

*In case of inclement weather, March 8 is the alternate date. Call 993-2394 for information.

**Turkey available upon request for those on restricted diet.

Wed. 3/25: 7 pm Sheri Loock & Velma Rohan

*Names listed **first** will have **East** entrance, those noted **second** will have **West**.*

Sat. 3/28: 5 pm Leslie Elgert

Sun. 3/29: 8 am Luke & Barb Burkemper, Lois Stiegemeier & Linda Wilson

10:30 am Bryan & Jennifer Hackmann, Adam & Leslie Brandt



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.

Student Ambassador Nominated

Each year principals in the St Louis/Southern Illinois area have the opportunity to nominate a student who is impactful in the school, church, and community. We have many students who are deserving of this nomination. This year I have nominated **Ella Krenning**, who is one of our current seventh grade students. She has been a member at Immanuel Lutheran Church since birth and this is her ninth year at ILS.

Ella is nominated because of her Christ-like leadership. At Immanuel, we value student leadership opportunities where students demonstrate leadership growth. Ella is the type of person who recognizes and utilizes each of those opportunities. Through Ella's humility, students are drawn to follow her Christ-like example. I was most impressed this fall during our Trunk or Treat outreach event. Our seventh and eighth grade students oversaw the game activities. Before we welcomed children to play, I asked if someone would pray for the event. Ella eagerly volunteered and asked God to bless the kids who would come and that the seventh and eighth graders' words and actions would show Christ to our guests.

Ella shares her faith as a mentor to younger students in her Faith Family and by showing grace and mercy to others. She includes others who may easily find themselves alone on the sidelines. She sets the bar high as a positive encourager to her classmates and teammates. Ella gently leads by identifying a problem and actively making the situation better.

Ella is admired by students at Immanuel because of her helpful, humble nature. I believe Ella's quiet, gentle leadership is a reflection of her grandfather, Elmore. Her grandfather was a long-time member of Immanuel Lutheran Church who always had a kind-hearted approach to everyone.



Immanuel Academic Teams Win Big

Congratulations to our two Academic Teams and Coach **Clayton Erdman**! Immanuel celebrated 1st and 6th place in the gold bracket of the City Playoffs. The academics at Immanuel challenge students to excel in and out of the classroom. Our first place City Champions are **Nicholas Copeland, Margaret Farra, John Gong, Evan Jander, Nathan Salemink, and Grace Schaff**. Our sixth place teammates are **Allison Cullen, Zuri Eytalis, Avery Grantham, Jackson Holmes, David Lee, and Sophie Moran**.



Save the Date!
 2020 Golf Tournament
 Saturday, August 22, 2020
 8am shotgun start
 Florissant Golf Club

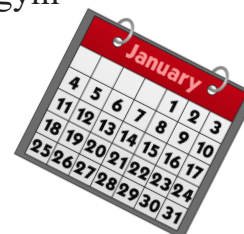


Upcoming Events**FEBRUARY**

- Feb. 1 Academic Fair at LHSN
- Feb. 1 Trivia Night
- Feb. 14 & 17 ILS Closed
- Feb. 19 Faith Family Chapel led by 5th/6th, 9:30
- Feb. 21-23 Basketball State Tournament@ Jefferson City, MO
- Feb. 28 Spring Book Fair

MARCH

- Mar. 2 Family Reading Night, 6:30 pm
- Mar. 5 8th Grade Play
- Mar. 14 Report Cards Emailed
- Mar. 16-20 ILS Closed, Spring Break
- Mar. 27 Winter Extra-Curricular Awards, 3:00 pm, gym

**Our Annual DARE Graduation Celebration**

DARE®

Each year our fifth grade class learns about the importance of being drug free through the DARE Program. This year we were inspired by Lt. Mary Mills who works for the Coast Guard and as a St. Louis Police Officer. She shared her experience as a middle school student being reminded to make good choices because we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God. For those of you who have attended ILS, you probably remember having DARE Officer Jeffrey be your instructor. He continues to make learning the important lesson of staying drug free engaging. We love his continued dedication and rapport with students.



Congratulations to sophomore Nick Ballenger, who was recently selected as a Student of the Month at Lutheran High School North! You can read about Nick on the LN display board in the Immanuel School hallway. While there, check out articles about North's State Champion football team!

The tradition continues! On Saturday, Feb. 8, all five Lutheran North basketball teams will play Lutheran South at Missouri Baptist University. Games begin at 12:30 with the Varsity girls starting about 5:00 and Varsity boys at 7:00. Come and connect with other alums, watch exciting basketball, and cheer loudly!

We thank Lutheran North's Band for enhancing worship at Immanuel on Sunday, Jan. 12. Another opportunity to enjoy Crusader music will be their Home Tour Concert at Lutheran North on Sunday, Feb. 23, 7:00 p.m. Along with the band, the Crusader select choir, *Concentus*, will perform. Immanuel members in the Crusader Band and/or Choir include Ellie Jander, Carrie Meyr, Christian Saleminck, and Courtney Wittler. No admission is charged. All are invited.

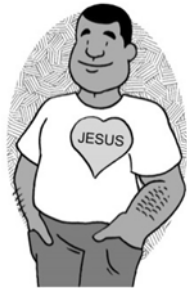
Steward Builders

To help you grow as a steward.

The purpose of this article is to share God's Word so that our members will better understand who we are to be and what we are to do in the light of the Scriptures. It is our hope that this publication will help you grow in your relationship with the Lord and as a Christian steward.

Where is Your Heart?

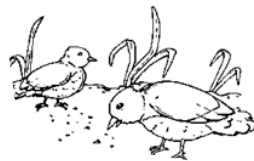
Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Your treasure is the thing that is most important to you. Maybe it's your job, investments, a new house, or a new car, your spouse or children. Regardless of your particular passion, your treasure is what you think about, what you go after, what you want to attain. It's where your heart is.



As Christian stewards, God wants us to treasure Him and hold our time, talents, and treasure with open hands. If you are unwilling to part with earthly goods, your treasure isn't God. When God is your treasure, He will receive from you a generous amount of all that you possess.

Testing your Knowledge of Scripture

Can you identify the parable in which birds have a part? If you said the Parable of the Sower, you were right. In the Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:5-15), Jesus describes four different conditions of the soil, which represent conditions of the heart. "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up" (verse 5). The birds represent Satan who comes and takes away the Word from our hearts. Continuing the parable, Jesus said, "Some [seed] fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown" (verses 6-8).



Two other types of hardened hearts are represented in this parable. There is the shallow heart that doesn't

allow God's Word to take root and the other heart that is choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures. However, there is also good soil which represents a good heart, which hears the Word, retains it, remains faithful, and bears fruit.

Jesus Accepts and Perfects our Gifts

As sinful people, we are incapable of giving God what He deserves from us. However, we can be confident that our gifts are acceptable to God through Jesus. To illustrate this point, there is a story about a woodcarver who early in his life was a renowned carver. He passed on his craft to his son. Later in his life, the old man's eyes began to dim, and his hands began to tremble. He could no longer carve the perfect figures of his youth. He would mar the figure, and imperfections blighted his work. His fading eyes could no longer see the flaws.

During the night, as the father was sleeping, the son would sneak down and correct his father's flaws in the newly carved wood. When the figures passed through the hands of the son, they were made perfect again.

In the same way, we may bring our imperfect gifts with the confidence that, as they pass through the hands of Jesus, they will all be placed before the Father in absolute perfection.

Developing an Unselfish Character

Scripture says, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world" (Romans 12:2). The pattern of this world is to acquire and to hold on to material acquisitions. Romans 12:2 continues, "but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." This transformation is brought about in you, the believer, through your relationship with the Holy Spirit, Who, through Word and Sacrament, renews your mind so that, instead of following the pattern of the world, you seek to follow your Savior. Like Jesus Who emptied Himself of equality with God (Phil. 2:6), let us empty ourselves of the desire to acquire and hoard. This way of life leads only to misery, not self-fulfillment. Like Jesus, let us give freely, even sacrificially.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 exhorts, "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous

and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." Life that is truly life belongs to those

who are unselfish givers.

Giving is an indicator of your unselfishness and an outward litmus test of the inner condition of your heart.

The astonishing thing is that, in God's economy, the more you give, the more you have left to give. Because God replenishes you, your giving

can be a daily and a lifetime activity. "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:11).

A little girl exclaimed, "Poor Jesus!" when her mother told her that she had to give only one dime of her ten-dime allowance. May you acquire the same unselfish attitude as the little girl when you come to the Lord with your offering.



Blessings on your Stewardship Journey!

Attn: Widows /Single Mothers

Immanuel has been given money in a trust fund to help widows and single mothers further their personal education or the education of their dependent children. If you feel you qualify, please contact Pastor Karg to discuss applying for the grant. The money that will be awarded will be allocated out of the interest generated by the base fund. The award will be made based on the need expressed in an application form to be given to those applicants that qualify. Anyone interested in this program will need to submit the application by Feb. 9, 2020. Approval of funds will be made by May, 2020.

SQUARE DANCING FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

Sunday, March 29th, 6:30-8:30 pm, Immanuel Lutheran Gym

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A GOOD OL' FASHIONED SQUARE DANCE!

or HOEDOWN! or BARN DANCE! or SHINDIG!

WHATEVER YOU LIKE TO CALL IT

JOIN US FOR A WESTERN PARTY DANCING ADVENTURE



What could be better than having fun and promoting an overseas mission trip at the same time?! Immanuel member Kathy Murray has volunteered, along with 4 Lockwood, MO Immanuel Lutheran members and 10 members from Christ the King Lutheran Church in Memphis, TN for the LCMS Mission Trip to Tanzania May 21st-June 4th. The cost is approximately \$3600 per team member so all the dance proceeds (free will donation) will go towards the mission trip costs. Caller Tom Murray who happens to be Kathy's husband is donating his time (at Kathy's request). He said ya'all should come and help send his wife to Africa for two weeks!

The dance is for all ages and is open to the public so bring your friends, relatives, and anyone else you can think of! Tom will teach you everything you need to know to dance - except for your left and your right!

So, grab your partner and we'll do a little DOSADO!

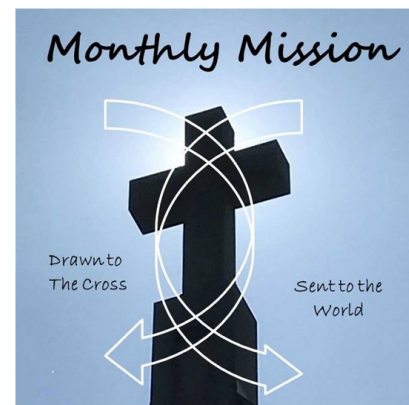
November: Lutheran Church Charities and the K9 Comfort Dogs Ministry
Donations received: \$610

December: Maria Sasieta, Mission of Christ Network at Stronghold
 Cambodia

Donations received: \$792

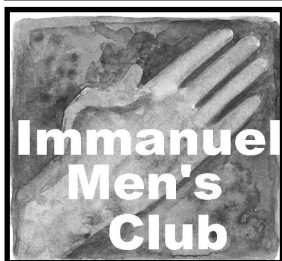
January: Lutherans for Life

A door offering is collected at Immanuel the last Sunday of each month for a particular specialized mission, allowing our congregation to reach out – from Immanuel – to the world. Your contributions to these missions are appreciated! Donations may be in cash or checks made payable to the specific organization or to Immanuel Lutheran Church with the mission written in the memo.



The **February** recipient will be our own **Light of Christ Lutheran Chinese Mission**, celebrating their 20th Anniversary. Since the year 2000, Light of Christ has been proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and providing religious instruction to Chinese speaking people. More than 200 people, young and old, have been baptized at Light of Christ and an average of 100+ weekly worshipers receive God's gifts as they are also trained for Christian discipleship. Thanks be to God!

In **March**, donations will support an **LCMS Mission Team in Tanzania**; Immanuel member Kathy Murray will be a part of this team, as they share the gospel message with the Sukuma people, a tribe of 6 million people. This will be joint effort as they work closely with the Lutheran Church in Tanzania.



Men's Club

Meetings – Feb. 4 & March 3

Immanuel's Men's Club meets the first Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:00 p.m. Sometimes special guest speakers are featured. Business includes making decisions on how to support Immanuel and various outreach projects.

Guests are always welcome. Refreshments and fellowship conclude each meeting.

Coming up in February is also Sausage Making – a major fundraiser for the Men's Club. If you've never been involved with this project, please come on Feb. 14 to get acquainted and see this process. There is a job for everyone!

FEBRUARY SAUSAGE SALE

Immanuel's Men's Club helps sponsor many activities and organizations in our parish. Lutheran Laymen's League, Lutheran Hour Float, missionaries, future church workers, our Youth programs, physical needs of our facility and grounds, our school and cemetery, Light of Christ Mission, and many other areas of ministry have been supported through the Men's Club. Our method of funding all these missions has been through funds raised at our Sausage Sales.

It's time to place your order for our fresh homemade Pork Sausage and stock up for a long summer. If you have not tried our sausage in the past, we invite you to try some as we are confident that you will find the quality and value of our sausage is superior. Orders may be placed with the church office at 993-2394 or in the atrium between services February 2nd and 9th. Orders are due no later than Monday evening, February 10th. The price remains at \$4/ pound.

We encourage you to pick up your order in the gym on Friday evening, February 14th between 8:00–9:30 p.m. or in the school kitchen after worship services on Saturday, February 15th or Sunday, February 16th.

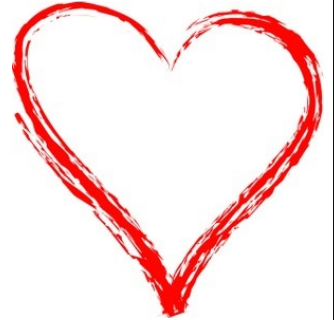
HELP FOR SAUSAGE MAKING – a reminder to all Men's Club members! We need YOUR help Friday, February 14th anytime between 1:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Guests are always welcome and encouraged to join us for an evening of work and fellowship - men, women and youth. Won't you join us for a few hours? We hope to see you there, so mark it on your calendar now! PS – don't forget to bring an apron!

WOMEN'S GUILD

LWML



The February Women's Guild meeting on Tuesday the 4th will be a LOVE-ly evening! Beginning at 7:00, we'll have a short business meeting and then enjoy a Valentine Party. Secret Pals will be revealed and new ones chosen for the coming year. It's always fun to secretly lift up a sister in Christ and know someone is doing the same for you. Anyone interested, whether or not you are a member of Guild, is welcome!



At the March 3 meeting, also beginning at 7:00, we will have a guest speaker. Amy Schumacher, author and artist, will tell us how her faith affects her writing and art. It promises to be an interesting program. Join us!



Immanuel's 32nd Annual Sausage Dinner and Spring Bazaar Sunday, March 1st



A great deal of help is needed for this annual event. Sign-up sheets are in the atrium. Be sure to write your name down where you can help!

Table/Dining Room Servers are especially needed for the 2nd and 3rd shifts. **Students 7th grade and older** are also encouraged to help serve.

Pies

And don't forget.....we need lots of pies (homemade or Bakery pies only, please)! We will need a minimum of 150 pies delivered to the Stream Room (room 206) on Sunday, March 1st.

Please make a donation of 2 pies even if you aren't able to volunteer to work at the Sausage Dinner!

Parking on March 1st

In order to offer more convenient parking for our visitors and guests on Sausage Dinner Sunday, we ask that all workers try to park off-campus (e.g. St. Paul's Cemetery parking lot, or on the parking lot adjoining our East Building). Thank you for your consideration.

Spring Bazaar

The ladies of the congregation sponsor a Bazaar and Country Store with all types of items available. If anyone would be interested in donating new items, handmade crafts, or homemade eats and sweets, please deliver these items to the gym on Saturday morning, Feb. 29 or early Sunday morning, Mar. 1. Thank you!

Feb. 2	Wayne & Barb Meyr
Feb. 9	Bill & Eileen Bunte
Feb. 16	Lorie Lunn & Joan Davis
Feb. 23	Luke & Barb Burkemper
Mar. 1	Del & Carol Lohmann
Mar. 8	Charles & Judy Meyr
Mar. 15	Lorie Lunn & Joan Davis
Mar. 22	Mike & Mar Croxton
Mar. 29	Bob & Angie Sudbring

Please contact Lorie Lunn,
314-890-2015, if you'd like to
volunteer. Thank you!





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 Thanksgiving Food Offering and Christmas Gift Collection

We just completed another amazing season of giving...our 14th season...thanks to our generous Immanuel members. We received 27 very ample sets of non-perishable food to give to 25 families from the Lutheran Community Center (LCC), plus two families we met many years ago when they received services from Nurses for Newborns (NFN). The Community Care Team added a fresh ham to every bag of groceries, so all our families had a juicy ham for Christmas.

Again, thanks to your generosity, we provided a Christmas gift to 42 children from the LCC and 8 children from NFN. Sometimes these children have other gifts at home, but all too often our gifts are the only presents they receive. The effort you all expend to find the right gift and wrap it so festively is definitely appreciated. As you will read in the thank you message below from Shirley Booker, the long-time LCC director, the true and priceless gift to these children is the story of God's love for them, the baby Jesus, born in the stable, living in our hearts.

On Saturday, Dec. 21, we delivered the groceries and gifts to the LCC, just prior to their Christmas pageant and party. Every year, the LCC kids conduct a service where the birth of Christ is retold, complete with shepherds, angels, wise men, Mary, Joseph, the manger, and baby Jesus. At the Birthday Party for Jesus afterward, our gifts are unwrapped and the Christmas dinner bags are distributed. Please read Shirley's heartfelt message to us:

To the congregation of Immanuel Olivette, "Thank you!" Because of you the "Birthday Party for Jesus" was great. There were a lot of smiles, crying, big eyes that were ready to explode, with hearts of full of joy. Our Lord has truly placed the Lutheran Community Center right in the middle of one of His mission fields. The children were so excited and full of questions. Questions about the baby in the manger. Why did God send the baby down here? How come I don't see him? What does He do? Well, what does He do for me? They were also curious about the presents under the tree. Where is Santa, what is taking him so long? Just listening to their questions/answers and seeing their eyes light up with each reply made me feel that all the pain, suffering, and disappointments I sometimes feel were worth the joy they brought to me on Saturday. Please, thank everyone involved with the happiness seen here on Saturday for us. We thank you especially for your prayers, and everything the congregation has done for us!

Love in Christ!

Shirley

Thank you to our faithful Immanuel members for continuing to support the Community Care Team and this ministry! Through you, we're able to share Christ-centered connections and care to our community.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

We serve 60 homeless men a dinner meal the first Monday of each month at Sts. Peter and Paul Shelter in Soulard. Please consider being a volunteer! Menus and pans are available upon request. Questions? Contact Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 or Suzanne Hough (314) 346-6310.

Feb. 3, 2020

Prepare Meal: Mr. Springer and 8th Grade Students

Dessert: **Volunteer Needed**

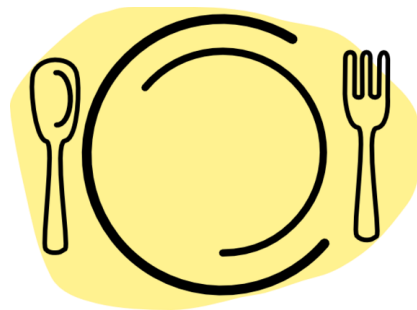
Deliver & Serve: Krenning Family

Mar. 2, 2020

Prepare Meal: Mr. Springer and 7th Grade Students

Dessert: **Volunteer Needed**

Deliver & Serve: **Volunteer Needed**



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The donation theme for March is Baking Items - Flour, sugar, cooking spray, olive oil, spices/seasonings, cocoa powder, chocolate chips, brownie mix, cake mix, etc. Thank you, Immanuel members, for your continued support of this worthwhile ministry!

FROM THE VICAR

Confirmation isn't Only about Knowledge

"Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." (Ephesians 4:22-24)

We in the Lutheran Church are shaped by our own confirmation experience along with the traditions and expectations that have been placed on confirmation in our church for the past 175 years. However, confirmation and ultimately all of Christian education isn't only about gaining a greater knowledge of the catechism and Scriptures, but it's as St. Paul tells the Church in Ephesus, a putting off of the old self. In other words, confirmation is formative and part of what it means to be a disciple.

Perhaps we could think about it in terms of not only what we know but what we love. Humans are fundamentally oriented by love, and we focus on things that our hearts desire. This is why Luther explains the meaning of the First Commandment as, *"We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things"* (Small Catechism). Therefore, if we are orientated by love, then Christian education is best formed as practices or rituals that shape what we desire because our habits in life act as a fulcrum or swivel for our desires.

The focus in confirmation should not be merely on content, but on the practices in which that content is communicated to confirmands. Practices, habits, and routines of worship shape who a person is, what they love, and ultimately what they believe. This process is not merely through individual experiences but through relationships and institutions. Our habits as a Christian, both at home and at church, help to mold us or form us into disciples. Healthy Christian habits of prayer, worship, fellowship, and hearing God's Word shouldn't be introduced during the years of confirmation instruction (although with some they are), but these godly habits should be brought into maturity as young confirmands dig deeper in the catechism and the Holy Scriptures. This is especially true if we believe the definition of confirmation expressed by the Missouri Synod, *"Confirmation is a pastoral and educational ministry of the church which helps the baptized child through Word and Sacrament to identify more deeply with the Christian community and participate more fully in its mission."*



The historic Christian Church has always had an understanding of routines or practices being beneficial for forming Christian disciples. The Latin word *habitus* was used to describe what Christian education (which means confirmation, as well) is in one keyword. *Habitus* comes from Hebrews 5:14 and means *"a power acquired by practice or use."* Therefore, the act of confirmation instruction and worship are not theoretical but subject to operation. Confirmation instruction should be a holistic endeavor that involves the whole person, and really one part of our Christian educational journey, by shaping our identities and desires. This formation comes out in rituals and material practices. This means Word, Sacrament, prayer, and fellowship will serve to make us more like Jesus, but only as our focus returns continually to Christ himself, not our own Christlikeness. It's in *"beholding the glory of the Lord"* that we *"are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another"* (2 Cor. 3:18). So, as a church, if we want to help form healthy active confirmed Christians, then we need to develop healthy habits. This means habits at home, such as prayer and reading the catechism and Scriptures, and habits at church by continuing to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament.

GRIEF SHARE

The 2020 cycle of GriefShare at Immanuel will begin on Sunday, Feb. 16, and continue to Sunday, May 17, (except for Easter Sunday), from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the parlor. GriefShare is a Bible-based program that uses videos, group discussion and a workbook to assist those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

It is available at no charge to Immanuel members and to non-members. Participants may join at any point in the cycle. Registration is not required, but is available at GriefShare.org. Brochures are available in the tract rack across from Connie's office. See Paulette Pierson, Joan Davis, or Bonnie Schmidt, or email GriefShare@ImmanuelOlivette.org for additional information.

Official Acts

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Brian & Pam Bunte from St. John Lutheran, Champaign, IL

RELEASED

Tom & Emily Hatesohl to Trinity Lutheran, Salina, KS

DECEASED

Mildred Brockmann on Dec. 17, 2019

BAPTISM

Caleb Eggerman on Dec. 22, 2019

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Change:

Andrew & Lindsey Hackmann
483 Staines Court
St. Louis, MO 63141

Gregg & Kara Mohrmann
11893 Shallowbrook Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63146

Community Outreach - Christmas Cottage Recap



The 6th Annual Christmas Cottage was held on Tuesday, Nov. 26. The challenge of having a possible 167 Immanuel Day School students done shopping by noon was met, finishing by 12:15. "Thank You" to the Immanuel Day School staff, Deaconess Glenn, 44 volunteers (family/friends/members/parents of Immanuel Day School students), shoppers, and everyone who donated items to help make this event a success!

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020 for our 7th Annual Christmas Cottage

How you can help:

- New or like new donations for adults and children
- Gift bags: wine/mini/small/medium/large
- Donations may be left anytime in the tote by the Food Pantry table near the church elevator.

Light of Christ

The Gift that Keeps on Giving



On December 13, nearly fifty people were gathered in the fellowship hall of Immanuel Lutheran Church for an appreciation lunch for volunteers at the Light of Christ Chinese Service Center.

The lunch was organized by the Center in order to thank those who had consistently volunteered at the Center for the past year. These volunteers are crucial to the function of the Center, as they assist with necessities from transportation to teaching. Volunteers are often the ones who offer to drive seniors to and from the Center, and also serve as teachers for different activities such as painting, singing, and dancing. With their help, the Center is able to serve as

an important outreach program for Light of Christ.

Before lunch began, the volunteers were recognized by Pastor Karg and Pastor Lim. They were then given gifts as a sign of gratitude for their service. But the most heartwarming gifts came not in the material gift bags, but from the seniors.

To express their gratitude to the volunteers, many seniors prepared performances, such as performing spoken word poetry, playing the Chinese flute, and singing songs. One of the most moving performances was by William Zhou and his wife, Irene Zhou. Before they gave their performance, William shared his story of how he came to know Jesus.

Back in Malaysia, they were surrounded by all sorts of different idols and false gods. Not knowing better, William and Irene used to worship many of these idols. Yet, no matter how many different gods they prayed to, they lacked a sense of fulfillment from that kind of worship. Then, William and Irene discovered Christianity. Finally, they discovered what salvation felt like and were overcome with the knowledge of Jesus's grace. To convey their joy at discovering Jesus, William and Irene performed "A Gift," a Chinese hymn about the gift of salvation from Jesus Christ. William expressed that they chose to perform this hymn in the hope that everyone can receive Jesus' ultimate gift—the gift of salvation and eternal life, given freely to us.



As William sang to the accompaniment of Irene's harmonica, many of the volunteers and seniors were moved by their hymn and testimony. Afterwards, many expressed their appreciation for the event. The seniors were delighted that they could show their thankfulness to those who cared for them, while the volunteers realized how much their time and effort mattered to the Center and the seniors, encouraging them to serve even more. But above all, everyone was most thankful to Jesus Christ, who had brought them together into a community that could share the tale of the Gospel with each other—the greatest gift of all.

Written by Jane Zhang



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Bath & Body Works	13%	\$25		
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Bob Evans	10%	\$10		
Buffalo Wild Wings	10%	\$25		
BRANNEKY	10%	\$10/25		
Build-a-Bear	8%	\$25		
Burger King	4%	\$10		
Burlington Coat Factory	8%	\$25		
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Disney	4%	\$25		
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Subway	6%	\$10		
Target	3%	\$25		
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March 8

Articles can be placed in the Anchor Mailbox in the fellowship hall or e-mailed in a **Microsoft Word** document type format (*.doc) to anchor@immanuelolivette.org

Elder Zone Assignments

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Elder</u>
1 (A-B)	Tom Murray
2 (C-F)	Mel Ballenger
3 (G-I)	Jerry Edsen
4 (J-L)	Dave Bunte
5 (M)	Phil Weinstein
6 (N-R)	Jeff Carter (Chm.)
7 (S)	Dan Krenning
8 (T-Z)	Norb Loebbs

FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Our Mission Statement: <i>The Mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is to strengthen our church family through Word and Sacrament, to reach out with the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and to extend His love and care one to another.</i>						1 5:00 Worship 6:30 Trivia
2 5:00 Sr. High Youth Superbowl (Knechans)	3 7:00 Young Adult / Adult Volleyball	4 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 11:00 Adult Bible Study 7:00 Women's Guild 7:00 Men's Club	5 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bazaar 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir	6 7:30 Adult Study 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Nursing Home	7 	8 5:00 Worship
9 Chinese New Year Celebration 6:30 Sr. High Youth Bible	10 7:00 Young Adult / Adult Volleyball	11 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 11:00 Adult Bible Study 6:30 All Boards	12 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bazaar 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir	13 7:30 Adult Study 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Nursing Home	14 Valentine's Day 11:00 Sausage Making	15 5:00 Worship
16 2:30 GriefShare 6:30 Sr. High Youth Bible 6:30 Lg. Grp Confirmation	17 President's Day Offices closed 7:00 Young Adult / Adult Volleyball	18 6:30 Council	19 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bazaar 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir	20 7:30 Adult Study 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Nursing Home	21 	22 5:00 Worship
23 2:30 GriefShare	24 7:00 Young Adult / Adult Volleyball	25 	26 Ash Wednesday 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bazaar 5:15 Soup Supper 7:30 Worship	27 7:30 Adult Study 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Nursing Home	28 	29 5:00 Worship

MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11:30 Sausage Supper 2:30 GriefShare 6:30 Sr. High Youth Bible	2 7:00 Young Adult / Adult Volleyball	3 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 11:00 Adult Bible Study	4 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bazaar 5:15 Soup Supper 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Worship	5 7:30 Adult Study 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Nursing Home	6 6:00 New Member Retreat	7 8:00 New Member Retreat 5:00 Worship
8 Anchor Deadline 2:30 GriefShare 6:30 Sr. High Youth Bible	9 6:30 ILS Family Reading Night	10 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 11:00 Adult Bible Study	11 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bazaar 5:15 Soup Supper 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Worship	12 7:30 Adult Study 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Nursing Home	13 	14 5:00 Worship
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*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 *Schedule*

Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 pm
Holy Communion Celebrated
Saturdays: Feb. 1, 15, 29, Mar. 14, 28

Sunday Worship—8:00 & 10:30 am
Holy Communion Celebrated
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Ash Wednesday: February 26

Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 am

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