

# THE IMMANUEL INFORMER

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## Ministers

*All members*

### Kurt Jensen

*Pastor*

### Tom Hunt

*Visitation Pastor / Interim Associate*

### Chris Dahl

*Deployed Pastor to Riverside*

### Milianna Carlson

*Office Administrator*

### Veronica Wright

*Financial Secretary*

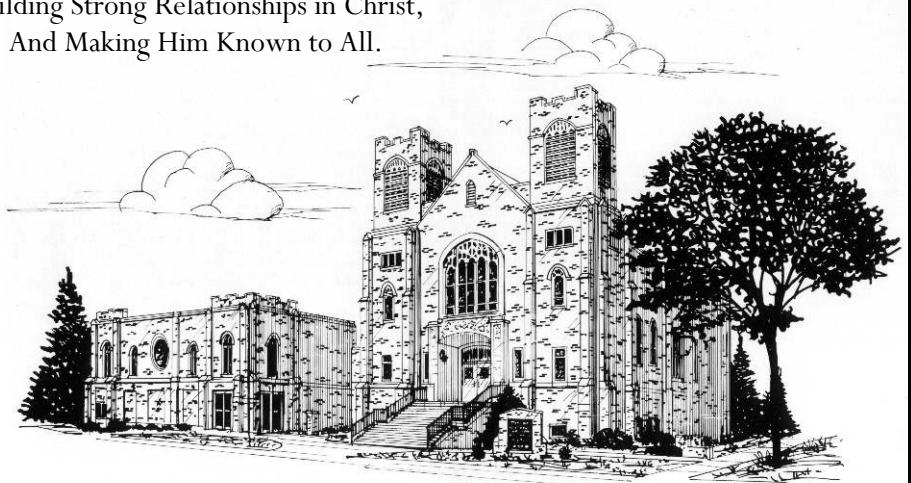
### Jeff Baker

*Custodian*

## OUR MISSION

Building Strong Relationships in Christ,  
And Making Him Known to All.

*March 2018*



## Missionaries we help support

**Tim & Paula Tjernagel**, Spain

**Pastor Randy Hansen**, ISU

**Gene & Ginger McClugage**,  
Family Life, Arkansas

**Kevin & Susana B**, India

**Doug & Amy Nunziato**,  
Mission Aviation, Washington

**Carl & Kelsey Grulke**,  
Lutheran Bible Translators

## Church Office Hours

*(September through May, unless noted on calendar)*

**Monday through Thursday:**

9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (12-1 P.M. lunch)

**Friday:** 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

## Sunday Morning Schedule

*(September through May, unless noted on calendar)*

8:30 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Studies

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)

## *From the Pastor...*

Recently we said goodbye to two dear followers of Jesus who finally reached the end of their (more than and nearly) 100-year journeys: Esther Wicks and Billy Graham. Although Esther may not have had the international reach of Billy, she affected the lives of countless children and adults with her infectious joy and deep faith in Christ. One of her family members said, "Esther got to welcome Billy Graham to heaven!"

Graham's adaptation of D.L. Moody's autobiographical obituary went viral recently: "Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God."

May our memories of these  
saints at home inspire us to  
share the love of Christ  
with everyone we meet.

*Pastor Kurt*



## **Secretary Helpers**

*(Bulletins are ready to fold at 10 A.M. on Fridays)*

**March 2**

Ardella Mostrom  
Marilyn Whipple

**March 9**

Leah Oppedal  
Marjorie Michaelson

**March 16**

Charlotte Loots  
Judy Hested

**March 23**

Nancy McMenamin

**March 30**

Janet Handsaker



## **March Ministry Volunteers**

**Ushers:** John Johnson, Don Olson, Jon Mehl,  
Steve and Jaxon McCoy

### ***March 4—Communion Sunday***

**Greeters:** Al & JoNann Twedt

**Reader:** John Nordeen

### ***March 11***

**Greeters:** Mike & Sue Valen

**Reader:** Carol Ann Morris

### ***March 18***

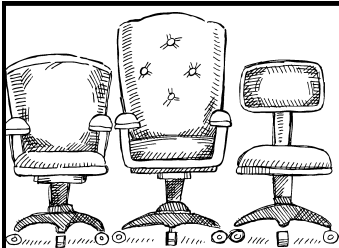
**Greeters:** Bo Ammerman Family

**Reader:** Gloria Oberender

### ***March 25—Palm Sunday***

**Greeters:** Joel & Mary Danielson

**Reader:** Linda Doyle



Please join us in  
welcoming our new  
church custodian,  
Jeff Baker!

He also serves on the  
Board of Education.

## **STAFF CHANGES**



We would like to thank Ardyce Bergeson's Immanuel Lutheran Family for the cards, memorials, and prayers during her time at Indian Creek Assisted Living, Rolling Green Village and her passing, it has meant a lot to us to know we have had so much support.

*Nancy & Larry Christian*

*Brent Christian*

*Brad Christian*

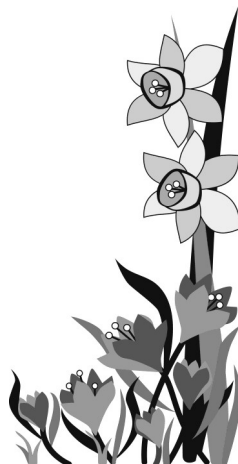
*Stephanie Anderson*

*Dennis & Diane Bergeson*

*Debra Buck*

*Dan Bergeson*

*Denise Doyle*



## **UNNaTURAL**

It's countercultural, unnatural even — this Lenten call to deny oneself and resist temptation, to put aside comfort for a time in reflection of Jesus' sacrifice for us. *It's downright uncomfortable.*

Lent is a most unwelcome experience because human nature seeks pleasure and avoids pain at all costs. *But those who dare to follow Jesus into the desert will find a rich reward.*

## View from the Pews

January 2018 Attendance:

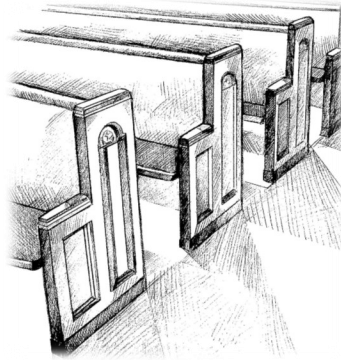
January 7: 187

January 14: 188

January 21: 209

January 28: 168

*Average Sunday  
Attendance: 188*



## Pastoral Acts

**February 27—Funeral**

Esther Wicks (104 years old)

*We treasure our memories of  
Esther here at Immanuel and in  
the community. Please be in prayer  
for her family and friends.*

## Church Financials

### Financial Report –January 2018

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Current & Mission Fund	59,053.20	27,097.71	23,178.64	62,972.27
Improvement Fund	26,189.49	1,380.00	0.00	27,569.49
Missionary Support Fund	6,770.83	210.00	1,666.63	5,314.20
Memorial Fund	8,544.03	125.00	0.00	8,669.03
Ministry Fund	23.80	0.00	1.98	21.82



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IS WORTH MORE THAN A  
COLLEGE EDUCATION."**

**THEODORE ROOSEVELT**

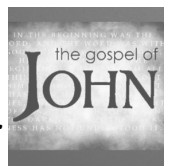
## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

How are you growing deeper in faith with others in Lent?

Join us Sunday mornings at 8:30 A.M. for a cup of  
coffee (or tea) and dive in to one of our studies:

### **Bible Study on the Gospel of John (Social Hall)**

*A verse-by-verse walk through of the life and  
message of Jesus, told by one of his closest disciples.*

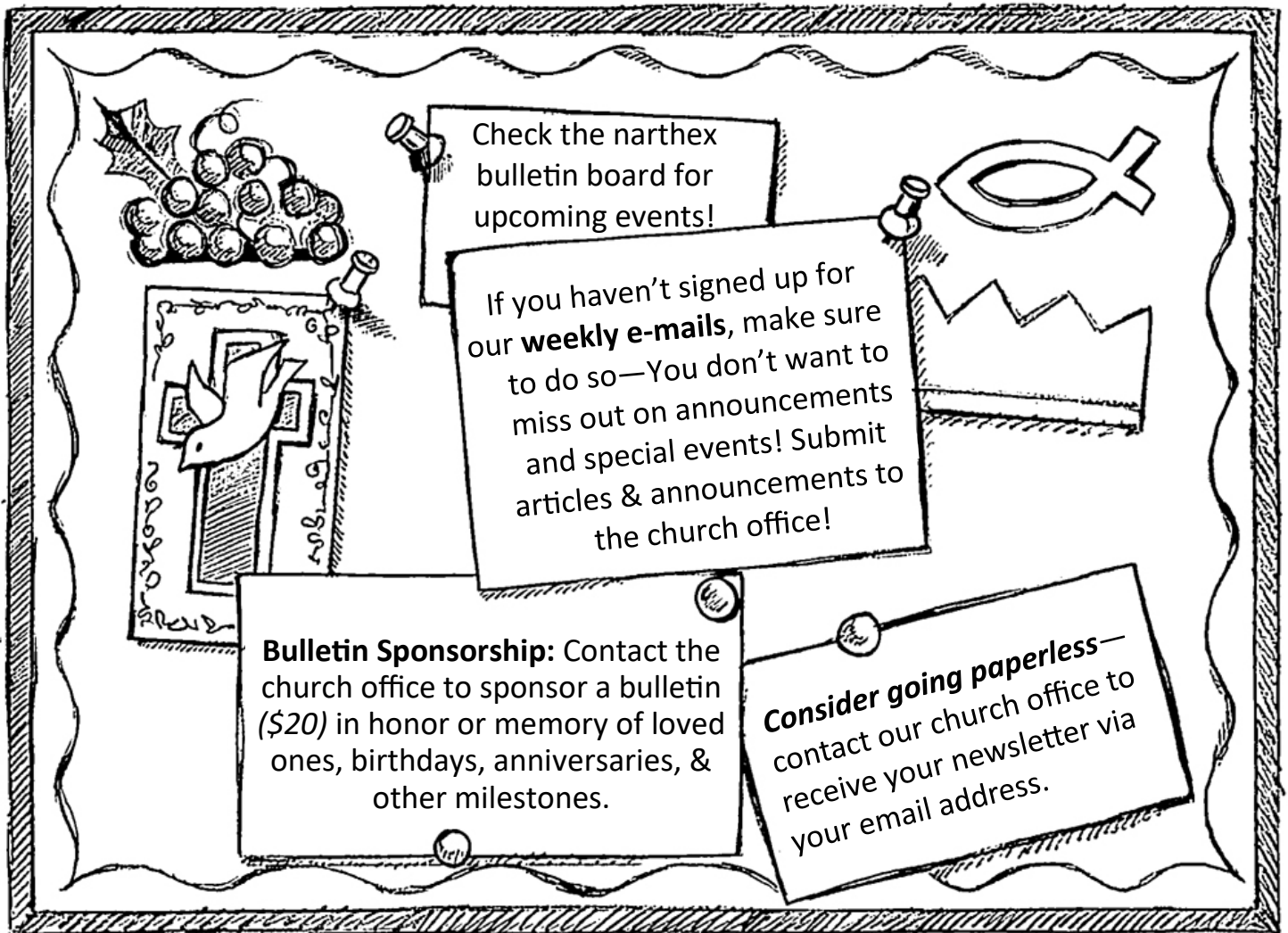


### **Learn from the Hymns (Chapel)**

*Sometimes the lyrics of beloved hymns & praise  
songs go by without us noticing the depth of what  
they say. What can we learn from the lives & words  
of the authors of classic hymns & modern worship  
songs? Come to listen & explore favorite Christian music.*



# Church Bulletin Board



FROM THE  
CHURCH  
OFFICE

**If you have an emergency need for a pastor outside of office hours, please call the church office (733.4972).** An emergency number is listed on the machine.

**If it has been weighing on your heart** to share your faith story, favorite scripture, a story or poem or other wisdom with the congregation, we encourage you to contact the church office or Shirley Frette (515-956-4324). We'd love to add you to Immanuel's "Who's Got the Bag?" schedule.

**Directory Update:** We have approved the directory for printing. We will be hearing from the company shortly.

**Please pick up** your copy of the Annual Report in the narthex. They are organized alphabetically.

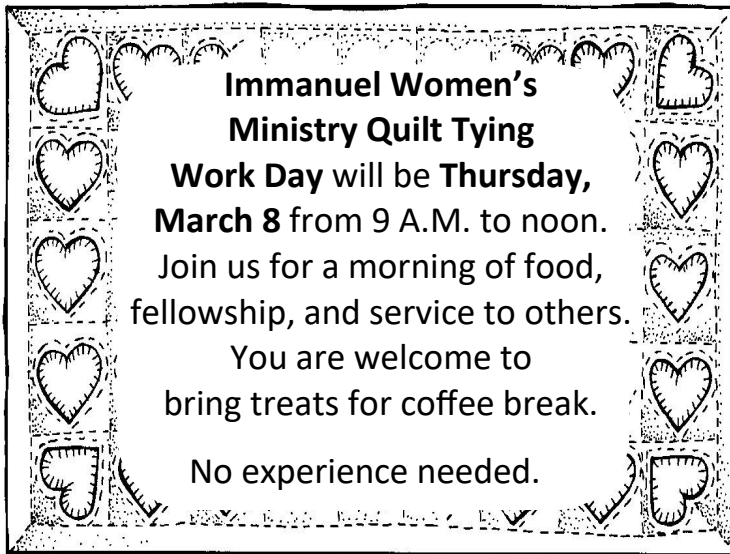
**Need a ride to church?** Call the church office to schedule a ride to and/or from worship. *We will try to honor last minute requests.*

**Inclement Weather Policy:** Church events are cancelled if the Roland-Story Schools are dismissed early due to bad weather conditions. Information will be posted on our church website and Facebook page if there are cancelled classes or meetings.

# Church & Community Announcements



You're invited to bring a dish to share  
for our **"First Sunday of the Month"**  
**Congregational Potluck on Sunday, March 4!**  
We'll meet in the Social Hall after worship.  
Drinks and tableware provided.  
***Don't miss out on the food and fellowship!***



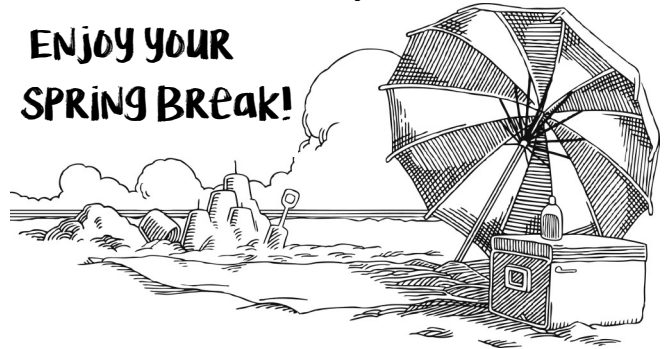
The Immanuel Board of Education invites  
you to join us for ***Breakfast Club*** on **Sunday,  
March 11th**. We'll be serving pancakes, fruit,  
juice, and coffee from **8 to 8:30 A.M.** in the  
Social Hall. Please invite your  
friends and family for this time  
of fellowship and food before  
the Sunday School hour!



**SPRING FORWARD  
ON SUNDAY,  
MARCH 11**

There will be no Confirmation or Trinity  
Classes on **Wednesday, March 14.**

**ENJOY YOUR  
SPRING BREAK!**

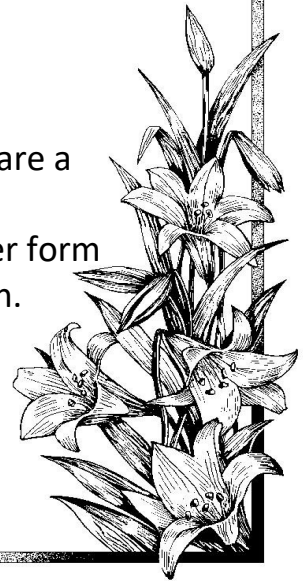


**A display of Easter Lilies** is planned  
again for Easter Sunday this year!  
Lilies can be given in honor or in  
memory of someone.

Each plant is **\$10.00.**

If you would like to share a  
lily for Easter Sunday,  
please fill out the order form  
in your Sunday Bulletin.

**Return the form  
and payment to the  
church office by  
Friday, March 16.**



**A short service of Holy Communion** will  
follow the worship service  
on **Sunday, March 18.**  
Anyone is welcome to  
join us for this intimate  
gathering around our Lord's Table.



**Bethany Lutheran Church** in  
McCallsburg invites you to a  
Baked Potato Bar on **Sunday,  
March 18** at 11:15 A.M. Free  
will donations welcome.



## Church & Community Announcements, continued

**Women's Monthly Bible Study** will continue on **Tuesday, March 20** at **2 P.M.** in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship and study.

All men are invited to join **Men of Immanuel** each **Saturday morning at 8 A.M.** for a time of fellowship & Bible Study. Coffee & donuts are provided!

### SPRING BEGINS MARCH 20



**April Newsletter Articles & Announcements** are due to the church office by **Thursday, March 22 at noon.** *Have something to share with the congregation? Put it in our monthly church newsletter!* **Note: Late submissions are not guaranteed publication.**

The **CORE Group/Seasoned Souls** invites Immanuel members and guests in the age range of 20-40'ish to join us for an evening complete with food and fun on **Saturday, March 24.** For those with children, we will also provide babysitting (including supper) from 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. If you have any questions, please contact Corine Noreen or Jaynee Christian.



Enjoy an **Easter Breakfast** on **Sunday, April 1** in the Social Hall, served by the Middle and High School youth from 8 to 9:15 A.M. Freewill offering.

If you know any friends or family in need of meals following births, deaths, illnesses, or surgeries, contact **Sarah Jensen** (suttonsbay1@yahoo.com) or the church office. Sarah helps organize the providing of meals using the **Meal Train Website** and will notify the congregation allowing you to sign up for times to provide meals for those in their time of need.



### Holy Week Schedule



#### Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25 at 9:30 A.M.

#### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29 at 7 P.M.  
*with Holy Communion*

#### Good Friday

Friday, March 30 at 7 P.M.





## Holy Week Worship: *Thy Will Be Done*

Throughout the season of Lent, our midweek worship services have focused on Jesus' prayer, *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*. We have explored how God's will affects every part of our lives: our inadequacy, our dreams, our identity, our worldview, and our response to the promise of God's love. Our Holy Week worship experiences bring to a crescendo God's will for our lives and the world.



Join us for the ***Thy Will Be Done Palm Sunday worship service on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.*** We are not always willing to do what God asks of us, but in his Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem, Christ reveals to us that even tough roads are worth traversing for the good of the Kingdom.

On **Maundy Thursday** we remember that Christ asks his disciples to wash one another's feet, as he has washed theirs, for the joy that was set before him. Serving one another with joy is a tribute to him, the Servant of All. On **March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**, we share Holy Communion, joining Christ and the disciples at his Last Supper.



Our Immanuel youth lead worship on **Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**. In this Tenebrae service of shadows we experience how on the cross Christ followed through with the will of God, crying out, "It is finished" as he breathed his last. This ultimate sacrifice serves as a model to look at our lives as a holy sacrifice to him.

On Easter morning, we celebrate our Risen Lord at our **7:00 a.m. Sunrise service**. Our youth will serve **Easter Breakfast at 8:00**, followed by **Resurrection Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.**, featuring the Hallelujah Chorus. When Christ rose from the tomb, he opened the door to a new heavens and a new earth. God's will for us as Easter people is to fix our eyes on the new creation, where God comes to dwell with His people. Join the celebration!

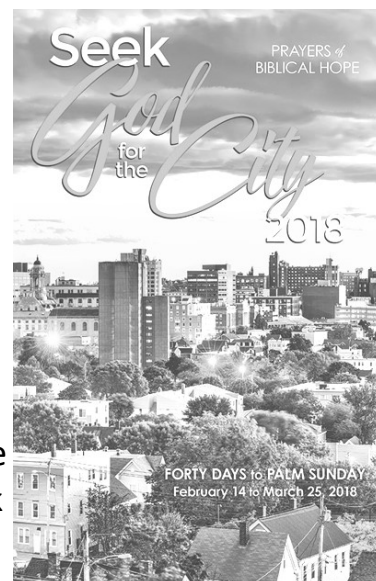


# Church & Community Announcements, continued

**2018 Lenten Prayer Guide:** Our congregation is joining hundreds of thousands of people during the 40 days leading up to Palm Sunday in praying for our community and our world. Each page in **Seek God for the City 2018** gives a daily topic of hope that rises from Scripture to help you pray with passion and purpose. Prayer ideas for specific groups of people and countries as well as prayerwalks are included. Pick up a copy and join together as a family, small group, or with some friends to pray boldly for God's kingdom to come here on



earth! A **companion app** with links to prayer requests for every nation in the world is available for your smartphone or tablet for just \$.99—look for it in your app store!



The booklets are available on the table in the narthex—only \$3.00 each. A **free children's version** is available, too, so you can pray with your kids! Find out more at [www.waymakers.org](http://www.waymakers.org).

This Lent, we're drawing our Sunday morning prayers and messages from the weekly themes of **Seek God for the City**. Our Sunday themes include:

**February 18: REVIVAL of the People**

**February 27: AWAKENING of Those Far from God**

**March 4: TRANSFORMATION of Entire Communities**

**March 11: EVANGELIZATION of Every People**

**March 18: RECONCILIATION of Relationships**



All these weekly themes and daily prayers point us to the beginning of Holy Week on **Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, where we welcome Christ as King and Seek God to fill the earth with Christ's presence and saving power. Join us in prayer for our community and world each day this Lent!

## Easter Schedule

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

**7 A.M.** Sunrise Worship Service

**8 A.M.** Radio Broadcast

**8-9:15 A.M.** Easter Breakfast

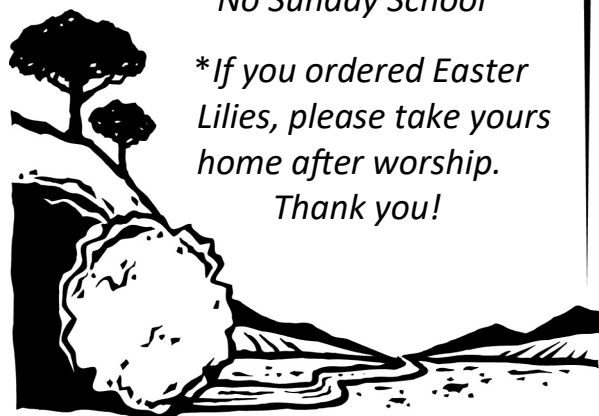
**9:30 A.M.** Easter Festival Worship

**10:30 A.M.** Coffee Fellowship

*\*No Sunday School*

*\*If you ordered Easter Lilies, please take yours home after worship.*

*Thank you!*







TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL

RIVERSIDE BIBLE CAMP  
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STORY CITY, IA 50248  
515.733.5271  
WWW.RIVERSIDELBC.ORG

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2-4

### MARRIAGE RETREAT

FRIDAY EVENING TO SUNDAY NOON  
SEE [RIVERSIDELBC.ORG](http://RIVERSIDELBC.ORG) FOR PRICING  
MUST REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 23

SPEND TIME WITH YOUR SPOUSE IN AN  
ATMOSPHERE THAT ENCOURAGES CHRIST  
CENTERED MARRIAGES, LASTING RELATION-  
SHIPS, AND TIME WITH OTHERS ON THE  
SAME JOURNEY.

APRIL 14

### SPRING BLAST

9:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.  
2ND-6TH GRADERS  
\$30/CAMPER

EXPERIENCE CAMP PACKED IN TO  
ONE FUN-FILLED DAY!

APRIL 27-29

### MEN'S RETREAT

FRIDAY EVENING-SUNDAY AFTERNOON  
SEE [RIVERSIDELBC.ORG](http://RIVERSIDELBC.ORG) FOR PRICING

CONNECT WITH CHRISTIAN MEN WITH BIBLE  
STUDIES, GAMES OUTSIDE, AND GOD'S PRESENCE.

### SUMMER 2018'S THEME: MATTHEW 6:33

BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND  
HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS  
WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.

TO REGISTER, CALL THE RIVERSIDE OFFICE (515-733-5271)  
OR REGISTER ONLINE AT [RIVERSIDELBC.ORG](http://RIVERSIDELBC.ORG).

### Summer Camp Registration & Discount Information

We want to encourage as many campers  
to come to Riverside this summer as  
possible from our congregation.

Register online at: [www.riversidelbc.org](http://www.riversidelbc.org).

Discounts for our campers include:

- **\$15 Riverside Association Member Congregation Discount**
- **If registering online:** When you are paying online, make sure to put in the **transfer code** to receive an **Immanuel Campership**. Here are the two codes available:
  - Full week of camp transfer code (\$100): **immsc18**
  - Alpha camp (half week) transfer code (\$50): **immsc18a**
- **Note:** DO NOT select "Group Hold"

There may be **more discounts** for early registrations and multiple camper registrations. Please contact Riverside for the most current discounts.

If you need further financial help in order to go to camp, let Pastor Kurt know.



# Church Library Notes

Read. Study. Learn.

Our library is here to serve you and we appreciate the comments, suggestions, and questions we get from our users. If you are trying to locate a certain author or a particular book just ask or leave us a note in the return box. We'll do our best to find what you are looking for. Let us know if you really enjoyed a book or found one especially helpful. It gives us an idea of the kinds of books we should be adding to our collection.

Jan Karon's latest novel, To Be Where You Are takes us back home to Mitford with Father Tim Kavanagh and his family and friends. Although this is the fourteenth book in the series, the adventures and misadventures of life in Mitford are as entertaining as ever. The town is in a tizzy. There is the mis-matched picture to the obituary of one of the town's leading citizens, so which Esther is really deceased? The 89 year old former mayor is seriously considering throwing her hat in the ring yet again. Dooley and Lace have a major plumbing problem at the Meadowgate Farm vet clinic and plans are being made for a special "Naming Day" celebration when Jack Tyler officially becomes their son. Through it all Father Tim is doing what he does best—loving and caring for the citizens of his little town, Mitford.

The first book in Tracie Peterson and Kimberly Woodhouse's "The Heart of Alaska" series is In the Shadow of Denali. This fictional story ties into the factual account of the dedication of Mount McKinley National Park in 1923 by President Warren Harding. He actually stayed at the Curry Hotel during his visit. In the story, Cassidy Ivanoff and her father John are very much involved in the preparations for this historic event. Cassidy works as an assistant to the head cook at the hotel and John, having climbed Mt. McKinley (called Denali by the natives) several years earlier, serves as the wilderness guide for the hotel's tourists. Unfortunately during that climb a member of the climbing party died under questionable circumstances. The dead man's business partner quickly and convincingly pointed the finger of blame at John and although his preparations and procedures were meticulous, he does bear the burden of guilt. When Allan Brennan, the man's son, arrives in Curry seeking an explanation, Cassidy, in an effort to lift the burden of blame from her father, becomes an unlikely partner with Allan in getting to the bottom of what really happened. The combination of mystery and adventure with a bit of romance mixed in makes this a story you will stick with to the end.

Stop in and enjoy these new books and the many others in our library.

**"I'VE READ THE LAST PAGE OF THE BIBLE.  
IT'S GOING TO TURN  
OUT ALL RIGHT."  
BILLY GRAHAM**



# Summary of February 11, 2018 Council Meetings

## Joint Council—Riverside Retreat Center

- President Steve Olson called the meeting to order.
- Devotions were shared by Pastor Kurt.
- Denny Bauman gave the monthly treasurer's report.
- Report of Boards.
- Calling a special congregational meeting on Feb. 25 to change Pastor Kurt's job description to Lead Pastor and to form a Call Committee to search for a second pastor. People who have been asked by Council and have agreed to serve on the Call Committee: Joel Danielson, Cathy Isebrand, Seth Kowalik, Ashlee Mullenbach, Halli Oberender, Patty Rathmacher, and Ben Winecoff.
- Approved Jeff Baker as new custodian.
- Looking into the possibility of a Riverside YMT for Fall 2018.
- Next meeting: March 8

## Trustees—February 11

- Approved bills and Treasurer's Report.
- Project Updates: concrete cracks and two small flat roofs to be repaired in spring; getting bids on bell tower louvers, sanctuary interior repair and improvement, tuck-pointing, door upgrades, and remodeling of social hall closet.
- Other Items:
  - continuing to look into security upgrades for the church.
- Next meeting: March 8

## Deacons—February 11

- Approved new members of IELC and Missions Committee.
- Planned Easter sunrise service.
- Worship planning team to meet soon.

- Discussed digital citizenship classes for community parents and youth.
- Next meeting: March 8

## Youth Board—January 31

- Welcomed Frank Baedke; looking for additional Youth Board members.
- Planned *My Bible* Faith Stepping Stone creative interruptions, Feb 11 Youth Sunday, youth-led Good Friday, and Easter Breakfast.
- Trinity and Confirmation students packaging night at Meals From the Heartland: April 25
- Discussed Confirmation schedule; planning to combine May classes with HS youth group
- Next meeting: Feb 27

## Board of Education—February 11

- Discussed Sunday School calendar, opening activity team, timing of MS & HS classes, and spring mission project.
- Continuing Breakfast Club thru spring.
- Looking for Day Camp coordinator.
- Next meeting: March 8





## Middle & High School Youth Activities

### Riverside Bible Camp's High School week is July 22-27.

They have a great week planned; check it out at [www.riversidelbc.org/youth-camp](http://www.riversidelbc.org/youth-camp) (click on Sr High).

### Called 2 Follow, the LCMC National Youth Event

will be in Des Moines this summer!  
<http://www.lcmc.net/youth-gathering>  
July 17-20, 2018,  
Grand View University, Des Moines.

If you've ever been wondering what God's plan for your life is, you're not alone. At Called 2 Follow, you'll have a chance to meet other high school students from all over the country, lend a hand to people in need, and gain a better understanding of what God might be calling you to do in your local community.

### AN IRISH BLESSING

May God grant you always  
A sunbeam to warm you.  
A moonbeam to charm you,  
A sheltering angel  
So nothing can harm you,  
Laughter to cheer you,  
Faithful friends near you —  
And whenever you pray,  
Heaven to hear you.



"I'm playing a crowd member in the Passion Play. I was going to play Pilate 'til I found out I'd have to wash my hands."

### Questions?

Want to volunteer to help with any of these events or other youth opportunities?




### Contact us:

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515-231-2255

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div>  <p><b>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b></p> </div> <div> <p><b>MARCH 2018</b></p> </div> </div>						
<b>4 Communion Sunday</b> 8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast 8:00/10:30 A.M. Prayer Time 8:30 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Education 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Congregational Potluck (Social Hall)	5	6 9:30 A.M. Staff Mtg.	7 6:00 P.M. Lenten Supper 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:45 P.M. Trinity & Confirmation Classes 7:45 P.M. Senior Choir	8 9:00 A.M. Quilting Day 6:00 P.M. Deacons 6:30 P.M. Trustees 8:15 P.M. Church Council	9 10:00 A.M. Bulletins	10 8:00 A.M. Men of Immanuel
<b>11 Girl Scout Sunday/Spring Forward!</b> 8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast 8:00 A.M. Breakfast Club 8:00/10:30 A.M. Prayer Time 8:30 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Education 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)	12	13 9:30 A.M. Staff Mtg.	14 6:00 P.M. Lenten Supper 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:45 P.M. Senior Choir	15 	16 <i>Easter Lily</i> <i>Order Deadline</i> 10:00 A.M. Bulletins	17 8:00 A.M. Men of Immanuel 
<b>18</b> 8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast 8:00/10:30 A.M. Prayer Time 8:30 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Education 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Service of Holy Communion 10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)	19	20 9:30 A.M. Staff Mtg. 2:00 P.M. Women's Monthly Bible Study 	21 6:00 P.M. Lenten Supper 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:45 P.M. Trinity & Confirmation Classes 7:45 P.M. Senior Choir	22 <i>April Newsletter</i> <i>Announcements and</i> <i>Articles Due</i> 9:30 A.M. R-S Ministerial at Grace UMC	23 10:00 A.M. Bulletins 4 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal	24 8:00 A.M. Men of Immanuel 3:00 P.M. Wedding 5:30 P.M. Seasoned Souls Dinner
<b>25 Palm Sunday</b> 8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast 8:00/10:30 A.M. Prayer Time 8:30 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Education 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall) 12:00 P.M. Winter Blast at Gilbert High School	26	27 9:30 A.M. Staff Mtg. 6-9:00 P.M. Social Hall reserved	28 6:30 P.M. Pizza Supper 6:45 P.M. Trinity & Confirmation Classes 8:15 P.M. Senior Choir	29 10:00 A.M. Newsletter Folding 7 P.M. Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion	30 10:00 A.M. Bulletins 7 P.M. Good Friday Service	31 8:00 A.M. Men of Immanuel



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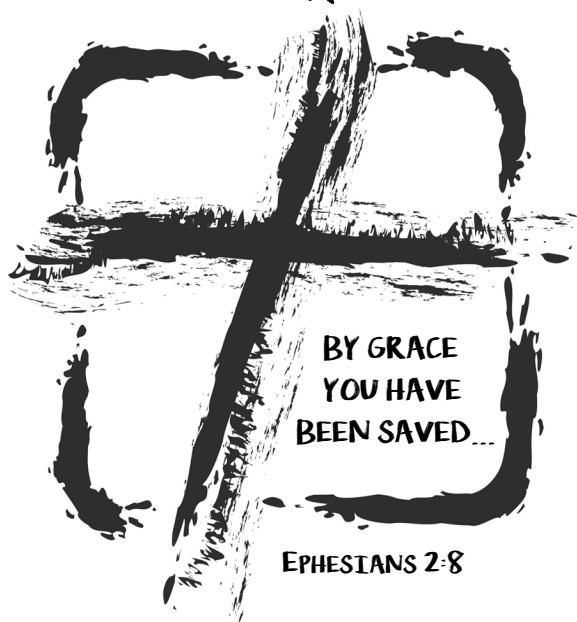
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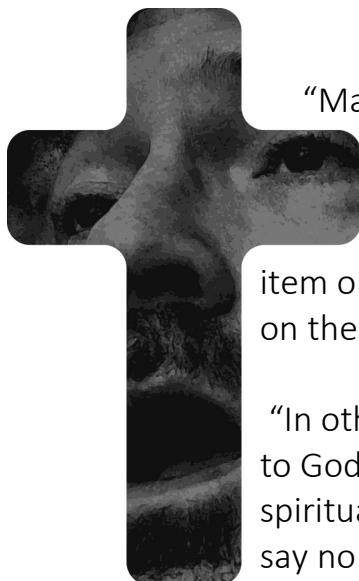
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## **SAY YES TO GOD**



“Many think of self-denial as giving up something during the Lenten season.

Others have said that it is to be dead to self, or even to hate self.

I disagree with these opinions. When Jesus referred to self-denial (Mark 8:34), he was not talking about denying ourselves some luxury item or denying the reality of self or the needs of self. Rather, he was focusing on the importance of renouncing self as the center of our life and actions.

“In other words, self-denial is the decision of each of his followers to give over to God his body, career, money and time. A true disciple is willing to shift the spiritual center of gravity in his life. Self-denial is the sustained willingness to say no to oneself in order to say yes to God.” —*Bill Hull*