

THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

February 2019

Can you help me out? I'm trying to find a Bible verse. These are the ones I have found: Exodus 20:8-10 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates." Luke 2:41-42 "Now [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom." Luke 4:15-16 "And [Jesus] taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read." Matthew 9:35 "And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction." Acts 17:2 "Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures." Acts 17:10-11 "The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so." Acts 2:42 "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Hebrews 10:24-25 "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

I can't seem to find the Bible verse that says gathering together for worship is optional for our faith. Can you help me out?

Pastor Jim Schwan 5/15

RADIO BROADCAST AND ALTAR FLOWERS

The new 2019 sign-up charts for Altar Flowers and Radio Broadcast are on the bulletin board next to the church office for you to make your reservations. Altar Flowers are \$35.00 and Radio Broadcast is \$70.00. You may call the church office to reserve a date or sign up on the charts. Please pay for your flowers or radio broadcast when you make your reservations.



STEWARDSHIP PROJECT VALENTINE BOXES FOR STUDENTS

We will be collecting cookies and other goodies for Immanuel's college students. We will also include Immanuel's church members who are active military and serving overseas. Be sure that the church office has addresses for the above mentioned. Anyone who is willing to donate goodies should have them to the church (individually wrapped) as early as February 4th and no later than February 9th - 9:00 a.m. Packing will begin on the 9th at 9:00 and all are welcome to help!

HYMN SING

Hymn Sing at Brookstone will be on Sunday, February 24th at 1:30 p.m.



DEVOTIONS

Devotions with Pastor Barbara Busboom will be on Sunday, February 24th at Country Health at 2:00 p.m.

FREESE SCHOLARSHIP FOR SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF FARMERS

The deadline for the Freese Memorial Scholarship for Sons and Daughters of Farmers, administered by the Farm Bureau Foundation, **Deadline is February 1st**. The scholarship application and information on how to apply may be found at ccfb.foundation.com.



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- 2/2 Errol Bergman
- 2/9 Louise Brownfield
- 2/11 Sylvia Sage
- 2/12 Karen Harsha
- 2/17 Leon Schmidt
- 2/18 Lela Huls
- 2/19 Raymond Uken

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter deadline is February 15th.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion at **Brookstone** will be on Thursday, February 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion at **Country Health** will be Thursday, February 14th, at 1:30 p.m.

Come and join us whether or not you have a family member residing there.



EUCHRE

Euchre was not held during the month of January due to inclement weather. We will meet again on February 17th at 3:00 p.m. See you then!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday, 6:00 a.m., Men's Bible Study Group will resume on February 6th.



WOMEN OF IMMANUEL

Ladies, don't miss out on a great evening of Faith and Fellowship. Join us Tuesday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m. as we watch and discuss the DVD, "Abigail" dealing with Confrontation and Relationships.





COUNCIL MINUTES
January 8, 2019

Pastor's Report- Discussed 8.04.01 Communion Participation, item a.1 of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Bylaws. By parents' request, a class will be held for three 3rd grade students.

Property- Discussed scope of work and budgetary numbers associated with proceeding with a heating project for the education building. Findings will be presented for approval to the congregation at the annual meeting.

Unfinished Business - Progress continues to be made regarding the After School Program. Council Retreat - February 9, 2019 at New Beginnings Lutheran, Mahomet and discussion of final agenda for the annual meeting.

New Business- Election of 2019 Officers: President: Ryan Sage, Vice President: Kenny Buhr, Secretary: Brenda Barr and Treasurer: Stacey Sage.

Next Meeting: February 12th at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE FOR
JANUARY

	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> 8:00 a.m.	<u>Sun.</u> 10:15 a.m.	<u>Totals</u>
12/30	22	107	64	193
1/6	25	99	67	191
1/13	9	51	32	92
1/20	Cancelled			
1/27	23	93	Annual Mtg (No Service)	116

SPECIAL DATES

- African-American History Month
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2019
- President's Day, February 18, 2019

WEATHER CONCERNS

In case of inclement weather, the decision regarding cancellation of worship services will be made between 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. The decision will be announced on our website and Facebook page, as well as on WCIA-TV, WIXY and WHMS. You may also look on wcia.com.



LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

The men of Immanuel will meet on Saturday, February 2nd at 7:00 a.m.. They will be meeting at Rich's Restaurant in Ogden for breakfast.



LEWIS WILLIAM FRERICHS

Louie completed his baptismal journey on January 13, 2019 at OSF-Heart of Mary, Urbana, IL. His funeral was on January 16, 2019 at Immanuel officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS. Committal was at Beckman Cemetery.

PICTURES

For those of you only receiving the free 8x10 photograph - the photos are being mailed to the church and can be found in the red basket in the breezeway.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

We do not expect delivery of pictorial directories until late February or March.



SHUT-INS

Keep our homebound and shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers. They would all enjoy calls or visits:

Brookstone Estates

Dora Ehmen
Norma Flesner
Lela Huls
Emilie Steffey
Wilbur Wilken

Carriage Crossings

Leo & Judi Studer

Country Health Nursing Home

Gesina Erdman
Dorothy Fruhling
Esther Kopmann

Holly Brook, Rantoul

Alfred Ideus
Berl Peavler

Holly Brook, Savoy

Bill & Norma Reitmeier

Riverview Assisted Living, East Peoria

Donna Flessner

Home Bound

Anne Duitsman - Florida

LWR SEWING

The Sewing Group is in need of gently used sheets, flat or fitted, to be used to make quilts. If you have any you wish to donate, please place them in the box in the breezeway marked LWR Sewing.

CORRECTION

Page 17 of the Annual Report dated January 27, 2019 has been updated to accurately reflect minor changes editorial changes in the reports submitted for the Historical Committee and Lutheran Brotherhood. Please contact the church office if you wish to receive a copy of the corrected page.

Disciples of the Cross

In-home Group Study

Written as an introduction for those who are new to the subject of intentional discipleship, or are engaging in a congregational program in this area, *Disciples of the Cross* series is intended to lay the groundwork for the exploration of what it means to be an active follower of Jesus Christ and how that is reflected in our personal life and ministry. This series approaches the subject from an intentionally Lutheran theological perspective, emphasizing a sacramental theology of the cross, the distinction of law and gospel, and an understanding of the Christian believer as one who is both saint and sinner.

“Part 1: Who We Are – An Introduction to the Theology of Discipleship” is a six-session course which we will use as an in-home small group (6-10) discussion. This is a great way to grow in faith and in relationship with one another. We will start right after January 1. We are looking for people who are willing to host and/or lead. We hope to have a high percent of Immanuel and friends participating.

If you are interested in starting a group or participating, it's not too late. Please contact the church office (694-4156).

THREE IN ONE

Everyday objects can serve as simple lessons about biblical truth. To illustrate the profound concept of the Trinity, for example, some teachers use an apple, an egg or a three-leave clover. During winter, you can point to a kid-friendly snowman to describe how God is Three in One.

The ball of snow on the base represents God the Father, our Creator and strong foundation. The middle ball, with stick arms reaching to the side, reminds us of Jesus, who died on the cross. And the snowman's head stands for the Holy Spirit, our ever-present Counselor who helps us and speaks God's truth to us.

DECEMBER 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT

Fund Balance Information

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				<u>BUILDING FUND</u>			
Fund Balance	11/30/2018		\$ 167,876.34	Fund Balance	11/30/2018		\$ 120,064.76
Offerings		\$ 51,015.97		Offerings		\$ 15,513.23	
Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts		5,965.80			Total Income		\$ 15,513.23
	Total Income		\$ 56,981.77				
Pastoral Ministry		\$ 15,031.75		Building & Repair		\$ 383.58	
Worship & Service		4,068.74		Miscellaneous		173.12	
Our Church Home		3,064.08		Utilities		4,562.85	
Dedicated Fund Expenses		3,469.80			Total Expenses		\$ 5,119.55
	Total Expenses		\$ 25,634.37				
Total Fund Balance			12/31/2018 \$ 199,223.74	Total Fund Balance			12/31/2018 \$ 130,458.44
Less Dedicated Fund Total			74,523.64	<i>Building Fund Invested as:</i>			<i>Checking \$ 130,458.44</i>
Total Unobligated Balance			\$ 124,700.10				
<i>General Fund Invested as:</i>				<i>Other Fund Balances</i>			
			<i>Checking \$ 2,512.66</i>	Endowment Capital	\$ 48,521.23	Memorial	\$ 33,408.33
<i>Money Market \$85,024.97</i>	<i>CD \$43,323.77</i>		<i>CD \$ 68,362.34</i>	Endowment Common	\$ 37,585.95	Endowment Interest	\$ 614.47

Offering & Attendance December 2018

By Category

General	\$ 51,015.97
Benevolence	22,165.98
Building	15,513.23
Total	\$ 88,695.18

December Attendance

1066
Average Weekly Attendance
213

Benevolence Offering Includes

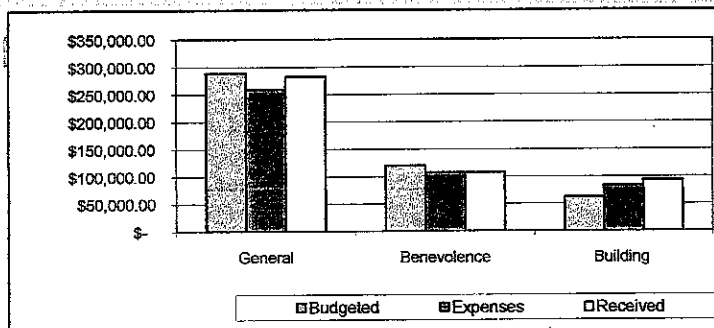
Gen Benevolence	8,948.73	Lutheran CORE	40.00
Rantoul Food Bank	1,123.75	NALC Seminary	545.00
Lutheran Disaster Relief	100.00	Thanksgiving	30.00
SS Christmas Program	833.00	Men's Shelter	75.00
Christmas Eve	7,925.00	Christmas Day	2,545.50

Additional Offerings Received

Sunday School	466.70	Parking Lot	450.00
LWR Sewing Ladies	200.00	Cookbooks	30.00
W of I - Shop w/ a Cop	110.00	Special Flowers	448.00
Radio Broadcast	630.00	Altar Flowers	350.00
Good Samaritan	162.50		

Stewardship Progress Year to Date

	Budgeted	Received	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 289,284.00	\$ 282,429.52	\$ (6,854.48)
Benevolence	120,000.00	107,551.07	(12,448.93)
Building	62,190.00	92,955.92	30,765.92
TOTAL	\$ 471,474.00	\$ 482,936.51	\$ 11,462.51
	Expenses	Ahead/(Behind)	
General	\$ 259,359.12	\$ 23,070.40	
Benevolence	107,551.07	-	
Building	83,551.19	9,404.73	
	\$ 450,461.38	\$ 32,475.13	



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Immanuel Lutheran Church, Flatville
Pastor James T. Lehmann, *STS*
Pastor Barbara Busboom, *Visitation Pastor*

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Church Officers

Ryan Sage, Pres.
Kenny Buhr, V. Pres.
Brenda Barr, Sec.
Stacey Huls, Treasurer

Congregation Council

Brenda Barr
Kenny Buhr
Stacey Huls
Kevin Kellogg
Kyle Ramm
Ryan Sage
Susie Sjuts
Wilma Suits
Rick Wolken

Cathedral Choir Director Charlene Bergman
Cathedral Choir Co-Directors Marilyn Buhr/
Darla Rubarts

Cathedral Choir Pianist Lois Harms

Bell Choir Director Laveda Clem

Organists: Irene Buhr, Janice Siuts, Brenda
Anderson, Linda Pein, Laveda Clem,
Heidi Brown

**Parish Education
Committee**

Darcy Silver - Chairman
Brenda Barr
Julie Kellogg/Laurie Ramm
Edgar Hovel
Erin Siuts/Megan Siuts
Marie Reitmeier
Angie Sage
Audrey Harms
Alyson Suits

Building & Grounds

Kiel Rulon
Evan Suits
Trent Hovel

Youth Committee

Angie Sage
Audrey Harms
Alyson Suits

**Vacation Bible
School Committee**

Erin Siuts/Megan Siuts
Darcy Silver/Candy
Franzen

Sunday School Staff

Julie Kellogg and Laurie
Ramm, Supt.
Tina Buhr, Asst. Supt.

Custodian/Groundskeeper:
Darren Ramm

Church Secretaries:
Melissa Suits / Julie Wilson
flatvillesecretary@wigi.us

Financial Secretary:
Jo Ann Duitsman
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FEBRUARY 2019 CALENDAR-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a-SS/Adult SS</p>	<p>4 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 7:00 p- ML Men's Chorus</p>	<p>5 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship</p>	<p>6 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 6:15 p-Bells 7:00 p-Conf.</p>	<p>7 8:30 a- LWR Sewing</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 9:00 a.m. Valentine boxes packed 7:30 a- Council Retreat 5:00 p- Worship</p>
<p>10 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship 9:15 a-SS/Adult SS</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 5:00p- Endowment 6:00 p-Council</p>	<p>13 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation</p>	<p>14 10:00 a- Communion at Brookstone 1:30 p- Communion at Country Health</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion</p>
<p>17 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/Adult SS 1:00 p- Ostfriesian 3:00 p- Euche</p>	<p>18 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 7:00 p- ML Men's Chorus</p>	<p>19 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 7:00 p- Parish Ed</p>	<p>20 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation</p>	<p>21 8:30 a- LWR Sewing</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 5:00 p- Worship</p>
<p>24 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship 9:15 a- SS/Adult 1:30 p- Hymn sing at Brookstone 2:00 p- Devotions at Country Health</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 6:30 p- Women of Immanuel</p>	<p>27 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation</p>	<p>28</p>		

FEBRUARY 2019 - Volunteers

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, Feb 3, 2019 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m.	Paige Schoonover Kyle Mecolli	Elaine Wilson	5:00 Hailey Braden 8:00 Sue Calhoun Judy Rademaker 10:15 Toni Brown Barbara Hall	8:00 Louise Busboom/Kenny Heimburger Casey Flesner/Evelyn Sjuts 10:15 Jeff & Toni Brown Don & Susie Sjuts	February: 8:00am Derek Harms (Captain) Andy Buhr Anna Crites Adam Crites
COMMUNION 10:15 a.m.	Brooks Brown Brett Brown	Dr. Stephen Rudawski			
Sunday, Feb 10, 2019 8:00 am 10:15 am	Paige Schmidt Brenden Maury	Nicole Crites Mike Stark		8:00 Mary Quinlan/Darlene Johnson Ray & Judy Rademaker 10:15 Maynard & Jo Ann Duitsman Jeff & Shari Hovel	February: 10:15am Marvin Rademacher (Captain) Tyler Suits Mike Stark Ryan Rademaker
Sunday, Feb 17, 2019 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Blake Learned Colin Wayland Lindsay Suits Chelsea Suits	Bev Lehmann Eric Suits	5:00 Darla Rubarts 8:00 Amy Jones Bev Lehmann 10:15 Sharolyn Worley Bonita Kopmann	8:00 Bill & Kim Learned Nathan & Amy Jones 10:15 Larry & Carol Johnson Donna Garrell/Shirley Johnson	Altar Guild: Callie Heidbreder (Feb Chair) Julie Wilson Janine Standifer Sharolyn Worley Carol Johnson Sudie Johnson (Feb only)
COMMUNION					
Sunday, Feb 24, 2019 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Adam Wilson Brodie Harms	Sue Calhoun Leon Schmidt		8:00 Dale & Connie Franzen Barry & Sandy Maury 10:15 Rodney & Peggy Bergman Neil & Darcy Silver	

MARCH 2019 VOLUNTEERS

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, Mar 3, 2019 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m.	Grace Flessner Madison Wolken	Adam Crites	5:00 Shannon Childress 8:00 Adam Crites Nicole Crites 10:15 Karon Currie Shirley Wyatt	8:00 Lloyd Duitsman/Dr. David Bruns Donna Garrell/Barbara Hall 10:15 Janine Standifer/Harley Braden Janice Duitsman/Bev Heiden	<u>March: 8:00am</u> Dave Wolken (Capt) Thomas Wolken Darla Rubart Bob Tuller
Wednesday, Mar 6, 2019 7:00 pm COMMUNION	Paige Schmidt Taylor Fulk	Maynard Duitsman	Sharon Emkes Lois Harms	Larry & Eunice Frerichs Lois Harms/Betty Ihnen	
Sunday, Mar 10, 2019 8:00 am 10:15 am	Kyle Meccoli Paige Schoonover	Shari Hoveln Joyce Romine		8:00 Ranae, Janna & Jamie Buck Evelyn Sjuets 10:15 Jason & Kris Stalter JoAnne Mennenga/Marie Reitmeier	<u>March: 10:15am</u> Rick Wolken (Capt) Jodi Wolken Judy Kopmann Bob Clem
Wednesday, Mar 13, 2019 7:00 p.m.	Colin Wayland	Teri Travis		Larry & Carol Johnson Bev Lehmann/Elaine Wilson	
Sunday, Mar 17, 2019 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. COMMUNION	Lindsay Suits Chelsea Suits Adam Wilson Blake Learned	Keith Sjuets Jason Stalter	5:00 Bonita Kopmann 8:00 Matthew Lehmann Elaine Wilson 10:15 Callie Heidbreder Harley Braden	8:00 Leon & Mary Ann Schmidt Emilie Steffey/Rosetta Suits 10:15 Tyler & Stephanie Vogelsang Rick & Jodi Wolken	<u>Altar Guild</u> Mary Quinlan (Chair) Wilma Suits Karon Currie Marie Reitmeier Elaine Busboom Lynette Aikman Amy Jones

Wednesday, Mar 20, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Brenden Maury	Kim Wood		Norman & Darlene Uken Mark & Kim Wood	
Sunday, Mar 24, 2019	5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m.	Brodie Harms	Sharon Emkes		8:00 Lester & Bev Wolken Ray & Judy Rademaker 10:15 Don & Susie Sjuts Callie Heidbreder/Julie Wilson	
	10:15 a.m.	Brett Brown	Shirley Wyatt			
Wednesday, Mar 20, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Hallie Harms	Robyn Camp		Bob Tuller Mike Stark/Joyce Romine	
Sunday, Mar 31, 2019	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Grace Flessner Brooks Brown	Denise Wolken Toni Brown		8:00 a.m. Louise Busboom/Kenny Heimburger Jeff & Shari Hovel 10:15 a.m. Casey Flesner/Molly Flesner Bill & Kim Learned	