

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Flatville

That the World May Know Christ

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January 28, 2020


Dear Members of Immanuel,

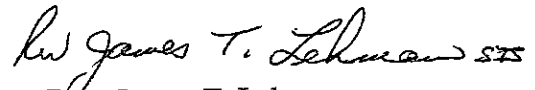
The church council has called for a special congregational meeting on Sunday, February 16, at 11:30 a.m.

The sole topic for discussion and decision will be the question of whether or not Immanuel Lutheran Church would like to enter the process to call an associate pastor. There may be related decisions to be made.

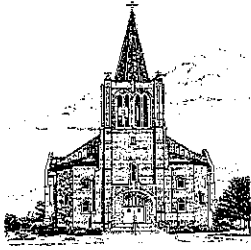
Please make every effort to be present on Sunday, February 16, at 11:30 a.m.

Yours in Christ,


Wilma Suits
Council President


Rev. James T. Lehmann STS
Pastor





THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

January 2020

The Christian life is one of preparation, waiting, patience, faith. The spiritual disciplines helps us stay focused on what is truly important.

A little German prayer describes the Christian life this way:

*Ich bin klein,
Mein herz mach rein;
Soll Niemand brin wohnen
Als Jesus allein. Amen.*

*I am small,
My heart is clean;
No one shall live in it
But Jesus alone. Amen*

"I am small." I may have big plans, yet, before God, I am tiny. "My heart is clean." We clean the house for guests. How much more do we prepare for Jesus! "No one shall live in it but Jesus alone." Our hearts are the appropriate place for the Savior. Jesus seeks permanent residence in our hearts. In that way, the prayer is true.

However, we are left with a critical question. Are our hearts clean? Luther says that the three big enemies are the devil, the world, and our sinful selves. The devil seeks to have our hearts. The world seeks to tempt them away. Our sinful selves cause us to weaken and to receive a guest that will steal our hearts away. We wish these things were not true, but we know that they are. Many competing things live in our hearts. In that way, the prayer is false.

Jesus is working to clean our hearts. He points out our sinfulness. He gives his life to forgive us our sin. To the extent that our lives are in his hands, this prayer is true. To the extent that we maintain control, this prayer is false. To the extent that we commit ourselves to do all that we can to profess our faith in Jesus Christ, to reject sin, and to confess the faith of the Church, this prayer is true.

Let us commit ourselves preparing the way.

Ich bin klein.

Pastor Jim Lehman STS



COUNCIL MINUTES January 7, 2020

Pastor's Report- Discussed a possible mission trip to Brazil in 2021 to build relationships and get to know leadership of the Orthodox church movement. Pastor Daniel Conte was contacted for input. Also discussed iwth the meaning of Ordination and the meaningfulness of Christmas services and Longest Night Service.

Property- A proposal was received from Diedam Painting & Restoration to repair water damage to south interior walls and entrance and a proposal for a light to be installed above choir loft. These items will be included in the 2020 property budget. Our insurance company will be contacted to see if any of the water damage can be covered by our policy.

Unfinished Business - WPXN broadcasts are not received well south of 136 due to storm tower damage. WPXN and other churches will be contacted to discuss options.

New Business- Election of 2020 Officers:
President: Wilma Suits, Vice President: Rick Wolken, Secretary: Susie Sjuts and Treasurer: Kenny Buhr.

Next Meeting: February 11th at 6:00 p.m.

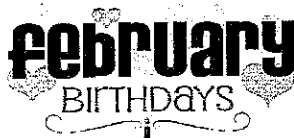
HYMN SING

Hymn Sing at Brookstone will be on Sunday, February 23rd at 1:30 p.m.



DEVOTIONS

Devotions with Pastor Barbara Busboom will be on Sunday, February 23rd at Country Health at 2:00 p.m.



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- 2/2 Errol Bergman
- 2/2 Amy Manwaring
- 2/3 LauraLynn Smith
- 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 17th.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion at **Brookstone** will be on Thursday, February 13th at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion at **Country Health** will be Thursday, February 13th at 1:30 p.m.

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

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 15th.**

This scholarship is available to sons and daughters pursuing any degree. See the Farm Bureau website for more details.

EUCHRE



In January we enjoyed a few casual games of Euchre and did not keep score.

We will meet again on February 16th at 3:00 p.m. Please join us then!



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday, 6:00 a.m., Men's Bible Study Group will resume on February 5th.



WOMEN OF IMMANUEL

Ladies, join us Tuesday night, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. as we watch and discuss:

"Real Women, Real Faith,"

Session 5-video, "The Woman at the Well."

What God did in and through this Samaritan woman two thousand years ago can become the anthem of your life as well. Romans 5:8 tells us that "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us. God knows our frailties, our wrong attitudes, and is aware of each of our sins. Yet he still loves us, and he wants to fill us and use us for his glory.

God just might be calling you to be his messenger in a new and fresh way!

Join us in Bible Study and be ready for God to speak!

RADIO BROADCAST AND ALTAR FLOWERS

The new 2020 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.

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

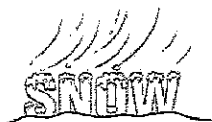
	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Totals</u>
12/29	30	106	68	204
1/5	27	79	67	173
1/12	18	93	75	186
1/19	18	60	62	140
1/26			Annual Mtg (No Service)	

SPECIAL DATES

- African-American History Month
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2020
- President's Day, February 17, 2020

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.



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.

LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

Date Change

The men of Immanuel will meet on Saturday, February 8th at 7:00 a.m. (rescheduled from February 1st).



Elmer Huls

Elmer Huls completed his baptismal journey on January 14, 2020 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. His Graveside service and Committal was at Friends (Stanton) Cemetery, on January 18, 2020 officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS and assisted by Vicar Ryan Henkel.

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) by 8:30 a.m. Saturday, February 8th. They will be packaged later that day.

JOY GROUP REMINDER!

JOY Group will be meeting on **Sunday, February 9th** from **11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Diers Hall**. We will be enjoying a spaghetti lunch and board game fun.



SHUT-INS

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

Accolade of Paxton

Bill Reitmeier

Brookstone Estates

Marie Duitsman
Dora Ehmen
Lela Huls
Emilie Steffey



Carriage Crossings

Leo & Judi Studer

Country Health Nursing Home

Gesina Erdman
Dorothy Fruhling
Esther Kopmann
Berl Peavler

Holly Brook, Savoy

Norma Reitmeier

Autumn Fields

Joan Gordon

Supportive Living of Washington

Donna Flessner

Home Bound

Anne Duitsman - Florida

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING FOR THE SICK

In James chapter 5 we read: *Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*

Occasionally we have held worship services which included the laying on of hands and anointing for healing. The prayer is: "Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servant; drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver *her/him* from the power of evil; and preserve *her/him* in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore. Amen."

On February 9, during the 10:15 a.m. service, we will include the opportunity, for those who wish, to come to the communion rail. There, Pastor will anoint and pray for healing for the individual. We will continue to do this on a somewhat regular basis.

SEVEN MARKS SOCIETY



The Seven Marks Society invites you this Lent. The daily lectionary and devotional will still be available. We will be adding special readings and the opportunity to pray The Stations of the Cross. Join us in praying collectively, reading God's Holy Word and walking the way of the cross.

Please visit: www.smsimmanuel.com



HOLY BAPTISMS

CHILD: Peyton Sue Bruns

PARENTS: Jonathan and Teresa Bruns

DATE OF BIRTH: July 11, 2019

BAPTISM: January 25, 2020

by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS
and assisted by Vicar Ryan Henkel

SPONSORS: Brandon and Kirsten Wyatt

CHILD: Palmer McKinley Ideus

PARENTS: Ryan and Valerie Ideus

DATE OF BIRTH: September 4, 2019

BAPTISM: January 25, 2020

by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS
and assisted by Vicar Ryan Henkel

SPONSORS: Jonathan and Teresa Bruns

CHURCH-WIDE MOVIE NIGHT



Please join us for the family movie 'Overcomer' in Diers Hall on Sunday, February 23rd at 3:00 p.m. You can also enjoy free soda and popcorn.

All are welcome!

FEBRUARY 2020 CALENDAR-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/Adult SS 5:00p - LYO</p>	<p>3 8:30 a- L/WR Sewing 7:00 p- ML Men's Chorus</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 6:15 p-Bells 7:00 p-Confirmation 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>6 8:30 a- L/WR Sewing</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 8:00a-2:30p- Council Retreat 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion</p>
<p>9 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship 9:15 a- SS/Adult SS 11:30a-1:30p- JOY spaghetti/games-Diers</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 5:00p- Endowment 6:00 p-Council</p>	<p>12 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 6:15 p- Bells</p>	<p>13 10:00 a- Communion at Brookstone 1:30 p- Communion at Country Health</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 12:00 - 3:00 p- Diers Hall reserved 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion</p>
<p>16 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/Adult SS 1:00 p- Ostfriesian 3:00 p- Eucure 7:00 p- HS Bible Study</p>	<p>17 8:30 a- L/WR Sewing 7:00 p- ML Men's Chorus Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>18 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 7:00 p- Parish Ed Meeting</p>	<p>19 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>20 8:30 a- L/WR Sewing</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion</p>
<p>23 8:00 & 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/Adult 1:30 p- Hymn sing at Brookstone 2:00 p- Devotions at Country Health 3:00 p- Movie - 'Overcomer' in Diers Hall</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 6:30 p- Women of Immanuel</p>	<p>26 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 7:00 p- Ash Wednesday service & Holy Communion</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 5:00p- Worship & Holy Communion</p>

FEBRUARY 2020 - Volunteers

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, Feb 2, 2020 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m.	Adam Wilson Caleb Cotter Madison Wolken Carmen Sage	Lloyd Duitsman Angie Sage	5:00 Sue Calhoun 8:00 Sharolyn Worley Judy Rademaker 10:15 Denise Wolken Hatley Braden	8:00 Lloyd Duitsman/Lois Harms Casey Roelfs/Molly Flesner 10:15 Norman & Darlene Uken Janice Duitsman/Carolyn Flesner	February: 8:00am Wally Worley (Captain) Trent Worley Tad Worley Keith/Ryan Sjuts
Sunday, Feb 9, 2020 8:00 am 10:15 am	Cain Buhr Brooks Brown	Shari Hovelin Toni Brown		8:00 Dale & Connie Franzen Larry & Eunice Frerichs 10:15 Jeff & Toni Brown Callie Heidbreder	February: 10:15am Rodney Bergman (Captain) Mike Stark Bob Clem Kyle Meccoli
Sunday, Feb 16, 2020 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Taylor Fulk Kodey McKinney Tinley Ideus Makena Ackerman	Shirley Wyatt Maynard Duitsman	5:00 Bonita Kopmann 8:00 Matthew Lehmann Elaine Wilson 10:15 Ranae Buck Janna Buck	8:00 Bev Heiden/Betty Innen Darlene Johnson/Shirley Johnson 10:15 Maynard & Jo Ann Duitsman Gene & Joan Schmidt	Altar Guild: Brenda Barr (Chair) Teri Travis Denise Wolken Bev Heiden Donna Wiltshire Casey Roelfs
Sunday, Feb 23, 2020 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Brodie Harms Blake Learned	Sharon Emkes Joyce Romine	5:00 Sharon Emkes 8:00 Nicole Crites Karon Currie 10:15 Joyce Romine Toni Brown	8:00 Jeff & Shari Hovelin Nathon & Amy Jones 10:15 Bill & Kim Learned Neal & Darcy Silver	
Wednesday, Feb 26, 2020 7:00PM COMMUNION	Brenden Maury Spencer Stockwill	Bev Lehmann	Bev Lehmann Shannon Childress	Barry & Sandy Maury Mary Quintlan/Dr. David Bruns	

MARCH 2020 VOLUNTEERS

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, Mar 1, 2020 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m.	Paige Schmidt Kodey McKinney	Amy Jones Steve Rudawski	5:00 Lois Harms 8:00 Amy Jones Julie Hedrick 10:15 Barbara Hall Callie Heidbreder	8:00 Julie Hedrick/Diane Frerichs Dave & Denise Wolken 10:15 James & Cindy Gillen Rick & Jodi Wolken	March: 8:00am Gary Busboom (Capt) Larry Frerichs Darla Rubarts Norman Uken
Wednesday, Mar 4, 2020 7:00 pm	Chelsea Suits	Darcy McMahon		Scott & Jana Sage Ray & Elaine Uken	
Sunday, Mar 8, 2020 8:00 am 10:15 am	Adam Wilson Madison Wolken	Jason Stalter Keith Sjuts		8:00 Don & Susie Sjuts Bob Tuller/Darla Rubarts 10:15 Tyler & Stephanie Vogelsang Rodney & Peggy Bergman	March: 10:15am Wendell Wolken (Capt) Brad Blue Ellen Blue Brett Brown
Wednesday, Mar 11, 2020 7:00 p.m.	Cain Buhr	Milke Stark		Louise Busboom/Kenny Heimbürger Donna Garrell/Marie Reitmeier	

<p>Sunday, Mar 15, 2020 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Taylor Fulk Makenna Ackerman Brooks Brown Spencer Stockwill</p>	<p>Teri Travis Dr. David Bruns</p>	<p>5:00 Shannon Childress 8:00 Joyce Romine Mike Stark 10:15 Shirley Wyatt Toni Brown</p>	<p>8:00 Ryan & Kari Ackerman Ranae Buck/Janna Buck/Evelyn Sjuts 10:15 Barb Hall/Rosetta Suits Janine Standifer/Hailey Braden</p>	<p>Altar Guild (Chair)</p>
<p>Wednesday, Mar 18, 2020 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Brodie Harms</p>	<p>Ellen Blue</p>		<p>Jeff & Toni Brown Larry & Eunice Frerichs</p>	
<p>Sunday, Mar 22, 2020 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Tinley Ideus Blake Learned</p>	<p>Denise Wolken Maynard Duitsman</p>		<p>8:00 Judy Rademaker/Joyce Romine Lester & Bev Wolken 10:15 Sylvia Flessner/Rylee Sjuts Bill & Kim Learned</p>	
<p>Wednesday, Mar 25, 2020 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Carmen Sage</p>	<p>Bev Lehmann</p>		<p>Callie Heidbreder/Julie Wilson Betty Ihnen/Bev Heiden</p>	
<p>Sunday, Mar 29, 2020 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Paige Schoonover Paige Schmidt</p>	<p>Robyn Camp Toni Brown</p>		<p>8:00 a.m. Mark & Kim Wood Dr. David Bruns/Lloyd Duitsman 10:15 a.m. Darlene Johnson/Shirley Johnson Jason & Kris Stalter</p>	

DECEMBER 2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

Fund Balance Information

GENERAL FUND				BUILDING FUND			
Fund Balance	11/30/2019	\$	199,434.31	Fund Balance	11/30/2019	\$	129,284.71
Offerings		\$	31,096.50	Offerings		\$	9,697.50
Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts			21,350.28	Memorial			50.00
Total Income		\$	52,446.78	Total Income		\$	9,747.50
Pastoral Ministry		\$	16,198.04	Building & Repair		\$	7,842.00
Worship & Service			4,013.35	Utilities			4,240.57
Our Church Home			3,234.83	Landscaping			350.00
Dedicated Fund Expenses			19,480.06	Total Expenses		\$	12,432.57
Total Expenses		\$	42,926.28	 			
 				Total Fund Balance	12/31/2019	\$	126,599.64
Total Fund Balance	12/31/2019	\$	208,954.81	Building Fund Invested as:		<i>Checking</i>	\$ <i>126,599.64</i>
Less Dedicated Fund Total			82,888.86				
Total Unobligated Balance		\$	126,065.95				
 				Other Fund Balances			
<i>General Fund Invested as:</i>	<i>CD</i>	<i>\$34,000.00</i>	<i>Checking</i>	\$	<i>5,403.94</i>	Endowment Capital	\$ 23,489.64
<i>Money Market</i>	<i>\$90,146.46</i>	<i>CD</i>	<i>\$44,411.08</i>	<i>CD</i>	<i>\$ 34,993.33</i>	Endowment Common	\$ 37,647.40
						Endowment Interest	\$ 1,010.10

Offering & Attendance December 2019

By Category

General	\$ 31,096.50
Benevolence	16,701.75
Building	9,697.50
Total	\$ 57,495.75

December Attendance

959
Average Weekly Attendance
192

Benevolence Offering Includes

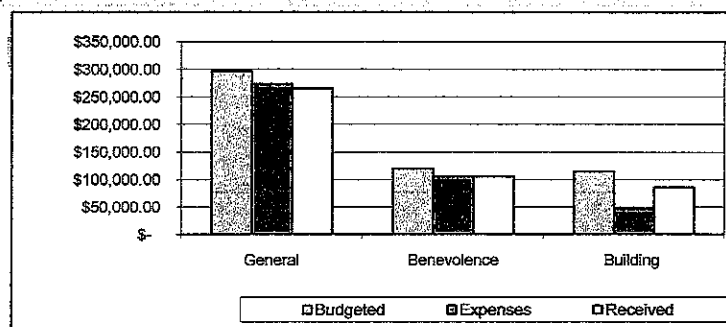
General Benevolence	4,421.25	Lutheran CORE	40.00
Rantoul Food Bank	603.25	NALC Seminary	620.00
Christmas Eve	7,632.00	Men's Shelter	85.00
Christmas Day	3,240.25	Thanksgiving	55.00
SS Christmas Program	727.00	Mission Festival	5.00

Additional Offerings Received

Sunday School	1,568.90	Parking Lot	650.00
LYO	60.00	Special Flowers	320.00
JOY	10.00	Altar Flowers	488.25
Pictorial Directory	10.00	Radio Broadcast	490.00
Shop w/ A Cop	190.00	Office Supplies	100.00
Initial Offering	19.00	CD 's	2.00

Stewardship Progress Year to Date

	Budgeted	Received	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 296,054.00	\$ 265,477.35	\$ (30,576.65)
Benevolence	120,000.00	105,874.61	(14,125.39)
Building	114,500.00	85,930.27	(28,569.73)
TOTAL	\$ 530,554.00	\$ 457,282.23	\$ (73,271.77)
	Expenses	Ahead/(Behind)	
General	\$ 273,382.90	\$ (7,905.55)	
Benevolence	105,874.61	-	
Building	90,374.07	(4,443.80)	
	\$ 469,631.58	\$ (12,349.35)	



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Kenny Buhr
Donna Garrell
Kevin Kellogg
Kyle Ramm
Susie Sjuts
Wilma Suits
Shirley Waters
Rick Wolken
Sharolyn Worley

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
Tina Buhr
Edgar Hovel
Darcy Silver/Candy Franzen
Marie Reitmeier
Angie Sage/Missy Buhr
Audrey Harms
Alyson Suits

Building & Grounds

Andy Hammond
Trent Hovel
Troy Sage

Youth Committee

Angie Sage/Missy Buhr
Audrey Harms
Alyson Suits

**Vacation Bible
School Committee**

Darcy Silver/Candy
Franzen
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Sunday School Staff

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