

announcements~2.26.23~Immanuel Lutheran Church



HUNGER-Mission Emphasis Jan.-Mar.: FC Food Bank, Wednesday Night Meals @ Immanuel, ELCA World Hunger. *Thank you for your continued mission support as remember these HUNGER missions near and far! Plan ahead for NOISY OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 26 AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29.*

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Join Pastor Zech TODAY for a Lenten Bible Study, meet in the Shalom Room at 10:30 following worship after you grab some coffee and treats. Bible study will focus on the Book of Jonah which follows the Wednesday night Unfinished Lenten theme. Join in!

GIVE NOW FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF: Congregations of our WIS Seeds of Faith Conference are joining together to send funds to Lutheran Disaster Relief in the Middle East following the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. 100% of donations go to help those impacted. Checks or envelopes may be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church and with a memo note for 'Earthquake Relief'.

If you are not already giving automatically, we invite you to consider supporting the mission and ministry of Immanuel through automatic giving by following the link on the website or calling the church office for assistance. OR USE IMMANUEL'S QR CODE TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY. Thank you for your consideration. Mailing in your gifts is another way to support our mission and ministry.



Designated Lenten Offerings will be divided equally between: ELCA Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Northern Lights Alliance for the Mason City Homeless Shelters, and Immanuel's Good Samaritan fund. Please designate on your check or envelope as 'Lent or General' when giving your gifts at the Wednesday Lenten services or anytime throughout the Lenten season.

Prayer Shawls available: If you are chilly sitting in your pew, pick up a shawl in the narthex that you can use to stay warm. Just ask an usher. If you or someone you know could benefit from a prayer shawl, take it with you.

Prayer Chain Contacts: Jaci Thorson in church office (585-3152) or email jaci@immanuelfamily. **The prayer intercessors** are praying together on Zoom from their homes. Please notify office with any additions or corrections. **Pastoral Hospital Visits:** If you or your family members are hospitalized, please let us know.

Wednesday Community Meals: Serving each week 4-6 in the fellowship hall—eat in or takeout. Menu this week: baked pork chops, cheesy hashbrowns, peas, cake. Bring the family, invite a neighbor or friend, come enjoy the fellowship with others for this free community meal.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: *Interested in becoming an Immanuel member?* An upcoming class will be held on Sunday, Apr. 23 following worship, and new members will be received on Sunday, Apr. 30. Leave your name in the office or with a pastor of your interest or have questions.

OPEN HOUSE 90th Birthday Party for Anita Oleson, TODAY, Feb. 26, from 1-3pm at Immanuel. No gifts please; your presence is enough!

Around the community:

AFS Fun Night Carnival at FCHS gym on Friday, March 3. Doors open at 6pm and close at 9pm. Food Court available all evening.

Annual Soup Supper @ Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Leland. Saturday, March 4th, 4:30-7pm. Serving chili, chicken noodle, vegetable beef, wild rice, bread, and pies. Free will offering.

Forest City YMCA Class: REDUCE YOUR RISK OF DEMENTIA – Unlocking Brain Fitness: KEYS to Dementia Prevention, Mondays 1-3pm, March 6-May 8. Cost is \$75 per participant (individual scholarships are available); or register with a friend and pay \$95 for the both of you. Call 585-5220 or stop by the Y to register. Program will be limited to 16. This 10-week program provides tools and resources to preserve your memory and cognitive skills. It is estimated that 30% of all community dementia is preventable. By making simple lifestyle changes, you can reduce your risk by up to 70%. Visit: unlockingbrainfitness.org for more information.

Need an adult 'Camp Getaway', register for Summer Bible Camp, or apply for a supper job? Checkout the camp websites for their schedules or check out the camp bulletin board by the lower-level ramp.

www.lutheranlakeside.com, www.riversideLBC.org, www.okoboji.org

Immanuel's 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be receiving a letter soon about registering for Confirmation Camp June 11-16 at Lutheran Lakeside Bible Camp. Early bird discount deadlines for any youth camper are soon so now is a good time to get signed up for a fun experience!

This Week at Immanuel:

TODAY:	9:15am	Worship
	10:15am	Coffee, Fellowship Hall
	10:30am	Promiseland
	10:30am	'Jonah' Lenten Bible Study, Shalom
	1-3pm	Open House 90 th Birthday Party for Anita Oleson, Immanuel
TUESDAY:	1pm	LWR Quilting Do Day, FH
	3:30pm	Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom
	5:30pm	Bell Choir, Fireside Room
	6-8pm	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting, FH
WEDNESDAY:	4-6pm	Meal, Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Whirl Wednesday/Middle School Youth Group, Shalom/Adult Learning, Lounge
	6pm	Lenten Worship, Promiseland sings
	6:45pm	Choir, Fireside Room
	7:30pm	High School Youth Group
THURSDAY:	9am	Women's Bible Study, Lounge
NEXT SUNDAY:	9:15am	Worship
	10:15am	Coffee, Fellowship Hall
	10:30am	NO Promiseland today, Wed., March 8, and Sun., March 12 (Spring Break Week)
	10:30am	Lenten Bible Study