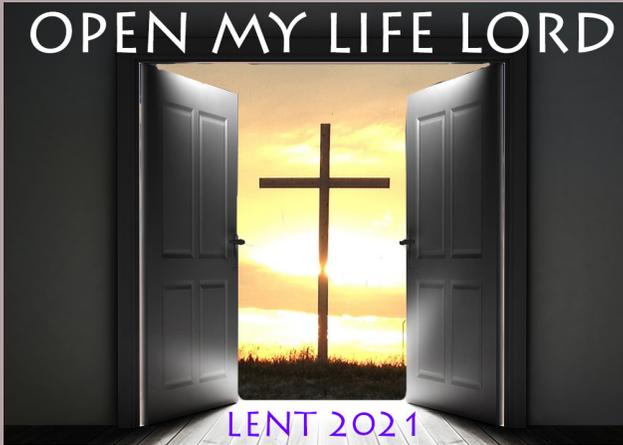


THE MESSENGER

The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa - February 2021



Midweek Lenten Series at Immanuel: Open My Life, Lord: Spiritual Practices to a Godly Life

Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday with Ashes & Holy Communion
Feb. 24	Week 1 ~ Open My Eyes, Lord <i>fasting</i>
Mar. 3	Week 2 ~ Open My Ears, Lord <i>solitude</i>
Mar. 10	Week 3 ~ Open My Heart, Lord <i>repentance</i>
Mar. 17	Week 4 ~ Open My Hands, Lord <i>almsgiving</i>
Mar. 24	Week 5 ~ Open My Life, Lord <i>forgiving</i>

6:30pm each Wednesday night during Lent (sign up) and live streamed

Our prayer: Open my eyes, Lord. Open my hands, Lord. Open my ears, Lord. Open my heart, Lord. Open my life, Lord. Amen.

Immanuel's Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 7, 10:00am (or immediately following worship), Sanctuary

Immanuel Annual Meeting Information

This year we are doing a hybrid style for the annual meeting. We will be making Zoom available to those who are uncomfortable attending in person. Here are the instructions for Zoom.

(WHAT WILL HAPPEN)

The meeting will be visible to those in the sanctuary and those at home.

Audio will be through the sound system for all to hear at home and in sanctuary.

There will be someone walking around with a microphone when the meeting is open to discussion.

If you have a question or comment from home raise your hand if on video so the moderator can call on you. If on the phone please let us know you have a comment verbally and we will then call on you.

When you do talk during the meeting make sure to announce who you are for those online and in the sanctuary.

Voting will be verbal.

All material that is handed out at the meeting will be available at immanuelfamily.com under the annual meeting link on the home page, or can be picked up at church ahead of time.

(JOINING VIA VIDEO)

Go to immanuelfamily.com click on the annual meeting link on the home page.

Locate the Zoom button that says join here.

Click on the button, you will be asked to join the meeting, and to enter your name.

To mute yourself or unmute yourself please click mute located at the bottom left side of your screen.

(JOINING VIA PHONE)

Joining over the phone will be audio only with no video.

Dial in to this number: 1 (312) 626-6799

You will be prompted to enter meeting ID and Password. Enter the following information.

Meeting ID: 815 3841 7773

Passcode: 006828

When you arrive please announce yourself so you can be counted.

To mute or unmute yourself on your phone press *6

DEFINITION OF VOTING MEMBER FROM IMMANUEL'S CONSTITUTION

Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.

WESTERN IOWA SYNOD (VIRTUAL) ASSEMBLY

April 9-10, 2021

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the WIS ELCA will meet in a virtual assembly on April 9-10. Voting members will need computers or smart phones and a good internet connection to participate in the events and to vote. The congregation members may want to meet as a small group in a safe setting, or from their own home.



Assembly timeline:

Friday, April 9	7-9pm	Mandatory rehearsal
Saturday, April 10	8:30am	Plenary session
Saturday, April 10	afternoon	Adjournment

Immanuel lay member delegates may include 2 laymen, 2 laywomen, 1 youth (confirmed member under 18), and 1 young adult (18-30). Registration opens with early bird rates February 1-March 15. **If you have an interest in representing Immanuel, please let the office or a pastor know of your interest. Voting on delegates will be included in the Congregational Annual Meeting agenda on Feb. 7. Fees for the registration will be paid by the church.**

The Assembly offering will be split between the Igumbilo Girl's School in Tanzania and funding the bus transportation for all WIS youth to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July 2022. **If you would like to give towards this special offering, just note 'WIS Assembly offering' on your check.**

Enjoy your own Valentine's Getaway at the Okoboji Marriage



Retreat Feb. 12-14

The annual Marriage Retreat at Okoboji Camp is a perfect way to carve out time together, without kids, without housework, without projects, and enjoy each other's company. Enjoy sessions with guest speakers Mark and Jody Stevenson. They help couples take further steps towards a healthy, happy marriage. Enjoy a banquet dinner, breakfast in bed, evening entertainment, precious time alone... Cost is \$199 for the weekend; \$50 deposit.

Due to Covid-19 precautions will be taken in accordance with governing authorities and recommended procedures.

Register or check out more details at www.okoboji.org/marriage-retreat, or call 1-800-OKOBOJI.

WANTED

We Need Your Help, Again!

Mission and Outreach Board is asking for your donations to help the Waldorf University International students and students that are far from home. We will be collecting items throughout Lent (February 17 – April 2). New or items in good condition may be left at the church office area. M&O collected back in Spring of 2019 and these items were very much appreciated by the students. Popular items are pots and pans and baking pans as each dorm has a stove and students like to cook and bake with the kitchen items donated. Check out the list below and thank you in advance for your donations!

Bedding:

Extra-long twin sheet sets (flat & fitted sheets, pillowcase), Blankets (twin-size, nothing puffy so they can be stored easily when not in use)

Kitchen items:

Microwavable plates, microwavable bowls, microwaveable cups, forks, spoons, table knives, plastic food storage containers, handheld can openers, bottles of dish soap, larger bowls (to mix things in), wooden spoons and measuring cups & spoons, pot and pans, electric kettles.

Other items:

Backpacks, coats (winter, rain, and fall jackets) snow boots, hats, gloves, and scarves.

Thank you again for all your warm generosity and kind donations that were submitted last year for the students at Waldorf. International students and our out-of-state students often arrive on campus with just a suitcase or two from the plane. Needing to purchase not only textbooks, but bedding, winter gear, school supplies, items for their dorm and kitchen supplies is a big expenditure all at once for students and families. Many times, students do without in many areas or purchase small things as they can afford them. Your donations help to fill that gap. They make their rooms more comfortable, keep them warmer in the winter and help them cook a homemade meal or cook for themselves over school breaks. It makes Forest City a bit more like home. The students are humbled and grateful when they find out that the local community has come together to help get them set up in their new life at Waldorf. The students are truly blessed to have such a supportive community at Immanuel.

Thank you!

Megan Gabriell, Waldorf's Director of International Student Services

Letter from Pastor Rod

Lent 2021

Open My Life, Lord: Emerging from the tomb with intentionality!

Ash Wednesday comes early this year as we'll gather on February 17 for ashes and Holy Communion. Our theme is, Open My Life, Lord: Emerging from the tomb with intentionality!



By the time we arrive at Easter it will have been more than a year since we have been entombed by COVID 19. You might think that entombed is too strong of a word, yet for many, it has felt that way. Isolation, loneliness, a lack of human contact and stimulation, describes death for some people. Those who can't wait for things to reopen may be tempted to jump back into life fully as it used to be – cluttered, messy, busy, hurried, no time to think, to pray, to connect with God or neighbor, just busy. Others may have grown accustomed to the tomb; its isolation and loneliness may have grown familiar and comfortable and it may be a struggle to emerge in ways that embrace abundant life. How might we emerge from this tomb with intentionality?

Join us for an all-congregation Wednesday evening series to discern and practice ways of discipleship that will help you emerge from the tomb with intention and purpose. On Ash Wednesday we'll come together to remember that no matter how we've experienced the tomb of the pandemic, we are all dust and to dust we shall return. We are in this boat together and together we emerge. On the five Wednesday evenings following Ash Wednesday we will ask God to open us, our eyes, our ears, our hearts, our hands, and our lives and we'll be challenged to take up faith practices (and practice them) that will help us do just that

– open up our life to God and neighbor with intentionality and purpose.

The faith practices include: fasting, solitude (ironically), repentance, almsgiving (charity) and forgiving. Included in each service will be a faith practice video with an explanation and challenge for the week. It's not an impossible challenge at all, but one that will help you emerge from this tomb into the life that God desires for you. These faith practices were developed centuries ago by the Desert Fathers and Mothers in times when life and faith needed to be re-balanced. We can learn from them and implement these practices into our lives.

I've heard some people say that they have actually enjoyed and been blessed by a slower pace of life brought on by the pandemic. Kids, family, life just hasn't been so crazy, and they like it. What if, as you emerge from this tomb, you are intentional about what you pick up again and what you don't. It could be that it leads to a richer, more fulfilling life for you, for your family together in relationship, and in your relationship with God.

Of course, how much of this worship series can be done in-person depends on where we are with vaccinations and the virus. However, whether we do this in person or online matters little – what matters is that we begin to practice these practices now so as to help us once the stone begins to be rolled away from our tomb so that we may emerge with intentionality and purpose.

Join us beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17 online or in-person by signing up online (watch for changes depending on virus status) as together we invite God to Open My Life that we might emerge from the tomb to live and serve God, our neighbor, and creation with intentionality and purpose.

A Blessed Lent,

Pastor Rod

Blessings & Prayers

Prayers

Marcia & Wayne Eastvold, Andy & Jennifer Eastvold, Ryan & Tori Eastvold and families in the loss of Marcia's father/grandfather, Lyle Matson of Buffalo Center

Julie Damm and family in the loss of her father, Ron Sampson of Windom, MN

Worship on the Radio

Worship over the air and on the web over KLOW 107.3FM continues to be an important ministry to many members and non-members, locally and locations anywhere! Thank you to those of you who have helped this ministry by sponsoring a Sunday broadcast for \$100.

Upcoming dates available if you would like to give in memory of a loved one, or to honor a special occasion, or just because you, or someone you know is a faithful listener. Call the office (585-3152) to reserve a date:

Mar. 14, 21
Apr. 18
May 16, 23

June 27
July 4, 18



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

THANK YOU to Ken & Cindy Korth who took a January road trip to Lutheran World Relief distribution site in St. Paul, MN. They filled their Suburban taking a full load of kits and quilts from Immanuel.

The two Packing Days at church were both cancelled in 2020 so LWR items were not delivered.

But God's work. Our hands. still continues with many individuals getting the work done!

Items delivered:

51 Quilts; 59 Personal Care Kits; 81 School Kits

Board notes

Mission & Outreach

Sharon Rieffer

The Mission and Outreach Board held their January meeting via ZOOM on January 13 at 4:45 p.m. Present were Jaci Thorson, Nic Determann, Ken Korth, Becky Stumme, Larry Rieffer and Sharen Rieffer.

Devotions were given by Becky entitled. "Papa Didn't Say, "Oh!"

Amy Thorson has completed her term on the Council and will no longer be a representative on our board. We deeply appreciate all she has done and has added to the vision of our board. She will be greatly missed.

The Board reviewed the results of 2020 and noted that our carryover fund for our missionary, Karen Anderson, totals \$1,653.69.

This quarter emphasis is HUNGER.

The Forest City Food Bank will receive our mission offerings for the months of January and February. Financial gifts allow the Food Bank to purchase items through the Iowa Food Bank and non-perishable items are always appreciated too. Popular items to consider donating: toilet paper, canned soups, pastas, cereal, and canned fruits. Items may be left in either grocery cart at church-top of stairs by office, or in the narthex; or delivered directly to the Food Bank on Monday afternoons when they are open.

In March we will be donating to the ELCA World Hunger program.

Our board would like to recommend to the Council that Lenten Offerings be used towards "Spreading the Word" efforts. One half being given to Karen Anderson, our ELCA missionary serving in Chile and the other half to the Gideons.

We discussed the needs of Waldorf's International students such as pots and pans and other household items—also outerwear. Becky will contact Megan Gabriell and see if we can get a definite list of items to share with the congregation. **See separate article in this newsletter, on page 2.

Jaci noted that our covenant with the ELCA for our missionary arrived on Monday, January 11, and has been signed and returned showing our \$5,000 commitment for 2021.

Trustees' Notes

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met on January 11, 2021 by Zoom communication from home sign on and at the church. December income was \$155,778.11 including the \$67,400 PPP COVID Payment and expenses were \$81,346.75 with a \$74,431.36 positive month. YTD Actual is a positive \$17,775.31 for December compared to 2019 YTD of \$3,117.69. \$14,754.30 was expensed out from the \$17,000 N. W. Iowa Care Connect Grant for COVID 19 Relief that Ruth Melby applied for. The grant was expensed out with the last month's \$2,245.70 pay out of the Grant. Other above average expenses were \$7,369.15 expensed from endowment.

Endowment: Nothing presented.

Property Committee: Purchased leaf/snow blower. Spraying Disinfectant on occupied rooms continues.

Personnel Committee: Nothing new.

New Business: The 2021 Church Budget was sent out for review. It was roughly a \$20,000 increase. Pastor Rod pointed out that we fall in the guidelines of churches our size having between 65 to 67% of the budget covering salaries and benefits. This was approved and will go to council as a motion.

Old Business: A. PPP loan forgiveness was approved.

B. Bethany Lutheran Staff sharing and Quarterly Health & Vitality group update: Bethany's youth accounts for 7 to 8 youth with up to 12 to 14 including friends. A joint trip with Immanuel Youth to Colorado is planned for the summer. Linda Holland thanked Kim for making the accounting adjustment for the PPP payment and all the Budget work done.

Parish Council

Linda Ferjak

Council met on January 11, 2021, via Zoom with nine members and both pastors present. Meeting called to order by President Daryl Krieger and December minutes were approved.

Pastor Rod reported on his teaching Confirmation throughout the month of January.

He also reported that Bethany had held their Annual Meeting and elected their Council. He is looking to create a study on Zoom for Immanuel and Bethany members. His Continuing Ed will be online in the upcoming year.

Pastor Zech reported on his Daily Devotion for Advent and Christmas and his work with Christmas at Bethany and Immanuel as well as his work with the Children's Program. Confirmation was on pause for the month of December. He is continuing to work fine tuning the video system and our live streaming. A new controller has been ordered. Confirmation Camp this summer was discussed as well as the High School students doing a trip this Summer.

In Person Worship was discussed. A Motion was carried to start In Person Worship and Communion on the 17th and 20th of January. We will keep a watchful eye on the COVID numbers and react as necessary.

The Finance Committee reported that the PPP loan was completely forgiven. Kim Severson did a great amount of follow up with Manufacturers to get this accomplished. A motion was approved to apply for a second PPP loan.

The Board of Trustees presented the Budget. A motion was approved to accept the budget as proposed. It will be taken to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Immanuel's Annual Meeting will be In-Person and Zoom on February 7, 2021. Dave Melby would like to do a test "run through" to test out the technology prior to our meeting. There will be a mailing to the congregation explaining how to join and what to expect during the meeting. A trial meeting will be the Sunday prior to the Annual meeting. We will hold an additional Annual meeting mid-year to approve changes to the constitution. The Annual Report will be available in the office.

Dave Melby updated the Council on the meals funded by the Cares Grant. He challenged us all to sign up for a Wednesday night meal and invite others to do so as well.

Board Reports were shared. Meeting was adjourned.

✝ Promiseland

How is Valentine's Day connected to Christianity?



Tasha Banta

Valentine's Day. Where exactly did Valentine's Day get its start and what, if anything does it have to do with Christianity, with being a Christian?

There are many ideas out there about how, why and who began the holiday. All the stories are different, but all of them tell a story of a martyr. A martyr is killed for their beliefs-religious or otherwise.

One account tells of the unruly Roman Empire and its leader, Claudius, who banned young men from marrying to force them to join the front lines in protecting his empire. You see, married men were not required to join the forces, so Claudius figured the more single men, the bigger and better his army. The story goes that a man named Valentine continued to wed young men with women in secret, against the laws of the Emperor. Never did Valentine think about stopping what he was doing. He continued and was eventually thrown in jail and killed. Valentine did his work for others and was willing to die for them. Does that remind you of someone?

Modern-times Valentine's Day has developed into a day of "showing" others how much they are loved by buying things: flowers, candy, a nice dinner out, stuffed animals, jewelry. Americans spend nearly 20 billion dollars a year on this holiday! Sometimes the day begins with hopes of something spectacular from the one we love or the someone we wish loved us. Sometimes we get those things and other time the day ends in disappointment from unmet expectations. But if we stop thinking of ourselves, of what we hope to receive this Valentine's Day, what someone will do for us and rather think about what we can give daily, it becomes a completely different holiday. I am not talking about giving gifts. I am talking about loving like Jesus loves. I am talking about loving selflessly, sacrificially, unbound by the things of this world and grounded by faith and entwined in Jesus. Then Valentine's Day reflects the reason for it becoming a holiday and gives the answer to my question: 'how is Valentine's Day connected to Christianity?' The answer is Jesus! Jesus is the connection! The one who lived and died for us! Jesus was the greatest martyr of all time.

This Valentine's Day and this Lenten season ahead, think of Jesus and His unending and selfless love. Give up the earthly things that tie you down to the disappointment of unmet expectations and take on Godly ways of loving and living. See how that can change your life.

Nothing, Nothing at All

Sometimes you get in a rut when it comes to messenger articles. There has to be something to say you may say. But every once in a while, you realize you have to say nothing, and that's what I'm going to do as we head into February and the Lenten season. As we approach one year of life in the era of Covid19, it's important to remember one word nothing.



There are so many things in our lives that pull us apart. There is so much sin in our lives and the lives of those around us. And it is unavoidable. As humans it has been and will always be there. I don't need to tell you how separated we can be as humans. We can be separated physically, emotionally, relationally, politically, you name it I'm sure we can be separated by it. And that is a hard thing for us. Because of this we may think that we can be separated from everything and everyone including God.

But there is one word to remember. Nothing.

"Can anything separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble, suffering, and hard times, or hunger and nakedness, or danger and death?... I am sure that nothing can separate us from God's love—not life or death, not angels or spirits, not the present or the future, and not powers above or powers below. Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord!" (Romans 8:35, 37-39)

In a world of separation, NOTHING can separate us from God's love. You may argue but what about my somethings, I do not deserve this. But the answer is NOTHING, ZILCH, NADDA! No something can separate you from God's love. As we head into Lent, in a broken separated world, know God is still with you, there for you, and loves you!

So, what to remember this month after reading this? Well for once I want you to remember nothing. And every once in a while nothing is a good thing to write about. Nothing can separate you and you are worth God's love. What good news to hear today and every day.

See you in worship.

Pastor Zech Anderson

Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY December 2020

	December Actual 2020	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 100.00%	December Actual 2019	YTD Actual 2019
Income							
Regular Offerings & Envelopes	68,075.53	43,044.50	455,453.99	516,534.00	88.18%	58,435.32	503,547.43
Other Income	87,702.58	7,469.17	158,743.86	89,630.00	177.11%	19,421.07	61,693.13
Total Income	155,778.11	50,513.67	614,197.85	606,164.00	101.33%	77,856.39	565,240.56
Expense							
Staff Support	33,924.43	32,814.83	378,076.23	393,778.00	96.01%	28,288.09	349,009.97
Administration	11,463.18	10,498.00	117,426.79	125,976.00	93.21%	-1,767.84	119,045.38
Ministry Areas	35,959.14	7,200.84	100,919.52	86,410.00	116.79%	18,652.62	94,067.52
Loan re-payment/contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	81,346.75	50,513.67	596,422.54	606,164.00	98.39%	45,172.87	562,122.87
Income Less Expense	\$74,431.36	0.00	\$17,775.31	0.00		\$32,683.52	\$3,117.69

Volunteer

FEBRUARY 2021

Assisting Ministers

Feb. 7.....	Kathy McEnelly
Feb. 14.....	Olivia Banta
Feb. 21.....	Kathy McEnelly
Feb. 28.....	Dave Melby

Scripture Readers

Feb. 7.....	Ellen Olson
Feb. 14.....	Kay Sorensen
Feb. 21.....	Patti Strukel
Feb. 28.....	Marla Betz

Altar Care

Feb. 7.....	Sara Uetz
Feb. 14.....	Jeanette Neuman
Feb. 21.....	Mary Lund
Feb. 28.....	Marla Betz

Sound/Video Techs

Sundays - Karl Wooldridge, Carson Strukel
 Wednesdays - Daryl & Tammy Krieger

Offering Counters

Linda Holland, Mavis Hess, Sonya Dyste, Ellen Olson, Marj Anderson

Laundry

Keila Buffington



Summer is coming Hello, Church

We might be smack dab in the middle of a bitter winter, but it never hurts to look to the sunshine ahead! Summer will be here before we know it! J Now is the perfect time to start thinking about summer camp for your kids and your family! Immanuel is blessed to have some wonderful camping ministry partners within such a short distance: Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp and Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp. IOLBC and Riverside are what you might call “sister camps,” and actually develop their summer themes and train their staffs together! These camps both hold a special place in my heart as I grew up going to family camp and spent two summers on summer staff at Okoboji, and it was through a connection at Riverside that I actually applied to work here at Immanuel! I cannot speak highly enough about the opportunities both the camps (at three different sites) provide for all ages. Knowing that we will likely still be working through creating a healthier America by the time summer arrives, now would be an excellent time to find out what family camp is all about if you haven’t experienced it before! Because you stay and interact heavily with your family, it would probably be the most “covid-friendly” of summer camp options.

Summers at family camp with my family were so impactful on my faith journey as a young person, and as a family camp counselor, I made some wonderful and lasting connections with the families I got to spend time with. Consider checking out the websites and exploring what camp(s) might be a good fit for your kids or families this summer! (Helpful hint: early bird discounts are good until March 1.)

okoboji.org

riversidelbc.org

For the youth ministry programs, we have two optional summer adventures planned! Our 6 & 7 grade confirmation students have been asked to consider a June 13-18 confirmation camp at IOLBC. We hope to take a good group of students that week, but will also be able to coordinate students who need to go July 11-16 as well. Our 8 & 9 confirmation students and our 10-12 youth group students have the opportunity to travel to Sky Ranch in CO August 1-7 for a backpacking trip, which we are extremely excited about! We will be sharing more information about our trip as well as beginning fundraising very soon!

As always, please reach out with any questions you might have, and we hope that you choose, in whatever way, to engage in a spiritual recharge for yourselves this summer.

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 230pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (zoom) 630pm- Parish Life (zoom)	3 4:45-5:45pm- Meals to go (sign up) 5:30pm- Confirmation 630pm – Worship (sign up) or livestream 7:15pm- Communion (sign up) Fireside room confirmation 730pm- HS Youth Group	4	5	6
7 9:15am- Worship (sign up or livestream) 10am- ANNUAL MEETING 10:15 – Promiseland	8 5pm- Trustees 6:30pm- Council	9 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (Zoom) 4:30pm- Children’s Ed (Zoom)	10 4:45-5:45pm- Meals to go (sign up) 4:45pm- M&O (zoom) 630pm –worship (sign-up or Livestream) 7:15pm- Communion (SU) Fireside room Confirmation 730pm- HS Youth Group	11	12	13
14 9:15am- Worship (sign up or livestream) 10:15 – Communion (SU), Fireside room 10:15 – Promiseland Happy Valentines Day	15	16 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (Zoom)	17 ASH WEDNESDAY 4:45-5:45pm- Meals to go (sign up) 5:30pm- Confirmation 630pm – Ash Wed worship (sign-up or Livestream) Communion 7:15pm- Confirmation 730pm- HS Youth Group	18	19 March Messenger Deadline	20
21 9:15am- Worship (sign up or livestream) 10:15 – Communion (SU), Fireside room 10:15 – Promiseland	22	23 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (Zoom)	24 4:45-5:45pm- Meals to go (sign up) 5:30pm- Confirmation 630pm – Lenten Worship (SU) or Livestream 730pm- HS Youth Group	25	26	27
28 9:15am- Worship (sign up or livestream) 10:15 – Communion (SU), Fireside room 10:15 – Promiseland						



Sign up each week by Tuesday noon with the number of meals you will be picking up or if you need it delivered. Go the church website for the signup link or call the church office (immanuelfamily.com / 585-3152). Easy pick up by driving through the north alley of the church and getting your meals brought out at the handicap entrance. Current hour of serving is 4:45-5:45 p.m.

Have you taken the Wednesday Evening Meal Challenge yet? If not, 1) Sign up for the next Wednesday meal; 2) Call a friend and offer to bring them a meal; 3) Challenge a friend to take the Wednesday Evening Meal Challenge.

It's a joy cooking for you all!
Dawn Craig

February menus:

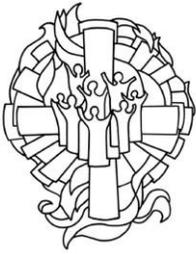
- Feb. 3 maidrites, baked beans, chips, brownies
- Feb. 10 cheesy potatoes w/ham hotdish, green beans, cheesecake
- Feb. 17 soup – vegetable beef /Wisconsin cheese, breadsticks, cinnamon rolls
- Feb. 24 soft shell tacos, lettuce salad, corn, pie



whether its for meal prep and service on Wednesdays, or in any other manner you find. In Arlys’ words: “God bless you”! - Shelly (Fredrickson) Kardoes & family.

Pictured: Shelly (Fredrickson) Kardoes and Dawn Craig

Dear Immanuel family,
We give this cart to you in loving memory of my aunt Arlys Swingen. Arlys was a cook for many years at FC High School and Waldorf College. She loved her Immanuel family and enjoyed Wednesday meals and fellowship. She was very kind and caring to everyone she met. Her faith held her up in difficult and challenging times and filled her with love and gratitude at all times. Please use this cart to help you carry out God’s work at Immanuel,



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Sundays – 9:15am
6:30 Wednesday
In Person & Livestream

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