

Immanuel Lutheran Church(LCMS)

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 13-14, 2018

Welcome, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! It is our prayer that the Holy Spirit will open our hearts and lives to the words of Jesus. Please plan to join us for fellowship following the 10:00am service. If you have any comments or questions regarding the service or any other matter, please feel free to speak to Pastor Jones. Should you be in need of any pastoral service, please do not hesitate to bring it to the pastor's attention.

Visitors Please sign the Fellowship Pad and include your address. If you have no church home, are interested in becoming a part of our church family, or would like information about Immanuel, please talk with an usher, elder, or Pastor Jones, who will be happy to speak with you.

Communion in the Pew If it has become necessary for you to have communion brought to you in the pew and you have not already done so, please notify the pastor or an elder each time you attend. We are pleased to assist you to receive this great blessing on a regular basis.



Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher.

Adaptive Hearing System is available from an usher.



Children in Worship We at Immanuel welcome and encourage the attendance of all children in our worship service. We also understand that children will behave as the children they are. They may not be able to sit as still as adults and they sometimes act or speak out during the worship. That is to be expected. However, children can sometimes cause a commotion which, if allowed to continue on, can be a detriment to the worship of others around them. We ask that you be sensitive to those times when your child's behavior calls for their brief removal from the worship area. A cry room is provided for those times. The Ushers or Elders will assist you in its location and use. We've also provided Quiet Sacks that are located on the small coat tree in the narthex. These bags contain pictures and crayons that our children can use. Please return them to the "tree" when you are done with them. Children may be brought to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

As We Gather

There can be a silence of absence or a silence of presence. The first is hollow and empty. The latter is full of light and of love. After generations without a prophet, the people of God have forgotten the sound of God's voice. Has God forgotten, or worse, abandoned them? Just as they may have been ready to give up hope, God Himself shatters His long silence with the voice of a new prophet crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord." On the heels of John the Baptist, God Himself, in the person of the Son, Jesus, shatters the silence by His own incarnate presence among His people. Now, it is time for the people to become silent and attend to the voice of God speaking life and love for every person through Jesus—the Logos in the flesh.

Order of Worship

Divine Service Setting Three ~ page 184

† PREPARATION †

RINGING OF IMMANUEL'S BELLS

PRELUDE

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LSB 411

INVOCATION LSB 184

† WORD †

INTROIT

Psalm 40:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 40:10a, b

P: I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog. And set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.
I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.

GLORIA PATRI (*sung*) page 186
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

KYRIE & GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*sung*) begins on page 186

SALUTATION (*response is sung*) page 189

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven on earth, merciful hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)
(“Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.”)

¹Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 6:12-20
(We are not our own, for we were bought with a price.)

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are

not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

TRIPLE ALLELUIA LSB page 190

HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:43-51*
(Philip invites Nathanael to come and see Jesus.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the first chapter.
C: **Glorify be to Thee, O Lord.** *(sung)*

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** *(sung)*

CREED

5 pm Apostles' Creed *found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*
10 am Nicene Creed *found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*

10AM CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mrs. Betsy Bourassa

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Only Son from Heaven" LSB 402

SERMON "Struggling with Doubt" John 1:53-51

OFFERTORY "Create In Me a Clean Heart"

OFFERING

Please fill out the friendship pad at the end of the pew. Be sure to mark the box for receiving Holy Communion for each member of your family or group who is receiving today

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P: God, who shatters the silence, open our ears like Samuel's to listen to Your living voice as You speak to us through Your Word and in the Holy Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: God, who shatters the silence, You have told us that we are not our own, but we were bought with a price—not with gold or silver, but with the precious blood of Jesus. Help us to live as Your redeemed and beloved people and to share Your love with others in our various callings and vocations, inviting them to come and see Jesus who loves us and gave Himself for us all. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: God, who shatters the silence, Your Word is like a fire and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces. Open the hearts and the mouths of all Your preachers, to bring forth the fire of Your Word in both Law and Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: God, who shatters the silence, we ask You to speak healing over all who are sick and suffering in body, mind, or spirit, *especially* . . . Trusting that Your Word accomplishes the purpose for which You send it, whether now or in eternity, we trust You to bring Your healing purposes to completion in all lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: God, who shatters the silence, quiet our restless hearts and our anxious minds as we approach Your Table this day. Fill this time of silence with Your love and the light of Your presence as we receive Jesus' true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*The 5:00 pm service concludes with
the Lord's Prayer,
the Benediction, and the Closing Hymn.*

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †
10 am

Liturgy begins on page 194

DISTRIBUTION HYMN(S)

† "Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 784
 † "God Himself Is Present" LSB 907

CLOSING HYMN "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" LSB 909

POSTLUDE

SERVING OUR CONGREGATION TODAY

GUEST PREACHER / LITURGIST: REV. CARL TROSIEN

ORGANIST:
SATURDAY: BARBARA BLECK
SUNDAY: SARAH GEIKAS

| | 5:00PM | 10:00AM |
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| Head Elder | <i>Dennis Metevia</i> | <i>Greg Wischmeyer</i> |
| Head Usher | <i>Art Davis</i> | <i>Amber Storey</i> |
| Communion Assistant | | <i>Don Heiden</i> |
| Usher Mentorship | | <i>Saige Christian</i> |
| Greeters | <i>Steve & Cyndi Zamora</i> | <i>Michael, April & Cameron Munholland</i> |
| Fellowship Host | | <i>Eric & Becky Ball</i> |
| Radio Broadcast | <i>Tom Jacobs</i> | <i>Becky Trinklein</i> |

THE COMMUNION POLICY OF THE MISSOURI SYNOD
 Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
 † who are repentant
 † who are believers in Jesus as Lord and Savior, and
 † who desire to live a new life in Christ,
 are invited to participate in the Sacrament. Those desiring to commune here for the first time should speak with Pastor Jones or one of the Elders before service.

Prayers of the Parish

Health & Healing

Rick Steele, Al Kusmierz, Pastor Westphal

It has pleased the Lord of life and death to call unto himself the soul of Rosemary Cajigas.

Birthday

Arlene Schuster celebrating her 95th birthday January 15
Lorraine Holt celebrating her 90th birthday January 13
Ruth Witzke celebrating her 84th birthday January 18
Nancy VanPoppelen celebrating her 83rd birthday January 18
Nancy Thompson celebrating her 80th birthday January 19

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| Kelly Herman (01/13) | Adam Pelletier (01/15) |
| Mark Bostick (01/16) | Elijah Dennis (01/16) |
| Michael Gruber (01/16) | Lezlie Koch (01/16) |
| Maddison Kalinowski (01/17) | Kenneth Lock (01/17) |
| Margaret Meagher (01/17) | Ronnie Mendoza (01/17) |
| Jacob Rieman (01/17) | Ryan Conger (01/18) |
| Nolan Kern (01/19) | Susan King (01/19) |
| Bonnie Young (01/20) | Warren Abbs (01/21) |
| Austin Birch (01/21) | Riana Kiely (01/21) |
| Kathy Roberts (01/21) | |

Baptismal Birthdays

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| Sienna Ardahl | Wyatt Armbruster | Amanda Beyer |
| Kathleen Paeth | Arliss Arnold | Frank Galindo |
| Donald Heiden | Daniel Nees | Kylin Ardahl |
| Margaret Griebel | Amelia Larson | Benjamin Prevost |
| Alexandra Snable | | |

Wedding Anniversaries

Norman and Claudia Warsaw celebrating their 47th anniversary January 17

“Be Our Guest” Chili Lunch with Entertainment Sunday, January 21

Served Restaurant Style with Immanuel Youth as your Servers at the Immanuel Café – Multi Purpose Room

Immanuel’s youth musicians as featured performers.
Proceeds of this event will go to the 2020 LCMS Mackinac State Gathering

Free Will Offering and Donations Accepted

Menu: Homemade Chili with all the fixins’
Tex Mex Chili Nachos
Dinner rolls, Fruit medley
Desserts and Beverages

Immanuel Youth members will be ready to “seat you and take your order” at the Immanuel Café as part of a special fund raiser for the LCMS state youth gathering. “Be Our Guest Chili Lunch” will not only feature homemade chili, but will also have the voices of many talented students on hand as part of the day’s entertainment! What a wonderful way to spend a wintery afternoon; warm and delicious homemade chili, Tex Mex Chili Nachos and fun entertainment.....Mark it down on your family calendars!

Reminder for Youth Members:

- Set up is Saturday, January 20 at 1:00pm
- All Singers will have practice after set-up
- All Youth to donate one homemade Dessert
- On Sunday, report for work at 10:30am
- Don’t forget your aprons



SNAG

Monthly Devo's

"A New Me – God Gives Good Gifts – Use Them!"

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Pay It Forward – What's your gift?! Use it

RAOK: Share a kind word with someone

Let's Go Bowling!

Sunday, January 28 2-4pm

Alert Lanes

915 N. Pine, Essexville

Event Includes:

3 games of bowling – free shoe rental – pizza
(Must be registered to attend for food count.)

Cost: \$7.00 / bring extra for games
or vending machine pop.

Time to get out of the cold, snowy weather and get into a fun afternoon with your ROCK SOLID YOUTH GROUP FRIENDS for bowling! Remember to get with Miss Betsy if you are planning to attend – Alert needs a food count for pizza preparation!

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Kingdom Kids Sunday School Happy New Year

What a busy month ahead for our Students!

We are so excited to begin a New Year as we continue to grow, learn, and re-discover God's love to each of us as we attend Kingdom Kids Sunday School. We have the opportunity to lead worship through greeting and a skit/song on January 21st. All children in grades Preschool through Grade 6 are encouraged to be part of this unique and ever motivating learning curriculum that makes the lessons of the Bible relevant and child friendly.

LCMS Junior High Youth Gathering

~Him!~

"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

To Him be glory forever. Amen." Romans 11:36

Open to students in Grades 6-7-8

Registration and Payment Due by Monday, January 29

Cost per student: \$95.00

Chaperone cost: \$50.00 (Youth Board to cover remaining cost)

Event Dates: Friday, June 1 – Sunday, June 3

Frankenmuth–Bavarian Inn Lodge

*Featured Speakers: Rev. Bill Yonker, Swen and Dean,

Rev. Gage Kasper, Dr. Nathanael Meckes

*Featured Musicians: Swen and Dean,

Impact (Valley Lutheran High School)

We all know the one "go to" answer to most question asked in Sunday School, "Jesus". He is indeed the center of our Christian faith. When we live in a world where our lives are constantly being pulled in a million different directions, social media, school, sports, family, friends, music....the list goes on...we can start to view Jesus as an afterthought. This gathering will dive into three aspects of our life in Christ: From HIM—through HIM and to HIM. The youth will hear the reality of the peace that is found in the Gospel. The fact that all things are from HIM. The truth that we do not have to search for Christ because he has found us. We do not earn God's favor because he has won it on the Cross (John 1, 2 Corinthians 1:20 and Colossians 1:16-18.) The youth will be empowered to live through HIM. To see that their life does not have to have a constant battle for approval or acceptance but that they can live from the grace that is given to them in Christ. (Phil 4:11-13, Romans 12:1-2) The youth will be moved to praise as they rejoice in the truth that our lives under grace to HIM! That our lives consist in a joy filled expression of the love that was first given to us. (Phil 4:4, 1 John 4:19) With various sectionals, Mass Gatherings, Prayer and Devotionals, Praise and Worship, Fun time Center, this promises to be a great way to begin your summer of continued commitment to HIM, your Lord and Savior.

**All Registration forms and program costs are due by
and NO later than: Monday, January 29!!!
Registration Forms available from Miss Betsy—893-4088.**

Stewardship Corner

God directs us to give regularly and generously (1 Corinthians 16:2). You may never be in a better position to give generously than you are today. The decision to give God your first and best is usually not made with calculators or with pencil and paper. The decision to give to God the first portion of your paycheck is made on your knees and with your heart. Giving generously and cheerfully has very little to do with mathematical formulas.

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A New Family Picture Book for 2018

"The last time we had a new directory made was when we were celebrating our 150th Anniversary. When are we going to do an update?"

Has this question been on your mind?

Universal Church Directories will be providing us with family pictures of our members in a new directory *this* year. You will provide the content by scheduling a photo shoot for your family. Appointments will begin in church and online the weekend of January 27-28. So check your calendars and be prepared to schedule your sitting for March or April. Each participating family will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait and a free directory. Also new this time is electronic access with PC, iOS, or Android.

We want to see the face of every member of this Immanuel Lutheran Church family indeed! Prayerfully consider volunteering your time to help with this project. Watch for more details about how we can make it happen together!

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Wellspring Lutheran Services

Mark your calendars for the annual Wellspring Lutheran Services Faces of Hope Benefit Dinner, on Tuesday, January 23, at the Bavarian Inn Motor Lodge in Frankenmuth. The evening will begin with a reception at 5:30pm., followed by a lovely buffet dinner. As we reflect on our annual dinner, one thing stands out for us: It's hope. In over a century of serving people in need, we've witnessed hope come from the most hopeless of situations. We've seen joy come from mourning and beauty come from ashes. We know what the faces of hope look like. We want you to know them, too. Will you join us? Tickets are \$35 each. Reserve your seat before January 16, 2018, by contacting Wellspring at foundation@wellspringlutheran.com or call (989) 262-7496.

Weekly Events Calendar

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| Saturday – 13th | 8:00am Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm Worship Service |
| Sunday – 14th | 8:45am Christian Education Hour 10:00am Communion Service |
| Monday – 15th | <i>No School – Prof. Dev. Day</i> |
| Tuesday – 16th | 9:00am Ladies Bible Study |
| Wednesday – 17th | 8:00am Chapel 4:30pm ILS Boys B-Ball vs. St. Peter 5:30pm ILS Girls @ Zion vs. All Saints 5:15pm Blended Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Bible Study |
| Thursday – 18th | 1:00pm Fellowship Cards 6:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday – 19th | Newsletter Deadline 5:30pm ILS Girls @ Zion vs Zion Beaver 6:00pm ILS Boys vs. Peace |
| Saturday – 20th | 8:00am Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm Communion Service |
| | Lutheran Schools Week Begins |
| Sunday – 21st | 8:45am Christian Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service 7:00pm High School B-Ball at ILS |

(radio broadcast Sunday 9:00am WSAM AM 1400)



Forget your envelopes? Forget your checkbook? Low on cash? Immanuel Lutheran Church can receive electronic offerings through your smart phone. Scan the QR square to a secure site and follow the onscreen directions. Gifts can be made to the General Fund or the Building Fund. You can give just this once, or set up scheduled giving.