

Immanuel Images
Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
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From the Pastor's Study

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:4-9

February often feels like a time of transition. Christmas and its season came in a hurry and upon its leaving many felt as if everything came to a screeching halt. Everything seems to slow down a little bit and we can breathe for a few weeks before we start getting ready for spring break, Easter, and then summer vacation. Yes in no time at all you will be thinking about where this summer you will be traveling. Yet, before all of this comes upon us the Church will be starting another season of preparation, Lent. Lent is a season of preparation and teaching. In fact people in the ancient Church would be starting their catechesis the week of Ash Wednesday and finishing it the week of Holy Week. This would put them in line for introduction into the Church on Easter vigil. In the ancient Church Lent was the season for learning. We in the Church today are so busy that maybe that slowdown I talked about never really happens anymore. We have sports, things to watch on television, dance, band, and so much more. We live in a fast paced society that never really seems to slow down. We do not seem to take the time to observe seasons of the Church, let alone life. All these things are not bad in themselves, but they do distract us from our primary vocation as the people of God, that is to be disciples. In Deuteronomy we hear how Moses encourages the people to continue to teach and learn. Learn about who God is and how we relate to Him. He reminds us how He rescued us through His Son, by His life, death, and resurrection. In turn we hear how God calls us to respond as His people. We also are called to teach, teach what it is we have learned. Moses reminds us that in every moment of life we are given opportunities to teach about God and all He has done. It happens as we arise to a new day and give thanks for our breakfast and new morning. It occurs as we commute around town and see those God has given to aid us in our lives. We are given chances to teach as we struggle with our sins and our failings through reconciliation. Each and every moment we have opportunities to teach and learn about God and all that He is doing. We are given the privilege and the responsibility to learn about God and to share what we learn with those around us. As we look toward a very busy day, week, month, or year, let us not fail to stop learning about God and what He has done for us. May we also continue to share it with those around us, especially the little ones of the Kingdom of God. For opportunities to grow check out our many Bible Study opportunities, Sunday School, and day school. You are also invited to join us at the Tell The Next Generation: Family Life Ministry Conference on March 9th at Zion in St. Charles, MO. Jesus reminds us of the importance of study and His Word in our lives when He says, *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."* Matthew 24:35. When we invest in the thing that cannot parish, then we will never be disappointed.

~ PK

**Homebounds' monthly bulletins
are sponsored this month in honor of
Velma Zimmerschied's 93rd birthday
by
Norman & Susan Rasa**

Thank you!

If an individual, family, or organization would like to sponsor a month for our homebounds' bulletins, it costs approx. \$25 per month to send them their weekly bulletins. Contact the church office at 584-3541 to sponsor a month for our homebound.

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Radio Sponsors

January's radio sponsors were:

20th ~ Wendell & Sandy Starkebaum in thankfulness for the Heit's Point Ministry.

27th ~ Don & Barb Rasa in honor of Don's 80th birthday.

Dates available in 2019:

February 10, 17, 24

March 10, 17, 24, 31

April 7, 21 (Easter)

May 5, 19, 26

June 2, 9, 23, 30

July 7, 14, 21, 28

August 4, 11, 18, 25

September 1, 15, 22, 29

October 20, 27

November 3, 10, 17, 24, 28 (Thanksgiving)

December 8, 15, 22, 25 (Christmas Day), 29

Please call the church office if you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast. Payment of \$200 is not due until the end of the month in which you sponsor. You may reserve the date of your choice by calling the church office. A person doesn't need to be a member to sponsor a broadcast.

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Meals on Wheels

Ten churches in our community help with this wonderful mission to make sure senior citizens in our community get fresh, hot meals at least once a day. **Immanuel's scheduled dates to deliver Meals on Wheels for 2019 are: Feb. 4-8, Apr. 1-5, May 27-31, Jul. 22-26, Sept. 16-20 & Nov. 11-15.** If you are interested in helping, please call our coordinator, Myra Fuehring, at 816-726-3038.

Recent Prayers in Church for January

Births/ Birthdays/Anniversaries

Don Rasa ~ celebrating 80 years of blessings.

***Continued Healing/Illness/Tests/
Hospitalized/Surgery***

Ken Bauer; Margie Busch; Elverna DeMasters; Shorty Fricke; Ruth Goettling; Steve Gooseman; Eugene & Marcie Griffel; Maria Kappelman; Marv Kuecker; Betty Kramer; Jana LaRue; Mary Jo Link; Linda Lohmann; Spencer Lohmann; Bonnie Moore; Mary Oetting; Wendel Oetting; Betty Schnakenberg; Sandy Schroeder; Cheryl Sowers; Evelyn Stark; Dora Wampler; Alberta Bredehoeft; Lucile Ehlers; Kirk Fuehring; Nettie Fuehring; Patty Kratz; Jeff & Joanne Walsh.

Families of those called home to heaven

Ruth Griffel and family ~ as they sorrow the death of her mother, Velma Kempfe.

Special

Our church; our Immanuel/Zion Lutheran School; our law enforcement officers ~ Chris Johnson; Dan Oetting; Beau Ryun; Richard Clayton; Tim Murrell; Gregg Wing; our military ~ JC Harper; Andrew Haston; Matt Appleberry; Andy Burden; Atticus Dyer; Dave Ferreira; Blake Peek; Spencer Rhodes; Logan Schneider; Jesse Sylvester and our country.

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Annual Report

Immanuel's 2018 annual report, along with the 2019 member directory, will only be sent to our shut-ins. A digital version will be sent to those who request it by e-mailing the church office at immanuelutheran@ctcis.net. Paper copies will be available on the table in the back of church.

We would love for our 2019 member directory to be as accurate as possible. If your address or phone number has changed, especially those who have dropped your landline, please call Terri at 584-3541 or e-mail the address listed above to update the church records by **February 11th**. Thanks!

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Transportation

Do you need a ride to church? Please call Myra at (816) 726-3038 and let us know. We will do our best to set up transportation for you! Thank You.

~ Saving Grace Outreach

Thank You

** Thanks to all the Immanuel members who helped us during this Christmas season! Thanks to...

- the Christmas committee who put up the lights, nativity scene & other decorations.
- the ladies of Ruth Circle who decorate inside the church, including the tree, windows, poinsettias, etc.
- the "cookie makers" (yum, yum) & refreshment servers for the Chorus of Friends & Candlelight services.

** I would like to thank Pastor Brandon for his many prayers and visits at home and during my stay in the hospital. Thanks also to the congregation, the children's Sunday school, and Mrs. Kappelman's 3rd & 4th grade classes for all the many acts of kindness. It was all very much appreciated. God is good!! ~ *Linda Lohmann*

** Thank You to everyone, and especially Pastor Kurt, for the prayers, phone calls, visits, and cards following my recent illness. I feel truly blessed to be a member of Immanuel's church family. May God bless you, everyone! ~ *Delsine Fuehring*

** Thank you for your prayers following my surgery. God's blessings! ~ *Kirk Fuehring*

** Thank you for your prayers, cards, and visits following my knee replacement. Special thanks to Pastor Kurt for his prayers, visit, and devotion. May God bless each of you! ~ *Dennis Fuehring*



In the spirit of Valentine's Day, the Sunday School Class would like to help restock our Local Food Pantry. Please help us, by giving with your heart, non-perishable food items during the month of February. Donations can be dropped off in the Sunday School Room.

Lenten Suppers

Lenten Suppers are before the Wednesday Lenten services from 6-6:50 pm. A freewill offering will be taken to go to the organization sponsoring the dinner. Any organization wanting to serve a dinner needs to call Terri at 584-3541. **Available dates are: Mar. 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10.**

** **Mar. 6th** (Ash Wednesday) ~ Ruth Circle will provide a variety of casseroles, salads & desserts.

** **Apr. 18th** (Maundy Thursday) ~ VBS crew will be serving a taco bar.

Souper Suppers

This year the churches of Higginsville would again like to help you stretch your food dollars. During the winter months you and your family are invited to join us for supper during the last week of the month. These meals will be served Sunday through Thursday 5:30-6:30 pm and they are FREE to anyone who needs them. The meals will be simple, nutritious and tasty – often soup, sandwiches and dessert. Come as you are from work or school, expecting a warm meal among caring friends. You can also phone in your order and it can be boxed for you to take home. These will be available after 6 pm. We look forward to welcoming you to our table.

Schedule for February:

- Feb 24 – First Presbyterian Church
- Feb 25 – Salem United Church of Christ
- Feb 26 – Central Christian Church
- Feb 27 – St. Mary's Church
- Feb 28 – First Baptist Church

Ignite the Funding for Heit's Point

On **March 2nd**, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Lee's Summit, the St. Paul Singing Saints will present a concert at 3:00 p.m. There will be a door offering following the concert to support them. A fundraising event (Dinner, Program, Silent & Live Auction) to benefit Heit's Point Lutheran Ministries will follow. Reserve tickets with the form found on the table in the back of church.

February Birthdays

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| 01 Lauren Clifton | 11 Mavis Chaffin | 23 Sheri Tieman |
| Rodney Erdman | Betty Harms | 24 Justin Moenkhoff |
| Riley Oetting | Timothy Holt | Dustin White Jr. |
| Tom Russell, Jr. | 12 Collyn Smith | 25 Steve Schnakenberg |
| 02 Darlene Goettling | 13 Steven McKeage | 26 Jessica Heugel |
| Faith Linville | Jessica Nolte | Pastor Mark Junkin |
| 03 Bert Sowers | 14 Shirley Goetz | Gabrielle Miller |
| 04 Cara Elmore | Deborah Lee | 27 Alex Fauss |
| Hunter Munson | 16 JC Harper | Shelli Wampler |
| 05 Levi Jensen | Diane Wonderly | 28 Miles Lefman |
| 06 Katie Haston | 17 Derek Hackler | |
| 08 Marv Kuecker* | Hannah Nienhueser | |
| Velma Zimmerschied* | Lance Wegener | |
| 09 Stacey Owen | Libby Wegener | |
| | 20 Ken Bauer | |
| | Brooke Plymell | |
| | 21 Castiel Nienhueser | |
| | 22 Tiffany Klaus | |

February Anniversaries

- 02-07-86 Mark & Brenda Wooden
- 02-08-48 Melvin & Mary Oetting
- 02-24-01 Calvin & Jeanne Soendker
- 02-25-95 Jerry & Cynthia Myrick
- 02-26-94 Darrin & Sara Jensen
- 02-27-65 L. H. & Bonnie Dickmeier

* = shut-in