

Immanuel Images
Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
March 2019

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From the Pastor's Study

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:8-9

These words may sound familiar to you. Yes, they are from the Bible, John's letter to a church. They are also words that are familiar because they have graced the phrasing of the confession of sin in the hymnals of the church. This phrase, borrowed from the beloved disciple, leads people week in and week out to search their soul, acknowledge their sin, and confess it away, leaving it at the foot of the cross.

It is a powerful phrase full of meaning and action. Man standing before God recognizing their need for a Savior. Knowing they cannot justify away the wrongs they commit and realizing the damage they do to the relationships they have with each other and God in heaven.

The essence of this weekly act is caught up in the season of Lent. Lent, which is just a week or so away, is a time for reflection. It is a somber season when we realize all the more the need for a Savior. We see the broken condition as we see sickness impacting our lives, as we see marriages struggle and suffer, and as we see the wrong actions we often cannot even believe we have committed.

When we are honest with ourselves we know how much we are in need of God and the peace He alone can give. He alone has the power to fix the state of our souls, eradicate sickness from the world, remove death, and silence the tempter. We need God to come and rescue us from this broken and corrupted world and our own sinful nature. To deny this is to deceive ourselves and not walk in the Truth, Jesus Christ.

The peace we desire so much is found in God alone and His faithfulness. This season of Lent leads us to the covenant Jesus made on the night when He was betrayed. A covenant that was sealed in the blood He would shed. Lent leads us to the Good Friday when God in the Flesh, Jesus, took the sin of the world upon Himself and died in place of the rebellious humanity. It ends in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior who conquers sickness, pain, and death by showing Himself to His disciples risen and restored. Lent leads us to the foot of the cross and to the empty tomb that speaks about God's love and faithfulness that cleanses us from unrighteousness.

These words, the words of God recorded by John, are to remind us of what God has done for His people. God still comes to us each week in His Word. The promise of God attached to that Easter victory is found in the declaration of absolution. God, through the Pastor, forgiving His people because of the sacrifice of Jesus. The covenant sealed in blood setting God's people free, brings peace and hope to those who see their need for Jesus.

May God continue to bring us to the foot of the cross in our daily lives, but especially as we reflect on this season of Lent. May we take seriously our sin and reflect upon all Jesus has done for us. We are God's people blessed to live in peace and joy found in the fulfillment of Lent in Good Friday and Easter's victory.

~ PK

**Homebounds' monthly bulletins
are sponsored this month by**

Melvin Oetting

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

February's radio sponsors were:

3rd ~ Lori Main in loving memory of her husband, Carl.

10th ~ Zion Lutheran Church, Corder, MO in thankfulness of our radio ministry.

Dates available in 2019:

March 10, 17, 24, 31

April 21 (Easter)

May 5, 19, 26

June 2, 9, 23

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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Altar Flowers

24th ~ Altar flowers were placed in loving memory of Mary Oetting.

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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!

~ Saving Grace Outreach

**Recent Prayers in Church
for the month of February:**

Births/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Rachel Decator & family ~ celebrating the birth of her sons, River William and Robert Banks.

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

Margie Busch; Elverna DeMasters; Shorty Fricke; Ruth Goettling; Steve Gooseman; Eugene & Marcie Griffel; Maria Kappelman; Betty Kramer; Jana LaRue; Mary Jo Link; Lori Main; Bonnie Moore; Wendel Oetting; Edgar Rasa; Betty Schnakenberg; Sandy Schroeder; Cheryl Sowers; Dora Wampler; Alberta Bredehoeft; Lucile Ehlers; Nettie Fuehring; Patty Kratz; Jeff & Joanne Walsh.

Families of those called home to heaven

Lawrence Stark ~ as he sorrows the death of his mother, Evelyn Stark.

The family of Seth Beck ~ sorrowing his tragic passing.

Melvin Oetting & family ~ as they sorrow the death of his wife, Mary Oetting.

Valerie Wagner & family ~ as she sorrows the death of her mother.

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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World Day of Prayer

The Church Women of Higginsville and Corder encourage all the ladies of our congregation to come and join ladies of other congregations in the community at the World Day of Prayer on Friday, **March 1st**, at 1:30 pm at the Methodist Church in Corder.

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. 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10.**

**** Mar. 6th** (Ash Wednesday) ~ Ruth Circle will provide a variety of casseroles, salads & desserts. Proceeds will go towards buying Bibles, catechisms, and resource materials for Pastor to distribute.

**** Mar. 13th** ~ Parish Board will host supper with proceeds going towards the purchase of Bibles and catechisms for the children of Immanuel.

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

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Thank You!

****** Thank you all for sharing a bowl of soup with us and supporting our wonderful school. We had a great turn-out! The funds will be put to good use for classroom supplies and field trips. We are truly blessed and grateful to have such a loving church family! ~ *ILS PTL*

****** Thank you to the anonymous individual who donated cabinets for the school and Pastor's office. They have all been installed and are very much appreciated. Thank you! ~ *Immanuel Trustees*

****** I would like to thank Pastor Kurt for his prayers and home visits before and after surgery. Thank you to the members of Immanuel for remembering me with your prayers and cards. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. ~ *Cheryl Sowers*

****** Thank you to 5th graders, Alex, Hannah, and Noah, for your help delivering Meals on Wheels. Your service to your community is very much appreciated! God bless! ~ *Saving Grace Outreach*

****** Thank you to our anonymous donor for the garbage disposal and to our PTL for the dishwasher for the ILS kitchen. Also thank you to the Trustees for their hard work getting them installed. ~ *Kathie Fricke*

Immanuel Lutheran School

Preschool & Kindergarten
Spring Open House

Monday, March 25th, 2019
5pm to 7pm

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Faith of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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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 March:

Mar 24 – First Presbyterian Church
Mar 25 – Salem United Church of Christ
Mar 26 – First Baptist Church
Mar 27 – St. Mary's Church
Mar 28 – Grace United Methodist Church

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Easter Cantata

The Chorus of Friends will perform their Easter Cantata here at Immanuel on Saturday, **April 6th** at 5:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. ~ *Cheryl Sowers*

Youth Easter Breakfast at Immanuel

The Lutheran Youth Fellowship will be hosting Easter breakfast on **April 21st** at 8:30 am. Egg casseroles, sausage, biscuits, muffins & fruit along with coffee and juice will be served joyfully by our youth. All members and visitors are welcome to attend as we LOVE seeing new faces. Please come and celebrate a beautiful Easter service and a hot delicious breakfast with the youth of our congregation.

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH VOTERS' ASSEMBLY February 12, 2019

With 24 members present, we were 2 voters shy of a quorum. There were several issues that needed immediate attention and we proceeded with a vote.

President Jim Kronsbein called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone.

Pastor Brandon opened with a short devotion based on Luke Chapter 8. He concluded with a prayer.

Previous minutes were distributed, no changes were noted. Jim approved the minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Thurmon

Kevin reported the following information regarding church funds:

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| Checking Accounts | |
| Equity Bank | 2,490.69 |
| US Bank | 1,273.39 |
| LCEF – Designated Funds Account | 33,933.35 |
| Petty Cash | 100.00 |
| Total Checking/Savings | 37,797.43 |
| Other Current Assets | |
| Thrivent Mod Allocation Fund | 20,388.67 |
| Thrivent Flexible Deposit | 72,092.95 |
| Total Other Current Assets | 92,481.62 |

The USBank note was paid off in December. Mark Schnare asked how much the note was – Kevin indicated the note was \$30,000 and we used \$10,000 from the church funds and \$20,000 from the Thrivent Funds.

The radio fund is in arrears at -\$379.00
Total Memorial Fund is \$33,933.35

Immanuel-Zion Lutheran School funds:

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| General Fund | 7,766.11 |
| Tuition Assistance | 25,454.49 |
| Technology Fund | 5,070.37 |
| ILS Lunch Program | -842.06 |

The lunch program did not take in as much as usual probably due to the number of snow days in January.

More detailed information can be provided on request.

Kevin indicated that when the note came due in December, the bank failed to tell him that we needed to request that the \$40,000 Line of Credit (at Equity Bank) be renewed. In order to do that, Kevin made a motion that the voters approve the renewal of the \$40,000 Line of Credit at Equity Bank. Dennis Fuehring seconded. Jim called for a vote. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Brandon

Pastor reported the following:

Transfers in: Rosalind Marie Thiel
(from St. Paul's, Sedalia MO)

Funerals: Jeanne Kappelman
Evelyn Marie Stark

Adult Confirmation: Jill Deann Hunt
James Harold Lawrence
Nancy Michelle "Shellie" Mills
Emma Paige Rasa

Pastor also reported that a 5th bible study has been added, keeping him and his wife very busy.

With no questions for Pastor, Jim approved his report as presented.

Board of Elders: Daryl Augustine

Daryl reported the following:

- John Frerking has agreed to chair the Evangelism committee.
- Ash Wednesday service is set for Wednesday March 6. There will be Holy Communion and imposition of ashes.
- Pastor discussed a product with the Elders called Church360 which allows the church to better manage operations of the church including connecting with members, managing financial information and creating webpages for the website. These three components can be purchased separately, and Pastor has asked that we procure the Church360 MEMBERS module to get started. The annual cost for this module is \$725 – or we could pay monthly at \$65 (Keith Bredehoeft pointed out that this is a bit costlier at \$780/year). There is a \$199 setup fee. This is a cloud-based application which means that the information is stored offsite and managed by Concordia Technology Solutions (part of Concordia Publishing House). It also means that the information and applications are accessible for any device, anywhere. The Elders made a motion to purchase the MEMBERS module at the annual price of \$725. Kevin Thurmon seconded. Jim called for a vote – motion carried.

Principal's Report: None presented.

Association: Paulette Augustine

Paulette indicated that the Association Board met and elected officers. Kali Erdman was elected Chairman, Lindsey Pulverenti was elected Vice-chairman and Paulette Augustine was elected Secretary.

The Association made a change to their bylaws as an Addendum to Article Three, Section 7. It reads:

Meetings shall normally be held with all the attendees in the same location. However, meetings may be held via electronic means, provided that all participants are able to speak to the group and to be heard by the group.

On matters not pertaining to the expenditure of funds, the President may call for a poling of the Board via email.

This was the second reading of the modification and was approved by the association board.

Janet Bredehoeft asked if a principal had been hired. Pastor mentioned that an individual was interviewed but was not hired. The search continues.

Parish Board: Mark Schnare – no report unless there were questions, there were none.

Board of Trustees: Dennis Fuehring

Dennis reported the following:

- Alumbaugh Heating and Cooling contract is up for renewal. This contract is for serving the AC and furnaces. The cost is as follows:
 - o Church and Parsonage \$541.85
church has 10 units and parsonage 1
 - o School \$637.50
school has 17 units
 - o Total \$1,179.35
28 units totalThe contact includes new belts, filters, lube, cleaning, pressures on AS, drain traps, operation and carbon monoxide tests and free inspection if problems between the May and November inspections. This contract needs to be renewed in March. The trustees made a motion to renew this contract with Alumbaugh. Steve Wooden seconded. Jim called for a vote, motion carried.
- The school dishwasher was approved to have the church pay for installation (at Voters' Meeting in December 2018). The total cost for this was \$2,438.00 to Gash plumbing (\$1750 labor and \$688 materials and parts); \$920 to Madison Electric (\$480 labor and \$440 materials and parts) for a total of \$3,358.
- The garbage disposal went bad just before the dishwasher was installed. Ted Draper and Marsha Tomchaney purchased a new one. Bash plumbing recommended a different model and Rodney and

Kali Erdman paid the difference. Thanks to all four of these individuals for their donation.

- A furnace went bad at the school and because of the timing, the trustees felt the need to make a decision without taking it to the voter's assembly to purchase the furnace. Because of a forecast of extreme temperatures and the access location being above the boy's restroom. Also, they needed to remove all the ceiling panels and supports as well as the toilet stall walls. The furnace went out on Friday, the Martin Luther King holiday was on Monday giving an opportunity to install the furnace without disrupting school. A special lift was also required to raise and lower the unit from the ceiling. The old furnace was 30 years old. We installed a new 95% efficient furnace that is estimated to pay for itself in 5 years. The cost was \$3,394.35 and that included a Wi-Fi thermostat that can be controlled from the office area.
- All the LED lights have been installed in the school. Rodney Erdman hauled all the metal scraps to A & J Auto Salvage.
- Rodney Erdman, Ted Draper, and L. H. Dickmeier carried the bad deep freeze/fridge out of the parsonage basement, Rodney hauled it to A & J Salvage. A big thanks to these men.
- An anonymous person donated cabinets to the school and had other cabinets refinished to match the existing cabinets in pastor's office and paid to have a new counter top installed. Thanks for the additions.
- The boys restroom in the old part of the school had urinals that were choked up with extreme calcium deposits. Gash plumbing was able to break away the blockage after a period of time. The cost was \$195. Kathie Fricke asked if the furnace that was replaced was the one that caught fire. Dennis did not know there was a fire or if this furnace was the one.

Bill Meyer asked if the closets were still full of old papers or if they had been cleaned out. Dennis indicated that some had been cleaned out, but some still had to be gone through.

Board of Finance: Sharon Rinne

Sharon reported the following:

| December 2018 general funds | |
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| 12/2 | \$8,612.00 |
| 12/5 | 292.00 (Advent) |
| 12/9 | 7,061.36 |
| 12/12 | 367.00 (Advent) |
| 12/16 | 5,249.00 |
| 12/19 | 1,873.00 (Candlelight) |
| 12/23 | 13,129.42 |
| 12/25 | 2,804.50 |
| 12/30 | 3,693.75 |
| Totals for December | 43,082.03 with additional |
| designated funds of \$5,771.75 | |

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| January 2019 general funds | |
| 1/6 | \$,6295.14 |
| 1/13 | 3,013.25 |
| 1/20 | 7,621.11 |
| 1/27 | 3,418.00 |
| Totals for January | \$20,347.50 with additional designated funds of \$2,214.63 |

Church Council: Kevin Sowers

Kevin reported that the church has been without a stewardship committee for at least the last 2 years. The church council voted unanimously to find three individuals that would serve 2-year terms on the committee starting in March 2019. Kevin asked for volunteers – Kathie Fricke volunteered. Kevin and Kathie will work to find two additional individuals. Thank you, Kathie.

Saving Grace Outreach: Myra Fuehring

Myra reported the following:

- Jan Oetting is working on Prayer Partners (families in prayer) in the SGO Prayer Ministry. She placed a notice in a bulletin insert for voluntary sign-up and has posters in the school. Natasha sent out information to all the school children’s families. Prayer requests might include prayers for peace in time of sorrow, wisdom in leading your children, health and wellness, goodness and joy. She also plans to be at the school’s opening this fall to give all parents an opportunity to join this group. Thank you, Jan!
- Sheri Tieman has volunteered to help our group. We welcome her with open arms! If you would like to join our group, we would love to have you. Please contact Myra.
- Pastor Kurt mentioned a church that had a monthly potluck. They accepted financial gifts at these potlucks and either donated the funds to someone in need or banked it until there was a need. He noted this would be a great opportunity to get young people involved.
- Meals on Wheels delivery was last week (at least on the days that the weather didn’t cause cancellation!). Two students assisted with deliveries. Many thanks to all our volunteers!
- Weekly card showers are being held for those added to the prayer list. A monthly card shower will be held for shut-in birthdays in that month.
- A reminder that anyone needing transportation to church should call Myra at 816-726-3038. So far, we have been able to help two people.
- It will shortly be time for spring planting of trees on the south side of church. We have \$540 for this project. The school was able to get a \$500 grant and we had donations of \$40 last fall. We will most likely need volunteers to help get the trees planted.
- We are starting to plan now for remembrance of our 8th grade, high school and college graduates in

May. We gave several small gifts to the graduates last year and they were very appreciated.

- The UCM Lutheran Campus Ministry has asked our congregation to provide a meal on February 28th for about 15 students. Myra will be calling to ask for donations of food. Most likely we will make soups, provide crackers, bread and desserts.

After Myra’s report, Bonnie asked if what Saving Grace did wasn’t Stewardship – Kevin explained that it is in part, but Stewardship also includes taking care of the well-being and needs of the congregation and helping our members understand the financial needs and requirements of the church.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Keith Bredehoeft mentioned that the Auditing Committee (Keith Bredehoeft, Janet Bredehoeft, and John Frerking appointed at the December 2018 meeting) had completed their review of the books of all our organizations and everything was found to be in order. Jim thanked the committee for their work.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 P.M. and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Deb Krieger, Secretary

March Birthdays

1 Dennis Morris
Greenlee Sowers
4 Nick Harms
Jake Rechterman
Susan Thurmon
5 Delani Leary
Jeff Soendker
6 Autumn Harper
7 Denice Duane
Camryn McBride
Jacob McBride
Ruth Vahrenberg
8 Kathie Fricke
Fallyn Lee
Zac Wallpe
9 Rodger Hancock III
Gennifer Petersen
11 Taegan Gast
Latrice Lohmann
12 Rock Link
14 Brenda Trigg

17 Malcolm Elmore
Brian Holt
Mark Widebrook
19 Maclyn Crutchfield
Sam Kramer
Steve Wooden
20 Jessica Hembry
Ryan Owens
21 Madie Plymell
22 Sherri Siegfried
23 L. H. Dickmeier
Jordan Wing
24 Peggy Fricke
Helen McKeage
25 Dallas Gooseman
Ryan Petersen
26 Pastor Kurt Brandon
29 DeAnn Dillon
Kevin Sowers
31 Matthew Heugel
Shelly Loges
Tatum Schnakenberg

March Anniversaries

3/5/1995 Bryce & Maria
Kappelman
3/6/1971 Wendel & Jan
Oetting
3/15/1995 Jesse & Deborah
Lee
3/18/1961 Herb & Gloria
Boehmer
3/30/2002 Ryan & Jennifer
Soendker

*Shut-in