

For  
nothing  
will be impossible  
with God.  
Luke 1:37

# IMMANUEL Lutheran Church

FEBRUARY 2010

## UPCOMING MESSAGE SERIES

◆ FEB. 7

LUKE 5:1-11

◆ FEB. 14

LUKE 9:28-43

◆ FEB. 21

LUKE 4:1-13

◆ FEB. 28

LUKE 13:31-35

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## GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHU

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with great joy that I accepted the invitation of Immanuel Lutheran Church to be your Interim Pastor during this time of transition. To the Council and members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, I want to say a big "Thank You."

Interim is a very special period for any congregation. The actions you take and the decisions you make will have significant impacts on the future of the congregation. More than any other periods in our lives together, we need to be exceptionally conscious of working together to find a common vision to guide our work. I therefore invite all of us to ponder this question:

What do you think Immanuel should look like in 10 to 15 years? A related question is, what legacy do we want to leave for the next generation of Immanuel?

Of course, we do not walk alone on this journey. God's Spirit is with us as we move forward. Let us ask this question thoughtfully and prayerfully individually and in groups.

One of the most important message of the incarnation of Christ is Immanuel – "God with Us." May God be with All of us as we prepare the way for the next phase of Immanuel's ministry.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Joe Chu



## KIDS PROGRAMS

Our preschool, kindergarten, elementary, and high school classes are wrapping up lessons of the Lord's

Prayer. They're studying why we pray, how we pray, and why the Lord's Prayer is our best example of prayer. In February, they'll explore Jesus' teachings about blessings and how we use our blessings to find our purpose and place in this world. The Junior High class just finished up a study of their faith. They looked at what they believe and how doubts can interfere with their faith. They will start their discovery of the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments, and Psalms. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Dove at 630-551-7045.

## Confirmation

The confirmation class will meet on February 7th. Class will begin after the Agape luncheon following the annual meeting and kids will be dismissed at 2:45 pm.

## Luther League

On behalf of the Immanuel Lutheran League, we would like to thank each and every person who came to the pancake breakfast and donated towards the Stoehr family. Because of your generous giving, we were able to collect over \$2000 for Bill, Paula and their family. We would also like to thank our parents for donating supplies and helping with the breakfast. Please keep the Stoehr family in your prayers.



**ALTAR GUILD**

The Altar Guild will meet on **Monday, February 1st at 7 pm.** If you are interested in finding out more about Altar Guild, come to the meeting or call Lesli Ambrose at 630-552-1648.

**Servant Hearts Circle**

Servant Hearts Circle will meet on **Wednesday, February 10th at 6:30 pm.** This group is finishing up their Bible Study on the last part of the Mayberry series. Spend a winter's afternoon in Bible study and fellowship with these ladies.

**OUR GREETERS AND USHERS**



**GREETERS**

- Feb. 7—Kent & Lea Bateman
- Feb. 14—Craig & Jenni Borneman
- Feb. 21—Neil & Bev Borneman
- Feb. 28—Steve & Kim Borneman

**USHERS**

Dick Nenne (H), Diane Nenne, Neil Borneman, Kent Bateman

**COUNTERS**

Beth Hage, Sandy Collman, & Keith Collman

**ACOLYTE**

Jennifer Karales (10:30 am)

**READERS**

- 9 am**
- Feb. 7—Sharon Robinson
- Feb. 14—Sandy Stone
- Feb. 21—Randy Boldt
- Feb. 28—Linda Stephens
- 10:30 am**
- Feb. 7—Jenni Mulvey
- Feb. 14—Cary Stevenson
- Feb. 21—Denise Stevenson
- Feb. 28—Julie Warner

**Articles for the Newspaper**

In an effort to be an inviting church to our community, Sue Boldt will be putting articles in the local paper. If you have something of interest, please contact Sue at 630-220-3503 with the details. She will write the article and submit it to the paper for publication.



Sadly we say goodbye to David Kellen and Jane Ford who so graciously help fill the need for musicians for our worship service and worked with the choir. Michelle Smith will be playing and working with the choir in February. If you are interested in singing, join us! All levels of ability will be eagerly welcomed! For more info, contact Ed Guettler at 630-553-9511.

**CHOIR NOTES**

**Happenings at Immanuel**

**RUTH CIRCLE**

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Ruth Circle will meet on **Saturday, February 20th at 1:30 pm.** For more information, contact Betty Hardecopf at 630-553-5336.



**Reaching out to others...**

Busy Hands will meet on **Wednesdays, February 10th and 24th at 9 m.** We are busy laying out quilts, crocheting, and knitting. Come join us on Wednesday mornings! If you know of someone who would like a prayer shawl, please take one on the bench just outside the sanctuary.

**Newsletter Items**

Please turn any newsletter items into the church office by the 20th of each month. Either drop off a note at the office or send an email to [cghs314@yahoo.com](mailto:cghs314@yahoo.com). Thanks!



**Valentine Potluck**

The congregation is invited to attend the Valentine Potluck on Sunday, February 14th following the 10:30 am service. WELCA is sponsoring this event. BBQ, hotdogs, and table service will be provided. Please bring a large dish to pass. Jane Wallis will present a sing-a-long. A free will offering will be taken.

**Stoehr Family Needs**

Bill Stoehr has finished treatment for cancer. Hospice is helping the family. Let the family know they are in your thoughts and prayers by sending them a card. Their address 218 Wollmington, Oswego, IL 60543. For additional ways to help, please pick up the Stoehr Family Needs sheet on the Welcome table outside the sanctuary.

**Thank you to**

**Luther League**

Thanks for the congregation's support and especially to the Luther Leaguers for the delicious pancake breakfast. The kids did a wonderful job!

# Celebrations and Upcoming

## IMMANUEL COOKBOOKS

The days remain chilly—great time for a bowl of chili! Try a new soup recipe to warm you up. If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, contact Maryjo Mott at 815-254-9117.



## GAME NIGHT

Grab the family, bring a friend, a favorite game and come to Game Night in Heritage Hall on Friday, February 19th at 6:30 pm. Bring a snack to pass!

## FEBRUARY



## Anniversa-

- 2/2 – Dale & Sue Nelson
- 2/8 – Verne & Jean Riemenschneider\*\*
- 2/16—Bob and May Heiden
- 2/14 – Tom & Jeanene Coziahr\*\*
- 2/ 24 – Frank & Rita Campbell
- \*\*over 50 years

## Ash Wednesday Service— February 17th 7 pm

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be on **Sunday, February 7th** following the 10:30 am worship service.



Pray for the congregation.

Pray for the committee that will be meeting and making decisions regarding the needs of the whole congregation.

Pray for the Synod as they guide Immanuel. Keep us strong in faith and trust that His hand is in every situation at Immanuel.

Pray for Pastor Joe as he begins his faith walk with us.

Pray for Ralph Gorham as he recovers from back surgery.

Pray for Bill Stoehr who has finished his treatments for cancer. Pray for peace and comfort. Keep Paula, John, and Rachel in your prayers for continued strength.

Irene Thanepohn for the pain she is experiencing. Pray for strength and comfort.

- 2/2 – Brenda Corrigan
- 2/5 – Dale Nelson
- 2/6 – Kailee Sampson
- 2/7 – Diane Nenne Parker Dove
- 2/11—Eric Straughn
- 2/12 – Kelli Dockstader
- 2/13 – Delores Dierzen
- 2/14 – Sharon Robinson
- 2/16 – Joseph Hughes Ed Guettler
- 2/18 – Robert Hajost
- 2/20 – Craig Borneman Jessica Dean
- 2/24—Tommy Schoot
- \*over 80 years old

## BOOK NOOK

Have you seen the boxes and boxes of books? Janet and Julie have added them all to the library and they are ready to be checked out. There are several large print books now. Be sure to stop by and check out a book. It's the perfect time of year to snuggle up with a great book!



## Council Meeting

The next council meeting is **Tuesday, February 16th at 7 pm.**

Pray for our Sister congregation in Iowa as they continue to rebuild.

Pray for all those things that we may not be able to give words to but lay heavy on our hearts.

Pray for all your loved ones.



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# Upcoming Events

**Annual  
Congregational  
Meeting**  
February 7th  
following the 10:30  
am worship service

*...always seek to  
do good  
to one another  
and to all.  
1 Thessalonians 5:15*

**Ash Wednesday**  
February 17 @7 pm  
**Lenten Services**  
Feb. 27th  
Mar. 3rd, 10th, 17th,  
& 24th  
**Soup @ 6 pm**  
**Devotions @ 7 pm**