

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

IMMANUEL Lutheran Church

MARCH 2010

UPCOMING MESSAGE SERIES

- ◆ MAR. 7
LUKE 13:1-9
- ◆ MAR. 14
LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32
- ◆ MAR. 21
JOHN 12:1-8
- ◆ MAR. 28
LUKE 22:14-23:56

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GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHU

What Will You “Take-Up” for Lent?

What will you give up for Lent? Sweets? Excessive TV watching? Food with transfat....? All these “austerity” measures might be well and good. After all, in the early church, Lent was a time for those preparing for Baptism to engage in serious spiritual disciplines such as fasting and earnest self-examinations.

But Lent does not have to be dreadful. The word Lent is from an old English word that is about to emerge. It is a time of regeneration.

Whether you choose to look inward or outward, Lent is a time to embrace life in its fullness. Instead of wrecking our brains to find things to give up, let us consider taking up new ways of doing things that celebrate life and give life.

I am always amazed by how kids can be so excited about life. For this Lent, I wish to learn from kids the ways they see the world so that I too can see God’s wonder even more fully.

Dear Friends, Immanuel is full of untapped gifts and potentials to serve God and our communities. What would you like to take up and pick up during this Lent alongside with other “Immanuelites” so that the Glory of God can be manifested fully through this wonderful church of Christ?

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Joe Chu



KIDS PROGRAMS

Each Sunday, an opening devotion engages all of the kids in weekly bible use. This month the Preschool/Kindergarten and Elementary students are exploring Jesus’ death and resurrection. Through the

gospel of Matthew, they’ll learn the series of stories that take us from Palm Sunday to Easter morning. They’ll explore the parade of palms, Jesus’ journey through suffering and death, and the promise of new life with his resurrection. Junior High will continue their study of the Old Testament. During March, they will focus on Abraham and Sarah, Joseph and Moses. Please have your junior higher come to Sunday School with their Bible. Sunday School kids are bringing home a monthly newsletter for parents/guardians at home. If you did not receive the February newsletter, contact Kathy Dove at (630) 551-7045 or krdove5@comcast.net. It is also available electronically. REMINDER: If you have not returned a Registration Form for your child(ren), please do so.

Confirmation

Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, March at 11:45 pm. The class has been working on the Ten Commandments. They will start studying the sacraments at the

Luther League

Luther League will have their meeting on Sunday March 14th at 6 pm. Megan Devick and Jennifer Karales will lead devotions. The Luther League is planning an outing to Funway in Batavia. Time and date will be forthcoming. The Luther League will also be planning the Easter Egg Hunt for Palm Sunday after the 10:30 service. If you have any questions, please call Laura Devick at 815-695-5432.



ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild will be spring cleaning on **Monday, March 22th at 7 pm.** There is great selection of Easter cards, napkins, and a few related items on the table in the hall. If you are interested in finding out more about Altar Guild, call Lesli Ambrose at 630-552-1648.

Happenings at Immanuel

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle

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



Busy Hands

Busy Hands will meet on **Wednesdays, March 10th and 24th at 9 am.** Come join us on Wednesday mornings!



Irish Dinner Outing

An ethnic group outing is being planned! Let's go Irish! We will meet on **Saturday, March 6th at 6:30 pm** at Ballydoyle Irish Pub & Restaurant, 28 W. New York St., in Aurora. Please let Gena Gerdin (630-552-1954) know by Wednesday, March 3rd if you are coming.

Servant Hearts Circle

Servant Hearts Circle will meet on **Tuesday, March 9th at 6:30 pm.**

The Altar Guild will be selling Easter lilies to adorn the church on Easter morning. These may be purchased in memory of a loved one if you wish. If you would like to purchase one, please sign up by 3/21 on one of the sheets. The sheets are located in the hall on the card rack and on the entrance bulletin board. The cost is \$15.00 per lily. Please see Lesli Ambrose or Jane Wallis with your payment.



Easter Lilies

OUR GREETERS AND USHERS



GREETERS

- Mar. 7—Carol Bowen & Amy Hartnett
- Mar. 14—Glenn & Beryl Borneman
- Mar. 21—Bill & Carole Butts
- Mar. 28—Dwayne & Kay Collman

Counters and Readers

USHERS

- Keith Collman (H), Sandy Collman, Bruce Devick & Bruce Sampson

COUNTERS

- Jane Wallis, Calvin Wallis, & Bill Butts

ACOLYTE

- Katelyn Borneman (9 am)

READERS

- 9 am**
- Mar. 7—Kelly Leonetti
- Mar. 14—Ed Guettler
- Mar. 21—Janet Bretthauer
- Mar. 28—Sharon Robinson
- 10:30 am**
- Mar. 7—Nancy Curran
- Mar. 14—Laura Devick
- Mar. 21—Julie Warner
- Mar. 28—Judy Hage

Lenten Breakfast

WELCA's annual Lenten Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, March 20th at 8:30 am.** This year the breakfast will be at Whitetail Ridge Golf Course. A buffet breakfast will be served. Linda Bryant will do a short presentation and we will partake in communion. The cost is \$12.00 per person. Please see Diana Morganegg or Brenda Corrigan with your payment. Sign up sheets are located on the card rack and the entrance bulletin board.



CHOIR NOTES

Come and sing with the choir! For more info, contact Ed Guettler at 630-553-9511.

Senior High Schoolers

The High Schoolers have been very busy. Throughout February the students were raising money for Haiti by asking for donations for a band on the paper chain. The goal is to have the paper chain go completely around the walkway in the church. So far, they have had a good start. They raised \$170 their first day. Please keep helping the students with their goal. All money raised will be given to the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund. During the Lenten season, the High school students will be discussing the life and death of Jesus and they will be doing a special project for the shut-ins of our church. We welcome all high school students to come and join the class.



Directory Update

Please update your directory for Frances and Ronnie Bretthauer. Their new address is : Jennings Terrace, 275 So. LaSalle St., Aurora, IL 60505.

Celebrations and Upcoming



MARCH

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| 3/1 – Dhane Hardecopf | 3/13—Maryann Gorham | 3/24 – Gary Bretthauer Jeremy Gauer Melanie Karales |
| 3/3—Hannah Leonetti | 3/15 – Eliza Anderson Heidi Dockstader | 3/24 – Kathi Dockstader |
| 3/5 – Sandy Stone | 3/16 – Travis Bateman Ken Stone Jim Follmer | 3/26 - Chris Morgart |
| 3/6 – Bruce Sampson | 3/18 – Ronnie Bretthauer Roger Olson Terry Sampson | 3/28 – Ryan Bateman Dennis Leifheit |
| 3/7 – Betty Hardecopf* | 3/19 – Samantha Johnson | 3/29 – Rebecca Hughes |
| 3/8 – Erika Kreppert Mylan Brower | 3/23 – Craig Cunningham Harry Johnston | |
| 3/10 – Gena Gerdin Faith Ronning | | *over 80 years old |

IMMANUEL COOKBOOKS

Looking for a new dessert to try? Check out the recipes in the cookbooks! If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, contact Maryjo Mott at 815-254-9117.



Anniversa-

- 3/6 – Chris & Kim Morgart
 - 3/16 – Laverne & Billie Poppen
 - 3/25 – Bill and Jo-Anne Behrens
 - 3/27 – Lyle & Betty Hardecopf**
- **over 50 years



Council Meeting

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

BOOK NOOK



Check out a good book lately? Stop by the book nook and pick one to read on these wintery days. It's the perfect time of year to snuggle up with a great book!

Newsletter by Email, Snail Mail or Website

If you would like to receive the newsletter via your email address, please send your email address to cghs314@yahoo.com. The newsletter is also on our website www.ImmanuelYorkville.org. If you prefer to pick the newsletter at church, that is fine. The newsletter is available on the back table in the sanctuary the last Sunday and first Sunday of each month. Any newsletters not picked up are mailed to the home address on file.

Just a reminder, please let the office know if you have a change with your phone numbers, address, or email address to keep the church database current.

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

Pray for Lynn Molitor as she recovers at home.

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 the congregation.

Pray for Ralph Gorham as he recovers from a stroke and is in rehab.

Pray for Paula, John, and Rachel Stoehr. Give them comfort, peace, and strength as they grieve Bill's passing.

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

Pray for all your loved ones.

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Upcoming Events

Lenten Services

Feb. 27th,

**Mar. 3rd, 10th, 17th,
& 24th**

Soup @ 6 pm

Devotions @ 7 pm

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd

7 pm

Good Friday

April 3rd

7 pm

Easter Services

Sunday, April 5th

Sunrise Service

6:30 am

Breakfast served

7:30 am—8:45 am

Worship Service

9:30 am