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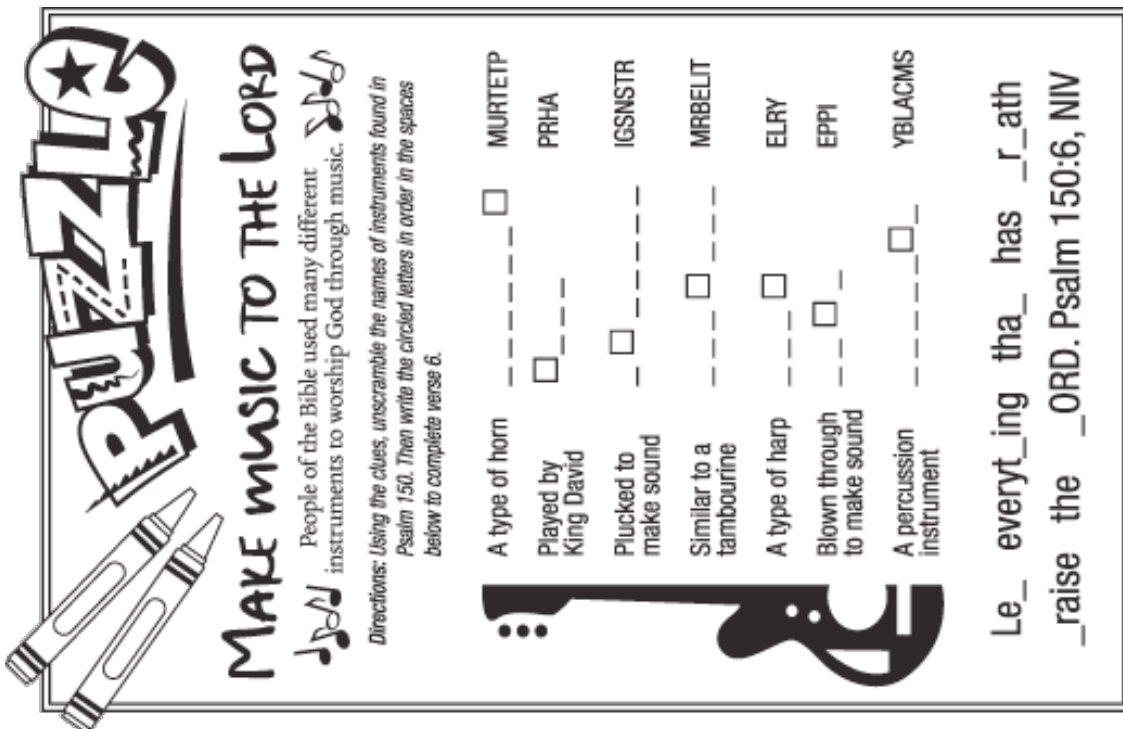
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Sunday Worship:

- 9:30^{AM} Divine Service
- 10:45^{AM} Sunday School/Bible Study

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Immanuel's Images

*“Reaching out to make and strengthen disciples of Jesus Christ,
with emphasis in north central New Mexico”*

~ the official Mission/Ministry Motto of

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Santa Fe, New Mexico ~

March 2020

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Quote for the Month of March

**“...let the water and the blood,
from Thy riven side which
flowed, be of sin the double
cure: cleanse me from its guilt
and pow’r”**

--LSB #761, "*Rock of Ages*"

... *from the Pastor*

The Cure

Everyone who has listened to the news lately has heard of the respiratory-related illness known as coronavirus(COVID-19). Originating in Wuhan, China, the disease has been spreading like wildfire and is in danger of becoming a world pandemic. People, in cities, on cruise ships, and in hotels, have been quarantined to prevent further spread of the disease. At present, there is no cure. At the end of February, the Center for Disease Control issued a warning stating that businesses, schools, and individuals in the United States should be prepared for rising levels of infection (see "Risk Alert" article from Immanuel's Insurance Company, Church Mutual).

In addition to harming individuals, it also is effecting the economy worldwide as certain businesses and enterprises are no longer able to

provide services and goods. At the end of February the virus had caused the US stock market to plunge!

In contrast to the tremendous amount of coverage of the virus by the news media, the season of Lent has been largely ignored by news reporters. Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, is a 40-day period of spiritual preparation before Easter. In Scripture, the number 40 is associated with times of testing, temptation, and/or preparation--e.g. Jesus 40 days in the wilderness, the Israelite's 40 years in the desert, Moses 40 days on Mount Sinai, etc. During this time, many Christians observe a time of fasting, self-denial, and repentance. In the ancient church, during the time before Easter, penitents were placed under *quarantine* (for 40)--a 40-day period of spiritual discipline.

During Lent, we are reminded of a pandemic that has raged, not for a few months, but for thousands of years—the fatal disease of **sin**. Sin has been passed on from person to person from generation to generation. **“...all...are under sin” (Romans 3:9c)**. Like the coronavirus, sin has far reaching effects in all areas of life. Yet, unlike the virus, sin has a cure--and that cure is Jesus Christ! During Lent, believers reflect on the suffering, death, and burial of Jesus. It was His sacrifice on the cross that provided us with the antidote for the disease of sin.

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When a cure for the coronavirus is finally developed, many will be concerned with its cost and whether or not they will be able to afford treatment. The cure for sin, however, is the free gift of God. Jesus paid for it with His own blood. Isaiah tells us, ***“with His stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:5c).***

During this Lenten season, reflect with humility and thanksgiving on God’s wonderful cure for sin—the worst pandemic that has ever faced mankind. That cure comes not in pill or liquid form, but in the person of Jesus Christ!



those sponsoring flowers

Altar Flowers for March

- 03/01:** Cindi Stetson, in celebration of the birthday of her mother, Betty Stevens (3/2)
- 03/08:** Norm & Sue McLeskey in loving memory of their ✠FATHERS✠
- 03/15:** Michael & Diane Wahl on the occasion of their parents' birthdays.
- 03/22:** Agnes Quintana in thanksgiving for her family
- 03/29:** Agnes Quintana in loving memory of her mother, ✠ JUANITA QUINTANA ✠ (03/27)

MARCH Birthdays



Those celebrating March birthdays in our congregation:

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|-----------------|----------|
| Katie Schnitker | March 1 |
| Nancy Stoerner | March 1 |
| Betty Stevens | March 2 |
| Liz LeFevre | March 3 |
| Dan Bishop | March 5 |
| Ken Kleiber | March 13 |
| Barbara Damron | March 14 |
| Lance Kingston | March 25 |
| Renee LeFevre | March 28 |

MARCH Anniversaries



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|-------------------------|----------|
| Ben & Mary LeFevre | 03/03/67 |
| Curtiss & Elsie Beevers | 03/15/52 |
| David & Dusty Steedman | 03/27/93 |

If Immanuel's Images has missed your birthday or anniversary, please, accept our apologies. Please, contact the church office so that we can correct the oversight (983-7568).

Divine Service Assistants for March

We thank all those who serve God's people at Divine Services this month.

Ushers and Greeters (9:30AM):

—Carl Guenther, John Guenther, Kelly Hypes, Phil Hypes, John Potter, Malcolm Schnitker

(Men and women are invited to serve as ushers and greeters for the 9:00AM service. If you would like to serve as an usher, greeter, please contact the church office, 983-7568.)



Organists

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| 03/01 Cindi Stetson | 03/15 Cindi Stetson |
| 03/04 Ray Graulich | 03/18 Cindi Stetson |
| 03/08 Ray Graulich | 03/22 Cindi Stetson |
| 03/11 Cindi Stetson | 03/25 Ray Graulich |
| | 03/29 Ray Graulich |

Communion Assistants/Lectors:

(Members of Immanuel's Board of Elders serve on Communion Sundays)

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 03/01 Pat Pacheco | 03/22 Steve Zappe |
| 03/08 Phil Hypes | 03/29 |
| 03/15 Larry Stoerner | |

Acolytes:

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 03/01 Renee LeFevre | 03/15 Nathan Wagner |
| 03/08 Renee LeFevre | 03/22 Nathan Wagner |
| | 03/29 Natalie Bodelson |

Altar Care: Elizabeth Linder

Treasurer's Report

(As of Feb. 29, 2020)

General Fund Contributions (Jan. - Feb.): \$ 27,213.00

Expenditures (Jan.-Feb.): \$ 26,157.13

The following offerings/tithes are from members that have given to the Church Work Program (Budget) in the month of February. These figures include those members who give electronically through the Joyful Response program. (For more info about the Joyful Response, please, contact the church office at 983-7568.)

			(LAST YEAR)
• First Sunday	2.02	\$3,413.00	\$3,527.00
• Second Sunday	2.09	\$2,246.00	\$16,243.00
• Third Sunday	2.16	\$3,806.00	\$4,492.00
• Fourth Sunday	2.23	\$1,722.00	\$2,705.00
• Ash Wed.	2.26		\$968.00
• "Joyful Response":			\$1,518.00
TOTAL:			\$29,453.00

2020 Adopted Work Program: \$ 196,489.00

(Monthly Ave. need: \$ 16,374.00.50

(Sunday Ave. need: \$ 3,778.63

...weekly proclaiming the Gospel

WORSHIP STATISTICS

Year 2019

() indicates Sundays in month

Attendance Average

Communion Average
4 Sundays/month

Sunday School/ Bible Study
3 Sundays/month

January (4)	61	55	23.5
February (4)	61	48.2	28

Stewardship Thought for March...

As God blesses us, our response should be one of gratitude and thanksgiving.

“When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which Has has given you.”

Deuteronomy 8:10

NOTE: “Stewardship Moment” readings, based on these monthly thoughts, are read by members of the congregation during the Divine Service on the second Sunday of the month. Each reading emphasizes how everything we have is from God and is to be used for His purposes.



Lilies for Easter Sunday, April 12th

Orders for *Easter Lilies* will be taken from March 1st - April 5th. Cost: \$15.50/per plant

Please, consider sponsoring one or more plants in memory of your loved ones. Names of sponsors and those honored will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. (Please, use the order form found in the weekly church bulletin.)



The Church Year in March

The month of March continues the season of Lent. Minor festivals that occur this month:

- **Mar. 19: St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus**
- **Mar. 25: The Annunciation of our Lord**

NOTE: The *Lutheran Service Book* includes (on p. xii) a calendar of commemorations of men and women from both the Old and New Testaments and from the first 19 centuries of the church's life. The purpose of recalling these individuals is not that we honor them for their own sake, but as examples of those in whom the saving work of Jesus Christ has been made known. You can learn more about those commemorated by typing a web search: *LCMS Commemorations*

Commemorations

- Mar. 7: Perpetua and Felicitas**, martyrs, 2nd ca.
Mar. 17: Patrick, Missionary to Ireland, 4th ca.
Mar. 31: Joseph, Old Testament Patriarch

...enjoy the fellowship this month



“SECOND SUNDAY”
BRUNCH
March 08, 2020
10:45AM

Bring your favorite main dish and side dish or dessert

Volunteers are needed to help clean up, to vacuum, and to put away tables and chairs.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

begins:

~ **March 08, 2020** ~

Set your clocks ahead!



...daily Bible devotions

Portals of Prayer for April-June 2020 are available on the Information Table.



Saturday, March 7th
5:00 PM

Tickets: \$12/ adults, \$6/ children
Information Table Sign up. Support our youth.

...in peace let us pray to the Lord

Prayer Requests

“I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My Name.” - John 16:23. Please, contact the Pastor or the Board of Elders (983-7568) for prayer. Requests will be printed in the Sunday bulletin and offered during the Divine Service.

Requests made and presented in February:

Sunday, Feb. 2nd

- Lutheran Hour Ministries
- Annette Baker--eye surgery--02.03

Sunday, Feb. 9th

- marriages and families
- former member **Donald Leffelbein**, 100th birthday, today, 02.09.2020
- **Loida Linder**--health issues (mother of **David Linder**)
- Billy Turney--cancer (friend of the **John & Cindi Stetson**)
- **Tim Zimmerman**--ongoing treatment for leukemia
- those affected by the tornadoes in the southeast

Sunday, Feb. 16th

- the President of the USA and those in public office
- Cindi--stage 4 cancer (resident of Las Vegas, NM)
- containment of the coronavirus
- victims of the storms in the Midwest and East

Sunday, Feb. 23rd

- a reflective spirit during the Lenten season
- victims of severe flooding in the southern USA

*“...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God”
- Philippians 4:6*



...Pete's Place Santa Fe Homeless Shelter

A big “thank you” to all who assisted at the Shelter on Friday, January 19, 2020. →

Next opportunity for service:

Friday, March 20th
5:30PM

If you would like to help prepare and serve a meal, in addition to other service activities, please, contact **Malcolm Schnitker**, **473-2656**.



VISITORS IN FEBRUARY

We were happy to record the following visitors at Divine Services in **February**:

Feb. 2 nd	Rev. Monte Gusewell Scott Stone Susan Spain	Durango, CO Manhattan, KS Manhattan, KS
Feb. 9 th	Rev. John & Heidi Sias Rev. Terry Forke Rev. John Wille Rev. Waldemar Vinorskis Rev. Roger & Pat Paavola Frank & Elaine Nitzchke Terry & Jane Dunn	St. Louis, MO Billings, MT West Bend, WI Macungie, PA Barlett, TN Leybe, NM
Feb. 16 th	John Babbitts Gary & Suzie Hunter	Shohola, PA Escondido, CA
Feb. 23 rd	Rob & Kirsten Pratt	Denver, CO
Feb. 26 th	Mike & Sue Taylor	Pewaukee, WI

BIBLE STUDY KNOWLEDGE

...from the Bible Handbook for Students:

Who was Elisha?

Elisha was the successor to the prophet Elijah. He was told that if he saw Elijah being taken up, a double portion of Elijah's spirit would be upon him. He witnessed the event and the book of II Kings records twice as many miracles for Elisha as for Elijah. He was prophet to the Northern Kingdom of Israel for 50 years.



Brown Bag Bible Study

- Thursdays in Lent
- Noon
- the reading of a chapter of the Bible
- discussion on the verses read
- informative handouts
- original word study (Hebrew) presented on select words in the text.

- Bring a sack lunch

Present topic:

II Kings (The Divided Monarchy)

Bible Verse for March...

“For as by one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.” Romans 5:19

...let the children come

Sunday School News

Immanuel Sunday School:

- for children, ages 3-14
- meets 3 Sundays a month following Divine Service
- SS hour begins with an opening in the basement.



Growing in Christ is the curriculum used by the teachers of Immanuel Lutheran Sunday School. GC is published by Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO.

Lessons for March2020:

- 3/1--“Jesus and Zacchaeus”
- 3/8--Second SundayBrunch--NO Sunday School
- 3/15--“The Widow's Offering”
- 3/22--“The Lord's Supper”
- 3/29--“Peter Denies Jesus”

Parents, please, note that if you can't make it for Sunday School, you can find excellent summary and study notes, including an audio discussion of the lesson at: <https://seedsofffaith.cph.org/> (Seeds of Faith Podcast). Select in menu: Chronological>New Testament 2: Jesus Shows He is True God

...special visual presentation



Annunciation of our Lord, March 25

Join members of Adult Bible Study, Sunday, March 29, for a special visual presentation given by **Annette Lermack**. Topic: THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD IN ART. Annette, a retired professor of Art History will present examples of the Annunciation as rendered by artists throughout the centuries.

(church treasurer) and **Boots Butler** (head of Altar Guild). Both women are stepping down from their long-held positions. **David Linder** will be taking on the position of treasurer and **Susan Mickelberg** will be the new head of the Altar Guild. Thank you, Annette! Thank you, Boots! Also, thank you to Sue and to David for taking on the responsibilities of their new positions.



youth and adults preparing subs

...thank you Immanuel members for ordering over 50 sandwiches!

Youth Superbowl Sub Fundraiser Feb. 02, 2020



... Lenten worship from the internet

Lenten Vespers on Lutheran Radio, KFuo

From Feb. 26 through April 11, Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide, KFuo, will air Lenten Vesper services every Wednesday. (Services will be recorded for

KFuo airs a total of four Lutheran church services Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

KFuo, which originates from St. Louis, Mo, is owned and operated by and for the members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

www.kfuo.org

www.facebook.com/KFUORadio

...thank you for your service

New Servant Leaders

We give thanks to God for **Annette Baker**

...the season of Lent 2020

LENTEN VESPERS



Theme:
"Eyes on
Jesus"

Five Wednesdays March/April
6:30PM

3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1

~ Soup Suppers at 5:45PM



...how would you explain it?

What is Lent?

The season of Lent is an important time of focus in the life of a Christian. Lent, which begins this year on Ash Wednesday Feb. 26, 2020 and concludes on Holy Saturday, April 11, 2020, is a time when Christians come before their Lord Jesus Christ recognizing the once-and-for-all sacrifice of His life on Calvary for their sins. With the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, comes the intrigue and tragedy that led to His murder: the false accusations, the mock trial, the torture at the hands of Roman soldiers and, finally, the supreme anguish of the cross. Three days later, Jesus rose from the grave as the victorious Savior of the universe—our Easter Messiah.



...almsgiving project during Lent FOOD DEPOT "CanCan" Fundraiser

Alms: something (such as money or food) given freely to relieve those in need.



Pick up a "special can" and fill it with cash/check throughout the forty-day season of Lent. Proceeds will benefit the **Food Depot**. Cans will be collected on Palm Sunday, 04.05.

(checks: *IMMANUEL LUTHERAN --MEMO: FOOD DEPOT*)

...ror the 40 days of Lent Lenten Devotions

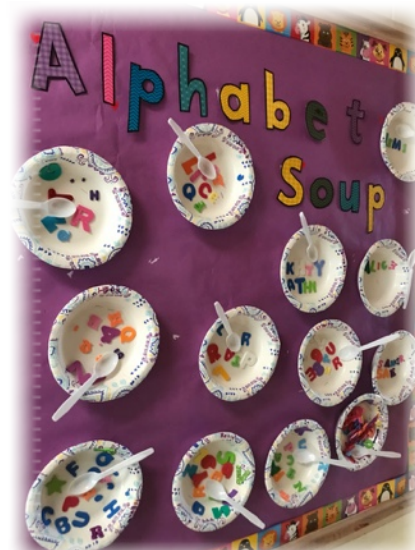
Pick up a copy of the 2020 Lenten Devotional, "**Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free**," provided by Lutheran Hour Ministries. (Information Table)



Check out the
Preschool Bulletin
board in the
Preschool Hallway.
"Alphabet Soup"
project



Gentle Shepherd preschool students Estevan and Rocco enjoying play time with toy arachnids!



... at the New Mexico Museum of Art in Santa Fe

Art Exhibit: Michaelangelo to Tiepolo

Through April 19th, the NM Museum of Art will present works on the birth, death, and resurrection of Christ as portrayed by master artists.



...projects, donations, and
maintenance

Property Committee Report

- installation of brighter lighting in church sanctuary (pending)
- recent memorial donation of a Briggs and Stratton 950 snowblower from Home Depot by **Diane Wahl**
- installation of metal drawers in church kitchen
- upcoming installation of new church boiler and church and parsonage basement windows. Both projects were approved at a special congregational Voters Meeting on Feb. 23.)
- installation of new hot water heater for church kitchen and bathrooms (pending)

Christine Van Dornick,
Immanuel Property Chariman

...last week in May, 26-29 Vacation Bible School 2020

Theme: "Rainforest Explorers"

Like to
volunteer?
Attend the
VBS
Volunteer's
meeting on
Sunday,
March 15, following Sunday School.



...resquiescat in pace

Remembering Faithful Immanuel Members



~ EDWARD LEWIS ~
1946 - 2020

✠ **ED LEWIS** ✠ of Florence, PA, died in the Lord on Sunday, January 19, 2020. Ed, and his children, Bruce & Sue Wadsworth, had been members of Immanuel since 2012 before they moved to Pennsylvania in 2018. Condolences can be sent to: Bruce & Sue Wadsworth-- 116 Maine Lane, New Florence, PA 15944

✠ **LOUANN JORDAN** ✠ of Santa Fe, NM, died in the Lord on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, in her Brookdale apartment in Santa Fe. Louann had a been a faithful member of Immanuel since the 1970s. A memorial service for Louann was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Saturday, Feb.1, 2020



~ LOUANN JORDAN ~
1934 - 2020



~ REV. MARK RITTMANN ~
1952 - 2019

✠ **REV. MARK D. RITTMANN** ✠ of Warren, MN, died in the Lord on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019. Pastor Rittmann had faithfully served Immanuel Lutheran Church, Santa Fe, from Dec. 1984 - Sept. 1990 (5 ½ years). His funeral was held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Warren, MN on 12.06.2019.

Please, use your offering envelopes this month to make a contribution to Gentle Shepherd Preschool.



Envelopes for the Preschool are located in members' boxes the first of March and September. **Laura**

Escue, Director, and staff appreciate the support for our congregation's children's ministry.