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## LENTEN *Schedule*

On Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be entering the season of Lent. This year during this season of reflection and repentance, we will be taking a closer look at the Ten Commandments our Lord has given to us. Not only do these commands of our Father guide our behavior, but, most importantly, they remind us of our deep need for the redemption that Jesus has come to bring to us by His death and resurrection. How great is our need for God's forgiveness! Even more so, how great is our Savior who washes us clean with His own precious blood!

Our schedule will be as follows:

February 14 - The 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment  
February 21 - The 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment  
February 28 - The 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment  
March 7 - The 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment  
March 14 - The 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment  
March 21 - The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment

*Holy Week: (services at 6pm in Celebration Center)*

Monday, March 26 - The 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment  
Tuesday, March 27 - The 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment  
Wednesday, March 29 - The 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, March 31 - The Close of the Commandments (*The Vigil of Easter*)

### Lenten Time Schedule:

February 14 – Ash Wednesday  
    **Noon** – Imposition of Ashes  
    **4:15 & 6pm** – Worship with Communion  
    **5-5:45 pm** – Meal, by LYF  
Feb 21, 28; Mar 7, 14, 21: **4:15 & 6pm** – Worship  
    **5-5:45 pm** – Meal  
Mar 29 – Holy Thursday: 7pm Svc w/Communion  
Mar 30 – Good Friday: Svcs at **noon & 7pm**  
Apr 1 – Easter Sunday: Svcs at **7, 8:15, & 11am**  
    Easter Breakfast from **8-10:30 am**  
    (No Education Hour)

## The Lenten Cross

During the season of Lent, we remember the events that led Jesus to His crucifixion. As an aid to our midweek worship meditations together, we will again be using the Lenten Cross this year. Just as the Advent wreath with its four candles helps us remember the significance of Advent as we await the coming of the Light of the World, so the Lenten Cross with its seven candles helps us remember and understand the season of Lent.

As we light the four candles on the Advent wreath (one each week), the light increases in anticipation of the glorious Light of Christmas. Conversely, as we extinguish the six candles of the Lenten Cross (one each week), the light decreases in anticipation of the darkness of Good Friday. The Lenten Cross grows darker and darker as the cross of Calvary looms larger and larger for Jesus.

The six purple candles on the Lenten Cross represent the six weeks of Lent. The white Christ Candle is in the center, representing the joy and purity of the life and work of Jesus. Purple is the color that denotes royalty. It also symbolizes repentance and a time of preparation. During our midweek Lenten services, after the Confession of Sins, we will extinguish one candle on the Lenten Cross each week as we remember once again that it was also our sins that Jesus carried to the cross. On Good Friday, the white Christ Candle is extinguished during the Service of Tenebrae, as we ponder the death of Jesus for us and for our salvation.



### Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time to

reflect on the profound meaning of Jesus' gift of Himself. We are called to a life of repentance during these 40 days. This is a time of reconciliation with God, for the washing away of sin, and the consecration of a life to God, our heavenly Father.

This Ash Wednesday (February 14) at **12:00 noon**, we will have the opportunity to receive the **Imposition of Ashes**. The members of the congregation come forward to the altar to be "marked" on the forehead with an ashen cross. As we are now offering this special worship service here at Immanuel, it is important for us to consider the significance of the ashes and the reason for this ancient custom of the Christian Church.

Ashes symbolize our sinful condition before God. Because we do sin they remind us of the fact that we will die because of our sins. The Lord God said, "Dust you are, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). And yet, the ashes also suggest cleansing and renewal. They point to the free gift of forgiveness and eternal life that God gives to us in our Savior Jesus.

Please keep in mind that, should you desire NOT to participate in this meaningful and public act of confession, your repentance, confession, and forgiveness are not threatened if you do not receive ashes. Also, please remember that your repentance and confession are NOT made more acceptable to God if you DO receive the ashes.

My friend, if you believe that you cannot receive the imposition of ashes without being proud of your humble piety, then it would be better for you not to receive them. Do not judge yourself or others by your actions in either receiving ashes or abstaining. Ash Wednesday is not a time to be proud of how humble we are. This is a time for sincere repentance and renewal, for there is One who knows the heart perfectly.

It seems a bit strange to us today to think of really sprinkling ashes on the head or actually wearing sack cloth to deliberately rub and chafe the body. But it was not strange to God's people throughout the ages, all the way back to the Old Testament. "Ash" Wednesday gains its name from the ancient custom of putting ashes on the head in token of repentance and sorrow over sins. This beginning of the Lenten season is the day when our sins are placed forthrightly before our eyes and our hearts are challenged to reckon for the sins that our eyes are called upon to see.

But how can a man reckon for his own sins? Even were he to be perfect from this moment on, he would only be doing what he was supposed to do, and there would be no "atonement" for past sins.

For a man cannot be better than holy, more perfect than perfect, so as to pile up credit to count against past faults. This is just plain foolish talk, isn't it? For who among us can hope to be perfect even from this moment, much less to make up for our past?

Lent, therefore, is designed to help us see ourselves as we really are, but also to see God as HE really is – rich in mercy and grace, sending His Son to sacrifice His life for us on the cross. Lent looks back at our own lives and then looks back further still to the cross of Christ. Then it points us forward; because repentance is not merely sorrow over the past, but a new turn to the future with hope and new resolve to live in the joy of God's will and ways.

In turning us to the future, however, the season of Lent goes far beyond our own future into the future opened to us by Christ's Resurrection. Lent without Easter means nothing. But Lent is designed to give new meaning to Easter. It is meant to help us meet Easter with a joy and a peace that can come only to those who have faced up to sin and its consequences – those who have seen the consequences of their sins placed upon Jesus.

Traveling with you through the season of Lent,

*Pastor Schultz*



*"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. 'All things are lawful for me,' but I will not be dominated by anything. 'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food'—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body." (I Corinthians 6:12-13)* Just because you want something doesn't mean you should get it. Desire is not the be all and end all of all decisions. We often want things we should not have. Or we want them at an inappropriate time or without due consideration for others. Consider food for the stomach. You are hungry. You want something to eat. But the cook may not be ready for

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you! You may spoil your supper and the fellowship that happens at the table with a family meal. You may also eat the wrong things...things that are no good for you.

We live in such an “on demand” culture with fast food and choices that abound to please the imagination. But at what point are we no longer making “choices”, but simply being ruled by the plethora of “options” that are out there?

The Christians in the city of Corinth were hearing the argument that all things are lawful. In Christian freedom we can make our own choices. But Paul counters, “Yes! But not all things are helpful.” Just because you *can* do it doesn’t mean you *should* do it. Also, do not be dominated by your appetites. Do not be mastered by your desires. Learn self-control. And think about the long-term consequences of your choices.

Even within a marriage, where intimacy between the partners of that marriage is “lawful”, it doesn’t mean it can happen at any time or in any place. You still make choices with consideration for others and in view of the long-term consequences. We will not be ruled by our passions of the moment!

Paul says, “*The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.*” Yes, it is your body in the sense it is yours to take care of and yours with its own unique personality and even a distinctive gait! But the apostle concludes: “*You are not your own, you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.*” (1 Cor 6:19b-20)



I like the analogy of the fireplace. Our sexual energy is like a fire that burns brightly and warm. But it needs to burn in a proper place and at a proper time. Burning the

logs on the living room floor will bring the house down and fill it with smoke. But burning them in the fireplace will put the smoke up the chimney and warm the hearth and bring light to the house. God has designed marriage as a lifelong union between a man and a woman. (Gen 1:27; 2:24; Mk 10:6-8) That’s the fireplace! In this context, the appetite for intimacy and sexual union are fully realized. Thus, children are protected from being born apart from a life-long union between a mom and a dad...and the man and the woman are both protected from a relationship that has no intention of long-term support and commitment.

God’s design is a good design. It is meant, not to withhold pleasure or take away choices, but to protect God’s creation from harm. It keeps families safe and warm! It enhances the power and beauty of God’s intention that a man and a woman share

their bodies with one another in a life-long commitment. Hunger is good! A desire for something isn’t wrong in and of itself. Appetites can and should be satisfied, but all in their proper time and in their proper place.

You are not your own. You were bought at a price. That price is the blood of Jesus who died on the cross for your sins. Though you are free from your sins and the curse of the law of God, nevertheless you are not free to do whatever you please. Freedom and responsibility go hand in hand.

*Pastor Bernie Worrall*



**Easter Choir:** The choir is looking for additional members to sing for Good Friday (March 30) and Easter Sunday (April 1). Rehearsals are Mondays during March (beginning March 5), 7:00-8:15pm in the balcony. Please

contact Katie Rolf if you would like to join, [kathryn.rolf@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.rolf@gmail.com) or 651-336-1012.

**Handbell Refurbishment Update:** The handbells have been refurbished and returned to Immanuel. The Handbell Ensemble is thrilled to have their bells back looking shiny and in great condition! Thank you to everyone who has contributed toward this project. The refurbishment total came to \$2,821, and we have received \$835 in donations so far. The Handbell Ensemble is providing a Lent dinner on March 21<sup>st</sup> to raise additional funds.

*In Christ, Katie Rolf, DPM*



## Triennial ND District LCMS Convention - Recap

Our North Dakota District LCMS convention was held January 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> in Dickinson. Pastor Worrall will continue to be our Senior Pastor. Pastor Arie Bertsch was elected to continue as our District President. Our own Pastor Schulz was elected as Second Vice President, which means he will be having additional ND District duties; therefore, he may be absent from Immanuel more often. Congratulations, Pastor Schulz!

## Office Notes:

Voters Meeting was January 28<sup>th</sup>. There are extra copies of the **Annual Report** in the office, should you wish to have a copy (white cover). There are also several of the most recent copies of



the **Member Listing** (blue cover), available to any member. The reason only paper copies are available is to keep the members' information less public than if we were to place that list on our website.

**Using the church kitchens? Great!**

**Please Note:** Your mother doesn't work here. So please clean up after yourself.



**Dates to mark:**

**Tue, Feb 13, 2018; 6:30p** – Unit Meeting. We will be preparing Valentine Baskets for our Homebound members at this meeting. Our November plans for a 'fitness mini-retreat' were put on hold until this meeting, so you have another chance to join us for that! We will also discuss sending two delegates to the LWML District Convention in Minot this coming June 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. PW Circle serves dessert.

**Wed, Feb 21** – we serve the Lenten Meal at 5pm. Thanks in advance to all who contribute.

**Mite offerings** are down locally and nationally. Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving to meet the goals for grants. The district biennium will end on March 31<sup>st</sup>, so consider making a special gift this month.

**Looking ahead**, the Eastern Zone Spring Event is on **April 14<sup>th</sup>** at Grace Luth. Church, Fargo. Also, mark your family calendars, because the Annual Mother-Daughter-Friend Event is **April 21<sup>st</sup>**!

**Thank you** to all who have helped out with our many projects, joyfully stepping out in service.

*In Christ's Service, Patty Walla, LWML, President*

## BUS TOUR TO THE ARK ENCOUNTER

Immanuel Lutheran Church is sponsoring a bus tour to see the Creation Museum, the Ark Encounter, and Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN. Plans are to originate in Bismarck with stops in Jamestown & Fargo. This seven-day, six-night trip is only \$765 per person/double occupancy. We plan to be gone April 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Ed Bean @ 701.261.9687 for further details and a copy of the



brochure. This was an extremely successful trip last year so we are hoping to do it again! We need a minimum of 40 people to make this work! Sign up NOW, or this trip is in danger of being cancelled. **Let's get on the bus!**

Red River Lutheran School Association

## Grace Lutheran School

Monthly newsletter - February

**This Year's Theme: The Fruits of the Spirit**  
**(Gal.5:22-23)**

**Chapel offerings** beginning in February will be donated to Project 24 (helping African children).

**Save the Date!**

God's Grace Annual Auction Celebration is around the corner on March 10, 2018 at the Delta Hotel by Marriott in Fargo. Registration is at 5pm for Registration & Pre-swipe/Silent Auction; 5:30 – 7:30 will be gourmet hors d'oeuvre's and 7:45 for the Live Auction. The cost is only \$40.00 per ticket. For more information please call the school office or email: [jhagge@gracels.com](mailto:jhagge@gracels.com)

**Grace Lutheran Lions Boys Basketball!**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade boys will enjoy seven (7) games this season! We play at Grace Lutheran gym on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm and Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. Other games are Feb. 6, 8, and 22. Come see us in action! (First home game was Jan. 30 at 4 pm)

Grace Lutheran will also host Upward Basketball games this winter on Saturday mornings from 8 am to 2:30 pm.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade will go **skiing** on Feb. 23 at Andes Hills near Alexandria, MN.

**Enrollment at Grace is now open!**

Enrollment has now started at Grace Lutheran School. Association church members and your friends, and relatives are welcome to come in and register for all classes or take a tour of the school to get an idea of what Grace Lutheran is like. We have needs based financial aid with over \$100.000 available for your students to attend Grace! Give us a call and set up a Care Visit with Our Principal NOW!

**Pre-K & Kindergarten Open House** Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 6 pm. Discover what our classes are all about. Meet the teachers, ask questions, and have your child do a small project with a snack. If you are unable to be here this time, drop in March 12<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 6pm for another Open House opportunity. **Volunteers still needed!** Would you like to help in our school? Many volunteers are needed to assist students in completing their work, helping teachers with tasks and breaks, supervising morning care and possibly helping with recesses. We could also

use help in the kitchen when our regular cook is sick or taking time off. You will need a background check. Contact Mr. Hagge to get started. Please call 701-232-7747 and volunteer!

### February events at Grace Lutheran School!

2/5 Pre-K & Kind. Open House 3:30 -6pm  
2/6 Boys Basketball at 4 pm / Finance committee meeting at 5:15pm  
2/8 Giving Hearts Day! Boys Basketball game at 4pm  
2/11 Grace students @ St. Andrew's Luth.Church  
2/12 & 2-15 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4pm  
2/13 Boys Basketball HOME game at 4 pm / Board of Ed @ 7PM  
2/14 4th gr. to Plains Art Museum + Memories of the Heart @ Olivet  
2/16 & 2/19 NO SCHOOL!  
2/20 Boys Basketball HOME game 4pm  
2/22 Boys Basketball games at 4pm  
2/23 5-8 Ski Trip Andes Hills  
2/26 Auction committee meeting @ 6:30pm  
March 10: Annual Auction Celebration 5 PM  
March 12: Pre-K & Kind. Open House 4 – 6pm

#### Every Wed. is: "**Welcome Wednesday**"!

Each week we have an open house for prospective students. Share this information with everyone so that they can see what a day is like at Grace Lutheran School. Chapel is held at 8:45am till 9:10am, led by church leaders from the RRLSA.

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## Library Hi-Lights

***The Girl from the Train*** by Irma Joubert.

Six-year old Gretl Schmidt, along with her Jewish family & other Jews, is on a train bound for Auschwitz. Polish Jakob Kowalski is planting a bomb on the tracks awaiting a trainload of German soldiers. But this unscheduled train comes and stalls for a bit at the top of the tracks. Gretl Schmidt & her sister are pushed off by her mother and slide down the slopes into trees and brush...and the train blows up.

Gretl is the only survivor. Though spared from the concentration camp, the orphaned German Jew finds herself lost in a country hostile to her people. Gretl's father, a German soldier, was killed in the war. Her mother was a Jew, but Gretl has blond hair & blue eyes like her father, so looks German. When Jakob discovers her, guilt and fatherly compassion prompt him to take her in. For three years, the young man and little girl form a

bond over the secrets they must hide from his Catholic family. His family has him send her to the school run by nuns. There she learns to read, write & becomes Catholic.

She can't stay with Jakob forever, as his family is too poor to feed her. So Jakob sends Gretl to South Africa, where German war orphans are promised bright futures with adoptive Protestant families---so long as Gretl's Jewish roots, Catholic education, and connections to communist Poland are never discovered.

Gretl is adopted by a wonderful South African family. They are wealthy farmers. They fall in love with her right away... her blue eyes, and blond curly hair. They assume she's Protestant. This family has one teen-aged son that welcomes her as a little sister, too. She's very intelligent and learns how to speak Afrikaans & English. Gretl dearly loves her new family and they form a warm family bond. She later is given a very good education.

But, Jakob & Gretl will likely never see each other again. The events they have both survived and their belief that the human spirit can triumph over the savages of war have formed a bond of love that no circumstances can overcome. But Jakob has to flee the Polish resistance and comes to Africa; and yes, he and Gretl do meet. I'll let you read what happens next. You won't be able to put this book down!

*About the author:* International bestselling author **Irma Joubert** lives and works in South Africa and writes in her native Afrikaans. A teacher for 35 years, Irma began to write after her retirement. She is the author of eight novels and is a regular fixture on bestseller lists in both South Africa and the Netherlands. This is her first novel to be translated into English.

*Ardis Danielson, Librarian*



## Main Street Living North" Program

### February Update

**Introducing our Production Staff:** This month we introduce our MSLN Choir Director, D.

**Ramsey Dahl.** Ramsey and Lyndell are empty nesters that live in North Fargo. They have four children and 3 grandchildren. Ramsey is co-owner of Dahl's Industrial Tool Co. (They do concrete cutting) #every day is Demo Day!# Ramsey also works at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Fargo, where he directs the choir and youth music. Thank you Ramsey for all of your volunteer hours given to Main Street Living North!

Please also **continue to help spread the word** to your extended family and friends! In addition to viewing the TV program at 10:00 am each Sunday

morning (on the FOX TV and/or cable station in their area), please let them know that they can watch all of the archived programs at any time on line at [www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com](http://www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com).

To add your much-needed financial support, checks may be sent to "Main Street Living North", 821-5th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account at: [www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com](http://www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com). Thank you and God's blessing in Christ!

### "Main Street Living North" TV Programs for February 2018:

**Feb 4:** Rev. Steve Schulz, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents: "What Do You Expect from Jesus?" based Mark 1:29-39. Hymns are "Come Unto Me, Ye Weary", "Amazing Grace", and "Go, My Children, With My Blessing".

**Feb 11:** Rev. Kirk Lee, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Parkers Prairie, MN, presents: "This is My Beloved Son" based on Mark 9:2-9. Hymns are "From All that Dwell Below the Skies", "Beautiful Savior", and "Tis Good Lord to be Here".

**Feb 18:** Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND, presents: "The First Commandment" based on Exodus 20:1-6. Hymns are "Christ the Life of all the Living", "Christ Be My Leader", and "Take My Life and Let It Be".

**Feb 25:** Rev. Guy Roberts, Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, MN, presents: "Jesus Is Lord". Hymns are "Take My Life and Let It Be", "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me", and "Crown Him with Many Crowns".

*Ken Koehler*

### Family Serving Group February 2018

**Co-Chairmen:** Mark Manzey (293-6938); Jack & Linda Olson (293-7044)

Keith & Alice Carr	Ardis Danielson
Ted & Linda Gangelhoff	Greg & Joanne Kaeding
Bruce & Kay Levenson	Del & Julie McCoy
David Manzey	Mark Manzey
Jack & Linda Olson	Curt & Pam Sommer
Bobby & Mary Swanson	Sean & Andrea Walsh
Brian & Sue Williams	



14Feb – Orville & Irene Olson (43<sup>rd</sup>)  
 16Feb – Bruce & Kay Levenson (61<sup>st</sup>)  
 21Feb – Ken & Ilse Sieler (46<sup>th</sup>)



2Feb – Sara Danielson  
 4Feb – Emilee Stevens  
 7Feb – Diane Heagle,

Hannah Hulke (8), Ben Kirklewski Jr., Kinley Klein (6), Shari Soori

8Feb – Riley Gira, Nick Ill, Nyla Nolte (91)

9Feb – Kay Tegtmeier

12Feb – Shirley Bahma, Meghan Tegtmeier

14Feb – Melissa Evensen, Amanda Gangelhoff, Bella Salmonson (8)

15Feb – Susan Gemar, Lisa Hustad, Ella Jacobson, Reid Kittelson

16Feb – Donovan Dettling, Natalie Tegtmeier, Madden Tollefson (7)

17Feb – Billy Zottnick

18Feb – Alex Bumgarner

19Feb – Susan Dobmeier, Jeff Haarstick, Ken Sieler, Jennifer Wilkie

20Feb – Kris Lym

21Feb – Candace Nelson

23Feb – Madeline Croucher

24Feb – Ben Diers, Aubrey Koons (9), Hidie Larson

25Feb – Bryce Ressler

26Feb – Jerry Bierdeman, Tim Preuss, David Shanks

27Feb – Jeff Thoreson

28Feb – Briar Hanson (2), Megan Kunkel, James Trandem (4), Steve Trautman



From (date)	Honor/MEMORY
Clarice Michel (12-31)	COLLEEN ERICKSON
Virginia Lepage (1-8)	COLLEEN ERICKSON
Bruce/Kay Levenson	COLLEEN ERICKSON
Edward/Karen Woyen (1-22)	COLLEEN ERICKSON
Rachel Bible Class	ALICE HALLGREN
Eva Olin (1-28)	ALICE HALLGREN



### Membership Change

Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, we have released **Nate Axxig**. He and his new wife, Sayward, have joined another denomination.

May God continue to bless the Axxigs in their new congregation.

### Giving Matters:

Initiating online offering continues to be a viable option – you can sign up anytime! Contributions



can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account.

Our **electronic giving program** (Vanco) offers convenience for you and donation consistency for

our congregation. Go to Immanuel's Simply Giving site by clicking on the **"Donate"** button and following the prompts. The button is located on our website's "Information", then "News" tab.

**VANCO contributors** may adjust their giving anytime by following these steps:

1. Go to [immanuelfargo.360unite.com/news](http://immanuelfargo.360unite.com/news) and click on Donate.
2. Enter email and password. Click "Forgot your Email Address or Password?" if you do not remember.
3. Click on Edit on the right-hand side of the window.
4. Update your donations.
5. Click Log Off when complete.

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As a reminder, 2017 **Choice Dollars** expire on **March 31, 2018**.

**Linked to Lima: Nichelle Dykema**

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
12/31/2017			
	BUDGET	2017	2016
<b>* RECEIPTS *</b>			
REGULAR ENVELOPES	\$536,682.00	\$603,921.15	\$533,002.29
PLATE OFFERINGS	\$12,000.00	\$11,869.77	\$12,066.60
SPEC. SERVICES & MISC.	\$25,700.00	\$19,532.71	\$46,317.18
ASSETS RELEASED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
<b>*TOTAL RECEIPTS*</b>	<b>\$574,382.00</b>	<b>\$635,323.63</b>	<b>\$591,386.07</b>
<b>* EXPENSES *</b>			
MISSIONS	\$114,736.40	\$126,752.93	\$117,960.22
ELDERS	\$27,500.00	\$29,629.55	\$16,679.66
EVANGELISM	\$1,350.00	\$944.94	\$1,439.20
STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE	\$2,200.00	\$2,615.48	\$1,617.09
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$69,921.50	\$71,093.22	\$67,618.91
TRUSTEES	\$52,600.00	\$61,502.48	\$49,547.73
ADMINISTRATION	\$261,316.00	\$258,182.14	\$251,501.99
HUMAN CARE	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
CAMPUS MINISTRY	\$64,257.50	\$61,159.35	\$60,216.13
<b>*TOTAL EXPENSES*</b>	<b>\$596,131.40</b>	<b>\$614,130.09</b>	<b>\$568,830.93</b>
<b>HOME PURPOSES PLUS (MINUS)</b>	<b>(\$21,749.40)</b>	<b>\$21,193.54</b>	<b>\$22,555.14</b>
<b>*YEAR-TO-DATE REC'D*</b>			
<b>BOTW-BLDG. MAINT. FUND</b>		\$10,938.00	\$44,538.05
<b>THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS</b>		\$8,324.00	\$13,483.00

### February 2018 Worship Assistants

<b>Feb 4</b>	8:15 am	Dean Sonnenberg Tyler H, Landon D-W Walla Team Darrell/Vi Aasland	11 am	Clint Lowe Ella J Kosel Team Jim/Carol Thoreson
<b>Feb 11</b>	8:15 am	Rod Draeger Lucas D Hass Team Danny Montana	11 am	Dean Sonnenberg Lauren D, Ben R Hankel Team Randy Roesler
<b>Feb 14</b>	4:15p /6p	McCoy / Mayland Teams	5p meal	LYF
<b>Feb 18</b>	8:15 am	Ray Albrecht Ella C, Clara S Stahlecker Team Richard/Norma Frohberg	11 am	Clint Lowe Ben M Zinke Team Steve/Cori Trautman
<b>Feb 21</b>	4:15 /6p	Hankel / Volunteers Team	5p meal	LWML
<b>Feb 25</b>	8:15 am	Erick Esping Natalie E Montana Team Curt/Pam Sommer	11 am	Dean Sonnenberg Jack S, Isaac O Roesler Team Eva Olin
<b>Feb 28</b>	4:15 /6p	Stahlecker / Volunteers Teams	5p	TBD



### WILL YOU JOIN MY SENDING TEAM?

*Before I deploy to the field, I'm working to build my support network that will sustain my mission in Lima. I need people like you praying for me and supporting financially.*

Even small monthly donations mean lots of support for me in Lima.

\$25/month = \$600 total support!

**\$50/month = \$1200 total support (nearly 1% of my goal)!**

\$100/month = \$2,400 total support!

**With 60% of my goal to go, it would take just 70 new senders at \$50/mo to send me to Lima!**

Join my support network today: <https://www.lcms.org/givemore/dykema> or mail to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod;  
P.O. Box 66861; St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Include in the memo line: "Support of Peru—Dykema"

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