



Immanuel Lutheran News and Notes

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 4 Sunday	8:00am – Church Service 9:15am – Sunday Breakfast for all 9:45am – Sunday School and Bible Class for all ages 10:45am – Church Service
5 Monday	7:00pm – Men's Bible Study
6 Tuesday	10:30am – Tuesday Morning Bible Study at Bradford Place
7 Wednesday	5:30pm – Catechism Class
8 Thursday	6:00pm – Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Feb. 11 Sunday	8:00am – Church Service 9:15am – Sunday Breakfast for all 9:45am – Sunday School and Bible Class for all ages 10:45am – Church Service

TODAY'S FLOWERS were given to the glory of God by Rob Schawann for Arthur Baum

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Sun. 2/4	Pierceson Bickel, Andrea Brinker, Garrett Wysong
Tues. 2/6	Elaina Downing, Scott Rupp
Thurs. 2/8	Cameron Farmer
Sat. 2/10	Melissa Garmon

Anniversaries

Mon. 2/5	Gregg & Debbie Glaser	(46 years)
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ALTAR FLOWERS The cost of altar flowers is \$15.00 per vase. Please make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and put in the payment box on the side of the cabinet in the Narthex. You may also mail a check to the church. Do not put checks in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact: Chris Hilbert at (513) 895-1531, or Chris in the church office (513) 893-6792. Thank you. Our new altar flower provider is The Fig Tree, 1003 Eaton Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45013. 513-892-0002. **Please sign up for flowers in the Narthex.**

Attendance: Last Sunday, 8:00 – 93; 10:45 - 92

Offerings Last Sunday Offering 7,608.00+ \$1,800.00 Simply Giving = \$9,408.00 (budget \$9,200.00 per week)

Tuesday Bible class taught by Pastor Lyle Rasch is at 10:30 am. Class is held at Bradford Place, 1302 Millville Ave., Hamilton, Plenty of parking. It will be held in the old gift shop on the left as you enter through the main entrance. Topic this Tues.: "See Why St. Paul is a Great Teacher" All are welcome.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY All men are invited to attend Mondays at 7pm.

THE GIVING GLOBE OFFERING is sent to the Liberian Children's Ministry. Below is some information from their web site (<http://www.nl4u.org/ministries/l.c.m>). What is the Liberian Children's Ministry? The mission of the Liberian Children's Ministry is to help meet the educational and spiritual needs of the children of Liberia in order to give them the real hope that is found only in Christ Jesus. The vision of The Liberian Children's Ministry is to help share the love of God through Christ-Centered education in an environment where children can grow to their full potential to become leaders who carry the ministry of the local church in the world. The Liberian Children's Ministry is serving as an extension of the ministering arm of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia by providing a quality education for God's children to develop spiritually, physically.

NEW INFORMATION

The Lutheran Hour Radio (Dates and times subject to change):

<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WAUZ	Greensburg, IN	89.1	FM	Sun	7:00 PM
WKBV	Richmond, IN	1490	AM	Sun	6:00 AM
WREW	Cincinnati, OH	94.9	FM	Sun	7:00 AM
WMVR	Sidney, OH	105.5	FM	Sun	10:30 AM
WLW	Cincinnati, OH	700	AM	Sun	7:00 AM

CONFESSING CHRIST IN A HOSTILE WORLD...You can listen to Lutheran leaders discuss topics like: The Religion of Sex, The State of the Church in Western Society, Defying the Devil in International Mission Work, The Urgency of Preaching, Two Kingdom Theology and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

THRIVENT MEMBERS – MAKE YOUR DOLLARS WORK FOR YOU!

Did you know Thrivent will provide you with \$250 twice a year for projects you care about? How much could we save if Thrivent provided the seed money for all our favorite church and school events? We would love to have a sponsor for the upcoming costs associated with Fall Festival, Christmas Program, Sunday School supplies, and more. It only requires a Thrivent account and a simple application of questions to which we will supply all the answers! Contact elizabeth.fleming@immanuelhamilton.com or call the school office at 895-9212 to express your willingness to utilize the \$500 attributed to your Thrivent account! Let's keep our dollars here at Immanuel!

2017-2018 Winter Shelter Funding

The Prince of Peace cold shelter is open! It will stay open through February 28, 2018. In order to provide this service, we need your financial support.

If you would like to donate to the Prince of Peace Winter Shelter please visit
<http://poplcmscinci.org/winter-shelter-at-prince-of-peace.html>

Any donation helps; \$8 provides housing for one person for one night.

Dear Friend of Issues, Etc.,

Coming off of National Lutheran Schools Week, we have completed a five-part series on "Progressive Education vs. Lutheran Education" with Dr. Thomas Korcok, author of the book *Lutheran Education: From Wittenberg to the Future*. This series is meant for parents, teachers and students.

What is the measure of a good teacher, a good school and a good education? What's the difference between method-driven and content-driven education? Does the Bible belong in the classroom?

You can listen to this entire by going to <http://issuesetc.org/classicallutheraneducation/>
Thanks for listening!

UPCOMING CHURCH SERVICES

Wed. February 14	Noon and 7:15pm Ash Wednesday Services
Wed. February 21	Noon and 7:15pm Lent Services
Wed. February 28	Noon and 7:15pm Lent Services
Wed. March 7	Noon and 7:15pm Lent Services
Wed. March 14	Noon and 7:15pm Lent Services
Wed. March 21	Noon and 7:15pm Lent Services
Sun. March 25	8:00am and 10:45am Palm Sunday Services
Thurs. March 29	Noon and 7:15pm Maundy Thursday Services
Fri. March 30	Noon and 7:15pm Good Friday Services
Sun. April 1	7:00am and 10:45am Easter Services

Fellow Redeemed,

Once again we prepare to enter into the Lenten season as we journey through the Church Year. Lent, however, is its own kind of journey. Lent is the journey we make as we travel with Christ from the Mount of Transfiguration to Jerusalem where He will face the cross and the grave for our sakes. It is a very sobering trip, a journey that often struggles to find joy. But there is Easter!

This year our theme for our Lenten worship will focus upon the journey, but perhaps not in the way we usually walk it. Our overall theme will be “Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey.” All journeys must have a starting point; and in the preaching and teaching this Lenten season, we will consider our starting point a land of exile.

The land of exile from which we begin our journey is the wilderness of sin and death. Sin came into the world when our first parents were unfaithful and disobedient, eating fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam and Eve sinned, and we have inherited from them not only the sin itself, but also the result of that sin—separation from our Lord and God. From the first sin in the first garden, we have been exiled into the wilderness where we have wandered without any ability to find our way out.

This is the beginning of our journey: exile. But every journey also has a destination, an ending point. Our return from exile brings us into the promised land. Our relationship with our God is restored by Christ’s sacrifice. Our destination, then, is the perfect place, the new garden, the courts of heaven—the ultimate destination which was established for us by His death and resurrection. There is great joy in the journey as we see where our returning brings us; but there is also a somber attitude when we consider what Christ faced on account of our sin.

All journeys consist of many events that take place between the journey's beginning and its end. Our Lenten journey is no different. Each leg of our Lenten journey begins in the Old Testament and then continues into the New Testament, pointing us to the joy that is ours in Christ Jesus. Do not be surprised to discover that from the very beginning, even outside the gates of the Garden of Eden, it is Christ who travels with us. He has always been our guide, from the very beginning, and He will journey with us to the very end. Indeed, He has even gone before us to prepare a heavenly dwelling place.

Life is full of journeys. Life itself is a journey. We enter this Lenten season contemplating the reality of our earthly journey but with eyes fixed on its destination—the empty tomb and the open gates of everlasting life. What joy there is in knowing that we do not walk this way alone!

Lectionary Summary

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(4 February 2018)

Isaiah 40:21–31

1 Corinthians 9:16–27

Mark 1:29–39

The Son of God, Christ Jesus, Makes Us a New Creation

The Lord alone “*is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth*” (Is. 40:28). He “*sits above the circle of the earth*” and “*stretches out the heavens like a curtain*” (Is. 40:22). Yet, His almighty power is demonstrated chiefly by His mercy and compassion. “*He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength*” (Is. 40:29). The only begotten Son of the Father, the very Word by whom all things were made, becomes flesh and takes all the poverty and weakness of our sin and death upon Himself, bearing it in His body to the cross. As He dies for us there, He also raises us up, a new creation, in His resurrection from the dead. Thus, by the preaching of this Word, He heals “*many who were sick with various diseases*,” and He casts out “*many demons*” (Mark 1:34, 39). And His preaching continues through those whom He has sent, who are “*entrusted with a stewardship*” to “*preach the gospel*” (1 Cor. 9:16–17). Thus, we are set free by the Word of Christ, and we exercise our freedom in loving service to others.

Fasching

German “Mardi Gras”

Sunday, Feb. 11th

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM



Live German Band!!

Auction of Homemade Pies and Desserts

We are holding our annual Fasching celebration as a last big party before Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14th.

Activities for the kids.

This is an opportunity to support our youth trip to Germany in Dec. 2019. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation to help out the youth.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Open Invitations

This section extends to you, the congregation, a personal invitation to attend upcoming school functions. It is our hope that you choose to join us for our joyful fellowship, worship, education, and play by way of these quality events.

2/6 City-wide Spelling Bee at Fairwood Elementary featuring 2 ILS students (Danielle Shepherd)

2/7 Chapel led by Mrs. Peterson @ 9:45AM

2/10 Daddy/Daughter Dance Invite your daughters on a date to a night of food and dance at ILS

2/12 Home Basketball Games @ 5PM and 6PM

Peacemakers,

Sin took root at the fall of Adam and has continued to fester on this groaning planet for millennium. As Christians we are not immune from the effects of sin but can find solace in the remedy. In this dark world we are able to find joy through what Christ has done. Our church and school exist to seek those living in darkness and bring them to the joy of the light.

It is especially concerning when vulnerable children are entangled in the hardships of a fallen world. Sadly, the world does not spare these children from the greatest of challenges and lowest of lows. Just this week alone our Immanuel family has comforted those going through house fires, grief, parental imprisonment, custody disputes, and aggressive cancer treatments/surgeries. In many other institutions these issues would be considered handled once it was put in the hands of proper authorities. Immanuel is not content at stopping there.

Immanuel Lutheran School serves infants in Christ; those fed with milk. In each dark instance, there are over 200 beacons of light ready to illuminate the situation in a way that only followers of Jesus can. Daily we proclaim the Word and the love of God through the joyful disposition of the faculty and student body. We thank you for your faithful partnership in this endeavor. We invite you to discover new ways to be involved and make a difference in these kid's lives.

Lukas Bickel, principal

Serving in Today's Worship:

Pastor: Rev. Kevin Jud
Organist: Pam Stumpf
Elder: 8:00 Jeff Martin, Mark Morgan
10:45 Shawn Pugh, Tim Rasch
Ushers: 8:00 Carl Ferris, Dale Yauger
10:45 Russell Farmer, Cameron Farmer, Evan Vogel
Readers: 8:00 Mark Plunkett
10:45 Waldo Kallenberger
Acolyte: 8:00 Joey D'Angora
10:45 Jack Heitger
Greeters 8:00 Bruce & Andrea Brinker
10:45 Tim & Nancy Rasch
Crucifer Wendy Malinak
Altar Guild: Chris Hilbert, Janet Jones
Children's Message Immanuel School Staff
Nursery:

Planning Ahead for Next Week's Worship:

Pastor: Rev. Kevin Jud
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Readers: 8:00
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10:45 Landon Harley
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