

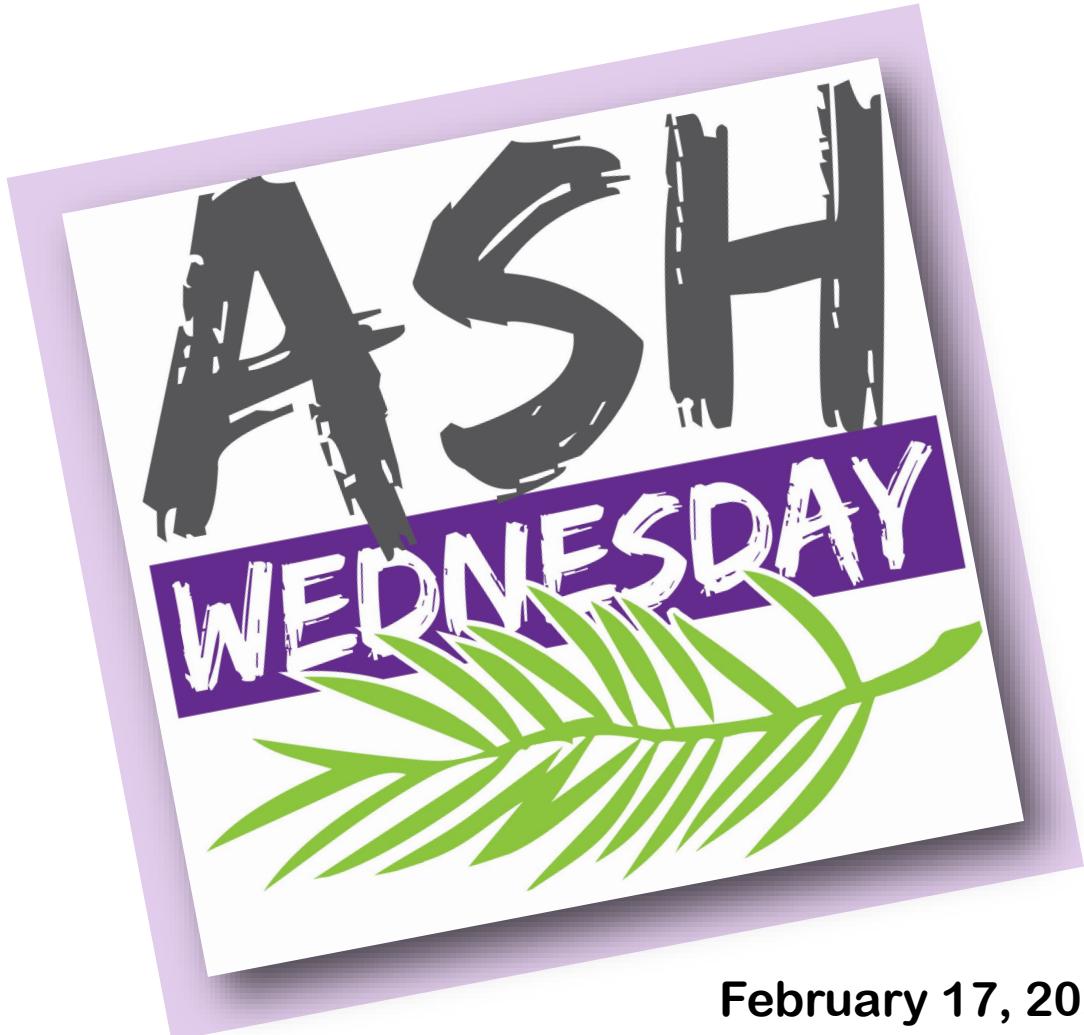


Immanuel
Lutheran Church
Love. Serve. Repeat.

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February 2021



February 17, 2021
12:00 Noon
Holy Communion Service

“Return to the Lord your God!”

That is the urgent call we hear from the prophet Joel on Ash Wednesday.

“NOW!” declares the Lord through His prophet. And

“with ALL YOUR HEART!”

not in any HALF-hearted way.

In writing to the congregation at Corinth, the apostle Paul repeats that urgent call:

“NOW is the day of salvation.”

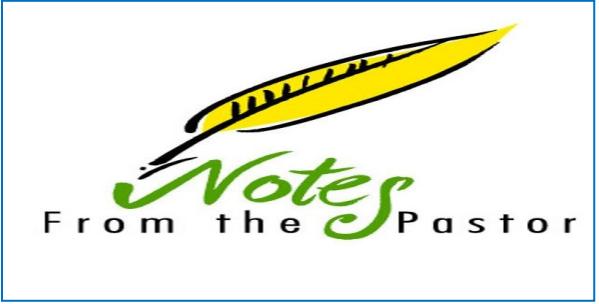
The older we grow, the faster time seems to fly by us. The Church Year puts the brakes on our quickly passing days by making certain days special-- “holy” days, set apart for special use. The forty days of Lent are to be like that for us.

Christians are invited to give very serious attention to REPENTANCE, returning to the Lord as we prepare to celebrate our Lord’s suffering and death on our behalf, and then the glorious victory of His resurrection. The urgency is that we receive what He has done as being FOR US because it makes every second of God’s gift of time special for us -- creating a life lived as His beloved children and to His eternal glory.

So we give special importance to God’s Word during Lent, especially to the last week of our Lord’s earthly life-- a short time to which the New Testament gives very special and lengthy attention. Many Christians practice self-denial to help them focus on the eternal treasures of heaven our Savior has won for us. Others practice doing special works of love as they remember the love of the Savior for us all. Such things can help to mark these quickly passing days as holy, with everlasting meaning.

We will have our Ash Wednesday Service at noon this year, on February 17. Special devotional booklets entitled “Return to the Lord” will be available at church or by mail to those who request them. I will also plan to be writing a series of Lenten letters as we concentrate together on the renewal these holy days so urgently invite us to receive.

May the Holy Spirit bless us all through the Gospel that Lent focuses for us. The message IS truly urgent-- the power of God for our salvation!

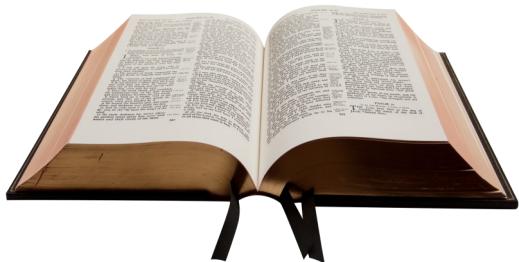


Pastor Bauman

Epiphany Sing-a-long

It was a beautiful but chilly night on January 6, 2021. A group from the church and some friends gathered to end the Christmas Season. We all gathered by the pavilion behind the church for singing and fellowship with hot chocolate, coffee, cookies and other treats sponsored by Thrivent and set up by Brad Kuehn.

The bright fire of the trees was quite a site with the dark background of the winter evening. We all prayed together and learned of the history of many of the Christmas Carols that we sing year after year. It was a nice chance to get outside as we have all been in our homes much of the last few months. We thank the Kuehns for setting up this event and we look for more events in the future.



Join Us for Bible Study—Scripture tells us, *That the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.* Hebrews 4:12

Your Bible Study group at Immanuel completed the study of the Beatitudes and is now beginning Revelation 1-3. Please join us for this exciting new study of Christ's call to the church. The class is offered both in person, in the basement of the church, or remotely through Google Meets at 10:30. If you would like to join remotely please contact Sally Hover at shover@einsteinacademy.us or call 630-276-3298. We would love to include you in the study and your life will be fuller than you can imagine should you decide to join us. As you get deeper into scripture it will truly judge the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Blessings in Christ,

Sally Hover

Treasurer's Report

February 2021



Hello members and friends of Immanuel.

As you all have experienced, 2021 is underway almost as quickly as 2020 ended. New Year's celebrations already seem to have been long ago. We now have a new President, vaccinations for COVID have been formulated and are being distributed and people throughout the country are starting to be inoculated. We could not have imagined much of this taking place a year ago. Let's pray all of 2021's newness goes well for everyone throughout 2021.

Finances

Since we have one more Sunday remaining yet for January, I will postpone the Financial discussion until next month.

In-Church Services – The message in the January Newsletter is worth repeating.

Immanuel continues to provide Sunday video sermons for those members and friends unable to attend our actual Sunday services (9:30 am). Please, if you are able, it certainly would be nice to see our missing members come and participate in Sunday services. We have just recently started to sing a few hymns during our services. It is so uplifting to hear the singing voices along with the beautiful accompanying piano and organ music provided by our guest musicians. Please consider making a special effort to resume attending Sunday services and see what you have been missing. We have sufficient space to continue social distancing , there are protocols in place to protect everyone, and we all wear face masks for additional protection.

2021 Offering Envelopes – Now available. We started distributing the envelopes for the new year at the Christmas Eve service. If you haven't received yours yet, please come to Sunday service and pick up yours. It would be wonderful to see you and by picking up your 2021 Offering Envelopes and your 2020 Contribution Statement, you will help Immanuel control its postage expense. The little things add up quickly.

Mortgage Refinancing – Immanuel delivered its 2020 Annual Income & Expense Statement and its 2021 Projected Income & Expense Budget to LCEF for their consideration in providing Immanuel approval of our Refi request. Please pray that Immanuel will receive LCEF's approval shortly.

Winter is upon us . . . another article worth repeating.

As a precaution, please take extra care walking from the parking lot into church. Although we take necessary steps to shovel and salt walks, they can become slippery. And be aware to use extra precaution when leaving the service since your shoes or boots will be warm, they can tend to be slippery on snow covered walkways. We certainly don't want any of our folks to experience an injury. Thank you for being extra cautious and if you need assistance, by all means, just ask a fellow member.

And . . . Don't forget about our members and friends at Clare Oaks. Take a moment to drop them a note and see how they are doing. This is very important especially at this time of year but also since the folks living here are not permitted to venture out much due to the threat of contracting COVID-19. Social isolation can have a negative impact on physical health as well as mental health.

On a sad note, we have heard that Lorraine Boehm, one of Immanuel's friends at Clare Oaks, has passed away and another friend at Clare Oaks, Dorothy Berg, has recently been hospitalized for a breathing issue. Please keep these folks in your prayers.

Words to live by:

Proverbs 11:24-25

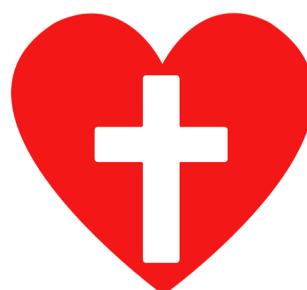
One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

(This reminds us that God is pleased when people share what they have to help others and to support the missions of the church.)

Blessings to all.

Bob Brinkman

Treasurer



**LET ALL THAT
YOU DO BE
DONE IN LOVE.**

1 COR 16:14

February Birthdays			
Steve Christiansen	02/07	Brenda Brinkman	02/20
Siloah Dreher	02/13	Zoe Kainz	02/20
Sonia Ongchangco	02/15	Elijah Guerra	02/23
Robert Brinkman	02/19		

Message from the Chairman's Desk

February 2021

I hope all is well with you and your family and friends. I also wish you a continued well and safe environment, continuing to use the advice of keeping to small groups with known health conditions and contacts until this coronavirus is adequately controlled with vaccines.

In January, a virtual Voters Assembly ballot was issued to support the request by Synod and Northern Illinois District to delay the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) convention triennial sequence of Circuit-District-Synod Conventions by one year due to the Coronavirus restrictions on large gatherings, and the Synod's Constitution requiring in-person attendance Conventions. This sequence delay is a one-time occurrence, after which the standard triennial sequence will resume. The virtual voting explanation and ballots were distributed to the voting membership on January 15, 2021, and voting was to finish and be counted on January 31st. However, the snowstorm forced cancellation of the regular Sunday church service, so a final registration and tally has not been completed. A preliminary total of 18 ballots that have been received has indicated that all ballots returned are in favor of the sequence delay, and thus by count constitutes a quorum of the Voters Assembly. A final count will be done this first week of February in time to report the results to Synod as required no later than February 15th.

The Mortgage Refinancing is proceeding as agreed in the December virtual vote, and we hope to receive approval from LCEF and finish conversion this month.

May God's continued blessings be part of your life,

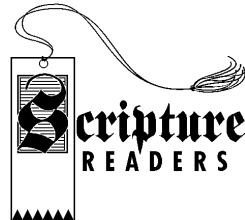
David Schroeder



150th Anniversary: We are still working toward gathering historical information regarding our congregational history. Please look through your treasures and share with us information you may have. Please do not wait until the last minute. It may seem like a long way away but we have been gathering information a year. And now we are looking toward months not a year to prepare. Share with us your story, memories, and mementoes. Thank you! *Sally Hover*



February 2021 Schedules



Lay Minister Schedule

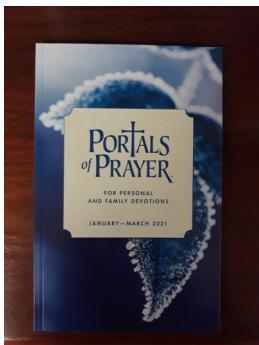
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February 14 -
February 17 - (Ash Wed) Mike Tellin & Al Thilk
February 21 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk
February 28 -

Reader Schedule

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If you would like to volunteer to serve please call the office.

If unable to serve when scheduled, please try to find a substitute. Also notify the church office as soon as possible (630 837-1166 or immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net) Thank you!



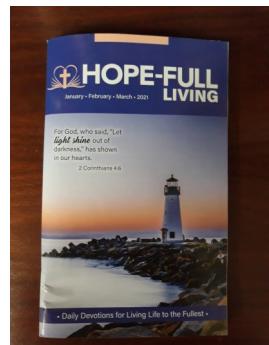
Portals of Prayer/ Hope-Full Living

The latest Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living are now available. Hope-Full Living is a newer devotional booklet with daily

devotions and especially written for older adults.

Many who have used it report finding it very helpful.

The latest edition of Portals of Prayer, also in large print and Hope-Full Living are available in the church narthex or to be mailed to you by calling the church office at (630) 837-1166.



Keep using the AmazonSmile icon for your Amazon purchases, Once again, the link is <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-6414746>. Or go to our website and click on the AmazonSmile icon. Remember: Every little bit adds up!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4.	5	6 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties	
7 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	8 9	10	11	12	13 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties	
14 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday (HC) Service 12:00 noon	18	19	20 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
21 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	22	23	24	25	26	27 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
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