

This Week At Immanuel

Today - Sunday, March 2

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.Fellowship
10:15 a.m.Sunday School/ Confirmation
1:30 - 4:00 p.m.Faith 5 Family Event, Spicer

4th Graders Making Lenten Crosses
Dean Ntenga Visits from South Africa

Monday, March 3Pastor Christa's Sabbath

Tuesday, March 4

10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.Pastors' Text Study

Wednesday, March 5

5:30 p.m.Lenten Supper @Bethlehem
6:30 p.m.Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.Ash Wednesday Worship @Bethlehem

Friday, March 7

7th - 12th Ski Trip (Through Sunday)

Next Sunday, March 9

9:00 a.m.Worship
4th Graders Receive Lenten Crosses
10:00 a.m.Fellowship
10:15 a.m.Sunday School/ Confirmation

1st Communion Kids Making Chalice
Lenten Service Project Begins
Daylight Saving Time Begins

You may have noticed these words in front of the sanctuary

"Helighet hofves ditt hus, Herre"

What do they mean? This is Swedish for

"Holiness becometh thy house O' Lord" Psalm 93:5

Financial Report

Total Offering (February 23, 2014)**\$1350.00**
Total Attendance (February 23, 2014)**77**
Proposed Monthly Ministry Goal**\$14,807.00**
Needed to Meet February Financial Commitments**\$5676.00**

Worship Assistants

Communion AssistantSharon Cramlet
LectorJacklyn Frericks
AcolyteRyan Peterson

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Atwater, MN

SAVED By Grace, CALLED To Serve

March 2nd, 2014 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

Pastor Christa Forsythe All Members: Ministers

* indicates the items projected up front

-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-

Greeting & Announcements

Welcome **Dean Ntenga**

*Opening Hymn#671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Red)

*Greeting & KyriePg.184

-WE PRAISE GOD-

*Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

-GOD SPEAKS TO US-

PsalmPsalm 99

- 1 The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 **The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.
- 4 **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.
- 6 **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**
- 7 you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One

New Testament Lesson 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks Be to God**

Children's Message

*Gospel AcclamationPg. 188 (Red)

Holy GospelMatthew 17:1-9

*P: The Gospel according to Matthew the 17th chapter

*C: **Glory to You, O Lord**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."

⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*P: The Gospel of the Lord

*C: **Praise to You, O Christ**

Sermon

*Hymn of The Day #838 "Beautiful Savior" (Red)

-WE RESPOND TO GOD-

Dean Ntenga - Sharing

*Apostle's CreedPg. 105 (Red)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

*Offertory#182 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

-ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION-

Communion Invitation - All baptized Christians, who believe that Jesus Christ comes to us in and through the bread and wine of Holy Communion are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. Young persons/children not yet communing are asked to fold their hands and may receive a blessing from the pastor: they will also be offered a fish-shaped cracker. Those communing are asked to hold out their hand, palm up. White grape juice is available, in the center of the tray, for those who prefer it. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please indicate to the pastor or assistant during communion if you prefer!

Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-

Blessing

*Sending Hymn #866 "We are Marching in the Light" (Red)

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel!

We invite visitors to sign our guest book in the entry of the church. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today, and hope you will be back to worship with us again. If you would like more information about Immanuel, contact the pastor or a Council member. We invite you for coffee, juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall (basement) following worship.

Welcome To Our Visitor from South Africa - Today, we are happy to welcome M. Caiphas Ntenga, chairperson of Men's League in the Empangeni Circuit, our sister circuit in South Africa. He will be sharing with us during worship and will be happy to answer questions during coffee hour. Thanks to Roger and Jo Holm for hosting Caiphas!

Camper Book Sale - Our book area has a new look. Browse through the bookcases, there are books for all ages. Price is the same, only \$1 for hardcover and \$0.50 for paperback. Thanks for supporting Immanuel's Bible Campers!

Elementary Bible Camp Retreat - 2nd-6th graders, make sure to sign up for the retreat at GLBC in Spicer March 28-29. Come and experience what camp is like for just one fun-filled night. Sign-up by March 16 to get a discount. Cost by 3/16 is \$40, cost after that is \$60.

Volunteers Needed - we are looking for some people to refill the children's church activity bags each week. If you are able to do this please leave your name in the office.

Thrivent Members - Remember to direct your Choice Dollars by March 31. To dedicate your Choice dollars call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 just say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

WELCA Quilters are in need of gently used sheets, all sizes, for quilt backing. Thanks!

7th - 12th Grade Ski Trip - March 7th - 9th join us for faith-filled fun in God's creation @ Giants Ridge. Beginners welcome! Cost is \$75, sign up **Today!**

Office Hours - Janelle and Melissa are on vacation March 4th - March 12th. Office will be open only when Pastor Christa is in. Please call ahead before you stop by.

Confirmation Class - Remember, you will be meeting with your mentors during Lent after Wednesday services. For details, check with Pastor Christa.

Lenten Crosses - 4th Graders will be receiving their Lenten Crosses in worship next Sunday, March 9.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 9th!

1st Communion Class - 5th graders will be having 1st Communion instruction in March. Please sign up for an instruction class either March 6th or March 20th. You will be making chalices March 9th in Sunday School.

Food Share Month - March is Food Share Month! Bring in non-perishable food items during March to help fill the grocery cart. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be left in the church office.

Breakfast Fundraiser - The Cosmos Space Festival Committee will be hosting a breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, March 16th at Peace Lutheran Church in Cosmos from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Menu includes: waffles (with strawberries, blueberries, and cool-whip), scrambled eggs, ham, fresh fruit, milk, orange juice, apple juice, and coffee. Adults \$8, Kids \$5, & kids under 3 eat free.

Calling All Card Players - Cards will be starting at a new time and day at the Nutrition Site. Cards will start Thursday March 6 at 1:30 pm and be held each Thursday during March. If you are interested in playing cards for an afternoon stop in and join the group. Coffee and treats will be available. Games played will be decided by the people attending.

Ham Dinner - Church of St. Patrick in Kandiyohi is hosting its annual St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner and Raffle on Sunday, March 16, from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. \$9 for adults, \$3.50 for ages 6-10 and \$1.50 for children 5 and under. There will also be a raffle,

Remembering in Our Prayers

James & Carol Sacks- our missionaries in Japan
John Holm-St. Cloud Hospital
Chet Johnson-healing
Danny Herdina-healing
Bob Kirk-continued healing
Elaine Wothe-continued healing
Darlene Kirk- continued healing
Linda Burns-continued healing
Bill Hutchinson-on Hospice
All Immanuel Shut Ins

(People will only be listed with their permission. Please contact Pastor Christa if you would like to be listed in Immanuel prayers.)