

This Week At Immanuel

Today - 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 Chalices
Lenten Service Project Begins
Daylight Saving Time Begins

Monday, March 10Pastor Christa's Sabbath

Tuesday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 12

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

Saturday, March 15

8:30 a.m.WELCA Lakeland Conference Meeting
@Calvary in Willmar

Next Sunday, March 16

9:00 a.m.Worship
10:00 a.m.Fellowship/WELCA Meets
10:15 a.m.Sunday School/ Confirmation
10:45 a.m.Lenten Book Discussion
11:30 a.m.Council Meets
2:00 p.m.1st Communion Instruction

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 (March 2, 2014) **\$2592.00**
Total Attendance (March 2, 2014) **91**
Proposed Monthly Ministry Goal **\$14,807.00**
Needed to Meet March Financial Commitments **\$12,215.00**

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Atwater, MN

SAVED By Grace, CALLED To Serve

March 9th 2014 - 1st Sunday in Lent

Pastor Christa Forsythe

All Members: Ministers

* indicates the items projected up front

-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-

Welcome & Announcements

*Gathering Hymn . . #660 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (Blue)
Confession & ForgivenessPg. 10 (Blue)
Greeting & KyriePg.28 (Blue)

-WE PRAISE GOD-

*Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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-

Old Testament LessonGenesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave

some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm (read responsively)Psalm 32

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks Be to God**

Children's Message

*Gospel AcclamationPg. 142 (Red)

Holy GospelMatthew 4:1-11

*P: The Gospel according to Matthew the 4th chapter

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

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and

afterwards he was famished.³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 'saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

*Hymn of The Day#517 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in your Word" (Red)

-WE RESPOND TO GOD-

*Apostle's CreedPg. 33 (Blue)
Sharing of the Peace

Offering

*OffertoryPg. 50 (Blue) (Lent to Pentecost)

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer

-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-

Blessing

*Sending Hymn . . . #333 "Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land" (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.

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!

Email Addresses - We are still looking for email addresses. We use the addresses to send out various church info and reminders. Please leave a note with your email address or send a message to imman@frontiernet.net

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.

Lenten Service Project - Today, our Lenten Service Project begins. We are collecting items to pack Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The Rugged Cross in the Narthex has tags hanging on it with various items that we need. Pick up a tag of an item you could provide, purchase the item, and bring it back to Immanuel by April 13. Our Confirmation class will be assembling the kits. There are several single items needed, or you can choose to provide a complete kit, or money to help cover the shipping costs. An informational flyer is also available at the foot of the cross. We would love to be able to provide 30 kits!

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.

Food Share Month - March is Food Share Month! Bring in non-perishable food items during March to help fill the grocery cart.

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

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

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.

Ham Dinner - Church of St. Patrick in Kandiyohi is hosting it's 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, country store, Irish music and games for the children.

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.

LAHBNP - Ashley from the Area Agency on Aging will be speaking at the Nutrition Site on March 12 at 11:15 am. She will cover information on the Senior Linkage Line and other subjects important to the senior citizens of Kandiyohi County. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. If you would like to stay for a meal, please make your reservation my March 11 by calling 974-8599 between 11 am and 1 pm or 320-262-1180 before 11am or after 1 pm or leave a message at either number.

Worship Assistants

LectorShane Hagstrom
AcolyteSkye Powers

Remembering in Our Prayers

James & Carol Sacks- our missionaries in Japan
John Holm-healing
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.)