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-WELCA Love OFFERING
is February 9
-CAMP SUNDAY
is February 23

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True Love.

For God so lo**V**ed the world

That He g**A**ve

His on**L**y

Begott**E**n

So **N**

Tha**T** whosoever

Believeth **I**n Him

Should **N**ot perish,

But have **E**verlasting life.

John 3:16



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The **OUTREACH**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 2 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

10:15 a.m.Sunday School/Confirmation

February 9 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m.Worship

WELCA LOVE OFFERING -

CROW CREEK GOSPEL BAND

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

10:15 a.m.Sunday School/Confirmation

February 16 - 6th Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m.Worship

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

10:15 a.m.Sunday School/Confirmation

11:30 a.m.Faith In Action Meets

February 23 - 7th Sunday after Epiphany

CAMP SUNDAY CELEBRATION

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

10:15 a.m.Sunday School/Confirmation

*Sunday School Kids meet in Sanctuary at 10:15
for Camp Message/Music; Class Time to Follow*

LOVE OFFERING

Plan to join us February 9 at our 9 a.m. worship for a special musical event! We are happy to have the Crow Creek Gospel Band lead our morning worship. Our WELCA group has arranged for them to be here for the annual Love Offering. All WELCA women are encouraged to bring their Love Offerings February 9.

CAMP SUNDAY EVENT

Camp Sunday is February 23! Now is the time to start planning your camp week. Pastor Jean Ohman, Director of Programs at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, will be joining us during worship and Sunday School to share a message from the camp and talk about the many opportunities for summer camp that GLLM has to offer!

WEATHER-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

***In the event that Immanuel's
worship services are cancelled,
Q102 (102.5FM)/KWLM (1340AM) radio in
Willmar will be where the cancellation is
announced. You can also check "Operation
Snow Desk" at www.yourq102.com***

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST TIMES

Our Sunday Worship is broadcast on Channel #8 every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

If you have a special request for a church service broadcast, please call 320.974.3388.

OFFICE HOURS

The **church office** is typically staffed Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 a.m. - Noon. & Fridays 9-11 a.m.

Pastor Christa's office hours are currently Wednesday and Friday from 9-noon, and Tuesday 9 -10 a.m., or by appointment. Pastor Christa will be in the office many afternoons, but left those hours open for pastoral care, visitation, etc. Call her for any reason: 320-535-0641.

Please be aware that if an office staff member is working in the building alone, the doors will be locked. Please knock, or call ahead if you need to enter the building.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Y(OUR) CALLING...

“And Christ died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view... Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation... entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us...”
— 2nd Corinthians 5:14-21

It is said that there is one command that Jesus gave that we, as Lutherans, follow quite well. It is Jesus' command to the man healed of leprosy in Mark 1:44, “See that you don't tell this to anyone.” Or, it is said that we follow the example of the women in Mark 16:8 who hear that Jesus is risen and respond with, “They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.” Both references are intended to be a joke - a way in which we poke fun at ourselves and our ethnic heritage of being rather soft-spoken about sharing the Gospel and witnessing through our words. However, in reality it is not a joke, nor is it a joking matter.

In Christ, we have been given the gift of new life with all that it entails: forgiveness, reconciliation, healing, strength in tough times, hope, peace in the midst of trouble, grace, eternal life, and so much more. God in Christ Jesus is our source of all life - truly our reason for being. And yet, we struggle to find a way to put this into words. Like the women at the empty tomb, perhaps we do not share the hope we've found because we, too, are afraid. We are afraid of rejection. Afraid that it won't come out right. Afraid that we don't have a story to share. Afraid to witness beyond our actions with our words.

Yet, the reality is that God has been at work in our lives continually - bringing light out of darkness; hope out of despair; healing out of brokenness; new life out of death. When many of us look at our lives, we may feel that we don't have a powerful faith story to share, therefore, our testimony is not valid. However, if you look at your life and ask yourself, “When has God been at work?” You will find that God is a main character in your story, too. Therefore, why not share the hope you have in Christ with those around you?

At our annual meeting in January, 2nd Corinthians 5:14-21 was the heart of our devotions. Saint Paul writes that we are new creations in Christ. Paul also writes that we are ambassadors of Christ. Each one of us is called to be a minister, witness, or ambassador of Jesus Christ in every aspect of our lives: work, school, home, and play.

In seminary, a beloved professor of mine worded it differently. Borrowing from Martin Luther's image of us as “little Christs,” Professor Rollie Martinson said, “God calls us to be Jesus with skin on for others in our lives.” Although it may appear to be a daunting task, what is one place or relationship in your life where you can focus on being “Jesus with skin on”? My hope and prayer is that as we cling to the one who is our reason for hope and being - we also cling to those around us and pray for the courage to be Christ's ambassadors in all corners of our world.

*Blessings on the Journey,
Pastor Christa*

MARCH OUTREACH DEADLINE

March Outreach **articles are due** in the church office on **Sunday, February 16.**

We will be **folding** the March Outreach Wednesday, **February 26**, at 9:00 a.m. Helping hands are needed.

WELCA NEWS

Happy month of Love!
That's what I think of
in February since
Valentine's Day is the
holiday for the month.



Hopefully we will be able to share someone's talents with our church family on a certain Sunday this month. I have people doing research for me and hopefully we will have a wonderful Love Offering Program. WELCA's Love Offering does so much good for our community. We share with organizations that could always use an extra hand (usually in the form of a cash donation). If you are unable to give any amount of money now, remember, whenever or whatever you give to WELCA is always appreciated at any time. (We'll take your money whenever you want to give it, hee-hee!)

Again the Love Offering is in place of having a bazaar or other fund raiser for the Women's group. I always like to think of how much time and money I would end up spending on baking or doing crafts and then have to set up the church and have a bazaar like other area churches. How much is that worth to me to not have to run myself ragged doing some other thing? So that is how Love Offering got started: we deserve to give ourselves a break!

We have some new dish towels in the kitchen, Thanks to Vivian Nelson for embroidering Immanuel on them. Group I us still on for February for kitchen detail.

Coming up in March is the Lakeland Conference for the women of the ELCA. Spring gathering March 15 at Calvary Lutheran in Willmar, registration at 8:30 AM. More news on the bulletin board by the kitchen at church.

Also, mark your calendars for the annual Hog Roast, which will be held June 29th.

There is a buzz in the air that the Quilters are trying to get started, Mother nature is playing tricks, so days are varied. Any help is appreciated!

**Sisters in Christ, Linda Burns
WELCA Interim President**

WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY



The Women's Morning Bible Study meets at Peaceful Thymes at 9:00 a.m. Thursday mornings.

**Immanuel's Website
is New & Improved!**
Visit the church website to view The Outreach,
Weekly Bulletins & The Monthly Calendar.

www.immanuelatwater.com
email: imman@frontiernet.net

**Other Helpful Internet Links:
Prayer Ventures:**

<http://archive.elca.org/prayerventures/>

Synod Update:

<http://www.swmnelca.org/html/Synod%20Update.html>

GLLM Retreats: www.gllm.org



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Find us at [Immanuel Lutheran - Atwater, MN](https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheran-Atwater-MN). We hope to use this site as a valuable outreach tool, and to post announcements and information. There are lots of great photos to see, and it is a great way to stay in touch with church events.

2014 EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS DAY, SW MN SYNOD

Members of Immanuel, we have registered to participate in this event. We have room for 25+ folks to go. Sign-up @ Pastor Christa's office for a great faith-building day. Meet at Immanuel at 8 a.m. We will be back by 4 p.m. No cost! Come for all day or 1/2 a day. Join us! There are sessions for teens and adults of all ages. See page 12 for full details.

FRIENDSHIP SUPPER

The Women of Bethlehem invite the ladies of Immanuel to a "Friendship" supper on Tuesday, February 25th at 5:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

This event will host visitors from our companion synod in Africa. Please RSVP by February 18th to 320-974-8519 or blc312@gmail.com and indicate if a ride is needed.

FAITH-IN-ACTION LENTEN PROJECT

The Faith-In-Action team is planning a Lenten Service Project. We will be collecting items to pack Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. A cross will be set up in the Narthex with tags listing items that we need to complete our kits. You can simply take a tag, purchase the item(s) and bring them back to church. Kits will be assembled at Immanuel and sent to Lutheran World Relief for them to distribute. Sheets with instructions will be available. Watch for more information about how you can help with this project in the near future!

PRESIDENT'S DAY EVENT

The Living at Home Block Nurse Program is sponsoring their annual President's Day Pie & Coffee Event Monday, February 17, from 2-4 p.m. at the Atwater Community Center. Take-outs available. Bake sale: home-baked pies and other baked goods. Free-will donations help support area seniors and their caregivers. Everyone welcome.



LIONS
WAFFLE BRUNCH

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLES**

& preschool bake sale

Sunday, February 2

9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Atwater Community Center

Cost is \$6.50/person... children under 5 eat free!

**Proceeds Benefit the "Cash for Kids" Scholarship Program,
which provides scholarships for ACGC Preschool students.**



ELEMENTARY RETREAT

At Green Lake Bible Camp

Join us for a great time at camp with some amazing counselors who love being with kids as we take a mini road trip with Jesus. This is a great way to re-visit your summer camp experience, or try out camp for the very first time. All kids in 2nd-6th grade are welcome.

Retreat is Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m. - Saturday March 29 at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$60, but if you sign-up in the church office by March 16, Immanuel will pay \$20 of your fee. Lodging, snacks, breakfast and lunch on Saturday are included.

CARPENTER'S TOOLS

March 30

The Carpenter's Tools musical group will be leading our worship March 30. Immanuel member Erica Borchert sings with this group.



LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH...

Guests from South Africa:

The end of February & early March – friends from our sister synod/conference in South Africa will be here to visit. Bethlehem will host them Tuesday, February 25 - the women of Immanuel have been invited to join them for a great night together.

Immanuel hosts them March 1st & 2nd. We are looking for 2-3 host homes for Saturday night, March 1st. Sunday, March 2nd – our Guests from South Africa will be with us in worship, coffee hour, and Sunday School & Confirmation that morning. It will be a great day to hear about their ministry and learn from them. Join us in worship for a great chance to connect and grow in faith together.

Lent is Coming:

Ash Wednesday is March 5th, and we will be doing joint worship service with Bethlehem Lutheran throughout Lent. Ash Wednesday worship is at Bethlehem Lutheran.

Our Lenten Theme is :Traveling Light: Reflections on the 23rd Psalm based on the book of the same title by Max Lucado. Lent is a great time to deepen faith. We will order the book, Traveling Light, for any folks who want to study the book throughout the six weeks of Lent. The book is great for individual and group study. Sign up in the church office by February 23rd to order a copy.

Look for more info in March about a group book study.

HOLDING YOUR FAMILY TOGETHER FAITH 5 WORKSHOP

Workshop will be led by Rich Melheim, Director of Faith Inkubators. March 2 at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer.

1:30-3:30 p.m. Leader Time
4-5:30 p.m. Gathering of Families – Families and kids of all ages are invited to participate together and learn how to share faith in the home and throughout daily life.

Sign up by February 23 in the church office. Join us for a great day to learn about passing on the faith to your kids at home.

See page 10 for full details.

CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

February 23rd 2-6 PM at Trinity in Grove City
Join Pastor Christa and area pastors and churches for our Lakeland Conference Assembly – a joint Assembly with Crow River Conference area churches.

We still have room for 5 delegates from Immanuel.

Contact Pastor Christa if interested. This is a great afternoon of sharing in faith together and experiencing more of the larger church. Join us!

Family Game Night included some wild games of Twister...with some creative new rules provided by the kids! We also enjoyed hide-and-seek, Farkle, and lots of laughing!



corner

Christian Education

camp Sunday

We will celebrate Camp Sunday February 23. If you are thinking about attending a Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Bible Camp this summer, this is a great time for you to learn more about the different programs available and the weekly schedule for summer camp. Camps are available for all ages! Youth can attend a camp on their own after they complete 1st grade (Half-Blast), and younger kids can attend Family Camp with parents. There are many opportunities for elementary, jr. high, and sr. high students.

2013 Bible Campers: Please submit your camp pictures and written memories/camp thoughts to the church office ASAP. You can also email the info to imman@frontiernet.net. We need this before Camp Sunday.

sundaySchool

Sunday, February 23, we will have a different schedule. All students and teachers should plan to meet in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. Our music time will be first and we will hear about Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Bible camp opportunities. Class time will follow.

*****CAMP REGISTRATION REMINDER*****

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED WITH GLLM **BY APRIL 27** IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM IMMANUEL. All you need to do is fill out your registration form and send it to GLLM with a \$50 registration fee - you can also register online. *(If you register for a certain week and find the need to switch to a different week as summer gets closer, GLLM is very willing to help you do this.)* In order for us to get our payment made in time, we need to have our final camper numbers by this date. After April 27, you will be notified of the amount being paid by the church. Any additional camp payments can be made directly to Immanuel. If you have any questions, please talk to Janelle.

camper Brunch

Thanks to all the campers and families who helped with the Annual Meeting brunch in January. Also, thanks to all of you who donated money to our camper scholarship fund. Your support is greatly appreciated!

sunday school offering

Sunday School students can bring their offering to closing music each week. We will be collecting offering at that time.

1x1 pastor Time

Connection Time with Pastor Christa - 6th-12th graders, Pastor Christa wants to connect with you and take you for coffee, ice cream - or whatever. So call or text her at #320-535-0641.

Christian Education Ministry Team Members

Harold Eisenbacher (*council rep*) ♦ Jaylen Rossell (*council rep*)
Barb Everson ♦ Janelle Eisenbacher ♦ Nick Rossell ♦ Shane Hagstrom

bible camp Fundraisers

The "Book Sale" Bible Camp Fundraiser continues. Anyone who has gently used books that you are finished with (including children's books) is encouraged to donate books for our sale. **Cost: \$1/hardcover, \$.50/softcover.** Thanks for supporting our campers, and thanks to all those who have donated and purchased books. We plan to continue this fundraiser as long as we have books to sell, so please check out the selection of books regularly!

christian education Calendar of Events

(watch for monthly updates!)

DATE	TIME - PLACE	EVENT
February 5	6-9 p.m./Immanuel	Confirmation Conferences
February 9		Deadline to Sign-Up for Sr. High Synod Youth Event
February 9	10:15 a.m./Sanctuary	Confirmation Parent Day
February 23	9:00 a.m./Immanuel	Camp Sunday
February 25		Ski Trip Sign-Up Deadline
March 2	10:15 a.m./Immanuel	4th Graders make Lent Crosses
March 9	9:00 a.m./Immanuel	4th Graders Receive Lent Crosses
March 9	10:15 a.m./Immanuel	5th Graders Make Communion Chalice
March 16	2-5 p.m./Immanuel	First Communion Instruction
March 20	5-8 p.m./Immanuel	First Communion Instruction (Alternate Date)
April 6		First Communion Sunday
April 19	9 a.m. - Noon/Fellowship Hall	Easter Breakfast Set-Up/Prep
April 20		7th-12th Youth Serve Easter Breakfast
April 27		Deadline to Notify Immanuel of GLLM Camp Registration

Christian Education Corner Continued!

confirmation Notes/Classes

Confirmation students: remember your yearly requirement of sermon notes (20), service hours (25), & activity points (4).

Regular confirmation classes will meet February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 2.

February 9th will be **Parents' Day**. Parents and Students experience confirmation together. Parent/Student meeting at 10:15 in Sanctuary - info about Bible Camp, Mission Trip, and Ski Trip.

LENT MENTOR MINISTRY: Beginning Wed. March 5th - Confirmation switches gears. Throughout Lent (March 5th - April 20th), Confirmation Students will work closely with their mentors. 7th Graders: Please, think of a member of Immanuel (who is not an immediate family member), who you would like to ask to be your Mentor. (8th-9th graders should already have mentors). During Lent, you will worship on Wednesday nights with your mentor and then have 1x1 time for discussion. This is a great time for faith growth. More details at the Parent/Student meeting.

Other Important Dates:

March 28-29 - High School Synod Youth Event for 9th-12th graders. Sign up by February 9.

ski Trip

March 7th-9th - 7th-12th Grade Ski Trip to Giants Ridge in Biwabik. We will stay at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Virginia, MN. Cost = \$75. Sign up by March 2nd for this great chance to enjoy the great outdoors and have faith-filled fun together.

mission Trip 2014

Any interested 8th-12th graders and parents --- join us for an information meeting on February 9th to discuss the 2014 HS Mission Trip.

milestone Ministry

4th Graders - 4th grade students will be making Lent Crosses Sunday, March 2, during Sunday School. They will receive their crosses Sunday March 9 during worship.

5th Grade 1st Communion - 1st communion instruction will be Sunday, March 16 from 2-5 p.m. OR Thursday, March 20, from 5-8 p.m. March 9, 1st communion kids will be making their 1st Communion Chalice during Sunday School.

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DECEMBER OFFERING

General Fund

First Sunday	\$4064.00
Second Sunday	1759.00
Third Sunday	.....	1798.00
Fourth Sunday	.....	8455.00
Christmas Eve	.....	5935.00
Fifth Sunday	.....	484.00
Total	.....	\$22,495.00

Building Fund

First Sunday	.....	\$50.00
Second Sunday	.....	40.00
Third Sunday	.....	0.00
Fourth Sunday	.....	300.00
Total	.....	\$390.00

Organ Replacement Project

First Sunday	.....	\$0.00
Second Sunday	.....	140.00
Third Sunday	.....	295.00
Fourth Sunday	.....	25.00
Total	.....	\$460.00

Per Sunday

Average Attendance (per Sunday)	.....	105
Average Attendance (Christmas)	.....	73
Avg. General Giving (per service)	...	\$3749.00
Avg. Building Fund Giving (per service)	.....	\$65.00

Offering Needed

Per Sunday	.....	\$3253.00
Per Month	\$14,095.00

Income for 2013 (excluding Organ Project)

Thru December	\$142,355.00
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2013 Total Budget\$159,348.00

**please note that these figures do not reflect all financial transactions*

Create a Healthy, Happy, Godly Family One Night at a Time



Imagine a home where every person feels loved, valued and heard. Imagine a family that seeks God's wisdom, will and Word together. Imagine an intimate, affectionate community where every night is an experience of caring, sharing, comfort and peace.

You can make this beautiful picture a reality in your home. But it won't happen by accident—you need a plan! *Holding Your Family Together* is a workable, powerful plan based on a simple nightly routine: **Share, Read, Talk, Pray, Bless**. This is FAITH5, and it has transformed families around the world. No matter your child's age or your family's unique situation, FAITH5 can work for you. Inside you'll find everything you need to get your family into a nightly habit that will open your hearts to each other and to God.

Does this sound like an impossible dream? It's not, and you can start . . . tonight.



HOLDING YOUR FAMILY TOGETHER

5 Simple Steps to Help
Bring Your Family Closer to
God and Each Other



Dr. Rich Melheim

Come as a family to hear
Dr. Rich Melheim
and learn about the Faith5!

Faith Lutheran Church
Spicer, Minnesota

March 2, 2014
4:00-5:30 pm

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - January 8, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck Stranberg, Jaylen Rossell, Pat Walsh, John Hagstrom, Harold Eisenbacher, Sue Bohn, Dean Nelson, Deb Mickle, Pastor Christa.

Meeting called to order by Chuck Stranberg. Devotions led by Chuck Stranberg. Minutes of the last meeting approved. Treasurer's Report approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Thank you from Block Nurse Program.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annual Meeting: Election - 3 positions open, 1 youth position. Dean and Pat will run again. Jaylen will stay on council.
2. Motion to approve proposed budget passed.
3. Pastor Christa to Marv Otto Committee. No motion.
4. Atwater PD - drug, bullying, safe child information. Deferred to Marv Otto fund.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS: *Full reports, if available, can be found in the Church Office.*

Christian Education:

1. Camp Sunday will be Feb. 23.
2. Campers to serve brunch at Annual Meeting.
3. Planning service project for fall: packing school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Building/Property: Wiring in sanctuary has some issues. Brandon Barker will be contacted.

Finance/Stewardship: Met Dec. 11. Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas Challenge.

Worship & Music: Hymns selected thru Lent. Talked about Palm and Easter Sunday. Will plan to start a new worship setting soon.

Evangelism/Faith in Action:

1. Planning Lenten service project: packing Health kits for Lutheran World Relief.
2. Family Game Night planned for 1/12, 6 p.m.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Continuing work on updating membership rolls. Working with Pastor Grant from Bethlehem to plan Lenten services. Planning Confirmation conferences and parent meetings for Mission Trip. Hosting Ministerial group at Immanuel 1/23. Encouraged members to attend the Equipping Congregation Leaders Day at Vinje in Willmar 2/23. Would like to update scholarship ministry, and encourage healthy stewardship throughout 2014, rather than just one time of year. Would like to see quarterly giving reports. *Full report is available in the Church Office.*

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS: None.

Council & Ministry Team Schedule

Council Meets: February 12, 7 p.m.

Devotions: Dean Nelson

Worship & Music: TBD

Christian Ed.: Sun., TBD

Finance/Stewardship: TBD*

Property: TBD*

Evangelism/Faith in Action:

Sun. Feb. 16 - 11:30 a.m.

**Team Leaders, please notify the church office of your monthly meeting date and time so that information can be included in the Outreach.*



REAL GOD. REAL FAITH. REAL LIFE.

2014 Equipping Congregations Day, SW MN Synod

ALL ARE WELCOME! Congregation Members, Council Officers, Christian Educators, Worship & Youth Leaders, Pastors...Everyone!!

Saturday, February 22, 2014 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Vinje Lutheran Church, Willmar, MN

Speaker: **The Rev. Dr. David J. Lose**, The Marbury E. Anderson Assoc Prof of Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary will be speaking on Real World Faith: Meeting God in the Everyday. We will also hear from **Bishop Jon Anderson** of your Southwestern Minnesota Synod.

WORKSHOPS

You will be able to choose 3 workshops to attend throughout the day!

- Going Green
- Rethinking Church
- Faith in the Home
- Faith Practices for Everyday Life
- Insurance Uncovered
- Revising a Congregation's Constitution
- Forgiving God, Forgiving Self, Forgiving Others: The Power of Real Life
- What I Learned About Young Adults at Green Lake Bible Camp
- Gardening to Feed Our Families and Communities
- Worship For All Ages, By All Ages
- Congregation Leaders and Planning
- Internet Ministry: Do We Have To? Church Websites and Social Media for the Very Frightened
- What's up with the ELCA? - Interpreting the ELCA
- Becoming an Effective Treasurer
- Unbinding the Gospel: Why Share Our Christian Faith?
- Youth Ministry from a Youth's Perspective
- Vibrant Faith Ministries Resources
- "Inter-Sensory Worship: See, Hear, Touch, Smell and Design Your Worship Space"
- Safety Tips on a Sensitive Subject: Child Sexual Abuse
- Discovering Hope for Rural Congregations
- ELW Uncovered
- Healthy Congregations
- Meeting Our Muslim Neighbors
- Cross-Generational/Intergenerational Ministry
- Alternative to Sunday Morning
- Q&A with Guest Speaker David Lose

A complete workshop list with descriptions and leaders is available on our website.



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

SCHEDULE

8:30am	Registration
9:00	Hymn Sing
9:15	Welcome & Devotions
9:45	Part 1 - Rev. Dr. David Lose
10:35	Break
10:45	Workshop 1
11:35	Lunch
12:10pm	Heavenly Harvest Gospel Band
12:20	Faith Story - Bishop Jon Anderson
12:40	Break
12:50	Workshop 2
1:40	Break
1:50	Workshop 3
2:20	Break
2:50	Part 2 - Rev. Dr. David Lose
3:20	Blessing & Sending

GO TO WWW.SWMNELCA.ORG EVENTS PAGE TO REGISTER.

Registration fee includes all materials, refreshments and lunch.

BEFORE February 10:

Group Rate (no limit!):

- \$50/Congregations or Parishes with total average worship attendance of 100 or less
- \$100/Congregations or Parishes with total average worship attendance of 101 or more
- OR \$15/Person

AFTER February 10: \$25/person; NO Group Rates.

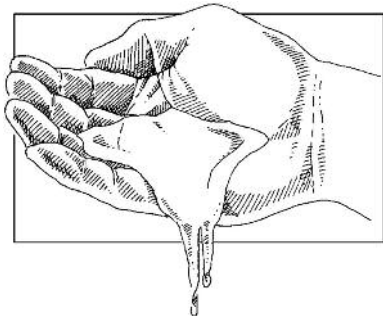
RECENTLY BAPTIZED & NEW MEMBERS

Lily Rose Litzau

We rejoice as Lily Rose Litzau, daughter of Scott Litzau & Brittney Hatch, was baptized at Immanuel January 19. Lily's sponsors are Melissa Litzau and Alicia Potter.

Lily's parents, Scott & Brittney, also became new members of Immanuel January 19. They will be recognized at our new member Sunday later in the spring. Welcome, Scott & Brittney!

God's blessings to Lily & her family!



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent families: remember to dedicate your Thrivent Choice dollars to a charity of your choosing. If you have not directed your funds by the end of March your Choice dollars will go back to Thrivent to be given as Thrivent chooses.

Call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 and say 'Thrivent Choice' when prompted.

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Doris Berscheid

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Doris Berscheid, who passed away December 19. Her memorial service was January 4 at Immanuel. May God bring comfort and peace during this time of grieving.

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Thank You!
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SECRET SANTA THANK YOU

A sincere thanks to the "Secret Santa" who provided Immanuel's children with many additional church activity bags, complete with toys, crayons, coloring books, puzzles, and more. We have been so blessed to have added so many young children to our congregation in recent months, and this was such a welcome gift! We may not know your name, but we know your heart! Thank you!

RECITAL THANK YOU

Thanks so much for your hospitality and the use of your beautiful church!

Mrs. (Mary) Benson

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FEBRUARY

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

- 2-2 Jason & Katey Rosenquist
- 2-7 Paul & Denise Hedberg
- 2-9 Arthur & Sandra Nelson
- 2-14 David & Joan Hedberg
- 2-25 Dean & Beth Nelson
- 2-26 Stanley & Mary Peterson
- 2-27 Dana & Krista Hedberg

HOMEBOUND LIST

Please remember these homebound people with a visit, a card, or a special prayer to bring a little added sunshine into their lives.

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- 2-1 Kristi Wareing
- 2-2 Jill Bengtson
- 2-3 Elaine Wothe
- Dennis Wallin
- Danny Petersen
- Brent Mahn
- 2-4 Steve Bomstad
- 2-5 Jennifer Schwartz
- 2-6 Elizabeth Litzau
- 2-7 Cody Blom
- 2-8 Lisa Schultz
- 2-9 Marty Kragenbring
- 2-10 Sandy Walsh
- Erin Hovey
- Heidi Hoekstra
- 2-11 Sheila Tanata
- Lily Hansen
- 2-12 Betty Stranberg
- Sandra Petersen
- Kirk Elton
- Anna Shoultz
- 2-14 Kathy Mahn
- 2-15 Lindsey Burns
- 2-16 Shirley Walsh
- Christa Forsythe
- 2-17 Donald Anderson
- Nathan Rimmel
- 2-19 Doug Anderson
- Shane Hagstrom
- Steven Fluck
- 2-20 Robert Carruthers
- 2-22 Gregg Kragenbring
- Caitlin Ehrenberg
- 2-23 Jeff Johnson
- Sarah Lease
- 2-25 Brian Hovey
- 2-26 Travis Christensen
- 2-27 Jean Stranberg
- Kim Anderson
- 2-28 Larry Rossell
- Grace Kaehler
- 2-29 Danita Hansen

Please remember to notify the church office of any corrections that should be made to birthdays, anniversaries, names, addresses, etc., so we can keep our files updated.
Thanks!

February *Assisting Schedule*

Ushers Sue Bohn, Lee Mickle
Dean Nelson, Dale Anderson

Communion Assistants

Feb 2 Melissa Rossell
23 Jolene Garberich

Lectors

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9 Shane Hagstrom
16 Peggy Starz
23 Lee Mickle

Greeters

Feb 2 Don & Kristine Anderson
9 Rolayne Beerman
16 Greg & Kim Holm
23 Roger & Robin Johnson

Acolytes

Feb 2 Kiara Rosenquist
9 Jayden Anderson
16 Taylor Bolton
23 Teri Evenson

Altar Guild

Pat & Sandy Walsh

Offering Counter

Dean Nelson

Coffee Hour Servers

Feb 2 Jerrel & Carol Hintz
Tiffany Hintz
Lance Rosenquist
9 Chuck & Jean Stranberg
Dan & Tricia Pirsig
16 Stranberg family
Walsh family
Gerald & Jennifer Schwartz
23 Blake & Lori Schroeder
Sue Bohn

March *Assisting Schedule*

Ushers Donald Anderson
John Hagstrom

Communion Assistants

Mar 2 Janet Rossell
23 Dennis Goehring

Lectors

Mar 2 Jacklyn Frericks
9 Shane Hagstrom
16 Dennis Goehring
23 Veda Stockland
30 Pat Walsh

Greeters

Mar 2 Kern & Denise Kragenbring
9 Justin & Jacklyn Frericks
16 Brian Evenson family
23 Veda Stockland
30 Larry & Sheryl Stranberg

Acolytes

Mar 2 Ryan Peterson
9 Skye Powers
16 Elizabeth Sherwood
23 Marie Chalupsky
30 Holly Hoekstra

Altar Guild

Jacklyn & Justin Frericks

Offering Counter

TBD

Coffee Hour Servers

Mar 2 Doug & Deb Hanson
Kern & Denise Kragenbring
9 Bob & Peggy Starz
Pat & Sandy Walsh
16 Lloyd & Kathy Mahn
23 Ross & Michelle Johnson
Roger & Robin Johnson
30 Mark & Lori Hutchinson
Dan & Cheryl Rouser