

INSIDE IMMANUEL



Faithful to God's Word – we receive, celebrate and share Jesus Christ.

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Gathering During Lent

So far have we come in the church year. We have journeyed together through the expectant hope of Advent marveling at the promise of the Father to send His only Son. We've celebrated the birth of our Savior amid candle-light and joyous song. From Christmas we traveled through Epiphany, that season of light. We've traced the wise men following the star, heard the call of disciples, and heard from our Lord that Sermon on the Mount. Lastly, hiked to the mountain to experience the transfiguration of Jesus, with the Father's voice speaking. Now we come down from that mountain to the valley of Lent.

We repent of sin and face the wages of sin on Ash Wednesday. Those ashes are a reminder that you are dust and to dust you shall return. During this somber time we focus on our need for the Christ, not just to be born, but to die. Advent and Christmas were not enough! Epiphany wasn't either. Jesus must be transfigured upon the cross into your sin. He must be the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome, on the tree. This was the hope we experienced in Advent, not just that the Savior would be born, but that He would do the work of saving sinners.

Throughout Lent we gather on Wednesday nights at 4 and 7 pm (with a meal between services). We pause from the things of this world to receive Jesus and contemplate all He has done for us. This year our midweek series

is the Passion Narrative. It follows this schedule:

March 4 - The Lord's Supper
 March 11 - Gethsemane
 March 18 - The Palace
 of the High Priest
 March 25 - The Praetorium
 April 1 - Calvary

We will hear the Passion narrative from the Gospels, being reminded of all that Jesus did that Thursday and Friday. This is fitting as we move into the holiest time of the church year; holy week. The focus on our sinfulness is not the end of Lent. We see also all that Jesus has done for us. He entered Jerusalem amid the joy of the people on Palm Sunday. He taught in the Temple that week for the sake of His disciples, the crowds, and us. He washed the disciples' feet and fed them His body and blood on Thursday. He was arrested and tried. He was beaten, mocked, and crowned with thorn. He carried the tree and was nailed hand and foot upon it. There He became your sin for you. He took the punishment meant for you from the Father. He was rejected, not just by men, but by His Father.

Through the suffering and death of Jesus are granted life. As you are joined to Jesus' death and you are forgiven. He has saved you. Even more He was raised up on the third day. You too shall rise from the dust of the grave as He did. You too shall live forever more in paradise. As Good Friday and Holy Saturday end we find

the resurrection joy of Easter. He has risen! Here is the proof that your sins are forgiven, and heaven is yours. All the promises of God are fulfilled. You see how much God loves you.

This is worth experiencing. As we travel through the church year you are invited to join us at Immanuel. Jesus comes among us to forgive our sins and strengthen our faith. As sinners, we still need this great comfort. Thus, this Lent we focus again on all that Jesus has done for us. How blessed we are as we, together, receive the gifts of God given through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

In Jesus Christ crucified,
 Pastor Boyer

**APRIL
 NEWSLETTER
 DEADLINE**

**SUNDAY,
 MARCH 15**

Easter Flowers



It's time to order your Easter plants.

Lillies - \$10

Daffodils (Yellow jonquil) - \$11

Hyacinths, Mums & Tulips - \$11

Azaleas & Hydrangeas - \$20

They can be ordered until Thursday, April 2 by calling Carol Truemner at 883-2391. Please make checks payable to Carol.

The plants can be picked up after the 10:30 am service on Easter Sunday until Tuesday, April 14. Look for your name on the back of the plant.

Treasurer's Report

MONTH OF JANUARY 2019

Receipts	\$ 50,191.25
Deficit/Reduct	5,310.00
Less Expenses	<u>-86,821.05</u>
Operating Income	-31,319.80
CTK Heat Project	<u>1,148.56</u>
Net Income	-30,171.24

CASH IN BANK & ON HAND

General Fund Checking	\$ 38,234.57
CTK Heating Savings	28,390.05
Restricted Savings	61,656.07
Total	\$128,280.69

Obligations	
Loan Payable – Heat	112,696.80
Earmarked Funds	96,953.76
Total	\$209,650.56

Funds to fulfill liability & earmarked funds **\$ -81,369.87**

LWML News

Lutheran Women's Missionary League has begun a new season of quilting on Tuesdays from 9-10:30 am in the church basement. New joiners are welcome. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship while tying quilts for Orphan Grain Train.

LAYETTE COLLECTION DURING LENT

During the Lenten season each week, items for Layette Kits will be received in the Orphan Grain Train box by the church office.

Beginning the week of:

3/01: new baby bottles

3/08: pacifiers

3/15: travel size baby wipes

3/22: sleepers

3/29: onesies

Please watch the bulletin for reminders!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring Rally: Tuesday, April 28, 5:30 pm, Good Shepherd, Cass City.

Day of Prayer: Tuesday, May 19, 6 pm, St Peter, Bach with St John, Kilmanagh co-hosting.

Fall Rally: Saturday, October 17, 10 am, St Paul, Unionville with St Paul, Linkville, co-hosting.

Retreat: Date to be announced.

Endowment & Capital Fund Free Luncheon March 29

The ECF Committee invites everyone to join us for lunch in the Great Room following the 10:30am Service. Lunch will be served approximately 12:30 pm, or shortly thereafter as soon as

everyone can be seated. There will be a short information session following lunch. The purpose is to inform our congregation of the many benefits associated with the Fund for Immanuel, both personally and spiritually.

Beginning March 1, sign up sheets will be available in the weekly church bulletins or you can call the church office, 883-3050. Seating will be limited, so please sign up as soon as possible to guarantee a seat. The ECF Committee looks forward to seeing you there for this wonderful opportunity to hear first-hand about the many ways to support our Church and School.

If you have any questions, please contact Troy Strieter, Treasurer, or Jim Bratton, Chairman. In Christ, the ECF Committee.

Official Acts

DEATHS

02/11 Ellen Volz

02/13 Tom Koch

New Church Giving App!

We are excited to share with you a new way to give to the church - GivePlus Church is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download the app for free and start donating today! Thank you for supporting the church. Questions, contact Lorene Zagata, 989-553-0643.

CTK School News

SCRIP Going somewhere for Spring Break...??? Don't forget to stock up on scrip cards! Check out shopwithscrip.com for a complete list. We can order any of the cards listed. There are hotels, cruise lines and airline gift cards!

OUR BASKETBALL teams played in the TCLL tournament last weekend. The boys played Bethlehem, Saginaw in the first round. A hard fought game, but came up short, losing 17-43. A great effort and season by the boys! The Girls team also played Bethlehem, Saginaw. Ahead at halftime, tied at the end of regulation, but losing in overtime, what an exciting game! The final score of 27-31. Great game Lady Knights!

TRACK We are still in need of a track coach for this year. Contact Mrs Gremel if you are interested.

Don't Forget To Direct Your Choice Dollars

Have you directed all of your 2019 designated Thrivent Choice Dollars?

Eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans have until Tuesday, March 31, 2020, to direct any remaining 2019 Choice Dollars. After that date, the unused Choice Dollars expire.

Choice Dollars are part of Thrivent Choice. Through this Thrivent Financial charitable grant program, members can recommend where Thrivent Financial

distributes part of its charitable grant funds each year.

Choice Dollars can be directed among thousands of Lutheran organizations, including our church and school.

Act soon, before 2019 Choice Dollars expire. Help support what matters most to you by directing Choice Dollars. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-847-4836.

Good Friday Music Scenes from Christ's Final Hours

This year on Good Friday (7 pm) the Adoration choir and instrumentalists will share four short pieces. Each piece will reflect a scene in the final hours of Christ's earthly suffering.

There's the Garden of Gethsemane where the disciples fell asleep and left him alone. No support there for their leader! Then there's the mob which wanted so badly to kill Jesus, yelling and screaming for his death. Crucify him! And when Christ uttered his last words, the curtain of the temple was torn, there was a great earthquake, graves broke open, and darkness covered the earth. What a terrible and frightening time that was! How would you have felt if you were there at the time? Just think for a few seconds about that.

The four scenes will be portrayed musically at the 7 pm Good Friday service. I look forward to seeing everyone for this prayerful and moving service. Barbara Bleck

Save the Date - Sat, May 9!



4th Annual Dusty Club Golf Scramble will be Saturday, May 9 at Scenic Golf & Country Club. More details to come!

Memorial & Gifts

GENERAL FUND

IN MEMORY OF HARVEY BILLY

Kitty Ricker
MM Randy Ewald

IN MEMORY OF ELLEN VOLZ

MM Randy Ewald
Jack Buehler
Judy Halstead
Virginia Nitz

Barbara Neuman
MM Bernie Hoeh
MM Dave Wiltse
Alice Pommerenke

IN MEMORY OF TOM KOCH

Jack Buehler
MM Ken Rink
MM Larry Prich
MM Dave Koch
MM Bob Wiltse
Lynn Schulz
MM Don Stecker
Sarah Kemp
MM Wayne Goebel
MM Don Jahr
MM Gordon Pommerenke

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MM Jim Schulz
 MM Dan Sweetman
 Scott Jahr
 MM Don Koch
 Lorraine Kuhl
 Rhoda Bolzman
 Ron Winter
 MM Mike Zagata
 MM John Schulz
 MM Ted Leipprandt
 MM Arnie Karr
 MM Norman Kuhl
 Kemp Tiling
 Dorothy Gruehn
 MM Mel Balzer
 Wave Vermeersch
 Roger Fritz
 MM Don Wichert
 Jim Bratton
 MM Tom Williamson
 Mark Bauer
 MM Jim Bauer
 MM Terry Haag
 MM Pat Stecker
 MM Alan Bierlein
 MM Paul Crumm & family
 MM Roger Engelhardt
 MM Mark Zimmer
 MM Tom McBrayer
 Wayne Tabar
 MM Paul Burdon
 Ron Irrer
 MM Ken Fuerst
 MM Tom Sting
 Tim & Cindy Smith
 MM Webster Tally
 MM Brian Maust & family
 MM Howard Fiebig
 MM Mike Zimmer
 MM Don Holland
 MM Dave Wiltse
 MM Mark Krauss
 James DeSimpelare
 MM Tom Strieter
 Beatrice Elenbaum
 Aldine Fiebig
 MM Jim Calopisis
 Alice Pommerenke

CTK SCHOOL**IN MEMORY OF SHARON RADABAUGH**

MM Gerald Nusz – scholarship

IN MEMORY OF MARIE YODER

Carol Mammel – scholarship

IN MEMORY OF JOHN BLAKE

MM Jim Bunke - scholarship

IN MEMORY OF ELLEN VOLZ

Carol Mammel – scholarship
 MM Dan Beringer - scholarship
IN MEMORY OF TOM KOCH
 MM Dave Good
 Roger Ewald
 MM Andy Irion
 MM John Pitcher
 MM Ed Kemp
 Greg Lupp
 MM Kendall Stoeckle
 MM George Rierson
 MM Jim Engelhardt
 Vern Winter
 Jim & Cindy Gremel
 MM Kim Gainforth
 MM Dave Martens
 Mike & Sherry Gaeth
 MM Wayne VanBevern
 MM Bill Weidner
 Hoss Radabaugh
 Toni Bolzman
 Joyce Jahr
 Deb Zimmer
 MM Dennis Haist
 MM Ed LaBair
 MM Jim Hofmeister
 Maxine Gainforth
 MM Steve Gremel – 4th grade
 MM Mike Eisengruber
 Matt Eisengruber
 Doreen Schnitker
 Lou LaPrairie
 Marilyn Thede
 MM Keith Strieter
 Kunding Brothers farm
 MM Warren Reithel
 MM Roger Gremel
 Roger Neuman
 MM Neil Gaeth
 MM Mark Janke
 MM Gary Marxhausen
 MM John Matthews
 MM Fred Gregory
 MM Craig Rieman
 MM Wayne Lassiter
 MM Brent Vermeersch
 MM Jordan Bolzman
 MM Dan Beringer - scholarship
 MM Ron Tabar
 MM Terry Werschky
 MM Nick McCreedy
 Joan Walz
 MM Gerald Nusz – scholarship
 MM Bryce Kunding
 MM Richard Retzler
 MM Bob Adlam
IN MEMORY OF HARRY AVERY
 MM Gerald Nusz – scholarship

**IN HONOR OF THE 90th BIRTHDAY
OF CURTIS & DOROTHY BOLZMAN**

MM Gerald Nusz – scholarship

MARY MARTHA GUILD**IN MEMORY OF ELLEN VOLZ**

MM Rod Truemmer

RADIO MISSION**IN MEMORY OF ELLEN VOLZ**

Tim & Cindy Smith and family

MM Ken Rink

Kathy Millerwise

MM Glenn Vogel

Susan Gremel

Fran Davis

MM Scott Millerwise

MM Marvin Heim

MM Larry Dressler

MM Stephen Glaza & family

IN MEMORY OF TOM KOCH

Tom & Bonnie Haag

MUSIC FUND**IN MEMORY OF ELLEN VOLZ**

MM Marvin Heim

Nancy Nieschulz

Rhoda Bolzman

Wayne Volz

Brian & Jeremy Volz

Debbie Highway

Pam Dutcher

Neva Finkbeiner

MM Dave Sharpsteen

MM David Koons

MM Tim Kubacki

MM Mike Zagata

Joan Walz

IN MEMORY OF TOM KOCH

Ev Adam

ORGAN FUND**IN MEMORY OF ELLEN VOLZ**

MM Marvin Heim

IN MEMORY OF TOM KOCH

Barb & June Armbruster

MM Mike Horst

CTK HEATING**IN MEMORY OF****RUPERT & CHARLOTTE WALZ**

Trudy Packard

IN MEMORY OF ELLEN VOLZ

Mary Bauer

IN MEMORY OF TOM KOCH

MM Larry Dressler

MM Rod Truemmer

Fran Davis

MM Vic Engelhardt

March Birthdays

MARCH 1

Walter Gremel
Thomas Haag
Brandon Kunding

MARCH 2

Allison Dickson
Ken Engelhardt
Jayda Geiger
Amanda Roggenbuck

MARCH 3

Lance Beringer
Christine Engelhardt
Nancy Stecker

MARCH 4

Jim Bratton
Emma Kauffold
Louis LaPrairie
Emily Meek

MARCH 5

Debra Krauss
Isabella Mammel
John Volz

MARCH 6

Caleb Brink
Gweneth Hahn
Kennedy Kemp
Amber Kranz

MARCH 7

Melinda Driscoll
Grayson Heckroth
Carol Heidt

MARCH 8

No Birthdays

MARCH 9

No Birthdays

MARCH 10

Jason Haag
Wendy Schwartz
Jacob Sting

MARCH 11

Jason Smith

MARCH 12

Warren Beers
Annette Carson
Jo Jubar

MARCH 13

Kayden Driscoll
Elaine Wildman

MARCH 14

No Birthdays

MARCH 15

John Carideo
Steven Millerwise
Carol Truemner
Raelynn Vermeersch
Terry Werschky
Lorene Zagata

MARCH 16

Mary Bauer
Janice Holland

MARCH 17

Patsy Aguilera
Ethel Lindeman
Shirley Sherman
Kristy Williamson

MARCH 18

Marci Rievert

MARCH 19

Bailey Fritz
Donnel Holland
Todd Lutz

MARCH 20

Craig Engelhardt
Norma Kemp
Traci Kuhl
Cyriel Reige
Madison Reithel
Bennett Weber

MARCH 21

Barbara Gunsell
Leann Holland
Eugene Kata
Owen Kauffold
Kirk Payne
Breanna Polega
Matthew Rievert
Paul Strieter
Olivia Williamson

MARCH 22

Paul Crumm

MARCH 23

Howard Fiebig

MARCH 24

Janet Dutcher
Hailey Eremia
Maxine Kauffold
Gail Wilson
Peg Wissner

MARCH 25

Katie Krauss
Patricia Seabrook
Ronald Winter

MARCH 26

Sharon Bauer

MARCH 27

LeEtta Bohn
Caleb Smith
Allen Welther

MARCH 28

Bradley Neu
Marc'L Neumann
Todd Rievert
Cameron Teeples

MARCH 29

Shaun Gremel
Madeleine Payton

MARCH 30

Patrick Gregory
Karissa McKellar
Nashia Roberts

MARCH 31

Kenneth Walz

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2020</h1>						
1 8:00 WORSHIP/C-9 9:15 SS & BC 10:30 WORSHIP-1 FPU-1	2 Finance-5:30 MON WORSHIP-6:30 Elders-7:30	3 Quilting-9 am Pub Sch Conf-6 Men's Ensemble-6 Stephen Min-6:30 Adoration-7	4 Men's Breakfast-7 Chapel-8:05 ABC-9:30 LENTEN SERVICES 4 & 7 pm <i>Groups 2 & 3 usher</i> Meager Meal Bells-5:30	5 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon School Board-6:30 @ Sebewaing	6 CTK Early Release- 11:20 am	7
8 8:00 WORSHIP-4 9:15 SS (Friendship Sun) & BC 10:30 WORSH/C-5 FPU-1	9 Finance-5:30 MON WOR/C-6:30 Trustees-6:30 Evan & Stew-7 Church Council-7:45	10 Quilting-9 am Pub Sch Conf-6 Men's Ensemble-6 Adoration-7	11 Men's Breakfast-7 ABC-9:30 LENTEN SERVICES 4 & 7 pm <i>Groups 6 & 7 usher</i> Meager Meal Bells-5:30	12 Chapel-8:05 am Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon CTK Early Release-1 MMG-7	13	14
15 8:00 WORSHIP/C-8 9:15 SS & BC 10:30 WORSHIP-9 FPU-1	16 Finance-5:30 MON WORSHIP-6:30	17 Quilting-9 am Devos at Medallion Village-10:30 Pub Sch Conf-6 Men's Ensemble-6 Adoration-7	18 Men's Breakfast-7 Chapel-8:05 ABC-9:30 LENTEN SERVICES 4 & 7 pm <i>Groups 1 & 2 usher</i> Meager Meal Bells-5:30	19 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	20	21
22 8:00 WORSHIP-3 9:15 SS & BC 10:30 WORSH/C-4 FPU-1	23 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK March 23-27 Finance-5:30 MON WOR/C-6:30	24 Quilting-9 am Pub Sch Conf-6 Men's Ensemble-6 Adoration-7	25 Men's Breakfast-7 Chapel-8:05 ABC-9:30 LENTEN SERVICES 4 & 7 pm <i>Groups 5 & 6 usher</i> Meager Meal Bells-5:30	26 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	27	28
29 8:00 WORSHIP/C-7 9:15 SS & BC 10:30 WORSHIP-8 Endowment Info Meal-12 Noon FPU-1	30 School Resumes-7:55 Finance-5:30 MON WORSHIP-6:30	31 Quilting-9 am Pub Sch Conf-6 Men's Ensemble-6 Adoration-7				