

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement

Our Mission is to Honor God, by sharing His love, living in Christ, and serving our community.



The greatest reward for serving others is the satisfaction found in your own heart.



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Turn Back To God!

In my message at Audrey's funeral, I recalled a conversation she and I had. Curious about what people were thinking when a Deacon became their pastor, I asked Audrey what the congregation was saying about that. Her briefly-considered response was, "Well, we were just glad to have someone to remind us." Indeed, we humans forget and need to be reminded.



Ann enjoys listening to Joyce Meyer, who has been a TV evangelist for four decades. One day this week she spoke of "stirring ourselves up." She pointed out that we have good times and bad times. We tend to turn away from God in good times and back to him in bad times. It is at times like this current pandemic that we need to stir ourselves up and turn back to God for a twofold reason.

February 17 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. In that 40-day season we will again be reminded of two things; first, of our sinful nature and second, our need to return to God. That will prepare us for the joy of Easter Morning when we will again be reminded, "He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!" During Lent we are reminded of our brokenness and our need for repentance. It is a time of preparation and a call to return to God.



This year, as in Advent, our Wednesday evening Lenten services will be recorded. I'll again send an e-mail when they are available on our web site. It would be nice to have a service with the imposition of ashes but that would involve close proximity and me touching you and then touching someone else. Therefore, we look forward to the Ash Wednesday service in 2022 with great anticipation.

I did hear some good news today. Dr. Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said he was hopeful that we'd be "singing in church by mid-Fall." I don't know exactly when mid-Fall is but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Dear LORD, so let it be!

Shalom to all. Pastor Larry

The 2020 annual statements of giving are ready to be distributed. Our plan is to distribute them on February 7th at the First Sunday Communion service to save the cost of mailing them. However, if you would like your copy sooner, please call Linda at the office and ask her to mail yours or stop by the office to pick it up.

Thanks for your understanding.

Scripture Readings For February

Season	Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
	Feb. 7	Fifth S. a. the Epiphany	Is. 40:21-31	Psalm 147:1-11	1 Cor. 9:16-27	Mark 1:29-39
	Feb. 14	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	2 Kings 2:1-12 or Ex. 34:29-35	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Cor. 3:12-13 (14-18); 4:1-6	Mark 9:2-9
ASH WEDNESDAY	Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-19	Psalm 51:1-13 (14-19)	2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10	Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21
LENT	Feb. 21	First S. in Lent	Gen. 22:1-18	Psalm 25:1-10	James 1:12-18	Mark 1:9-15
	Feb. 28	Second S. in Lent	Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalm 22:23-31	Rom. 5:1-11	Mark 8:27-38

Those reading in February

	2/6/2021	2/13/2021	2/20/2021	2/27/2021
Jim Marshall	X			
Priscilla Stratton	X			
Ann Capps		X		
Debbie Graham		X		
Ann Oliver			X	
Karen Bischopink			X	
Gary Yon				X
Sharon Yon				X

If you cannot participate on Saturday for that Sunday service, please let me know, so I can reschedule someone else in your place.



February Birthdays

- Kent Grill 2/5
- Pastor Larry Oliver..... 2/7
- Shirley Grill 2/8
- Carrie Graham 2/9
- Taylor Veith 2/16
- Pamela Graham 2/18
- Bruce Wheeler..... 2/18
- Gleaman Burks 2/26



February Anniversaries

- Dave & Connie Engel..... 2/14
- Keith & Carmelita Moore 2/14

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A THANK YOU FROM DOLORES

Thank you, brothers and sisters for your donations, both monetary and material, to our 2020 homeless outreach. The outreach event has been completed very successfully but the plight of the homeless continues on. Now we move on to 2021. We only have **10 months** left to get ready for Christmas 2021 so please keep the outreach in mind when you clean out closets and drawers and have extra change left over..... LOL.....drop all donations off at church and the committee will take care of the rest. Thank you again soooooo much.



The homeless outreach committee ❤️ ☐

THAT MOMENT WHEN YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE ELDERLY AND REALIZE THAT YOU ARE THE ELDERLY. 😂



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For A Contented Life

- HEALTH** enough to make work a pleasure.
- WEALTH** enough to support your needs.
- STRENGTH** to battle with difficulties and overcome them.
- GRACE** enough to confess your sins and forsake them.
- PATIENCE** enough to toil until some good is accomplished.
- CHARITY** enough to see some good in your neighbor.
- LOVE** enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others.
- FAITH** enough to make real the things of God.
- HOPE** enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

Johann W. von Goethe

