

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.



There are no hopeless situations; there are only men who have grown hopeless about them.

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The Sign of the Cross

Not long ago Ann and I were having lunch at a local sandwich shop. I was sitting facing people as they headed for the exit. I noticed one woman looking rather intently at me as she headed to the exit. As she continued she began walking slower and ultimately came to a complete stop still staring. After a brief second she said, "Do you love Jesus?"

"Yes, I do," I replied.

"I am a Christian too," she said and went on to bemoan that current society is moving away from Christianity.

What provoked this impromptu conversation? The woman had noticed the cross I was wearing. Now please don't conclude that I am bragging about wearing a cross because I don't always, but this day I had just come from the office.

The point of this is that we have had conversations about how we reach out to the community. Consider that something as simple as wearing a cross might be the stimulus for a conversation with someone or perhaps

just to let others know that there *are* indeed Christians in the world.

However, along with that identification comes responsibility. Paul says in Colossians 4, "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let

your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

Courteous conduct honors Christ. When you surrender a parking place to someone, you honor Him. When you offer a friendly greeting to a stranger you

honor Him.

Those who don't believe take note of what we do and say. They make decisions about Christ by watching us. When we're kind, they assume Christ is kind. When we're gracious, they assume Christ is gracious. But when we're grumpy or judgmental they assume the same about Christ.

It is said that younger generations are respectful of older generations; they might just have a question that your wisdom can answer. Consider wearing your cross every day.

Pastor Larry Oliver



Prayer is talking something over with God, rather than trying to talk God out of something.

Scripture Readings For February

Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
Feb. 3	Fourth S. a. the Epiphany	<u>Jer. 1:4-10</u>	<u>Psalms 71:1-6 (7-11)</u>	<u>1 Cor. 12:31b-13:13</u>	Luke 4:31-44
Feb. 10	Fifth S. a. the Epiphany	<u>Is. 6:1-8 (9-13)</u>	<u>Psalms 138</u>	<u>1 Cor. 14:12b-20</u>	Luke 5:1-11
Feb. 17	Sixth S. a. the Epiphany	<u>Jer. 17:5-8</u>	<u>Psalms 1</u>	<u>1 Cor. 15:(1-11) 12-20</u>	Luke 6:17-26
Feb. 24	Seventh S. a. the Epiphany	<u>Gen. 45:3-15</u>	<u>Psalms 103:1-13</u>	<u>1 Cor. 15:21-26, 30-42</u>	Luke 6:27-38

February Serving Schedule

Dates	Elder	Greeter	Reader	Server	Altar Guild	Counting Team
3-Feb	Keith Moore	Gary & Sharon Yon	Jim Marshall	Debbie Graham	Debbie Graham & Linda Tedisch	Gary Yon
10-Feb	Gleaman Burks	Jim & Nita Marshall	Jeanne Butler	Gary & Sharon Yon		
17-Feb	Jim Marshall	Karen Bishopink	Debbie Graham	Karen Bishopink		
24-Feb	Keith Moore	Marv & Fran Jacob	Linda Tedisch	Velma Bariletti		



February Birthdays

Kent Grill.....2/5
 Pastor Larry Oliver.....2/7
 Shirley Grill.....2/8
 Carrie Graham2/9
 Pamela Graham2/18
 Gleaman Burks2/26

February Anniversaries

David & Connie Engel2/14
 Keith & Carmelita Moore.....2/14

About 10 o'clock one cold February morning a man was in bed sound asleep. His mother came into the room. "Son, it's time to get up. You gotta get ready for church," she implored. "I'm too tired. Leave me alone," he said. "Son, you gotta get up and get ready for church." "I'm not going to church. Give me one good reason why I have to go to church," he protested. "I'll give you two good reasons: one, it's Sunday and two, you're the pastor!"

Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn . . .	Crown Him with Many Crowns.
Weatherman's Hymn . . .	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.
Contractor's Hymn . . .	The Church's One Foundation.
Tailor's Hymn . . .	Holy, Holy, Holy.
Golfer's Hymn . . .	There's a Green Hill Far Away.
Politician's Hymn . . .	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn. . .	Open My Eyes That I Might See.
IRS Agent's Hymn . . .	I Surrender All.
Gossip's Hymn . . .	Pass It On.
Electrician's Hymn . . .	Send The Light..
Shopper's Hymn . . .	Sweet Bye and Bye.
Realtor's Hymn . . .	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.
Massage Therapist's Hymn.	He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph . . .	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph . . .	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph . . .	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph . . .	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph . . .	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

His Love Is Always Near

Now the earth is where we live today
and we must serve God here,
For He watches us from way up there
and His love is always near,
And it doesn't really matter
if we are here or there,
For we are all a part of God
and God is everywhere,
And each time you do a kindness,
God smiles and blesses you,
For in serving those around us
we serve and please Him, too.

Helen Steiner Rice



*Love is patient and kind;
love is not jealous or boast-
ful' it is not arrogant or
rude. Love does not insist
on its own way; it is not irri-
table or resentful; it does not
rejoice at wrong, but rejoices
in the right. Love bears all
things, hopes all things,
endures all things.*

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons.

But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor... It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 or more meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this ... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing... God is UP to something!
Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

Thanks to Elder Jim Marshall for this contribution



February 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 NA Meeting 7:00 pm	2 Men's Meeting 9:00 a.m.
3	4	5 LWML 1:00 p.m.	6	7 Ladies Bible Study 10:00	8 NA Meeting 7:00 pm	9
10	11	12 Elder's Mtg. 5:30 pm Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	13	14 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am	15 NA Meeting 7:00 pm	16
17	18	19	20	21 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am	22 NA Meeting 7:00 pm	23
24	25	26	27	28 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am		



ONGOING MEETING DATES:

Men's Monthly	1st Sat. 9:00 a.m.
Ladies Guild	1st Tues. 1 p.m.
Elders	2nd Tues. 5:30 p.m.
Council Meeting	2nd Tues. 7 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study	Thurs. 10 a.m.
NA Meeting	Friday 7 p.m.

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