

# 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 is no  
U-Haul  
behind a hearse.  
(You can't take  
it with you!)*

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## This Too Shall Pass!

As I considered what to write about the new year and our current situation, I was reminded of a book that I read years ago. It was written for people in sales whose incomes wax and wane with the economy and people's ability to make purchases. The take-away from that book was the expression "This, too, shall pass." It's applicability to the struggles of 2020 is obvious. Some people think it is from the Bible but it isn't. Others attribute the saying to Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln never took credit for that statement although he did say this about the phrase in an 1859 speech: "It is said an Eastern monarch once charged his wise men to invent a sentence which would be true and appropriate in all times and situations. They presented him with the words, "And this, too, shall pass away."



Indeed, that has been my experience in this world. Whatever *is* at any given time will "pass away" into something else. Dry years pass away into wet years. Times of plenty pass away into lean times. Profitable years pass away into years of loss. What is now, will not be in the future.

A recent Wired Word topic discussed this phrase and pared it with these words Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians in chapter 4:

**"We know that the same God who brought the LORD Jesus back from death will bring us back to life again. . . . That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our inner strength in the LORD is growing every day. These troubles and sufferings of ours are, after all, quite small and won't last very long. . . . The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever." (TLB)**

We can live by Paul's words and apply them to the decidedly inconvenient times of most of 2020 and hopefully not more than the first half of 2021. While our human bodies are aging and becoming more fragile; the spirit of God within us is getting stronger and preparing us for the eternity which is to come. We don't have faith in what we can see; we have faith in what we cannot see. May your faith grow ever stronger in 2021.

*Pastor Larry Oliver*

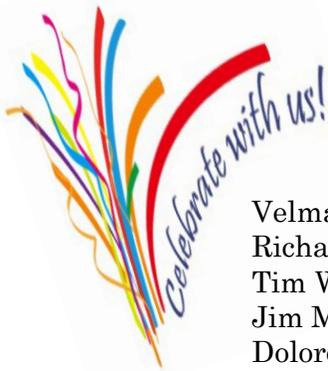
## Scripture Readings For January

Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
Jan 3	Second Sunday a. Christmas	1 Kings 3:4-15	Psalms 119: 97-104	Eph 1: 3-14	Luke 2:40-52
Jan. 10	The Baptism of Our Lord	Gen. 1:1-5	Psalms 29	Rom. 6:1-11	Mark 1:4-11
Jan. 17	Second S. a. the Epiphany	1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20)	Psalms 139:1-10	1 Cor. 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Jan. 24	Third S. a. the Epiphany	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalms 62	1 Cor. 7:29-31 (32-35)	Mark 1:14-20
Jan. 31	Fourth S. a. the Epiphany	Deut. 18:15-20	Psalms 111	1 Cor. 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

## Those reading in January

	1/3/2021	1/10/2021	1/17/2021	1/24/2021	1/31/2021
<b>Ann Capps</b>	X				
<b>Debbie Graham</b>	X				
<b>Ann Oliver</b>		X			
<b>Karen Bishopink</b>		X			
<b>Gary Yon</b>			X		
<b>Sharon Yon</b>			X		
<b>Jeanne Butler</b>				X	
<b>Keith Moore</b>				X	
<b>Caryl Anderson</b>					X
<b>Cathy Bradford</b>					X

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



### January Birthdays

- Velma Bariletti ..... 1/9
- Richard Grill ..... 1/14
- Tim Waldron ..... 1/14
- Jim Marshall ..... 1/22
- Dolores Grinden ..... 1/28

### January Anniversaries

- Marv & Fran Jacob ..... 1/1/1954
- Dennis & Karen Hewitt .... 1/11/1985



## A THANK YOU FROM DOLORES

Dolores Grinden would like you to say **THANK YOU** for all the generous donation you provided for her mission to the homeless. She would like to report that we served 225 people this year, including about 30 kids. She said the whole experience, from the wonderful donations to the party and passing out the gifts was **Heartwarming**. She said she was able to personalize the gifts, so that each recipient was called by name and received their gift with their name on it.



She also wanted you to know that she has established 2 consignment accounts in resale shops in Albany. One of the accounts has amounted to \$177 for the year. The other account has amounted to \$146 in only 2 months time.

Another reminder, just to let you know, please continue to bring your donations to the church.

## PERSPECTIVE

To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old.



*Oliver Wendell Holmes*

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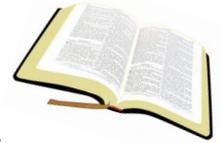
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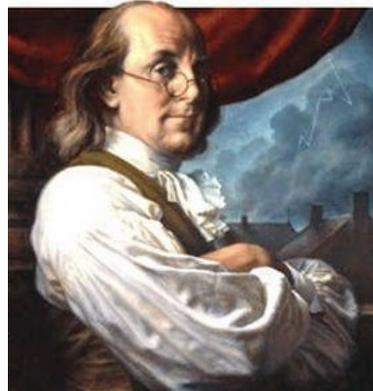
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## John 3:16



1. God — the greatest lover.
2. So loved — the greatest degree.
3. The world — the greatest company.
4. That He gave — the greatest act.
5. His only begotten Son — the greatest gift.
6. That whosoever — the greatest opportunity.
7. Believeth — the greatest simplicity.
8. In Him — the greatest attraction.
9. Should not perish — the greatest promise.
10. But — the greatest difference.
11. Have — the greatest certainty.
12. Eternal life — the greatest possession.

*Davies*



## IF Only . . .

I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth - that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground

without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that 'except the Lord building the House they labour in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel: I therefore beg leave to move — that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business. . .

*Benjamin Franklin,  
Second Continental Congress (1775)*