

*IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
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If you have anything for the March Newsletter, please get it to Brenda by February 25th.



Grace & Peace : From the Pastor's Desk



1 John 4:20-21: “Those who say, ‘I love God,’ and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.”

Here we are, February, the month we celebrate love. What a difficult day Valentine’s Day is for some people. Valentine’s Day superimposes the idea that everyone is happily in love with another person when the fact is there are grown adults who never have experienced the kind of love implicitly expected to be in everyone’s life. Then there are people who may have gone through a terrible divorce and feel as though there is no such thing as the type of love Valentine’s Day promotes. Or they may have experienced a deep love for someone who has passed away. We truly need to be careful about how we celebrate a day that causes so much pain for so many people.

Instead, we as Christ followers, concentrate on the love God has for all people, and that we too are to have for others. For, as 1st John 4:20-21 says, if we can not love the people whom we can see then how can we love God?

To love doesn’t necessarily mean you must like a person. I remember an old Beatle’s song, “I don’t like you, but I love you.” The rest of the song goes into a type of love that Valentine’s Day celebrates, but the point made in this one statement is absolutely true... you do not have to like a person to love them with the love of God. Even people who seem evil to the core are loved by God, God deeply desires them to turn away from evil and return to ways that are not self-serving and cause others harm. In other words, God wants them, as God wants us, to live out of love.

Why? Because God is love. And to claim to be Christ followers we too must live out of love. Our love looks past the personalities of others to the promises of heaven. Looking toward the promises of heaven doesn’t mean we can ignore our actions in our life here on earth. It means we live to a different standard, that of loving those who are unloving. We love those who will never love us. Love freely given grows; a person can never run out of love when it is the love of God. We love because God loves us, even when we do not deserve that love. Knowing that we are born of God, and going back to God, we love those whom we might otherwise find impossible to love.

So this month celebrate love, the type of love that the world cannot understand, because as followers of Jesus we are in the world but not of the world.

As always I am available and enjoy hearing from you. I’m normally in the office Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. The office phone number is 814-833-4062, or you can just stop by. I can always be reached on my cell phone 724-557-2386. Please leave a message if I don’t answer.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Karen





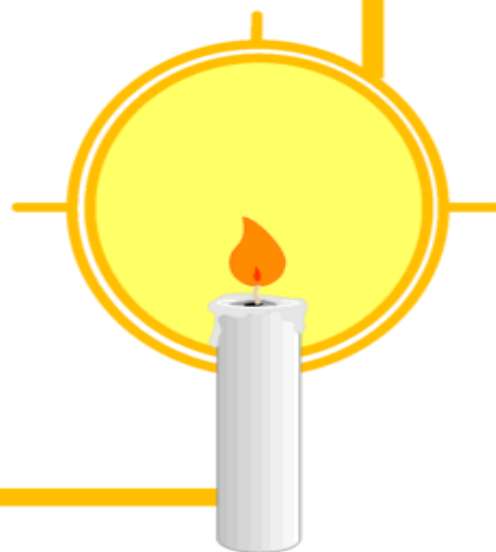
Please be sure to bring your candle to worship on Sunday, February 2nd for a blessing. We would like to see everyone participate.

BLESSING OF CANDLES

Simeon calls Jesus "a light to enlighten the Gentiles." Accordingly this day was made into Candlemas, a feast of candles. The warm candlelight is meant to be a tangible reminder of that greater light which, for and beyond all time, radiates from the figure of Jesus. We are reminded of the need to be prepared to burn brightly ourselves in the midst of this dark world. We take a light away this morning, it is not our own light, no light of our own would be bright enough, rather it is the light of Christ. The light which at the beginning of creation shined in the darkness and which no darkness could overcome. Jesus was a light to lighten the gentiles, all the nations and races and culture of people. Bless these candles Lord, that through the prayer we offer as we light them, your light may shine brightly in our lives.

The Candlemas Prayer

Lord God, you are the source of everlasting light.
Your son, our beloved Lord Jesus
was presented in the temple 40 days after his birth.
He was recognized by Simeon and Anna,
and welcomed as the promised Messiah.
May we like them, behold the glory of the Lord Jesus.
Grant that we may stand before you
with hearts cleansed by your forgiving love.
May we serve you all our days
and make your name known
as we worship you as our Lord.
So may we come by your grace
to eternal life .
Amen.



recipe.

2025 Annual Soup-Off February 9th!!

Are you ready for the competition for the best soup chef of 2025??

Chefs are needed to participate in this year's Soup-Off. Get creative and show us a soup that is new or something from years ago that people have forgotten about! Is there a tried and true "secret family recipe" that you want to submit?? Do you have your granny's old cookbook from the 1800's that has an interesting recipe in it that you have always wanted to try but never have? NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT!!!

Hey, why not use your Immanuel Family as your guinea pig? This is the perfect opportunity!

Get crazy, get creative but whatever you do, enter this year's contest to see if you can beat out the competition.

A recipe booklet will be compiled of all of the 2025 soup submissions. I know you want your recipe and your name in this booklet.

HAPPY COOKING AND GOOD LUCK!!!

We REALLY need some cooks!! Please get signed up TODAY!!



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FRIDAY NIGHT GAME NIGHT!!

Beginning the first Friday in February, Immanuel will start game night. Game night will be from 7-9 pm every Friday!! (At 1002 Powell Avenue)

Invite your friends and family and come out for a fun filled time!

For more information you can call the church at 814-833-4062. We really hope to see you here!
EVERYONE is WELCOME!



Monday Night Ladies Book Club

April 7th we will be starting a Monday Night Book Club for ladies. It will meet from 7-9 pm biweekly.

The first book is "Now I See You" a mystery authored by Shannon Work. Get your book ordered today! During this cold weather, what better way to spend your day than reading and enjoying a cup of hot tea?

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us in a social gathering to discuss interesting books!

Worship and Music



Thursday's at noon. Come and join us!

Don't forget that Quarter Sunday is the first Sunday of each month.



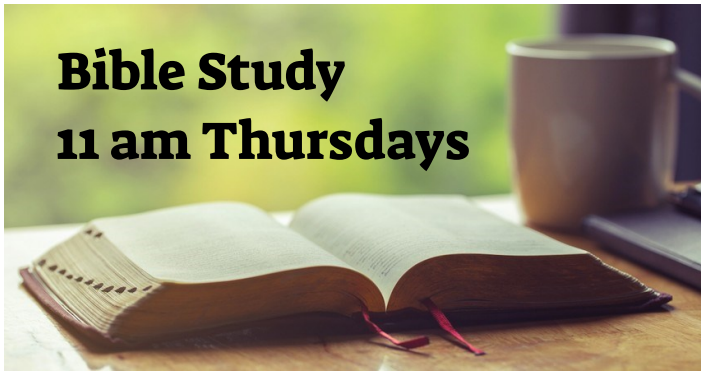
The first Sunday of every month is Coffee Hour following worship. Pop in the lounge after worship to share some laughs and conversation with your Immanuel Family. See you there!



Join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Everyone is welcome!



Bible Study
11 am Thursdays



Please join us for Bible Study as Pastor Karen explores the book of Genesis with us.

EVERYONE is welcome!! 11 am Thursdays. We would love to see you join in.



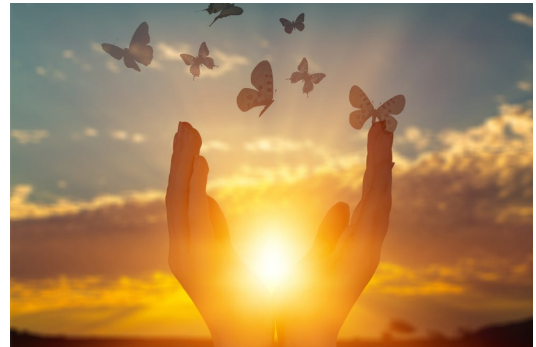
The Social Ministry Committee was busy over the holiday season. The collected money for bus passes to provide to the Community Shelter. We were able to purchase 40 bus passes! As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated! THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

February 9th the Social Ministry will be doing a free will offering. The money collected will be used to support the Holy Trinity Soup Kitchen. The Soup Kitchen does amazing things to help provide a warm meal to all those in need. This time of year a warm meal is much needed for everyone. Let's rally together to help Holy Trinity Soup Kitchen@

It is this Congregation's kindness and generosity that makes it possible to help so many in need within our community. THANK YOU!



Jeanette Swanson
March 27, 1924
To
November 26, 2024



Just a note of sincere thanks to the Immanuel faith family for all your prayers and love during this past year as we said good-bye for now to both my amazing husband, Larry April 17th and my Mom, Jeanette Swanson November 26th. ***We are planning a memorial service for my Mom on Mother's Day weekend, Saturday May 10th, at the church.*** The snowstorm after Thanksgiving delayed her celebration of life and love, so we thought Mother's Day was a perfect time.

With prayers and gratitude

Lori Swanson Nemenz & Family



February's Celebrations of Life & Love



3 Julie Molnar
4 Julie Sierota
7 Joe Byrne
8 Stephanie Wood
11 Ava Fetcko
25 Lori Nemenz/Isaiah
Guthrie
27 J. Fager/M. Moore
31 Mary Hauser

Happy Anniversary

14 George & Sue Piefer

31 Joseph & Penny
Maloney

Capital Campaign - Boiler:

Funds for the boiler campaign currently show

\$35,642.38

toward our goal of \$58,803.

Pennies for Poverty

collection is an ongoing effort in support of the Women of the ELCA – donations welcome in the Donation Center canister.



LITTLE FREE PANTRY AT IMMANUEL

**IF IN NEED – TAKE SOMETHING
IF YOU CAN SHARE - LEAVE SOMETHING**

Feel free to bring items to church office & we will make sure they get in the pantry for you.

Please remember the members of Immanuel who are "shut in," or having some health challenges and cannot make it to service, you may want to offer them a ride, give them a friendly call or send them a card.

Don't forget those who have suffered a loss or are struggling. Take a moment and reach out just to check on them. It only takes a moment to share some kindness and love.

The current Shut-In Mailing List is available in the office.



If you are sick or in the hospital, please notify the church office.

If you would like home communion or a copy of our newsletter, please contact the office.

KEEP IN PRAYER:

Vince Belinski—Diane's Nephew
Karen Byrd
Eric Adkins and family
Kristi Peterson Chapman
Mark & Vickie Fischer
Janice Kreger
MaryAnn Long and Russ Long
Penney Maloney
Denise Arnold
The Botwright family
Connie Cooper
Jim and Lorraine Hornaman
Kyle Husted
Carol and Gordon Ketchel
Patrick Lewis—friend of Sandy Kocur,
Sandy's cousin - Scott Farr
Sandy's close friend's son-in-law, John
Bishop Michael Lozano
Brenda Matson
Andy Potaki
Carole Rickrode
Bob Roemer
Alice Tillotson—Mary Hauser's sister

All of our members & friends who are grieving;
Who are in nursing homes;
All who are ill at home

We pray for those in the military:
Christopher Peterson – Navy

Chicken Pot Pie Soup



- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts about 2 larger breasts
- 1 cup celery diced
- 1 cup carrot cut in 1/4 inch thick small circles
- 1 cup onion finely chopped
- 1/2 tablespoon garlic finely minced
- 2 cups yukon gold potatoes peeled+ cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 cup yukon gold potatoes peeled+ cut into quarters so that you can remove them at the end
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon dried parsley
- 3 cups chicken broth or bone broth- low sodium!
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley for garnish
- 1/2 cup milk of choice almond milk, whole milk, any milk will work

Crockpot Cooking Instructions

Layer chicken, vegetables and potatoes in the crockpot. Add chicken broth. Cover and cook on low for 6 hours.

Once cooked remove the large potato pieces and chicken breasts.

Place large potato quarters, milk and 1/2 cup of juice from the crockpot into blender and blend until smooth. Pour back into the pot.

Shred the chicken and dump back into the pot.

Stir everything together until well combined and



2025 WINTER EVENTS/RETREATS

February:

1 - Geology Saturday Safari: Saturday Safaris are a great way to spend a Saturday! They are designed for families and small groups. Dress to be outside. (Registration Required)

21-23 - Grown-Up Winter Retreat: A fun weekend at camp just for grown-ups. Campfire, tree tapping and maple sugaring, Agape Feast/Worship, games and conversation by a fire, crafts, and lots of camp fun just for adults. Must be 21 or older. (Registration required)

March:

1 - Maple Sugaring Saturday Safari: This Saturday Safari features winter tree identification, tapping a maple tree, collecting sap, and observing the evaporation process. (Registration Required)

18-23 - Quilting/Crafting Retreat: Come and join us for a fun-filled weekend of quilting/crafting/reading/relaxing/creating. It's a great time of fun and fellowship that's very popular with quilters, scrapbookers, and other crafters. (Registration Required)

22 - Intro to Blacksmithing Class: Learn the art of Blacksmithing in the Woodland Forge at Lutherlyn. All materials are supplied and classes are taught by master blacksmith, Flavius Brinsfield. (Registration Required)

28-30 - Nature Nerds Retreat: This adult only retreat will enjoy a relaxing and educational weekend together geeking out over all of the awesome things in Nature at Lutherlyn! (Registration Required)



Green Corner NWPAsynod Green Team

CREATION CARE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

One of the best creation-care actions that adults can perform is stimulating children to care for creation. Here are activities from ELCA's 2024 "Our Kairos Moment – A Study Guide on Earth's Climate Crisis".

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Earths_Climate_Crisis_Study_Guide_FINAL.pdf and "A Rocha Canada". <https://arocha.ca>

GREENHOUSE EFFECT EXPERIMENT: You will need a sunny, warm location. Place two outdoor thermometers outside to come up to temperature. Place one thermometer inside a clear glass or plastic jar and cover it with a lid or plastic wrap. For one hour, measure the differences in temperature between the thermometers. The difference helps explain the greenhouse effect of gases trapping heat inside our atmosphere.

<https://kidminds.org/how-to-explain-the-greenhouse-effect-to-kids-with-printables/>

EARTH TOAST: Higher temperatures can have wide-ranging impacts on land, water, soil and human health. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2b87m62z> to learn how to make "Earth Toast". This activity from Left Brain, Craft Brain is a fun, creative way to start a conversation about the effects of heat.

THE EARTH AS AN APPLE: Imagine the earth as an apple. Cut the apple into quarters. One quarter is land and the rest is water. Cut the land quarter in half again to produce two 1/8th pieces of apple. One of those pieces is land covered with mountains, desert or ice. The other eighth is flat livable land. Cut the livable land into four pieces. Three of those are either wet, hot, rocky, infertile or covered with roads and buildings for cities. The other piece (one thirty-second) when peeled represents the topsoil of the earth that is suitable for growing the food that we eat. Source - https://arocha.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/cp_kids-in-creation-curriculum.pdf

PAPER EGG CARTON GARDEN STARTER: Gather a paper egg carton, some soil and seeds. Fill the carton with soil and plant one seed in each cup. Place the tray on a water-resistant tray in a sunny location and water the seeds a bit each day. As your seeds start to sprout, talk about all the resources that are needed for plants to grow: organic matter in soil, water and sunlight. After the seeds have grown and have two sets of leaves, the egg carton can be separated into 12 sections and each planted in your garden or raised bed/pot. Try starting flower seeds or vegetable seeds. Enjoy! How does God's creation work together to create new life? Adapted from Our Kairos Moment "Planting in an Ice Cube Tray".

The Green Team's purpose is to "raise awareness of and advocate for the care of creation." Our mission is to support and encourage creation care ministries, raise awareness, model creation care advocacy consistent with ELCA teachings in our faith communities and public life.

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This Month in History

February

February 2, 1848 - The war between the U.S. and Mexico ended with the signing of the [Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo](#). In exchange for \$15 million, the U.S. acquired the areas encompassing parts or all of present day California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas. The treaty was ratified on March 10, 1848.

February 3, 1821 - The first female physician in the U.S., Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910) was born near Bristol, England. As a girl, her family moved to New York State. She was awarded her MD by the Medical Institute of Geneva, New York, in 1849. She then established a hospital in New York City run by an all-female staff. She was also active in training women to be nurses for service in the American Civil War.

February 3, 1870 - The 15th [Amendment](#) to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

February 3, 1913 - The 16th [Amendment](#) to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting Congress the authority to collect income taxes.

February 4, 1861 - Apache Chief Cochise was arrested in Arizona by the U.S. Army for raiding a ranch. Cochise then escaped and declared war, beginning the period known as the Apache Wars, which lasted 25 years.

February 6, 1933 - The 20th [Amendment](#) to the U.S. Constitution was adopted. It set the date for the Presidential Inauguration as January 20th, instead of the old date of March 4th. It also sets January 3rd as the official opening date of Congress.

February 8, 1910 - The Boy Scouts of America was founded by William Boyce in Washington, D.C., modeled after the British Boy Scouts.

February 11, 1987 - American inventor [Thomas Edison](#) (1847-1931) was born in Milan, Ohio. Throughout his lifetime he acquired over 1,200 patents including the incandescent bulb, phonograph and movie camera. Best known for his quote, "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration."

February 13, 1635 - Boston Latin School, the first tax-payer supported (public) school in America was established in Boston, Massachusetts.

February 17, 1865 - During the American Civil War, [Fort Sumter](#) in South Carolina was returned to the Union after nearly a year and a half under Confederate control. The fort had been the scene of the first shots of the war.

February 20, 1962 - Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit.

February 27, 1950 - The 22nd [Amendment](#) to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the president to two terms or a maximum of ten years in office.

Why is Valentine's Day celebrated on February 14th?

In general, early Christians often opted to celebrate holidays on days that coincide with existing festivals and celebrations (like Christmas and winter solstice), so they placed Valentine's Day on February 14th, while Lupercalia was celebrated on February 15th.

St. Valentine's Day was a feast day in the Catholic religion, added to the liturgical calendar around 500 AD. The day was commemorated for martyred saints named—you guessed it—Valentine. Differing legends celebrate three different saints called Valentine or Valentinus, but since very little was known about these men and there were conflicting reports of the St. Valentine Day story, the [feast day was removed](#) from the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar in 1969.

But even though not much is known about the real history of the Saint Valentines on whom the holiday is based, the legend of Saint Valentine has several tellings. One legend says that Saint Valentine refused to convert to paganism and was executed by Roman Emperor Claudius II. Prior to his execution, he was able to miraculously heal the daughter of his jailer, who then converted to Christianity along with his family. Another legend says a bishop called Saint Valentine of Terni is the true namesake of the holiday; this Saint Valentine was also executed.

But according to others—and this is how Saint Valentine became affiliated with a love-focused holiday—Saint Valentine was a Roman priest who performed weddings for soldiers forbidden to marry, because of a Roman emperor's edict decreeing married soldiers did not make good warriors and thus young men could not marry. This Saint Valentine wore a ring with a Cupid on it—a symbol of love—that helped soldiers recognize him. And, in a precursor to greeting cards, he handed out paper hearts to remind Christians of their love for God.

Because of this legend, Saint Valentine became known as the patron saint of love. The Saint Valentine prayer asks Saint Valentine to connect lovers together, so that two become one, and the couple remembers their devotion to God.

While the Saint Valentine story set the groundwork for establishing the day as a holiday for romantic love, what truly solidified the connection between Saint Valentine and love was a poem by medieval author Geoffrey Chaucer in 1375, which historians consider the origin of the "modern" celebration of Valentine's Day, where we celebrate our romantic partnership with one other person.

Why do we celebrate Valentine's Day?

Chaucer lived in the Middle Ages, the era of courtly love, when broad, romantic statements of devotion—poems, songs, paintings—celebrated partnership. By the end of the 15th century, the word "valentine" was being used to describe a lover in poems and songs of the day, and in the 18th century, a book called *The Young Man's Valentine Writer* was published in England. By the mid-19th century, mass-produced paper Valentine's Cards were being created (though [DIY Valentine's card ideas](#) are still worth trying), and Valentine's Day as we know it was born.

Over the years (and centuries), Valentine's Day has been a religious celebration, an ancient ritual day, and a commercial holiday. All that change means the meaning of Valentine's Day is truly whatever you want it to be: You can skip the celebrations completely, buy yourself some chocolate or flowers, or express your love and appreciation for the people in your life, whether they're co-workers, romantic partners, friends, or family members.



Valentine's Day Fun Facts!

- * Not until the 1840s did we get the first mass-produced Valentines.
- * Conversation Hearts are one of the candies that are commonly sold on Valentine's Day. Although this is true, they were originally created as medicine for sore throats.
- * The average Valentine's Day gift giver spends nearly \$200 on Valentine's Day gifts and goodies—for about \$26 billion overall.
- * While most people send out nice messages for the holiday, Victorian-era folks sometimes used valentines to turn down a suitor, called a vinegar valentine.
- * More than 250 million roses are produced for Valentine's Day—with red roses making up nearly two-thirds of that number.
- * Valentine's Day is one of the most popular days to propose. (In fact, if you got engaged between December and February, you're in the zone when the most proposals happen.)
- * The color red and the heart shape first started showing up in medieval art during the 14th and 15th century.
- * If you don't make a big deal about Valentine's Day, you're not alone. A YouGov survey found that only 30% of Americans thought it was a real special occasion—with most people liking holidays like New Year's Eve, Halloween, Labor Day, and Memorial Day more than the day of love.
- * It is very common that pets end up getting Valentine's Day gifts.

HAPPY.
Valentine's
Day



Facts about the Bible I bet you didn't know!!!!

1. The Long and Short of It

When it comes to the books of the Bible, the longest is Psalms, which contains 150 chapters (or psalms) made up of 43 743 words. The shortest book is 3 John, with only one chapter and 299 words. The longest and shortest chapters also belong to Psalms: Psalm 119 has 176 verses, while Psalm 117 only has two. [Esther 8:9](#) is the longest verse with 90 words.

The shortest verse? [John 11:35](#), with only two words: “Jesus wept.”

2. It's About 611 000 Words Long

That's 24 000 words more than Leo Tolstoy's *War and Peace* and over 40 000 words less than Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*! Of course, the word count varies when translated from the original languages, so don't start counting every single word in your copy/version of the Bible for the sake of accuracy.

3. The Word “Trinity” Is Never Mentioned

Twenty Bible verses mention all three members of the [Holy Trinity](#): God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit. But the word “Trinity” itself? It's not mentioned at all.

4. Traditionally, 40 Authors Wrote The Bible

A diverse range of authors wrote the Bible over a period of 1500 years. From shepherds and fishermen to soldiers and physicians, at least 40 individuals were inspired by the Holy Spirit to put God's message into words for his people. The first five books are often credited to Moses (despite the fact that he died before some of these events occurred), Paul wrote the most individual documents (13 letters), and the identities of some writers are still unknown to this day.

5. Only 93 Women Speak in The Bible

188 women are named in the Bible, and of those women, only 93 speak (and only 49 are named). Together, they speak 14 056 words – that's 1.1% of the Bible's content.

6. It Was Written In Three Continents

The majority of the Bible was written in what is modern-day Israel in Asia. Some of the New Testament epistles, however, were written from cities in Europe, while some passages from the book of Jeremiah were written in Egypt, right here in Africa.

7. And It Was Written in Three Languages

Originally, the Bible was written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. Portions of the Old Testament were written in Hebrew, the language of their readers, while small parts were written in Aramaic. When the New Testament was written, the commonly-spoken language at the time was Greek, hence why the second part of the biblical text was written in Greek.

LOVE:

February is recognized as the month we celebrate love. As we celebrate our love this month, remember what God said about love.

According to the Bible, God says that love is a way of relating to others and is trademark of followers of Christ. The Bible also says love is patient, kind and selfless. This Valentine's Day, take a moment to read the following verses and reflect on what God says of love and how to show true love towards others.

10 Biblical Ways to Show Love

Here are a few of the many passages that teach us how to show Christian love. When we love others, we demonstrate what the love of God looks like. The Bible shows us many practical ways to love others. Which one of these actions of love do you most need to give in your relationships right now?

- 1. Be devoted and give preference to one another (Romans 12:10).**
- 2. Build up one another (Romans 14:19).**
- 3. Accept one another (Romans 15:7)**
- 4. Care for one another (1 Corinthians 12:25).**
- 5. Serve one another (Galatians 5:13).**
- 6. Bear one another's burden. (Galatians 6:2).**
- 7. Be kind, tender-hearted and forgiving with one another (Ephesians 4:32).**
- 8. Regard others as more important (Philippians 2:3).**
- 9. Bear with and forgive complaints against others (Colossians 3:13).**
- 10. Encourage and esteem one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11-14).**

Source: <https://www.gcu.edu/>



Happy Valentine's Day!

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector
02/02/25 9:30 AM	Kostur	Debbie Redditt	Bill Redditt
02/09/25 9:30 AM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Bob Dorler
02/16/25 7:00 PM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Ronneil Middaugh
02/23/25 9:30 AM	Kostur	Stan Holsopple	Zack Middaugh

Are you interested in volunteering to Lector? If so, email or call the church office and we can make it happen!

LECTORS:

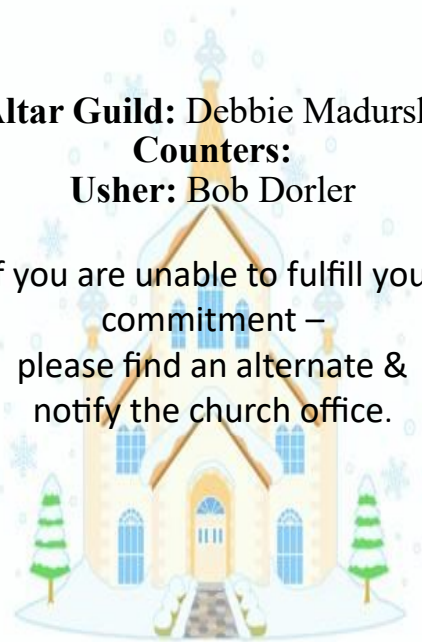
Don't forget to adjust the microphone toward you. Speak into the microphone so everyone can hear you!

Altar Guild: Debbie Madurski

Counters:

Usher: Bob Dorler

If you are unable to fulfill your commitment – please find an alternate & notify the church office.



2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Ground Hog Day 9:30 am Worship Quarter Sunday Coffee Hour	3 Quilters 9:30 am Flagship Choir 7 pm	4 AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	5 Tops 9:00 am AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	6 Bible Study 11 am Choir 12 pm	7 Game Night 7-9 pm AA 7:00 pm	8
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Office Hours
8:30—12:30
Monday—Thursday

Church Council Committees

*We invite all members of Immanuel to join any of these committees and/or offer your gifts where you can – many hands make light work!!
Council usually meets the 2nd Sunday of the month*

Staff

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2:00 Thursday, 9:00am-2:00pm

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Organist/Music Director: Allan Sloven-
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Admin. Ofc.: Brenda Matson

Sunday School

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Teachers: Anita Byrne & Pastor
Kostur

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Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin
COFFEE HOUR 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
ONGOING COLLECTION FOR LITTLE FREE PANTRY
SOUP COOK BOOKLET AVAILABLE

Finance

Council liaison: Zack Middaugh
ANNUAL Budget

Property

Council liaison: Rick Kuntz
Committee Chair: Debbie Redditt
FACILITY MAINTENANCE
RENTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
ONGOING BOILER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Stewardship

Council liaison: Dave Mays

Social Ministry Committee

Committee chair: Debbie Madurski
Council Liaison: Brenda Durst

Worship & Music

Liaison to Worship: Joe Byrne

Christian Education

Council liaison: Mary Hauser

