

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Newsletter

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## MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP



We will be having our **Ash Wednesday worship service** with the Rite for the Imposition of Ashes on February 10. We invite you to join us for a

simple meal of soup and buns at 5:45 p.m. followed by the worship service at 6:30. The following Wednesday, we invite you to come for soup and buns which will be followed by a Lenten Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. The Lenten supper and Bible Studies will continue the same time every Wednesday until Holy Week. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you are able to take a turn and make soup.

## YOU ARE INVITED AND BRING A FRIEND

We stand on the brink of a season designed to prepare us to remember and receive again the great work God did for our salvation. As we prepare, let us rejoice at what God has done in and through Jesus, the Savior long foretold, who leads the believer out of spiritual darkness into God's light.

Part of our preparation for the solemn and awesome services and remembrances of Holy Week and Easter is to come to the worship services and Bible Studies offered during this season. Why should we do this? So that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we might rededicate ourselves to a life of service and worship. It is our rightful response to the Gospel, the message of the cross, the shed blood, our Father's gracious gifts of forgiveness and salvation, the message of Easter, new life, hope, peace, joy, and light. It is a witness to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen.

We hope to have many of you join us for Soup suppers, services and Bible Study beginning Ash Wed. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> supper at 5:45 p.m. and services/Bible study at 6:30 p.m. to Wed. March 16<sup>th</sup> to learn, grow



and build each other up in the body of Christ and Christian fellowship. See you there!

If you can help out in the Kitchen, bring a pot of soup and a dozen buns please sign up on the bulletin board. Volunteers are need for setting up and cleanup of the Lent soup suppers beginning on Ash Wed. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> and for the following five weeks. If have any questions or concerns or are willing to help out in any capacity please feel free to speak to Katherine Canfield 587-220-1672.

## ONE BODY WITH MANY MEMBERS!

Now there is are a varieties of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the spirit for the common good. ....All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. *1 Corinthians 12: 4- 11*. What gifts, talents, abilities and time has our Lord blessed you with? We have many areas within Immanuel to serve and help share the gospel of Jesus Christ to our broken world. Sunday School Teachers, confirmation teachers, greeters, ushers, Bible Study leaders, fellowship committee, Youth leaders, Young adult leaders, coffee hosts, childcare provider for study groups etc. and so many more. Need ideas browse again through the **"Putting the pieces together, Ministry opportunities at Immanuel, Where do you fit?"** booklet for more ideas. There are a few booklet on the table under the mailboxes. Need another copy? Speak to Katherine Canfield 587-220-1672. Look for a volunteer signup sheet on the bulletin board. Write down your name, your phone number and where you could possibly service or help out with. The Parish Coordinator would love to have a coffee with you and discuss your ideas and time you have to volunteer and in what capacity.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hi Everyone. We are excited to have your children learning and growing with us in Sunday school. We

have a great bunch of fantastic children of God in our Sunday School. In January we talked about it being a good time to start new habits and each child was encourage to discuss with their family what new habit they could build on or work on that would bring them closer to the Lord. Some ideas were more regular attendance at church, reading the Bible daily or praying every night before bed and tithing to mention a few.

In February we will be learning about: The Boy Jesus in the Temple *Luke 2:41-52*, John Prepares the Way *Matthew 3:1-12*, The Baptism of Jesus *Luke 3:15-22* and The Temptation of Jesus *Luke 4:1-13* Look for a little write up in each weeks bulletins about our lessons to talk about with your children.

**Sunday School Mission Project:** The children will be bringing home a calendar sometime during the Lent season. This special calendar (still in development) will be asking the children to drop a nickel in a jar for each time they take a glass of water on a certain day and maybe the next day to put a dime in if they have a bicycle and the next day the children will be ask to count the number of light bulbs they have in the house and put two cents in for each light bulb etc. We are asking the parents to encourage the children to check their calendars each day throughout the lent season and contribute as their family is able. This will help the children realize how the Lord has blessed them, as not all children have these particular blessings. The Sunday after Easter the children will be asked to bring their jars of coins to Sunday School. The money will be counted and each classroom will decide on a gift from the Canadian Lutheran World Relief catalogue. Donations will be sent to purchase these gifts through CLWR to help other children in the world. Did you know \$50 can get a doctor for a day in Nicaragua or \$30 can pay for meals for month in Central America, \$10 can save a young life? Mosquito nets have proven to be one of the safest, cheapest and most effective ways to protect against malaria. This dangerous disease kills a child every 60 seconds in Africa.

Thank you for your support and if you have simple ideas to include on the calendar please forward them to Katherine Canfield. I need about a total of 40 ideas. Any questions or concerns please speak with Katherine Canfield 587-220-1672

### LITTLE LAMBS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Little Lambs Christian Preschool is currently accepting registrations from returning families and Immanuel Lutheran Church congregation for the 2016-2017 school year. Registration will open to the public at our open house on Tuesday February 3rd from 6:30-7:30 pm. For more information please call 403-892-6627

### MOM'S TIME

**Mom's Time group** will meet this month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. Feb.11<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30- 11:30 a.m. We will continue our discussions on the Family Project. We are learning and discussing about the image of God



...Mothers, Fathers, and children as image bearers, the fall, marriage and our imperfect families. All women are encouraged and welcome to join our Moms group.

### EMPTY SPOOLS QUILTING GROUP

The Empty Spools Quilting Group at Immanuel is offering a quilting class for those who have some basic sewing skills but have not quilted before. We hope to meet with you in the quilting room at the church once a week for 3 consecutive weeks starting in mid February. The day we meet will be negotiable. There will be some "homework" in order to complete your quilt in the allotted time. If interested, speak with Linnea Brown after church. She can show you a sample of the finished project and answer your questions or sign you up.



### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Our newly "formed" Fellowship Committee met for the first time on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Members of the committee are: Doreen Friesen, Amy Rollag, Chris Sekura, Linda Egli, Carole Turner, Mavis Davidson, Roy Hirsch, Katherine Canfield and Rita Boltezar (chair). Our next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and anyone is welcome to attend.



### "COME QUILTING WITH THE "EMPTY SPOOLS"



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## BRIDGE GROUP

Our Bridge Group meets every Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us and play bridge, great fellowship and coffee.



## GREETINGS FROM PENASCO,

With the busy Christmas season behind us, we continue with construction projects that are helping our Mexican families have better function to their homes.

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, Miles was able to wire Maritza's house just prior to Christmas. This past week, with some help from our friends here in Penasco (mostly Canadians) we have insulated and begun drywalling. The family is very excited to have a light bulb in each room and Maritza is REALLY looking forward to closet space so that she can get the clothes off the floor. Little Hector stayed home from school one day; he said he had a headache but I'm pretty sure he wanted to watch the men working.

The Colonel's home (our project from this past November) is always kept up with pride. The dad, Jose Luis, does small projects on his day off and as materials are purchased or provided. On our last visit we were surprised to see they had painted the outside of the house. Maria said she was the one who did the painting and she proudly showed us the paint on her slacks as proof.

This week, Mission Jim has a group of men constructing a home for the family across the street which has given Maria an opportunity to show some neighbourly hospitality.

I pray for our congregation and all of you at home. Amidst all the turmoil, we will not lose our focus to be in service to the poor people of Mexico whom God has brought into our midst.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

In His Service,  
Shirley Masnyk

## Immanuel Lutheran Church Financial Statement

### CURRENT MONTH - JANUARY 2016

Budgeted .....	28,189.25
Actual Income .....	30,669.81
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