

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Newsletter

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THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Years ago, a tour group which included a number of people from Immanuel Lutheran Church had the opportunity to view the ancient city of Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives. As we walked what could have been the very route of Jesus' triumphal entry into that city, we read these words:

"And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'" Luke 19:28-38 English Standard Version (ESV)

It was a moving experience as we imagined the scene of that first "Palm Sunday." We all felt Christ's presence as we walked those ancient streets.

This Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016 Christ will once more be present as we gather for worship. I'm sure we will once again be given palm crosses as we enter the sanctuary. Palm fronds will once again be featured near the altar. This Palm Sunday, could we follow the example of the crowds who welcomed Jesus by spreading our cloaks on the road?

Every one of us has at least one fairly good coat or jacket or hoodie hanging unused in a closet at home. I'd

like to encourage you to bring that coat to church on Palm Sunday. In an act of worship, I'd like to encourage you to spread that coat or jacket or hoodie in one of the aisles of our church. Then in your imagination, picture Jesus as he enters into our church, as he always does. Picture him as he makes his way down the

aisle using your coats as a carpet. Like the crowds of old, we will welcome Him with our own shouts of "Hosanna."

At the close of our service, we will gather all of the coats and jackets and hoodies and we will donate them to charities within our city who care for all kinds of people who don't have warm clothing. Perhaps some of your coats will find their way to a Syrian family, a street person, or refugee who has fled terror and want from another part of our world. Your simple act of worship will provide warmth for many days to come.

In Christ,

Richard Brown, Pastor emeritus (just a fancy word for "retired")



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Please note the following schedule of special services during Holy Week.

March 20th Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday worship at both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



March 24th 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion. Please join us as we celebrate the institution of the Lord's Supper and as the altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday.



March 25th Good Friday: 11:00 a.m. In this solemn service we recall the suffering of our Savior on the cross of Calvary, and rejoice in triumphant statement of Christ, "It is finished." Everything has been accomplished for our salvation...there is nothing that



we can add.

March 27th Easter Sunday
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion



10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast - everyone welcome.

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL

REMEMBER THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 27TH. The children are encourage to bring in their giving money they collected over the lent season on Sunday April 3rd. We are excited to see what we are able to buy for children in other parts of the world. If anyone else would like to help the Sunday school children purchase items from the CLWR catalogue please speak to Katherine 587-220-1672.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Be part of Barnyard Roundup VBS! God's children of all ages will learn that Jesus gathers us together at Barnyard Roundup VBS. AND, every child will hear the Good News that Jesus, their Savior, is with us and abundantly provides for all our needs. He

also protects and saves us—now in this world and forever too! At Barnyard Roundup VBS, as VBS staff you can live out the theme "Jesus Gathers Us Together" as you share the message and the fun with kids! If you can help and are available the week of **July 11- 15 8:30 12:00 Noon** we have many ways to be involved to suit your interests. Sign up on the Bulletin Board in the foyer or call Katherine at 587-220-1672 or e-mail coordinator@immanuel Lutheran.ca , for more information. Join us to see how Jesus gathers us together!



Immanuel will be hosting the Concordia University Concert choir on Tuesday April 26 at 7:00 p.m. We are in need of 12 billets for

2 females each and 8 billets for 2 males each. There are no single billets allowed. If you could help out by providing two beds, breakfast, a bag lunch and transport the billets from the church Tuesday evening to your home and back to church Wed. morning please speak to Linda Egli 403-381-4351 or Katherine Canfield 587-220-1672.



Genesis: The Missing Piece of the Puzzle: Most church leaders agree that the western world is becoming 'less Christian' every year. Did this happen by chance, or is there a deeper issue? Like a giant puzzle, the church can't seem to find the 'missing peice'. Filled with relevant topics including science, ethics, evangelism, morality, history and Christian theology, this talk explains the key controversies surrounding the creation/evolution topic and equips Christians to uncerstand why it is far from a side issue in the church. **Join us on March 31st** at 7:00 p.m. to learn more and at 8:15 p.m. during our 'Most Asked Questions Answered' ask about 'What about dinosaurs?' Most children (and adults) love dinosaurs! Sadly they are used by evolutionists to indoctrinate many kids into believing in millions of years of evolution that destroy the fundamental basis for the message of Jesus. Learn Biblical truth about these monsters that God made.

GREETINGS FROM PENASCO

For the month of February, our mission work continued in the form of further interior work at our first project. Along with some Snowbird friends, Miles was able to insulate and drywall. We have recruited a couple of Mexican talents, too, for mudding and painting and so the house is looking quite different these days.

At the Coronel home, Jose Luis is erecting a patio cover so that the family will be able to enjoy an outdoor area this summer, protected from the intense heat.

On February 13th, we were invited to attend the quinceanera of Dulit (she turned 15). Since this is a major event for young ladies of Latin countries, we were honored to be a part of it. The front yard was set with tables/chairs for approximately 50 guests and balloons were strung as decoration. Dulit had a lovely gown which was donated by a family friend and we supplied the cake. I finally was able to take a picture of the entire family, which I hope to send to you shortly. Although not a lavish affair, as some girls are able to have, the evening felt very special.

During February, we were delighted to have the Gebauers and Hedrichs visit us and so they were able to meet some of the families that Immanuel has assisted these past few years. I hope you get a chance to chat with them about their time in Penasco and their experience meeting the families and playing with the kids.

Our time here is winding down but we continue to get requests from folks whether we can build for them. Obviously, the needs are year round. Soon I will be letting you know about a date for our annual fundraiser which will determine how much we are able to accomplish during our stays here in Mexico. I look forward to seeing you in April.

In His Service,
Shirley Masnyk



Family Bowling on April 9th cost is \$5.50 a person at Holiday Bowl. Contact Susan Riehl or Barclay Lutz for more information. Watch for a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Bring your family and friends!

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
and Canadian Blood Services
Adopt A Clinic
April 5th - 16th**

**Come find out your blood
type!**
April 3rd in the Narthex after the
11am service.



SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH



**Remember to turn your clocks one hour AHEAD
when you go to bed on Saturday.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Financial Statement**

CURRENT MONTH - FEBRUARY 2016

Budgeted	28,189.25
Actual Income	25,785.65
Actual Disbursements	22,906.47

YEAR TO DATE - FEBRUARY 2016

Budgeted	56,378.50
Actual Income	56,458.07
Actual Disbursements	45,244.17



**THANK GOD FOR WORSHIP TEAM AND ALL OUR
MUSICIANS!**

**SWEET SOUNDS
FILL THE AIR
AS GOD'S GIFT
YOU GLADLY SHARE.
WHAT JOY YOU BRING
AS YOU PRAISE GOD
AND SING!**

**"Sing to the Lord a New Song:
Sing to the Lord all the earth"**