

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9:00 A.M. Children / Adult Sunday School - 10:00 A.M. Worship

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Glad Tidings - January 2019

Know Christ Live Christ Share Christ



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth

How Will You Be Remembered?

On September 20, my world was rocked with news that my mom had stage III-IV pancreatic cancer. While the doctor said her life could be extended through chemotherapy, her cancer was inoperable and likely terminal. Over the past three months, Mom has suffered through chemo with incredible grace. Even though the cancer and its treatment has taken so much from her, we are so grateful for the getting to spend some quality time with Mom since her diagnosis. However, the end of her life on this earth is very much on our minds.

During one of my recent visits, Mom asked if I would be willing to have a role in her memorial service. Suddenly my mind began to race as I thought about what to say about the woman who gave me birth; who changed my diapers and bandaged my wounds; who counseled me and coached me; who taught me about Jesus and living life with purpose; who always stood behind me as I grew to be a husband, father, and pastor.

And then it struck me – check that – God smacked me in the noggin with the truth about Mom from His Word: *“We love because he first loved us.”* (1 John 4:19) As I reflected on my mom’s life, I realized that this verse is how she will be remembered. Through all of her life as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, friend, co-worker, deaf educator, artisan, school volunteer, 4-H leader, refugee resettlement volunteer coordinator, MOPS mentor, and in countless other roles, Mom loved others with Jesus’ love because Jesus’ love for her had conquered her life in its entirety. The life she has lived she lived no longer for herself, but for Him! And all who have the privilege of knowing Glennis Paulson Formwalt can testify to this truth!

Now Mom would be the first to admit she is far from perfect and that she, too, is a sinner in need of God’s mercy and grace in Christ Jesus. But she lives with confidence in the face of death that through Jesus’ death and resurrection she will inherit eternal life as a child of God. And in every way throughout her life to this day, she simply wants everyone to know that she loves them because Jesus loves them, too.

So what are you living for? How will you be remembered? These are questions that I’ve begun to ask myself as I reflect on Mom’s life and legacy. God has gifted each one of us with just one life to live here on earth, so let’s use it for the sake of the Kingdom of God, remembering that *“We love because he first loved us.”*

Holy Baptism:

We welcomed Grace Faye Slaughter into Christ's family through Holy Baptism on Sunday, December 23 2018. Grace is the daughter of Brian and Melissa Slaughter. Sponsors are Steven Buendel and Michelle Abel. Grandparents are Jim and Rita Wright; Bobby Slaughter; and Jana Vaughn. Great-great grandparents are Clarence Buendel; Dorothy White and Marie Slaughter.

Notice: Called Congregational Meeting - January 6, 2019

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting on January 6, 2019 immediately following the worship service for the specific purpose to consider the Church Council recommendation to extend an Interim Call to Pastor Stan Simonik.

Information about what our Constitution teaches us about . . . membership, baptism, confirmation and voting.

Chapter 8: MEMBERSHIP

C8.01. Members of this congregation shall be those baptized persons on the roll of this congregation at the time that this constitution is adopted and those who are admitted thereafter and who have declared and maintain their membership in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws.

C8.02. Members shall be classified as follows:

- a. Baptized members are those persons who have been received by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in this congregation, or having been previously baptized in the name of the Triune God and received by certificate of transfer from other Lutheran Congregations or by instruction in the Lutheran doctrine and affirmation of faith.
- b. Confirmed members are baptized persons who have received instruction in the Lutheran doctrine and confirmed in this congregation, those who have been received by adult baptism or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations, or baptized persons by affirmation of faith.
- c. Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall be at least 18 years of age and majority and shall have made a contribution of record during the previous twelve month period.

Our thanks to Pastor Simonik and his wife, Julie, for helping us with worship services on December 23, and Christmas Eve services.

Thank you to the congregation for working to do the Lord's work as He leads us. +

PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member is ill, hospitalized, or in need of pastoral care, please notify - the church office (361-664-6691), or Bill Botard at (830-460-1595).

Almighty God, heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into ways of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray for our president, vice president, congress, for state and local leaders, may they lead us as people who fear and love You. We also ask that you bless, defend and guide all who serve in our Armed Forces. We ask for Your healing hand be upon all that are injured and wounded as well as for the protection and blessing of their families. We pray for those we know that serve God and country today: Bradley Markgraf, Clint Barrett, Robbie Farmer, Dalton Elsik, Kurt Koenig, Wade Powell, Caton Hammock, Clinton Hammock, Anthony Perez, Clint Alanis, Lucas Yocum, Dylan M. Herschap, Christopher Munoz, Brett Williams, Michelle Williams, Kimberly Gotelli, Anica Rangel, Rashad Calloway, and Levi Robinson.

Lord, in Your mercy, **C: Hear our Prayer!**

Father of mercy, because You have chosen to love your people, we now pray for people that we know and love. We ask for Your hand of healing and mercy be upon those we name before you now in our hearts... (Pause for a moment of silence)... And for these that we name before you: James Appleby; Bob Kaiser, Alan Gerland, David Contreras, Allyne Chapman, Buster Pawelek, Cinco Woods, Ty Lindquist, Georgia Donald, Shirley Dennis, Gracie Gruber, Katherine Botard, Clift Gadney, Ruth Lindquist, Chris Crawford, and the families of Bud Smith, Casey Kestter, Gene McClendon, Michael Burris, John Timmons, and Brenda Timmons.

Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer!**

POLICY FOR PRAYER CONCERN LIST:

The prayer concern list has been an important addition to our ministry and worship here at Immanuel Lutheran. The length of the list should not bother us, but what does become a problem is after someone is on the list, just how long should they be kept on the list, and who decides. We are setting up a new policy concerning that issue.

When someone is placed on the prayer concern list that is printed in the bulletin, they will be on for ONE MONTH unless the person putting them on the list designates a shorter time. If you want someone to stay on the list longer than that, you will need to call in each month and place them on the list again.

Everyone needs prayers. It is true. We could use the membership list as a prayer concern list, or even the telephone book, and be praying for people who need our prayers. For the purposes of this printed list, we are asking that people who put names on the list remain responsible for keeping them on the list. As it is, the secretary is notified to put someone on the prayer concern list, and then she has to guess when to take them off.

From now on, the secretary will ask you how long the person is to remain on the list, the longest time will be for one month, which can be renewed each month for as long as needed. You, the person who was concerned enough to put them on the list in the first place, will be the one responsible for renewing them on the list, not the secretary.

ILCW NOTES

(Immanuel Lutheran Church Women)

“And lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was.” [Matthew 2:9]

“Hark! The herald angels sing, ‘Glory to the newborn king,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled’.”

GREETINGS TO ALL . . . IT’S 2019!!!

The two active circles of our organization will continue with their Bible studies and projects. The Dorcas/Priscilla circle uses the Gospel of Mark, and will continue each meeting. A project most of the group participates in the quilting making quilts for LWR, (Lutheran World Relief), which are shipped in the week after Easter. In turn, the LWR projects are sent to many areas in the world. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and great love to help others. Circle time is the third Thursday at 9:15am. WELCOME!!!

The Lydia Circle meets on the fourth Monday of the month, 7:PM. The Gospel of Matthew is their chosen Bible study, and will continue it thru the year. They participated in the Live Nativity last month, and contribute items for the two soldiers. The Lydia Circle held their Christmas party at the home of Gracie Barrett. The Carvajal brothers sang Christmas songs, playing piano and guitar, for their program. Inspirational and heart-warming in this season! Guests and visitors are always welcome to their meeting!

UPDATE: The Quilting gathering resulted in the completion of several quilts, and perhaps have some to start on next time. It was a very nice group event and a Christmas lunch was enjoyed by all who attended!

And they were . . . Jean, Leona, Irene, Linda B, Nettie, Anita, Elmira, Mardella, Nelda . . . and sharing lunch was David who helps (works) very much in moving tables, setting the long ones, and much more . . . Amy K. stopped in while attending to plans for the Nativity and shared lunch. What a way to have good company with wonderful results for others. Our thoughts and prayers are with Katherine Botard in her recovery.

She has sewn all the tops, etc. for the quilts, and so very needed!!

The next scheduled quilting day is Thursday, February 14! That should be a love-ly, heart-felt day, maybe a red letter day?

Just come on and join the great fellowship!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR ++++ IT’S 2019!!!

ALTAR GUILD - Given to the glory of God -

JANUARY 2019

ALTAR & ETERNAL CANDLES:

TBA

COMMUNION ELEMENTS:

TBA

ALTAR & STANDING VASE FLOWERS:

TBA

BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Courtney Fuhrken	1/12 Lori Steindorf	1/22 Hayley Cornelius
1/1 Susie Spaniel	1/14 Ezekiel Hinojosa	1/24 Grace Slaughter
1/2 Amy Davis	1/15 Katherine Botard	1/25 Carol Swisher
1/4 Clarence Buendel, Jr.	1/15 Kristen Franki	1/26 Silvia Randall
1/5 Ernestina Maresch	1/15 Amanda Harris	1/26 Ethan Salinas
1/8 Jennifer Chiles	1/19 Randi Cornelius	1/28 Aaron Richter
1/9 Eric Carnes	1/20 Deyanira Palacios	1/28 Waldean Richter
1/11 Clay Brieger	1/22 Steven Buendel	1/29 Trevor Fuhrken

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Katherine Botard	1/1 Carol Swisher	1/19 Hillary Martin
1/1 Sharie Brandt	1/1 Carolyn Woods	1/22 Jennifer Chiles
1/1 Michael Ermis	1/2 Ruth Bartlett	1/22 Whitney Crahen
1/1 Ann Fox	1/3 Gracie Barrett	1/23 Dustin Buegeler
1/1 Cathy Glover	1/10 Robert Frank	1/23 Nicole Hayzlett
1/1 Gary Glover	1/10 Joseph Randall, Jr.	1/24 Callie Andersen
1/1 Penny Gordon	1/14 Ruth Brower	1/24 Tammy Andersen
1/1 Clay Hayslip	1/15 Michelle Glover Cortez	1/26 Amy Andersen Soulas
1/1 Richard Myers	1/16 Hunter McDowell	1/26 Clifton Boerm
1/1 Waldyne Nesloney	1/16 Toney McDowell	1/27 Mardella Laskowski
1/1 Jerri Schulte	1/17 Eric Andersen	1/30 Ryan Ermis
	1/18 Kevin Myers	1/30 Will Swisher

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1/1 John/Ann Fox	1/8 Roy/Sharie Brandt	1/12 John/Donna Cornelius
1/1 Ruben/Mary Sue Lassmann	1/9 Eric/Melba Andersen	1/25 Sandy Rose
1/2 Clint/Tessie Colle	1/10 Ray/Inez Zulauf	1/31 Roy/Kathleen Steindorf
1/5 Eric/Tammy Andersen		

“I will thank the Lord because he is just;
I will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.” Psalm 7:17

“Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105

CHURCH COUNCIL

Called Congregational
Mtg., January 6, 2019
11:15a.m. Parish Hall
after Worship

Council Reports/Agenda
Always Due 2nd Monday of
each month by 5:00P

Church Council Mtg
January 21, 2018
7:00 p.m. Conference Rm

Council Officers

President: Bill Botard
Vice Pres: Amy Koenning
Secretary: Brandy Kennemer
Treasurer: Bert Buegeler

Standing Committees

Christian Life: Lori Brauchle
Communications: Laurie Buegeler
Education: Sandra Bowen
Property/Grds: Renee Brown

Stewardship: Melba Andersen
Worship: Mary Jan Jenkins
Youth: Melissa Slaughter

COUNCIL MEETING - Minutes from the November 19, 2018

Vision Statement - To be the most Christ-centered influence in Alice and beyond.

Mission Statement - Know Christ - Live Christ - Share Christ

1. Agenda
 - Amy made the motion to approve the agenda as written. Melissa Slaughter seconded.
2. Call the meeting to order – Bill Botard
3. Roll Call - Laurie Buegeler; Melissa Slaughter; Bert Buegeler; Renee A. Brown; Sandra Bowen; Mary Jan Jenkins; Amy Koenning; Brandy Kennemer; Melba Andersen; Brian Menking; Allan Schulte; Bill Botard
4. Special Concerns
5. Prayer: Laurie Buegeler
6. Discussion Items:
 1. Pastor compensation package
 - a. Amy made the motion to accept recommended compensation package. Melba Andersen seconded. Motion carried.
 2. 2019 Church Budget
 - a. Council was asked to take proposed budget home for review. Council will be review and discussed at Council meeting on November 19th. This budget will be presented to Congregation on December 2nd.
 3. Pastor Waak last Sunday at Immanuel.
 - a. November 18th; Council discussed hosting luncheon farewell. Enchilada dinner with rice and beans. Melba and Amy will get together with respect to gift from Church.
4. Fellowship Hall Rental
 - a. Virginia Menking requesting use of fellowship hall on December 7th. Birthday for Bruce Menking.
 - i. Melba Andersen made motion to permit use. Laurie Buegeler seconded. Motion passed.
 - ii. Discussion of hall rental. Reviewed 'bump' policy and also discussed policy agreement needed to be filled out and signed and thoughts of bringing each request before Council. Bill asked Council to think about it and we could discuss further at Council meeting on November 19th
 - b. Sandra Bowen would like to use the Fellowship Hall of November 24th. Renee will have to check with Helen regarding schedule, David will be on vacation as well so Renee will need to make arrangements for clean-up. If all goes ok, and no scheduling conflicts, vote passes for Bowen family to use fellowship hall.
5. Bells of Peace
 - a. November 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Church bells will ring 11 times in honor of the men and women who served 100 years ago during World War I. The bells will toll in respect of the armistice that brought an end to the hostilities.
6. Adjournment
 - a. Amy Koenning made the motion to adjourn. Bert Buegeler seconded.
7. Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Brandy Kennemer
Council Secretary

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
<p>6</p> <p>9am Children's Sunday School 10am Worship Service-HC 11:15am Called Congregation Mtg 4pm Habitat for Humanity at ILC</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5pm Bulletin Info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Praise Team</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30pm - 7p Adult Bible Study 5:30pm -7p gr. K-5 Little Lutherans</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga 6pm Bunco</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9am Children's Sunday School 10am Worship Service</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5pm Bulletin Info Due 5pm Council Meeting Info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga 7pm Praise Team</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30pm - 7p Adult Bible Study 5:30pm -7p gr. K-5 Little Lutherans</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:15am Dorcas/Priscilla Circle 5:30pm Yoga</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9am Children's Sunday School 10am Worship-HC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5pm Bulletin Info Due 5pm Newsletter Info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts 7pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Praise Team</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30pm - 7p Adult Bible Study 5:30pm -7p gr. K-5 Little Lutherans</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9am Children's Sunday School 10am Worship Service</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5pm Bulletin Info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts 7pm Lydia Circle</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga 7pm Praise Team</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30pm - 7p Adult Bible Study 5:30pm -7p gr. K-5 Little Lutherans</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga</p>		

	January 6, 2019	January 13, 2019	January 20, 2019	January 27, 2019
Assisting Ministers	Ann Menking	Megan Calvez	Mary Jackson	Tessie Colle
Communion Assistants	Tessie Colle Jamie Colle		Ann Menking Renee Brown Bert/Laurie Buegeler	
Ushers	Brian Slaughter Austin Kennemer	Ruben Lassmann Buzzy Botard	Anna Jenkins Melba Andersen	Anna Jenkins Melba Andersen
Acolytes	Mallori Calvez	Cooper Kennemer	Jamie Colle	Vera DeReese
Lector	Karen Zepeda	Wolle Huff	Kandace Fox	David Heldt
Greeters	Melba Andersen	Mallori Calvez	Nettie Cornelius	Waldyne Nesloney
Coffee Makers	Amy Koenning	Kenneth/Lori Brauchle	Clint/Tessie Colle	Allan/Jerri Schulte
Sound Tech	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen
Deacons	Steve Maresch 668-6445	Steve Maresch 668-6445	Clint Colle 460-0577	Clint Colle 460-0577

ALTAR GUILD:

January	COMMUNION Renee Brown	CANDLES Wolle Huff	FLOWERS Laurie Buegeler	PARAMENTS Lori Brauchle
February	Sandra Bowen	Melba Andersen	Laurie Buegeler	Sally Soliz

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Pastor:

President:
Bill Botard
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