

IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sat. March 12 & Sun. March 13, 2022 Vol. 85, No. 14 2ND SUNDAY IN THE LENTEN SEASON



"Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!" – Psalm 148:3

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Red Hymnal pg 5

INVOCATION

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Opening Hymn #43 "We Sing the Almighty Power of God"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ightharpoondown Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: $\$ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: 👗 Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 148:1-5

P: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!

C: Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!

P: Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!

C: Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD,

C: For He commanded and they were created.

P: Glory be to God!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

All glory, praise, and blessing to God the holy Trinity, For planting and sustaining our faith in Him who sets us free, On whom our trust if founded, our house built on a rock, Our life by grace surrounded, our Shepherd's precious flock, Dear children to Him clinging, who welcomed once again, Join saints and angels singing, 'Amen, Amen, Amen!'

P: The Lord be with you. C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray... O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. Keep us both outwardly and inwardly, that we may be delivered from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil which may afflict our souls, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 🎝 Amen.

1ST READING GENESIS 2:1-7

Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. ² And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. ⁴ This *is* the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and *there* was no man to till the ground; ⁶ but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. ⁷ And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Congregational Praise : 🔊 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2ND READING JOHN 1:1-5

Congregational Welcome : 🔓 Glory be to You, O Lord!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Congregational Response : 🔊 Praise be to You, O Christ!

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTOLIC CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON WHICH GOD IS THE RIGHT GOD?

At this time we invite children to come to the front of the church for a special message from the pastor.

Hymn of the Day #743 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

SERMON ACTS 17:22-29

Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: 24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. 26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellinas, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' 29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devisina."

Human Life Produces Big Questions

- o Where Did Everything Come From?
- o Who Am I?
- How Should I Live?

God's Word Provides Big Answers

- The Triune God
- His Offspring
- o In Him

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann Sermon Notes Sheets in the Entryway

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO OUR LORD

OFFERTORY TLH (RED HYMNAL) PG 12

In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

Sermon Hymn #13 "Before Jehovah's Awe-full Throne"

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

OUR LORD BLESSES US

BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.

Congregational Response: 🔊 Amen, Amen, Amen!

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LAST WEEK

| IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| (MARCH 2, 5&6 REPORTED) CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION | | | | | | |
| Budgetary (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week) | \$ <u>669</u> | _CLC General Budget (CBP) | | | | |
| \$14,725.35 Current Expenses General Budget | <u>\$104</u> | CLC Kinship | | | | |
| Non-Budgetary | <u>\$50</u> | CLC MDF (Missions) | | | | |
| \$ <u>1,365</u> Lenten Season | | | | | | |
| \$ <u>715</u> ILS Student Aid | | | | | | |
| \$60 Land Purchase Fund | | | | | | |
| \$200 Floor Replacement | | | | | | |
| \$ <u>20 </u> Benevolent | | | | | | |
| \$ <u>42 </u> MPF Free Will | | | | | | |
| Memorial: In Memory of Marilyn Boerger | | | | | | |
| \$100 Undesignated | | | | | | |
| 4100 Ondesignated | | | | | | |
| Ash Wednesdow Convise Opens, 107 | | Sunday (Marabia 2// 10/ | | | | |

Ash Wednesday Service 2pm: Ash Wednesday Service 6pm: Saturday Worship 3/5: Saturday Bible Class: Sunday Worship 3/6: Sunday School: Sunday Bible Class: Ambassadors:

| Location | Active | Time | Day | Freq. | Туре | # Souls |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Men's Breakfast | Yes | 6:30 AM | Fri. | Every | Study | |
| Mankato Lodge (Primrose) | Yes | 9:00 AM | Fri. | Every | Study | |
| Hillcrest | Yes | 10:00 AM | Fri. | Every | Worship | |
| Autumn Grace | Yes | 11:15AM | Fri | 2 nd , 4 th | Worship | |
| Laurel's Edge | Yes | 10:00AM | Mon. | 1 st , 3 rd | Worship | 6 |
| Latitude Bible Study | Yes | 10:00 AM | Tues. | Every | Study | 8 |
| Oaklawn | Yes | 1:00PM | Tues. | Every | Study | 3 |
| Realife | Yes | 2:00PM | Tues. | Every | Study | 5 |
| Laurel's Edge | Yes | 10:00 AM | Wed. | Every | Study | 6 |
| Laurel's Peak | Yes | 10:45 AM | Wed. | Every | Study | 7 |
| Walnut Towers | Yes | 10:00 AM | Thur. | Every | Study | |
| Water's Edge | Yes | 11:00 AM | Thur. | Every | Study | |
| Old Main | Yes | 1:30 PM | Thur. | Every | Study | |
| New Perspective | Yes | 10:00AM | Thur. | 2 nd | Worship | 8 |
| Number of | 43 | | | | | |

Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!

THIS WEEK

| Sat Mar 12 | 6:00p | WORSHIP, In-Person |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Sun Mar 13 | 7:00p 9:00a 9:15a 10:00a | Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM WORSHIP, In-Person or Live Stream Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org |
| Mon Mar 14 | | Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/ |
| Tues Mar 15 | 3-5n | Blessings on your week! Pastors Office Hours <i>(let them know if you need a visit)</i> |
| 10e3 Mai 13 | 6:30p | Ladies Study Guild |
| Wed Mar 16 | | |
| | 2:00p | Midweek Lenten Service |
| | 5:00p | Catechism Class |
| | 6:00p | Midweek Lenten Service |
| Thur Mar 17 | 8-10a | Pastors Office Hours (let them know if you need a visit) |
| | 3:30p | Mt Kato Ski Trip! All are welcome! |
| | 5:45p | Televised WORSHIP Service, Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7 |
| Fri Mar 18 | 6:30a | Men's Breakfast & Bible Study |
| Sat Mar 19 | | Alumni Day (See announcements for schedule) |
| | 6:00p | WORSHIP, In- Person- 3rd Sunday Communion |
| | 7:00p | Adult Bible Class / Sunday School |
| Sun Mar 20 | 9:00a | Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors |
| | 9:15a | Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM |
| | 10:00a | WORSHIP In-Person or Live Stream-3 rd Sunday Communion |

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALUMNI DAY Alumni Day is coming up on Saturday, March 19, 2022. Here is the schedule for the day: 9:00 am 5-6 Boys vs Parents 9:45 am 4-7 Girls vs Parents 10:30 am 7-8 Boys vs Parents 11:30 am HS Girls vs Alumni Volleyball 12:30 pm Alumni vs Alumni Volleyball 1:30 pm JV Boys vs. Alumni (pre-2017) Basketball 2:30 pm V Girls vs. Alumni Basketball 3:30 pm V Boys vs. Alumni Basketball 4:30 pm Alumni Odd vs Even Basketball 6:00 pm Church Service After Church Archery Tag in the MPF **ARTS CAMP** Register for Arts Camp '22 today! Camp will run **March 25-27** and is an amazing opportunity for creative fun and learning with other young christians in grades 5-8. Go to <u>immanuelmankato.org</u> Registration ends March 17!

STUDY GUILD Study Guild meets Tuesday, Mar. 15 in the church basement at 6:30 p.m. The south school entry and the back office doors will both be open for your convenience. This month's topic in our series on **Questions Skeptics Ask** is the **Resurrection**. Following a short business meeting refreshments will be served by Ruth Mueller and Karla Olmanson. Guests are always welcome.

COMMUNICATION AT IMMANUEL is very important to the ministry that God has entrusted to us all. In an effort to keep those lines of communication open, email groups have been created so that you can voice your thoughts and concerns to the appropriate leaders and boards at Immanuel. To communicate with any of the groups below, simply address an email to the corresponding email address and it will be sent to the entire group.

Board of Education: Board-of-Education@ImmanuelMankato.org **Board of Deacons:** Board-of-Deacons@ImmanuelMankato.org **Board of Property:** Board-of-Property@ImmanuelMankato.org **Board of Finance:** Board-of-Finance@ImmanuelMankato.org **Church Council:** <u>Church-Council@ImmanuelMankato.org</u>

SYNOD ANNOUCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Teacher Claire Abbas of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley, WA, has accepted the call to be the lower grade teacher at Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has received the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL <> Mr. Luke Willitz is still considering the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN

CHRIST'S EXPLORERS CAMP Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church is excited to announce that we will hosting our annual summer camp, **Christ's Explorers Camp**. This camp is open to students entering grades 3-9! This year, we will be holding our camp in Pigeon Forge, TN,

from July 14-17. (Transportation will be provided to/from our church campus in West Columbia, SC.)Pastors Chad Seybt and Glenn Oster will lead our worship and Bible studies with the theme,"Christmas in July." At this time we have 6 (4 male, 2 female) junior counselor spots available for students entering grade 10 or higher. The applications will be due on Sunday, March 20. They can be downloaded

from <u>www.ChristsExplorersCamp.com</u>.

The camp will cost approximately \$100, and this will include all lodging, meals, and activities. This camp will be limited to the first 50 campers, so be ready to register when registration opens on May 1 at www.ChristsExplorersCamp.com.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Sara Kloke (<u>runsforfun@aol.com</u>) or Karen Howell (<u>kdhowell32@gmail.com</u>).

| CLC Financial Report | Balance | YTD | YTD | Budget | Balance | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------|-------------|--|--|
| Operating Funds | 7/1/2021 | Revenue | Disbursed | Month | 2/28/2022 | | |
| General Fund | 0 | 677,618 | 811,996 | 840,000 | - 134,378 | | |
| ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy) | 0 | 1,131,788 | 963,191 | 964,800 | 168,597 | | |
| Auxiliary Funds | | | | | | | |
| ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) ** | 124,590 | 352,273 | 295,976 | | 180,887 | | |
| ILC Building Projects ** | 1,096,716 | 143,106 | 9,862 | | 1,229,260 | | |
| Mission Development Fund (MDF) | 132,313 | 128,288 | 88,766 | | 171,835 | | |
| Kinship | 182,119 | 133,457 | 107,050 | | 208,526 | | |
| Church Extension Fund (CEF) ** | 3,527,885 | -166,688 | 1,198,751 | | 2,162,446 | | |
| Student Aid Fund (SAF) ** | 133,585 | 60,288 | 78,402 | | 115,471 | | |
| CLC Reserve Fund (YTDgains/losses) | 300,222 | -46,156 | 0 | | 254,066 | | |
| Auxiliary Funds Totals | \$5,497,430 | \$604,568 | \$1,778,807 | | \$4,323,191 | | |

CLC Financial Report - February

General Fund – February offerings were \$74,582 VS disbursements of \$90,424, a negative monthly cash flow of \$15,482, increasing the General Fund indebtedness to -\$134,378. YTD offerings are \$162,382 short of estimated needs, while YTD disbursements are \$28,000 below estimated expenses for the 8 months of the fiscal year. The General Fund struggles to provide the main subsidy (\$1,260,000) for the operation of our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, and Ed & Publication.

ILC Operations – February revenue was \$126,395 (\$61,667 subsidy) **VS** disbursements of \$107,846 (wages/benefits \$78,679), a positive monthly cash flow of \$18,549.

- IIF February revenue: \$660 VS \$1,854 disbursed (hail insurance repairs). Realized earnings (dividends & interest) for Feb & YTD were: \$498 & \$2,890. Principal value market change --\$1,806.
- ILC Building Projects February offerings: \$690 VS \$0 disbursements. Realized earnings (dividends & interest) for Feb & YTD were \$4,055 & \$27,905, while changes in principal (capital) value were negative --\$33,513 due to market movements.
- CEF February revenue: \$25,272 loan repayments & \$50 offerings VS disbursements: \$22,194 (\$18,131 semi-annual Note interest paid & \$3,727 admin expenses). Realized earnings Feb & YTD were \$9,241 & \$60,467. Changes in principal value were negative -- \$33,513 due to the market.
 - **MDF February** offerings \$6,233 (\$378 special) **VS** disbursements of \$12,393, incl \$3,486 for Church Bldg Aid, \$3,000 bicycles, \$4,769 part time missionaries/conferences, \$1,137 for admin expenses.
 - SAF February receipts: \$5,674 (\$3,974 loan repayments & \$1,700 special gift) VS \$7,882 disbursed for student grants/loans/scholarships; \$976 admin expenses. Realized earnings Feb & YTD were: Endowment: \$6,217 & \$36,224; PMP grant: \$7,641 & \$44,526; Scholarship Fund: \$504 & \$2,940.
- Kinship February: Received: \$29,192 offerings & sponsors VS disbursed: \$7,208 (\$2,990, orphans; \$2,180 seminary students; \$1,000 medical assistance; \$90, widows).
- ** Fluctuations up & down in the <u>revenue</u> column above for the ILC Building Projects, IIF, CEF, SAF, & Reserve Fund are partially due to gains & losses in their respective portfolio values due to market fluctuations from month to month. These are reported to help explain the changes in the fund balances, which also reflect disbursements from the funds. The earnings (interest & dividends) are real, constant, & cumulative each month, as are other blessings from the Lord!

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to <u>Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org</u> or contact Hilary Lien by Friday at 10 am. Thank you!

Holy Baptism True Doctrine

- A Sacrament is a sacred act: not what we do for God, but what He does for us! Baptism means "to wash"
- Meaning: Christ and His Apostles point to Baptism as a means of entering the kingdom of God (<u>Romans 6:3-4</u>). Baptism is a spiritual rebirth by the Holy Spirit through water and the Word. Baptism washes away sin and saves. Through baptism God forgives all sin (both original sin and actual sin). <u>John</u> <u>3:5-6</u>, <u>Titus 3:5</u>, <u>Acts 2:38</u>, <u>22:16</u>; <u>1 Peter 3:21</u>.
- Application: The Bible doesn't specify how the water should be applied in Baptism. The word "baptize" in the original Greek language simply means "to wash" (<u>Acts 22:16</u>).
- Infant Baptism: It is God's will that infants be baptized. (<u>Acts 2:38-39</u>) We baptize infants because 1) infants too are a part of "all nations" (<u>Matthew 28:19-20</u>), 2) infants too are sinful from conception (<u>Psalm 51:15</u>), and 3) infants too can believe (<u>Luke 18:15-17</u>).
- Adult Baptism: (accepting Christ) No one can say that Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit (<u>1 Corinthians 12:3</u>). God creates faith in our hearts apart from any work or acceptance of Him on our own (<u>Titus 3:4-</u> <u>7</u>). Like the earth receiving a seed in the ground (<u>1 Corinthians 3:6</u>).
- Triune God: Only baptisms administered in the name of the Triune God are valid. <u>Matthew 28:19</u>.

O Holy Baptism False Doctrine

- Baptism symbolizes the forgiveness of sins and salvation. [REF]
- Baptism only forgives original sin and the sins we commit before our baptism. [RC]
- All baptisms, to be valid, must be performed by immersion. [BAP]
- Baptism is a dedication of person to God (whether a child or adult). It has no power to bring people into God's family. Only those who have reached the age of discretion should be baptized. [BAP, REF]
- Baptisms are administered in the name of a god that is not Triune. [LDS]

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