

Immanuel Lutheran Church

March 2014

# The Church Messenger

“THANKS BE TO GOD THAT YOU, HAVING ONCE BEEN SLAVES OF SIN, HAVE BECOME OBEDIENT FROM THE HEART TO THE FORM OF TEACHING TO WHICH YOU WERE ENTRUSTED.” **ROMANS 6:17**

When it comes to belief, does one need to have *correct belief*?

What if one was to have passionate belief in a *flat earth*?

Or that the earth was the *center of the universe*? Or, in the healing power of *leeches*?

The scriptures tell us that even the demons recognize and believe in Jesus...

Is belief mere *intellectual or verbal agreement*?

Can one be in the faith, and yet *not agree* with all the tenets of the Apostle's Creed?

We all believe lots of things, but again, does it really matter *what we believe*?

In the early stages of the church, there were many *variants of belief*, such as that Jesus was merely a spirit, and only appeared to be a man. Others believed that Jesus was a created as a man rather than being co-eternal with God the Father. Others believed that the material realm was evil, and the point of life was to for the spirit to escape the body. Are these beliefs affirmed as true for our Christian faith?

If not, then why? And who gets to decide?

During Wednesday nights in Lent, beginning on March 12- April 9, at 6:30, we will gather for worship and examine these and other beliefs in an effort to discover why Christians believe what they/we do, and why it is, or is not, all that important...

Please don't miss out on a chance to examine your faith and belief.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Grace and peace.

*Pastor Ken*



## Worship Schedule

9 AM — Sunday Worship

10 AM — Coffee Hour\*

5 PM (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month) — Family Service, light dinner served afterwards.

\*If you would like to host a coffee hour, please call Michelle or Ronnette at the office (715) 695-3511.

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## CREATIVE BEGINNINGS EARLY LEARNING CENTER

### Picture of the Month

Ms. Terri & Brock



### Reminders:

- ◆ Please remember to bring an extra change of clothes for your children.
- ◆ The “Milk Moola” box is now located outside the church office. Our goal is to reach \$500 worth of milk caps, bag tops, and glazer labels to assist with classroom improvements.
- ◆ We are collecting Labels for Education as a fundraiser. Please remember to bring your labels to the CBELC office.

Thank you,  
Ms. Keri

### The Monkey Room

First off, my monkey friends and I would like to welcome Stella to our classroom! We are super excited to have another friend joining us in our room!

This month we are going to be continuing with our colors, shapes, and animal sounds. We will also be starting the first stage of writing our names. We know it will just be scribbles at first, but that’s the fun part of learning.

Much Love,  
Monkey Room Friends

### The Lily Pad Room

March is FINALLY here and hopefully the nice Spring weather will follow.

It was great for both the kids and I to be able to get outside a few days this past month. Pretty sure we were all getting a little “classroom fever”.

In March we will be talking about St. Patrick’s day, four leaf clovers, the color green, and the shape of an oval. The children will be adding the letters S,T, and U to their alphabet books. We will also be practicing our songs for the spring concert in May.

-Ms. Sam

### Forest Friends

This month the children are learning the story of “Jonah and the Whale”. The shape of the month is a heart. One of the art projects the children enjoyed was painting with celery to make roses.

-Ms. Terri

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The Forest Friends

### Special Days



**March 5th:** Prince and Princess Party

**March 17th:** St. Patrick's Day Party



# STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S EARTH

By Jim Tocko

March is a month of hope---we hope and pray that winter is going to release us from its grip, and that spring will bring us reprieve from cold weather. We tolerate the cold knowing that sooner or later it is going to get warmer. What happened to climate change? Superior has had sixty some days of below zero weather. We know that spring is not far off because the seed catalogues are arriving on a daily basis.

Arbor and Earth days are within sight; it is time to order your trees and bushes. They not only beautify the landscape, they absorb carbon emissions and provide a nesting place for the birds. Oak trees feed and harbor wildlife, and the birds and animals assist in planting oaks for the future. My former neighbor Frank Heath had no time for the Blue jays. The jays play a role in spreading oak species because they often carry as many as five acorns stashed in their craws as far away as a mile or two. As you wait for the warmth of spring, idle away your time building bird houses to place around your home to encourage our feathered friends to set up residence and help reduce the bug population this summer.

We certainly cannot solve all the environmental problems single-handedly, but you have made a difference by changing the light bulbs in your home and the church. Arranging car-pools and speaking to legislators about steps to be taken to address large environmental problems all have an effect. We each have gifts and skills to influence problems in our communities, church, homes, and jobs. You are helping to bring healing to the world in everything you do. Thank you.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.



## Attention: Women of the Church

Plan to attend our annual prayer breakfast on Wednesday, March 12, at 9:30 a.m. There are sign-up sheets at both church entrances and we would appreciate if you could sign up or call the church office by Monday, March 10 if you plan to attend. This will give us a good idea how many to plan for.

Sharon Helstad from Ettrick will be our speaker. She is a talented woman who is active in her church and community who directs her church choir and has sung solo's in state and national programs. Her program on music and poetry about "shoes" will touch all of our hearts. Please come and enjoy this special presentation.

Jeanette Berg, W/ELCA President

## MONEY MATTERS

### February 2 - 8

General	\$4,827.00
Expenses	<u>\$3,411.29</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$1,415.71

### February 9 - 15

General	\$2,317.00
Expenses	<u>\$6,058.55</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(\$3,741.55)

### February 16 - 22

General	\$2,783.00
Expenses	<u>\$2,973.56</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(\$190.56)

### February 23 - March 1

General	\$2,116.00
Expenses	<u>\$4,022.60</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(\$1,906.60)

### **Total Contributions**

**\$12,043.00**

### **Total Expenses**

**\$16,466.00**

### **February Budget 2014**

Contributions	\$15,951.00
Expenses	\$16,401.34

### **Loan Balance \$3,800.00**



If you would like to submit an announcement for the Sunday Bulletin, please have your submission to the office by noon on Wednesday.

Please have all newsletter articles to the Immanuel Lutheran Church office by the 20th of each month to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter.

Thank you.  
Michelle



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:20p

Opening Prayer: Jim Tocko

Discussion of upcoming items for agenda: Job Descriptions; Employee Policies  
Briefly addressed Congregational Meeting for 1.26.14

Minutes for December: 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Tocko; 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Peaslee; Unanimous

Financials for December:

Discussion to pay NWSW \$3500 for year benevolence

Decision to pledge \$500 month to Northwest Synod

1<sup>st</sup> Jim Tocko; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Bjerke; Unanimous

Property Report:

Painting of Entrance and Hallway

Boiler Fixed—Service Contract for Furnace and Boiler \$250 per year

1<sup>st</sup> Rev KD Taylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Peaslee; Unanimous

Pastor Report:

Discussion about need for Eucharistic Ministers and updated shut-in list

Website update: Michael Tonn awarded scholarship – layout and maintenance

Closing Prayer: Dan Bjerke

Motion to Adjourn: Dan Bjerke

Respectfully submitted: Rev KD Taylor

## BIRTHDAYS

Bjorgo, Troy	03/01	Stendahl, Jamie	03/15	Engen, Omar	03/27
Ellifson, Debra	03/01	Back, Koby	03/16	Maug, Ethan	03/27
Myren, Kendra	03/02	Fenske, Dorothy	03/16	Adams, Daniel	03/28
Knudtson, Emily	03/03	Higley, Sadie	03/16	Anderson, Dean	03/28
Olson, Daniel	03/03	Rusten, Diane	03/17	Gullicksrud, Mary	03/28
Pire, Irwin	03/03	Ryskoski, Bobbie	03/19	Skoug, Camille	03/28
Torpen, Angela	03/03	Foss, James	03/20	Nelson, Ronnette	03/29
Gilbertson, Ruth	03/04	Guenther, Joan	03/21	Eide, Frances	03/30
Johnson, Becky	03/04	Olson, Florence	03/21	Gunderson, Haylie	03/30
Maki, Gregory	03/05	Berge, Colleen	03/22	Haukeness, Donald	03/30
Davidson, Clara	03/06	Glenz, Josey	03/22	Westphal, Derrick	03/30
Dregney, Kayla	03/06	Adams, Barbara	03/23		
Nysven, Jerold	03/06	Koxlien, Connor	03/23		
Ellifson, Ted	03/07	Wall, Lillian	03/23		
Runkel, Jean	03/07	Rupnick, Andrew	03/24		
Murrell, Marie	03/09	Tollefson, Tracy	03/24		
Brian, Kelly	03/12	Bilski, Deborah	03/25		
Kisor, Ralph	03/12	Kensmoe, Debra	03/25		
Dregney, Jeffery	03/13	Myren, Abby	03/25		
Berg, Jeanette	03/14	Myren, Thomas	03/25		
Timm, Annabelle	03/14	Semingson, Drew	03/25		
Gullicksrud, Annika	03/15	Anderson, Charles	03/26		
Gunem, Alton	03/15	Nelson, Karen	03/26		
Hanson, Corinne	03/15	Olson, Edith	03/26		

*"May you have all the joy your heart can hold,  
All the smiles a day can bring,  
All the blessings a life can unfold.  
May you have God's best in everything."*

*Happy Birthday!*



## MEMORIALS

### In Memory of Eunice Nelson

#### *General Fund*

Don & Judy Haukeness  
Dale & Linda Rustad  
Gloria & Tom Wagener  
Paul & Ruth Eide  
Yvonne & Clark Williams  
Frances Eide  
Robert & Roxie Berg  
Corrine Hoff  
Karl & Carol Galstad

#### *Window Fund*

Jeanette Berg  
Donna Hanson  
Jewel & Norma Berge  
Wes & Jean Nelson

### In Memory of Glenn

#### Haukeness

#### *General Fund*

George & Peggy Brown

#### *Window Fund*

George & Peggy Brown

#### *West Beef River*

#### *Cemetery*

Harry & Val Lorenz  
Mary Salava  
Florine Koxlien  
Clarice Bergerson  
Joanne Brion  
Donald & Harriet Gilbertson  
Sue Larson  
Lois Hulberg  
Ina Olson

### In Memory of Wade Halverson

#### *General Fund*

Louise Halverson

### In Memory of

#### Levi Call

#### *General Fund*

Jeffrey Call

### **Memorial Funds**

CBELC  
Endowment Fund  
Immanuel Chapel Fund  
Immanuel General Fund  
Immanuel Building Fund  
Immanuel Library Fund  
Immanuel Music Fund  
Immanuel Sunday School  
Immanuel Youth Fund  
Immanuel Window Fund  
St. Paul's Cemetery  
West Beef River Cemetery

***When writing a check,  
please make the check  
payable to the individual  
memorial fund.***

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>30</b> 9 am Worship/Communion 10 am Sunday School  Coffee Hour Hosts: Daughters of the King	<b>31</b> 3:45 pm Youth Choir 4:30 Guitar Class	<h1 style="margin: 0;">March 2014</h1>				<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 9 am Worship Daughters of the King Installation  10 am Sunday School  Coffee Hour Hosts: Daughters of the King	<b>3</b> 3:45 pm Youth Choir 4:30 Guitar Class	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1:45 pm Service @ Strum Health & Rehab Center  6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>8</b> 11 am – noon Daughters of the King (ILC Office)  5 pm Family Service Followed by a light dinner	
<b>9</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Sunday School  Coffee Hour Host: To be determined	<b>10</b> 3:45 pm Youth Choir 4:30 Guitar Class	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper  6:30 pm Lenten Service	<b>13</b> 9 am – Noon Quilting  3 pm – 5 pm Feed My People Mobile Food Pantry  Strum Village Hall	<b>14</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> 9 am Worship/Communion ACOUSTIC SUNDAY 10 am Sunday School  10 am Fellowship Brunch	<b>17</b> 3:45 pm Youth Choir 4:30 Guitar Class	<b>18</b> 9 am – 11 am Food Pantry at Immanuel Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall	<b>19</b> 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper  6:30 pm Lenten Service  9 am Martha Circle - Mildred Finstad  1:30 pm Hope Circle - Jean Herman	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>22</b>	
<b>23</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Sunday School  Kensmoe Baptism  Coffee Hour Host: To be determined	<b>24</b> 3:45 pm Youth Choir 4:30 Guitar Class	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper  6:30 pm Lenten Service	<b>27</b> 9 am – Noon Quilting	<b>28</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>29</b>	

\*\*\*Schedule subject to change\*\*\*

# MARCH SCHEDULE

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



### **Greeters**

March 2 Jim & Judy Foss  
March 9 Brad & Lisa Windjue & Family  
March 16 Dave & Ericka Olson & Family  
March 23 Matt & Ronnette Nelson  
March 30 Kevin & Camille Skoug



### **Readers**

March 2 Sara Heck  
March 9 Rita Berge  
March 16 Ruth Eide  
March 23 Brian Schadrie  
March 30 Jodie Semingson



### **Acolytes**

March 2 Isaac Hulberg  
March 9 Connor Windjue  
March 16 Zach Olson  
March 23 Ryan Johnson  
March 30 Ethan Maug



### **Communion Helpers**

March 2 George & Lois Johnson  
March 5 Matt & Ronnette Nelson  
March 16 Kevin & Camille Skoug



### **Altar Guild**

March 2 Ruth Eide  
March 5 Mary Bjorgo (Ash Wednesday)  
March 16 Jodie Semingson

Robes Betty Vold  
Flowers Dorothy Hulberg & Edith Olson



### **Ushers**

\*Scott & Justin Bjorgo, Ronnie & Troy Bjorgo, Peter-Berge

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Strum, Wisconsin! We are a church family of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who as disciples of Christ, are gathered together to *embrace, encourage, and extend faith, hope, and love in Christ*. Embrace, encourage, and extend: these three descriptive words sum up the mission of our congregation in following the command of Christ to love one another. Through worship, education, fellowship, and service, we share that love for each other and our community so that lives may be enriched and faith strengthened. Immanuel Lutheran Church is a congregation that is steeped in history while also engaging the context of the village of Strum, the community as a whole, and the world. Come and see! There is a place for you!

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Pastor ..... Rev. K D Taylor  
 Administrator ..... Michelle Peaslee  
 Custodian ..... Ronnette Nelson  
 Organist/Music Director ..... Jeanette Tobiason  
 Sunday School Directors ..... Tera Gullicksrud & Sherry Bjerke

**Creative Beginnings Early Learning Center**

Director ..... Keri Whitwam  
 Administrative Assistant ..... Michelle Peaslee  
 Lead Teacher—Forest Friends Room..... Theresa Bjorgo  
 Lead Teacher—Lily Pad Room ..... Samantha Tetzlaff  
 Lead Teacher—Monkey Room ..... Dusti Miland  
 Assistant ..... Ronnette Nelson

**Council Members**

President ..... Jim Tocko  
 Secretary ..... Kris Husby  
 Treasurer ..... Michelle Peaslee  
 Member-at-large ..... Dan Bjerke  
 Member-at-large ..... Howard Hanson  
 Member-at-large ..... Marie Murrell

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