

March 2016



**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday**

- 9 AM :      Worship
- 10 AM:      Coffee Hour
- 10:15 AM:   Sunday School
- 11:15 AM:   Acoustic Service

**Wednesday**

- 4 PM:       Confirmation

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# The Church Messenger

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## Stewardship of God's Earth

By Jim Tocko

Recently I have been coming to the realization that my years here on this earth are numbered. Maybe it is because just three years ago that Marian died sooner than expected. I know that she wanted me to continue cultivating the gardens. Thinking of that time when I can't dig in the dirt leaves me with an empty feeling. Down on your knees weeding/planting isn't a labor but more a form of prayer. More and more I find myself stopping and staring at the gardens, even during the winter, the gardens we have crafted over the past twenty years from what was basically a patch of grass/weeds. Then I stop to think, who is going to take my place or will it just return to its original state? There will be the first morning when the sun rises and dapples its first early light on the hosts, coneflowers, Shasta daisies and poppies and Joe-pye-weed, and I will not be there. For a moment, I imagine the flowers will bow their heads and the paths I built by hand will sink a quarter of an inch, but the truth is that everything will go on as if nothing has happened, because they understand better than any of us, that this is just how things work. Everything won't shrivel up and die without me because gardening has taught me the lesson in life: everything in life is a cycle. Something will always come back in the spring no matter how cold the winter is. Gardening is more a state of mind, an approach to living. It is more the process than the product that gives us joy. We measure our love of something not by how much it wants to die without us, but by how much it wants to go on after we leave because of our having been there. This is true for gardening and for our personal relationships we have cultivated.

He who loses money, loses much. He who loses a friend, loses more. He who loses faith, loses all.

Think spring. Have a Happy Easter.

## Central High School 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Blood Drive

ELEVA-STRUM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> 12:30-5:30  
SPONSORED BY: ELEVA-STRUM FCCLA

Contact Jean Glocke, school nurse, to schedule your appointment  
715-695-2696 x 2090

*BLOODCENTER of WISCONSIN*  
**SAVE THE DAY. DONATE BLOOD.**

## A Message from Pastor Ken

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*"Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity; Jesus came to change the mind of humanity about God. This grounds Christianity in pure love and perfect freedom." Richard Rohr*

What if this is really true?

Have we misunderstood the biblical message all along?

There are certainly plenty of passages that might lead us to believe that God is not pleased.

Is this God's message to us? Or, might there be something else, something more in store?

Maybe it is far too easy for us to fall into the snare of deciding who is in God's grace, and who is not. Then we get to justify our actions, over and against the actions of others. Somehow, what 'we' might be guilty of is not, in our minds, 'as bad' as what 'they' are doing.

This becomes a form of self-justification....so then, who becomes God?  
Right. We inadvertently take on God's role, and fall into the sin of pride. Yikes.

And it's all too easy. It then becomes a guessing game. Who do we listen to make sure that we 'make the cut', that we are in God's good graces? Is it a lottery of circumstance?

Maybe because we are born in a certain country with certain circumstances, etc...?

What if we really listened to Jesus the Christ?

What if we take heed and pay attention to what Jesus endured in order to reach us?  
What if we looked upon the cross, and gazed into the eyes of infinite love for us? For you?

Rather trying to interpret what rules to follow, what prayers to say and when, and trying to decide who is in, and who is out...

What if the love of Jesus motivated us to share God's love with others?

How might that make this life different?

May God richly engage you as we enter into Holy Week, the Three Days, and celebrate the Resurrection, when God conquers all death and the grave!

Peace and all good things~ brother ken

## Memorial Funds

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**Immanuel Lutheran Church funds:** Building, Community Dinners (Village Café), Creative Beginnings, Daughters of the King/Jr. Daughters, Endowment, Social Concerns, Strum Area Food Pantry, General, Library, Music, Sunday School, Window, Youth, WELCA

**Cemetery Funds:** Hamlin Cemetery, St. Paul's Cemetery (Strum), West Beef River Cemetery

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

# Council Minutes - January 2016

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January 13, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm  
Opening prayer with Pastor Ken

Members present: Pastor Ken, Jim Tocko, Michelle Peaslee, Kate Back, Camille Skoug, Dan Bjerke and Howard Hanson

Approval of December council minutes: Approved by Camille Skoug and second by Howard Hanson.

Approval of December Treasurer's report: Approved by Dan Bjerke and second by Camille Skoug.

Approval of the 2016 Budget: Camille Skoug and second by Howard Hanson.

## **Pastor's Report:**

- Starting in February, council will be holding their meetings on the second Tuesday of the month.
- First communion service will be on Maundy Thursday, March 24, 2016.
- Confirmation will be held on May 15, 2016 at the 9 am service.
- Pastor Ken will be participating in round robin this year during lent.
- Ash Wednesday/Lent services will be held this year at 7 p.m., with a soup supper being held before Lenten services from 6 p.m. till 7 p.m.
- February 17, 2016 council will be preparing the meal for the Lenten Soup Supper. We are in need of help for the weeks to come, during lent. Please contact Michelle if interested in preparing a meal.
- Many wonderful events coming up: February 13, 2016 "Tubes and Tunes" held from 5 pm till 10 pm. Tickets are \$10 each or \$30 per family. Coulee Boys will be performing.
- Winter Fest will be held February 27, 2016, from 1 pm till 6 pm at Luther Park.
- Recharge will be held on March 4, 2016 at Luther Park.

Closing Prayer

Adjournment: 7:50 pm

Warmest Regards,

## Chippewa Valley Community Chorus Spring 2016 Concert

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Healing Harmonies Music for the Mind  
Saturday, March 5: 7 p.m.  
Sunday, March 6: 2 p.m.

Chippewa Valley Cultural Association  
Heyde Center for the Arts  
3 South High St.  
Chippewa Falls / cvca.net / 715-726-9000

Tickets: Adults \$7; Seniors \$6; Youth \$4; under 5 Free

Music taps into deep and meaningful memories not lost to dementia. Persons with dementia are welcome at our concerts! Presented with support from ADRC of Chippewa, Dunn, and Eau Claire Counties and the Alzheimer's Association.

## What's New at Luther Park?

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### **Plan now for 2016**

- March 4 -5: Recharge-Youth Retreat
- March 12: Quilt Retreat
- June 4: Way Club
- August 13: Heart for Luther Park

**REMINDER - now is the time to sign up for summer camp. The schedule is listed online and you can register at: [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org)**

### **SIGN UP NOW FOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS:**

- March 15: Palestine Today presentation
- April 16: Barn quilts – contact Jacquie at camp for more information and/or look for brochures at church. [jacquie@lutherpark.org](mailto:jacquie@lutherpark.org)

# Financial Report - January 2016

## Jan 1 - Jan 9

General Fund Contributions ..... \$5,082.00  
Expenses ..... (\$2,759.38)  
**Net Income (Loss) ..... \$2,23.62**

## Jan 10 - Jan 16

General Fund Contributions ..... \$4,069.00  
Expenses ..... \$4,910.54  
**Net Income (Loss) ..... (\$841.54)**

## Jan 17 - Jan 23

General Fund Contributions ..... \$1,907.00  
Expenses ..... (\$785.01)  
**Net Income (Loss) ..... \$1,121.99**

## Jan 24 - Jan 30

General Fund Contributions ..... \$2,298.55  
Expenses ..... (\$423.75)  
**Net Income (Loss) ..... \$1,874.80**

## Jan 31

General Fund Contributions ..... \$2,406.93  
Expenses ..... (\$7,492.10)  
**Net Income (Loss) ..... (\$5,085.17)**

Total Contributions ..... \$15,763.48  
Total Expenses ..... (\$16,370.78)  
**Net Income (Loss) ..... (\$607.30)**

### Liabilities (Line-of-Credit)

**Balance** ..... **\$7,869.37**  
 Amount Paid ..... (\$2,000.00)  
**New Balance Due** ..... **\$5,869.37**

### Percent of Monthly Budget Allowance

General Fund Contributions ..... 98.4%  
Other Contributions ..... 72.6%  
 Benevolences<sup>1</sup> ..... 125.0%  
 General Expense<sup>2</sup> ..... 111.1%  
 Ministry Expenses ..... 59.6%  
 Office Expenses<sup>3</sup> ..... 109.6%  
 Pastor Expenses ..... 93.7%  
 Payroll Expenses ..... 90.5%  
 Property Expenses ..... 59.5%  
 Utilities Expense ..... 94.6%

<sup>1</sup>NW Synod fiscal calendar ends Jan 31. Remaining \$625 of benevolences paid.

<sup>2</sup>Paid interest on Loan.

<sup>3</sup>Maintenance contract increased in price & purchased envelopes.

**Actual Jan Expenses** ..... **\$16,370.78**  
**Budgeted Jan Expenses** ..... **\$17,457.68**  
**Percent of Budget Used** ..... **93.8%**

## Restricted Fund Accounts

### Building Fund

*Beginning Balance, January 1* ..... \$2,089.83  
 Receipts ..... \$145.00  
 Disbursements ..... (\$138.00)  
*Ending Balance, January 31* ..... \$2,096.83

### Daughters of the King

*Beginning Balance, January 1* ..... \$141.29  
 Receipts ..... \$56.00  
 Disbursements ..... (\$28.00)  
*Ending Balance, January 31* ..... \$169.29

### Library Fund

*Beginning Balance, January 1* ..... \$319.14  
 Receipts ..... \$0.00  
 Disbursements ..... (\$0.00)  
*Ending Balance, January 31* ..... \$319.14

### Music Fund

*Beginning Balance, January 1* ..... \$701.01  
 Receipts ..... \$45.00  
 Disbursements ..... (\$45.85)  
*Ending Balance, January 31* ..... \$700.16

### Social Concerns

*Beginning Balance, January 1* ..... \$330.37  
 Receipts ..... \$676.65  
 Disbursements ..... (\$330.05)  
*Ending Balance, January 31* ..... \$676.97

### Sunday School

*Beginning Balance, January 1* ..... \$559.95  
 Receipts ..... \$0.00  
 Disbursements ..... (\$9.57)  
*Ending Balance, January 31* ..... \$550.38

### Window Fund

*Beginning Balance, January 1* ..... \$4,008.90  
 Receipts ..... \$0.00  
 Disbursements ..... (\$0.00)  
*Ending Balance, January 31* ..... \$4,008.90

### Youth Fund

*Beginning Balance, January 1* ..... \$1,584.65  
 Receipts ..... \$130.00  
 Disbursements ..... (\$29.68)  
*Ending Balance, January 31* ..... \$1,684.97

## Contributions & Expenses Comparison

### Average per month

#### January

	2014	2015	2016
<b>Contributions</b>	12,693.13	10,710.06	15,763.48
<b>Expenses</b>	18,635.03	13,891.92	16,370.78

## Daughters of the King

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Greetings from your DOK/JDOK at ILC:

Well, there were 19 amazing young girls who attended the Junior Daughters 2nd Annual Lock-In at ILC! This year's theme was Fruits of the Spirit, from Galatians 5:22, so the girls played games, saw 2 movies about missionaries (with popcorn, of course!), made fruit kabobs, walked a prayer labyrinth, went on an all-church scavenger hunt for fruits of the spirit, sang songs and made crafts about the theme: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness, and Self Control!



The Juniors will be making Palm crosses for the congregation, for Palm Sunday, as a Service Project.

Please join the Junior and Senior Daughters on Saturday, March 19, from 7-9pm, as they lead an Open House Easter Vigil Stations Evening.

The Senior Daughters will be having a Mini Retreat on Saturday, March 5, from 12-4pm, at the Osseo Super 8. Please come, even if you haven't signed up. e will have time to learn about the DOK, get to know each other, work on the National Study Chapters, share snacks, laughter, and prayer. Coffee and cinnamon rolls are included. The last hour we will be using their hot tub or pool (optional), so bring a bathing suit! Sign-up Sheets are located at all church entrances, or call Sara at 715-695-3229, or the church at 715-695-3511, or simply come!

for His sake,  
Sara Heck  
President, Ruth Chapter DOK  
co-Directress, Rebekah and Esther Chapter JDOK

## Women of the ELCA

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Sign-up sheets for the Annual Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, March 9, at 9:30am, are located at all church entrances. This year's speaker is Natalie Peterson, seasoned entertainer and author, speaking on, "I'm not the Pastor's Wife, I'm Just Married to Him." Food must be ordered by the 7th, so please be kind and get your reservations in by the evening of Sunday, March 6th. You can call the church office @ 715-695-3511, or Sara Heck @ 715-695-3229, and leave a message.

The next General Meeting of WELCA will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, April 6, at 1:30pm. The program will be "The Sweet Truth of Easter."

The month of February was very busy for our Serving Groups. I would like to thank Groups 1,2, 6, and 4; 3 and 5; and Groups 7, 8, and 11 for all their hard work. The families of the funerals they served were all very appreciative.

We are thankful this month for the lives of three dear women of WELCA: Carolyn Enger, Lorraine Johnson, and Ruth Traaseth. It is almost too much to bear, but now they are all safe in the arms of our Lord.

Yours in Christ,  
Sara Heck  
ILCA/WELCA President

## Miscellaneous

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### **ADRC OF TREMPEALEAU COUNTY OFFERS LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**

The ADRC of Trempealeau County's Transportation Program has expanded its local van service route to include the Osseo, Eleva, and Strum communities for people 60 years of age or older, or people with a disability.

People living in Eleva or Strum may now reserve a round trip ride to Strum on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, excluding holidays. People living in Osseo may now reserve a round trip ride locally in Osseo on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month, excluding holidays. Rides will be available in the afternoon. All vans are accessible to people in wheelchairs. Transportation may be used to go to local grocery stores, doctors' appointments, pharmacies and/or banks. The cost is \$1.50 per trip. Reservations are required, and space is limited, so reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. For reservations or more information, call the ADRC of Trempealeau County, toll-free at 800-273-2001.

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### **THRIVENT FINANCIAL CHILI FEED FUNDRAISER**

Mark your calendar for the hot chili for "cool" people even because we'd love to have you join us. This event is hosted by the Thrivent Member Network - South Wisconsin Region. 100% of the proceeds will benefit the *Eau Claire Adult Special Olympics*. FREE WILL donation; To-Go containers will be available. Serving: Wendy's Chili, Great harvest bread, cookies and refreshments. Invite your friends and join us! Serving until 6:30 p.m. or when the chili is gone!

**Saturday, March 5, 2016**

**4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

2245 Hayden Avenue

Altoona, WI 54701

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**RECALL NOTICE:** The maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units, code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been identified as "Substantial Internal Non-morality," more commonly known as S.I.N.

**Some of the symptoms include: Loss of direction; Foul vocal emissions; Amnesia of origin; Lack of peace and joy; Selfish or violent behavior; Confusion; Fearfulness; Idolatry; and Rebellion.**

The manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free-of-charge to correct this defect. The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required. The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

**No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.**

Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E. (Best Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

**WARNING:** Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to danger and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on Jesus.

**DANGER:** The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

Thank you for your attention ~ God

**PS:** Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice. You may contact the Father any time by "knee-mail."

Author Unknown

## Worship Assistants

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### GREETERS

Mar 6 Matt & Ronnette Nelson  
Mar 13 Jon & Amy Olson  
Mar 20 Ron & Patty Runkel  
Mar 27 Deloris Sather &  
Mary Salava

### READERS

Mar 6 Matt Nelson  
Mar 13 Dale Olsen  
Mar 20 Jodie Semingson  
Mar 24 Sara Heck  
Mar 27 Colleen Berge

### ACOLYTES

Mar 6 Brooke McLean  
Mar 13 Cole Larson  
Mar 20 Cade McSorley  
Mar 24 Steven Rupnick  
Mar 27 Juan Mora Bates &  
Jayden Ellifson

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Mar 6 Craig & Jodie Semingson  
Mar 20 Kevin & Camille Skoug  
Mar 24 Howard & Ramona Hanson  
Mar 27 Dennis & Maxine Ulberg

### ALTAR GUILD

Mar 6 Ruth Eide  
Mar 20 Jodie Semingson (Palm Sunday)  
Mar 24 Mary Bjorgo (Maundy Thurs - Trays)  
Mar 27 Gloria Wagener & Barb Adams -  
Trays

Robes To be determined  
Flowers Ruth Gilberston & Ruth Gullicksrud

### USHERS

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

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mar 6  
Mar 13  
Mar 20 Fellowship Brunch: Michelle Peaslee  
Mar 24 Sunday School (Maundy Thursday)  
Mar 27 No Coffee Hour - Easter Sunday

**WANTED: Coffee Hour Hosts! Please contact the office at (715) 695-3511 if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!**

## Community Outreach & Food Programs

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### **COMMUNITY CUPBOARD FOOD DISTRIBUTION (FIRST TUESDAY):**

Tuesday, March 1, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Even with all the snow we were able to serve 45 families (115 people) last month. I would like to thank all the volunteers that braved the storm to help with February's distribution. Your help is greatly appreciated. As usual, our doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Parking is available on Elm Street and along 5th Ave N. Please use the Main entrance on Elm Street and bring a basket or tote with you to carry your items. Volunteers are welcome, and appreciated, to help unload the truck and set up tables at 9:00 a.m. and/or to help distribute the food and clean up.

### **FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH (THIRD SUNDAY):**

Sunday, March 20, 10 a.m.

### **STRUM AREA FOOD PANTRY (FOURTH TUESDAY):**

Tuesday, March 22, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

### **COMMUNITY DINNER (FOURTH SUNDAY):**

Sunday, March 27, 2016; 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

### **COMMUNITY CLOSET:**

Gently used clothing of all sizes; children through adult; available to the public free of charge  
Open during normal office hours: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 AM FMP Truck 4:30 - 6:30 PM Community Cupboard Food Distribution-Chapel 6 PM Exercise Class	2 5:45 PM Choir Practice 6 PM Soup Supper - Candace Schadrle & Dawn Hering 6:15 PM Chimes 7 PM Lenten Service	3 6 PM Exercise Class	4 Pastor's Sabbath	5 12 - 5 PM DOK Mini-retreat at Super 8 in Osseo
6 9 AM Worship/Holy Communion 10 AM Coffee Hour 11:15 AM Acoustic Service/Holy Communion	7 6 PM Zumba 6 PM CBELC Board	8 6 PM Exercise Class 7 PM Council	9 9:30 AM WELCA Prayer Breakfast 3:30 PM Jr. DOK 5:45 PM Choir Practice 6 PM Soup Supper - Ronnelle Nelson & Amy Olson 6:15 PM Chimes 7 PM Lenten Service	10 9 AM—Noon Quilting 6 PM Exercise Class	11 Pastor's Sabbath	12
13 9 AM Worship 10 AM Coffee Hour: 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Acoustic Service/Holy Communion	14 6 PM Zumba	15 6 PM Exercise Class	16 9 AM Martha Circle 1:30 PM Hope Circle - Lyn Schlink 1:30 PM Rebecca Circle 3:30 PM Jr. DOK 5:45 PM Choir Practice 6 PM Soup Supper - Chancel Chimers 7 PM Lenten Service	17 6 PM Exercise Class	18 Pastor's Sabbath	19
20 9 AM Worship/Holy Communion/Kids Sing 10 AM Fellowship Brunch/ Fair Trade Coffee Sales 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Acoustic Service/Holy Communion  Palm Sunday	21 6 PM Zumba  Michelle 1/2 Day Vacation	22 6 PM Exercise Class	23 4 PM Confirmation 5:45 PM Choir Practice 6:15 PM Chimes	24 9 AM—Noon Quilting 6 PM Exercise Class 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service/First Communion	25 Pastor's Sabbath 7 PM Good Friday Service	26 7 - 9 PM DOK/JDOK Vigil Stations of the Cross
27 9 AM Worship/Holy Communion 10 AM Coffee Hour 11:15 AM Acoustic Service/Holy Communion  Easter	28 6 PM Zumba  Office Closed	29 6 PM Exercise Class	30 4 PM Confirmation 5:45 PM Choir Practice 6:15 PM Chimes	31 6 PM Exercise Class		



# Memorials



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## **CAROLYN ENGER (JAN 28)**

### Building Fund

Omar & Ruth Engen

### Choir Fund

Dave & Marlys Bjorklund

### General Fund

Allerd Skovbrotten & Phyllis Olson

Ardell & Wyllis Oson

Arlene Martinson

Darlene Insteness

David & Judith Hageness

Dean & Carolyn Boehne

Dee Maug

Don & Judy Haukeness

Eric & Karen Franson

Jean Amundson

Jim & Vickie Shermo

Julia Bjorgo

Karin Back

Linda Hager

Lois Hulberg

Mavis Rathjen

Neil & Marion McCune

Paul & Mary Gullicksrud

Paul & Ruth Eide

Sharon Germann

Shirley Myren

### Music Fund

Dale & Charlene Olsen

David & Colleen Berge

DeLaine Nyseth

Florine Koxlien

Gerard & Corrine Hanson

Greg & Kaye Gruger

Hensel & Betty Vold

Kris & Kelly Oium

Robert & Janet Johnson

Scott & Mary Bjorgo

### Sunday School

Randy & Wendy Ottestad

### Window Fund

Jeanette Berg

LaVerne & Ruth Gullicksrud

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## **LORRAINE JOHNSON (FEB 5)**

### General Fund

Allerd Skovbrotten & Phyllis Olson

Christine Drew, Katie, Colleen & Families

Clarice Bergerson

Clark & Yvonne Williams

Corrine Ottestad

Dale & Linda Franson

Darlene Insteness

Dave & Colleen Berge

Dean & Carolyn Boehne

DeLaine Nyseth & Family

Don & Judy Haukeness

Donna Hanson

Doris Anderson

Dorothy Hulberg

Eric & Karen Franson

Gary & Debra Ottestad

George & Lois Johnson

Jean Amundson

Joanne Brion

Karin, Kelsey, Kye, & Koby Back

Lois Hulberg

Lorraine's Family

Mildred Finstad

Norma Berge

Paul & Mary Gullicksrud

Ron & Marlene Onstad

Sam & Virginia Yanakopoulos

Sonja Dole

### Hamlin Cemetery

Deloris Sather

Hensel & Betty Vold

### ILC for Homebound Communion

#### Supplies

Lorraine's Family

#### St. Paul's Cemetery

Lorraine's Family

#### Sunday School

Lyle & Ellen Heck

#### WELCA

Lorraine's Family

#### West Beef River Cemetery

Marian Thronson

Mike & Rachel Olson

#### Window Fund

Gary & Corrine Hanson

Jeanette Berg

Lorraine's Family

LaVerne & Ruth Gullicksrud

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## **DENNIS HALVERSON (JAN 26)**

### Endowment Fund

Dave & Colleen Berge

### General Fund

Jeanette Berg

### Hamlin Cemetery

DeLaine Nyseth

### Music Fund

Howard & Ramona Hanson

Paul & Jeanette Tobiason

Ronnie & Julia Bjorgo

### Sunday School

Lyle & Ellen Heck

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## **RUTH TRAASETH (FEB 12)**

### General Fund

Clarice Bergerson

Darlene Insteness

David & Sue Rotvold

Deloris Sather

Dick & Judy Owens

Donna Hanson

Helen Toft

Irene Brian

Jean Amundson

Laverne & Liz Franson

Louann Marsolek

Patti Dregney

Roger & Marilyn Enger

Wilmer & Edna Dahl

### Quilting/Sewing Group

Richard & Darlene Pederson

Bob & Sandy Teigan

### WELCA

Phyllis Semingson

### West Beef River Cemetery

Mary Salava

### Window Fund

LaVerne & Ruth Gullicksrud

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## **DELORES BERG (JAN 20)**

### General Fund

Bill & Julie Kensmoe

## **PAT MCCLUSKEY (JAN 29)**

Sister-in-law and Aunt to Ernie & Nancy Myhers, Emily Pederson, Ernie Myhers, Jr. & Paul Myhers

### Strum Area Food Pantry

Ernest & Nancy Myhers

## **ARNIE DAVIDSON, HUSBAND;**

## **PHILIP ROGERS, SON;**

## **DEBRA ROGERS, DAUGHTER;**

## **MICHAEL DAVIDSON, SON**

### General Fund

Connie Davidson

# Birthdays - March

Kendra Myren.....	2	Dorothy Fenske.....	16	Mary Gullicksrud.....	28
Emily Knudtson.....	3	Sadie Higley.....	16	Camille Skoug.....	28
Sean Larson.....	3	Diane Rusten.....	17	Ronnette Nelson.....	29
Daniel Olson.....	3	Bobbie Ryskoski.....	19	Haylie Dewitz.....	30
Ruth Gilbertson.....	4	Jim Foss.....	20	Frances Eide.....	30
Becky Johnson.....	4	Joan Guenther.....	21	Don Haukeness.....	30
Greg Maki.....	5	Colleen Berge.....	22	Derrick Westphal.....	30
Connie Davidson.....	6	Josey Glenz.....	22		
Kayla Dregney.....	6	Barb Adams.....	23		
Jerry Nysven.....	6	Connor Koxlien.....	23		
Ted Ellifson.....	7	Lillian Wall.....	23		
Matthew Maug.....	7	Taylyn McIlquham.....	24		
Jean Runkel.....	7	Drew Rupnick.....	24		
Marie Murrell.....	9	Tracy Tollefson.....	24		
Adam Petersen.....	9	Debra Kensmoe.....	25		
David Maug.....	11	Tom Myren.....	25		
Ralph Kisor.....	12	Abby Myren.....	25		
Jeffery Dregney.....	13	Drew Semingson.....	25		
Jeanette Berg.....	14	Karen Nelson.....	26		
Annabelle Timm.....	14	Edith Olson.....	26		
Annika Gullicksrud.....	15	Omar Engen.....	27		
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"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."



The Altar Guild presents this opportunity for you to purchase an Easter plant in thanksgiving for, or in memory of, a loved one. The plant would be for placement in the Church on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

To order a plant, complete the form below and return it to the Church office by March 14<sup>th</sup> along with full payment. Please make checks payable to Robbe's.

*(check one below)*

I will contribute a plant

I will give a monetary contribution to the General Fund

*(check one below)*

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

*Plants will be available for pick-up following the Easter Worship Service or the following Monday. The cost of the plants are as follows:*

Lilies .....\$8.00

Mums.....\$8.00

# Luther Park Bible Camp

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Planning to send your children to Luther Park Bible Camp this summer? Registration is open. Spots fill quickly so please register as soon as possible. Immanuel Lutheran will have scholarship money available again this year thanks to the Immanuel Lutheran Endowment Fund's generosity. The amount available to each child will depend on the number of children who register. Luther Park also has camperships available for families experiencing financial hardship. For more information on registration or camperships, please contact Luther Park ([www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org)).

## Sunday School News

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### **Wednesdays during Lent** (February 10 - March 16)

6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Suppers

7:00 p.m. Lenten Services

### **Friday, March 18, 2016 - ILC Sunday School Family Fun Night**

Eau Claire Indoor Sport Center - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Pizza and Soda will be provided by the Sunday School.

YOUTH AREA | BASKETBALL | VOLLEYBALL | FOOTBALL  
SOCCER | LARGE INFLATABLES | MOVIE AND COLORING  
FREE POPCORN

\$4.00 per person or Family of 5 or more \$20

All families must check-in at the concession stand upon arrival to sign the waiver/liability form. ILC Sunday School will have a meeting room from 5 - 8 p.m. Please email: [ilcsundayschool@yahoo.com](mailto:ilcsundayschool@yahoo.com) to register! This is a family event, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Fun for the entire family!!!

### **Sunday, March 20, 2016 (Palm Sunday)**

#### **Kids will sing during worship**

Below is one of the songs the kids will be singing if they'd like to practice.

**I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD**

*(The Sunday Schoolers will actually be singing the echo in parenthesis)*

*I will call upon the Lord (I will call upon the Lord)*

*Who is worthy to be praised (Who is worthy to be praised)*

*So shall I be saved from my enemies (So shall I be saved from my enemies)*

*(All sing together)*

*The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock*

*And may the God of our salvation be exalted*

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*And may the God of our salvation be exalted*

### **Thursday, March 24, 2016 - Maundy Thursday**

Third Grader Sunday School students will be receiving their First Communion during this service at 7:00 p.m. Cake will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

### **Friday, March 25, 2016 - Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.**

### **Sunday, March 27, 2016 - Easter Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **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  
*Parish 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 Solberg  
*Lead Teacher—Monkey Room*.....Dusti Bolgrin  
*Lead Teacher—Lily Pad Room* ..... Kayla Sauers  
*Lead Teacher - Busy Bees Room* .....Mandi Taylor  
*Lead Teacher—Forest Friends Room* ..... Keshia Zimmerman

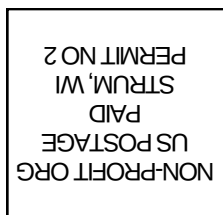
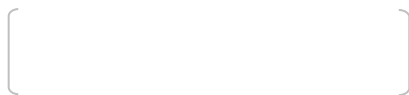
### **Council Members**

*President*.....Jim Tocko  
*Secretary*..... Kate Back  
*Treasurer*..... Michelle Peaslee  
*Member-at-large*.....Dan Bjerke  
*Member-at-large*.....Howard Hanson  
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