



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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## March Newsletter 2022

### Our Mission:

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists in our community:

**To Welcome** all people

**To Gather** in worship

**To Grow** in God's word and grace

**To Go Forward** and serve others in Jesus' name



### Council Members

Brian Lindgren	President
Phyllis Thompson	Vice President
Sandy Holman	Secretary
Joanne Dombovy	
Craig Hanson	
Bonnie Kaehler	
Larry Brummer	
Eleanor Starr	Treasurer

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I'm going to get a little more personal with this letter than I usually do. Most of you know by now that we are currently experiencing a health crisis in our family. My husband, Mike, has recently been diagnosed with Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma, the most common of the non-Hodgkin Lymphomas.

And to make things more complicated, the particular kind he is fighting is called a double hit, which means the chemo he is receiving is administered via IV for 96 continuous hours. So, rather than out-patient chemo for a day, for each round of chemo, Mike will have to spend five days in the hospital. The plan is for Mike to have six rounds of chemo, one round every twenty-one days. He received the first one on February 9, so round two is scheduled for March 2. (Perfect timing for two pastors—Ash Wednesday!) If all goes according to plan, Mike's last chemo will be the end of May. Lymphoma is treated with the goal being a cure. Most often, this chemo regimen does the trick but if that isn't the case, the good news is that they then move onto another type of treatment, with cure still being the end goal.

We will have a long, miserable few months ahead of us, but we are confident in the gift of science and the medical professionals. We have been overwhelmed with the prayers and the way people continue to reach out to us and care for us. We truly are experiencing God's presence and merciful love through everyone involved in Mike's care and through all of you as you continue to pray. I can't say enough how much your prayers mean to us. We truly feel as though we are held tightly in God's arms. As I feel the comfort of God's care the words of one of my favorite hymns, Thy Holy Wings, have been playing over and over in my head.

*Thy holy wings O Savior, spread gently over me and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my every moment be lived within thy grace.*

*O, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.*

*Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.*

No matter what it is we are struggling with in life, we are all enfolded in God's merciful love. May you know that love and care for you.

Grace and Peace be with you, Pastor Kari

*From Pastor Kari:*

*I will usually be at Bethel on Tuesdays, Immanuel on Thursdays, and start out Wednesdays at Immanuel and end the day at Bethel.*

*There are a number of things that interfere with that routine—visits, pastoral care needs, pastors' meetings, care center worship services, etc. So, please call first if you are wanting to connect with me in the office!*

*You can call my cell phone anytime! (701-509-3005) If I can't answer, I will return your call when I can*

*(Mike's immune system will be pretty much wiped out for his whole cancer ordeal. So, for the time being, as much as I dislike having to do this, I will be even more intentional in wearing my mask and keeping my distance from people.)*

## Lent Midweek

This year we will be sharing our Midweek Lenten soup suppers and worship services with Bethel Lutheran in Little Falls, our sister congregation.

The confirmation kids will be serving supper at 5:30. (They'll be looking for congregation members to help provide soup, so be ready to help if you can!) You will be invited to give a free-will donation that will go towards the kids' summer camp and other youth activities.

Worship will follow supper at 6:15. This will be a more informal, devotional setting than our Sunday morning worship services.

Lent offers us an opportunity to take time out of our normal routine and refocus our lives on living in the gift of our baptism. It is a time to ask, how are we doing? We who have died to sin and come alive to new life in Christ? In repentance we ask our Lord to clear our hearts and lives of sin's self-centeredness and renew us in our call to live as Jesus' disciples who are sent out to be the presence of God's grace, love, and mercy in the world.



### ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday March 2: Ash Wednesday worship

*5:00 pm – Bethel*

*7:00 pm – Immanuel*

Wednesday March 9 (**at Bethel**) Soup supper 5:30, Lent worship 6:15

Wednesday March 16 (**at Immanuel**) Soup supper 5:30, Lent worship 6:15

Wednesday March 23 (**at Bethel**) Soup supper 5:30, Lent worship 6:15

Wednesday March 30 (**at Immanuel**) Soup supper 5:30, Lent worship 6:15

Wednesday April 6 (**at Bethel**) Soup supper 5:30, Lent worship 6:15

## Looking ahead to Summer trips and camps!!

Youth (and adults!) currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older: Would you like to go with the Immanuel & Bethel group on a canoe trip!? We'll be going through Wilderness Canoe Base in the boundary waters canoe area August 2-6. If you are interested in more details, talk to Pastor Kari.

And see the information below about Camp Onomia! Pastor Kari would love to take kids to camp! If you have questions about camp or about the canoe trip, give Pastor Kari a call!



## Confirmation Camp at Camp Onomia

Confirmation Students and Pastor Kari are going to camp!!

- **June 12 to 17**
- **All youth grades 6-9 are invited!** (Even if you haven't been to confirmation this year!)
- Register on the camp website [www.camponomia.org](http://www.camponomia.org) (Choose Confirmation Camp as the program you are attending.)
- Pay only the deposit when you register.  
(We hope to be able to cover the rest of the cost through fund-raising and our youth fund. If you need help with funds, talk to Pastor Kari!  
Money (the lack of) cannot be the reason kids don't go to camp!!)
- **Register by March 15 to get the early bird discount which saves us \$100!!** (Let Pastor Kari know that you have registered!)
- If those dates don't work for you, you can choose to register for another of Camp Onomia's programs, it's just not a guarantee that Pastor Kari will be able to spend much time there with you. She is planning to be there for the whole week of Confirmation Camp.

The Camp Onomia brochure says: We want you to experience the love of Jesus through life in a community where daily prayer, worship, and Bible study is simply a part of the daily routine. The rest of the day is filled with fun and friends; activities that build community, confidence, and social skills.

Pastor Kari says: Camp is a fun-filled, life changing experience! You'll get to better know Jesus and his love for you! You'll make great friends and have fun adventures! I can't wait to spend that week with you!



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES

February 6, 2022

**Council Members Present:** Pastor Kari Pancoast, Brian Lindgren, Larry Brummer, Craig Hanson, Phyllis Thompson, and Eleanor Starr, Treasurer.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:40am in the Sunday School Room of Immanuel Lutheran Church by President Brian Lindgren.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from the January 9, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Phyllis moved to approve the minutes and Craig seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Income and expense reports through January 31, 2021 were reviewed. The income for the month was only \$2,341.00 and expenses were \$8,843.00. Discussion on various reasons that offerings are lower in January. Unfortunately, some quarterly payments are also due in January causing expenses to be higher than normal. The Council is asking members to please help by sending in their offerings if they cannot attend church. Phyllis moved to approve the report and Craig seconded. Motion passed.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Kari reported that the Confirmation students will help make and sell frozen hot dish meals to raise monies for youth activities. Place orders by February 13<sup>th</sup>. The Confirmation classes will be held at Immanuel after services on two Sundays in March due to the Lenten services being on Wednesday.

**COMMITTEES: Evangelism:** The committee will meet in March.

**Stewardship/Fundraising:** Members are needed - a meeting will be held soon and anyone is welcome to serve on the committee. Please contact Eleanor if you are interested.

**Property & Management:** Some of the emergency exit lights are out-Craig & Brian will check if the back up batteries need to be replaced.

**Worship/Music/Altar Guild:** Pastor noted that there will be Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at Bethel at 5:00 and Immanuel at 7:00. There will be one service on the other five Wednesdays in Lent rotating weeks between Immanuel and Bethel. Soup suppers will be at 5:30 and worship at 6:15. Confirmation students will help serve with congregation members providing soup and bread.

**Finance:** The bank balance will be monitored closely and monies transferred from the Memorial Fund if necessary.

**Old Business:** Early registration for the 2022 Synod Assembly at Craguns is March 15<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Kari, Brian & Julie plan to attend. The dates are April 29-May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business:**

Confirmation camp is at Camp Onomia June 12-17. Pastor Kari will find out the number attending -some funds are available to help with the cost. \$100 off for early registration by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Quilt & Ham Bingo is being planned for March 27<sup>th</sup> depending on the status of St. Rita's Hall due to Covid rules from their Bishop-we will know more the first week of March. The Bingo permit from the state and Thrivent monies have been received. The event may have to be postponed.

The Joint Parish Council met on January 18<sup>th</sup> at Bethel to review 2021 expenses and discuss the 2022 budget. The Shared Ministry Agreement was reviewed and wording changed to clarify that membership will consist of the President, Treasurer, and Secretary of each church.

**Next Council Meeting:** March 6, 2022

Motion to adjourn by Craig. Seconded by Larry. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Eleanor Starr

### Worship/Music/Altar Guild Committee

This committee is responsible for setting up and assisting with communion, changing parliaments and banners per the church calendar. Making sure Altar candles are lit for Sunday service. Working with the Pastor on worship services as needed. There is a detailed procedure posted on wall in the Altar Room. Thank you to all who serve on this committee. Additional volunteers are welcome.

#### 2022

March	Phyllis Thompson
April	Bonnie Kaehler
May	Sally Westholder
June	Sandy Holman
July	Julie Lindgren
August	Phyllis Thompson
September	Sandy Holman
October	Sally Westholder
November	Julie Lindgren
December	Bonnie Kaehler



### Gospel Readings for March

March	2	John 10:1-18
March	6	John 11:1-44
March	13	John 13:1-17
March	20	John 18:12-27
March	27	John 18:28-40

### Offering and Attendance

February 6	\$565.00	20
February 13	\$1,221.00	19
February 20	\$653.00	14

### Property and Debt

\$75,675.65

Mortgage \$1,643.00 is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

### Fundraisers

February Bakeless \$175.00

### Money in Accounts

Memorial Fund \$26,032.87

**GENERAL FUND \$7,023.08**

General **includes** Youth Fund

Youth Fund \$2,410.83

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Prayer List:** Ben Biniek, Emerson Kowalkowski, Phyllis Biniek, Marie Cronquist, David Stevens, Ardath Johnson, Sharon Stevens, Lucas Kramer, Larry Apel, Marilyn Pangier, Darvin & Janet Dahlke, Jim Welch, Justin Lindgren, Micah Olson, Sally Westholder, Mary Rohrer, Jean Walock, Sharon Fisher, Mike Pancoast, Bud McDonald, Janet Stott, The Family of Marion Yost

**If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the church office @320-277-3939**



The next council meeting will be Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 11:30am

We invite and encourage our Immanuel family to pray for our members on their special day!

### MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

6 Grace Thielbar

7 Magnus McQuay

8 Ashlea Wilt

13 Eleanor Starr

18 Jennie Olson

25 Brian Lindgren

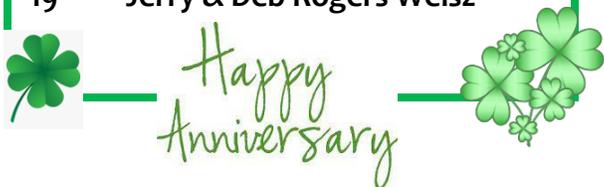
28 Nancy Burggraff

31 Trapper Myrum



### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

19 Jerry & Deb Rogers Weisz



### Double Fleece Blanket Drawing

You can own this beautiful 60 x 80 inch cozy fleece blanket if you are the winner of the drawing on March 27, 2022.

Chances are \$1.00 each and are available at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

If you prefer, you can mail a check to the church at P.O. Box 35, Hillman, MN 56338. We will fill out your tickets and enter them in the drawing.

Please include your name and phone number. You don't have to be present to win.



### Confirmation News

- During Lent we will be attending worship rather than having class on Wednesday.
- We will have class at Immanuel on Sunday, March 13 after worship. (11:30 -1:00)
- Talk to Pastor Kari if you (or someone you know) would like to be a part of confirmation.
- Anyone grades 6 and older are invited!



Join us for Sunday School!

All kids, kindergarten – fifth grade are invited!

Following the children's sermon, the Sunday school kids will be dismissed together for more learning and activities based on the Bible story of the day. They will return to the service when it's time for communion.

**Daylight savings time  
begins March 13,  
2022**



## COUNTRY STORE

We have many beautiful items for sale in our country store.



## WELCA

WELCA meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 1:00pm. All women of the church are invited to attend.



## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee will meet on Thursday, March 24th at 2:00 pm. The Evangelism Committee is responsible for sending cards to member. If you feel someone needs a special card, please contact an Evangelism member  
**March 2022** - Julie Lindgren  
**April 2022** – Bonnie Kaehler



## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 10th for 1:00 pm at Immanuel. We welcome new members for the committee. Plans for the Quilt Bingo will be discussed. Please contact Eleanor if you have any questions.

There continues to be a need for financial help with meeting the normal monthly expenses at Immanuel. If you are unable to attend church, we encourage you to please send your offerings to: Immanuel Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 35, Hillman, MN 56338.

We sincerely appreciate your support.



*Thank You!*

Our sincere thanks for your financial help during these winter months. It is greatly appreciated.

## IMMANUEL'S QUILT & HAM BINGO

Immanuel's Quilt & Ham Bingo will be held on Sunday, March 27th at St. Rita's Parish Hall in Hillman at 1:30 PM.

Volunteers are needed to help.



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Of Hillman

## QUILT & HAM



## BINGO

*Sunday, March 27th at 1:30 P.M*

*To Be Held At*

**St. Rita's Parish Hall**

*Hillman, MN on CR 8*

*5 miles south of JCT Hwy 27 & Co. Rd 8*

*\$10.00 for 20 games*

*\$2.00 for 2 blackout games*

Door Prizes

Raffle Items

Free Bag Lunch

# March 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Hours	2 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Hours  Ash Wednesday Worship 5:00 pm – Bethel 7:00 pm – Immanuel	3	4	5
6 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion Sunday School Fellowship 11:30 am Council Meeting	7	8 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Hours	9 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Hours  Soup supper 5:30, Lent worship 6:15 at Bethel	10 1:00 pm Stewardship Meeting	11	12
13 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion Sunday School Fellowship 11:30 -1:00 Confirmation Daylight Savings	14	15 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Hours	16 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Hours  Soup supper 5:30, Lent worship 6:15 at Immanuel	17	18	19
20 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion Sunday School Fellowship	21	22 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Hours	23 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Hours  Soup supper 5:30, Lent worship 6:15 at Bethel	24 1:00 pm WELCA Meeting 2:00 pm Evangelism Meeting	25	26
27 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion Sunday School Fellowship 1:30 pm Quilt Bingo at St. Rita's	28	29 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Hours	30 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Hours  Soup supper 5:30, Lent worship 6:15 at Immanuel	31		