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Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, crating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

From the Pastor By Pastor Gretchen I. Bingea



The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday March 6th. Since the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. That sign of our mortality—that we are dust and to dust we shall return—also reminds us to turn to God who heals our brokenness and gives us life. That turning to God is the work of Lent. Six weeks we turn to God to renew our spirits and to re-set our lives. Roman Catholic sister Joyce Rupp writes in her book Fresh Bread that the season of Lent is an opportunity to find something of value which we've

lost—to find what is missing in our lives that's been tossed away or misplaced or ignored, so that our lives can once again reflect the good news which Jesus encouraged us to live. And so she poses some questions about treasures that may need finding:

- Have I lost a sense of purpose in my life? What are my dreams and my hopes?
- Have I lost a belief in myself and my inner goodness? Do I truly care for my body and spirit?
- Have I lost a generous heart, open to the cares of others?
- Have I lost a sensitivity to God's presence in my life? Do I run through the days without pause for reflection and gratitude?
- Have I lost my perception of the truth? Do little lies creep into my life?
- Does my spirit allow for the gift of laughter? Have I lost the ability to laugh occasionally at myself and at life?
- Have I lost my intimacy with God? Do I still know Jesus?

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questions resonate with you, I invite you to keep Lent this year—through worship, prayer, fellowship, study and service (see page 2 for some us individually, and as a community of faith together, return to God to discover the treasures that lie within the abundant life Jesus came

Lenten Worship

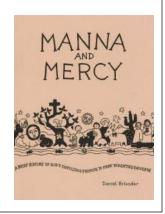
Ash Wednesday March 6th Noon and 7:00pm

Sundays 8:30am Augustana Chapel and 10:45am Immanuel sanctuary Midweek beginning March 13th 7:00pm

Adult Learning Sunday Mornings In Lent

A new 8-week adult education series will begin on March 10th the First Sunday of Lent at 9:45am between services. Immanuel member and retired Pastor Jim Grunow will lead this class called "God's Dream for the Creation—A brief study of the entire Bible."

Presentations and discussion will be based on Dan Erlander's book *Manna and Mercy: A Brief History of God's Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe.* This is a wonderful opportunity to delve deeper into the meaning of our Holy Scriptures whether you're a novice or a regular student of the Bible. The first six sessions will be during the six weeks of Lent, taking a break for Easter, with the last two sessions resuming on April 28th. Sign up at church if you'd like a copy of the book or just show up on March 10th.



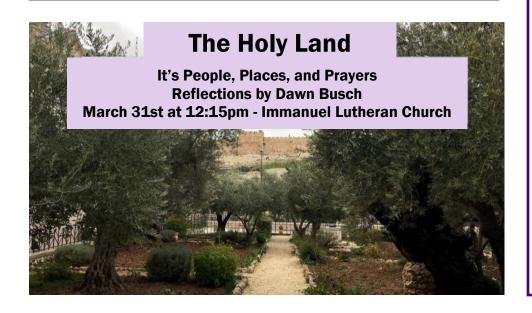
Lenten Wednesday Night Gatherings March 13-April 10



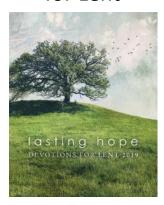
Join us for Soup Suppers at 6:00pm in the Hospitality Room Wednesday nights during Lent starting on March 13th. Various groups from the church host these dinners offering 2-3 soup options and sides. No need to RSVP just show up! If you'd like to help with cooking or serving please contact Kathyn Pierce: kathyn@kathyn.org; 208-484-7284.

Following soup suppers worship begins at 7:00pm in the Immanuel sanctuary with our Midweek Services of Reflection and Healing. Step away from the busyness of life for a time of music, silence, candle-lighting and prayer, with laying on of hands and anointing for healing for those who wish. This year we will be learning and using a new liturgy for Evening Prayer entitled "Joyous Light."

Lenten Children's Activity will be led by our Children & Youth Leader Mary Riedl during the 7pm worship service in the Sunday School Room.



Devotions for Lent



You are invited to keep Lent at home using the devotional booklet "Lasting Hope" based on the book of Psalms. Each day features a reading from the psalms, a quotation to ponder, a reflection and a prayer. The psalms used are also those we will hear in worship on Ash Wednesday, Sundays in Lent, and Holy Week.

During times of celebration as well as suffering, loss, and lament, the psalm writers turned to God and remembered God's promises—promises kept and promises still unfolding. You are invited to pick up one of these devotional booklets at church for your personal or family faith-building time in the home.

Celebrate With Us!



Service of Dedication Celebration Transfiguration Sunday March 3, 2019 at 4:30pm

We invite you to celebrate the dedication of our new sanctuary. Join us in making a joyful noise as we sing, pray, praise, and give thanks for God's blessing on the renewal of our building.

The service will continue with the dedication of the fellowship hall and a reception in our new bright and beautiful space.

For further details go to our website ilcboise.org or contact the church office at 208-344-3011.

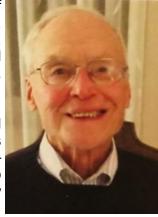


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The Gift

Peter Marshall writes, "Those we love are with the Lord, and the Lord has promised to be with us. If they are with Him and He is with us, they cannot be far away". As our name, Immanuel reminds us, God is with us and we can take comfort in knowing our brother in Christ, Rod Miller, is not far away. Rod was a true steward of God's love. He loved his family, he loved his community, he loved life, and he loved Immanuel. He was a true example of faith as he brought others together to share God's love. Rod passed away in January 2018 and Immanuel recently received an abundant gift from his estate.

Rod's generous gift allows us to reduce our Mission Investment Fund Loan balance by \$120,000 and also immediately reduces the interest we will pay over the term of the loan. Our loan balance today is \$401,000 and we expect this balance to grow to approximately \$485,000 with the remaining construction costs. We have reserved \$80,000 to pay on the loan and with pledges of \$184,000 still expected to be received over the next two years; we expect to reduce our remaining loan balance to approximately \$110,000.



This gift and the gifts of others means payments on the loan should end more quickly, making way for the new missions we envision, to be implemented sooner. We are incredibly blessed with the generosity of our congregation and friends and the legacy of those who have come before us. God is with us! What a joy to see God's love at work helping us to fulfill our purpose "to share God's gift of love with all!"

Renee Bergquist, ReJuv Committee and Pastor Gretchen

CHILDREN and Youth MINIStries

LENT CHILDREN'S SERVICES

All Children and Youth are invited to a special service just for them during our Wednesday Evening Lent worship services in the Sunday School room. Contact Mary if you'd like to help volunteer!

Summer Mission Trip! June 12-21, 2019



The summer mission trip is open to everyone who is 10^{th} grade and up! We will be joining with other cluster congregations to build houses in Mexico with Amor. The cost will be about \$150 (non-refundable) per person plus food while travelling, plus any spending money. You need to have a current pass-

port, and adults will need to have a background check. The next informational and planning meeting is at Hope Lutheran at 4:00 Sunday, March 10th. Please contact Mary Riedl if you plan on attending as we will be trying to carpool over!

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes are held at Hope Lutheran, 331 N Linder, Eagle from 12:30 to 3:30pm. Bring your own lunch. Parents are also invited to participate in the "Parent Partners" group that meets during Confirmation. The next class is **March 3rd** and Parent Partners topic is "Social Media."

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH ARE PARTNERING WITH THE FELLOWSHIP MEAL MINISTRY

The confirmation group will be working with the Fellowship Meal ministry on March 10 and March 12. During our confirmation home sessions, we will be discussing our confirmation class topic as well as learning more about what our Food Fellowship ministry is all about while preparing the dessert for the Tuesday Night meal. The group will then be helping to serve at the next Tuesday night meal. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Riedl or Barak Anderson.

Elementary School



Sunday School will be held on March 3, 10, 31, April 7, 14, and May 12, and 19. Parents and the congregation are always welcome to attend. Join us in

between services at 9:45am. Please email youth@ilcboise.org if you'd like to help!

YOUTH RETREAT RESCHEDULED!

The youth retreat (grades 7-12) that was scheduled for Presidents Day Weekend was rescheduled due to weather concerns. It will now be March 29-31st. If you weren't able to attend due to scheduling conflicts, please consider attending this time! The cost is \$30. We will be leaving from the parking lot of Shepherd of the Valley Friday afternoon and will return mid-day Sunday.

Contact Mary Riedl <u>youth@ilcboise.org</u> for more information or for carpool information!

BULLETIN BOARDS!

The bulletin boards are (mostly) finished in the Hospitality room. Luther Heights has a bulletin board with information about their programs, because camp isn't just for kids! And if you need help remembering the dates of our youth programs they can be easily found on the Child and Youth Ministry bulletin board! Let Mary Riedl know if you have photos of past children's events that we can showcase, or if there are events that need to be added!





Acoustic Alchemy Studio's 2 for 1 Evening on March 1 at 7:00pm Clive Carroll with Mood Swing

Mood Swing is back to open the evening! Patricia Daley and Peggy Jordan, the smooth, jazzy, bluesy singer/songwriter duo. combine airtight arrangements with a wry and playful delivery. These two women can sound and swing with a smooth five-piece band. Then sit back and relish in the music of Clive Carroll. You have probably never heard of Clive but at the end of the evening you'll be wanting to hear more. Clive is a guitar phenomenon who has traversed the world of soul, pop, funk, and traditional Irish music. He has penned orchestral works and written an album's worth of solo acoustic guitar music. Seriously, if you love the guitar you will love this concert.

Tickets are only \$25 for this 2 for 1 concert and are available on *Eventbrite* at acousticalchemystudio.org and on our Facebook page.

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Endowment Committee Looking for Members

Here's your chance to make a long term impact on the mission work of Immanuel! The Church Council is now looking for members for the Endowment Committee who may have experience or skills in the following areas:

Investment management Marketing and Communications Social Work Social ministry
Non-profit management Education Fund raising Accounting
Insurance Legal Banking

It is anticipated that the Endowment Committee will hold monthly 2-hour meetings throughout 2019. They will review and recommend updates to the Mission Endowment Fund policies and procedures, seek Congregational input, and plan marketing and communications to increase the Mission Endowment Fund which currently has a balance of \$10,400.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help secure Immanuel's mission work and provide funding for future generations to share God's gift of love with all! Please prayerfully consider this service work and indicate your interest to Council President, Les Gieselman at lesgieselman@gmail.com, 208-336-0065 (home), or 208-861-1370 (cell). Once the Council has chosen the members, an announcement will be made and the new committee will begin its work.

Bulletin Board



Katie Circle:

March 20, 1:30pm, in the Library

Mary of Bethany Circle:

March 18, 7:00pm hosted by Mary Kay Tinker

Luther Heights



Registration is open for all camps and retreats at Luther Heights for summer and fall 2019! The 2019 Program Guide

and online registration can be found on their website www.lutherheights.org.

SAVE THE DATE ESTATE PLANNING for the HEART

"A workshop to examine end of life issues and decision making as persons of faith"

Friday, June 14th, 6:30- 9:00pm continuing Saturday, June 15th, 9:00am - 2:30pm

To register, call Immanuel at 208-344-3011



New Americans Ministry Team



If you are able to help transport the Betoubam family to and/or from our 10:45 worship here at Immanuel for a particular Sunday, please do one of the following:

- Sign up sheet is on the small table in the Hospitality Room
- Sign up on IVolunteer from our Website
- Contact Sunniva Hoff at (218) 779-2540 or ilcboise.org; Jim Grunow at (208) 571-6309 or jamesggrunow@gmail.com; or Margo Healy at (208) 859-6747 or margohealy2@gmail.com.

This family is new to our country from the Central African Republic. They began worshipping with us on Feb 10th and would like to do so each week. They live at 3433 W.Magnolia, a short 10 minute drive from our church building. We have use of a 6 passenger van (courtesy of Kirk Higginson) that can be used for transporting. We will need two drivers each week.



Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Holly Reynolds at prayers@ilcboise.org or call the church office at (208) 344-3011

Volunteer Opportunities

We could use your help with our Sunday worship services. We now have a website where you can sign up to help in a variety of ways including Assisting Minister, Acolyte, Greeter/Usher, Coffee Hour Host, etc.



Visit https://ilc.ivolunteer.com/SundayWorship or pick up a form at church,

Social Ministry



The Hand in Hand Clothing Room can always use clothes for our Food Fellowship guests. Please bring your clean and new or gently used clothes to church. Clothes may be left outside the church office

Food Fellowship

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matthew 25:35

To sign up to volunteer at a Tuesday night's Food Fellowship visit the church website or go to

https://ilc.ivolunteer.com/SundayWorship



Feed My Sheep Food of the Month:



Canned Vegetables

Social Ministry Needs Volunteers!

The Social Ministry at Immanuel coordinates several projects throughout the year to help members of the Boise community who are in need of a little extra help. Past projects include Thanksgiving Boxes, Baby Steps, Feed My Sheep, Prescription Drug Program and others.



Social Ministries

Contact Val Hanks at finance.ilcboise@gmail.com if you would like to join the committee or just help with one project.

Comfort & Quilt Ministry



The Quilters meet on Monday at 9:30am in the quilt room downstairs. Stop by and say hello. Additional hands are always welcome cutting squares, tying the quilts and other activities.

March Birthdays

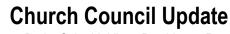
Sandy Camara	3/1	Allan Ansell	3/14
Jacob Seppa	3/2	Marshal Galinato	3/15
Stephanie Wiltshire	3/3	Dick Chilcote	3/16
Samuel Beig	3/5	Lisa Hahle	3/16
Samantha Dockter	3/5	Jim Shaver	3/18
Susan Rowe	3/6	Bonnie Wiley	3/20
Ronald Smith	3/6	Shea Dockter	3/21
Jason Bargen	3/6	Aspen Hobbs	3/21
Gretchen Bingea	3/7	Peyton Bargen	3/22
Joel Burns	3/12	Mary Jo Beig	3/24
Sandra Hawbaker	3/13	Martin Jorcyk	3/27
Riley Zuschlag	3/13	Glenn Martz	3/31





March Anniversaries

Gary & Sandra Hawbaker	James & Patty Giese
March 12 ♥ 64 Years	March 20 ♥ 26 Years
Ken & Holly Reynolds	Brian & Jessica Seppa
March 22 ♥ 49 Years	March 28 ♥ 21 Years



Les Gieselman-President, Barb Schmidt-Vice President, Renee Bergquist-Secretary, Richard Keplinger-Treasurer, Andrew White, Linda von Tagen, Jo Stensaas, Matt Christman and Pastor Gretchen Bingea.

The Council met Monday, February 4, 2019 at 5:30pm. Below is a recap of the meeting:

- The Preliminary Finance Report was reviewed for January and the trend is normal.
- There was an update on the ReJuv Project construction, missing equipment, budget, change orders, costs, Capital Campaign, loan status and a special \$120,000 gift received.
- Council approved the use the \$120,000 gift to pay down the MIF Construction loan principal.
- Over 50 responses to the Pastoral Review Survey have been received and feedback will be provided to Pastor Gretchen in March. Council discussed the process and process improvements to be considered for future reviews.
- The actions at Annual Congregational Meeting were reviewed for action.
- The Council Retreat (Hope Lutheran, Eagle, February 9, 2019 at 10:00am) was discussed.
- Barb Schmidt was appointed as Immanuel's representative on the Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger (IIRAH).
- Installation of new Council Members and Synod representatives will be February 10.
- Next meeting is March 11, 2019, 5:30 PM, Immanuel Library.



Financial Corner

GENERAL FUND

	January	YTD
Budgeted Income	\$26,806.63	\$26,806.63
Actual Income	\$17,561.10	\$17,561.10
Actual Expenses	\$29,844.19	\$29,844.19
Net Income	-\$12,283.09	-\$12,283.09

If you have any questions concerning the finances, please contact Val Hanks, Financial Secretary at (208) 631-8865.

MONTH TO MONTH COMPARISON

	Change
<u>ASSETS</u>	
General Fund	(10,063.39)
General Fund Reserve	37.47
Build Us Up, Lord! Capital Campaign	(29,044.36)
All Other Designated Funds	116,595.93
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 77,525.65

If you are already using electronic payments in other areas of your life, you are encouraged to do so with your offerings to the church as well. When you use our online giving program it helps us plan for our ministry needs while providing consistent support over the year. To sign up, visit our newly refurbished Immanuel website at www.ilcboise.org. Click on the Give button at the top of the page to set up automatic deductions from your checking, savings or credit card for one-time, weekly, semi-monthly or monthly donations. Of course, we gratefully receive your gifts no matter how you choose to contribute.

Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Val Hanks, Financial Secretary	finance@ilcboise.org	208-631-8865
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Matt Christman, Building Maintenance	custodian@ilcboise.org	208-871-9010
Kirk Higginson, Organist	organist@ilcboise.org	208-841-2622
Tony Rheault, Pianist	pianist@ilcboise.org	208-258-4940
Sara Stejskal, Choir Director	choir@ilcboise.org	208-344-3011

Worship Assistants For March

March 3	8:30am	Barb Schmidt	Assistant Minister
		Jim & Patty Giese	Ushers
	10:45am	Vacant	Assistant Minister
		Tyler Clark & Grant Zuschlag	Acolytes
		Jerry Summers & Lois Bauer	Counters
March 10	8:30am	Ken Wiley	Assistant Minister
		John & Sharyn Swan	Ushers
	10:45am	Patrice Burgess	Assistant Minister
		Gracie Galinato & Rachel Hahle	Acolytes
		Bonnie Wiley & Diane Schroeder	Counters
March 17	8:30am	Vacant	Assistant Minister
		Diann Groenewold & Lois Bauer	Ushers
	10:45am	Vacant	Assistant Minister
		Annebelle Riedl & James Riedl	Acolytes
		Joan Lee & Margo Healy	Counters
March 24	8:30am	Vacant	Assistant Minister
		Wade Bisterfeldt & Kathyn Pierce	Ushers
	10:45am	Vacant	Assistant Minister
		Iver Iverson & Tyler Clark	Acolytes
		Jerry Healy & Renee Bergquist	Counters
March 31	8:30am	Vacant	Assistant Minister
		Lois Bauer & Mike Schmidt	Ushers
	10:30am	Vacant	Assistant Minister
		Vacant	Acolytes
		Bonnie Wiley & Diane Schroeder	Counters











Readings and Psalms in March

March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Exodus 34:29-35 Coming down from Mount Sinai, Moses' face shone	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 The covenant with Abram and his descendants	Isaiah 55:1-9 Everyone who thirsts, come to the water; seek the LORD	Joshua 5:9-12 Israel eats bread and grain, the produce of the land
Psalm 99 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD (Ps. 99:9)	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 God will give the angels charge over you (Ps. 91:11)	Psalm 27 In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter (<i>Ps. 27:5</i>)	Psalm 63:1-8 O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you (Ps. 63:1)	Psalm 32 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD (Ps. 32:11)
2 Corinthians 3:124:2 With unveiled faces we see the Lord's glory as we are transformed	Romans 10:8b-13 If you confess that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved	Philippians 3:174:1 Our citizenship is in heaven from where we expect a Savior	1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Israel, baptized in cloud and seas, ate the same spiritual food as Christians	2 Corinthians 5:16-21 The mystery and ministry of reconciliation
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a] Jesus is transfigured on the mountain	Luke 4:1-13 The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days	Luke 13:31-35 I have desired to gather Jerusalem as a hen gathers her brood	Luke 13:1-9 Unless you repent, you will perish: parable of the fig tree	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 The parable of the prodigal father and the repentant son

March 2019 Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Fellowship and refresh- ments following worship services in the library	Events in Italics are groups using Immanuel space and not church sponsored events				1 12pm AA Seekers 7pm Clive Carroll/Mood Swing Concert, Augustana	2
3 Transfiguration Sunday 8:30am Augustana* 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:45am Education Hour 10:45am Immanuel* 12:30pm Confirmation, Hope Lutheran 4:30pm Dedication Service	9:30am Quilters 11am Staff Meeting 12pm AA Seekers	5 10:30am Bible Study 12pm AA Seekers 5pm Food Fellow- ship	6 Ash Wednesday 12pm AA Seekers 12pm Worship 7pm Worship	7 12pm AA Seekers	8 12pm AA Seekers	9
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