



Immanuel

Lutheran Church

Love. Serve. Repeat.

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**By this everyone will know that you
are my disciples, if you
love one another.**

John 13:35

GRACE to you and PEACE from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Most all of us are weary. Weary from Covid and its continuing variations, not to mention the damage it has done to loved ones, friends and to many of us. Many of us are grieving. Most all of us are anxious doing activities with others, activities that used to be normal parts of our lives. And the daily news of potential war, shortages of goods, along with our personal experiences with inflation all add to that anxiety. It is easy to feel a generalized weariness.



As a pastor I had come to know many who have died of Covid and felt a special connection with them. And with other pastors I grieve the damage that has been done by this virus to countless congregations, including our own. A recent article in the Wall Street Journal estimated that as much as one-third of formerly active members have disappeared. This is especially difficult for small, financially struggling congregations to absorb.

I thought about writing an article on the importance of our gathering together, but recognize that continuing health concerns keep some of our members at home. Those concerns are certainly legitimate. A special thank you to those who have continued their financial support! It is critical.

Please do be aware that we practice regular sanitizing of the church, social distancing, and masking. There is none of the problems that come with being in a crowd, one advantage of our size.

We will continue to provide recorded and written sermons, but I think most of us understand that they will never replace gathering with sisters, brothers, mothers and fathers in Christ around Word and Sacrament. Let's all pray for that to be possible for all of us again soon.

Writing this article was on my schedule to accomplish this morning as I began my day. I like to begin my days with Scripture and prayer, and when I took in hand the Bible which I use for my personal devotions, it opened to the Book of Revelation, chapter 3. There was a lens wipe packet there marking the spot, a packet that I had no recollection of placing.

There are the words of our Lord Jesus-- all solid red in my Bible. The chapter begins with a section entitled "The Dead Church" and then continues with verses entitled "The Faithful Church." Let's listen as He speaks words given to a Church that was badly damaged and extremely weary from persecution.

First to the "Dead Church."

"Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not

found your works perfect before God. Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come to you..... He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father and before the angels.”

Then to the “Faithful Church.”

“Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast to what you have, that no one may take your crown.”

“He who has an ear; let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

May that be so among us weary ones. To which we can say a confident “Amen!” because our Savior remains fully alive and completely faithful. He is the fulfillment of what Isaiah proclaimed; He is one with the Father:

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints NOR IS WEARY.... He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall fall exhausted. But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, THEY SHALL RUN AND NOT BE WEARY, they shall walk and not faint.” - Isaiah 40:28-31

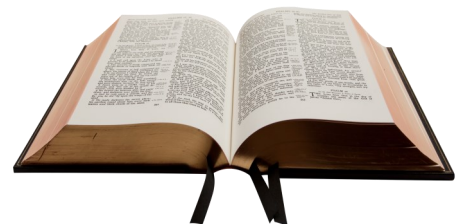
And the peace of God, which far surpasses our human understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds, to life everlasting.

Pastor Bauman



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

JOYFULLY AGING is the title of a book written by popular author Rich Bimler. Our Bible class has been using it for the basis of discussions. Extra copies are available at no charge in the narthex. Take one and browse. You may even want to join our class after you do!



Treasurers Report:

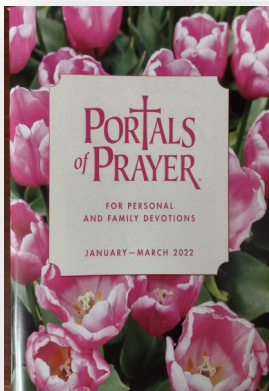


Due to the transition of officers, the treasurers report will be sent out in a special report. So watch your mail for the current information on our financial review.

Giving statements will be mailed out the second week in February. Currently they are available in the church narthex. Picking them up at church helps to cut down on our postage. If your address has recently changed and you would like your statement mailed to a new address, please contact the church at (630) 837-1166 or email at immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net



A REMINDER to those who have Thrivent life insurance or annuities: It's time to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars. Call 800-847-4836, Option 6. Please consider naming Immanuel as a recipient. Our address is 1116 Devon Avenue, Bartlett 60103. Thank you!

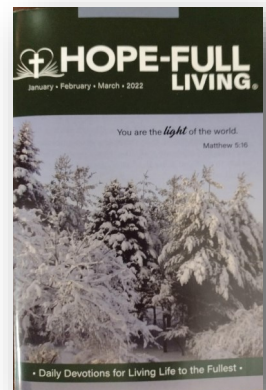


Portals of Prayer/ Hope-Full Living

The latest Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living are now available. Hope-Full Living is a newer devotional booklet with daily devotions and especially written for older adults.

It has become quite popular.

The latest edition of Portals of Prayer, also in large print and Hope-Full Living are available in the church narthex or to be mailed to you by calling the church office at (630) 837-1166.



Altar Guild - Bev Bayes

Don't forget the altar flowers when you have a blessing or special occasion or someone you want to honor.

Order forms: Hanging on the office door.

Two vases - \$35 or single rose \$8

Also, we want to remind you these are your flowers and you may take them with you following the service.



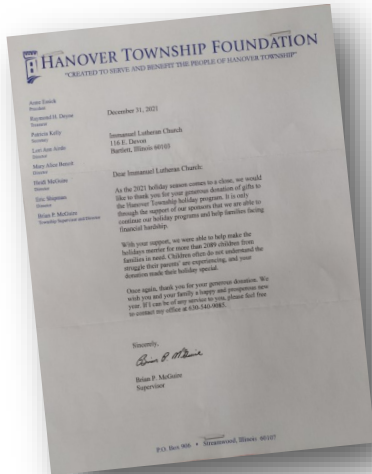
Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Romans 12:10

February Birthdays

Steve Christiansen	02/07	Brenda Brinkman	02/20
Siloah Dreher	02/13	Zoe Kainz	02/20
Sonia Ongchangco	02/15	Elijah Guerra	02/23

A Nice Thank You!



On January 3rd, Immanuel Lutheran Church received a beautiful thank you letter from the Hanover Township Foundation for our participation in the Adopt a Family program for the 2021 holiday season.

It was stated in the letter that they were able to support 2089 children from our community which is up from last year when they supported 1723 children.

We are thankful that we are able to come together and support so many of the needy families near us.

We look forward to continuing to support this worthy cause and help to give a brighter Christmas season to those in need.

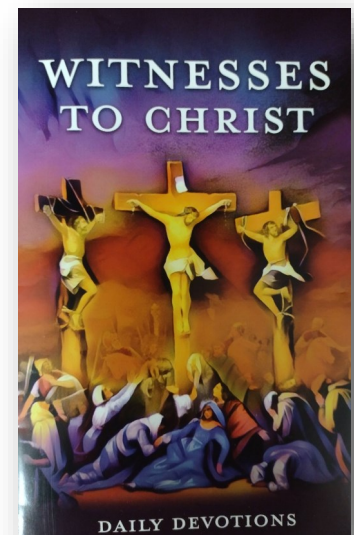
If you are interested in reading the letter it is on display in the narthex of Immanuel.

Lent 2022 Theme “Witnesses to Christ”

About the Theme: Hear from those who journeyed to the cross with Christ, from those who were villains in the crucifixion story to those who were closest to Him. Focus on one each week and see their perspective as you move through Lent toward the glorious Easter morning.

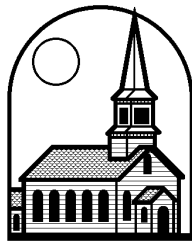
Weekly Themes:

- John the Baptist
- Mary the sister of Lazarus and Martha
- Malchus
- Peter
- Barabbas
- Pontius Pilate
- The Disciples
- Judas Iscariot
- John, The Gospel Writer
- Nicodemus
- Mary Magdalene



Copies are available in the church narthex or by calling the church office at (630) 837-1166 and have a copy mailed to you.

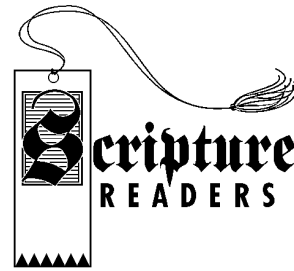
February 2022 Schedules



Lay Minister Schedule

February 6 - Mike Tellin & Dave Schroeder
February 13 - Al Thilk & Mike Tellin
February 20 - Brad Kuehn & Dave Schroeder
February 27 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk

March 2 - Ash Wed. Mike Tellin & Brad Kuehn



Reader Schedule

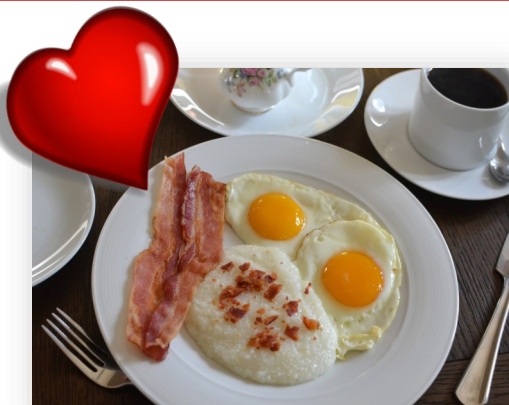
February 6 - Dave Schroeder
February 13 - Sally Hover
February 20 - Dave Schroeder
February 27 - Mike Tellin

March 2 - Mike Tellin



If you would like to volunteer to serve please call the office.

If unable to serve when scheduled, please try to find a substitute. Also notify the church office as soon as possible (630 837-1166 or immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net) Thank you!



Breakfast Brunch Bunch

Mark your calendar and please join us for a short Bible study, breakfast and fellowship right after the Sunday service on Feb. 13th. This time we will be heading to the **Egg Basket** at 880 S. Barrington Rd. Streamwood, 60107. Look forward to seeing you there!



Keep using the AmazonSmile icon for your Amazon purchases, Once again, the link is <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-6414746>. Or go to our website and click on the AmazonSmile icon. Remember: Every little bit adds up!

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Asamblea Apostolica Church

Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
6 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	7	8	9	10	11	12 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
13 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Breakfast Brunch Bunch	14	15	16	17	18	19 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
20 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	21	22	23 The Oaks at Bartlett Service 1:30 p.m.	24	25	26 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
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