

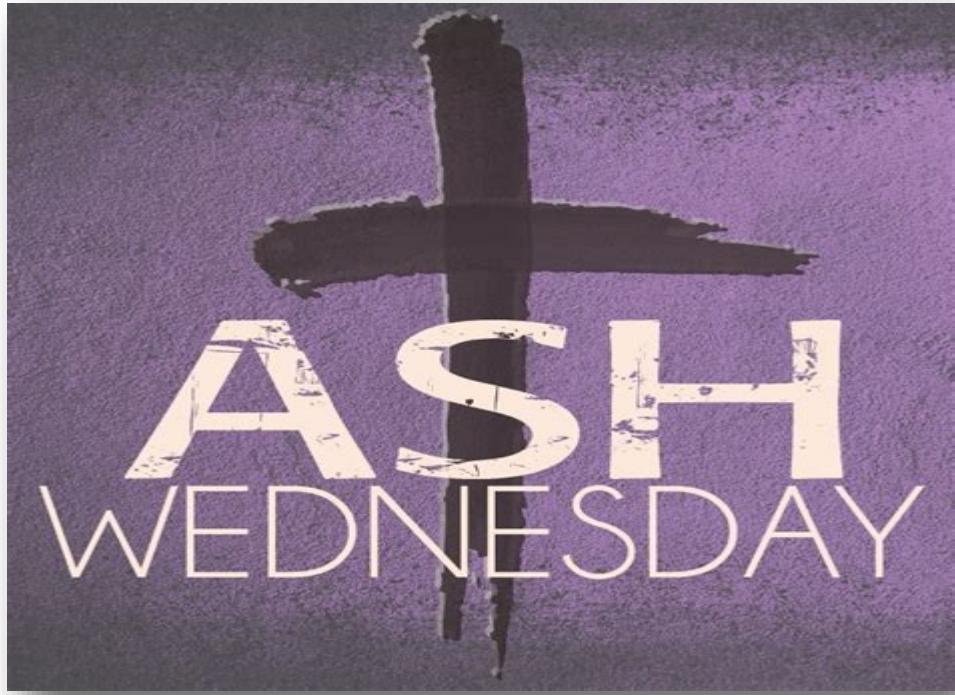


Immanuel
Lutheran Church
Love. Serve. Repeat.

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February 2026



Ash Wednesday Worship Service
February 18th 7:00 p.m.

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Yes, it's true. It doesn't seem possible. Time flies. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, falls on February 18th.



An old friend of mine said his father described the quick passing of time affecting our personal lives as being like a roll of toilet paper. The end of roll disappears more quickly towards its end than at the beginning. I think I have heard that before. The older I grow, the more true to reality it seems.

Observing a Church Calendar with its seasons is one important way that Christians can keep a kind of handle on quickly passing time. We pause to reflect on and celebrate highly important matters that might otherwise just fly by as other things occupy our time.

We will have our traditional special worship Services during this very special time, beginning with Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.-- a somber Service of Holy Communion which includes the Imposition of Ashes for those who wish to receive them. And a Service in which we hear again the death-overcoming, life-giving Good News of the grace of our God given in His Son, our Savior.

Five Wednesday evening services will follow-- also at 7:00 p.m. **A change this year** is that we will try having them in the narthex. And there is a story behind that decision.

During last Advent we also had midweek services. The last one had all the marks of a pastoral nightmare. I was not feeling at my best, dealing with a touch of pneumonia. Then the boiler of the Church went down, requiring a major repair that could not be made before the time of the service on that cold night. Rather than cancelling, we decided to use the heated narthex and set up chairs there along with a keyboard. But the keyboard, which had been tested, did not work. After some frantic efforts it did work again for the first hymn-- but then no more. An alternative was brought from our home by my son Kevan. Among other things....

But amazingly-- and I would say by God's special intervention-- it all turned out to be an extremely well-received service. I received more positive comments by word of mouth and email notes than I would ever have imagined possible. There was a full church feeling as opposed to the feeling of there being a spattering of people in an empty-looking church. There was an "intimate" feeling-- people feeling I was speaking directly to them. And the Holy Spirit was clearly at work exactly when I was feeling things could not be going more badly.

So, plans are to meet in the narthex for the regular midweek services, but continuing to worship in the larger sanctuary for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

As our liturgy, we will be using “Compline” - a service of prayer for the end of the day. It has a special beauty about it and is often used by small groups. I recall that we often used it in our college dormitory back when I was studying to be a pastor. In fact, it does not require a pastor to lead it, and is included in our Lutheran Service Book-- pages 253-259. It should work well in a narthex setting.

Especially in these days when human contact is becoming more and more difficult-- think of trying to talk to a human at your bank or doctor's office by phone, or even when ordering at a restaurant-- let's not give up the treasure of gathering together as much as is possible. God has designed us and Christ's Church so that we need one another for the life that is abundant and eternal. Let's never leave such a gift unopened.

God bless you!

Pastor Bauman



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 - \$30

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



FEBRUARY POTLUCK

The Fellowship committee is planning for our Potluck Luncheon on February 8th!

Come and enjoy great food and wonderful fellowship as we look forward the Lenten season and consider all that was given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bring your favorite dish to share. You can call the office at (630) 837-1166 to sign up or look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

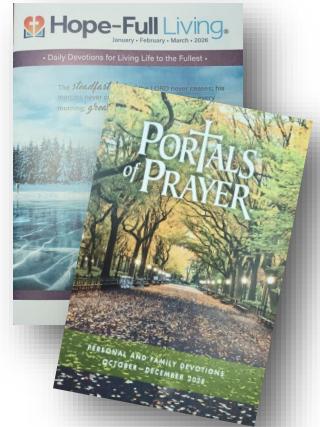
Hope to see you there!



**Check out our magazine rack
in the Narthex.**

**We have our new Portals of Prayer
Hope-Full Living and
Lutheran's Women's Quarterly**

We also have copies of previous Sermons!



Contribution Statements 2025



Contribution statements for 2025 are now available in the church narthex. Picking them up at church helps to cut down on our postage. If they are not picked up they will be mailed out within the next two weeks. **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

The Lutheran Witness

Members and friends of Immanuel are encouraged to subscribe to our Synod's official periodical, The Lutheran Witness. It has been considerably upgraded in recent times and is both quite informative and also uplifting. You can subscribe by calling 800-325-3040 or by sending a note to this email address:

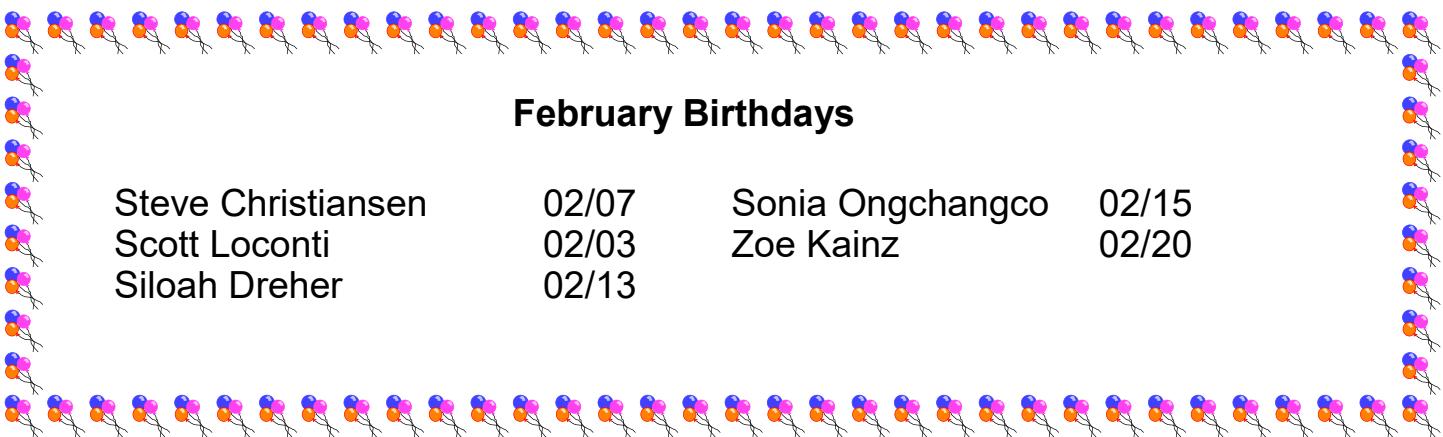
lwsSubscriptions@cph.org.

Subscribing to the Lutheran Witness can provide you with a view of the work of our Synod's churches at home and abroad, as well as Christ centered commentary on many aspects of our faith.

Cost for a year's subscription is \$ 27.99.



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!



February Birthdays

Steve Christiansen
Scott Loconti
Siloah Dreher

02/07
02/03
02/13

Sonia Ongchangco
Zoe Kainz

02/15
02/20

The Voters Assembly Meeting Update

The Voters Assembly meeting was held on Sunday January 25, 2026 after the worship service. A copy of the present Board membership was handed out to all attendees, with a request for additional participation from the members for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year. A copy of the Income & Expenditures for the 1st half of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 was distributed to all attendees. Three motions were passed unanimously as follows:

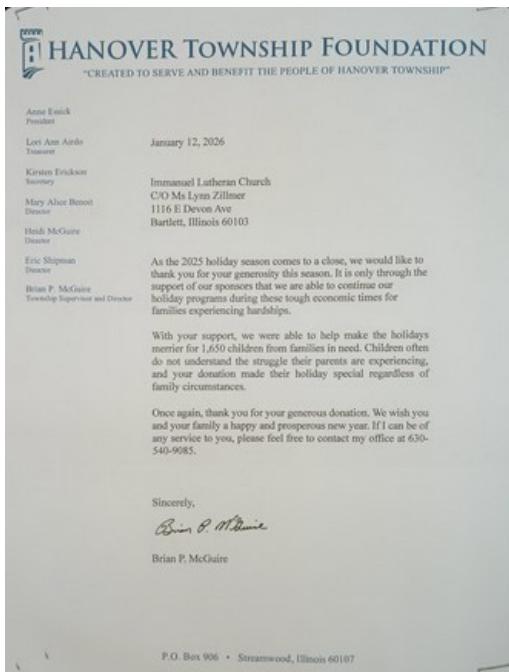
Selected the congregation Pastoral and Lay voters for election of the LCMS President:
Pastor Bauman as Pastoral Voter and David Schroeder as
Lay Voter.

Nominated current LCMS President Harrison to be a candidate for the next term as LCMS President. This will be forwarded to the Synod's Election Committee for ballot assembly.

Authorized the Board of Directors and Treasurer to pay the full value of upcoming bill for the boiler tank replacement and associated controls repair under the winter emergency conditions in December 2025, which is expected to exceed the \$5,000.00 limit authorization of the Board of Directors under the constitution for unbudgeted expenditures.



A Thank You Letter to Share



On January 12th, Immanuel Lutheran Church received a nice thank you letter from The Hanover Township Foundation who runs the Holiday Gift giving program called "Sponsor a Family" for the 2025 season.

They were able to provide gifts for over 1600 children, which is an amazing number of children.

We are thankful that we are able to come together and support so many of the needy families in our neighborhood.

The family that we supported had four children ages three months, three years, eight years and 10 years, and we were able to provide over 26 gifts for them.

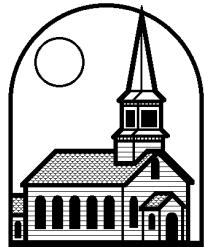
We look forward to continuing to support this worthy cause and help to give a brighter Christmas season to those in need.

If you are interested in seeing the letter, it is on display in the narthex bulletin board at Immanuel.

Thanks again to all who supported this program!

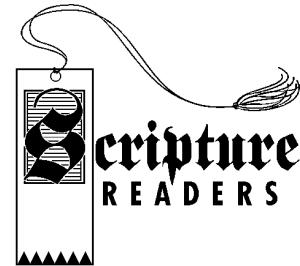


February 2026 Schedules



Lay Minister Schedule

Feb. 1 - David Schroeder & Marty Sterrett
Feb. 8 - Gary Luper
Feb. 15 - Marty Sterrett
Feb. 18 (Ash Wed) - David Schroeder, Gary Luper
Feb. 22 - Gary Luper
Feb. 25 - Marty Sterrett



Reader Schedule

Feb. 1 - Adele Pikora
Feb. 8 - Sally Hover
Feb. 15 - Dave Schroeder
Feb. 18 (Ash Wed.) - Dave Schroeder
Feb. 22-Sally Hover

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!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC)</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
<i>8 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Potluck Luncheon</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
<i>15 The Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC)</i>	16	17	18 Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (HC)	19 Hearthwood Senior Living Service 1:30 p.m.	20	21 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
<i>22 First Sunday in Lent</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
<i>9:30 a.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m., Surge</i>						

Hispanic Ministry Church

*Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.*

Friday - 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight

The last Sunday of every month

1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.