

Immanuel Monthly

**February
2017**



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From Our Administrative Pastor...

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel,

"I'm at a crossroad in my life." Have you ever heard anyone say that? It means that person has a big decision to make. He or she may have to decide whether to get married and raise a family or stay single. Go to school for more education or go to work in order to make more money. Get an operation or continue to struggle with a painful condition. Being at a crossroad means you have to make a choice about what to do.

Being at a crossroad will be the theme of a sermon series that Immanuel will enjoy during the season of Lent (Ash Wednesday is March 1). Called *At the Crossroads*, each sermon will explore how various people involved in the passion of Christ came to a crossroad when they had to decide which way to go. Some of these crossroads include David's decision to repent and confess his sins; Judas' decision to betray Jesus; Pilate's decision to give in to the crowd; Jesus' decision to show compassion to an enemy; Peter's decision to deny or confess Jesus; Jesus' decision to be obedient to his Father in heaven.

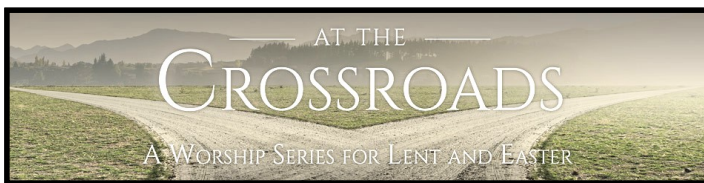
At the Crossroads, I think, will be a very engaging and uplifting sermon series. It's sure to incorporate the Lenten emphasis on repentance and grace plus some very practical help for Christian living. Pastor Demski and I are looking forward to exploring these crossroads with you during our Lenten journey. Join us as we prepare our hearts and mind for Easter through Lenten worship!

I also want to let you know that Immanuel's Narthex Expansion Committee is busy getting bids from various construction companies for the construction of a new narthex. The plans are all drawn and estimates of the cost of this construction will be available very soon. Before you know it, we'll be "at a crossroad" when we decide whether or not to proceed with construction. Keep the committee and Immanuel in your prayers as we proceed forward with this exciting project!

As always, Jesus bless you richly! May this Lenten season be one of profound reflection and awe over God's wondrous love for you and your family!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Group



Our 2017 Lenten Sermon Series

Ash Wednesday, March 1—9:00 am & 7:30 pm
Confession—Psalm 32:1-5

Lenten Service, March 8—7:30 pm
Betrayal—John 13:21-30

Lenten Service, March 15—7:30 pm
Judgment—Matthew 27:11-26

Lenten Service, March 22—7:30 pm
Compassion—Luke 22:47-51

Lenten Service, March 29—7:30 pm
Declaration—Luke 22:54-62

Lenten Service, April 5—7:30 pm
Obedience—Matthew 26:36-46

From Our Associate Pastor...

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ! I've heard the following question from a couple of people and it's an intriguing one. "Was Adam really the first man?" Let's take a moment to think this through. Was Adam truly the first man, or was he simply the first of "God's people" or something as some claim? As we begin we'll start with the only source of truth. Scripture. Then we'll interpret that Scripture with a very helpful tool...more Scripture. While "context, context, context" is a vital principle when reading the Bible, we also have to remember this principle: "Scripture interprets Scripture". We don't isolate Genesis from the rest of Scripture just like we don't isolate one verse in the Bible from all of the ones around it. So, let's dig in.

Genesis 1:26 says, "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'" And then in verse 27 we hear: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

That was all well and good as there was evening and there was morning on the sixth day. So what's the deal when we get to Genesis chapter two and hear about God creating Adam from the dust of the ground?

This isn't a contradiction or a suggestion that Adam wasn't the first man. Instead, the book of Genesis provides us with two different vantage points or, if you'd prefer, two different camera angles of creation between the first and second chapters.

In chapter one we are led through the creation account with a wide-angle lens of the events. We hear what happens on each day as the one true God uses his amazing power to bring matter into existence. We hear as empty chaos and nothingness is replaced with created order. For some good discussion on creation vs evolution go to issuesetc.org and type "creation part" into the search field. That will allow you to find all of the segments of a series on creation they did not too long ago.

When we get to Genesis chapter two, the lens changes and we get a close up of the creation of man. The camera angle zooms in as we go back in time to the day man was created so we can see it up close and personal. The mood of the scene changes and we get God's intimate connection with mankind as man is formed by God's hand and God breathes life into man. No longer is God the aloof powerful deity that we see in the first chapter. In chapter two he's the gentle and loving creator who

intimately creates man in his image.

Even if we have some question regarding whether Adam was the first man based on the way Genesis is written, we appeal to that principle I talked about at the beginning: "Scripture interprets Scripture". We can look through the rest of Scripture and see where Adam is referenced as the first man, often in relation to Jesus being the first man of the new creation. Here are just a few of the references regarding Adam and his significance historically and theologically: Luke 3:38, Romans 5, 1 Corinthians 15:45, 1 Timothy 2:13.

If you want to chat more about this or have other questions, feel free to come chat.

Pastor Denski

A "Note" from our Music Director

February is "heart month!"

During my teaching career, my students would participate in "jump rope for heart" in February. This is a program where pledges are sought, and timed jumping takes place to obtain money for the American Heart Association. Most often, this jumping took place with background music being played. Jumping to the rhythm/beat of the music seemed to make the task much easier for everyone.

Recently as I was playing for both Sunday services, the thought occurred to me once again that music is a huge part of Immanuel's worship. Although no jump roping takes place as I hear the volume of the congregation's voices, the singing comes from the **heart** of individuals as His praises are being sung.

In Psalm 111 verse 1 we read the following:

Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

May we always praise Jesus with our **whole hearts**—not just in February—but throughout the entire year!

Serving Him,

Jenn

You are invited!
Immanuel's Agape
Ringers will join
surrounding area bell
choirs in a free
concert on Sunday,
February 26th at 6:30
pm at Peace Lutheran
Church in St. Louis.
(Any questions or need
directions, feel free to ask.)

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to...	18	Derek Carr
1	Aaron Bommarito	Michelle Kettler
	David Senf	19 Nancy Alu
3	Danielle Boker	Jennifer Dieterle
	Thomas Ervin	Delaney Halt
	Rich Hitzemann	Brent Naumann
	Dean Kohlmeier	20 Barb Vernier
	David Naber	David Wiese
	Connie Rusteberg	21 Jack Netzeband
5	Tiffany Bise	22 Harold Daugherty
	David Herschbach	23 Chuck Keller
6	Jennifer Downing	Connor Perjak
	Cam Rubemeyer	Angie Westcott
	Susan Stratman	24 Sandy Benyo
7	Cooper Black	Spencer Kettler
	Pam Schrader	26 Heather Griffin
	Derek Smothers	Jason Valerius
8	Sandra Halt	Nick Valerius
9	Allie Snodgrass	Andrew Wiese
10	Travis Ervin	27 Paul Hoeffken
	Angela Stratman	Susan Vogt
	Brian Wiese	
11	Mia Nichols	Happy Anniversary to...
	Lilly Prather	6 Dean & Linda Harbison (24)
12	Eric White	14 Wade & Diane Marshall (47)
13	Jeremy Kettler	19 Bob & Cynthia Stueve (40)
14	McKenna Menke	22 Cal & Carol Neeman (31)
	Teri Metter	25 Clay & Debbie Metzger (22)
	Autumn Whelan	29 Mitchell & Dawn Rubemeyer (25)
15	Ray Champion	
	Dean Harbison	
	Perry Koch	
16	Damian Becker	God's blessings to each of
17	Kelly Black	you as you celebrate a
	Iva Mesnarich	birthday or anniversary in
	Pam Nagel	February!

**Sunday,
Feb. 19
11:30 am**

*Sponsored by the Board of
Social Ministry*



MEET & GREET

All are invited to come and “meet & greet” those members received during 2016. It will be held immediately following the 10:15 am service in the multipurpose room, and it's a potluck! Pulled pork & chicken, bread, and drinks will be provided.

Those with last names beginning with A-M, please bring a dessert.

Those with last names beginning with N-Z, please bring a side dish or salad.

Parish Leaders

Pastors:

Rev. Dr. Tony Troup, 618-340-8375 Administrative
Rev. Merritt Demski, 847-254-9666 Associate

Church & School Staff:

Lisa Clamors, 618-719-4954 Office Secretary
Ann Frank, 282-6597 Music Director
Sandy Mueller Housekeeping
Ken Schanz Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Cindy Troup, 618-340-0757 Preschool Co-Director
Linda Polansky, 618-980-3475 Preschool Co-Director

Church Council:

Lee Eggemeyer, 458-8555 President
Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033 Vice-President
Laura Kinzinger, 939-8175 Secretary
David Powell, 618-974-9222 Treasurer
Warren Frank, 282-6597 Financial Secretary
Taryn Niemeyer, 939-7982 Christian Education
Allen Jacobs, 939-3035 Church Properties
Colby Crook, 618-910-2825 Evangelism
Sandy Mueller, 618-420-1373 Social Ministry
Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033 Spiritual Ministry
Pat Kelly, Sr., 636-373-2967 Stewardship
Sandy Nichols, 618-719-3424 Youth Ministry

Other Volunteers:

Cindy Troup Sunday School Superintendent
Louise Nobbe Head Sacristans
Marilyn Collette, Dianne Holle, and Deb Joellenbeck
Sandy Thompson Flower Coordinator
Lisa Clamors Women's Christian Ministry
Janet Crawford Fellowship Committee

Field Education Students:

Nathan (Mariah) Abel, 4th year 832-257-8788
Ben (Gini) Spaulding, 1st year 586-588-1756

Have you ever thought about joining one of Immanuel's Boards or committees? If so, please contact the appropriate person listed above.

Elders' Shepherding Program

(Families whose last name begins with)

A-B	Rodney Clamors, 618-719-4023
C-D	Jim Crawford, 618-799-8789
E-Ha	Scott Janssen, 214-629-6975
He-Hu	Bob Polansky, 618-979-0918
J-K	Jason Valerius, 458-4890
L-Mel	Wayne Collmeyer, 618-719-7235
Men-My	Cal Neeman, 939-5137
N-P	Elden Niemeyer, 939-7982
R-Sche	Larry Taake, 939-4757
Schi-Sw	Jerry Grant, 939-5032
T-Wel	Bill Holtgrieve, 939-9105
Wem-Z	Larry Goessling, 939-8824
Elders & Pastors: Alan Stumpf, 618-719-9033	

Have a question or would like to speak to your elder, feel free to call him anytime.

Monthly Collections

Board of Social Ministry:

February: New Life Evangelistic Center in St. Louis

New Life Evangelistic Center is also in need of new or gently used warm clothing (coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, sweatpants, socks, hats, gloves, etc) and blankets. Please drop off your donations in the barrel in the narthex. Thank you for your support!

Sunday School:

February: LCMS World Relief & Human Care

Each month, the Sunday School classes take a monetary offering for a specific charity. Thank you to all of the Pre-K through 8th grade students that contribute to these collections each month!

Bi-County Backpack Program:

This is an ongoing collection that supports children in Red Bud, Valmeyer, and Waterloo throughout the year. See the weekly bulletins for a list of items needed.

Thank you for all of the cards, gifts, and prayers during the Christmas season. We appreciate your love and support! —In Christ, Pastor & Cindy Troup

Bible Study Opportunities!

Sunday Education Hour (9-10 am): This Bible study hour consists of Sunday School for the youth (3 years old to 8th grade), a young adult Bible study (high school & college age) on *Matthew* led by Pastor Demski in the youth room; a DVD study *"Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America"* led by Pastor Troup in the overflow room; and a *"Sticky Faith"* Bible study for young adults and families led by Scott & Jen Janssen and Tim Scheibe in the church basement kitchen.

Men's Bible Study: A Bible study on the *book of Matthew* led by Pastor Troup is held at Burger King every Tuesday at 6:30 am.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Class: This Bible study and fellowship time is held every Wednesday at 9:30am. This class is led by Pastor Demski, and they are studying the *book of Jeremiah*.

Ladies' Bible Study: Join them on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the overflow room as they study "A Woman of Contentment: Ecclesiastes" by Dee Brestin. Books are available in the church office.

Adult Information Classes: If you are interested in this class, please let Pastor Troup know.

Elders' Bible Study: A number of Immanuel's elders will be leading a Bible study called "What Jesus Demands from the World" in their homes every month. These studies focus on who Jesus is, what He expects of us, and how He provides loving direction and strength for our good and ultimate satisfaction. *They'll be studying one chapter per month, and there will be a few opportunities for each chapter every month.* Please feel free to contact the Bible study leaders if you would like more information. All are welcome! Refreshments will be served each evening.

Sunday, Feb. 5 – 2:30 pm at Rodney Clamors' house (311 Grand Ave, Waterloo) – 618-719-4954

Sunday, Feb. 12 – No study tonight. They'll cover chapters 3 & 4 in March.

Sunday, Feb. 19 – 7:00 pm at Wayne Collmeyer's house (209 Crosswinds Ct, Waterloo) – 618-719-7235

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.

We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners: Millie Menke, Erwin Liefer, Doris Horn, Nancy Huck, Isabel Gibbons, Sandy Moore, Esther Brandt, Shirley Moeckel, Norma Wheatley, Iva Mesnarich, Joan Rehmer, Kim Holtgrieve

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp, Ken Horn, Al Gruber, Karen Altes, Kurt Klotzer, Nicole Bachelier, John Stumpf, Marlene Tonkins, Scott Nobbe, Edna DesRoches, Ginny Sweet

We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation: Alicia Kirkley, Dustin Bender, Aaron Bommarito, Alex Naumann, Paul Doty, Jonathan Fuller, Amanda Milburn

We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions: Eric & Linda Funke (Tanzania), Unity Lutheran Elementary School (East St. Louis, IL)

December Church Attendance

December 2016 (4)	1052
December 2015 (4)	819
December 1986 (5)	1178

2016 Weekly Average (as of 12/31): 229
As of 12/31/16, there were 874 baptized members.

Can You Help?

Immanuel has a small group of people willing to help transport others to the doctor, store, etc. We are in need of a few more volunteers to help with this service. If you would like to be put on this list, please contact Lisa in the church office.

December 2016 Official Acts

Funerals:

12/10—Robert “Bob” Patterson, father of John Patterson (*Pastor Demski officiated his funeral at Pechacek – McClure Funeral Home in Chester, IL.*)

12/27—Donna Lieb

February 2017 Altar Flowers

2/4—2/5 open

2/11—2/12 open

2/18—2/19 Given to the glory of God by the Board of Social Ministry in honor of those new members recognized at this year’s “Meet & Greet” potluck.

2/25—2/26 open

The 2017 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Sign up early for the weekend you would like! As your weekend gets closer, Sandy Thompson will contact you to give you more details.

Our December Finances

Total Deposits	\$ 49,387.54
Total Expenses	\$ 55,922.31
Over/(Short)	\$ (6,534.77)

December 31, 2016 Balances:

Checking	\$ 57,257.36
Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,406.52
Narthex Exp. Fund	\$ 23,686.68
Nobbe Mem. Fund	\$ 8,236.00
Mission Team Fund	\$ 472.00
Horn Mem. Fund	\$ 1,335.00
Mem. Fund (<i>Undesignated</i>)	\$ 830.00
Loan	\$ 24,727.98

2016 Year to Date:

Deposits	\$427,811.81
Expenses	\$457,754.22
Over/(Short)	\$ (29,942.41)
Unpaid Obligations	\$ 0.00

Do You Have an Email Address?

Did you know that you could be a good steward by receiving our newsletter via e-mail? Call or e-mail the church office and let Lisa know to remove you from the mailing list and add you to the e-mail list.

February 2017 Worship Helpers

Dates	Times	Ushers	Servers	Lectors	Acolytes	Greeters	Media Team
Sat, Feb 04	5:30 PM		Chuck Keller	Ny Bartels	Sophia Alu	Jim Pflasterer	Kelley Keller
Sun, Feb 05	7:45 AM	11		Ollney Mueller, Jr.	Paul Hoeffken & Lauren Patterson	Barb & Courtney Heimbürger	Greg Hoeffken ®
	10:15 AM	10	Ben Spaulding	Ben Spaulding	Wyatt Fink & Evan Fink	Ushers	Pam Nagel
Sat, Feb 11	5:30 PM		Rodney Clamors	Rodney Clamors	Sami Wheat		Lisa Clamors
Sun, Feb 12	7:45 AM	1	Chuck Keller	Gary Altes	Lilly Prather & Blake Kloeppe	Ushers	Laurie Sparwasser
	10:15 AM	8		Nathan Abel	Tyler Cooley & Alex Magnuson	Ushers	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe ®
Sat, Feb 18	5:30 PM		Cal Neeman		Jack Metzger	Jim Pflasterer	Dave Powell
Sun, Feb 19	7:45 AM	2		Joey Birrittier	Jay Grant & Jordyn Koch	Ushers	Kelley Keller ®
	10:15 AM	3	Bob Vernier	Ollney Mueller, Jr.	Jenna Hoeffken & Addie Janssen	Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer	Greg Hoeffken
Sat, Feb 25	5:30 PM		Greg Wiegand		Ian Schrader		Lisa Clamors
Sun, Feb 26	7:45 AM	4	Ben Spaulding	Veronica Demski	Alex Whelan & Autumn Whelan	Charles & Phyllis Lloyd	Laurie Sparwasser
	10:15 AM	5		Karen Hodapp	Kyra Drewes & Sophia Alu	Ushers	Mitchell/Tim Scheibe ®

Usher Teams:

- 1 Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Dennis & Raymond Brandt, Ed Arras
- 2 Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn & Chase Rubemeyer
- 3 Rodney & Lisa Clamors, Michael Trout, Ollney Mueller Jr.
- 4 Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin Whelan
- 5 Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher
- 6 Jason & Nick Valerius, Wade Marshall, Gerald Woodcock, Tim Troup
- 7 Alan Stumpf, Larry Decker, Ross Schrader, Paul Broske Sr.
- 8 Larry Goessling, Jim Smothers, Dave Wiese, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison
- 9 Jim Crawford, Allen Jacobs, Don & Joey Birrittier
- 10 Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Wyatt Drewes
- 11 Lee Eggemeyer, Ken Schanz, Roger Schanz, Curt Wittbracht

Vestment Colors:

2/1—2/28 black

Saturday Accompanists:

2/4, 2/18, 2/25
Ron Jones

2/11
Joan Ruwald

Collator:

Diana Heins

BASIC Youth Group News!



Join us on **Sunday, February 19, from 12-2 pm** in the youth room for fellowship and digging into questions that our junior high and high school students have about both faith, life, and current events. Parents are welcome to stay and have some fellowship and encouragement together while the junior high

and high schoolers meet with Pastor Demski for our lesson time. It's a great time, and we encourage anyone with junior high or high school students to get involved so we can grow together! If you have any questions, just let Pastor Demski know.

Donut Duty—Who's on for February?

2/5— open
2/12— Birrittier
2/19— open
2/26— open

****If you would like to sponsor a Sunday, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the narthex or email Pastor Demski.*

Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!

Recycle your aluminum cans! There is a large trash can in the kitchen for those cans. If you have a large amount and put them in trash bags, you can put the bags over by the white shed at the corner of the parking lot.

The paper recycle bins are located in the back of the education building. Load them up with your paper recycling products!

***The youth group
thanks you for your
support!***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8-9p Agape Ringers	2 <i>Pastor Demski OFF</i> 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study	3	4 9a-11p Scrapbook Day 5:30p Holy Communion
5 7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion 7:00p Elders' Bible Study at Rodney Clamors' House	6 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i> 7:00p Book Club	7 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba 7:00p Elders' Meeting	8 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8-9p Agape Ringers	9 <i>Pastor Demski OFF</i> 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study	10	11 9:30a Board of Evangelism Meeting 5:30p Holy Communion
12 7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Worship Service	13 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i> 8:00p Men's Prayer Group	14 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba 7:15p Board of Christian Education Meeting	15 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8-9p Agape Ringers	16 <i>Pastor Demski OFF</i> 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study	17 <i>Women's Retreat at Camp Wartburg</i> 6:00p Men's Movie Club at Olney Mueller's house	18 5:30p Holy Communion
19 7:45a Worship Service 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Holy Communion 11:30a "Meet & Greet" Potluck 12-2p Youth Group 7:00p Elders' Bible Study at Rodney Clamors' House	20 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	21 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba	22 9:30a Adult Bible Class 6-6:30p Immanubells 6:30-8p Midweek 7-8p Choir 8-9p Agape Ringers	23 <i>Pastor Demski OFF</i> 7:00p Ladies' Bible Study 7:00p Church Council Meeting	24	25 3-5p Youth vs. Adults Fellowship Bowling Event at West Park Bowl in Columbia 5:30p Holy Communion
26 7:45a Holy Communion 9:00a Educ Hour 10:15a Worship Service 6:30p Handbell Concert at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Louis	27 <i>Pastor Troup OFF</i>	28 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Burger King 6-7:30p Zumba	February 2017			

Want to Stay Up to Date?

Go to our website (immanuelwaterloo.org) and check it out! Be sure to subscribe to the calendar, and you'll have the most up to date info on Immanuel's activities and events. Also, click on *Church News* from the homepage to get access to all of the weekly announcements & updates and monthly newsletters. *Notice that something is missing? Let us know!*



Greetings from the Women's Christian Ministry (WCM)!

Mark your calendars now for the **Women's Retreat held at Camp Wartburg on February 17-18, 2017!** A few ladies from Immanuel are planning to attend, and we would love for you to join us! The fee for the overnight retreat is \$45; however, the WCM is willing to pay \$20 for any and all ladies interested in attending. This year's theme is "Faith Alive: Make Way for Blooming" presented by Jane Wilke, one of our past Mini-Retreat speakers. See below for more details. **Registrations are due by Feb. 6th, so contact me ASAP for all of the details!**

The LWML Southern Illinois District Spring Retreat is on March 11th, held at Zoin Lutheran Church in Belleville, IL. "Diamonds are Forever: A Grace-Re-formation" through Isaiah 61:10 will be the theme. This event will begin at 9:00am and last until 2:00pm. \$20 includes lunch. If you would like to attend, let me know by February 25th. There's an ingathering for the Violence Prevention Center during this retreat, so contact me for the details.

Plans are underway for **Immanuel's 6th annual "Refresh and Renew" Mini Retreat**, hosted by your own Women's Christian Ministry (WCM), on Saturday morning, **April 22nd from 9-11 am!** Mark your calendars and start thinking of who you could invite (mothers, daughters, granddaughters, aunts, nieces, co-workers, friends)! All the details along with a flyer will be in next month's newsletter! Our theme this year is **"Too Blessed to Be Stressed!"** based on Psalm 84 along with various other Psalms. *Would you like to help with planning?* Let me know. Many hands make light work!

We would love for more ladies to get involved and to play an active part in the events and activities at Immanuel! The WCM welcomes YOU! Feel free to contact me anytime at lclamors@gmail.com or 618-719-4954.

Ladies' Bible Study
Every Thursday through April 6th
7:00 pm in the overflow room
All are welcome!

In Christ,
Lisa Clamors

"How good and pleasant it is when sisters live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

Camp Wartburg's Retreat February 17-18, 2017

Friday, February 17

6:00 pm Registration
7:00 pm Welcome, Introductions, Devotion
8:00 pm Keynote Speaker
9:00 pm Snacks, Fellowship

Saturday, February 18

8:00 am Breakfast
8:45 am Presentation/Bible study
9:45 am "Womanly Adventure"
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm Group/Individual Prayer & Reflection

***Contact me by Feb. 6th to register
or for more details!***



Join us each Wednesday during Lent (March 1—April 5) for a Lenten dinner prior to our midweek evening

services. Dinner will be held from 5-7 pm and hosted by various boards/committees. Everything from soup to pasta to Mexican to sloppy joes and more will be served each week depending on who's hosting!

All are welcome and a freewill donation is appreciated (but not required) to benefit our various organizations and missions.

Come for dinner and stay for fellowship! See you there!

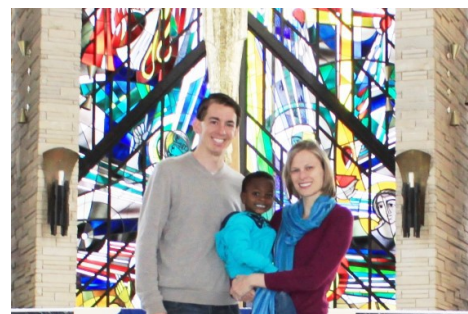
An Update from Our Missionary Partners...

Funke News: In Your Light We See Light

We have so enjoyed all the twinkling lights of this season, but even more so we have appreciated the many reminders of how Christ shines light in dark places. A friend recently reminded us that ten years ago, Linda wrote a prayer for Valparaiso University's prayer book titled, "In Thy Light We See Light." As we move into 2017, this is our prayer, and we hope many others will pray it with us:

For justice

Jesus, friend of outcast and hope for the despairing, Grant us the generosity to give fish to all who are hungry. Help us to teach others to fish, so that they may be empowered. Give us wisdom to stop polluting the pond and the fortitude to tear down the fences that have been built around it, so that all may have access to the goodness of Your creation. Grant us the humility to listen to the stories of outcasts and the despairing, so that we may likewise be fed by their wisdom and insight. In so doing, may we be signs of the coming of Your kingdom of peace and justice, and may we love with the same passionate, radical love that you have shown us. In your life-giving name, Amen.



Back in Tanzania

Our school has been closed for the Christmas break and will reopen for a new school year on January 9. The roof is finished on the new administration building, and if all goes according to plan, the staff will begin using it in February. Also, a special thank you to all of you who have been praying for our friends Dixon and Christy and have donated towards helping them rebuild after the fire. Their friend who was in the house at the time of the fire has now been released from the hospital and is just continuing to return to the hospital regularly to have the bandages changed. Dixon and Christy still need about \$2,000 to replace all that was lost, so if you are able to help, please go to <http://globallutheranoutreach.com/support-gbeanquoi.html> or write a check to "Global Lutheran Outreach" with "Gbeanquoi" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to Global Lutheran Outreach, 6709 Ficus Dr., Miramar, FL 33023. They will return to Tanzania on January 15th and will be staying in Pastor Mimii's house until they can find a new home.

Upcoming

We will begin the long journey back to Tanzania on January 17th. Please pray for smooth travels, a drama-free reentry, and a quick recovery from jet lag.

Written by Eric & Linda Funke on January 8, 2017. Would you like to be added to their email list? If so, email Eric & Linda at Linda.Funke@GlobalLutheranChurch.com and let them know.

Narthex Expansion Project

Anyone wishing to donate to the narthex expansion project may do so by placing your donation in a regular envelope and labeling it "Narthex Expansion." This will be added to the Narthex Expansion Exploration Fund. This fund will become our building fund once the building project has been completely approved by the congregation.

**Sunday, Feb. 26th
6:30 pm
Peace Lutheran
Church in St. Louis**

Immanuel's Agape Ringers will join surrounding area bell choirs in a free concert, and we'd love for you to join us! Any questions or need directions, feel free to ask Ann Frank or one of the Agape Ringers.



Adults vs. Youth Bowling Fellowship Event *Sat., Feb. 25—3-5 pm West Park Bowl in Columbia*

All are invited to attend this fellowship event for the whole family! It'll be a battle of the "ages" and sure to be a fun time! \$2.00 per game and \$2.00 per person for shoes. There will be food and drinks available for purchase.

*Look for the
sign up sheet
in the narthex!*



WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:45 am & 10:15 am

Holy Communion is celebrated at every Saturday service, at the 7:45 am service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and at the 10:15 am service on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of each month.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

***Pastor Troup's day off is Monday.
Pastor Demski's day off is Thursday.***



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