

## IMMANUEL CHURCH CALENDAR—A PEEK AT THE WEEK!

### Sun. January 27—Office Deadline for Annual Report material

9:00-Prep and Prayer meeting for those helping with the service-fireside room  
9:15-Church nursery is staffed  
9:30-Worship, Sunday School  
10:30-Coffee  
10:30-New Testament Study-right after worship grab a cup of coffee and meet in the Sanctuary Basement. Topic: 8. John-Jesus the Man from Heaven

### Mon., January 28

5:30-Auditing Committee meeting

### Tues., January 29

10:00- Text Time

### Wed., January 30

6:00-Choir rehearsal

6:30-Youth Group

### Thurs., January 31

9:00-Men's Bible Study of Revelation in fireside room

### Fri., February 1

3:15-Immanuel Worship Band rehearsal

### Sat. February 2

9:30-Visitation for Gloria Bourasa

11:00-Celebration of Life service for Gloria Bourasa followed by a meal in our Fellowship Hall.

### Sun., February 3

9:00-Prep and Prayer meeting for those helping with the service-fireside room  
9:15-Church nursery is staffed  
9:30-WOW Worship, Holy Communion, Sunday School  
10:30-Coffee  
10:30- New Testament Study-right after worship grab a cup of coffee and meet in the Sanctuary Basement. Topic: 9. Noncanonical Gospels

### Happy Birthdays:

27th—Cathy Anderson; 29th—Joanne Johnson, Ryan Tauer;  
31st—Alexie Koran; 1-Dorothy Johnson; 2-Makenna Thorsen  
4-Mark C. Johnson; 5-Kaitlin Carlson, Pat Noyes, Martin Strecker  
6-Mary Henderson

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## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Rev. Marla Amborn

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

January 27, 2019, 9:30 A.M.

*A welcoming community rooted in Christ, growing in faith and serving with joy!*

Today's Hymnal: **ELW - Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red)**

Hearing devices are available from an usher.

Children's bulletins & Worship Bags are available at the back of the church.

P: Pastor, C: Congregation, R: Reader

### Prelude

### Welcome and announcements

### Call to Worship

Pastor: Come, worship the Christ

**Pulpit Side:** Come, worship the Christ who tends to the poor.

**Piano Side:** Come, worship the Christ who wipes away our tears.

**Pulpit:** Come, worship the Christ who gives inheritance to the meek.

**Piano:** Come, worship the Christ who nourishes the hungry.

**Pulpit:** Come, worship the Christ who gives mercy to the merciful.

**Piano:** Come, worship the Christ who gives vision.

**Pulpit:** Come, worship the Christ who blesses the peacemakers.

**Piano:** Come, worship the Christ who remembers the persecuted.

**Pulpit:** Come, worship the Christ who finds the lost.

**ALL: Come, worship the Christ who is with us now and always.**

### Gathering Hymn ELW #886

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, verses 1-4*

### Confession and Forgiveness ELW page 94-96

### Prayer of the Day (*prayed in unison*)

**Loving God, your son Jesus taught many things that helped people know how deeply you love humanity. Help us to live in your love, so that we might be beacons of light for others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### The Psalm 1:1-3

Reader: <sup>1</sup>Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**Congregation: <sup>2</sup>but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

Reader: <sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

**Congregation: In all that they do, they prosper.**

## **The Gospel Matthew 5:1-20 C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Children's Sermon** Diane Rothe

*(Sunday School begins for age 3-grade 6 following the children's sermon. Visiting Children are welcome to join us in the upper level of the new building.)*

## **IMMANUEL'S ANNUAL MEETING IS FEBRUARY 10, 2019.**

**Note to Immanuel Committees**—Deadline for the committee/ treasurer's reports for the 2018 Annual Report is today, Jan. 27 so report can be copied and ready for pick up on February 3, one week before the annual meeting. Material is preferred typed and ready to copy or even better, sent to the office via email in MS Word so it can be formatted for the report. *Thank You!*

## **YOUTH/CONFIRMATION UPCOMING DATES:**

Wed., Jan. 30, 6:30-8:00-Youth Group

Feb 6, 6:30 PM Confirmation Class

Feb 10, 10:30 Annual Meeting following worship

Feb 13, 6:30 Youth Group and Confirmation

Feb 15 - 17 Youth attend Youth Quake in Minneapolis

**If you have questions about Youth Group call Youth Leaders:**

Jason & DeeAnn Fredlund, 651-465-6130

**If you have questions about Confirmation call**

Pastor Marla, 651-315-3354

**PLEASE CHECK OUT THE POSTERS ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD.**

## **Bible Study Opportunities:**

**SUNDAY MORNING STUDY WITH JIM** will meet right after worship—grab your cup of coffee and meet in the Sanctuary basement. **Explore the New Testament from the Gospel of Matthew to the Book of Revelation with this 24-part study.** You can come for every topic or come for the ones that especially interest you. This study begins with a DVD presentation each week.

**This Week's topic: 8. John - Jesus the Man from Heaven**

**Next Week's topic: 9. Noncanonical Gospels**

Call if you have questions: Jim Mielke at 651-587-7177. New Participants expected and wanted! *There will be no study Feb. 10, 17, 24.*

**Scriptural Text Bible Study "Text Time,"** Tuesdays., at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room with Pastor Marla

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** with Jim Mielke, Thursdays, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will continue looking at the book of Revelation. New Members welcomed! *There will be no study Feb. 14, 21.*

**Our Christian Love and Sympathy** goes to the family & friends of Lloyd Johnson. Lloyd died on Sun., Jan. 20. His funeral was Sat., January 26 at Immanuel. Please keep Lloyd's family and friends in your prayers as they mourn their loss and celebrate his life among us.

**Our Christian Love and Sympathy** goes to the family and friends of Gloria Bourasa who passed away on Tues., Jan. 22. Her service will begin with visitation at 9:30 at Immanuel and funeral at 11am on Sat., Feb. 2. Please keep Gloria's family and friends in your prayers as they grieve this loss and celebrate her life with us.

**Known to be hospitalized this week:**

Alice & John Mortenson - Alice is in hospice at Parmly  
Dwayne Gunderson - recuperating at home  
Irene Lundquist - recuperating at home

**January 13, 2019** Attendance: 93 Momoh's Concert - 116

**January 20, 2019** Attendance: 57

Financial report: numbers will be printed next week.

**Paint Your Heart Out**— This 3-hour workshop is designed especially for those who have experienced a loss of a loved one, job loss, loss of special pet, financial loss, or just feeling overwhelmed with life. Nicole Christensen, Studio of Arts Coordinator for the M-Power Wellness Center, will lead the class and help transfer emotions and grief onto the painting canvas. With thoughtful direction from Nicole, unique and insightful paintings will be created. (No previous art experience necessary)

Join Us: **Monday, February 11th, 2019 at 2:00pm** M-Power Wellness Center, 10720 282nd St. Chisago, MN 55013, Please RSVP @ **Wellness Center Desk** dsandberg@monarchmn.com 651-257-7597 Questions? Contact Nicole: (651) 257-7968 NChristensen@MonarchMN.com

**Save the date! PILLOWCASE WORKSHOP** Please join Sarah Circle on Sunday, February 17 at 1:00 to make pillow cases for Family Pathway in the fellowship hall. Fabric will be provided. Call Loraine for more info., 583-3412.

**There are three workshops coming up at Ecumen**—see the posters on the bulletin board in the narthex!

**THE STORY: "To Do or Not To Do"**

Featuring Thaddeaus, portrayed by Quintin Carlson

**Sermon** Pastor Marla Amborn

**Litany** "Living in Righteousness"

Pastor: We seek to live, to know, to be known.

**Congregation: We seek to be: good, righteous, liked, resourceful, useful, obedient.**

P: And yet: our light shines but dimly, our seasoning is faulty, our hopes are dashed and instead of being up on that pedestal for all to see

**C: we hide away: afraid of what other might say, afraid of their judgement.**

P: Listen again! There is only one judge,

**C: there is only one law:**

P: Love and love again.

**C: Love who came and showed us a loving way.**

P: Love who sought us out.

**C: Love who teaches us there is only one way.**

P: Love.

**C: Living in love is living in righteousness.**

P: Living in love is living in hope.

**C: Living in love is truly living.**

**ALL: Let that light of love shine for all to see.**

**Hymn of the Day** ELW #728 **Blest Are They**

**Apostles' Creed** ELW page 105

**Intercessory Prayers** (after each petition respond with:)

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Offering Hymn** ELW #793 **Be Thou My Vision**

**Offering Prayer (all pray in unison)**

**Happy are we, blessed are we, that know God's presence in our lives, and who welcome him to give purpose to all we do, so that we do it not just for ourselves, not just for family and friends, but rather for all people in God's creation. Use us today as the ones that bring blessing to others, through all we give and offer. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer ELW page 112

### Sending

Pastor: When life makes you feel unworthy,

**Congregation: the blessings of heaven will be yours.**

P: When your heart is breaking,

**C: the blessings of comfort are yours.**

P: When your fears hold you back,

**C: the blessing will be richly won.**

P: When the world ignores and betrays you,

**C: blessings come from unknown sources.**

P: When your heart is moved to mercy,

**C: the blessing is returned.**

P: When your heart is pure and innocent,

**C: the blessing is knowing God.**

P: When you are moved to see the best,

**C: sow seeds of peace and seek better ways, others will bless your heart.**

P: When you see a need

**C: be the hands and feet of Christ, bringing blessings to the world.**

### Benediction

Sending Hymn ELW #618 *Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer*

Dismissal Pastor: Go be blessed to serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

#### THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY:

**Pastor:** Marla Amborn

**Children's Sermon:** Diane Rothe

**The Story:** Quintin Carlson as Thaddeus

**Ushers:** Deb Kregel and Julie Weller **Head Usher:** Deb Kregel

**Guest Organist:** Lisa Schouweiler

**Altar Guild:** Martha Strecker

**Greeter:** Jeananne Zank **AV Tech:** Nancy Nadeau

**Reader:** Mary Johnson **Acolyte:** Kaitlin Carlson

**Offering Counters:** Alice Burnside, Pat Remer, Deb Kregel

**Coffee:** Deb Scott and Joanne Johnson—Thank You!

**Sunday School Teachers:** Loraine Rue & Diane Rothe

**Nursery Caregiver:** Lynn Schultz

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!

**Visitors**, please sign our guest book located in the back of the sanctuary. If you are interested in knowing more about our congregation please speak to Pastor Marla or call the church office! Contact info is on the back of this bulletin.

**Encourage all children** who can read to follow along in the bulletin and hymnal during our worship service today! There are children's bulletins at the back of the Sanctuary. **Sunday School for age 3-grade 6 starts every Sunday after the Children's Sermon.** Visiting children are welcome to attend!

**A nursery & mother's lounge** is located in the upper floor of the addition, with a speaker in the room so you can hear the service. **We provide volunteer Nursery Care** each week beginning at 9:15.

**All are welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall after worship** for a visit and chance to meet & greet old and new friends!

**New Testament Bible Study starts right after worship in the Sanctuary Basement!** Grab your cup of coffee and come! Jim looks forward to welcoming you to this New Testament study!

**WE ALL ARE MEMBERS OF THE  
"IMMANUEL HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE!"**  
INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO VISITORS  
AND GET TO KNOW MEMBERS, OLD AND NEW!



### Blood Drive in Immanuel's Fellowship Hall - Save the Date

Immanuel will be hosting a blood drive through the American Red Cross on **Thursday, February 21, 2019 from 1 – 7 PM.** We invite you to be part of this life-giving opportunity. Tell your family and friends. Come and donate blood if you are able. Thanks to Linda Peterson, Mark & Cindy Weslander for taking the 12:30-4:00 shift and Martha Strecker and Joanne Johnson for taking the 4-7:30 shift as hosts. We also need people to **hang up posters in neighboring towns soon (Shafer doesn't have a Blood Drive so we may get some from that area if we publicize). Or hang one up at work or where you shop. Get Posters from the Gathering Area today or in the office this week.** This is a great opportunity to help people in our local community. ***Save the date and plan to participate.*** You can sign up early online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter Almelund to schedule an appointment. You may also call 1-800-RED CROSS. See poster for details!