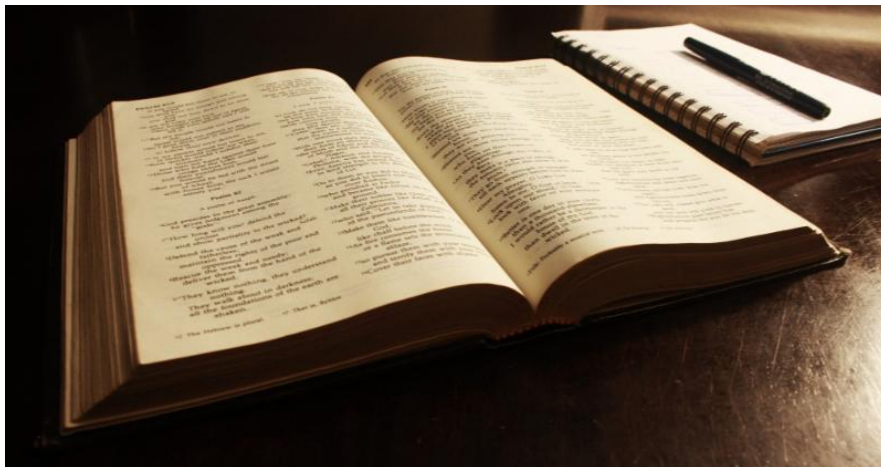


Immanuel Lutheran Church March 2018 Newsletter



THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR SCOTT



"How can I discover God's will for my life?" "How can I be sure of God's guidance in my decisions?" "God, what do you want me to do?" Almost all Christians have asked questions like these, especially at critical decision points in their lives.

We shape and order our life by the hundreds of decisions we make each day, and most of these are so small that we make them almost automatically. For many of us, the question of God's will hardly enters into our decisions apart from those unusual times when we realize that a specific choice could affect the rest of our lives. Because the consequences of a wrong choice at a point like this could be disastrous, we suddenly break out of our usual habits and begin to pursue and sometimes agonize over what God would want us to do.

Is there a better approach? Yes, there is. Join us during the 9 a.m. Sunday School hour for our adult class at Immanuel on "How Can I Understand God's Will For My Life?" as we study how God's will is a way of life and not just for the "gaps" in our life.

God is with us..... Pastor Scott



TIME AND PASSION SHEETS

Immanuel's members and friends have been filling out the "Time and Passion" sheets and returning them to the basket in the church entry area. If you haven't filled one out, please pick one up next to the basket, take a few minutes to fill out the form and return it to the basket. Thank you for your partnership in sharing the Good News of Jesus!



Special "Second" Congregational Meeting on February 4th Follow UP

An important church meeting was held after worship on Sunday, February 4th to vote on Immanuel's relationship with the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ). During this second meeting, there was one vote of abstention with all others voting for Immanuel to leave the ELCA.

The Nebraska Synod Council of the ELCA will be making a final decision to release Immanuel from the ELCA in early March.

Immanuel's members who wish to continue supporting the ELCA are welcome to do so if the congregation votes to leave the ELCA. Please be sure you note this on your offering envelope so that the church can steward your financial gifts appropriately. Please visit with Pastor Scott if you have any questions about this process and what it means for Immanuel.



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR YOUTH LOCK-IN

This year's Easter special offering will go toward expenses related to the upcoming youth lock-in at Immanuel. All youth from the area (grades 7 through 12) will be welcome to attend the lock-in. This will be a good time for our church to invite youth to get to know us better and feel welcome at Immanuel.

You can place your special offering in the Easter envelope (see photo). Regular offerings toward Immanuel can be placed in our regular white offering envelopes. Thank you for supporting the youth of our church and our community.



COMING TO IMMANUEL

MARCH 6TH THROUGH MAY 1ST, 2018
TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7 P.M.

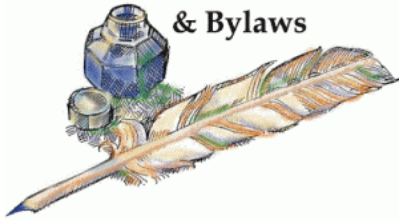
What if you were following a plan for your money that you KNEW worked? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future. If you or friends of yours are interested in learning more about the class, please contact Pastor Scott. The class will be offered for nine weeks, beginning Tuesday evening, March 6th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and taught by Pastor Scott plus Brittany and Chris Vesely of Ceresco.

This class is **open to anyone** from the area who wishes to learn more about personal money management and becoming debt free. Cost for the class is two \$50 checks. One check will be used for the material costs and the other can either be applied to the class later or returned to the participant. Childcare will be provided.

Materials will be available at the church the first night of class.

Just want to check it out? Come the first night and if you don't wish to continue, there's no obligation to return

Church
Constitution
& Bylaws



CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS TASK FORCE

Immanuel needs to rewrite its constitution and bylaws to reflect our new church structure in leadership and ministry as we leave the ELCA and are a LCMC congregation. Pastor Scott and Doug Rudeen (our Church Council president) have been gathering samples of other Lutheran church constitutions and we invite any members of

Immanuel who would like to help in the drafting of the new documents to join this task force to review and write new ones that will be presented to the congregation for approval at a later date.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Scott or Doug Rudeen. We'd love to have you join in this exciting opportunity to set the course for Immanuel for years to come.



2018

Carol Joy Holling Camp

REGISTER TODAY!

KIDS CAN GO TO CAMP WITH ASSISTANCE FROM IMMANUEL

Hey, families of Immanuel, your kids can go to Camp Carol Joy Holling in Ashland and you can get campership fee assistance. Immanuel wants to help children experience a great week at Bible camp by providing partial financial assistance for the cost of camp registration. All you need to do is log onto Immanuel's Endowment Fund website and fill out the information in the form provided. If you have questions about how to do this, please contact Ray Otto at 402.432.3343 or daplugg@gmail.com

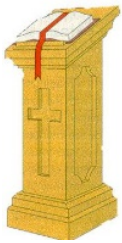
There will be information from the camp available to all families of Immanuel soon. Please check your church mailbox for the camp's flyer. You can also check out the camp online at www.caroljoyholling.org.

Fundraiser ideas coming this Spring.

Fundraiser projects to be determined.

Prayer List

Jerry Eastin (Health-Congregation)
Velda Gerguson (Health- Fran Freeman)
Andrea Christensen (Health- John Christensen)
Jessica Creger & Son Zach (Health- Jodi Boden)
Raegan Love (Toddler/Cancer- Doug & Shawn Rudeen)
Heather Lucht (Health- Barb & Leroy Hanson)
Marsha Hanson (Health- Ray & Jane Otto)
Susan Strauss (Health-Niece of Donna Newell)
William Sonne (Health -Donna Newell)
Bob Boens (Health- Lonnie Boens)
Julie Hart (Health- Jon & Janis Bible)
Isabella Bible (Health- Jon & Janis Bible)
Trinity Lutheran Church in Dewitt
Jan Schmeackle (Health- Christie Bevington)



MARCH LECTORS

March 4- Ray Otto
March 11- Fran Freeman
March 18- Tim Wheland
March 25- Kevin Olson
March 29- Fran Freeman
March 30- Fran Freeman, Janis Bible
Tim Wheland, Ray Otto

MARCH USHERS

March 4 -Ray & Jane Otto
March 11- Fran Freeman
March 18- Tim Wheland
March 25- Kevin & Gaylene Olson
March 29- Leroy & Barb Hanson
March 30- Fran Freeman



MARCH ACOLTYES FOR WORSHIP

March 4 - Isaak Fredrickson
March 11 - Wyatt Hanson
March 18 - Mason Kreikemeier
March 25 - Conner Kreikemeier
March 29 - Wyatt Hanson
March 30 - Mason Kreikemeier



MARCH FOOD PANTRY

PAPER GOODS

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels,
Paper Plates & Cups
Paper Napkins



HOLY WEEK and EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m.
Community-wide Passover Seder at the
Methodist Church

Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Communion Service
(First Communion for Fifth Graders)

Friday, March 30th at 3 p.m.
Good Friday Community-wide Worship Service at Immanuel

Friday, March 30th at 7 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae (Service of the Shadows) at Immanuel

Sunday, April 1st at 7:10 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Worship at the Ceresco Water tower
(breakfast follows for Immanuel's members and friends at Immanuel)

Sunday, April 1st at 10:15 a.m.
Traditional Easter Worship