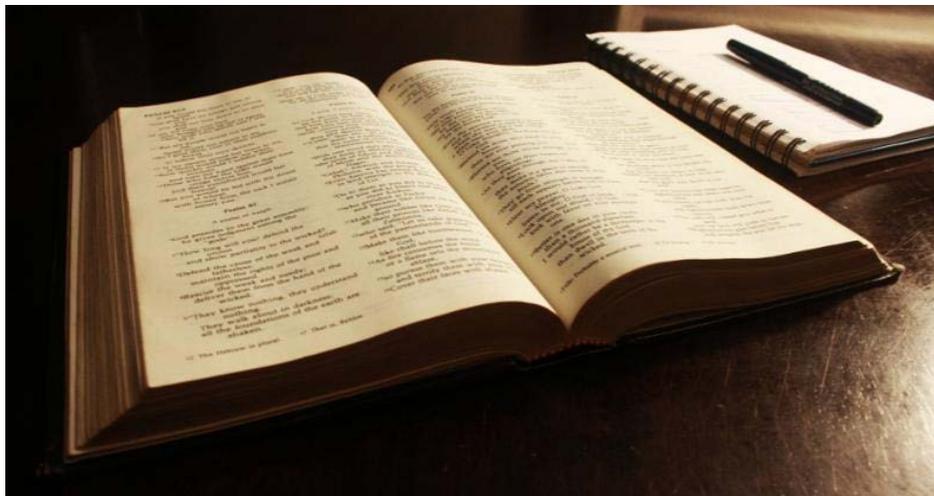


January 2019 Immanuel Newsletter



From the Pastor

Happy New Year! Happy New Century! Immanuel is 100 years old this month. I recently read a quote that says "The history of a church is an unfolding pageant of life."

In our church's entryway between Immanuel's sanctuary and the pastor's office is a tall glass case where we keep historical artifacts from our congregation - an assortment of books, photographs, decorative plates and papers collected over the past 100 years.

Over the past months, Immanuel's Centennial Committee has been busy planning special events throughout 2019. Several members of Immanuel have been gathering historical information and are writing a centennial history book. It has been interesting to learn the stories about the commitment Immanuel's members and friends have had for our family of faith through the years. One such story was of a member who sold his car to raise the final \$500 needed to complete payment on the church building 100 years ago – a great sacrifice in those days.

Our Centennial Worship service and catered lunch on Sunday, January 20th marks the Sunday closest to the first worship service held at Immanuel 100 years ago in 1919 when the church first began. It's good for us to remember that Immanuel is much more than what we just see and experience now. It holds a history of deep dedication to the mission of Jesus Christ. Now, as we enter the next century of our church's life, we have the opportunity to make a renewed commitment in welcoming others to know Jesus Christ, grow in His love, and serve those in need in Ceresco and our world.

2019 is an exciting time for us to celebrate this milestone in our church's life and remember those who have gone before us. It's also a time to pray for renewal and growth in our lives as we, with the Holy Spirit's help, pass along the gift of faith to those who will live in the 22nd Century. May we be faithful to the task God sets before us.

God is with us.... Pastor Scott



CENTENNIAL WORSHIP: January 20 10:15 a.m. at Immanuel

Don't miss our special centennial worship service on Sunday morning, January 20th as we celebrate God's faithfulness through song, Scripture and a message on "God's Signs". A catered meal will follow our worship service. Please be sure to return

your RSVP ticket in the offering plate by January 13th or mail it to: **Immanuel Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 210, Ceresco, NE 68017** to arrive by January 12th. We look forward to a great Sunday of celebration.



2019 ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING January 27th at 11:15 a.m.

All voting Immanuel members are encouraged to attend this year's annual church meeting, following worship on Sunday, January 27th, in the church sanctuary. Voting members are confirmed members of Immanuel who have

communed within the past year.

Church business will include approval of the 2019 church budget and addressing issues which impact our activities in serving Christ Jesus and His mission. Often, Immanuel's annual meetings have been only 30 minutes to less than an hour in length. We look forward to seeing you there.



BECAUSE OF YOU... God is doing amazing things!

Immanuel received \$1,152.82 through our special Christmas Eve offering for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace". This gift will provide full bed sets (bed frame, mattress,

sheets, blanket and pillows) for six or seven children. Thank you for making a difference in their lives.

Also, during December, Immanuel received \$8.614 in offerings. We are a church that understands that God owns everything and we are simply the managers acting on his behalf. Our giving is a commitment to God's service as we seek to serve God by serving the needs of others and invite our world to know the Lord of love and life – Jesus Christ. Thank you for being a part of God's work in our community and world.



IMMANUEL'S THREE WEEKS OF PRAYER: January 6th – 26th, 2019

During the early days of January 2019, our church association of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) holds “Three Days of Prayer”. However, as Immanuel enters our next century of service to God’s Gospel and the work of His kingdom, we set aside three weeks for our church to focus on prayer as we confess our brokenness, pray for one another and pray for renewal and growth of our church. During the following weeks in January, please set aside time each day to spend time in prayer as we focus on our need for God, His strength, and forgiveness as we grow in love for one another and commitment to His calling as a congregation. Our focus will be:



Week One: January 6-12, 2019. A week of confession.

We have made our lives, our relationships – and even the church – in our own image. We confess that the church belongs to Jesus and not to us. We pray this week that we lay down our self-centered pride, our desire to place ourselves above what God calls us to be, and ask Jesus Christ for forgiveness, which He gives freely and with mercy.



Week Two: January 13-19, 2019. A week of petition.

Pray for our congregation, for Pastor Scott, for our Church Council members, our church secretary Fran, our music leader Leanne, our Sunday School children and Suzy as well as others who assist with children’s Sunday School, the adults participating in our adult Sunday School, our seventh and eighth grade Confirmation students, those involved in ministries such as the Backpack Ministry and others, as well as every member and friend of Immanuel we can think of. Consider looking at our members and friends photo wall between the Pastor’s office and church kitchen if you want to see who you can pray for this week.



Week Three: January 20-26, 2019. A week of vision.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will again move through the hearts and minds of Immanuel’s leaders, Pastor Scott, and all of our church family that God’s vision for His church in Ceresco might be revealed and fulfilled through us in the months and years ahead. This is a time of prayer for renewal, revival and encouragement. Pray for God’s vision as we enter our mission’s second century.

January 2019 Immanuel Calendar

Note: There is no Confirmation or "Women of Word" Bible Study on Wednesday evening, January 2nd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	7	8	9 5:45pm Confirmation Supper & Class 7:00pm Centennial Committee	10	11	12 9:30am Pastor Scott at Heartland District Council meeting in Omaha
13 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship	14 7:00pm Church Council meeting	15	16 5:45pm Confirmation Supper & Class 7:15pm Women of the Word Bible Study	17	18	19
20 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Centennial Worship Celebration 11:30pm Centennial Lunch	21	22	23 5:45pm Confirmation Supper & Class	24	25	26
27 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 11:15am Annual Meeting	28	29	30 5:45pm Confirmation Supper & Class	31	Feb 1	Feb 2



Immanuel's Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 27th, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our next congregational annual meeting at Immanuel. These meetings often go quickly but are important for all voting members to attend as we set the plans in place for God's ministry and mission through us.



Prayer List

Christie Bevington (Health – Member)

Andrea Christensen (Health – J Christensen)

Raegan Love (Toddler cancer – Rudeen)

Heather Lucht (Health – Hanson)

Jason Arensdorf (Health – Fredrickson)

Julie Hart (Health – Bible)

Kim Pearson (Health – L Pearson)

Bob Dittrich (Health – Congregation)

Krystal Weaver (Health – Tilson)

Kelly Hamilton (Health – Bevington)

Sandi Wendell (Health – Wilson)

Chris Vesely (Military Duty – Badberg)

Briggs Gushed (Health – Rudeen)

Blaine & Jessica Kaiser (Safety while traveling for a year – Kaiser)

The Ceresco Methodist & Covenant Churches



JANUARY LECTORS

Jan. 6 - Jane Otto

Jan 13- Fran Freeman

Jan. 20 - Shawn Rudeen

Jan. 27- Donna Hansen



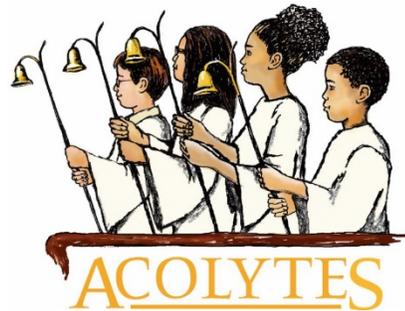
JANUARY USHERS

Jan. 6 - Leroy & Barb Hanson

Jan. 13- Christie Bevington

Jan. 20 - Doug & Shawn Rudeen

Jan. 27- Fran Freeman



JANUARY ACOLYTES

Jan. 6- Taylor Oldfield

Jan. 13 - Joe Weaver

Jan. 20 - Kyle Peterson

Jan. 27 - Wyatt Hanson



January Food Pantry

Pop Tarts, Protein Bars,
Granola Bars
Breakfast Bars