



From the Pastor

Imagination is a great thing. With it, people like Jules Verne imagined submarines and spaceships hundreds of years ago. Leonardo da Vinci, who painted famous paintings like the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples sitting at a long table, imagined flying machines and other technological machines that were built centuries later. Imagination unleashes the creative power of our mind to make and do great things.

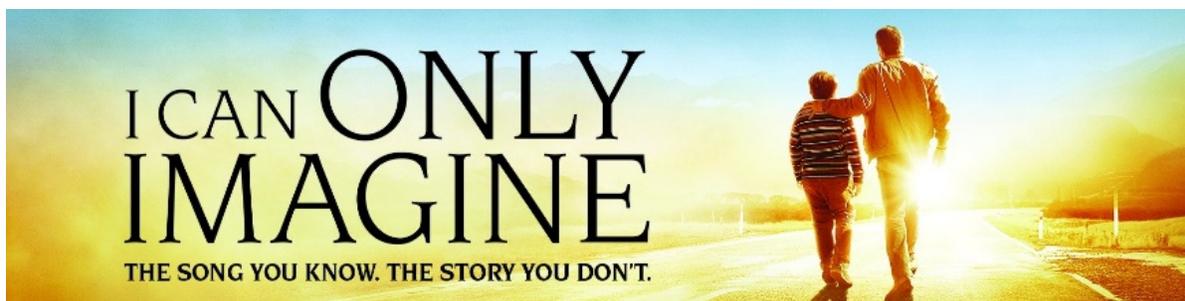
In our relationship with God, we can also imagine. We can imagine a God who loves us, forgives us, and claims us as His children to be created on purpose for a purpose. This isn't a pretend hope but something that is real and that we hold onto by faith.

This coming Wednesday, February 5th, we'll be having a movie night at Immanuel at 7 p.m. as we show the movie "I Can Only Imagine". Whether you've seen the movie before or not, you'll want to come for this **free** showing at Immanuel. You'll want to invite your friends, too, as we share the message of this film with anyone in the Ceresco area. There is **no** cost to attend.

During some Wednesday evenings over the past weeks, Immanuel's "Women of the Word" (W.O.W.) Bible study group has been watching parts of the movie "I Can Only Imagine" and learning about imagining approval, forgiveness, redemption, and eternal life. I won't give a "spoiler alert" to let you know how the movie's storyline goes but you'll get to see how God can work in the hearts of some of the toughest people in our lives.

Life in this world can be difficult and our best laid plans can fail, our relationships falter and our hope in our self-made futures can fade. But, God gives us a sure and certain hope – one in which we can imagine what our future in Him will be like. It's a future of healing and wholeness that begins now. So, come join us on Wednesday evening, February 5th at 7 pm. for a time of imagination. It's great to know a God who loves us so deeply that nothing can take us from His love... not even death itself.

God is with us.... Pastor Scott





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING Monday, February 17th 7 p.m.

Some of us from Immanuel and the Ceresco Methodist Church met at Immanuel in January to begin planning for this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS). Last summer we had over 80 children gather at Immanuel for several days of Bible lessons, crafts, games and snacks. Plus, we had a great closing program with games and food on the church lawn.

This year, we would like to have another great experience in learning about and sharing God's love with each other. Please come to the next VBS planning session on February 17th at 7 p.m. in Immanuel's Fellowship Hall to share more ideas and begin finalizing some of our plans as we prepare to promote this ministry in our community this summer.



**Remembering
Our Homebound Members**

Please remember Immanuel's homebound members in your prayers:

Barb Basel (please note Barb's new address change as of January 31st)

Hooper Care Center – 400 E. Birchwood Dr., Hooper NE 68031
402.654.3362 (Care Center) 402.480.2582 (Cell)

John Christiansen

1509 County Rd. B – Ceresco, NE 68017
402.429.6475

Marie Johnson

2425 Folkways Blvd, #336 – Lincoln NE 68521
402.438.5618 (home) 402.417.9537 (cell)

Rose Nelson

Saunders Medical Center Long Term Care, Room 114
1760 County Road J – Wahoo NE 68066

Rexilius, Dale and Bernadine

c/o Tabitha GracePointe
4620 Randolph St, #203 – Lincoln NE 68510 402.484.9318

February 2020 Immanuel Calendar

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
2 9am – Sun School 9:45 am Choir practice 10:15 am Worship	3	4	5 5:45 pm Confirmation Supper & class 7 pm –“I Can Only Imagine” Movie at Immanuel (FREE and open to the public)	6	7	8
9 9am – Sun School 9:45am – Choir practice 10:15am Worship	10 7:00pm Church Council meeting	11	12 5:45 pm – Confirmation Supper & Class	13	14	15
16 9am – Sun School 9:45am – Choir practice 10:15am Worship	17 7:00pm Vacation Bible School planning meeting @ Immanuel	18	19 5:45 pm – Confirmation Supper & Class 7:00pm – Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study at Immanuel	20	21	22
23 9am – Sun School 9:45am – Choir practice 10:15am Worship	24	25	26 5:45 pm – Confirmation Supper & Class 7:00 pm – Ceresco Community Ash Wednesday worship service	27	28	29



Parenting is hard. Parenting in today's world is hard. There's no shortage of options that claim to help, but fall short of adding the right value to your child's life and to your family. You want your child to feel the joy of childhood but also gain the life skills needed to live as productive, happy adults. Faith is oh-so-important... encouraging new activities builds their confidence... friendships - old and new - give them support. These things seem so simple, yet become such a challenge as we seek ways to get it right.

Choosing a summer camp experience is more than just filling your child's schedule and keeping them busy. You want safe, affordable options that support your values and help your children to grow in character, faith and friendships. Plus, it **MUST** be fun!

We support the local Lutheran Bible camp named Camp Carol Joy Holling near Ashland. Be sure to check out the camping programs offered this summer by going to www.caroljoyholling.org and registering your child(ren) for a week they will remember. Please contact Pastor Scott if you need financial assistance for your child(ren) to attend.



2020 ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Was held January 26th at 11:15 a.m.

Following worship on Sunday, January 26th, Immanuel held its annual meeting to discuss and vote on church business. Our meeting was opened and closed with prayer by Pastor Scott.

The annual budget for 2020 was approved by congregation for \$61236.14. An average of \$1177.62 per week in offerings will meet our church's ministry needs.

The money market account for the Endowment funds did quite well with a gain over \$15,000 last year. A number of scholarships and grants were distributed from the fund in 2019.

Pastor Scott shared that last year Immanuel baptized one child, confirmed three youth, had three funerals, and welcomed 11 new members into our faith family.

The Examiners report was approved by the congregation and financially Immanuel is doing well.

The following church members were elected:

Nominations-Council: 3 year term Jamie Fredrickson (2020-2022)

Examiner: 3 year term Donna Hansen (2020-2022)

Our LCMC Delegate to represent Immanuel: Fran Freeman

A mold remediation bid was presented to the congregation, after discussion a motion was made to accept the bid for the removal of the mold in the church basement from A1 Mold Testing & Remediation for \$6715.00. This motion was voted on by the congregation and passed. The Council will need to decide if fund raising for the capital improvement will need to be done when it holds its February 10th meeting.

LeRoy and Barb Hanson volunteered to take charge of being our church's "Activity Directors". They will see that the congregation is told of upcoming events in the community and also communicate with other churches and community of upcoming events being held at Immanuel.

Having a Service Directory for members was discussed and a photo member directory is going to be done in 2020. This could be included with the member directory. ***(Please note: Pastor Scott met with a LifeTouch church directory representative on January 29th and including a "service directory" can be included. It is likely that we will have individual and family photos taken for Immanuel's new 2020 church directory this Spring. The Council will discuss this.)***

PRAYER LIST



Prayer List

Christie Bevington (Health – Member)

Laurel Nelson's Family & Friends as they mourn his loss

Andrea Christensen (Health – J Christensen)

Richard Benes (Terminal cancer – Fredrickson)

Bob Knuth (Health – Otto)

Heather Lucht (Health – Hanson)

Ron Weltruski (Bone cancer -Hedges)

Craig Boden (Work – J. Boden)

Amanda Sykes (Health – Sykes)

Kim Pearson (Health – L Pearson)

Kelly Hamilton (Health – Bevington)

Sandi Wendell (Health – Wilson)

Briggs Gushard (Health – Rudeen)

Lora Robinson (Health – Freeman)

Dawn Buss (Health- Freeman)

Jan Horning (Health)

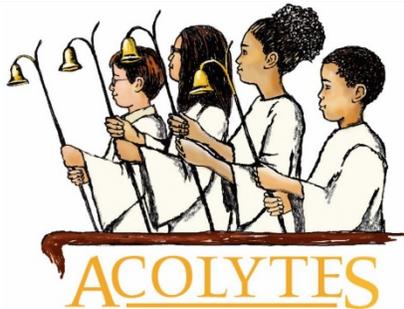
Mary Tvrdy (Health – Otto)

Sydney Kenning (Strength & comfort for Sydney's family)



FEBRUARY USHERS

Feb. 2 - John & Janis Bible
Feb. 9 - Christie Bevington
Feb. 16 - Fran Freeman
Feb. 23 - Doug & Shawn Rudeen
Feb. 26 - Kevin & Gaylene



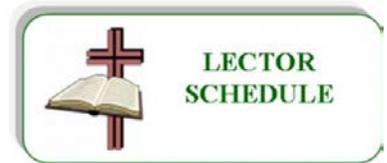
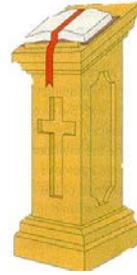
FEBRUARY ACOLYTES

Feb. 2 - Hunter Sykers
Feb. 9 - Kory Ball
Feb. 16 - Jace Badberg
Feb. 23 - Ashlyn Skyes
Feb. 26 - Karrie Weaver



FEBRUARY COFFEE HOSTESS

Feb 2 - Leanne Pearson
Feb 9 - Crystal & Aaron Haake
Feb 16 - Fran Freeman
Feb 23 - Donna Hansen & Lisa Kaiser



FEBRUARY LECTORS

Feb. 2 - Janis
Feb. 9 – Donna
Feb. 16 - Fran
Feb. 23 - Shawn
Feb. 26- Hailey



February Food Pantry

Soups ~ Canned or Boxed
Broths (Boxed or Cubes)