

# Immanuel Newsletter - March 2020



## From Pastor Scott

The writer of the words in this picture on the left was an American author and past during the last part of the 19th Century. He came up with a lot of quotes, but I like this quote of his the best.

As we go through the season of Lent during March, this is a good time for us to remember who we are and what Jesus as the Son of God did for us.

Just stop and think about it for a moment... It's amazing! The God who created our vast universe took on human form and was born as a baby in a crude manger. As Jesus grew into a man, he gathered disciples who followed him and learned about God's ways of love. He knew feelings like you and me – celebrating at a wedding in Cana where he did his first miracle of turning water into wine, crying

at the tomb of his friend Lazarus before he raised him from the dead, and in anger took a whip and drove out the money changers in the temple in Jerusalem.

Ultimately, he gave his life on the cross as the world turned against him as he willingly took our place, since sin deserves death – both physical and spiritual. He rose from the dead to live forever. Jesus lived just one solitary life, but He changed the world.

This Lenten season, you and I have the opportunity to make a difference for God. It may be in our school, where we work, in our community, in our family or somewhere else.

It's easy to think, "I'm just one person, what difference can I make?" But, during this season of Lent, we CAN make a positive difference. Let's think of one situation or one person that we can make a positive difference by sharing the love of Jesus through our actions and spirit of service and sacrifice.

The power of "ONE" is amazing when it's multiplied by all of us as the people of God called "Immanuel".

God is with us.... Pastor Scott





## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING Monday, March 16th 7 p.m.

Momentum is growing and we had a good group last month to meet at Immanuel and visit about plans for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Here are some preliminary plans that are taking shape:

VBS will be the evenings of Monday, July 20th through Thursday, July 23rd with the closing program on Thursday evening. Last year's closing on Immanuel's church lawn was a great hit and we'd like to plan something like it again for this summer.

Our theme looks like it will have a jungle theme ("Into the Wild" or something similar) and we're already collecting large cardboard tubes to make palm trees. By the way, we need to start collecting paper towel tubes and toilet paper tubes for one of our crafts.

Please come to the next VBS planning session on March 16th 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. We'd LOVE to have you join in the planning and excitement. Please invite your friends from the community, too.



### **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

## March 2020 Immanuel Calendar

| <i>Sun</i>  | <i>Mon</i>  | <i>Tues</i> | <i>Wed</i>   | <i>Thurs</i> | <i>Fri</i>   | <i>Sat</i>   |
|---|---|-------------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>1</b><br>9am – Sun School<br>9:45 am Choir practice<br>10:15 am Worship  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>    | <b>4</b><br>5:45 pm Confirmation Supper & class<br>7 pm – Midweek Holden Prayer Worship in the Fellowship Hall         | <b>5</b>     | <b>6</b>     | <b>7</b>     |
| <b>8</b><br>9am – Sun School (children only – no adult class today)<br>9:45am – Choir practice<br>10:15am Worship | <b>9</b><br>7:00pm Church Council meeting                             | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b><br>5:45 pm – Confirmation Supper & Class<br>7 pm – Midweek Holden Prayer Worship in the Fellowship Hall      | <b>12</b>    | <b>13</b>    | <b>14</b>    |
| <b>15</b><br>9am – Sun School<br>9:45am – Choir practice<br>10:15am Worship                                       | <b>16</b><br>7:00pm Vacation Bible School planning meeting @ Immanuel | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b><br>5:45 pm – Confirmation Supper & Class<br>7 pm – Midweek Holden Prayer Worship in the Fellowship Hall      | <b>19</b>    | <b>20</b>    | <b>21</b>    |
| <b>22</b><br>9am – Sun School<br>9:45am – Choir practice<br>10:15am Worship                                       | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b><br>5:45 pm – Confirmation Supper & Class<br>7 pm – Midweek Holden Prayer Worship in the Fellowship Hall      | <b>26</b>    | <b>27</b>    | <b>28</b>    |
| <b>29</b><br>9am – Sun School<br>9:45am – Choir practice<br>10:15am Worship<br>3 pm- Nebraska Brass at Immanuel   | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b>   | <b>April 1</b><br>5:45 pm – Confirmation Supper & Class<br>7 pm – Midweek Holden Prayer Worship in the Fellowship Hall | <b>Apr 2</b> | <b>Apr 3</b> | <b>Apr 4</b> |



**The Nebraska Brass is coming to Immanuel on Sunday, March 29th at 3 p.m.**

Invite your friends and neighbors to come hear some great brass music at Immanuel. Cost is only \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors (65+), children and students are **FREE.**

Tickets will be available in Immanuel's entry area the day of the concert or in advance at (402)-477-7899.



This year's concert theme is "Carnival of the Animals: A Trip to the Zoo"



**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](http://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.



### **Holden Evening Midweek Prayer Worship at Immanuel – Wednesdays at 7 p.m.**

Like last year, during Lent, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a time of evening prayer and Lenten reflection. Join us for this beautiful setting of music and prayer during March plus April 1st.



## Prayer List

Christie Bevington (Health – member)  
Barb Basel (Broke hip – member)  
Sharon Kaiser (Health – member)  
Andrea Christensen (Health – J Christensen)  
Richard Benes (Terminal cancer – Fredrickson)  
Rob Bonow (Health)  
Heather Lucht (Health – Hanson)  
Ron Weltruski (Bone cancer -Hedges)  
Cleta Prisbow (Health – Hedges)  
Karen Hagood (Health – Newell)  
Amanda Sykes (Health – Sykes)  
Kim Pearson (Health – L Pearson)  
Kelly Hamilton (Health – Bevington)  
Briggs Gushard (Health – Rudeen)  
Lora Robinson (Health – Freeman)  
Dawn Buss (Health – Freeman)  
David Sinn (cancer – Larson)  
Faith Arnsdorf (Health – Fredrickson)  
Kaitlyn Hosier (Health – Drahota)  
Dan Ostransky (Health - Otto)  
Mary Tvrdy (Health – Otto)  
Sydney Kenning (Strength & comfort for Sydney's family)

### **MARCH LECTORS**

March 1 - Donna Hansen  
March 8 - Fran Freeman  
March 15 - Tim Wehland  
March 22 - Jodi Boden  
March 29 - Kristy Badberg

### **MARCH USHERS**

March 1 - Leroy & Barb Hanson  
March 8 - Fran Freeman  
March 15 - Tim Wehland  
March 22 - Jodi Boden  
March 29 - Justin & Kristy Badberg

### **March Food Pantry**

Dental:

Toothbrushes – Toothpaste Mouthwash – Dental floss