



Epiphanies

Some thoughts from Pastor Scott

God is different things to different people. To some He's nothing more than just a myth. To others He's an empty chair at Yuletide. To many He's a word for swearing with. But if it's true he's really that important. And through the years great men have wondered too. Perhaps we ought to check Him out more closely. We think He's God but what is God to you?"

- from "Tell It Like It Is" a youth musical by Ralph Carmichael & Kurt Kaiser, 1969

We're now halfway through the season of Epiphany – the season of four to nine weeks in which we celebrate Jesus being shown to all people as he grew into adulthood. It's a time to ask, "What is God to me?" People in Jesus' hometown of Nazareth saw him as just the son of a carpenter named Joseph – nothing special. But, in surrounding towns, the people saw him for who he was... the Son of God and the Messiah they had been waiting for. People have different ideas about Jesus. Some people think he was just a good moral teacher. But others see the power of God at work through him as their Lord and Savior – the one who has come to heal broken relationships and give a deep and eternal hope.

During my last year of college, I was studying to be an elementary school teacher and I got to teach fourth graders at Prosperity Heights Elementary School in St. Paul, Minnesota. I got to teach students subjects like math, social studies and science. Sometimes the children really struggled to learn a new idea or see a concept in a new way but then an amazing thing happened... They had an epiphany. It was like a lightbulb went on in their mind and they understood. They would get excited and want to explain their newfound grasp of something with the whole class. It was fun to watch and be a part of!

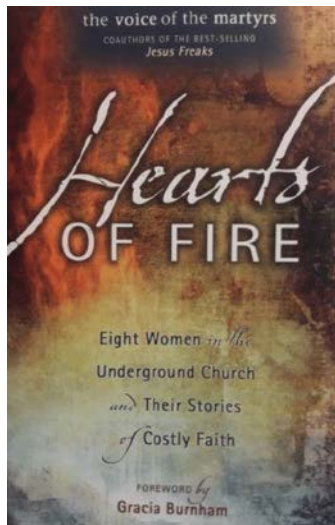
As we approach the beginning of the third year of the pandemic, I invite you to think about how you see God and how He has changed your assumptions about Him and life in general. Rather than getting caught up in the endless division and uncertainty of this time, start looking at God and life in a different way. See God as a partner with you on this journey of life. See him as someone who gives healing and hope in a troubled time. He brings us together in this church family called Immanuel to encourage and support each other. We're not alone.

Thank God that God is with us... Pastor Scott



February 2022 Immanuel Calendar

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Jan 30 9 am Children's & Adult Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 11:15 am Coffee/Fellowship time	Jan 31	1	2	3	4	5 Funeral for Marie Johnson at Immanuel
6 9 am Sunday School for ALL ages 9:45 am Choir practice 10:15 am Worship 11:15 am Immanuel's Annual Meeting 7 pm – Church Council meets online on Zoom	7	8	9 6 pm – Confirmation at Immanuel: First Article of the Apostle's Creed: God the Father 7pm – Women of the Word study at Immanuel	10	11	12
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WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word Bible Study Wednesdays, February 9th and 23rd at 7 p.m.

All women of Immanuel and friends are welcome to join us on the **second** and **fourth** Wednesday evenings in February as we continue an eight-session study series called “Hearts of Fire”. We are learning about eight women who held on to their faith and relationship in Jesus Christ. Their stories and our Bible study together inspire and challenge us in our commitment to live out our faith and to encourage one another. All participants will receive a FREE copy of the “Hearts of Fire” book by Voice of the Martyrs. If you don’t have a copy of the book, we will get one for you.



Remembering Our Homebound Members

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Please remember Immanuel’s homebound members
in your prayers:

Immanuel’s Church Basement Remodeling Project



The basement project will be moving forward as we have the basement flooring removed and begin fixing up our basement room, kitchen and bathroom. Be sure to check out the church’s plans in the entry area of Immanuel. There’s a list of the basement projects that Immanuel will be working on in the months ahead.



2022 ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

February 6th at 11:15 a.m. – NOTE DATE CHANGE

Immanuel's Annual Meeting date has been moved to Sunday, February 6th at 11:15 a.m. (COVID changes everything, doesn't it?)

All voting Immanuel members are encouraged to attend this year's annual church meeting, following worship on Sunday, February 6th, 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 2022 church budget, the remodeling of Immanuel's basement, the possible installation of a new carillon sound system in Immanuel's steeple and addressing issues which impact our activities in serving Christ Jesus and His mission. Often, Immanuel's annual meetings have been only about 30 minutes in length. This one might be a bit longer this year 😊

We look forward to seeing you there.



Hey, youth and your families... this year's Boundary Waters Canoe Trip is coming in August!

Pastor Scott and Jamie Fredrickson were able to reserve BWCA entry permits for another canoe trip. Last year's trip was COLD but fun. This year's will be a lot more pleasant as we head up to Minnesota the morning of **Monday, August 1st** and return the night of **Saturday, August 6th**. Be sure to mark your calendar to save the date! More information will be coming out in the weeks ahead.

Please let Pastor Scott or Jamie know if you wish to go on the canoe trip. We already have eight people signed up and room for ten more youth and adults.



Summer Bible Camp is only 4 months away

Hey, parents of elementary and middle school kids... Registrations are open at Camp Carol Joy Holling (the local Lutheran Bible camp at Ashland) and will be available until a session is full (see the weeks of summer camp below). Families can register online at [REGISTER | CarolJoyHolling Camp](#) and can view the 2022 Summer Camp Schedule at [Schedule | CarolJoyHolling Camp](#).

There are Bible camp booklets in the mailboxes of all Immanuel's families at the church building. Be sure to take yours home and register your child for a great experience at Camp Carol Joy Holling. The first 500 campers that sign up will receive a pair of CJH Camp socks.

Half-Off for First Time Campers:

1. First-time campers at Carol Joy Holling Camp only. Sorry - if you've been to summer camp at CJH Camp before (not counting family programs), you can't use this discount.
2. You may **ONLY** use the discount on the following sessions. Grade listed refers to the child's grade during the 2021-2022 school year.

TrailHead (Grades 1-6)

Week 1 • June 5-10

Week 2 • June 12-17

Week 3 • June 19-24

Week 4 • June 26 - July 1

The Springs (Grades 6-8)

Week 4 • June 26 - July 1

Week 6 • July 10-15

Week 7 • July 17-22

3. [Register now!](#) When you register, please pay the full registration fee of \$100. If you're a first time camper, use coupon code '**Half22**' when registering online. Please note, the first time camper discount will not be applied to your balance until your eligibility is verified by Camp Carol Joy Holling's Registrar Jessica Weltz.

Prayer List

Christie Bevington (health – member)
The Wade family (Mission family we support)
Bill Bohling (cancer/Heart - Crystal's Dad)
Dan Duffy
Makena Garrison (17 yrs old – neurofibromatosis – Bevington)
Lora Robinson (health – Fran's sister)
JoAnn Koepke (health & Safety – Janis' sister)
Andrea Christensen (health – J Christensen)
Karen Edstrom (cancer)
Heather Lucht (health – Hanson)
Ron Weltruski (bone cancer – Hedges)
Connie Hansen (cancer Kent & Teresa Hansen)
Ken Rezac (stroke)
Dave Tejral (Bad fall – Lisa)
Bill Pearson (non Hodgkin's lymphoma)
Aaron Larson (health - Pastor Larson)
Kim Pearson (recovery from surgery – Leanne)
Julie Hart
Charly Soden
Taylor Hageman
Sid Swanson (pancreatitis – Leanne)
Jerry Jones (Bad Fall)
Pray for all Martyrs around the world
Health, Safety & Protection for all

FEBRUARY USHERS

Feb. 6 Leroy & Barb Hanson
Feb. 13 Doug & Shawn Rudeen
Feb. 20 Jodi Boden
Feb. 27 Jon & Janis Bible

FEBRUARY LECTORS

Feb. 6 Kory Ball
Feb. 13 Shawn Rudeen
Feb. 20 Jodi Boden
Feb. 27 Janis Bible

February Food Pantry

Paper Products

paper towels - toilet paper
paper plates - paper cups