



## **It's About Time!**

*Some thoughts from Pastor Scott*

Those three words could be understood several ways... It could be said sarcastically by someone who's been waiting for someone else to show up and finally that person arrives... But, I'm thinking of when it's said in a way that we want to think about time.

When I was a child I was fascinated with time. My favorite birthday present on my seventh birthday was a Timex watch with a black leather band. It was fun to watch the second hand slowly move around the face of the watch and check it throughout the day to see what time it was. As a child I would often ask, "Are we there yet?" on our monthly trips to my grandparents' home about an hour's drive from my home.

But as we get older, time seems to change. I recently overheard an older person comment to someone else that every year seems to go faster and faster. Maybe a part of that change is that as we age, we don't often pay attention to the little things that children pay attention to. We get busy with our adult lives and the days fly by.

As we roll our calendars forward to 2022, it's a good time to ask how we will use this time – this new year. Regardless of our age, our wealth or our status, all of us are given the same 1,440 minutes in a day. How will we use them?

The Bible mentions only small parts of Jesus' life as a child – his birth, when he was two years old or younger and then when he was 12 years old. Eighteen years pass by before we learn more about his life at the age of 30 when he begins gathering the disciples and teaching and healing. Eighteen years where nothing is mentioned... or are they? Luke 2:52 says that during those 18 years Jesus "grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Jesus practiced skillful and wise living in his relationships with God and with other people. He cared for his body to allow it to grow into something that God would use to touch the lives of others, hang on a cross and rise again from the dead. Jesus brought mercy and true love into the lives of others which pleased God.

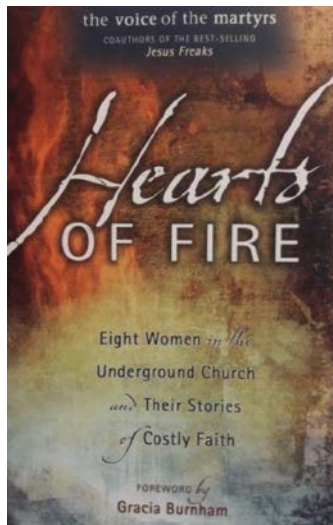
In 2022, what will you do with the time that God gives you? I hope and pray that we follow Jesus' example from Luke 2:52 and grow closer to God, one another and our world for Jesus' sake.

God is with us... Pastor Scott



## January 2022 Immanuel Calendar

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>2</b> <b>NO</b> children's or adult Sunday School today <b>10:15 am</b> Worship <b>11:15 am</b> Coffee/Fellowship time	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>9 am</b> Sunday School for ALL ages <b>9:45 am</b> Choir practice <b>10:15 am</b> Worship <b>11:15 am</b> Coffee/Fellowship time & Worship & Music Cmte mtg <b>7 pm</b> – Church Council meets online on Zoom	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>6 pm</b> – Confirmation at Immanuel: Review of the 10 Commandments  <b>7pm</b> – Women of the Word study at Immanuel	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>9 am</b> Sunday School for ALL ages <b>9:45 am</b> Choir practice <b>10:15 am</b> Worship <b>11:15 am</b> Coffee and Fellowship time <b>11:30 am</b> Pack the backpacks at the Methodist Church	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>10 am</b> – Pastor Scott at Heartland District meeting in Ashland	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>9 am</b> Sunday School for ALL ages <b>9:45 am</b> Choir practice <b>10:15 am</b> Worship <b>11:15 am</b> <b>Annual Church meeting</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>6 pm</b> – Confirmation at Immanuel: The Apostles Creed  <b>7pm</b> – Women of the Word study at Immanuel	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>9 am</b> Sunday School for ALL ages <b>9:45 am</b> Choir practice <b>10:15 am</b> Worship <b>11:15 am</b> <b>Alternate "Snow Day" for the Annual Church meeting</b>	<b>31</b>					



# WOW

WOMEN OF THE WORD

## Women of the Word Bible Study Wednesdays, January 12th and 26th at 7 p.m.

All women of Immanuel and friends are welcome to join us on the **second** and **fourth** Wednesday evenings in January 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

**Please remember Immanuel's homebound members in your prayers:**

#### **John Christiansen**

1509 County Rd. B – Ceresco, NE 68017  
402.429.6475

#### **Marie Johnson**

Is moving to Colorado Springs, Colorado to live with her daughter, Anne. Marie's new address will be in our February newsletter

#### **Dale Rexilius**

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

## Immanuel's Church Basement Remodeling Project



be working on in the months ahead.

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



## 2022 ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

January 23rd at 11:15 a.m.

All voting Immanuel members are encouraged to attend this year's annual church meeting, following worship on Sunday, January 23rd, in the church sanctuary. Voting members are confirmed members of Immanuel who have communed within the past year. In case of bad weather we will meet January 30th.

Church business will include approval of the 2022 church budget 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. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## IMMANUEL'S THREE WEEKS OF PRAYER: January 9-29, 2022

During the early days of January 2022, our international church association of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) holds "Three Days of Prayer". However, Immanuel will be setting aside three weeks in January for our church to focus on prayer as we confess our need for God's guidance, 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 9-15, 2022. A week of confession.**

We have made our lives, our relationships – and sometimes even the church – into 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 16-22, 2022. 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 sixth and seventh 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 23-29, 2022. 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.



## Summer Bible Camp is only 5 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](#).

### Early Bird Discount:

Register before January 31 and get \$50 off a full-week session and a pair of CJH Camp socks! *\*Discount excludes Family Programs and Day Camp.*

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)  
Gary & Rhonda Westendorf (health – Wischhof)  
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)  
Paul Cook (cancer treatment)  
Bill Pearson (non Hodgkin's lymphoma)  
Aaron Larson (health - Pastor Larson)  
Kim Pearson (recovery from surgery – Leanne)  
Julie Hart  
Ruth Tilson (covid)  
Chris & Carrie Watson (covid)  
Sid Swanson (pancreatitis – Leanne)  
Pray for all Martyrs around the world  
Health, Safety & Protection for all

### JANUARY USHERS

Jan. 2 - Justin & Kristi Badberg  
Jan. 9 - Ray & Jane Otto  
Jan. 16 - Kevin & Gaylene Olson  
Jan. 23 – Christie Bevington  
Jan. 30 – Fran Freeman

### JANUARY LECTORS

Jan. 2 - Kristi Badberg  
Jan. 9 – Donna Hansen  
Jan. 16 – Marcia Tetley  
Jan. 23 – Crystal Haake  
Jan. 30 – Fran Freeman

### Food Pantry

Crackers  
Ritz, Soda, Social,  
Wheat Thins, Graham Cracker