



Good Grief!

*Some thoughts
from Pastor Scott*

Many of us can remember the cartoon character of Charlie Brown. He was the kid who always tried to do the right thing but was misunderstood by his friends or got things goofed up. Life never seemed to work right for him. And, when things went bad, he'd often say, "Good grief!"

That seems strange to put those two words together... "Good" and "grief". More often than not, we experience grief as a time of sadness. It could be sadness from the loss of a job we loved, losing our health, having our best made plans not work out. Or, one of the greatest times of grief of all – when we experience the death of a loved one. Grief can seem anything but "good".

This month, during our Wednesday evening mid-week Lenten worship services at Immanuel, we're going to look at grief and what it does to us. We're also going to be reminded that God knows what it is to grieve and lose His only Son on the cross.

Years ago, a famous author who studied death and grief, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, wrote about the five stages of grief. They aren't neat, orderly steps that happen when we experience death but they are things we often do to help us cope with the loss. The stages are denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. In the Summer of 1981, when I was a student chaplain and worked on the cancer floor of a large hospital in Minneapolis, I spent a lot of time with patients and their families and friends who dealt with loss and death. Many of them lived out those stages of grief.

Over the years as a pastor and in my personal life, I've seen people go through all five stages. I've gone through those stages of grief in my own personal life. The death of my father two years ago, this month, was the last major loss I experienced. He was an important part of my life and I miss him. I would venture a guess that many of us at Immanuel have also gone through these stages of grief – especially for those of us in our senior years of life.

I invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. during March in Immanuel's Fellowship Hall as we gather during this Lenten season to worship by using the Holden Prayer Service and learn more about how God is with us as we experience grief. It will give us an opportunity to learn that grief can be "good" – knowing that our God is with us and He knows what it feels like as He walks through life with us.

God is with us... Pastor Scott



March 2023 Immanuel Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 7 pm – Lenten Midweek Worship at Immanuel	2	3	4
5 9:00 am Sunday School for all ages – children, teens & adults 9:45 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Worship 11:15 am Coffee and Fellowship	6	7	8 6:15 pm – Confirmation supper 7 pm – Lenten Midweek Worship at Immanuel	9	10	11 8 am Church Council meets at Immanuel
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Please remember Immanuel's homebound member in your prayers this month:

John Christiansen
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**Confirmation Class will meet March 8th & 22nd
at 6:15 pm**

Immanuel's Confirmation class of 7th & 8th graders will meet with Pastor Scott on March 8th & 22nd for supper and a brief lesson. Confirmation students and their families are encouraged to attend our 7 p.m. Wednesday evening Lenten worship services. **Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, April 30th.**

It's not too early...



**To sign up for summer camp
at Camp Carol Joy Holling in
Ashland!**

Families of Immanuel, be watching your mailbox for information coming your way about the exciting Bible camping opportunities this summer at our local Bible camp – Camp Carol Joy Holling. It's a great week of overnight camping for children, teens (and yes, adults) to enjoy being in God's great outdoors, make new friends and learn more about God's love for us. Financial assistance is available for families of Immanuel who have financial need. Please contact Pastor Scott for more information.

MARCH USHERS

March. 5 Justin & Kristi Badberg
March 12 Dane & Hailey Drahota
March 19 Doug & Shawn Rudeen
March 26 Marcia Tetley

MARCH LECTORS

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March Food Pantry

Canned soups -Boxed dry
lipton soups Broth & bullion
cubes

Prayer List

Christie Bevington (health – member)
The Wade family (Mission family we support)
Bill Bohling (cancer/Heart - Crystal's Dad)
Tommy Etherton (health - Boden)
Lora Robinson (health – Fran's sister)
Andrea Christensen (health – J Christensen)
Heather Lucht (health – Hanson)
Ron Weltruski (bone cancer – Hedges)
Benedikte Ehlers (bone cancer – Fran)
Julie Hart
Charley Soden (ms – Fredrickson)
Harper Wright (pain in hip)
Dawn Buss (health – Fran's daughter)
Roger McGinnis (Health – Countryman)
Dr. Tom Heywood (cancer - Bible)
Steve Martz (stroke – Christie)
Tom Hedges (cancer - Jared's father)
Ang family (health – community)
Bruce Linafelter (mass on kidney & only has one – Wischhof)
Comfort for Karen's family & friends as they morn her loss
Comfort for Jeff's family & friends as they morn his loss
Pray for all the Christian Martyrs around the world
Health, Safety & Protection for all

**Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down,
shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.
For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."
Luke 6:38**

**Women of the Word Spring Gathering
Christ the Servant Lutheran, 1100 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk, NE
Saturday, April 22, 2023
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Women of Christ the Servant Lutheran invite the
Women of the Heartland District, LCMC to the Spring Gathering.

Hear about
Orphan Grain Train +
and programs that they provide for
needy people they serve around America and the world
Started in Norfolk, NE in 1992 and now has more than 25 locations!

What Should You Bring?

\$10.00 registration
Offering to be collected for Orphan Grain Train
New, Unopened Underwear and Socks any sizes for Orphan Grain Train



Registration starts at 9:00am
Program to start at 9:30am
Following with lunch and business meeting
Ending at 3:00pm



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