

# IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS

## March, 2010

As I write this on February 16<sup>th</sup>, two disturbing pieces of news have come across my desk. A local weather caster is predicting another 10 to 12 inches of snow sometime in March. This piece of wonderful news I learned shortly after reading an article in Time Magazine that states that snowier years like this are what we can expect with Global Warming. I won't go into the logic that leads to this conclusion other than just quote: "There is some evidence that climate change could in fact make such massive snowstorms more common, even as the world continues to warm." (Time, February 10, 2010).

It has been a long, cold, wet, snowy winter. And the lion of March is right around the corner. Some of you have fallen. Some of you have broken bones. Some of you have smashed up cars and have towing bills to prove the severity of this winter. Many of you experienced days of darkness and cold due to power outages. Refrigerators and freezers full of food that must be eaten or cast away! I cannot honestly say that this winter has been more of an inconvenience to me personally than any other, but that hasn't kept me from complaining!

Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights have been hit particularly hard, the two busiest days here at church. We have not yet had to cancel worship services, even on Christmas Eve, but there has been many a Wednesday night that has been called off. Confirmation, LYO, Puppets, Choirs and even a meeting or two has been on and off so many times this winter it's hard to know if we've really gotten anything accomplished for the past three months.

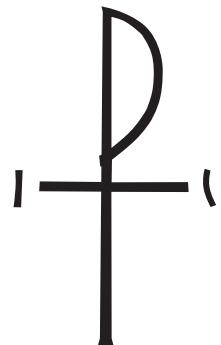
Jesus likely knew a snowy day or two. Jerusalem, the capital, is known to get one or two light snow falls a year, an inch or two that comes and melts quickly away. Nazareth, Jesus hometown, 90 miles to the north of Jerusalem and in the hill country, surely got snow every now and then. Snow for Jesus and his contemporaries was more of a wonder and joy than an irritation, much like it used to be for most of us as a child. An inch or two of snow doesn't stop a person when one's main mode of transportation is walking or if blessed, a donkey. There were no power lines to go down, no phone lines interrupted, no school or work cancelled. A snowy day in Jesus' day would come and go like most any other day, with the addition of the wonder of the snow.

The Bible mentions snow 21 times. Most of the time the word "snow" is used to refer to something else, like the snowy white of leprosy or the snowy whiteness of God's raiment in heaven. In the Bible the snow falls on both Zalmon and Lebanon, on both the just and the unjust. Job refers to snow most often, reminding Job that snow too is one of the things that God has well under control, even as Job's life was falling apart. The writer of Proverbs 31 reminds us that the woman of wisdom does not fear the snow, for she has worked hard to clothe her family in scarlet. And both David in Psalm 51 and Isaiah use snow as a metaphor for forgiveness, an image of God's grace.

In a few more months the snow will be gone, I pray. Which does make snow a fitting symbol of our sins. Cold and wet and slippery and dangerous; it's been a hard winter. But soon the Son will shine forth to melt the snows of our winter; and though our sins be as scarlet, through Christ they will be white as snow.

In Christ's Loving Service,

Pastor Steve



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**Salem Home Delegates**

(Feb. 28, 2:00, Elk Horn Lutheran Church)

Don & Clarice Andersen	George & Jan Applegate	Derald & Patti Kumm
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**Heartland District Meeting Delegates**

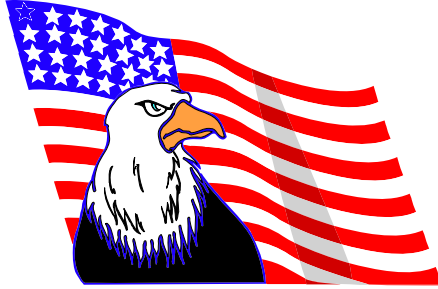
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**I. L. C. W.**

Immanuel Lutheran Church Women

March 22—7:00 pm Country Friends Quilters  
 March 3,10,17,24,31—1:00 pm Hand Quilters  
 March 10 & 24 —1:30 pm Tying Mission Quilts  
 March 25th—7:00 p.m. ILCW Meeting

**Remember our Servicemen:**

Kelly Kelly, Jonathan Tilk, Scott Larsen

Deborah's Circle, 1:30 pm, March 2, 2010

Ruth Circle, 9:30 am, March 3, 2010

Rachel Circles, 1:30 pm, March 3, 2010

**CHRISTMAS STOCKING WORKSHOP**

There will be another workshop on Thursday, March 4th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This is a come and go workshop. Come help cut out stockings, furnish fabric and/or batting, or come and sew. These are for next year's West Central Families.

**TRACTOR SAFETY**

Iowa State Extension Office will be conducting a six-week Tractor Safety course at Immanuel on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., beginning 3/2/10.

**TANZANIA SOUP SUPPER AND AUCTION****SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH****6:00 pm, Auction at 7:00 p.m.****LENTEN SCHEDULE****6:00 p.m. Meal****7:00 p.m. Service**

Wednesday, March 3rd, Tanzania Committee, serving a cultural meal

Wednesday, March 10th, Council, serving Lasagna

Wednesday, March 17th, L Y O, serving

Wednesday, March 24th, I L CW, serving

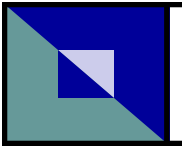
Maundy Thursday, March 25th: 7:00 p.m. Service

Good Friday, March 26th, 7:00 p.m. Service

No Saturday Service on March 27th.

Palm Sunday, March 28th, 9:00 a.m. Service

Easter Sunday, April 4th, 7:00 am &amp; 9:00 am Services (Breakfast at 8:00 am)



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## **MARCH WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Every Saturday—Worship at 5:00 p.m.  
Communion on March 6 & 20

Every Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m.  
Communion on March 7 & 21  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee/Rolls  
10:15 am Sunday School  
10:15 H S am Bible Study  
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

A fellowship of believers  
Committed to be and become:  
Christ-Centered  
Bible-Based  
Family-Focused  
Mission-Minded  
In all that we do for the glory of God!  
Matthew 28:18-20