

IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS MARCH 2020

TANZANIA SOUP SUPPER AND AUCTION

The competition is on, who will be the winner this year of the best soup at Immanuel.

When: Saturday, March 21, 2020

Where: Immanuel Fellowship Hall

Time: Doors open at 5:45 for supper and auction immediately follows
All the soup you can eat, Beverage, Desserts and Homemade Ice cream

Free-will donation

Fun and Fellowship for the whole family

The Auction

Lots of wonderful items, find some special item you can't live without

All Proceeds Go To Immanuel's Tanzania Mission

Sponsoring over 161 primary school orphans

Plus 151 secondary school orphans

200 confirmation students with bibles

Evangelists' bikes, bibles and hymn books to help with their ministry

Micro loans for the people of Kidugala

Demonstration plots of corn and beans

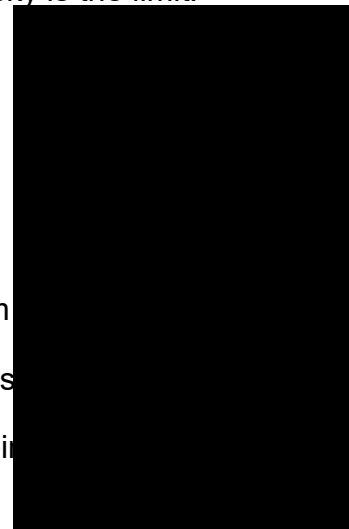
How can you help?

Make your favorite soup, decorate your table and compete for the honor of The Judge's Choice Best tasting Soup, People's Choice Best tasting Soup or Crowing Rooster Award (Best Decorated Table)

We are also looking for Auction items. This can be as simple as a pie, baked Item of the month, gift certificates, services/labor, tickets to an event or homemade treasures. The sky is the limit.

FAITH SOUND AT IMMANUEL

Faith Sound is an interdenominational Christian musical group from Harlan, now in its 45th year. Members of the group are students (7th-12th grade) from Harlan and surrounding communities representing a number of congregations including Immanuel. Faith Sound will join us on Sunday, March 8, to add their praise and testimony to our worship.



Dear Friends in Christ,

The tradition of Lent began as a period of training for baptism. During Lent candidates for baptism were trained in the basics of the Christian faith and life in preparation for their baptism at Easter. So today Lent is a season of "back to the basics". We prepare for the great celebration of Easter by going back to the ABC's of the Gospel.

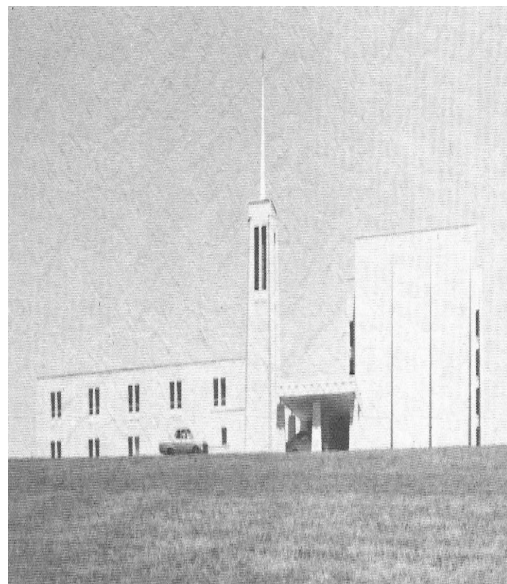
This Lent I invite you to go back to the basics with me as we study what is perhaps the most profound and important of Jesus' parables — the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Contained within this memorable story are the fundamental truths about who God is and who we are, what sin is and why there is suffering, and most importantly how God intends to save us from ourselves.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son is the most dramatic and shocking of all Jesus' stories. No parable paints a darker picture of sin and a brighter picture of grace. Some misunderstand it as a "how to save yourself" manual. But in reality it is a radical celebration of God's grace and an attack on religion as slavery. If we understand this parable, we will understand why Jesus was crucified and we will also understand the heart of Jesus' message and ministry. When we understand this parable, we will realize that it really should be called the "Parable of the Prodigal God."

Each Wednesday evening this month we will share a meal from 6:00 to 6:45 and then gather for worship from 7:00 to 7:45. Our worship will focus on the themes of the parable in Luke 15. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Christ, *Phil Nielsen*

	<u>Meal</u>	<u>Theme</u>
March 4	Pancakes (TZ)	God, the Hunter
March 11	Potato Bar (WOW)	Rebels
March 18	Meal TBA	In the Pig Sty
March 25	Meal TBA	God Runs
April 1	Ham/Potato (Council)	The Elder Brother





THE WOW COMMUNITY COMMITTEE will meet at 2:15 on Monday, March 16 at the Elm Crest dining room for the 2:30 Birthday party. We supply the cake and napkins for 40 residents.



EASTER LILIES will be on sale March 22 & 29 plus before Saturday evening services for \$10 each. Order forms are also available in the church office. Easter lilies sales are sponsored by WOW ladies of Immanuel.

IMMANUEL DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS: Our congregation has been asked to deliver Meals on Wheels this month for the Harlan Senior Center. We pick up meals at 10:45 in the kitchen of the Therkildsen Activity Center. It works best to have 2 people for each day. Sign-up schedule is available in the church office. You can call the office to volunteer. Thanks for your help.

WOW (Women of the Word)

March 11 at 9:30 AM

Fellowship Hall

FUN, FOOD, & FELLOWSHIP

OUR SYMPATHY to Margaret Olson at the passing of her brother, Lyle Nelson. Lyle passed away on January 21. His funeral was Monday, January 27 in Livermore, IA.

OUR SYMPATHY to Kay Havick and family at the death of her sister, Margaret Mason. Margaret died February 8th.



OUR SYMPATHY to Judi Pedersen at the death of her niece, Pam Patterson.



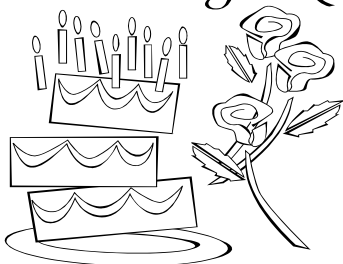
ON OUR PRAYER LIST: Brody Nelson, Joanne Ernst, Jon Burmeister, Sue Olson, Shawn Havick, Annette Anderson, Nancy Gessmann, Dave Greve, Marlys Moore, Bill Hosack, Clarice Andersen, Connie Benson, Robert Glenn (father of Sharon Kroger), Jessica Beeton (great-niece of Kathy Voge), Betty Anderson, Scott Bergemann (father of Hope Chipman), Chuck Matthews (son of Mary Beaman) and Curt Olson (son of Sue Olson).

Please Pray for:

FIRST FRUITS Is held on the first Saturday and Sunday of each month (February 29 & March 1). Please bring your non-perishable items to the church for the local food bank. Please place them in the shopping carts in the Narthex. Thank you! And thank you to all who have given. Thanks to those who have supported The Sharing Table. It has been used a lot this season. The items currently needed at the local food bank are: dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, hair conditioner, socks, underwear, blanket, pillows, pillow cases and good bedding.



Birthdays &



Happy Birthday to the following:

Doris Rasmussen who will be 90 on March 6.

Dolly Burgin who will be 82 on March 7.

Lester Hass who will be 94 on March 25.

Elizabeth Hughes who will be 99 on March 31.

Happy Anniversary to the following:

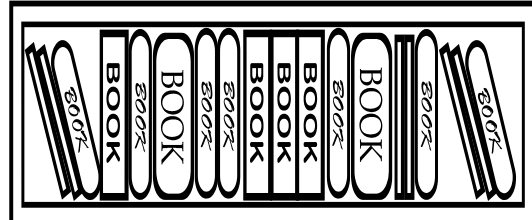
Lavon & Nancy Christensen who will be celebrating their 58th anniversary on March 10.

Anniversaries

LIBRARY LINES

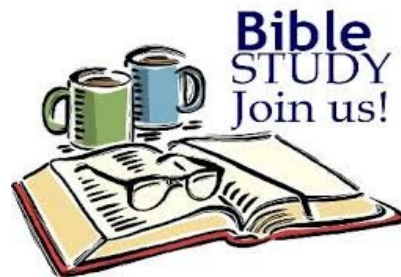
Have you checked out YOUR ILC Library? Did you know that there are over 90 Family Christian DVDs? They include stories from the bible and Christian movies that have been in theaters.

There are also over 50 DVDs for kids such as "Veggie Tales", "What's in the Bible", "Bible Adventures", and "Ada and Lee". Also of course there are LOTS of books for all ages .. fiction, non-fiction, autobiographies, stories of Christian living, and Christian research. Look for a display of books and DVDs to enjoy during the Lenten season. If you have a book that you've enjoyed but don't want to keep, you could donate it to your church library. **SUGGESTIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**



WOW BUNCO— Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. Bring your food pantry or share table items. Also bring a friend and enjoy an evening of Christian fellowship, fun and food!

**APRIL 2020
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:
THURSDAY,
MARCH 19**



March 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 4:00
Women's Bible Study



COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY February 11, 2020—7 pm

The Immanuel Church Council met February 11 with 13 of 14 members present. Introductions were made. Steve Allen shared devotions about Jesus in the humble homes of our lives. Becky Chipman will lead devotions in March.

Treasurer reported January income of \$25,969 and expenses of \$22,626 for net income of \$3,342. General Fund stands at \$29,483. Savings Account stands at \$14,024.

Outreach: We set a new record of donations to the Shelby County Food Pantry in 2019 at 826 pounds. We have already given 247 pounds this year. Our February Mission Partner is the Heartland District (LCMC) church planting fund. Our March Mission Partner is our camps at Riverside and Ingham/Okoboji.

Worship: Faith Sound will be with us in worship on Sunday, March 8. Plans are for a potluck brunch after worship that day as there are no Sunday School classes scheduled. Donations of over \$1000 in memory of Diane Anderson and over \$2000 in memory of Nancy Klein have given us \$9000 toward the upgrading of our camera system. Motion made to go ahead with the upgrade and add a second camera to the system which will cost an additional \$3000. Motion carried.

Education: Coat drive provided lots of good winter wear for West Central Community Action. Thanks to all who donated.

Fellowship: Immanuel's Got Talent event was well received. Over 80 in attendance. Plans are for a second talent show next year. Planning for a Young Adult Fine Dining Event in February. Discussion about involving more people in helping with the Lenten Fellowship Dinners.

Property: Ed Wehr, our custodian, will be retiring this fall. We will need to begin looking for a new custodian.

Executive: Appointed a constitution review committee of 5 people (John Taggs, Kayla Jacobs, Vicki Carstens, Craig Olson, and Phil Nielsen) to review constitution to see if changes are needed, especially regarding the size and manner of electing the council.

WORSHIP & GIVING										
	<u>Attendance</u>						<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Feb. 1/2	29	+	125	=	154		\$ 6,560.00	\$ 25.00	= \$ 6,585.00	
Feb. 8/9	45	+	126	=	171		\$ 3,326.50	\$	= \$ 3,326.50	
Feb. 15/16	35	+	135	=	170		\$ 4,371.25	\$ 25.00	= \$ 4,396.25	
Feb. 22/23	40	+	116	=	156		\$ 3,470.00	\$	= \$ 3,470.00	

Financial Assets Report

This report was omitted from the 2020 Annual Report.

Ending Balance	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Income	278,101.32	251,063.45	271,451.71	269,406.16	264,325.50
Expense	277,557.60	254,072.54	274,239.48	270,738.66	251,312.63
Net	+452.72	-3,009.09	-2,787.77	-1,332.50	+13,012.87
General Fund	26,624.00	21,680.25	30,390.30	34,119.82	43,656.10
Savings	11,506.58	6,832.34	39,466.80	0	0
Debt	0	-14,000.28	0	0	-32,104.92
Tanzania Fund	16,466.01	20,366.16	20,743.69	23,098.10	21,411.39
TZ Travel Fund	6,991.43	5,194.92	3,174.00	4,098.7	?
ILC Women	5,995.81	6,238.32	8,946.34	8,059.24	8,144.21
External Trust	176,051.37	173,407.44	174,026.07	173,375.11	164,135.02
Internal Trust	40,903.34	37,862.12	41,615.50	39,772.31	38,577.42
Anderson Fund	102,780.48	87,203.97	104,213.60	95,980.92	77,208.04
Memorial Fund	4,658.75	4,426.16	5,274.01	5,202.16	2,986.92

Daylight Saving Time begins the second Sunday in March at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 8th is when we "spring ahead". Remember to adjust your clocks before bedtime on Saturday night.



Worship in March

Feb. 29-March 1 Lent 1	Jesus and a Seductive Satan Matthew 4	Communion
March 7-8 Lent 2	Jesus and a Religious Man John 3	Faith Sound on Sunday
March 14-15 Lent 3	Jesus and a Thirsty Woman John 4	Communion
March 21-22 Lent 4	Jesus and a Blind Man John 9	
March 28-29 Lent 5	Jesus and a Dead Friend John 11	Communion

WOMEN OF THE WORD EXEC BOARD

February 12, 2020

The WOW Executive Board met Wed February 12 in the Fellowship Hall with Sandy Nelsen, Myrna Havick, Sharon Daberkow, Julie Vorm and Janet Johannsen (by phone) present. Chair Sandy called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Sharon moved to accept the minutes. Myrna seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report was given by Sandy in the absence of Kathy. Receipts from funerals of Nancy Klein and Everett Lamer totaled \$275. Disbursements were \$1000 to ILC Capital Improvement Fund, \$500 to Salem Lutheran Home Activities, \$300 to Riverside Bible Camp, \$300 to Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp, \$1000 to West Central (meat certificates) and \$975 to Kris Olson-Harmon for the Kids At Risk for total of \$4075. Ending balance for January is \$2195.81. There were no bills.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank You from Kris Olson-Harmon for the funds received for Kids At Risk. She mentioned what these funds were needed for to help the kids in her program. Thank You is posted on the narthex bulletin board.

COMMUNITY: Sharon spoke of the upcoming birthday party at Elm Crest March 16. Meet at the church at 2:15 if you would like to carpool. She was trying to find someone to entertain with music which residents really enjoy.

KITCHEN: Myrna reported a slim group to clean the kitchen after the last WOW meeting. However, several things were accomplished including cleaning of 1 oven and restocking was completed.

HOSPITALITY: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: *2020 Potato Bar:* It will be March 11 prior to Lenten services. Sandy has sign up sheets for food donations. Elaine and Jill Miller are in charge of the supper.

NEW BUSINESS: WOW Women's Directory has been updated by Jan Applegate and is ready for pickup. Thank You Jan for always volunteering to do this each year. Much appreciated!

Sandy reported that Sally Nairn had expressed for someone to help with or take over decorating in the church. Anyone interested should call Sally Nairn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17.

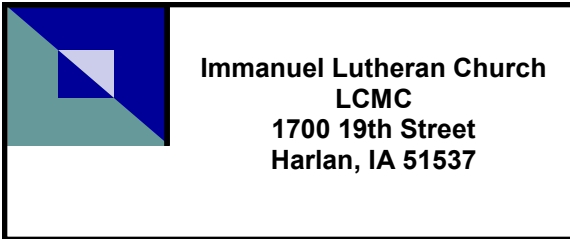
WOW GATHERING

Women of the Word met with 15 attending. Linda Mosher shared Ole and Lena humor. She decorated the tables with Valentines she had made and asked those present to send them to a friend or loved one. Her program on baptism told of three types of baptism-Immersion (submerging person in water), Asperision (sprinkling holy water onto head) and Affusion (pouring water on the head). She told of several types of churchs' preferred type of baptism and those that do not baptize. In place of baptism, some have a "child dedication ceremony." Baptism did not begin with John the Baptist. Judaism practiced it long before the coming of Jesus. Tying into baptism there was a Who's Who challenge to identify the person from the 16 baby pictures that were displayed. Fun! Becky served refreshments. Next WOW meeting will be March 11 at 9:30 AM. Program open at time of this report. Sharon will serve refreshments.

Upcoming Events: March 11 – 2020 WOW Potato Bar serving prior to Lenten service

March 30 – Mission Quilting every last Monday of the month at 1:30.

Janet Johannsen, Secretary



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MARCH WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Every Saturday Worship at 5:00 p.m.
Communion on February 29, March 14 & 28
Every Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m.
Communion on March 1, 15 & 29
10:00 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee/Rolls
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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

◀ Feb 2020		March 2020					Apr 2020 ▶		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
1 8:00 Choir 9:00 Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Class 10:15 Sunday School 7:00 Prayer	2 9:30 OA 6:30 Boy Scouts	3 9:00 CF Quilters	4 11:00 Rachel Circle at Pizza Ranch 4:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Bells/Confirmation 6:00 Meal/TZ Com-Pancakes 7:00 Lenten Service	5	6	7 5:00 Worship			
8 Daylight Savings Time 8:00 Choir 9:00 Worship w/Faith Sound 10:30 Fellowship Brunch NO Sunday School 11:00 Outreach Comm. 1-4 Jan Applegate Shower	9 9:30 OA 6:30 Boy Scouts	10 9:00 CF Quilters 5:30 Worship Committee 6:00 Boy Scout Leaders 6:30 Executive Board 7:00 Church Council	11 9:00 WOW 4:00 Women's Bible Study 5:00 Education Committee 5:30 Bells/Confirmation 6:00 Meal/WOW-Baked Potato Bar 7:00 Lenten Service	12 6:00 Girl Scout Leaders 6:30 MOPS	13	14 7:30-3:00 Piano Festival- Jennifer Perkins 5:00 Communion			
15 8:00 Choir 9:00 Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Class 10:15 Sunday School 2:00 Salem Annual Mtg.	16 9:30 OA 6:30 Boy Scouts	17 9:00 CF Quilters	18 4:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Bells/Confirmation 6:00 Meal 7:00 Lenten Service	19 Newsletter Deadline 11-3:30 Review Club-Kay Johannsen 7:00 Ladies Homestead Gathering	20 TZ Soup set-up	21 5:00 Worship 5:45 TZ Soup Supper & Auction			
22 8:00 Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Class 10:15 Sunday School	23 9:30 OA 6:30 Boy Scouts	24 9:00 CF Quilters	25 4:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Bells/Confirmation 6:00 Meal 7:00 Lenten Service	26 Assemble Newsletter 7:00 Bunko	27	28 5:00 Communion			
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Worship Schedule								
April 2020	Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday	Thursday	Friday	Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday	Sunday
	March 28-29	April 1	April 4-5	April 9	April 10	April 12 7AM	April 12 9AM	April 19
Greeters	Mary Johnson Christine Jones	n/a	Dwayne/J Larsen	n/a	n/a	Joan Lauritsen	Gloria Miller Rhonda Mock	Angela Miller Cathy Murray
Acolytes	J. Zimmerman Jonas Reynolds	Gabe Arkfeld arrison Kjergaard	Grant Petersen Jonas Reynolds	Mikayla Jensen Bailey Sette	Angel Stern Carly Torneten	Cory Lee Chris Chapman	Braydon Ernst Haylee Ernst	Ava Monson Dani Smith
Saturday Ushers	Gayl Jensen	n/a	Larry Klein	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Betty Larsen
Sunday Ushers	Zach/K Klaassen Randy/S Kroger	Derald/P Kumm Jon/K Meiners	S & J Livingstone Todd/A Madse	Dave/A Monsor Greg/D Nelson	Galan/J Johannsen Jay/S Nielsen	Seth/K Johannsen Verne/I Nelson	Ed/S Mills Ken/S Olsen	Reid/L Mosher Craig/J Olson
Lector	Sharon Kroger	Derald Kumm	Nancy Ludwig	Gaige Lytle	Janet Johannsen	Seth Johannsen	Elaine Miller	Linda Mosher
Saturday Altar Guild	Cheryl Nielsen	n/a		n/a Myrna Havick	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Sunday Altar Guild	Donna Nelson		Sharon Daberkow			Stacy Torneten	Cora Chapman	
	Sharon Daberkow			Jan Applegate		OPEN	Victoria Chapman	
Communion Servers	Jeff/P Nelson DeAnn Nielsen			Gaige/S Lytle Sandy Nelsen		Neil/M Ohms Kris Olson-Harmon	Phil/E Miller Jill Miller	
Fellowship Coffee	Jeff/R McEvoy	n/a	J Leinen/fam	n/a	n/a	VOLUNTEER FOR	DONUTS	Ken/A Nielsen
Sound Technician	Seth Johannsen	Eric Torneten	Eric Torneten	Eric Torneten	Eric Torneten	Eric Torneten	Eric Torneten	Eric Torneten
Video Recorder	Darin Haake	Steve Allen	Steve Allen	Steve Allen	Steve Allen	Steve Allen	Steve Allen	Steve Allen
Projectionist	Teri Johnson		Teri Johnson		Teri Johnson		Teri Johnson	
SATURDAY	Cheryl Nielsen		Cheryl Nielsen		Cheryl Nielsen	N/A	N/A	
Council Person	OPEN	Jonne Carlsen	Kayla Jacobs	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN