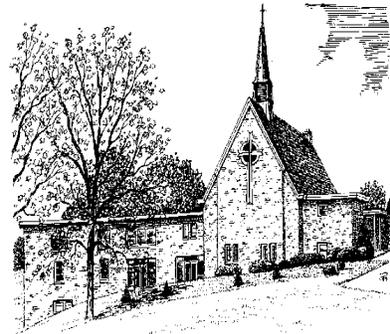


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The Pastor's Page

A member at a previous congregation once told me a funny story. She had been raised in a Christian home, but had stopped attending church for quite some time. And one day she felt like she needed to go back to church. She wasn't sure why. She just needed to.

So that next Sunday, she got up, got dressed, and went to church. It was a church she had never been to before but, once again, she just felt like it was where she should go. When she arrived, she found a congregation full of very nice, friendly people, and was really starting to like it there, until the service started.

And for the next hour or more, she was overwhelmed by the most depressing service she had ever attended. The music was dark and somber, full of references to death. The sermon was a crushing call to self-examination and repentance, again filled with talk of death and judgment.

She thought it might simply be a fluke. But the next week, it was the same. And the week after that too. And she began to wonder... Is this why I felt the need to go to church? Is God trying to tell me something? Is someone close to me going to die? Am I going to die?

It all bothered her so much that she eventually went to the pastor and asked him what he thought. Hearing her questions, the Lutheran pastor simply smiled, patted her on the shoulder, and explained very kindly, "It's Lent, dear."

Hopefully, you understand why I find this story amusing. Because Lent can be a rather depressing

season of the church year, especially if you don't know what's going on. It's a time of contrition and self-denial. A time when we are rather bluntly reminded of our death and mortality. A time when we are rather vividly reminded of Christ's death and crucifixion.

And all of this right at the end of a long, cold winter. Which is ironic, since the word "Lent" actually comes from an Old English word meaning "springtime," yet Ash Wednesday is on February 14th this year. More than a month before the first day of Spring.

So why don't we just get rid of it? Why don't we put away all this depressing talk of penitence and mortality? Why don't we keep everything light and cheerful all year round?

We could. But we would lose something if we did. Because at the end of this dark, somber season, we get to enjoy the joy of Easter. We get to exchange the purple paraments for white. We get to cover the bare altar with lilies. We get to sing the alleluias of our Lord's resurrection. And I, for one, wouldn't trade that for all the world. The winter may be long, but the spring is so much sweeter for it.

That's how God often works. You can't have the hope of the resurrection without the suffering of the crucifixion. You can't have the joy of Easter without the sadness of Lent. You can't have the good news of the Gospel without the horrible, condemning news of the Law.

So maybe the woman I spoke of earlier was right after all. Maybe God was trying to tell her

something. Maybe God is trying to tell all of us something. Because none of us has long to live on this earth. Not in the grand scheme of things. We must be ready every day to meet our Creator.

And Lent reminds us of this fact. It reminds us to live in repentance and the fear of the Lord. But it also reminds us that no matter what happens in this life of suffering in which we all live, we endure it with hope and joy. And the good news that it does not last forever. Spring will soon come. Easter is right around the corner. The resurrection is at hand.

So enjoy this season of Lent, somber as it is. Knowing that all the sad Lenten hymns and sad Lenten sermons are not there simply to leave you depressed and fearful. But to make Easter morning that much more light and joyful.

God's richest blessings on your Lenten season,
Pastor Ketelsen

BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study: Sunday Mornings at 10:15 a.m. adults meet for Bible study together with Pastor Ketelsen. We have begun a study of The Reformation.

Sunday School: at 10:15 in the downstairs class room.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class 10:00 am in large classroom on the main level. We are going through "Forgiveness" by Donna Pyle.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: Join us on Thursday Mornings down at the Main Street Diner for breakfast at 7:00 am followed by a study of the Master Criminals of the Bible. We will dig into Scripture and talk about some of the less popular stories and why they are included in Scripture. See you there!

Our Church Officers

President of the Congregation - TC Meller
Vice President - Gene Cummins
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Treasurer - Suzanne Ayers
Board of Property – Billy Mac Wells
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Board of Stewardship - Tim Derendinger
Board of Education - Dee Thalgott
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Board of Fellowship - Penny Cain

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Production and Distribution of Newsletter -

Patty Mangels

Sunday Service- 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10:15 am

Fellowship Time - Fifth Sundays 10:15 am

Lord's Supper - 9:00 am – 1st & 3rd Sundays & Festivals

Midweek Services –

During Advent & Lent, Weds. 7:00 p.m.

Kindergarten

All Day Kindergarten

(Pre-registration required)

Preschool

3-5 year olds

Mon-Wed-Fri, 8-11am & 12-3pm (4 & 5 year olds)

Tues-Thurs, 8-11am & 12-3pm (3 year olds)

(Pre-registration required)

Dial-A-Devotion

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Copies of sermons are now available. If you missed a service, or just loved one immensely and would like a copy, they are now available on our church website, ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church. You can also find hard copies in the red folder next to Portals of Prayer in the church Narthex. Please help yourself, and feel free to share with friends or shut-ins.

Find us on Facebook – Immanuel Lutheran Church and School – Check it out for periodic updates of events and classes at Immanuel.

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8

GREETINGS FROM THE DCE!

February is an exciting month for the Cromley family now that Charlotte is in our lives. We get to celebrate the exciting things that have happened with her over the last twelve months and watch her grow into the little person that she has become. Last year we celebrated her birth, her baptism, her crawling, and now her walking and soon to be talking! This month is all about preparation for us. We are preparing for that milestone of a first birthday, and everything that comes with it. We are preparing a feast, decorating, making a cake, and getting ready for the things that will soon be happening in her life. We look forward to her learning more about the faith that she received at her baptism and the catechesis that she will be continually learning as we keep the promises that we made as her parents.

We are excited about preparing our hearts for the joy that we have in Charlotte's life, but this February, we are also preparing our hearts for Holy Week. On February 14th, we observe Ash Wednesday, how we are from dust and to dust we shall return. We see our sins and the dark mark it has put on our lives. We start the season of Lent and we prepare our hearts for Good Friday, where Christ was crucified for our sins, and also for Easter when Jesus rose from the dead, defeating our three enemies, sin, death and the devil. Since Christ has already risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we get to prepare for his return so we can be with Him in heaven. This is something that we will all celebrate together.

In Christ,

Josh Cromley, Director of Christian Education

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

December 19, 2017

Call to Order: Vice President Gene Cummins called the meeting to order. There is not a quorum present, therefore determined meeting would be held to review reports.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Joshua Ketelsen opened with prayer.

Acceptance/Amendments of Agenda:

Approval of Minutes: Gene Cummins made a motion to approve the minutes from the Church Council Meeting minutes from the November 19, 2017 meeting. Motion was seconded by Suzanne Ayers. Motion passed.

Pastors Report: Pastor Ketelsen stated the minutes from November 19, 2017 meeting should be changed to reflect that effective June 2018, Pastor Pierce will be new Circuit Visitor, as Pastor Mueller will be leaving in June.

The last Advent Service will be held December 20, 2017.

President's Report: No report.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Ayers presented the typed treasurer's report.

Balances as of 12/15/2017

Citizen's Bank and Trust	\$ 26,640.63
LCEF	99,736.18
LCEF – CD's	175,000.00
Edward Jones	119,778.67
Edward Jones 2	<u>60,129.73</u>
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 481,285.21

Elder's Report: Consideration is being given to a year round Wednesday night service at 7pm with Holy Communion (common cup only).

Board Of Property: No report. GuideOne is our insurance carrier at this time. Insurance company stated there is a breaker issue, electrician is to inspect and has not returned his inspection yet. Insurance carrier wants all our breaker boxes

Upcoming LYF Events

2/11 - Youth Night 4pm-6pm

2/23 - HS Lock-In at Trinity 7pm-7am

3/9 - JH Lock-In at St. Paul HS \$30

3/11 - Youth Night 4pm-6pm

3/25 - Youth Night 4pm-6pm

4/1 - Easter Breakfast 8:15am (6:30am Prep)

4/4-4/8 - JH DYG at Windermere \$120

replaced. There was discussion regarding infrared scanning of breaker boxes, and whether the insurance company would allow one year before any cancellation might be enforced.

Board of Christian Education: Josh Cromley, DCE stated that Confirmation class is being held at 3:15pm to 4:30pm at the public library near LSE. All students live close to there. There will be four students starting 01/03/2018.

Board of Evangelism: MU Extension starts their cooking class the first of year - and our church is hosting it in our kitchen. Pastor will go to the first one and welcome the attendees. Valerie is going to be leaving, in the near future, since she has moved to Columbia.

Board of Fellowship: No report. Cookies and punch will be served 12/31/2017. Preschoolers will sing at service at end of January.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Josh Ketelsen led the attendees in the Lord's Prayer.

Attendance: Bob Schnetzler, Pastor Josh Ketelsen, DCE Josh Cromley, Suzanne Ayers, Gene Cummins, and Susan Templemire. There was not a quorum present but the meeting was held with review of reports.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Templemire
Secretary

ELDERS MEETING

January 7, 2018

Attendance: Pastor Ketelsen, Bob Schnetzler, Tim Fahrenbrink, Jason Linneman, and DCE Joshua Cromley

Call to Order/Opening devotion & prayer – Devotion "Euthanasia"

Previous Minutes – Jason Linneman motioned, Tim Fahrenbrink 2nd. Motion carried.

Monthly –

1. Review of purchase orders.
2. **Membership changes –** Dee Thalgot transfer to St. Paul's, Sedalia. Suzanne and Jason Mathis and children from St. Paul's, Sedalia. Jason Linneman

motioned to accept, Tim Fahrenbrink 2nd, upon St. Paul's approval.

3. Pastor's Report –

- A. Shut-in calls
- B. Circuit Meeting on Tuesday, January 8th at ILC. Earl Mangels to elder.
- C. Pastor K submitted cell phone and mileage expense request.
- D. Approval to purchase Lent Sermon Series for \$30.00.

Quarterly Report –

1. **January –** Jason Linneman
2. **February –** Bob Schnetzler
3. **March -** TBD
4. **Lent Season (in February)**

Old Business –

1. **Alternative Services –** will discuss during and after Lent at April Meeting.
2. **Bulletin notice –** Church will not be cancelled due to weather. Use your own judgement.

New Business-

1. **Gift –** Gladys and Dianne to receive \$100 gift card to thank them for all that they do.

Meeting adjourned with all reciting the Lord's Prayer.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Jan. 9, 2018

The meeting was opened by Pastor with a prayer. The previous minutes from the November meeting were approved.

P.O.'s were approved:

1203	12/09/2017	Maggie Meyers	\$150.00	Presc. Sub
1204	12/06/2017	Sarah Herman	\$120.00	Presc. Sub
1205	12/06/2017	Sam Derendinger	\$30.00	Presc. Sub
1206	01/04/2018	Walmart	\$169.42	Presc. Supplies
1207	01/04/2018	Credit Card	\$320.00	Presc. Conf.
1207	01/04/2018	Credit Card	\$160.00	Kdg. Conf.

Teacher Reports:

Glenda- Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for January 15th and 16th. Might use 17th if needed.

Our Tues. and Thurs afternoon class has 10 students enrolled. We may authorize Sarah Herman or Sharon Thoma as an aide if needed. Glenda is pursuing grants for playground equipment. We are hoping to replace the wooden swing structures with commercial grade equipment. Pastor suggested that she contact LCMS education people for more information and possible funding sources.

Linette- Linette prepared a letter for use at P-T conferences about Immanuel Kindergarten program with testimonials from parents of graduated students. It was agreed that Glenda would hand out these letters at conferences and the board will send additional information through the mail to interested families.

Tuition payments – Twelve families chose not to use the auto-debit system. Payments are being made in a timely manner. Bookkeeping issues were discussed.

Other business: There will be ½ day of school on March 8th and no school on March 9th to allow teachers and staff to attend the Young Years conference.

We need to add a statement to our webpage that priority is given to currently enrolled students for enrollment into preschool and kindergarten on a first come, first served basis. Gayle will contact Arlene.

Our next meeting will be on Feb. 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were: Cody Waibel, Gayle Linneman, Eva Weston, Glenda Gerhardt, Linette Meller, and Pastor Ketelsen.

Respectfully submitted:
Eva Weston, Secretary

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINUTES

January 8, 2018

Attendance: Pastor Ketelsen, Josh Cromley, Jackie Carver, Luanna Carpenter, Linette Meller

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

DCE Report

Josh reported that VBS materials have been ordered. The theme this year will be Time Lab. VBS will be in the evenings from June 23 – 29. The last day will be the program for families. We will participate in the Heritage Days parade again this year. Josh plans on having the volunteers start preparing about 4 months ahead of time.

The Youth group will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Josh is looking for a host home for the Super Bowl party on Feb. 4.

February 23 is the Circuit wide high school lock-in at Trinity Lutheran in Columbia.

The Easter breakfast will be on April 1. Food and supplies will be paid for with a Thrivent card.

Pastor's Report

Pastor reported that he is continuing the study on the symbols in Church for January and part of February. When finished, he will start a study on Lent, entitled "Return from Exile".

Suzanne (Stock) Matthis and family will be transferring in from Sedalia. She is interested in the Board of Education and in teaching Sunday School. Jackie will contact her.

Josh is hopeful that we can have 2 Sunday school classes – an early childhood and a class for 3rd – 5th.

Sunday School

Linette will order materials for spring quarter. She will order the teacher materials and 4 student booklets. We will continue to use the old materials until then.

Teaching schedule

January 14	Linette
January 21	Luanna
January 28	No Sunday school – 4 year old preschool and kindergarten sing
February 4	Linette
February 11	Luanna
February 18	Linette
February 25	Preschool sings
March 4	Luanna
March 11	Linette
March 18	Luanna
March 25	Preschool sings

Purchase orders

PO 007043 Walmart	LYF German dinner supplies	\$99.62
PO 007053 CPH	Catechism with Explanation	\$312.98
PO 007056 Walmart	LYF Christmas party supplies	\$45.99
PO 007061 Bank card	VBS director curriculum	\$189.00
PO 007068 Walmart	Christmas treat bag supplies	\$40.90
PO 007069 CPH	Confirmation supplies	\$229.83
PO 007070 DCE Cromley	Mileage/phone	\$133.86

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Luanna Carpenter

PRESCHOOL NEWS

2017 is gone and 2018 has arrived. In December the children did a fantastic Christmas program for their parents. The children used a book called Angel, Angel What do you see. The book goes through the characters of the Christmas story starting with the Angel. The children told the story from Angel, Angel, What do you see. I see Mary will have a baby to the end of play which says God's child, God's child what do you see. I see Jesus who gave His life for me. The children then sang Happy Birthday Jesus. Everybody went downstairs and did a book exchange, sang and danced for their parents and grandparents and received gifts from Santa Claus. Every child knew to say Happy Birthday Jesus on Christmas morning.

We then had a two week break and came back for school in January. Ms. Gerhardt met with all our parents during parent/teacher conferences. Ms. Gerhardt told our parents how smart, loving and playful we are. We like to learn about letters and sounds and numbers and counting and days of the week and months of the year. We made snowmen, mittens, snowflakes and penguins to hang from the ceiling in January.

For February we are making bags with a cat, a fox, a pig or a panda on it. Ms. Gerhardt and Mrs. Derendinger are making hearts and blowing up balloons to hang from the ceiling for the month of

February. We are working hard at writing out names in upper and lower case letters for the older class and recognizing and tracing our names in the younger class.

During the month of January, we learned about Jesus in the Temple, The Baptism of Jesus, Jesus Calls the 12 Disciples, Paralyzed Man and Jesus Stops the Storm. During all the stories we found out that no matter what Jesus loves us and never leaves us. He chose us and protects us from sin, death and the power of the devil. Pastor Ketelsen talked to us about God the Father our Creator, God the Son, Jesus and God the Holy Spirit the one who equips us to be disciples. Pastor told us about Jesus birth including the wise men, the angels and the bad King Herod. Pastor told us about Jesus choosing the 12 disciples, dying on the cross, raising from the dead and ascending into Heaven 40 days later.

We also learned about Polar Animals, Snow and Mittens, Fairy Tales, Community Helpers and Groundhog Day. We are reading Alphabet Books that helps us learn the sound of the letter, what the upper and lower case letters look like and how many words start with a particular letter. So far we have learned letters A-O.

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| <u>Upcoming Units:</u> | <u>Upcoming Chapel Stories:</u> |
| Terrific Teeth | Jesus Feeds 5000 |
| Valentine's Day | Jesus Teaches the Disciples to Pray |
| Nursery Rhymes | Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem |
| Baby Animals | Jesus in Gethsemane |
| Birthdays celebrated in December and January | |
| Kaitlyn Tate | Gentry Rogge |
| Caleb Hawkins-Warner | Henry Schwartze |
| Upcoming Birthdays in February | |
| Baya Scott | Mason Rapp |
| Luke Pijanowski | Lane Toellner |
| Rylee Bulen | |

Upcoming Dates:
February 13th & 14th Valentine Day Parties
February 19th SNOW MAKE UP DAY. There will be school on February 19th.
February 25th Tuesday/Thursday Classes sing for Church at Immanuel

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

This is a reminder that the Kindergarten still collects Box Tops for Education. We receive ten cents for every Box Top that is submitted. There is a box on the shelf by the church mailboxes for the Box Tops. Thank you for your continued support of Immanuel's Kindergarten.

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**Special Services**

- February 14, Ash Wednesday..... 7:00 pm
- February 21, Midweek Lenten..... 7:00 pm
- February 28, Midweek Lenten..... 7:00 pm

**CHURCH FAMILY**

Please call the church office when:

- A member of your family is admitted to the hospital
- Someone you know is very ill or has passed away
- Your class, board, or group would like to use the church for a meeting or event so it can be scheduled on the church calendar
- Your contact information or address changes
- A new baby arrives in your family
- A member of your family leaves home for college, joins the military, or is getting married
- You would like to have someone call you to visit or assist you in some way
- You have a prayer request
- You would like to share your time and talents
- You feel the church can assist you in any way

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

If you have not yet picked up your offering envelopes, they have been placed in your box. If you do not have offering envelopes and would like to have a box, please let Patty in the office know and she will get one to you.

**2018 FLOWER CHART**

Open Sundays for 2018 are still available. If you would like to donate the flowers, please sign the chart, which is posted on the door across from the lounge. As a reminder, regular vase arrangements from A-Bow-K are \$35 **plus tax** (\$17.50 per vase). Special flowers and / or larger arrangements are extra. Other local florists may be used. Prices may vary depending on each florist. Your willingness to donate altar flowers is always appreciated! Please continue saving the 27/28 oz. red Folgers coffee plastic containers for take home use after the service. Thanks!

If you are in need of assistance or have any other concerns, please contact any one of the Guild members. Your input is very much appreciated. Altar Guild members are: Marcella Frederick, Kathy Handley, Karen Schnetzler, Julie Thacher, Susan Templemire, Sharon Thoma, Lavill Morton, Brenda Wells, Carol Norman, Shirley Gerken, Pat Lenger, and Diane Cummins.

**Great Passages of the Bible**

- The Ten Commandments..... Exodus 20
- The Shepherd Psalm ..... Psalm 23
- The Birth of Jesus ..... Luke 2
- The Crucifixion of Jesus..... John 19
- Our Resurrection through Jesus ..... 1 Corinthians 15
- The Lord's Prayer .....Matthew 6
- The Sermon on the Mount.....Matthew 5, 6, 7
- The Beatitudes ..... Matthew 5:1-12
- The Great Commandments..... Matthew 22:34-40
- The Last Judgement ..... Matthew 25:31-46
- Parable of the Good Samaritan ..... Luke 10
- Parable of the Prodigal Son ..... Luke 15
- The Great Commission..... Mark 16:15
- The Golden Rule..... Matthew 7:12
- The Abiding Chapter ..... John 15
- The Love Chapter ..... 1 Corinthians 13
- The Gospel in Miniature .....John 3:16

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The new flower chart for 2018 is posted on the door across from the church lounge. If you wish to donate the altar flowers for a particular Sunday, please sign your name next to that date. Also, **please include a phone number where you can be reached.** The Altar Guild members for that month will contact you concerning floral details and the announcement for the bulletin.

A-Bow-K Floral supplies the arrangements for Immanuel. The cost for regular Sunday vases is \$35 (\$17.50 per vase) plus tax. They will use whatever flowers they have on hand for that week. If specific flowers or larger arrangements are requested, the cost will be more than the initial \$35. However, the donor can certainly use a florist of their choice. If this is the case, be sure to indicate this to the Altar Guild member when she calls.