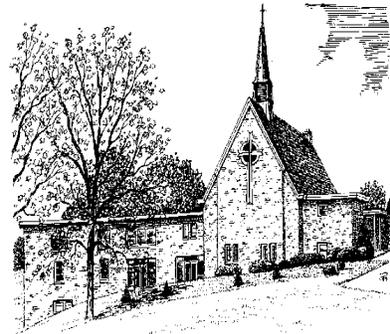


The King's Business

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The Pastor's Page

Long before there were comic books or action movies, there was a supervillain known as Pontius Pilate. That's how he was seen by both the Jews of his own day and the Christians who would look back on him. A supervillain responsible for a reign of tyranny over Judea. A supervillain responsible for the deaths of countless Jewish citizens. A supervillain who murdered our Lord in cold blood.

That's the picture history has taken of Pontius Pilate. And, to be honest, it's probably deserved. Pilate was undoubtable a cruel, cruel man. The extra-biblical account of his reign as prefect and governor of Judea is filled with examples. Everything from demanding bribes to executing citizens without trial.

But his worst offenses were of the religious sort. While Roman governors were generally expected to be permissive and supportive of local religious practices, so as to keep the peace, Pilate was an antagonist. He purposely offended the Jews on multiple occasions. Placing pagan Roman statues and images into the Temple. Refusing to allow pilgrimages to sacred sites.

And when the population grew vocal and then violent, he had them rounded up by soldiers. Beaten. Sometimes simply cut down where they stood. His actions were so outrageous, he earned a rebuke by the Emperor Tiberius himself. And, eventually, a disgraceful recall back to Rome.

The important thing to note, however, is that Pilate was a real person. A prefect of Judea from 26-37 A.D. Whose name was actually found carved into a stone slab in a Judean amphitheater. He is not, as many would look at him, a fictional supervillain.

And, frankly, the Gospel accounts of his actions reveal a man caught between a rock and hard place. The Jewish authorities were obviously fabricating these

charges. Jesus was obviously innocent. One conversation with Jesus has Pilate convinced of this.

Yet, what could he do? Release him, start a riot, and end up with a dozen or more deaths on his hands? Or crucify him and sacrifice one man for the sake of peace.

Just as Caiaphas had once prophesied, so Pilate would conclude as well. It was better that *"one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish."* Pilate knew that fact. Not in an eternal, spiritual sense. But in the sense of a helpless leader caught in a difficult position with seemingly no right answers.

And he's remembered in the Apostles' Creed for that fact. As the historically verifiable proof that the crucifixion did happen. That sometime between 26-37 A.D., a man named Jesus was put through a mockery of a trial by men bent on seeing Him die. And that despite the feeble, futile efforts of the Roman governor, He was sentenced to death. Nailed to a cross. Killed. And buried in another man's grave.

Pilate was not a supervillain. He may very well have been a villain, yes. But there was nothing fictional or 'super' about him. He was a real man who oversaw a real execution. And we remember him in the creed not because he was such a great and powerful man.

No, on the contrary, he was a rather weak man. He had all the human authority this world can offer, but he couldn't even save one man's life. Whereas Jesus had no human authority. He approached the cross as a lamb led to the slaughter. And yet, by His sacrifice and by His blood, He saved the whole world.

Grace and peace to you this month,
Pastor Ketelsen

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 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.

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

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!

GREETINGS FROM THE DCE!

Over the last two months, I have had a variety of wonderful experiences at conferences that have talked about a variety of Youth and Young Adult Ministries that also apply to the whole church. At the end of January, I attended the Youth Ministry Symposium in St. Louis that discussed Millennials and their experiences within the Church. There were a few great takeaways from the discussions that we had over the three day conference. We have all had interactions with Millennials, and if you don't think you have, I'll let you know that Pastor and I are considered to be in that age bracket, granted we're both on the older portion of that bracket, but we're still a part of it.

The questions that were discussed during the conference included, "What is your church doing to engage Millennials?" and "How do we retain the younger crowds that are visiting the church?" We also discussed why the number of 19-35 year olds has steadily dropped over the last 15 years. Some of the reason is because Boomers who left the church with the intention of returning after starting a family never returned. Another reason is because of the breakdown of the family within society, where fathers are no longer the spiritual head of the family. Side note: studies by Barna and Pew Research have shown that families that attend church together, especially when the father participates in worship, there is a higher likelihood of maintaining membership within a church past high school age.

Another great quote from the symposium was, "It is impossible for a child to emulate a behavior that is not present in the home." This means that a child,

adolescent, or young adult is unable to imitate their parent's growing in the faith if the parent does not lead. Did you know that the parent is the most influential person in a child's life? I bet you did. Did you also know that it is hard to grown in your faith if you only dedicate an hour per week to it? There are 167 hours in the week that are beyond the hour sitting in the Divine Service. What are we doing as parents and grandparents in those hours to encourage growth? What are we doing in our own lives in those 167 hours to personally grow?

To answer the question asked earlier about retaining the younger crowd, the solution was simple. Talk to them. Ask them to join you for a meal, for a drink, for an adventure. Involve the younger people in your life. There was an overwhelming yearning to be involved, to be taught, and the key word used was to be "mentored." Everyone has different experiences, and the mature crowd has lived through trials and experiences that have given you wisdom, and there are people that want to hear your wisdom. So here I am to challenge you.....

When you see a visitor, greet them. Invite them to sit with you in your pew. Show them the hymnal and how to use it. If they have children, greet them too. Be patient with the children, they don't always know how to act in church, and they were not made to sit still. Remember the struggles that you had when you were their age. Invite the young people to join you for a meal. Learn who they are. Remember their name and greet them the next time they visit. Most of all, remember that you were their age once. You were welcomed, you became part of the body of Christ, and are now part of this family. Bring the younger ones into the family just as you were brought in. The church grows with acts of love, and we are to love others because Christ loved us first. Let us show others the wonderful traits and relationships that we have been given because of Christ, and we can enjoy the insights that others can share with you.

In Christ,

Josh Cromley, Director of Christian Education

Upcoming LYF Events

3/11 - Youth Night 4pm-6pm

3/15 JHDYG Sign-Up Deadline!

3/25 - Youth Night 4pm-6pm

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

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

4/22 - Youth Night 4pm-6pm

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

January 16, 2018

Call to Order: President Tim Meller called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Joshua Ketelsen opened with prayer.

Acceptance/Amendments of Agenda: Bob Schnetzler made a motion to accept the Agenda as is. The motion was seconded by Tim Derendinger. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Tim Derendinger made a motion to accept the Church Council Meeting minutes of December 19, 2017. Bob Schnetzler seconded the motion and it passed.

Pastors Report: Pastor stated the Lenten season is fast approaching with Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2018 (Valentine's Day). April 1st is Easter. Lenten season topic is regarding Typology paralleling death/resurrection. Bible study also came with Lenten series topic. The cooking class by MU Ext. is still continuing and going fine. It is on Tuesday evenings in church kitchen. (Although was cancelled on January 16, 2018 due to weather)

President's Report: No report.

Vice President: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Ayers, treasurer was out due to illness, no report. There was some discussion regarding the Kindergarten expenses vs. the Kindergarten fund of \$50,000.00. It was tabled until treasurer could be present.

Elder's Report: Report of January 7, 2018 read by Bob Schnetzler. Dee Thalgott transferred to St. Paul's, Sedalia MO. Suzanne and Jason Mathis and Children transferred from Our Savior Lutheran Church in Sedalia, MO. The discussion of an alternate Wednesday night service will be discussed in more detail after Lenten Season. Since Lenten season includes the Wed. night service anyway. Church will not be cancelled due to weather. (Everyone use their own judgement.)

Board Of Property: none

Board of Christian Education: Jackie Carver presented report. Official dates for Vacation Bible School are June 23rd thru June 29th, with Heritage Days parade on June 21st. The parade was good opportunity for passing out pre-registration forms last year. DCE Josh Cromley is looking for member to host super bowl party for youth. On February 23, 2018 there is a lock-in at Trinity Lutheran in Columbia, MO. Easter breakfast to be held on April 1, 2018. DCE Josh Cromley is hopeful they will be having

two Sunday school classes for the children ages 3 to 5th grade, so the learning can be more age specific. March 9, 2018 there will be a lock in at St. Paul's HS, Concordia for 7 and 8th graders, \$30 each. DCE Josh Cromley stated the youth and adults enjoyed their visit to Trinity Lutheran on January 14, 2018.

School Board: There was no report but Pastor Ketelsen stated that the Tues/Thurs class has 10 students, any more than 10 they will be in need of an aide. Glenda Gerhard has been looking at playground equipment, grants, suppliers etc. A correction will be made on the website regarding registrations. Registrations don't necessarily mean you get the time you request. The school still collects the box tops for education; the box is in the narthex. Pastor mention Amazon smile/school should register for this.

Board of Evangelism: No report. Tim Derendinger stated that there is an App for Daily Bread you might consider for your phone.

Board of Fellowship: No typed report. Pastor Ketelsen reminded everyone that Preschool sings the last Sunday of January. He stated this committee also provided morning and lunch this past week for pastor's circuit meeting.

A motion by Jackie Carver and seconded by Bob Schnetzler to approve all the Board's reports that were presented. This motion passed.

Adjourn - A motion by Tim Derendinger to adjourn. This was seconded by Bob Schnetzler; the motion passed.

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

Those in attendance included Bob Schnetzler, Pastor Josh Ketelsen, DCE Josh Cromley, Tim Meller, Jackie Carver, Tim Derendinger and Susan Templemire.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Templemire, Secretary

ELDERS MEETING

February 4, 2018

Attendance: Pastor Ketelsen, Bob Schnetzler, Earl Mangels, Tim Fahrenbrink, Jason Linneman. Absent: Wayne Atkins and DCE Joshua Cromley.

Call to Order/Opening devotion & prayer – Devotion “Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, LCMS Relationship to ELCA”

Motion to accept the agenda as printed – Earl Mangels motioned, Tim Fahrenbrink 2nd. Motion carried.

Previous Minutes – Earl Mangels motioned to approve, Tim Fahrenbrink 2nd. Motion carried.

Monthly

1. Review of purchase orders. Tim Fahrenbrink motioned, Jason Linneman 2nd. Motion carried.

PO#	Vendor	Amount	Account/Description
7014	Bank Card (corrected PO)	146.55	Prof Service/ ½ room
7042	Marco	275.07	Office/Coper Inv. #21634785
7045	Schrieffer's	59.50	Office/copy paper
7046	Bank Card	51.75	Office/2 lg. wall calendars
7047	Rev. Ketelsen	495.32	Phone & mileage (2 mos.)
7044	CPH	110.50	Portals of Prayer
7054	CPH	64.05	Sacr. Supplies/Candlelight Kit
7055	USPS	49.00	Office/one roll stamps
7057	A-Bow-K	210.00	Altar Guild/Poinsettias
7058	Marco	296.83	Office/Copier Inv. #21802272
7059	Schrieffer's	65.14	Office/Inv.#29027 & #29097
7062	Serck Tax	11.25	Office/Payroll
7064	Walmart	15.50	Office/dry erase markers
7065	Rev. Josh Ketelsen	179.46	Cell Phone & Mileage
7066	Walmart	200.00	Misc./two \$100 cards
7069	C&R	18.58	Sacr. Supplies/Comm. Wine
7071	Bank Card	44.00	Sacr. Supplies/Palms & Ashes
7072	CPH	44.99	Misc./Lenten Series
7074	CPH	34.00	Bulletins-Lenten Bulletins
7074	CPH	25.00	Misc. – Lenten Devotionals
7076	Bank Card	52.35	Samaritan Fund
7077	Walmart	16.96	Office/Supplies
7080	Marco	320.41	Office/Inv. #21974656

1. **Membership changes** – Jason Linneman motioned, Earl Mangels 2nd. Motion passed.

- A. Marlynn and Kay Dexter to Holy Cross, Kearney, NE
- B. Lindy and Valerie Holley to Campus Lutheran, Columbia, MO

2. **Good Samaritan Fund** – No report. Pastor Ketelsen thinks \$200 has been removed.

3. **Pastor's Report** –

- A. Lent Series is on hand and will start on February 14.
- B. Bible studies on Pictures Sunday school.
- C. DCE Josh went to the Youth Symposium (on Youth Focus) in St. Louis

- D. April 18-25 Pastor Ketelsen will be on vacation. Pastor Spotts will fill in.
E. Pastor visits were discussed.

Quarterly Report –

1. **February** – Bob Schnetzler
February 14 – Bob Schnetzler
February 21 – Tim Fahrenbrink
February 28 – Jason Linneman
2. **March** – Bob Schnetzler will call Wayne Atkins. If he cannot serve, Tim Fahrenbrink will.

Old Business –

1. Review of worship service schedule/alternatives – suggested Sunday 9:30am to 10:30am. Discussion will continue. Will survey the congregation.

New Business-

- A. Follow-up on transfers out. Will inquire reason for leaving during departure.
- B. Former Elders – potential service. Will compile list of willing past Elders to help serve. Both services will be the same, using the same bulletin. A common cup only will be used for the Wednesday service.
- C. Communion – inviting visiting guests to altar blessing. Possible solution will be to reword the bulletin wording and leave the decision up to the individual.
- D. Every member visit – a review of the membership list needs to be accomplished.
- E. Gideons have requested a presentation between now through May 2018. A non-communion Sunday will be okay, Pastor Ketelsen will select a date.
- F. Miscellaneous
 1. Purchase 2018 OSHA documents. Earl Mangels motioned, Jason Linneman 2nd. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned with all reciting the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

A Man Hanged on a Tree Is Cursed
²² "And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, ²³ his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Feb. 13, 2018

Meeting opened with Prayer by Pastor Ketelsen.

In attendance: Gayle Linneman, Pastor Ketelsen, Glenda Gerhardt and Linette Meller

Previous minutes were reviewed but not approved due to no quorum.

No purchase orders to review this month.

Glenda reported Parent/Teachers meeting went well and we have 22 enrolled for the Mon. Wed Fri. AM class, 7 in Mon. Wed. Fri. afternoon class, 12 in the Tues. Thur. AM class for next year. There will be 41 students returning next year to the Preschool. Teachers will be gone to conference/training March 8 & 9. We have \$720 collected in enrollment deposits. Glenda will be making copies of all registration forms and ACH debit forms and delivering to Patty in the office and Gayle.

Linette has 6 enrollment forms along with deposits for next year with one still out but should be returned this week. At current we should have 7 enrolled for the next year. Linette will supply the office and Gayle with all registration and ACH debit forms.

Linette will start Kindergarten screening in late March. Linette also completed the CPR training at Unlimited Opportunities and the fee was \$30/ a PO to be made out and approved to be paid out of Misc. account.

Tuition payments are current except one family and they will be notified.

No further business was discussed due to lack of quorum.

Next month meeting on March 13th at 6pm. We will be discussing next year's budget/Teacher contracts.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Easter Means New Life

New life is what Easter is all about. Jesus Christ died and rose from the grave that you might have life beyond the grave and that you might have life in this world today – rich, full, and abundant life. Let Jesus come and live within your heart today.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock"
(Revelation 3:20)

"He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit" (John 15:5)

Easter is a good time to start living!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have had an exciting February. We had a fun Valentine's Day Party. Thanks to all our big people (adults) for coming and playing with us during the party. Our next party is our Easter Party—we are looking forward to that also. We have met two new nurse friends from the University—Camille and Heidi. Camille and Heidi teach us about healthy foods to eat. So far we have tried Raspberries, Strawberries, Tomatoes and Cucumbers. Some of the food we like and some not so much. We have enjoyed singing for church and each class gets to sing one more time. We love the food the church people make for us after we sing. Ms. Gerhardt tells us we do a good job of telling everybody in church how much God loves them, while we sing. During the month of February we learned about teeth, Valentine's Day, nursery rhymes and baby animals. We are reviewing the sounds of the alphabet letters and writing them. We are learning to count higher and higher. We have celebrated many birthdays. During chapel on Wednesday, so far this year we have learned about the Ten Commandments, The Creed and now we are working on the Lord's Prayer. We love when Pastor Ketelsen does chapel. Ms. Gerhardt, during February, has taught us about Jesus Feeding the 5000, Jesus Teaching His Disciples to Pray, Jesus Riding into Jerusalem and Jesus in Gethsemane. Thank you for having preschool at Immanuel—WE LOVE IT!

Upcoming Units:

Dinosaurs
St. Patrick's Day
Dr. Seuss
Weather

Upcoming Chapel Stories:

Jesus is Crucified
The first Easter
Jesus Appears to Two Disciples
Jesus Goes Back to Heaven

Upcoming Birthdays in March

Will Thacker
Westlynn Peck

Vayda Stretz
Raiden Anderson

Upcoming Dates:

March 8th PM CLASS ONLY – No class. Immanuel teachers are attending a conference.
March 9th – NO SCHOOL – Immanuel teachers are attending a conference.
March 27th & 28th – Easter Parties
March 29th & 30th – NO SCHOOL – Easter break
April 2nd - NO SCHOOL – Easter break
April 3rd – WE DO HAVE SCHOOL – snow make-up day #2

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The Kindergartners started February out with a pj and stuffed animal day in conjunction with Groundhog Day. We played with our stuffed animals at recess and determined that they saw their shadows, just like the groundhog did. On Valentine's Day, we gave our friends treats, played a few rounds of Number Bingo, and worked on a hidden picture puzzle. In Social Studies, we visited China, Japan, and Australia. We also listened to several Flat Stanley books about some of the countries we visited. Our unit was finished by making a book called, "My Place in the World." We look forward to music each week with Mrs. Viertel; we have now discussed four families of musical instruments – percussion, string, woodwind, and brass. Our class sings about and hears instruments from all four families, in a fun song called "Down by the Bay." Ms. Gerhardt taught us about Jesus healing a man that could not walk, Jesus calming a storm, Jesus teaching his disciples how to pray, and Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey. Pastor Ketelsen is now teaching us about "The Lord's Prayer." We also continue to read, write in our journals, and learn more about numbers, clocks, money and adding.



Special Services

March 7, Midweek Lenten 7:00 pm
March 14, Midweek Lenten 7:00 pm
March 21, Midweek Lenten 7:00 pm
March 29, Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm
March 30, Good Friday..... 7:00 pm
April 1, Easter Sunrise 7:00 am
April 1, Easter Worship..... 10:00 am

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is needing help on distribution days. There is a list of the dates and times on the bulletin board. If you can help, please contact John Barnes at 660-672-2342.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11. Be sure to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour!
The first day of Spring is March 20, 2018!

The ABC's of the Bible

by David Padfield

A is for **Abraham**, the father of the faithful.
B is for **Baptism**, the way believers get into Christ.
C is for **Christ** who died on the Cross.
D is for the **Deacons** who serve in the Lord's church.
E is for the **Elders** who oversee the work of the church.
F is for **Faith** which comes from hearing the word of God.
G is for **God** who created this world.
H is for the **Holy Spirit** who revealed God's word.
I is for the **Israelites** who were God's chosen people.
J is for **Jerusalem**, where the church was established.
K is for the three great **Kings** of Israel: Saul, David & Solomon.
L is for the **Love** God showed when He gave His only Son.
M is for **Moses** who led God's people out of Egypt.
N is for the **Narrow** road which leads to heaven.
O is for our **Obedience** which pleases God.
P is for **Peter** and **Paul** who preached God's word.
Q is for the **Quaking** of the mountains when God gave the Law.
R is for the **Rainbow** God gave Noah after the Flood.
S is for Satan, the enemy of God's people.
T is for the **Ten Commandments** given to Moses at Mt. Sinai.
U is for the **Unity** of God's people.
V is for the **Victory** that will be ours.
W is for the **Word** of God revealed in the Bible.
X is for the **Exodus** of God's people from Egypt to Canaan.
Y is for the **Young** who must always remember God.
Z is for the **Zeal** shown by Christians.



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Opening Versicles for Lent

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

P Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

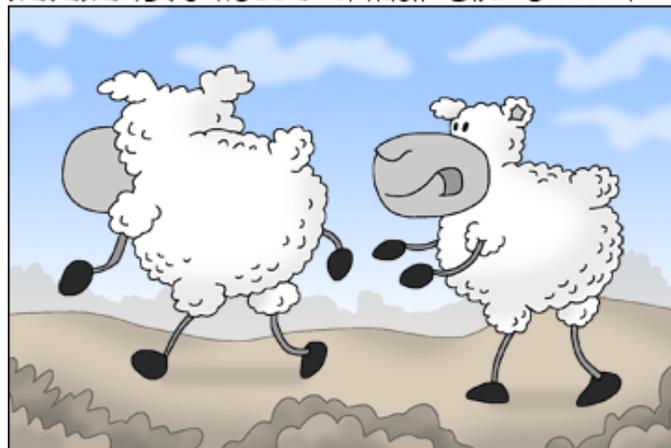
C **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

P Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C **He was bruised for our iniquities**

Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5

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(See Isaiah 53:6)

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EASTER LILIES: *The Altar Guild will be accepting donations for Easter Lilies beginning March 4th - March 25th. If you wish to donate a lily(es), please use the sign-up sheet which will be on the table in the narthex. Cost per plant is \$10.00. Take an envelope that is provided and place your cash/check in it and place it in the offering plate when it is passed during the worship service. If paying by check, please make it payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church. THANK YOU!! Your support is greatly appreciated!*