

The Spirit of Immanuel

April 2019



Now there are varieties of Gifts, but the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4

Immanuel Lutheran Church

- * Worship Services
Sundays, 10:00 am
- * Sunday School
9:00 am
for Pre-school
through High School
- * Weekly Fellowship
- * Choir and Chimes
- * Prayer Chain

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Wednesdays in Lent

7:00pm worship @ Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colfax
(6:00pm soup supper)

The Book of Job does not explain the mystery of suffering or "justify the ways of God" with human beings, but it does probe the depths of faith in the midst of suffering.

April 3 _____ Reward + Punishment

April 10 _____ God restores



Palm Sunday

(April 14 @ 10:00am)

Kayce Hall, Parker Harms,
Annalyn Harper, Cale Hoffman
celebrate Affirmation of Baptism
(‘Confirmation’)

Maundy Thursday

(April 18 @ 7:00pm @ Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colfax)

Two additional leaders needed:

Someone familiar with the kitchen to assist Pastor Dan Robertson

Someone to give initial guidance at “Easter” tables

Contact Pastor Tom if you are interested in helping.

Good Friday

(April 19 @ 7:00pm @ 1st Presbyterian Church, Fairbury)

Additional leaders needed:

One reader from Immanuel (scripted like last year)

Taller youth or smaller adult to stand in as Jesus (no speaking part)

A physically capable “pallbearer” or two - male or female

There is a practice on **Wednesday, April 17** from 6:00-7:30pm

6:00pm readers

7:00pm pallbearers and Jesus

Easter Sunday

(April 21 @ regular worship time of 10:00 am for Immanuel)

Matthew 25 Stewardship

Matthew 25 Project Report

The first quarter of 2019 is almost in the books and the Stewardship committee is pleased to announce that \$2180 has been distributed on behalf of 12 members! Nine quilters combined 79 sweat equity hours in the first quarter for a donation of \$1580 to St. Jude Research Hospital. St. Jude also received \$400 in matching funds from two applications. Global Hands of Hope received \$200 (if you are interested in knowing more about this charity, see the article on the next page of this newsletter).

As promised, the Matthew 25 project is a mission in progress. The committee has met and addressed several questions as outlined in the March 24th Sunday bulletin.

We would like to share a quick summary of the committee's response to those questions

- Congregational offerings like 40 Days of Giving for Lent or the Noisy Offering will not be matched as a whole, but anybody who would like to give at least \$25 to any offering taken up at the church can apply for matching funds up to \$200/member/year.
- Children are encouraged to participate in Matthew 25. Parents are free to give in their child's name or subsidize their child's giving, but the hope is that the child is integrally involved in the decision about the giving.
- One can apply for matching funds for gifts of new items the same as for cash gifts. For instance, if you buy school supplies, or shoe box items, or food for a food pantry in excess of \$25, you can apply using receipts for matching funds to be sent to a charity of your choice. The Project does not reimburse for the items, however, which has come up as a point of confusion.

Please contact Marcia or any member of the committee with any questions.

We encourage you to keep your hearts and minds open to the possibilities of the Matthew 25 Project. Application forms are on the table in the parish hall. Thank you!



Matthew 25 Stewardship

We naturally give to and support that which we love. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matt. 6:21. The Matthew 25 project was developed to help us address the needs of our neighbors in ways that speak personally to each of us, our passion, our heart, that which we love.

Global Hands of Hope, a Christian, non-profit organization in Uganda does just that. Established in 2007 by Ronald Nalera and his wife, Ritah, Ronald saw an opportunity to pay back his debt of gratitude to those who helped his family when they were defenseless and vulnerable to exploitation. Their mission was to enhance the well-being of vulnerable children by supporting sustainable community development in local impoverished communities in Uganda. "How does that speak to a passion?" you might wonder.

The population of the area where Global Hands of Hope began is made up mostly of people who fled their hometowns due to war in Uganda. Because these people were unable to cross the Nile River they settled in this beautiful land that once was a part of the Mabira Rainforest. The climate in this area is perfect for many kinds of farming and agriculture. It is an area rich in potential in growing food to provide daily nutrition for the community. Are you beginning to see where this could be speaking to something we might be passionate about? Something we love, where our treasure and our heart might be?

Global Hands of Hope enlist farming experts' help by teaching sound agricultural practices, providing modern tools, and seed. 100% of a donation goes toward providing the materials needed to complete this goal. Also large scale community projects like raising chickens and steers, introduce the community to the ideas of working together to create a profit and help break the cycle of poverty.

There are other ways Global Hands of Hope may touch a passion in you. Contributions help support a medical clinic that provides care to over 500 patients a week and public health education on safe waste management, nutrition, personal hygiene, and more. Also the community is taught the importance of clean wells, something so obvious to us. Most of the illnesses in this area are caused by dirty water! Families that use water from a clean well suffer fewer illnesses, so they are better able to work and provide an income.

Sponsorship of GHOH can also provide 2 hot filling meals per day for over 225 children at Suubi Christian school. Along with a school uniform, a warm sweater for their long walk to school, regular medical care to prevent intestinal worms or painful parasites, and school tuition to provide the best possible education available in the area, GHOH helps rescue not only a child but their future children as well. If your passion is children and education this might speak to you.

Another area that GHOH is involved in is the protection of vulnerable children from violence and exploitation. Safe House is a protected and safe boarding school for female students at high risk for sexual abuse. Other highly vulnerable children that are protected are orphans, homeless street children, children with disabilities, and those engaged in sex trafficking.

Global Hands of Hope is just one of the charities that our Matthew 25 Project has helped so far. There are so many others that speak personally to each individual. King David knew that both the ability and the heart to give were themselves gifts from God. In thankfulness to God for his gifts to us let us each find our Matthew 25 project.



Church Council Minutes

February 17, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Danny Harms, Marcia Buchs, Terry Bose, Tracy Harms, Angie Kratochvil, Chuck Weber, Pastor Tom

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Angie read the January 14th minutes. Terry motioned to approve, and Chuck seconded. Motion carried.

OFFICER ELECTIONS:

For President, Angie nominated Danny, and Marcia seconded. For Vice President, Tracy nominated Don, and Angie seconded. For Secretary, Tracy nominated Angie, and Marcia seconded. For Treasurer, Chuck nominated Marcia, and Terry seconded. Chuck motioned, and Tracy seconded, to accept the slate of officer nominees listed above. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Marcia presented the January Profit and Loss report and the January 31, 2019 Balance Sheet. Council agreed that Marcia should transfer \$5000 from the General Fund back to the Mission Investment Fund. Angie motioned to approve, and Terry seconded. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor presented his report. Tracy motioned to accept the report, and Marcia seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Terry will try to repair the gutter on the west side of the sanctuary.
- Danny will contact Jamie Wilson about installation of the new sound system, with the goal of that being completed between March 9 and March 27.

NEW BUSINESS:

- For the Matthew 25 project, Marcia has attempted to transfer Nextera stock, but because we need a medallion stamp (which most banks don't do), she has offered an alternate solution (at the advice of financial advisor Dave Hammer). Marcia then motioned, and Tracy seconded, to authorize a brokerage account with Cetera Investment Services and with the Council President and Council Treasurer in charge of managing the investments. Motion carried. Marcia will put a write-up in the April newsletter to further explain this.
- The Matthew 25 project committee will meet soon since they have some applications for matching funds already submitted.
- Danny reported that Evan Bachtold would like to speak to the congregation about his youth ministry and calling to build a church in western Europe. Danny will speak with him about possibly doing so on April 28 (a Sunday that Pastor is on vacation).

Angie motioned to adjourn, and Terry seconded. Motion carried.
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 11 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Kratochvil

Council Members

Dan Harms

Don Brucker

Terry Bose

Dan Kukuck

Tracy Harms

Kolton Brucker

Marcia Buchs

Angie Kratochvil

Chuck Weber

Pastor Tom Krieger

Parish Education Committee

Yvonne Becker

Rebecca Casson

Louann Harms

Jeanie Weber

Youth Director

Briana Ray

Stewardship Committee

Marcia Buchs. Chair

Louann Harms

Don Brucker

Terry Bose

Jerry Kukuck

Community in Christ

Lutheran World Relief Kits for 2019

The current collection items will be highlighted in bold print .

April/May – Baby Care Kits - Layette items to help needy children be warm, dry and clothed. We will need pajamas without feet and t-shirts – NOT ONSIES OR PAJAMAS WITH FEET in them.

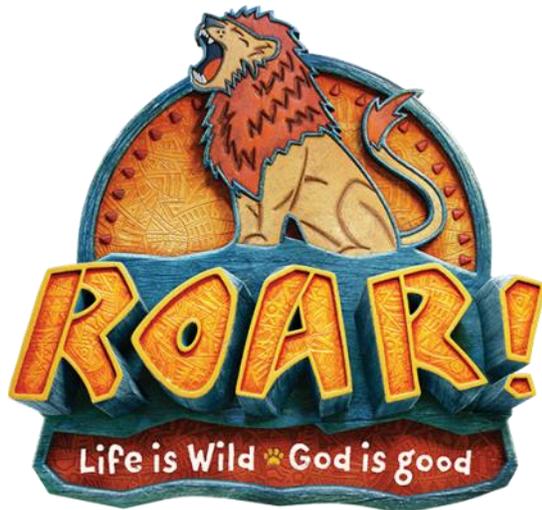
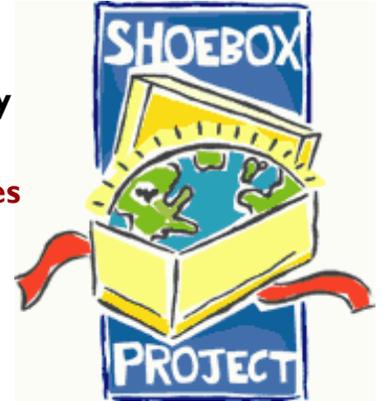
Quilt Knotting Dates:

Wednesdays, April 3 and April 24 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Our group's **Matthew 25 hours** are going to be designated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital for the current work we are doing. Come help us make quilts to keep people warm and help St. Jude's at the same time!

A confirmation teacher asked students to list the Ten Commandments in any order.

One girl wrote "3, 6, 1, 8, 4, 5, 9, 2, 10, 7."

We are currently collecting **combs and brushes** to put into the shoeboxes later this year.



Save the Date
ROAR VBS
June 10-14, 2019

Come with us on an African adventure that explores God's goodness. And we're not lion! Learn about true stories from the Bible that display how good God truly is. (Nahum 1:7)

ELCA World Hunger's **40 DAYS** of Giving

Pray, **fast** and **give** during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving – for the good of our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.

We are roughly half way through Lent and the ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving campaign.

If you have been setting aside the amount that you might spend on daily treats such as soda pop, coffee, donuts, eating out, or putting your spare change from the week in our designated container, we appreciate your support and commitment to this Lenten discipline. Setting aside a small amount each day until Palm Sunday, adds up to great rewards for those who search for daily needs. Labels for your collections will be available through Palm Sunday.

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday - 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	1 Joyce Miller Keith Winterland	2 ♥ Pastor Tom & Michelle Krieger Berkeley Jacob	3 8-11:00 am Quilt Knotting 6:00 pm Supper 7:00 Worship	4 ♥ Alan & Sabrina Petersen	5	6 Connie Johnson Nancy Lasser
7 ♥ Elton & Spring Mau	8 7:00 pm Council Meeting Joy Bose John Harris	9 ♥ Terry & Kay Bose Sue Coldren Ty Mosier	10 6:00 pm Supper 7:00 pm Worship	11	12 Jennifer Breeding	13 Dale Lasser Lisa Winterland
14 Palm Sunday Confirmation Elton Mau Reed Rinkenberger	15 Kelli Holton Stephanie Harper	16	17 Jean Henderson	18 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service at Immanuel	19 7:00 pm Good Friday Service at 1st Pres, Fairbury Michael Schulkins	20 ♥ Jeff & Lisa Winterland
21 10:00 am Easter Service Brec Hoffman Todd Kellar Naddene Pilgrim	22 Peyton Rinkenberger	23 Michael Kellar	24 8-11:00 am Quilt Knotting Tiffany Grunloh	25 ♥ Mike & Kimberly Petersen Erin Ifft	26	27
28 Michael Garthaus	29 Will Roark	30 Cindy Harris Betty Powell				

Worship Assistants

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Ushers / Acolytes</u>
April 3	Keith Winterland	Larry & Cheryl Poppe		Phil & Angie K.
April 7	Renette Althouse	Betty Powell, Jeanne Ummel	Alan & Sabrina Petersen	Kolton & Kourtney B.
April 14	Yvonne Becker	Reed & Lindsey Rinkenberger	Karen & Norman Harms	Keith W., Harlan B.
April 18	Rebecca Casson	Chuck & Jeanie Weber	John & Cindy Harris	Jerry & Suzie Kukuck
April 21	Sue Coldren	Louise Winterland	Denny & Amy Winterland	Ainsley, Ashlyn, Parker, Ty
April 28	Leslie Garthaus	Denny & Amy Winterland		Elton & Spring Mau
May 5	Kevin Harms	Jeff & Lisa Winterland	Jerry Kukuck, Betty Powell	Kent P., Kelsey M.
May 12	Louann Harms	Virginia, Keith Winterland		Shannon, Alison Roark

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE



Our beloved mother and grandmother, Rose Dawson, was diagnosed with Stage IV Pancreatic Cancer in January of 2019. She underwent surgery to correct a life-threatening issue which resulted from the cancer on January 29th and spent three weeks in the hospital. She is home recovering and regaining her strength to begin her battle against this disease. Rose's children have rallied behind her as she faces this one day at a time with determination and fight. While this is a devastating blow to our hearts our Rose is resolved to defy the odds and improve the statistics for others who face this diagnosis. Our Rose, as strong and timeless as the flower she is named for, invites you to join her in celebration of her life.

Date: Sunday, May 5, 2019

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lunch Served: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cover/Lunch/One Raffle Ticket: \$10.00

Lunch:

Chicken and Noodles or Pulled Pork

Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Salad

THE BENEFIT IS TO
HELP WITH
UNCOVERED
EXPENSES.
DONATIONS CAN BE
MADE TO THE ROSE
DAWSON BENEFIT
FUND.

Thank you to Moose Lodge #745 for hosting.

Thank you to area businesses and friends for donations.

50/50 RAFFLE

MEAL

BAKE SALE

AUCTION

MUSIC

DOOR PRIZE

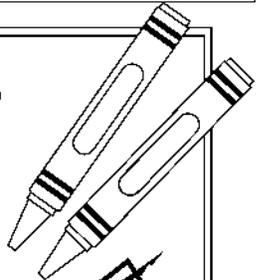
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PUZZLE

Jesus gives us *life*

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)

Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)

Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)

This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)

Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)

Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)

Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)

While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)

This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)

These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)

These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)

Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, spices, linens, silver coins