

# The Spirit of Immanuel

February 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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### News from the Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee is very excited that the Matthew 25 project was adopted at the annual meeting January 27<sup>th</sup>, and it went live immediately. Thanks to all who have supported the committee as they worked hard to develop a project that will match the gifts of our members with the needs of our community and beyond.

You will find attached the new application form for accessing the Matthew 25 funds. [It will also be available at the church, or by contacting one of the Stewardship Committee members, listed on page 4 of this newsletter.] Please let any committee members know if you are having any problem with the form or have any suggestions to improve it. The project in all its facets is a work in progress and will continue to be, especially since we did not copy another project, but started with a vision and worked the program from the ground up. It is inevitable we will find ways to tweak and improve it as we move forward and welcome your input.

Be watching for news about the project in this newsletter. We will keep you apprised of how the funds are being utilized and what charities are benefitting. We are hopeful that through the project we all will learn more about each other's passions for helping others.



# JOB

An ancient folktale... 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. "Does Job fear God for nothing?" (Job 1:9) That is, does Job serve God because it is profitable, because God has been good to him? Do human beings serve God because of what they receive from God?<sup>1</sup>

*Job's story is ours through Lent 2019...*

## Wednesdays @ 7pm

@ Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairbury

**March 6** \_\_\_\_\_ Job 1:1 - 2:8; 42:1-6 \_\_\_\_\_ **Repent** (Ash Wed)

**March 13** \_\_\_\_\_ Job 1:1 - 2:8 \_\_\_\_\_ **Satan**

**March 20** \_\_\_\_\_ Job 2:11-13; 13:7-8 \_\_\_\_\_ **Friends**

@ Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colfax

**March 27** \_\_\_\_\_ Job 3; 13:15-16 \_\_\_\_\_ **Is this living?**

**April 3** \_\_\_\_\_ Job 8:1-6, 20-22 \_\_\_\_\_ **Reward + punishment**

**April 10** \_\_\_\_\_ Job 38ff; 42:7-10 \_\_\_\_\_ **God restores**

<sup>1</sup> The New Oxford Annotated Bible (NRSV) 1991 Oxford University

# Community in Christ

## **Lutheran World Relief Kits for 2019**

The current collection items will be highlighted in bold print .

**ALL YEAR LONG – QUILT TIME –**  
Watch for group quilting days each month.

### **Quilting Dates**

**Wednesdays, February 6 and 13**  
**from 8:00 -11:00 am**

There is material to be cut in 21 inch squares, squares to be sewn together in 3 x 4 block quilt tops, and we will also schedule some knotting times.

**February – Bars of soap** – Gifts of soap not only helps needy people be able to wash up, but is also gives them dignity as they cleanse each day.

*Coming up next month -*

**March** – Fabric Kits – we will provide material and thread so that women can sew for themselves and their family. Please watch for information in each month's newsletter for more details.

*We rejoice at Immanuel, welcoming our newest members: Jodi Hall with her daughters, Kayce and Shelby; Dennis and Kay Griepentrog (Jodi's parents).*

*Please note that Mr. & Mrs. Griepentrog's address was incorrectly listed in the church membership roster. Their address should read 502 N. Grove St., Colfax.*



### **Organ Demonstration and Re-Dedication**

The congregation of 1st Presbyterian Church in Fairbury invites anyone interested in organ music and education to attend a special event on Sunday, February 24th at 1:00 pm. Keith Williams, an organist and technician for Buzard Organ Company in Champaign will be the

guest organist. He will be demonstrating the recently re-conditioned and updated pipe organ at 1st Presbyterian Church. Piano students and future organists are encouraged to attend as well.

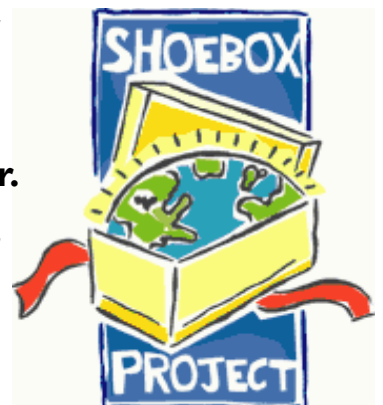
Prior to the Organ Demonstration, the youth of the congregation will be serving a Baked Potato Bar with various toppings as a fund raiser for their activities. The lunch will begin after worship (approximately 11:30 am on Sunday, February 24th.) Everyone from the local communities is welcome to attend both activities that day. Come as you are!

Sign up for **Remind** and receive notices on your phones about cancellations or service updates due to weather or other circumstances. You can do this two ways -

1. On your iPhone or Android phone, open a browser and go to the following link: **rmd.7e6bd8**. Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the app.
2. If you do not have a smartphone, text the message **@7e6bd8** to the number 81010 or to the number (442)999-6343.
3. Sign up at church to receive a call when church is cancelled, if you cannot sign up for **Remind**.

**We are currently collecting empty plastic shoeboxes to fill later this year.**

**But be on the lookout for great bargains on small items all year long.**





# Church Council Minutes

December 10, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Danny Harms, Elton Mau, Marcia Buchs, Angie Kratochvil, Terry Bose, Kolton Brucker, Tracy Harms, Dan Kukuck, Pastor Tom

Pastor Tom opened the meeting with prayer.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Angie read the November 5th minutes. Dan motioned to approve, and Kolton seconded. Motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Marcia presented the November Balance report as well as the November and January-November Profit and Loss reports. Angie motioned to approve, and Elton seconded. Motion carried.

## PASTOR'S REPORT:

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

Dan motioned and Kolton seconded to give a \$500 holiday bonus check to our custodian Lisa Hall. Motion carried.

Dan motioned and Terry seconded to have our church's annual meeting on January 27, 2019 after church. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Jaime Wilson will come to our council meeting on January 14 to discuss his ideas and cost for an improved sound system.
- Terry hasn't found anyone to repair the stained glass windows. Dan will see if he can have better success in finding someone.

## NEW BUSINESS:

For a funeral service, the bell is somehow changed by Harlan for a different sound. Harlan would like to see someone younger members learn how to do it.

The hallway ceiling needs repair. Elton will head that up and talk with Jeff Winterland about fixing it.

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

Next meeting will be Monday, January 14 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

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Each Sunday - Worship Service - 10:00 am Sunday School - 9:00 am</b></p> 					1	2 <i>Sandra Cuddihy</i>
3	4	5	<p>6 <b>Quilting</b> 8:00 - 11:00 am</p> <p><b>Choir/ Chimes</b> 7pm / 7:45 pm</p>	<p>7 <b>Quilting</b> 8:00 - 11:00 am</p>	8	9
10	<p>11 <b>Council Meeting</b> 7:00 pm</p> <p><i>David Kessinger</i> <i>Connie Frase</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Elexa Wills</i></p>	<p>13 <b>Quilting</b> 8:00 - 11:00 am</p> <p><b>Choir/ Chimes</b> 7pm / 7:45 pm</p>	<p>14  <i>Valentines Day</i></p> <p><i>Jan Miller</i></p>	15 <i>Laura Jaskowiak</i>	<p>16</p> <p> <i>Dale &amp; Kathy Harris</i> <i>Kirk &amp; Carrie</i> <i>Ummel</i></p>
17 <i>Kevin Harms</i>	<p>18  <i>Jacob &amp; Ashley</i> <i>Ralph</i> <i>Anji Grimes</i> <i>Emily Wagoner</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Spring Mau</i> <i>Holly McNamara</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>Choir/ Chimes</b> 7pm / 7:45 pm</p> <p><i>Clare Malott</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Stephanie Heisner</i> <i>Carl Petersen</i></p>	22	23 <i>Katie Petersen</i>
24	25	26	<p>27</p> <p><b>Choir/ Chimes</b> 7pm / 7:45 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Kellie Lane</i> <i>Caroline Ummel</i></p>		

## Worship Assistants

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Ushers / Acolytes</u>
Feb. 3	Jerry Kukuck	Ron & Deb Jaskowiak	Norman & Karen Harms	Jerry & Suzie K.
Feb. 10	Suzie Kukuck	Sharon Kessinger		Elton & Spring Mau
Feb. 17	Elton Mau	Phil & Angie Kratochvil	John & Cindy Harris	Kourtney B., Peyton R.
Feb. 24	Mike Petersen	Jerry & Susie Kukuck		Parker H., Cale H.
March 3	Betty Powell	Bob & Nancy Lasser	Denny & Amy Winterland	John & Cindy Harris
March 6	Briana Ray	Delmar & Joyce Miller	Harlan B., Chuck Weber	Ainsley, Ashlyn K.

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## The Cold Within

*by James Patrick Kinney*

Six humans trapped in happenstance  
in dark and bitter cold  
each one possessed a stick of wood  
or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of logs  
the first woman held hers back  
for of the faces around the fire  
she noticed one was black.

The next man looking across the way  
saw not one of his church  
and couldn't bring himself to give  
the fire his stick of birch.

The third one sat in tattered clothes;  
he gave his coat a hitch.

Why should his log be put to use  
to warm the idle rich?



The rich man just sat back and thought  
of the wealth he had in store  
and how to keep what he had earned  
from the lazy, shiftless poor.  
The black man's face bespoke revenge  
as the fire passed from sight,  
for all he saw in his stick of wood  
was a chance to spite the white.  
The last man of this forlorn group  
did naught except for gain,  
giving only to those who gave  
was how he played the game.  
The logs held tight in death's still hands  
was proof of human sin;  
they didn't die from the cold without  
they died from the cold within.