

The Spirit of Immanuel

March 2019

The Road
to the
Cross

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



This picture is real and was not edited, the stone is real, the trees are real, the soil is real and the sky is real.

The Hallelujah Mountains, or in the language of the Na'vi "Ayram alusing" meaning "Floating Mountains," are the floating islands in the 2009 film "AVATAR" and what came to my mind when on the internet I saw the picture above. The caption below it is true. **Something I see in the picture is how we can feel about ourselves sometimes, and what we may fear about our congregation's future; how long before the stone collapses upon us?**

The first Sunday in March is the last Sunday in Epiphany, which means our Gospel story is the Transfiguration. On a Mountain, God repeats what he proclaimed when Jesus stood in the water of the Jordan at his baptism: "This is my Son, the beloved, listen to him." And I remember that we are a people of water and the Word, and I remember that we are different because of that, we are a people not only of death, but of resurrection. Where some may only see despair, we may see hope as well. How does the picture's caption help us see this? **Turn the picture upside down. Can you see what is real now? Immanuel is a people of water and the Word, offered sight by Jesus. Do you see it?**

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Wednesdays in Lent



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.

7:00pm worship @ Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairbury (6:00 pm meal)

March 6 _____ Repent (Ash Wednesday)

March 13 _____ Satan

March 20 _____ Friends

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

March 27 _____ Is this living?

April 3 _____ Reward + Punishment

April 10 _____ God restores

Lenten Lunches

@ 1st Presbyterian Church, Fairbury

12:05 pm Wednesday worship + 12:30 pm free lunch

March 13	The cross	Pastor Kim Ernst, Faith Fellowship Ministries
March 20	The towel...	Pastor Ann Champion, 1 st United Methodist
March 27	The perfume	Pastor Tom Krieger, Trinity & Immanuel Lutheran
April 3	The nails	Pastor Brian King, 1 st Baptist
April 10	The bread + cup	Pastor Dan Robertson, 1 st Presbyterian

A freewill offering is received at Lenten Lunches in support of Fairbury's Community Welfare Clearing House ministry.

Church Council Minutes

January 14, 2019

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

Pastor Tom opened the meeting with prayer. Elton led devotions on WWII – making the most of our time given.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

On Angie's behalf, Tracy read the December 10th minutes. Terry motioned to approve, and Kolton seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Marcia presented the January-December Profit and Loss report, the December 31, 2018 Balance Sheet, and the 2019 Proposed Budget. Dan K. motioned to approve, and Don seconded. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor presented his report. Dan K. motioned to accept the report, and Elton seconded. Motion carried.

Dan K. motioned and Terry seconded to accept into membership Kaislee Casson and Jodi, Kayce, and Shelby Hall. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jamie Wilson shared his ideas for an improved sounds system (speakers) for the church and parish hall. Jamie will get "best prices he is able to" and will do installation on the parts that he is certified to install at no cost to the church. Large speakers will need to be hung by outside riggers.
- Elton will tend to the ceiling tiles.
- Dan K. has contacted a stained glass company in Iowa; he's waiting to hear back.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Matthew 25 project will be shared and discussed at the annual meeting.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Kratochvil (with notes taken by Tracy Harms)

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



*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.*

This Lent, you're invited to join together with fellow members and supporters of ELCA World Hunger to study, reflect and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. Experience how the grace of Christ moves us to engage in transformative works of love around the world as God calls us into the ministry of hope, liberation and restoration for our world. Consider committing to a giving goal for the Lenten season in support of ELCA World Hunger, setting a portion aside each day until Palm Sunday, or make your gifts throughout the season as part of your regular practice of the Lenten disciplines. Special labels are available at the church for you to place on a jar or container of your choice in which to save your offerings.

The Northeast Conference Assembly will be held on Sunday March 10 at American Lutheran Church in Bourbonnais. Registration begins at 2:00pm. We will have a time of prayer and music at 2:30. Kathi and Brandon Myers from the Samuel R. Myers Foundation for Suicide and Mental Health Awareness will be our speakers. Their program begins at 3:00 pm. Kathi and Brandon are interesting and powerful speakers who desire to provide education on early warning signs of suicide, especially among youth. Following their program will be election of conference officers and committees. The assembly is open to anyone.

Lutheran World Relief Kits for 2019

The current collection items will be highlighted in bold print .

March – Fabric Kits – we will provide material and thread so that women can sew for themselves and their family. Kits contain 3 yards of fabric, matching thread, buttons, and sewing needles.

Coming up next month - April/May – Baby Care Kits



We are currently collecting toothbrushes to put into the shoeboxes later this year.

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

RIDGEVIEW EDUCATION FOUNDATION

GARAGE SALE

MARCH 15 9AM - 5PM
MARCH 16 9AM - 2PM

ARROWSMITH COMMUNITY CENTER

→ DONATE ←

DROP OF DONATIONS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER
MARCH 13 from 3-7pm and MARCH 14 from 9am-12pm

Donate your gently used furniture, books, clothing and other household items to the Ridgeview Education Foundation. The REF provides funds to teachers so that they may provide educational opportunities to students and classrooms that may otherwise not be possible.
(no large appliances please)

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday - 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service					1	2 Louann Harms Paige Jackman Dylan Juergens
3 HS Sunday School 9 am Mark Miller Ella Pierce	4 Megan Harris Jeanne Ummel	5	6 Ash Wednesday Soup Supper 6 pm Lent Service 7 pm @ Trinity, Fairbury Sabrina Petersen	7	8 Brooke Hermanowicz Keith Jacob Lisa Miller	9 Wedding— Bose/LeBeau
10	11 7:00 pm Council Meeting Kristen Cavinder Gail DeVore	12	13 Soup Supper 6 pm Lent Service 7 pm @ Trinity, Fairbury Doug & Tiffany Grunloh	14	15	16
17	18	19 Ron Jaskowiak	20 Soup Supper 6 pm Lent Service 7 pm @ Trinity, Fairbury	21	22 Harlan Brucker	23 Raelynn Juergens
24 Dan Harms	25 Amanda Calvert	26 Logan Garthaus Kent Petersen Jacob Wilson	27 Soup Supper 6 pm Lent Service 7 pm @ Immanuel Baylor Jacob	28 Kim Streenz	29 Aaron & Lindsay Reynolds	30 Anna Becker Mary Pierce
31 Ryan Myers			Choir / Chimes 6:30 / 8:00 pm Wed. March 27, April 3 & 10		Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm @ Immanuel April 18	Good Friday Service 7 pm @ 1st Presb, Fairbury April 19

Worship Assistants

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Ushers / Acolytes</u>
March 3	Betty Powell	Bob & Nancy Lasser	Denny & Amy Winterland	John & Cindy Harris
March 10	Briana Ray	Delmar & Joyce Miller		Ainsley, Ashlyn K.
March 17	Chuck Weber	Mark & Jan Miller	Elton Mau., Chuck Weber	Annalyn & Alex Harper
March 24	Amy Winterland	Mike Petersen, Betty Petersen		Craig Becker, Brec Hoffman
March 27	Dee Winterland	Kent Petersen		Kevin & Dan Harms
March 31	Lisa Winterland	Alan & Sabrina Petersen		Peyton & Kamryn R.
April 3	Keith Winterland	Larry & Cheryl Poppe		Phil & Angie K.
April 7	Renette Althouse	Betty Powell, Jeanne Ummel	Alan & Sabrina Petersen	Kolton & Kourtney B.

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Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

Directions: After reading Genesis 1:1-2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.

Day 1 (light) _____ Day 2 (waters) _____ Day 3 (land and plants) _____ Day 4 (heavenly bodies)
 Day 5 (birds and water animals) _____ Day 6 (land animals and people) _____ Day 7 (God rested) _____

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 10, Day 3 = 3, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10,
 Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2