

Immanuel Monthly

March 2023

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Join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!



A NOTE FROM PASTOR JEREMY

Hymns Are Meaningful Madness

This week we celebrated Henry's baptismal anniversary. I remember the day well. One of the greatest perks of being a pastor is being able to baptize my own children. It was truly one of the most amazing experiences of my life. I remember after the service someone asked me how I didn't cry during such a powerful moment. Honestly, I was not even close to tears during the baptism itself. I was full of emotion, but the magnitude of the moment was just too great for it to even sink in at the time. You know when I did almost cry? During the last hymn for the day.

As we sang "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," I admit I almost lost it. Partly because the emotion of the day was starting to sink in. But also because of the hymn itself. For "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" is not just some ordinary hymn for me. It has a very special place in my heart. It has long been my favorite hymn, and I made sure it was sung at many of the major moments in my life.

At my Ordination we sang it. As Liz and I walked down the aisle during our wedding the congregation belted it out. And then, on the Sunday I baptized my son, the song was in the air again. As I stood up front looking at Liz holding Henry, I remembered all the moments in my life that happened so far during that hymn. I remember thinking to myself, they are going to sing this hymn at your funeral. For many of you it is just another hymn; for me it is something so much more.

Hymns can have that kind of power. I am sure all of you have hymns of your own that you connect to on a deeper level. Hymns that remind you of a person or place. Hymns that stir up emotions inside you. Hymns that have been a long and constant companion in your life.

Hymns are important. And that's why throughout this Lent we will be doing something special. March is known for its madness with the college basketball tournament, so we are going to bring some of that madness to Immanuel. Only our madness will not be about basketball, but hymns. I have made up a Hymn Madness bracket for us. Each week I will give out a sheet where you can vote on the hymns you like best until we are down to a final four, and ultimately a "champion hymn." It should be a fun way for us to recognize the power hymns can have in our lives.

You will find the bracket on page 5 of the newsletter. Copies are also available in the Narthex. I was limited to 64, so there's a chance your favorite didn't make the cut. Don't worry, we'll try something similar again sometime. Make your first-round picks, and then you'll vote for your favorites each week on another sheet (the bracket is just for your enjoyment). Online voting is also an option: tinyurl.com/HymnMadness. I hope this is fun and meaningful for you!

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MARCH CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 22nd – Travis & Michele Dirks
- 26th – Gene & IdaMae Kruger

BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd – Alexis Landis
- 8th – Julie Ver Steeg
- 8th – Milli Krull
- 8th – Sandy Luenberger
- 10th – Kristi Landis
- 10th – Darwin Wibben
- 10th – Kevin Trei
- 10th – Rita Hilbrands
- 15th – Marla Ahrenholtz
- 15th – Jeremy Winter
- 17th – Fred Landis
- 18th – Elizabeth Hansmann
- 18th – Todd Steenhoven
- 19th – Austin Landis
- 19th – Ellen Hansmann
- 21st – Arvin Krahling
- 22nd – Jennifer Hansmann
- 22nd – Jessie Bathke
- 23rd – Sarah Welsh
- 24th – Doug Hildbrands
- 26th – Kaitlyn Dickmann
- 28th – Betty Hansmann
- 31st – Easton Krahling

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP

Throughout Lent we will be worshipping at 6:30 p.m. together on Wednesday evenings.

This year, our mid-week service will look at some important figures from the history of Christianity whose story you may not know. Outside of the pages of the Bible there have been many people who have had a huge impact on the shaping of Christianity as we know it today. Hear and be inspired by their stories each week throughout lent:



- March 1 - Justin Martyr
- March 8 - Augustine of Hippo
- March 15 - St. Patrick
- March 22 - Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- March 29 - C.S. Lewis

A note about Faith Night activities at Immanuel: Confirmation classes will resume after Easter; however, students are encouraged to attend the Lenten services, especially the week they will be reading. KFC and High School Bible Study will continue to meet at 6:30 p.m.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Unfortunately, the winter weather is still hanging around.

As a reminder, should the weather impact our Wednesday Lenten worship, an announcement will be posted on Facebook, sent through email, and made on KIWA radio.

This same process is also used for Sunday worship. Please use your best judgment and stay safe!

MAKE NOTE

The Bread of Life item for March is detergent.

The next distribution is Wednesday, March 22. Donations may be left outside the pantry door.

Immanuel will help with distribution on April 19. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex!

Ways to Give at Immanuel



BY MAIL

Mail your gift to:
Immanuel Lutheran
400 E Iowa Ave
George, IA 51237



IN PERSON

Drop your gift in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.



DIRECT DEPOSIT

Contact the Church Secretary for a form to complete.






ONLINE

Scan the QR code to access online giving through Tithe.ly.

PLEASE LIFT IN PRAYER

Clay Hansman, Bev Hoing, Bev Kaster, Brad Sandbeck, David Perlick, Doug Hilbrands, Grant Khraling, Isaiah Sandbeck, Rita Hilbrands, Sandy Luenberger, Teresa Popkes, Wanda Parker, Wendy Smith, Military Families, Ukraine, and those effected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

THIS MONTH AT IMMANUEL: MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 Youth Meal 6:30-7:30 KFC, HS Bible Study 6:30 Lenten Service (Justin Martyr)	2	3	4
5 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/communion	6	7	8 6:00 Youth Meal 6:30-7:30 KFC, HS Bible Study 6:30 Lenten Service (Augustine of Hippo)	9	10	11
12  9:00 Council Meeting 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship	13	14	15 6:00 Youth Meal 6:30-7:30 KFC, HS Bible Study 6:30 Lenten Service (St. Patrick)	16	17  Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18
19 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	20  First Day of Spring!	21	22 5-6: Bread of Life Distribution 6:30 Lenten Service (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)	23	24 Deadline for April Newsletter Submissions	25
26 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship w/communion	27	28	29 6:30 Lenten Service (C.S. Lewis)	30	31	

MARCH/APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers – March: Fred Landis; April: Mark Behrens

SOUND/POWER POINT

- March 5: Gregory Stueven & Lillian Jorth
- March 12: Fred Landis & AJ Landis
- March 19: Henry Ver Steeg & Sosie Ver Steeg
- March 26: Richard Heidloff & Aiden Bathke
- April 2: Lexi Landis & Bennett Jorth
- April 9: Greg Ver Steeg & Lillian Jorth
- April 16: Gregory Stueven & AJ Landis
- April 23: Fred Landis & Sosie Ver Steeg
- April 30: Henry Ver Steeg & Aiden Bathke

READERS

- March 5: Mary Behrens
- March 12: Darlene Woelber
- March 19: Gregory Stueven
- March 26: Amanda Jorth
- April 2: Sosie Ver Steeg
- April 9: Lexi Landis
- April 16: Angie McConnell
- April 23: Glenda Heidloff
- April 30: Cathy Huff

GREETERS

- March 5: Jim McConnell & Janet Boone
- March 12: Greg & Julie Ver Steeg
- March 19: Dick & Glenda Heidloff
- March 26: Clay & Deb Hansmann
- April 2: Lynette Kruger & Kevin Herding
- April 9: Fred & Kristi Landis
- April 16: Ryan & Khristy Funk
- April 23: Mary & Mary Behrens
- April 30: IdaMae Kruger & Dale Garlic

ACOLYTES

- March 5: Khoryn Funk & Colin Phelps
- March 12: Leo Ver Steeg & Bennett Jorth
- March 19: AJ Landis & Isaiah Sandbeck
- March 26: Aiden Bathke & Jack Denny
- April 2: Cullen Funk & Khoryn Funk
- April 9: Jack Denny & Leo Ver Steeg
- April 16: Isaiah Sandbeck & Aiden Bathke
- April 23: Bennett Jorth & AJ Landis
- April 30: Colin Phelps & Cullen Funk

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 29, 2023

Church Council met after the Annual Meeting on January 29 at 12:23 p.m. Present at the meeting: Mark Behrens, Fred Landis, Angie McConnell, Craig Denny, Ryan Funk and Pastor Jeremy. Mark Dickman was absent.

President Mark Behrens called the meeting to order. The Council chose the following duties:

- **Chairman: Mark Behrens**
Nominated by Ryan, Seconded by Fred
- **Vice Chair: Ryan Funk**
Nominated by Fred, Seconded by Craig
- **Secretary: Angie McConnell**
Nominated by Ryan, Seconded by Fred
- **Treasurer: Craig Denny**
Nominated by Fred, Seconded by Ryan
- **Financial Secretary: Fred Landis**
Nominated by Angie, Seconded by Ryan

Education/Youth: Fred & Craig
Worship/Membership: Ryan & Angie
Buildings/Grounds: Mark B. & Mark D.

Ushers:	Feb.	Ryan	Aug.	Fred
	March	Fred	Sept.	Angie
	April	Mark B	Oct.	Mark D.
	May	Craig	Nov.	Mark B.
	June	Angie	Dec.	Mark D.
	July	Craig	Jan.	Ryan

The annual check on the Boiler has been done for 2023.

The next meeting was set for Sunday, February 12, after church.

Motion to adjourn made by Fred (Craig, seconded). All in favor. Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

February 12, 2023

Church Council met February 12th after church. Present: Angie M, Craig D., Fred L., Ryan Funk and Pastor Jeremy. Absent: Mark B., Mark D.

Vice Chair Ryan called the meeting to order.

Pastor Jeremy gave devotions on 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9.

Pastor Report

- Ash Wednesday is February 22. He will be teaching on the historical figures of the church.
- Blair Hansmann is interested in doing the Maundy Thursday Seder meal. Confirmation kids will help with this.
- Pastor mentioned he had a private funeral service on Saturday, February 11.
- There will be two baptisms on Sunday, February 19.
- Pastor wants to have a Sunday morning Hymn Madness 64-hymn bracket vote on your favorite hymns. The winner will be sung on the Sunday after Easter.

Secretary's Report

Fred motioned to approve minutes from January 29; Craig seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Craig presented financial reports. Fred made a motion to approve, and Angie seconded. Motion carried.

Evangelism & Worship

Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. Lenten services on Wednesdays on 6:30 p.m.

Property & Stewardship

Ryan talked with Dave Huff, and Dave will sign the waiver on the Parsonage furnace. We will continue checking into what to do for the furnace. This is for the parsonage.

Education & Youth

Pastor mentioned the UCC church has closed its doors and they have funds available to give to any church for VBS programs.

Old Business

Ryan talked about the Summa money. The Family Crisis Center of Sioux Center needs housing for families in need. We could consider our parsonage for this and use the Summa to fund it. Angie also mentioned to use the money for other mission projects.

New Business

GLR after prom will get \$100 for this. Craig made a motion; Fred seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting was set for 9 a.m., Sunday, March 12 (before church). Motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. made by Angie. Craig seconded. All in favor. Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

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1 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

16 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

8 Let Us Break Bread Together

9 Crown Him With Many Crowns

5 Softly and Tenderly

12 The King of Love my Shepherd Is

4 Blessed Assurance

13 How Firm A Foundation

6 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

11 Take My Life, That I May Be

3 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

14 Come, You Thankful People, Come

7 Blest Be The Ties That Bind

10 What Wondrous Love Is This

2 Lift High The Cross

15 Soon and Very Soon

1 Amazing Grace

16 Now The Green Blade Rises

8 Precious Lord Take My Hand

9 Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

5 Just As I Am

12 Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us

4 This Is My Father's World

13 Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service

6 When Peace Like A River

11 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

3 I Love To Tell The Story

14 God Whose Almighty Word

7 Shine Jesus Shine

10 Let All Things Now Living

2 How Great Thou Art

15 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 Jesus Loves Me

16 Lift Every Voice and Sing

8 Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

9 Be Thou My Vision

5 Shall We Gather At The River

12 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

4 Abide With Me

13 My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

6 Children of the Heavenly Father

11 Beautiful Savior

3 What A Friend We Have In Jesus

14 O Day Full Of Grace

7 On Eagles Wings

10 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

2 This Little Light of Mine

15 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

1 Silent Night

16 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

8 Thine Is The Glory

9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

5 Angels We Have Heard On High

12 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

4 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

13 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

6 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

11 O Sacred Head Now Wounded

3 Were You There

14 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

7 O Come, All Ye Faithful

10 Go Tell It On The Mountain

2 Joy To The World

15 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Watts

Luther

Champion

Newton

Weeley

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