

Sharing God's Hope

February 2012

Immanuel Lutheran Church

A TIME OF CHANGE

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This month will mark a significant change for our congregation; Pastor John is retiring. For some of you, a change in the senior pastor is not new as you've been through this transition before. For many of you though, this will be a first. Even for those who have been through such a change, it's been quite some time and Immanuel is a very different congregation than it was the last time this transition took place here. These statements may seem fairly obvious, but I believe they're worth thinking about.

This month also marks the beginning of the season of Lent, which provides us a time to reflect on our life in Christ in a little different way than we might the rest of the year. I believe that it's very fitting that we're entering this time of transition as a congregation at the same time as we

enter Lent. While there's an understandable desire to identify and call a new senior pastor as soon as possible, it's important for us to take some time to reflect before we begin. We are blessed at Immanuel to have an active, complimentary staff that works well together. We have people who will continue to make sure that the ministry and mission of Immanuel moves forward. Unlike some churches that would need someone immediately just to hold worship services, teach classes, and make hospital calls, these things can be covered well by our remaining staff. Even so, there's an opportunity and need for us to be very clear about the kind of congregation we are, the ministries we believe are critical, and the core values we hold before we start our search. This is one of

the benefits of having an Intentional Interim Pastor work with us.

Just as Lent provides us individually with a time to reflect, repent and confess as we grow in our relationship with Christ, this transition time gives us a similar opportunity as a congregation to refocus on how and where God is calling us to follow Him. I pray that we will all make the most of this time. We have been blessed so abundantly and this time is another gift of God for us to use wisely.

God's peace be with you.

Mark Zier,
Licensed Deacon
Minister of Community & Care



January 2012 Volunteer of the Month



Joel Simonson is our January 2012 volunteer of the month.

Joel has been a member at Immanuel for 23 years, and volunteering for 5 years in the areas of Youth group, Thr3e coffee shop, Freezing nights, Phoenix housing, and Youth Mission trips.

Joel decided to volunteer because he wanted to give back to the church that had given him so much, and he feels the need to help ease the burden for those who were already helping out.

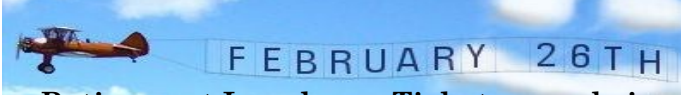
The greatest blessing is knowing that people in our community who need help get it, and seeing those people return that favor to others in need. And being part of the growth of our youth so that they are equipped to go into the world and spread God's Word.

When not volunteering Joel enjoys working at his great uncle's 100 year old farm feeding the cows and bailing hay, spending time with family, watching daughter, Kayla, play in the High School band, watching son, Evan's, basketball games, and spending time with his lovely wife, Pamela.

Joel has been married for 16 years, "My wife, Pam, is my best friend and the reason I am the person I am today." Joel has two children, Kayla, 14, is a freshman at Orting high school, and Evan, 10, is a fourth grader at Ptarmigan Ridge intermediate school in Orting.

Joel added, "My parents have always helped others for as long as I can remember. There is no better feeling than making a positive difference in someone's life. It's important to me to make someone's day better than it was the day before."

Come celebrate Pastor John's years of service



Retirement Luncheon. Tickets on sale in Brackman Hall \$15.00 per person

Lunch prepared by Casa Mia Restaurant, special program, video and more. Child care provided for infant - 6th grade at the church with planned activities and pizza for free! Don't miss out!!



KINGDOM WEEKEND

April 13-15, 2012

It's time to sign-up for the next Kingdom Weekend and if you're an adult, you're invited. This lay-directed weekend experience is designed to offer you the opportunity to strengthen your relationship with our Lord. It also provides a fun way to get to know others from Immanuel as we spend a weekend together. Kingdom Weekend will again be held at Camp Lakeview south of

Graham and the lay leader this time is Penny Kindschuh who along with anyone wearing a Kingdom Weekend name badge can answer specific questions you may have. There is no cost as a first time participant, but space is limited. Bedding, all meals, and even transportation to and from the camp are provided. Come and enjoy!

Kingdom Weekend Fundraisers

You can help make Kingdom Weekend happen by donating to and buying at our garage sale on Friday and Saturday March 2nd & 3rd and also attending the Bake Sale and Spaghetti Feed on Sunday March 11th. Advance tickets for the Spaghetti Feed will be on sale after services for \$5/person or \$20/family. For more information, please contact Penny Kindschuh at 253-906-5877. Thank you for your support!

SERVING THIS MONTH



02/05/12 Doug's Team
8am
Deacon: Jodi Turco
Cantor: Amy Schweim
Reader: Jackie Hanenburg
Sound: Larry Forschler

10:30 am
Deacon: Terry Qunell
Reader: Scott Nelson
Projector: Donna Kingsbury
Sound: Dan Field

02/19/12 Doug's Team
8am
Deacon: Helmut Schmidt
Cantor: Phil Schneider
Reader: Karen Davey
Sound: Larry Forschler

10:30 am
Deacon: Ian Douglas
Reader: Diana Gerken
Projector: Eric Holdeman
Sound: Wayne Davey

02/12/12 Amy's Team
8am
Deacon: Ed Schultze
Cantor: Karen Urstad
Reader: Claudette Duris
Assistants: Elliot Holdeman
Rick Eggers
Sound: Larry Forschler

10:30 am
Deacon: Diana Guerrini
Reader: Joelle Csuha
Assistants: Cecil & Karron Terry
Projector: Judi Nix
Sound: Carl Youngquist



02/22/12 Doug's Team
7pm
Deacon: Jodi Turco
Reader: TBA
Projector: Judi Nix
Sound: Dan Nix

Holy Communion is Served at both services February 12

02/26/12 Amy's Team
10 am
Deacon: All Deacons serving
Reader: Derwin Dressler
Projector: Donna Kingsbury
Sound: Dan Nix

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Altar Guild this month
Flowers & Paraments:
Vicki Cyrier
Holy Communion Ware/Linens:
Lila Dumdei

Anniversaries

- 2) Chuck Fitzgerald & Diana Guerrini 21 years
- 10) Tim & Sarah Elliott 5 years
- 14) Mark & Carla Snorteland 26 years
- 17) Kirk & Mary Hinman 34 years
- Jim Pooley & Bonnie Van Lierope-Pooley 10 years
- 18) Pat & Nancy Corrado 35 years
- 21) Oliver & Emma Martinson 24 years
- 27) John & Michelle Barger 19 years

Altar Flowers Sign up!

Please reserve that special date to contribute flowers for Sunday Worship. This is an opportunity for our families to honor memories of loved ones, acknowledge birthday, offer up thanks for new births and blessings, etc.

A new 2012 Flower Chart is posted in Brackman Hall, with many dates still available. You're invited to share that special event with us! Check it out!!



Birthdays

- 1) Judi Nix
- 3) Thomas Coleman
- 4) Larry Forschler, Connie Gossman
- 5) Cris Petersen, Brooke Peterson
- 6) Justine Berry, Tim Elliott, Aly McGinnes, Bailey Roberts
- 7) Payton Peterson, Amber Susee
- 8) Andy McCurdy, Kim Stillman
- 11) Jim Halvorson, Joesph McKenna
- 12) Lynn Beaulaurier, Adrell Fay
- 13) Sarah Elliott, Haley Keizur, Lucas Keizur
- 14) Jim Danielson
- 15) Tom Carroll, Ryan Olson
- 16) Helmut Schmidt
- 17) Melissa Stites, Bradley Tate
- 18) Donna Porter
- 20) Aeden Hadlock
- 21) Colin Holdeman, Sue McCutcheon,
- 22) Lynette Fryberger, Gary Gretzner
- 25) Mary Hinman
- 26) Ralph Davey, Catherine Stowers, Beth Weinrich
- 27) Dan Baltazor
- 28) Hanna Carroll, Chuck Fitzgerald, John Sherin

Husbands & Wives... Be creative this Valentine's Day!

Stressed? Yikes! It is almost Valentine's Day already. Looking for a new and different way to show your spouse the depth of your love and devotion? What better way than the gift of yourself – a weekend away where you can discover anew just how much your love means to each other. Inside your card,

include a weekend reservation to a Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 2-4 or May 4-6 in Federal Way, WA. You will have plenty of time together in private to explore your feelings for each other and also to reminisce, dream, and plan your future together. For more information or to apply for weekend attendance,

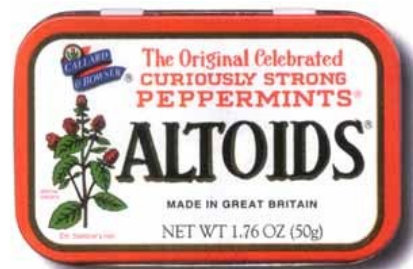
visit the Lutheran Marriage Encounter web site www.GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Carl & Dallas Anne Presley at carl.presley@comcast.net or 206-522-6840.

Mark Your Calendars!
This year's Vacation Bible
School will be July 23 – 27!
The theme will be “Sonrise
– National Park VBS”.



Feed My Starving Children is an organization that helps feed children around the world. They are hosting a mobile packing event on the 18th of February here in Puyallup. We are scheduled to pack from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the fairgrounds. To find out more information about Feed My Starving Children you can visit their website at fmsc.org. Or, to get more information regarding the packing event or to sign up please contact Amy Schweim at (253)848-4548 or alschweim@aol.com.

First communion classes will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning February 29th and continuing through March 28th from 6:30 – 8 PM. If you have a student who is fourth grade or older and has not taken first communion classes here at Immanuel please contact Amy Schweim at (253)848-4548 or alschweim@aol.com.



Altoid containers are needed for a craft project. If you use Altoids and are willing to bring your empty containers to church - thank you! Amy Schweim is the contact person for those containers!

YOU JUST HAVE TO LOVE IMMANUEL...Why?

The need....2 big projects at the caretaker house which is a part of the Ministry of Thr3e....

The 1st need....100 foot tall BIG tree causing damage...closely surrounded by Immanuel Properties....Turns out Immanuel has our very own professional tree faller in Bill Farlow...result; big tree fallen without damage....thanks Bill!!!!... and thank you to Karmel Farlow, Dave and Casey Schweim, Ed Shultz (multiple big flat bed truck loads of branches to dump to recycle by Ed), Joel Simonsen(runs one mean chainsaw), Lupe Luna and his brother in law, Ryan McDonald, Doug Weinrich, and Tom Carroll for making this happen....again, this was a HUGH tree...cut down, cut up, and hauled away in one day.....incredible!!!!!!

The 2nd need....2 big upstairs windows infested with dry rot...safety hazard....result; new windows donated by Jim and Claudette Duris...installed by our own Kris and Cole Kindschuh and Kirk Hinman....again, old windows removed, new framing and new windows installed in one day.....incredible!!!!!!

Like I said; you got to LOVE Immanuel...Much thanks from the Properties Board for all of your donated labor and materials...just amazing!!!!!!

P.S....there are some big rounds left that need splitting for anyone in need of firewood....

L.W.M.L. NEWS (Lutheran Women's Missionary League)

The theme for LWML this month is LET CHRIST BE IN YOUR HEART. The February 1st meeting will focus on this and include Devotions and a Bible Study. Valentines will be made for our Congregation Members who are homebound.

The Board members will be attending a Zone Board Meeting on February 4th in Lakewood, and will bring back news on the Spring Rally in

April and the District Convention in June.

One of the Convention activities is a Task and Provide. Our ladies are Tasking, "brushing teeth for one day without toothpaste" and Providing, "bringing a tube of toothpaste to send to less fortunate."

This is an on-going project and ends up with a pillowcase full of items to take to the LWML Washington-Alaska

District Convention in Olympia, Washington, June 22-24, 2012. This is only one of the fun missions and activities. Convention is open to all.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES are available through LWML. Anyone attending a Missouri Lutheran College is eligible. Interested? Contact Sarah Edwards at (425) 432-4471 or email: sedwards90@comcast.net.



ATTENTION GOLDEN CLASSICS

Isn't winter wonderful! As we try to get back on schedule from a turbulent January, we look forward to seeing all of you at our February potluck to be held on **Tuesday, February 21st at 12:00 noon**. We have all discovered that being snowbound can't hold a candle to being with our good friends at Immanuel!

Our entertainer for this month is returning by popular demand. He is Earl Baze, well-known country western singer and accomplished guitarist. We found out last year that he can sing just about anything we ask for and knows our favorites when it comes to country music. In addition, he has a beautiful voice for this type of music.

Please bring a favorite dish, your table service, and all of your friends. Let's all try to call a few people who might need rides and would love to join us, especially newcomers. Remember food for the FOOD BANK! We will be giving out the yearly schedule and would like to have everyone there to get that information. Y'all come out and have a wonderful afternoon with us! See you there!

Preschool Registration

Members of Immanuel are given the opportunity to pre-register for preschool. Early registration gives you a much better chance of a place in the class of your choice (am/pm). Spaces are filled on a first come, first served basis.

In order to hold a place for your child at the time of registration we need:

1. A completed registration form.
2. A current immunization form.
3. A non-refundable registration fee of \$85.00.
4. June 2012 tuition prepayment of \$140.00.



Please join us on:

for pre-registration
Monday, February 6
 From 10:00-1:00

OR

Open registration
Thursday, February 9th
 from 6:30-7:30 pm

You can find the registration packet on our website at SharingGodsHope.org or on our facebook page.

Concordia Now Enrolling for 2012-2013

Concordia Lutheran Schools are now enrolling for the 2012-2013 school year. The ministry of Concordia's Tacoma campus includes Pre-K - 8th grade. We also have an all-day, 5 day a week kindergarten as well as a half-day kindergarten. Tacoma campus also offers a variety of fine arts and sports programs, also a before-and-after school child-care program is available.

Our Concordia Bonney Lake campus offers 3 year old to half day kindergarten programs.

The school office for both campuses is located at 202 E. 56th Street, in Tacoma. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call: 253-475-9513.

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Family Fun!

**Baked Potato Dinner &
White Elephant Bingo**

**Friday, February 10th @
6:30 PM**

You will need to bring a topping for the baked potatoes and a wrapped white elephant gift for each person attending!



Children's Ministry will provide the baked potatoes, drinks, plates, silverware and cups! Questions? Contact Amy Schweim at (253)848-4548 or alschweim@aol.com

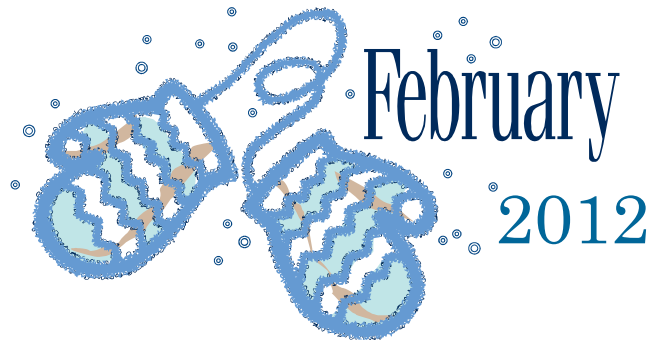
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Newsletter deadline is

Wednesday, February 22nd

Submit articles to

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We're on the Web!

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