

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Month: March 2018

Season of Lent and Holy Week

Worship Times: Immanuel – 8:30 a.m.; Wilson – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 4: Lent 3

- ❖ Color: Purple
- ❖ Setting: ELW Setting I with Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22: Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

Sunday, March 11: Lent 4

- ❖ Color: Purple
- ❖ Setting: ELW Setting IV
- ❖ Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:1-3 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21: To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

Wednesday, March 18: Lent 5

- ❖ Color: Purple
- ❖ Setting: ELW Setting I with Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 12:20-33: Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

Sunday, March 25: Palm / Passion Sunday

- ❖ Color: Purple
- ❖ ELW Setting: Special Liturgy with Holy Communion - ELW Setting I
- ❖ Special Worship Readings: Isaiah 65:1-3, 17-19, 24; Luke 13:31-35, 19:37-41, 23:13-49
- ❖ Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11
- ❖ Lectionary Holy Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47: The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him

Thursday, March 29: Maundy Thursday

- ❖ Color: Purple
- ❖ ELW Setting: Special Liturgy with Holy Communion - ELW Setting I
- ❖ Special Worship Readings: Mark 14:12-16 and 22-26; John 15:8-12
- ❖ Lectionary Readings: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- ❖ Lectionary Holy Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35: The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.
- ❖ Special: Worship concludes with the stripping of the altar.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP - CONTINUED

Friday, March 30: Good Friday

- ❖ Color: Purple
- ❖ ELW Setting: Special Liturgy
- ❖ Special Worship Readings: Romans 9:19-21; 1 Timothy 2:3-6; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Psalm 53; Luke 13:34-35, 23:32-34, 35-43, 44-46; Matthew 6:9-13, 27:35-36, 39-46, 26:36, 39, 42; John 19:25-27, 28-30
- ❖ Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25
- ❖ Lectionary Holy Gospel: John 18:1-19:42: On Good Friday, the story of Jesus' passion—from his arrest to his burial—is read in its entirety from the Gospel of John.
- ❖ Special: Procession of the Cross

Sunday, April 1: Easter Day

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ ELW Setting: Special Liturgy with Holy Communion - ELW Setting I
- ❖ Special Worship Readings: Exodus 15:1-20; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6, 12-26; John 20:1-18
- ❖ Lectionary Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- ❖ Lectionary Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8: The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

PARISH NEWS

Wednesday Lent Worship Theme – “They Will Be Done”: What is God’s will for my life? Perhaps believers have always sought an answer to that question. Yet, for many of the saints portrayed in Holy Scripture, God’s will for them stood in sharp contrast to their own dreams, desires, ambitions, worldviews and identities. The call of God through the Gospel changed everything for them and it has changed everything for us.

What is God’s will for my life? Jesus gives us the answer. Join us for worship each Wednesday evening as we explore what it means to say and pray, “The Will Be Done”.

Lent Bible Study: “Thy Will Be Done” is also the theme for this Lent season’s Bible Study. It’s not too late to join us each Wednesday evening from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., prior to each evening’s Soup Supper.

Synod Walking Together Event – Registration Coming Soon

Date: Saturday, March 17

Location: UW-Eau Claire Davies Center

Annual synod wide learning event with the theme: “Jesus Has Left the Building” has been scheduled, and yes, there will be an Elvis Impersonator. This is an excellent opportunity for members of the parish to engage in a variety of educational programs. Registration information and workshop topics are forthcoming. Anyone interest in attending is invited to speak with Pastor Bob for additional information.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: Are you an eligible Thrivent member with Choice Dollars available to direct? Each year, eligible Thrivent members are designated Choice Dollars based on their qualifying insurance premiums, contract values and volunteer leadership. If you’re an eligible Thrivent member with Choice Dollars available to designate, you can help strengthen our community by directing them to Wilson Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran Church. Thank you to those members who participated in the Thrivent Choice program last year and helped support our mission and ministry. Choose to make a difference by directing Choice Dollars today. Simply visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice, or call 800-847-4836 to learn more and find program terms and conditions. The deadline for directing 2017 dollars is March 31, 2018.

WILSON NEWS

Wilson WELCA: The next regular meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 8. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Wilson Council: The next regular meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8. Meetings are open to all members of the congregation.

January 8, 2018 Council Meeting Highlights: Meeting cancelled due to weather.

Wilson Annual Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the January 28, 2018 meeting are available on the Web site.

February 14, 2018 Council Meeting Highlights: (Complete minutes are available in the office)

- Dean will give Darlene updated information to send to all the publications including River Town
- March 17 Synod Walking Together Event ,U.W. EC Davies Center
- June 2&3 Synod Assembly (Election of New Bishop), U.W. EC Davies Center
- Dwight Johnson will be getting estimates on parking lot when the snow is gone
- After discussion a motion was made by Chuck Lamb to table talking about installing new carpet till the annual meeting, including an estimate for moving pews. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried
- Council meetings will be the second Thursday of the month at 12:30pm
- A motion was made by Chuck Lamb to supplement the Souper Bowl Offering with \$53 to give \$25 to each Local Food Shelf. Seconded by Jennifer. Motion passed
- ELCA World Hunger 40 Days of Giving – the Wednesday Lent Offering will go to the Local Food Shelf
- After discussion, Confirmation Camp costs for parents will remind the same- \$65.00 deposit towards registration
- Barb Lamb made a motion to accept the Wilson Lutheran Church Guidelines for use of Local Ministry Funds. Barb Knopps seconded. Motion carried
- The link for ELCA policy statement “A Declaration of Our Inter-Religious Commitment” will be put in the newsletter
- Discussion on how to involve youth and young adults in the congregation will be continued

Assisting with Worship at Wilson: March and April 2018

Altar Care	Ushers
March: Sue Timm	March: None Listed
April: Roxy Peterson	April: Chuck Walz and Gary Peterson

If you are unable to serve as scheduled please find a replacement and notify the church office.

Sign-up sheets for 2018 are on the table in the narthex. Your help will be appreciated.

Tuesday Community Supper – March 6: The Tuesday Community Supper is served the first Tuesday of every month at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1350 Florence Street, Baldwin, Wisconsin. This is a free meal open to anyone in the community, served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Area churches, businesses and organizations take turns preparing and serving good nutritious food every month. Gethsemane Lutheran Church will be preparing and serving the meal on March 6th. The menu is BBQ's, baked beans, celery & carrot sticks and assorted dessert bars.

Wilson WELCA Update: Correction to the WELCA Annual Financial Report.

Beginning Savings:	\$626.83
Dividend:	+ <u>2.27</u>
Ending Balance:	\$629.10

WELCA God's Work – Our Hands Brunch: Thanks to everyone who made food, served, and cleaned up for the God's Work – Our Hands Brunch on February 11. And, thanks to everyone who attended, enjoyed the meal and fellowship, and contributed to the fund raiser for Paula Hampton. A total of \$400 was raised from this event. This is truly God's Work – Our Hands in mission and ministry to our neighbor. Thank you for your generosity.

ELCA 40 Days of Giving: In response to this annual church-wide initiative, offerings to the Children's Offering Jar, and all gifts to the food pantry during the season of Lent, will be dedicated to the five food shelves serving the local area. Your generosity will be appreciated.

WILSON LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN

We are updating our Prayer Chain and welcome all who would like to be a part of this important ministry of praying for individuals seeking support through thanksgiving, difficult or happy times. We have two contact persons that start the chain, but you may contact anyone on the list if you prefer.

Anyone can contact the Contact Person with a request. It can be for someone who is ill, having surgery, prayers of thanksgiving, congratulations for something – anything you wish. Everyone needs extra prayers for something. Most of the time the person who calls gives the person's name and what the prayer is for, but it is not necessary.

The Prayer Chain is a personal thing. We do not need much information and, when requested, the information received is kept confidential. In order to keep within privacy concerns, requesting a prayer on behalf of another person may require the permission of that person.

We welcome all who would like to become a part of this ministry. MEN and WOMEN! Thank you for considering this request! Please contact Sue or Babe if you want to be put on the list, or if you wish to be removed. Those on the list, please check phone numbers to ensure they are correct. Contact Babe or Sue with any changes.

The Sunshine Person is Pat Butler. Please contact her at 715-772-4423 to have a greeting card sent to the person you suggest.

Thanks to all who are participating in this important ministry.

Contact: Sue Faber

1-715-235-0847

1-715-505-5585 Cell

Mary Brandt	715-772-4440
Sharron Howell	715-772-4411
Linda Rambo	715-778-5667
Heidi Peterson	715-778-4643
Pat Butler	715-772-4423
Karen Keck	715-772-4455
Jan Timm	715-309-2391
Mary Timm	715-309-4094
Jill Menk	715-665-2386
Jackie Freeman	715-688-9909

Contact: Babe Jacobson

1-715-684-3159

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Louanne Anderson	715-772-4442
Barb Kronholm	715-772-4622
Marian Eng	715-698-4503
Flossie Hughes	715-698-4565
Barb Blegen	715-772-3149
Kari Jo Deppa	715-772-4450
Sarah Blegen	715-772-4660
Tammy Gregg	715-928-0883
Barb Knopps	715-505-6234
Sharon Butler	715-772-4487
Kim Barnes	715-772-3017

IMMANUEL NEWS

Immanuel Luther Church Council Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018 7:00 pm - 8:30pm

1. Pastor's Report by Pastor Dahm
2. Treasure's Report-not available
3. Secretary's Report-reviewed December meeting minutes as there was not a meeting in January.

Old Business

1. The accessibility ramp is complete! A memorial plaque will be made on behalf of all who donated in memory of their loved ones.
2. Spring Clean-up is tentatively scheduled for May 13, 2018, weather permitting.
3. Continuing fundraising for new roof, still in contact with contractors-Jack Benitez, All Around
4. Revisit Bold Generosity Project in summer 2018.
5. Change jar offering will go to Grace Place in New Richmond (shelter for families in need)
6. Sunday School teachers will be meeting to discuss Sunday School, the meeting from 1/14/2018 will be postponed until May/June.
7. Annual meeting was held on January 21, 2018.
8. New sound system has been purchased and will be installed by Matt Main.
9. Trish Swanepoel will remain church council treasurer, but LaVon Cassellius will assist with some of the duties.
10. On January 14, 2018, New Member Sunday, Ms. Janet Anderson was welcomed into the congregation.

New Business

1. Council officers were elected: Ranae Ohman, secretary, David Rosen made a motion, Brad Voeltz seconded, motion was carried.
2. Brad Voeltz made a motion that all other council officers remain in office (Matt Main-President, David Rosen-Vice President, Trish Swanepoel-Treasurer. Monica Eggert seconded the motion; motion was carried.
3. The council is still in need of one more council member. Candidates were discussed and will be contacted.
4. 40 Days of Giving-Immanuel will collect items for Grace Place in New Richmond (shelter for families in need) Items can be dropped off at the back of the church. Items Needed: **Paper products such as: diapers, wipes, paper cups, napkins, paper plates, paper towels, toilet paper, sheets/blankets/pillow cases in good condition, cold/flu medicine for children, Vaseline, shampoo/conditioner**
5. Lent Offering will go to Luther Park Bible Camp fees for students that will be attending this summer. The option to attend has been extended to students in 6th grade in addition to the 7th/8th grade students. Families will be responsible to pay \$70 and the church will cover the rest. Early bird discount ends May 1, 2018.
6. Confirmation is set for May 20, 2018
7. David Rosen made a motion to change council meeting start time to 7:00 pm, Brad Voeltz seconded, motion was carried.
8. Quarterly update on church expenses and income will be posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church.
9. Benevolence Fund-special service (Christmas Eve, Lenten Services, and Thanksgiving) offerings will be deposited into the Benevolence Fund which goes to the NW Synod at year end. Brad Voeltz made motion, Monica Eggert seconded, motion was carried.
10. Memorial Fund-council will continue to manage this account as was previous managed.
11. March 25, 2018, Brunch will be served at church-offering collected will go to the new sound system.

David Rosen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Roger Ohman seconded, motion was carried
Respectfully submitted by Ranae Ohman

Immanuel Annual Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the January 21, 2018 annual meeting are available on the Web site.

Assisting with Worship at Immanuel – March and April 2018

Altar Care	Ushers	Cleaning
March: None Listed	March: Dan and LaVon Cassellius	March: None Listed
April: None Listed	April: Dave and Dennis Rosen	April: Deb Rosen and Polly Henke

If you are unable to serve as scheduled please find a replacement and notify the church office.
Please check the 2018 sign-up sheets post on the bulletin board. Your help will be appreciated.

Sunday School Update:

Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 25: our youth will be serving a pancake breakfast following the 8:30 worship service. A Free Will Offering will be received with proceeds going to a new sound system to be installed in our church (speakers, microphones, etc.....so exciting!!) 2rd graders through confirmation students are asked to attend and help cook, serve and clean up. Confirmation students will receive discipleship points.

Easter Sunday – April 1: Sunday School will be singing/mini program during the 8:30 a.m. worship service. So, throughout February and March please have children attend Sunday School as much as possible to help us prepare for Easter Sunday.

Invite extended family and friends to these services as they will be a fun and exciting times for our youth.

Synod Assembly: One male and one female are needed to represent Immanuel at the Synod Assembly scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3, at UW-Eau Claire's Davies Center. This is an important assembly as the synod will be electing a new bishop. Anyone interested in representing the congregation is invited to contact Matt Main or Pastor Bob.

ELCA 40 Days of Giving: In response to this annual church-wide initiative, offerings to the Children's Offering Jar and all gifts to the food pantry during the season of Lent will be dedicated to the Salvation Army's Grace Place located in New Richmond and serving St. Croix and surrounding counties. The goal of Grace Place Shelter is to promote self-sufficiency by providing a safe and secure environment, giving individuals the opportunity to overcome unresolved issues. Through education, individuals are encouraged to be responsible for themselves and others. Thank you for your generosity and your support of our neighbors in need.

Give + On-line Program: *Give Online* is an on-line giving application, available via a personal computer, through which members may contribute to the General, Benevolence, Building, and Memorial Funds at Immanuel. A text box is provided next to the Building and Memorial Fund options if members wish to designate a specific project. The Roof Replacement Fund is the current Building Fund project. Giving options include one-time gifts, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, and other giving intervals. Contributions may be made by credit / debit card or direct withdrawal from checking or savings accounts.

The *Give Online* link is available on the church web site at www.wilsonimmanuel.org. Click on the *Give Online* link in the banner at the top of the Home page and click on the *Give Online* button on the next page. Follow the instructions to set up your account or make a one-time contribution. A smartphone app is also available for iPhones at the Apple App Store and for android phones at Google Play. Search on "Give Plus" to find the app at either location. Questions about the Give Plus program may be directed to Pastor Bob, or any member of the church council.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – MARCH 2018

WILSON		IMMANUEL	
<u>Anniversaries</u>		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
March 19	Charles & Sharon Bowell		<u>Birthdays</u>
March 23	Dennis & Barbara Blegen	March 2	Stephen Keeley
March 26	DJ & Michelle Faber	March 5	Clifford Keeley
		March 6	Logan Blaser
	<u>Birthdays</u>	March 11	Steven Tellijohn
March 1	Rian Lamb	March 12	Cathy Wheeler
March 1	Taylor Anderson	March 13	Hailie Steinberger
March 4	DJ Faber	March 13	Sheanah Voeltz
March 7	Lynn Wilson	March 14	Caysie Buhr
March 9	Kevin Finder	March 14	Rayna Brahmer
March 9	Kurt Larson	March 16	John Goodrich
March 10	Aran Peterson	March 17	Valarie Melstrom
March 12	Carrie Poehls	March 17	Mitchel Main
March 13	Karen Johnson	March 17	Benjamin Goebel
March 14	Elizabeth Brandvold	March 24	LaVon Cassellius
March 16	Joshua Moga	March 24	Marchgo Rosen
March 27	Robert Dahm	March 25	Nina Berends
March 28	Aaron Chouinard	March 25	Jodi Main
		March 27	Bob Darwin
		March 30	Dan Rosen
		March 31	Loni Rosen

NEWSLETTER / CALENDAR AVAILABLE ON WEB SITE

The monthly newsletter and calendar are available in PDF format on the parish web site located at www.wilsonimmanuel.org. Click on the "Newsletter" and "Calendar" links in the menu bar at the top of the Home page.

If you would like to receive links to the Web site versions of the calendar and newsletter by email each month, subscribe to the Parish Email List by completing "Subscribe for Updates" found on the lower right corner of the Home page.