

ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 24, 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 4:00-7:00PM Visitation for Walter Banitt (at church)
 4:30PM Chime Choir (rehearsal will be in the church basement)
Tuesday: 10:00AM Visitation for Walter Banitt
 11:00AM Funeral for Walter Banitt
 12:00PM Funeral Lunch
 2:00PM Red Wing Health Center Chapel
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
 7:30PM Choir
Thursday: 7:00PM Women's Bible Class (rescheduled from last week)
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
Sat.: 5:00-8:00PM Mystery Mentorship Event
Next Sunday: The Transfiguration of Our Lord
 9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
 9:45AM Fellowship Time
 10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Alicia Hoffman, Haley Rupe
Monday - Kevin Hoffman
Saturday - Luke Augustin

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt, Bob Langhans, Phillip Sorenson, Roy & Jane Krueger, Dan Kerns (recovering from surgery), Myron Alms (recovering from viral bronchitis and hernia/stomach complications), Robert Schultz (aortic tear), the family and friends of Walter Banitt (mourning his passing), and the family and friends of David Sucher (mourning his passing).

SUGGESTIONS FOR MEMORIALS

Anyone who has suggestions for projects that might be funded by memorials given to the church is asked to turn them in to Becky Kirtz so a list can be compiled. Previous memorials have included things like the mailboxes, communion ware, plant stands, altar linens, etc. Suggestions may be sent to bkirtz@live.com, put in her church mailbox or given directly to her.

FROM THE ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING

Construction of our new Sunday School Classrooms, Youth Room, and Project Area in the lower level has been completed, on time and on budget. At year-end, there was a balance of \$19,465 remaining on an internal construction loan. It is our hope that this balance could be retired in 2019. As you give thanks to God for all He has provided you, we ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to our Immanuel Lutheran Building Fund. Thank you!

PASTOR SORENSON CALL DECLINED

The Lord has led Pastor Sorenson to the decision to decline the call extended to him by Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lakefield, Minnesota. This was announced two weeks ago after worship, but some people may not have heard the news. Pastor looks forward to many more opportunities for Word and Sacrament ministry among the people of Immanuel, Hay Creek!

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Lenten Midweek Worship services will begin on Ash Wednesday (March 6) at 7:00 PM. This year's worship series will be based on the Sermon on the Mount. Pastor Fred Morck will lead the first service on March 6 as Pastor Sorenson will be out of town. Look for more details about the midweek services in next Sunday's bulletin.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 3, 2019

6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis

6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault

"Is God Everybody's Father?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A Christian can say, "I am not Jesus, but we have the same Father" (John 8)

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Lord's Prayer

The Fourth Petition

"Give us this day our daily bread."

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

CHURCH HISTORY

The cholera epidemic (1832-1866) seemed to have a greater impact in the southern cities than in rural Minnesota. The outbreak of scarlet fever (1858) coincided with the forming of the Immanuel congregation, but no record is found of the few families in the congregation losing members to scarlet fever. Typhoid (1906-07) also hit hardest in the larger cities. Everyone buried here during the Spanish flu era (1918-1919) died of other causes. During the diphtheria outbreak (1921-1925), the deaths in the congregation continued to decline. It appears that no one from Immanuel perished in the Sea Wing Disaster (1890), although members were inevitably familiar with some of the 98 victims. St. John's Cemetery in Red Wing contains 23 of the Sea Wing victims.

LIFE QUOTE

"And what about those mothers who acted on their fears and aborted their child? We need to be there for them as well, assuring them of a loving, merciful, forgiving God—reminding them that there is no sin that Jesus did not pay for on the cross!" *Duane Matz, former lay pastor with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) and Christian radio announcer. (For those who have made an abortion decision, there is a Word of Hope, Lutherans For Life's post-abortion healing ministry. Call 888.217.8679 or email info@word-of-hope.org.)* – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •

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