



# ImmanuelNews

The newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greeley, Colorado



February, 2012

## Familiar Stories

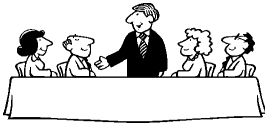
Some of you may know the old hymn which begins "Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear." When we sing those words and read those familiar stories in the New Testament, we can hardly escape our position of knowing the end to those stories - sometimes it seems more like history. We know what Jesus said to the rich young ruler; we know that Jesus will return to Bethany and raise Lazarus from the tomb; we know which disciple will betray Jesus. During the dark days of World War II, British mystery writer Dorothy Sayers wrote a series of plays for the BBC to lift up the spirits of the people and strengthen their Christian faith. These plays, collected as "The Man Born to be King," portrays the wonderful stories of the Gospel and are written from the viewpoint of the people involved. That is, the speakers

are the disciples, the towns-people, the Roman Governors, and the Jewish authorities of the day. The play is written in the language used in the 1940's in Britain. Though the plays were somewhat controversial at one point, they became quite popular as a way to experience the Gospel stories more in context.

If you are interested in reading these plays and experiencing the Gospel in a new voice as the speakers tell us "those stories of Jesus I love to hear," check your local library. If you read them and like them and you think we should order them for our own use, please let me know. You might want to read these plays as we begin the season of Lent. Yes, it is that time already. Remember that Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22.

Peace,

Pastor Abe



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved sending 2012 budget to Congregation for vote on at Annual Meeting
- Approved Annual Meeting agenda and Nominating report
- Approved sprinkler maintenance contract and fertilizer contract with All-Terrain
- Letter received from Mineral Resources will be discussed at Annual Meeting

The January—March edition of *Christ in Our Home* is available to be picked up on the table in the narthex.

# Thank You!

I will be forever grateful for all that my Immanuel family has done for my Mom and I over the past few years. Thank you for your continued love, encouragement and PRAYERS, especially over the past few months. I am glad that Mom took hold of Jesus' hand and left her weary body behind – she is no longer afraid and confused, and in pain. Thank you for the many cards and memorial gifts to the church in her memory!

Sincerely,  
Kathy Merkel

### Next Committee and Council Meetings

**When:** Tuesday, February 14th

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Where:** Fellowship Hall, basement

**Mark this date on your calendar now and join us as we gather to plan and work on activities for Immanuel. The Council will meet following the committee meetings at 7:30 pm.**

### MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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### News About Immanuel Members & Friends

Ahsha Morin's Cell #: 405-496-6606

*If you have a new address or phone number or some exciting news you would like to share, contact Denise at 352-3003 or email to [office@immanlutheran.org](mailto:office@immanlutheran.org)*

*"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone . . . "*  
*1 Timothy 2:1*

ASAP Team (Always Say a Prayer)  
 Our ASAP Team will always meet on the 1st Sunday of the month after worship for a time of prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join.

And...if you have any prayer concerns, please call any member of the prayer team. It is our privilege to pray for you.

**PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS:**

- Roma Arithson 330-7984
- Julie Butler 330-5445
- Pastor Abe 352-3003 or 395-0661
- Enrique Llanas 395-0503
- Linda Inselman 506-0305
- Dianna Fuller 356-3829
- Sandy Budde 330-1268
- Mike Wall 371-4502
- Janet Willis 356-6046
- Pam González 395-0661



Please join us . . . . .

**Sewing dates for February:**

Tuesday, Feb. 7th & Thursday, Feb. 16th from 9:30 am-1:00 pm



**Scrap Happy Workshop**

The next scheduled workshop will be **February 25th** from 10 am- 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Immanuel.

Contact Amy Herold the Thursday before the scheduled date to reserve your space @ 506-9367 or 978-0870 or herold\_amy@hotmail.com



WELCA Board Meeting

February 4th @ 9:00 am

Love Circle

February 20th @ 7:00 pm

Priscilla/Ruth Circle

February 15th @ 1:30 pm —

Hosted by Inez Larson @

Phyllis Johnson's home

**FLOWERS:**

Shirley Uhrich

*Ladies, please call the church office for information regarding meeting times.*

**Priscilla/Ruth Circle**

Inez Larson is hosting the February 15th Circle meeting at her daughter's (Phyllis Johnson) home at 1:30 pm.

**DIRECTIONS:**

From the Highway 34 and 85 interchange, go east approximately 4 miles to CR 47 (Peterbilt Facility is on corner). Turn right, (South) and go approximately 1 mile to CR 54. There is a stop sign. Phyllis' home is on the Southeast corner of the intersection.

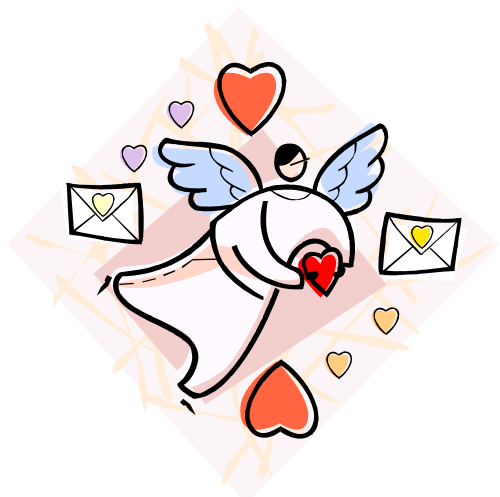
**February Birthdays**

- 1 Reed Elmquist
- 3 Martin González
- 5 Diana Johnson
- 7 Marcia Carlson
- Vi Carlson
- 8 Elaine Holbrook
- 9 Katie Denman
- 10 Brenda Turnwall
- 13 Luke Barnhart
- Joan Chapman
- Doniver Peterson
- 14 Julie Elmquist
- 16 John Fuller
- 21 Susan Johnson
- Jack Larson
- 24 Thelma Hager
- 28 Barbara Suhre
- 29 Caleb Davis

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office so that we can update the records.

**February Anniversaries**

- 1 Brian & Debbie Crain
- 24 Jim & Colleen Anthony



Please continue to save:

- Stamps
- Campbell Soup Labels
- Box Tops for Education

Please bring the above items to church and deposit them in the containers on the table in the hall behind the altar area.

The letters below have been received, thanking us for our continued support of these valuable programs.



at Bethphage Village

**THANKS YOU**

**Mosaic at Bethphage Village would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your donations of Campbell's Labels and/or Box Tops for Education. Both of these programs provide wonderful supplies and educational materials for our Special Education School. Through the help of supporters, like you, we continue to provide a quality education for the special students of our school. Once again a big thank you to all who remember us in this way.**

**Sincerely,  
The Students and Staff of  
Mosaic Axtell School**

Your continued support, monetary, in-kind gifts and prayers, makes the difference in providing quality service to people with disabilities.  
Mosaic at Bethphage Village  
1044 23<sup>rd</sup> Rd P.O. Box 67  
Axtell, NE 68924

**Stamps For The Wounded**  
(A SERVICE OF THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL STAMP CLUB)  
**DR. ALAN A. ROSEN**  
**22753 ROYAL CROWN TERRACE EAST**  
**BOCA RATON, FL 33433 USA**  
**561 883-0544**  
**ALAN.A.ROSEN@IOL.COM**

DATE: 12/14/11

**DEAR DONOR:**

**WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR KIND SUPPORT OF OUR PROGRAM. YOUR CONTRIBUTION OF PHILATELIC MATERIAL WILL HELP CHEER A HOSPITALIZED OR OUT-PATIENT VETERAN. WE THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM YOUR GENEROSITY.**

**NO GOODS OR SERVICES WERE PROVIDED BY STAMPS FOR THE WOUNDED FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION.**

**SINCERELY,**  
  
**DR. ALAN A. ROSEN**

## Thrivent Choice Dollars Now Available

Congregational groups and individuals may apply for the remaining Thrivent Choice Dollars that were directed to our congregation in 2011.

The remaining amount is \$3160.00. All funds received in 2011 are to be disbursed by March 31, 2012.

The Council will be accepting applications starting now through **February 29**.

According to the Terms and Conditions as stipulated by Thrivent, "All Choice Dollars Grant Funds paid to (the) Organization are to be used exclusively to carry out the religious, charitable and/or educational purposes of (the) Organization."

Requests can include, but are not limited to: education, youth/student activities, mission activities, religious worship, cash assistance, disaster assistance, repairs/maintenance, supplies, and equipment.

Applications may be picked up at the church office and in the narthex. Please mail or drop off completed applications to the church office by no later than February 29.

All requests will be reviewed at the March 13 Council meeting and either denied or granted at that meeting. All requests granted will be disbursed before March 31, 2012.

For questions, please contact Julie Elmquist at 330-6679, Pat Kennedy at 356-7206, Kathy Rossman at 346-8890 or Shirley Uhrich at 352-5194.

## Soup Suppers Begin on February 29



Yes, that is correct, there IS a February 29 in 2012 (2012 being a Leap Year). Since Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Soup Suppers will begin the next Wednesday, February 29.

Immanuel WELCA is hosting again and, as in the past few years, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the five Lenten Soup Suppers. Each week members can sign-up to bring soup, be the host or hostess, or bring cookies, relishes or bread.

The dates for the Soup Suppers are listed on each sheet.

February 29 – Priscilla/Ruth Circle

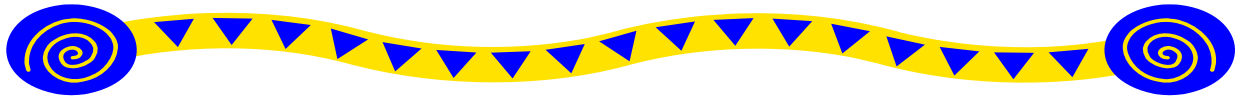
March 7

March 14

March 21 – Priscilla/Ruth Circle

March 28

There is no Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday and during Holy Week. For any questions, please call Julie Elmquist at 330-6679 or Paula Powell at 352-8030.



## **Youth Scoop! February 2012**

### **Mardi Gras Family Fun Night**

Come on! Come all! We are having a Family Fun Night for all youth as well as their friends and family. Come join us down in the youth room (basement of the annex) for games, snacks, and all kinds of fun!

When: Friday, February 17th from 6 -10 pm.

Bring: Snacks to Share

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

#### **Breakfast Club**

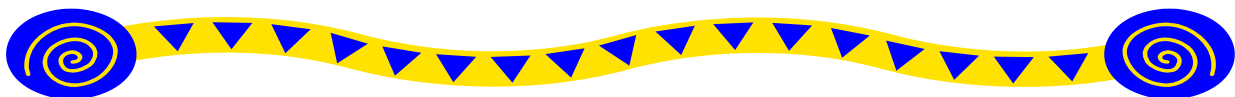
"Breakfast Club" gatherings have started up again. Middle school and high school youth meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 (yes that's 9:15 not 9:30) in the youth room. We share breakfast and spend time hanging out together to share our "bummers and blessings." Come join the fun and bring a friend. For more information contact Pam Gonzalez at 970-395-0661 or 970-405-5262.

#### **Wish list**

Do you have any of the following items to donate for our youth area?  
Toaster, microwave, small dorm size refrigerator, games, floor lamps.

#### **For more Info**

Contact Pastor Abe or Pam Gonzalez



## Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry Update

A strategic planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am-Noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1865 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry, also known as "Threshold" is an ecumenical ministry primarily supported by the Lutheran and Episcopal denominations.

Our ministry seeks to reach out to all students at the University of Northern Colorado and Aims Community College who struggle with questions of faith through conversation, study, worship, fellowship and social service. We seek to help individuals develop their own self-understandings of the world and their place in it. We believe that conversation among those who differ in opinion and outlook makes everyone stronger in their own identities and convictions.

The purpose of the strategic planning session is to establish priorities and create action plans that will lead to the attainment of the Threshold vision. The vision statement is as follows:

*Threshold seeks to seek to invite all those, on countless different paths, to enter; to experience refuge and support in time of spiritual discovery; to challenge and be challenged by the truth of Jesus Christ. We welcome all to our community. We are a place and time for discovering the mysteries and meaning of life.*

The potential to achieve this vision requires the good thinking and collaborative contributions of vital stakeholders who seek to make a difference in the lives of college and university students. I look forward to hearing from you to confirm your participation in this exciting opportunity to shape the future directions for Threshold!

Mary Sorensen, Chair  
LECM Threshold Board of Directors  
970-351-1604 [mary.sorenson@unco.edu](mailto:mary.sorenson@unco.edu)

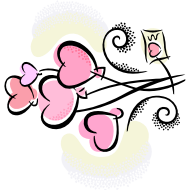
### LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE—HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

February 22nd	7:00 pm—Ash Wednesday	March 28th	6:00 pm—Soup Supper
February 29th	6:00 pm—Soup Supper		7:00 pm—Lenten Service
	7:00 pm—Lenten Service	April 1st	10:30 am—Palm Sunday Worship Service
March 7th	6:00 pm—Soup Supper	April 6th	7:00 pm—Good Friday Service
	7:00 pm—Lenten Service	April 8th	7:00 am—Sunrise Easter Worship Service
March 14th	6:00 pm—Soup Supper		8–10 am—Easter Breakfast
	7:00 pm—Lenten Service		9:30 am—Easter Egg Hunt
March 21st	6:00 pm—Soup Supper		10:30 am—Easter Worship Service
	7:00 pm—Lenten Service		


### PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN/WOMEN

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1130 Oakmoor Ct.  
Halethorpe, MD 21227  
E-mail: [punkfan621@yahoo.com](mailto:punkfan621@yahoo.com)  
Seaman Recruit Lance Kohl

*As information is available, please contact the church office with name and/or address information and where they are stationed.*



# February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>5</b> 9:15 am-Sunday School -Fellowship Time -Book Study 10:30 am-Worship w/communion 11:30 am-ASAP	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30 am-Sewing & Group Lunch	<b>1</b> 9-11 am-Pastor's Text Study 7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal Confirmation	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 am - WELCA Board Meeting
<b>12</b> 9:15 am-Sunday School -Fellowship Time -Book Study 10:30 am-St Thomas Worship -WELCA Officer Installation	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm-Committees 7:30 pm-Council	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal Confirmation	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm-Bible Study @ Mona Williams'	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> LECM Meeting 8:30 am- Noon Fellowship Hall
<b>19</b> 9:15 am-Sunday School -Fellowship Time -Book Study 10:30 am-Worship w/communion	<b>20</b> 7:00 pm-Love Circle	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b> 9-11 am-Pastor's Text Study 1:30 pm-Priscilla/Ruth Circle @ Phyllis Johnson's 7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal Confirmation	<b>16</b> 9:30 am-Sewing & Group Lunch	<b>17</b> 6- 10 pm-Mardi Gras Family Fun Night- Youth Room, Annex	<b>18</b>
<b>26</b> 9:15 am-Sunday School -Fellowship Time -Book Study 10:30 am-Worship	<b>27</b> 1-5 pm Fellowship Hall CDASS Meeting- (Pam González)	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b> 9-11 am-Pastor's Text Study 7:00 pm-Asn-wednesday Service	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm-Bible Study @ Mona Williams'	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  10 am-4 pm Scrap Happy Workshop

# February 2012

# Thanks to our Volunteers!

## Key Numbers

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Office (970) 352-3003

Mon-Thu 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Fri 9:00 am-11:00 am

### Congregational Council

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Mike Wall 330-8280

Vice President

Lelyn Larson 353-3977

Secretary

Julie Elmquist 330-6679

Treasurer

Connie Deines 378-1475

Financial Secretary

Linda Sample 352-6528

Time	What	Communion	St. Thomas	Communion	19-Feb	26-Feb
10:30 AM	Ushers	Dave Butler	Fiston Ciza	Roma Arithson	Roma Arithson	Ron & Cindy Thompson
		Jeff Butler	Pat Sickles	Joan Chapman	Joan Chapman	Cheryl Clausen
		Gerald Karst	Katy Sickles	David Hoyland	David Hoyland	Ann Richardson
	PA Tech		Enrique Llanas	John Johnson	John Johnson	Jim Thomason
		Gerald Karst	Pat Sickles	David Hoyland	David Hoyland	Ron Thompson
	Greeters	The Sickles	The Karsts	Joan Chapman	Joan Chapman	Vera Risk
						Lou Murcek
	Acolyte	Christian Shackley	Patrick Alm	Abigail Herold	Abigail Herold	Blake Carlson
	Cantor	Janet Willis	Mike Wall	Pat Kennedy	Pat Kennedy	Julie Elmquist
	Lector	Janet Johnson	Kathy Merkel	Colleen Anthony	Colleen Anthony	Kathy Rossman
Com'n Ass't	Kathy Rossman		Lelyn Larson	Lelyn Larson		
Com'n Setup	Roma Arithson		LaVina Schmahl	LaVina Schmahl		
	Katy Sickles		Janet Willis	Janet Willis		
Tellers	Marvin & Connie Deines	Lou Murcek & Bev Peterson	Karen Karst & Linda Sample	Karen Karst & Linda Sample	Laurie Llanas & Linda Sample	
	Kathy Merkel	Kathy Merkel	Kathy Merkel	Kathy Merkel	Kathy Merkel	
Nursery	Laurie Llanas	Jill Broce	Sarah Hoyland	Sarah Hoyland		
Pew Angel	Ann Richardson	Ann Richardson	Ann Richardson	Ann Richardson	Ann Richardson	
Fellowship Hostess	Shirley Uhrich	Pat Rhone	Katy Sickles	Katy Sickles	Enrique Llanas	
Flower	Sponsors:	Cheryl Clausen				

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *PURPOSE STATEMENT*

*IMMANUEL IS CALLED TO PROCLAIM THE  
LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF  
CHRIST; TO PROVIDE A PLACE AND  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND  
FELLOWSHIP; AND TO BE THE SPIRIT OF  
CHRIST IN THE WORLD.*

We welcome and encourage submissions for our newsletter. Please make all submissions in writing. We prefer that the material be submitted in electronic form, if possible. All material is subject to editing for content, clarity and style, as needed. The deadline for the newsletter is the **15th** of every month.

Please forward your submission by mail to 1865 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Greeley, CO 80631, by fax to 970-352-7096, or by email to [office@immanlutheran.org](mailto:office@immanlutheran.org)

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Return Service Requested

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