



Immanuel News

The newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greeley, Colorado



March, 2012

Some Facts about the Season of Lent

The season of Lent is rooted in the historical practices of the first century church. Originally Lent lasted only forty hours, representing the forty hours Jesus' body lay in the tomb. In the third century, the church in Jerusalem extended the season to six days and named it Holy Week. Each day of Holy Week worship services were conducted in the proper geographic location – Pilate Hall, the Upper Room and so forth. When the Western church celebrated Holy Week, they substituted the Stations of the Cross for the geographic locations. Special emphasis was accorded to the so-called tritium – Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter.

Next, the six days of Holy Week were extended to 36 days, a time of tithe of the 365 days calendar. Charlemagne rounded this period off to forty days in 731 A. D. The number "40" had a biblical precedent; Jesus fasted for forty days in the wilderness at the beginning of his public ministry. Moses was with God for forty days on Mount Sinai in order to receive the Ten Commandments and the people of Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years.

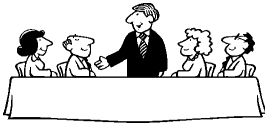
So, forty is a good number indicating a long time.

Lent is actually 46, not forty, days since Sundays are not considered a part of Lent. That is why we speak of Sundays "in" Lent, rather than Sundays "of" Lent. However, observance of the season has spilled into the Sunday observance. If you notice on the altar we include the color purple which is the liturgical color of the season of Lent. We also omit the "Alleluia" and the "Glory to God" during this season.

I hope that you will join us for worship during the Season of Lent. We begin this Lenten Season with the Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. and will continue to meet every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. with a Lenten soup followed by the worship service at 7:00 p.m. This Lent we will use The Holden Evening Prayer for our mid-week worship services. Also on Holy Week we will gather at the church for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at 7:00 p.m.

Blessings,

Pastor Abe



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- At January 29 meeting, elected Lelyn Larson, Pres.; John Johnson, V-Pres., Julie Elmquist, Sec'y
- At February 16 meeting, voted to designate Lenten offerings to the Weld Food Bank
- Approved check signers
- Set Sunday, March 4, from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. for the Council Retreat

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

Thank You

I would like to extend a thank you to members and friends for the recognition of my terms on Council and the generous gift cards. You are wonderful friends and ministers here at Immanuel.

Mike Wall



Layettes for Nicaragua

The sewing group is again organizing the drive to collect layettes for Nicaragua:

- 1 Receiving Blanket
 - 1 Onesie
 - 2 Diaper Safety Pins
- Packed in a plastic bag.

Pastor Abe then delivers each package to the new mothers in Nicaragua..

Next Committee and Council Meetings

When: Tuesday, March 13th

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.

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News About Immanuel Members & Friends

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

"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



WELCA General Meeting

Saturday, March 10th @ 9:30 am
(Please note change of date from yearbook.)

Love Circle

March 19th @ 7:00 pm at
 Julie Butler's, 1993 43rd Avenue

Priscilla/Ruth Circle

March 21st @ 1:30 pm —

FLOWERS:

Vi Carlson

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

March Birthdays

- 1 Jerry Turnwall
- Beryl Willits
- 3 Amy Deines
- Austin Hawkins
- Ione Schlagel
- 9 Linda Sample
- 12 Miriam González
- 13 Melissa Hawkins
- 17 Pat Kennedy
- 18 Mike Crespín
- Max Ulrich
- 21 Buster Iverson
- 23 Taran Hawkins
- 24 Janie Miller
- Rebecca Stoodly
- 27 Eileen Seris
- 30 Marlene Brotemarkle

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



Please join us

Sewing dates for February:

Tuesday, March 6th & Thursday, March 15th
 from 9:30 am-1:00 pm

Daylight Savings

Time Begins
 on Sunday, March 11th.
 Don't forget to turn your clock ahead!



March Anniversaries

- 2 William & Donna Barnhart
- 6 Vi & Bill Walter
- 16 Max & Mary Ulrich
- 22 Janet & Michael Willis



Scrap Happy Workshop

The next scheduled workshop will be **March 31st** 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

Lenten Offerings

At the February Council Meeting, the Council designated offerings taken at the Lenten Services to the Weld Food Bank.

It's that time of year again to plan for Easter Garden at Immanuel!



If you would like to share in the joy of Immanuel's Easter Garden, The following plants will be offered. Pick up an order form on the table at the rear of the Sanctuary and place it in the offering plate or return to the Church office by March 25th, along with payment for your selections.

6 inch Easter Lily—\$7.50 per plant

6 inch Hydrangea—\$15.85 per plant

6 inch Cyclamen—\$9.85 per plant

6 inch Azalea—\$15.85 per plant

6 inch Mum—\$9.50 per plant

6 inch Tulip— \$7.85 per plant

Soup Suppers at Immanuel



There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the Lenten Soup Suppers.

Each week members can sign-up to bring soup,
be the host or hostess, or bring cookies, relishes or bread.

Dates are as follows:

March 7

March 14

March 21—Priscilla/Ruth Circle

March 28

There is no Soup Supper during Holy Week.

Questions? Call Julie Elmquist @ 330-6679 or Paula Powell @ 352-8030.

Weld County Chapter -- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

DISNEY ON ICE - Budweiser Events Center, Loveland, CO
FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012 - 7:00 PM
Weld County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Cost per person: Member pays \$5/pp (Thrivent will pay additional \$8/pp)
Deadline to purchase: March 9th, 2012
Checks payable to: Weld County Chapter
(please note which congregation you belong to on the check memo)

Mail check to: Stan Detterer 1012 Pinyon Drive Windsor, CO 80550

Ticket pickup: Pickup purchased tickets at "Will Call" letting them know which congregation you belong to
Questions: Stan Detterer (970) 686-2126 (h) or sdetterer@gmail.com

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE—HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

March 7th	6:00 pm—Soup Supper 7:00 pm—Lenten Service	April 1st	10:30 am—Palm Sunday Worship Service
March 14th	6:00 pm—Soup Supper 7:00 pm—Lenten Service	April 5th	7:00 pm—Maundy Thursday Worship Service
March 21st	6:00 pm—Soup Supper 7:00 pm—Lenten Service	April 6th	7:00 pm—Good Friday Service
March 28th	6:00 pm—Soup Supper 7:00 pm—Lenten Service	April 8th	7:00 am—Sunrise Easter Worship Service 8–10 am—Easter Breakfast 9:30 am—Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am—Easter Worship Service


PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN/WOMEN

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Seaman Recruit Lance Kohl

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:15 am-Sunday School -Fellowship Time -Book Study 10:30 am-Worship w/communion 11:30 am-ASAP Noon-3:30 pm-Council Retreat	5 7:00 pm-Staff Meeting	6 9:30 am-Sewing & Group Lunch 7:00 pm-Executive Committee	7 9-11 am-Pastor's Text Study 4-6 pm-Women's Bible Study—Annex 6:00 pm-Soup Supper 7:00 pm-Lenten Service 7:40 pm-Choir Practice	8 6:30 pm-Bible Study @ Mona Williams'	9	10 9:30 am-WELCA General Meeting
11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 9:15 am-Sunday School -Fellowship Time -Book Study 10:30 am-St Thomas Worship	12	13 6:30 pm-Committees 7:30 pm-Council	14 9-11 am-Pastor's Text Study 6:00 pm-Soup Supper 7:00 pm-Lenten Service 7:40 pm-Choir Practice	15 9:30 am-Sewing & Group Lunch	16	17
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25 9:15 am-Sunday School -Fellowship Time -Book Study 10:30 am-Worship	26 1-5 pm Fellowship Hall CDASS Meeting- (Pam González)	27	28 9-11 am-Pastor's Text Study 6:00 pm-Soup Supper 7:00 pm-Lenten Service 7:40 pm-Choir Practice	29	30	31  10 am-4 pm Scrap Happy Workshop

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Thanks to our Volunteers!

Time	What	Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25
10:30 AM	Ushers	Dave Butler	Fiston Ciza	Roma Arithson	Ron & Cindy Thompson
		Jeff Butler	Ann Richardson	Joan Chapman	Cheryl Clausen
		Gerald Karst	Jim Thomason	David Hoyland	Pat Sickles
			Enrique Lianas	John Johnson	Katy Sickles
	PA Tech	Gerald Karst	Jim Thomason	David Hoyland	Ron Thompson
	Greeters	Pat & Katy Sickles	Jerry & Karen Karst	Amy & Mike Herold	Ron & Cindy Thompson
	Acolyte	Christian Shackley	Patrick Alm	Abigail Herold	Blake Carlson
	Cantor	Pat Kennedy	Cindy Budde	Julie Elmquist	Janet Willis
	Lector	Cindy Budde	Colleen Anthony	Kathy Rossman	Enrique Lianas
	Com'n Ass't	Joan Chapman		Tim Kennedy	
Com'n Setup	Sandy Budde		Dianna Fuller		
	Cindy Thompson		Vi Carlson		
Tellers	Marvin & Connie Deines	Brenda Turnwall & Kathy Merkel	Janet Johnson & Shirley Uhrich	Vi & Clarence Carlson Janet Crespino	
Altar Care	Kathy Rossman	Kathy Rossman	Kathy Rossman	Kathy Rossman	
Nursery	Laurie Lianas	Jill Broce	Sarah Hoyland	<i>need volunteer</i>	
Pew Angel	Linda Inselman	Linda Inselman	Linda Inselman	Linda Inselman	
Fellowship Host	Shirley Uhrich	Julie Elmquist	Katy Sickles	Enrique Lianas	
Flower Sponsors:					

Key Numbers

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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 14th Ave., Greeley, CO 80631, by fax to 970-352-7096, or by email to office@immanlutheran.org

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