

The Board of Trustees will be making a presentation today, February 25, to keep our congregation up to date on our church Tuck Pointing project that will be starting, weather permitting, in March 2018. Dustin Franke, one of our BOT members will present to you information about what needs to be done and the areas of the back wall that is involved. After each service today Brandon Lange, project manager from Western Specialty Contractors, will be answering any questions anyone may have on this project. our cost on this repair work will be \$21,000—\$24,000.

55+ Fellowship will meet today following our 10:45 am Traditional worship service. You are asked to bring a small amount of soup or sandwich or anything else you might wish to share. All are welcome to attend—IUMC as well as PCF, no matter your age. We always have a good time!

Don't Forget Your Toothbrush! The focus for our donations for the Glen-Ed Food Pantry in March will be toiletries: shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, wet wipes, deodorant, etc. We received 21 pounds last week: 4 dishwashing soaps, 7 detergents, 16 rolls tp and 1 men's deodorant. Thank you!

Youth Fundraiser Chicken Dinner—Our Youth will be hosting another Sunday Fried Chicken Dinner at Edwardsville Moose Lodge #1561 on March 11th from 11 am until 3 pm. The all-you-care-to-eat meal will include fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green beans, salad, coffee and iced tea. Cost of the meal is \$9.00 for adults, and \$4 for kids age 5-12. No meal is complete without dessert, and the Youth will be selling some delicious Immanuel-made "goodies" separately. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Hospitality Room to provide those goodies, as well as to sign up to help at the dinner. Profits from this fundraiser will be used for their Mission Trip in 2019. Come out to eat, and help our Youth have a successful fundraiser.

The Trustees are in the process of coordinating all locks in the church building to be set to the same key. If you are in need of a key, please speak to Sharon Koenig or give her a call at 618-633-2659.

Easter Lilies will be placed around our altar area at Easter. If you would like to place one or more in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, please use the sign-up sheet found in the Hospitality Room. Price is \$9.50 for each lily ordered. Checks may be made payable to Immanuel UMC, with "Easter Lily" on the memo line.

Kids Night Out will meet next on Friday, March 9, from 5:30—8:30 pm. Due to the tremendous growth of this program, we are now making it a requirement to make a reservation to ensure that we have adequate staffing available. Parents will be asked to take their child's coat home with them instead of leaving it at Immanuel. Please sign up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room or call the church office to make your reservation.

Kids Night Out Volunteers are greatly needed. If you could give an hour or two, or the whole evening to help, please speak to Kiffon Lewis, Jill Winte, or Pastor Jackie.

Scrip Orders will be received this morning by Teresa or Christal Akers-Helle. Order forms are available on the table in the Hospitality Room. Thanks for your support of Immanuel by using Scrip gift cards for things you use everyday and for purchasing them as gifts for special people and occasions.

'The Vision' - The March edition of our monthly newsletter was sent out this week. You can view the reader friendly on-line edition by visiting our website, or you can pick up a copy of the paper edition from our narthex or Hospitality Room this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

Sunday, February 25

Place Scrip Orders Today

- 8:45 am Contemporary Joint Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Education/
Youth Devo/Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm 55+ Fellowship
- 4:00 pm Yoga in Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 26

- 7:15 pm AA
- 9:45 pm Panera Pick-Up—Krieger

Tuesday, February 27

- 6:30 pm Small Group

Wednesday, February 28

- 2:15 pm Head Start Reading—Helle
- 8:00 pm Contemplative Worship

Thursday, March 1

- 7:00 pm AA
- 8:00 pm PCF Rehearsal

Friday, March 2

World Day of Prayer

- 11:00 am Free Lunch Friday
- 6:30 pm Hall in Use—Bridge Club

Sunday, March 4

3rd Sunday in Lent

- 8:45 am Joint Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Education/
Youth Devo/Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm Yoga in Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

2018 Monthly Income & Expense	
January Income	\$14,518.57
January Expense	\$19,689.86

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We seek to be God's people in attitude and action as we:

Experience and Share God's grace joyfully, Live and Teach God's

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SECOND SUNDAY
in Lent

February 25, 2018

You are invited to join us in this mission ...

Reverend Jackie K. Havis-Shear
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Today's Worship Leaders:

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| Greeters: (8:45 am) | Teresa & Christal Akers-Helle |
| Sunday School: | Mrs. Kiffon Lewis |
| | Ms. Pat Schott |
| Greeters: (10:45 am) | Jerry & Sharon Prott |
| Acolyte: (10:45 am) | Noah Penelton |
| Liturgist: (10:45 am) | Mrs. Barb Taliana |
| Instrument Director: | Mr. Maurice Mestemacher |
| Worship Leader: | Mr. Jordan Grammer |
| Pianist: | Mrs. Rhonda Grammer |
| Ministers: | All of Us |

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

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| Greeter: (8:45 am) | Mrs. Jill Winte |
| Sunday School: | Mrs. Kiffon Lewis |
| | Mr. Dan Hodge |
| Greeters: (10:45 am) | Miss Isabelle Kane |
| | Miss Madison Kane |
| Acolytes: (10:45 am) | Zinnia Allen |
| | Shelly Brase |
| Liturgist: (10:45 am) | Mrs. Lisa Allen |

Word faithfully. Accept and Serve God's people lovingly.

We invite you to record your attendance on the pad found at the end of the pew.

A nursery is available in the basement level of the church.

Order of Worship Contemporary 8:45 am

Getting Ready for Worship...

Countdown

Opening Music

Welcome

Celebration of Worship...

Worship & Praise

Celebration of the Spoken Word...

Prayer

Children's Sermon/Noisy Offering

Tuckpointing Presentation

Community Sharing

Healing Prayer

Scripture Reading
John 15:1-17

Sermon Series—Growth and Renewal
Today's Sermon—"Restoration"

Celebration of Going Forth...

Special Music

Benediction

Closing Song CCLI #2836520

Celebrating Birthdays this Week: 2/26—Tad Roniger; 2/28—Dale Fellhauer; 3/01—Keith Kane, Kiffon Lewis; 3/02—Christal Akers-Helle, Ethan Brown, Al Davis, BethAnne Havis; 3/03—Kyle Hatton

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Order of Worship Traditional 10:45 am

**WE GATHER TOGETHER...
...to Express Our Unity in Christ**

Gathering Music Brass Ensemble

Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Words

With the help of the Spirit, look within. See what burdens may be lifted, what obstacles may be removed, what new life and promise await us.

*Call to Worship

L: We gather this day to worship our God, whose words and ways challenge us.

C: God invites us to lose our selfishness to find ourselves.

L: God calls us to be fools in the world to show forth the wisdom of Christ.

C: God urges us to empty ourselves to discover life's fullness.

L: God bids us to be obedient to a divine will so we might know true freedom.

C: We come to worship our Creator, seeking to have our faith challenged into growth.

L: We root our faith in worship, seeking to find nourishment for our spirits in this growing season of Lent.

(Ruth C. Duck, Maren C. Tirabassi, [Touch Holiness](#))

*Hymn—*Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed* #294

*Opening Prayer (unison)

O God, there are many things that stand between us and the life you intend us to lead. Like frozen ground stifling back a bulb's expression of life, these things subdue spirits struggling to bloom. A lack of courage chills the ground of our being and prevents our challenging the cold grip of injustice. A snow-covering of indifference keeps problems out of sight and makes us believe there is no life below the surface. A sense of self-importance allows the dormancy of faith and permits us to be content without growing into the world. As we worship, God, thaw us out. Through all the chill of self-importance, indifference, lack of courage, we feel the life-giving warmth of your love. Help us to bloom as persons nourished by that love. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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*Gloria Patri #70
Children's Sermon/Noisy Offering

...to Share With Commitment and Love

Tuckpointing Presentation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

#895

*Hymn—*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

#286

*Passing the Peace

The Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Brass Ensemble

*Doxology

#95

...to Hear the Word of God

Gospel Reading—John 15:1-17

p. 103 NT

The People Respond

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series—Growth and Renewal

Today's Sermon—"Restoration"

...so We May Go Out and Serve

*Closing Hymn—*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

#301

*Lenten Benediction

**In This Season,
May I be Reborn,
Washed Clean,
Made New,
Forgiven,
And
Spectacularly Loved!**

*The Postlude

Brass Ensemble

*All who are able, please stand

Prayer Ministry (+ Indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)

+ Pastor Jackie will have the first of several spots of skin cancer removed from her back tomorrow—she will be limited to shaking hands at the door for a while
Family of Stanley Rutkowski, who passed away on Monday
Antonize Anderson, recovering from lung surgery on Wednesday
Larry Worthey, hip replacement on March 13
June Helle, strength and healing

++ Bill Kreutzberg, healing from second carpal tunnel surgery
Phil Grammer, Alan's dad, hospitalized for complications from COPD
Emily Chionchio's 2-month old son Maverick, who is still in ICU facing more surgeries
Prayers of peace and comfort for in-laws of Grace Havis, whose husband's grandma is in hospice

+++ Congratulations to newly married couple Antonize and Ashlei (Wolff) Anderson
Tiana Washington, classmate of Sydney Grammer, bone cancer
Vicki Aufdemberge, cousin of Anita Seehausen, cancer

++++ Trevor Rallo, 19 years old with tumor on brain stem
Al Werner, friend of Joanie Green, recovering from carpal tunnel surgery
Barbara Weiss, strength and healing
Family of Amanda Bates, 26-year old in her passing