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Worship Schedule

Worship Services -

Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Bible Studies - 9:45 a.m.

Pastor

Rev. Randall Weinkauff

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Tricia Fender

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Margaret Peterson

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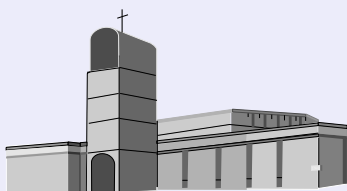
Messenger Editor

Jan Leines

Mission Statement

Our mission is

*"To share God's love in Jesus
Christ by word and deed."*



FROM THE PASTOR

QUESTION: Would you please explain the significance of Ash Wednesday? I've seen some people in the past with black ash crosses on their foreheads.

ANSWER: *Lutheran Worship: History and Practice, a commentary on Lutheran Worship*, one of our Synod's hymnals, says this about ashes on Ash Wednesday: "Other customs may be used, particularly the imposition of ashes on those who wish it. This ancient act is a gesture of repentance and a powerful reminder about the meaning of the day.



Ashes can symbolize dust-to-dustness and remind worshipers of the need for cleansing, scrubbing and purifying. If they are applied during an act of kneeling, the very posture of defeat and submission expresses humility before God."

The use of ashes on Ash Wednesday is a more recent custom among most LCMS congregations, although some have done it for decades. The ashes are usually derived from the burned palms from the previous Palm Sunday.

Experience will show, however, that in obtaining ashes this way, it

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ILCUSC - Officers and Board Members for 2017

President	Lori Bichsel-Dougherty	Treasurer	Vern Bartels
Vice President	Tammie George	Secretary	Jane Hoyt

Board of ILC/USC Services vacant

Property and Grounds Committee Chair vacant

Stewardship Committee Chair Linda Herbel

Personnel Administrator Tim Hetzler

Board of Outreach

Social Ministry Committee Chair

Evangelism Committee Chair

Campus Ministry Chair

Health and Wellness Committee Chair

Board of Educational Ministries

Parish Education Committee Chair

Youth Committee Chair

Sunday School Superintendent

Board of Spiritual Affairs

Elders: Elois Allan, Tim Hetzler, Richard Lucas (co-head elder),
Kelly Rector, Barb Riley, Sandra Studley (co-head elder)

Worship Committee Chair

Dudley Karstensen

Virgil Dean

Dudley Karstensen

April Czarnetzki

Don Herbel

Ann Hossler

Beth Dwyer

Mark Crabtree

Margaret Peterson

vacant

Immanuel Lutheran Church & University Student Center Church Council Meeting — January 9, 2017

2104 Bob Billings Parkway, Lawrence, KS 66049

Church Council Date: Jan. 9, 2017

Start Time: 6:30 p.m. **End Time:** 7:30 p.m.

Present: Dudley Karstensen, Lori Bichsel-Dougherty, Vern Bartels, Sandra Studley, Tammie George, David Lahm, Pastor Randy Weinkauff, Jane Hoyt.

Absent: Ann Hossler

Visitors: Tim Hetzler, Cristi Hansen

Call to Order: President Lori Bichsel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Randy gave a devotion based on the Bible story of the builder of the tower who didn't count the cost and the military need for wisdom when deciding whether to fight an enemy army. He emphasized that the different committees need to work together and communicate to do their best work. Pastor Randy encouraged the group to treat each other with kindness, patience, and civility.

Approval of Minutes: Sandy moved and Vern seconded the motion that the minutes from the December meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Vern gave the treasurer's report. A donation of \$800.00 was received after the 2016 budget sheets had been completed. The sheets have been updated. There was a discussion of the bank fees for each individual transaction and how these fees could be reduced. Vern said that he will usually plan to be at the church working on finances on Mondays. He would like to have bills that need to be paid before noon on Mondays. There was also discussion of the balloon payment on the building. Tammie moved and Sandra seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Statistical/Parochial Report: No report was made.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Randy discussed various points in his report. The question was raised as to whether church members in general could help out with hospital visits and whether trained members could take communion to those in a hospital or nursing home.

Church Calendar Updates: The elders' meeting will be January 16 rather than January 23. The elders did not meet in December.

Board/Committee Items:

Board of Spiritual Affairs: Sandra spoke briefly about possible new ventures in this area.

Board of Educational Ministries: No report was made.

Board of Outreach: No report was made.

Board of ILCUSC Services: The fact that there is an empty position was discussed. It was suggested that the Board of Services chairs could rotate.

Old Business: The annual voters' meeting will be January 29. The questions that had been written on ballots will be addressed at the meeting. Questions were differentiated from complaints.

New Business: Cristi Hansen attended as a guest. She volunteered to take the vacant two-year financial position. She has taken a year off, so this works with the bylaws. A motion was made and seconded to approve this and it passed unanimously. Cristi also suggested that those who had signed up on the volunteer list be contacted. There was additional discussion and all were in agreement that an effort needs to be made to contact everyone who expressed an interest.

David Lahm suggested that Tim sign John Kruzel's time sheets. Tammie moved and Dudley seconded a motion that Tim be John's temporary supervisor and sign his time sheets. The motion passed unanimously.

The security of the building is an issue even on Sundays. The building has many entrances.

Closing: A motion was made by Dudley and seconded by Jane to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Pastor Randy closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: February 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Hoyt, Secretary

THIS MONTH'S
birthdays

Cason Dick	1
Nicholas Maloun	2
Cristi Hansen	2
Linda Lucas	2
Eric Studley	5
Carolyn Landgrebe	5
Donna Kuhlman	5
Brian Klahr	6
Deborah Klahr	8
Jovea Wood	10
Aaron Williams	10
Anita Burkhalter	11
Samantha Landgrebe	12
Jackie Rector	16
Brian Kubota	16
Tim Hetzler	17
Christine Mennicke	18
Vance Schwyhart	19
Elise Hossler	20
Morgan Crabtree	20
Lauren Laubsch	21
Scott O'Neal	23
Dean Maples	24
Brealynn May	24
Jennifer Nigro	25
Jeffrey Kubota	27

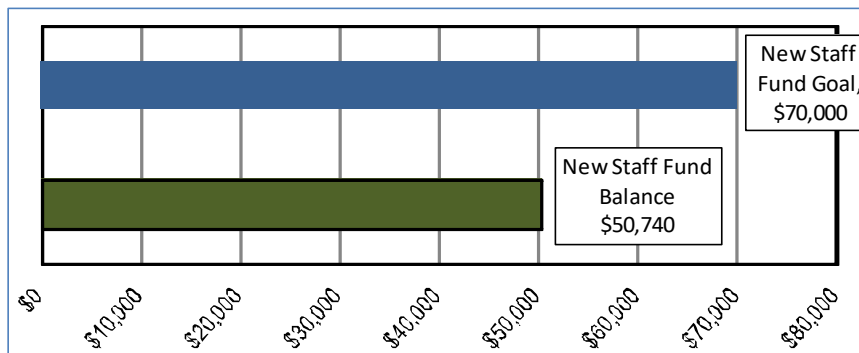
Celebrating an Anniversary



Marvin & Karyn Bredehoft	6
Julia & Alex Rose-Weston	11
Brandon & Lori Bichsel	15
Steve & Maria Pope	18
Mike & Beth Maloun	20

BUDGET & EXPENSES	Total Yearly Budget	Current (Dec. 2016)	Year-to-Date (Jan.-Dec.'16)
General Offerings	\$376,366	\$35,236	\$35,236
Building Use	\$885		\$0
Other income	\$940	\$75	\$75
Total Gen. Receipts	\$378,191	\$35,311	\$35,311
Total Gen. Expenses	\$378,191	\$29,559	\$29,559
Net Income (Loss)	\$0	\$5,752	\$5,752

OFFERINGS	GENERAL FUND	DESIGNATED
Jan. 1	\$6,536	\$240
Jan. 8	\$7,062	\$126
Jan. 15	\$6,257	\$199
Jan. 22	\$8,734	\$118
Jan. 29	\$6,647	\$281
Total	\$35,236	\$963



JAN. MORTGAGE PAYMENT	\$ 2,731
JAN. MORTGAGE INTEREST	\$ 887
JAN. MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL	\$ 1,854
JAN. GENERAL EXPENSES	\$ 29,559
JAN. MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL	\$ 1,854
JAN. EXTRA MORTGAGE PAYMENT	\$ 921

Good News at Immanuel

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doesn't take many ashes to "ash" a whole congregation. Like sin, they are very dirty and go a long way. One palm leaf will produce enough ashes for several years.

Usually the pastor takes the ashes on the end of his thumb and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each worshiper, saying these words: "Remember: you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This follows most effectively prior (or as part of) the Service Corporate Confession and Absolution on pages 290-291 of the *Lutheran Service Book*.

Immanuel will hold its Ash Wednesday worship service, with the Imposition of Ashes, on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m.

— Pastor Randy

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FAMILY PROMISE:

As you probably know, we just finished a busy but delightful Family Promise week, February 5-12, and we want to thank **EVERYONE** who helped make it so. Immanuel hosted three wonderful mothers and eight precious children, ages one to fifteen. Our next rotation is scheduled for **May 7 - 14**, so mark your calendars. There are many ways you can help, so please consider it. If you are not a regular Family Promise volunteer and wish to give it a try, please contact Ann Hossler (305-205-3136) or Virgil Dean (785-424-5115).

RED WAGON:

Thanks to all the generous members who continue to fill our wagons to overflowing every month. We are also thankful for those who have chosen to make "cash" contributions to the Red Wagon ministry. As you might imagine, our local food pantries appreciate monetary contributions as well as dry goods. Last month, we sent more than \$100 to the Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry, which is housed at Trinity Episcopal in downtown Lawrence. Our Red Wagon supplies continue to help stock the shelves at the Ballard Center. **May God continue to bless this ministry.**

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF OPPORTUNITY QUILT

The ladies who make LWR quilts have collaborated to make this year's beautiful queen-size opportunity quilt. The drawing will be held on LWML Sunday, the first Sunday in October. Tickets are available for \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5. Please see Kristie Rock, Sunnie Planthold, or Sharon Hettinger for tickets. The funds go toward supplies for LWR quilts.



Justice Matters

“What does the Lord require of you but to do JUSTICE, and love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” *Micah: 1:8*



If you were in church Sunday, February 5, you will recall the commissioning service Pastor Randy conducted for Immanuel’s Justice Matters Network members. Perhaps our most important duty is to encourage and invite YOU to attend this year’s **Nehemiah Action Assembly on March 30**. So, please, mark your calendar and help us fill the Lied Center to capacity. Our ability to make a difference depends on the success of our efforts to turn out 2,000 engaged (i.e., well informed and committed) individuals on March 30.

JUSTICE • MATTERS

Justice Matters of Lawrence is focusing on five priority issues this year, one new and four carried over from last year (see [http://](http://www.justicemattersinkansas.org/issues)

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Affordable Housing: a severe and long-standing shortage of affordable housing exists in Lawrence. Our organization’s Affordable Housing Campaign seeks to end that shortage, which is currently about 4,000 homes. The campaign, which has experienced considerable success already, has focused on an adequately funded affordable housing trust fund with dedicated revenue source(s).

Mental Health: at present, the typical destination for those in crisis in Lawrence is jail or the emergency room, neither of which are equipped to offer ideal outcomes. Key stakeholders agree that the community should build a 24/7 Mental Health Crisis Care Center. The objective of the Justice Matters Mental Health Campaign is to improve access to mental health treatment through private/public collaboration as soon as possible, and to that end we have urged county officials to consider the crisis center separately from jail expansion.


Criminal Justice Reform: all agree that overcrowding at the Douglas County jail is a problem that needs resolution. The question is, do we build a bigger jail or place greater emphasis on addressing the reasons why nonviolent folks are incarcerated in the first place? The objective of the Justice Matters Criminal Justice Reform Campaign is to reduce the recent spike in the jail population through safe, effective alternatives to incarceration.

Childhood Trauma: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) research links childhood trauma and toxic stress to adult onset disease, mental illness, incarceration, substance abuse, and various work issues. These effects, in turn, span generations. The objective of the Justice Matters Childhood Trauma Campaign is twofold: to prevent intergenerational trauma exposure through ACEs screening and parental support and to implement (and expand) trauma and resilience training for the community’s early childhood educators.

Institutional Racism: the committee researching this all new Justice Matters issue is thoughtfully evaluating several problems associated with institutional racism to identify the one we wish to prioritize. Current areas of investigation include disciplinary actions in schools that disproportionately impact students of color, high representation of minorities in our jail and criminal justice system, and effective outcome-based training for public school teachers.

Interested in getting more involved? Please join us at the **Solutions Briefing at 6:00 p.m. on March 14 at Immanuel Lutheran** to learn more about the issues and our local justice ministry. If you have not already been contacted about this event or the Assembly, please call Virgil Dean (785-424-5115) or one of the other Team leaders or Network members. See you in worship at Immanuel and at the **Nehemiah Assembly on March 30**.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 1 st Sunday in Lent Red Wagon Food Collection Noon Handbell Choir 2:30 Lawrence Theatre	6 11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever 5:00 Stewardship Committee 6:30 Church Council	7 9:00 Pastors' Circuit Conference – Christ, Topoka 4:00 -10 Justice Matters All of Church	8 11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever Council Reports Due 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Service 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	9 9:30 Bible Study Noon – Quilting for LWR 5:30 KU Bible Study 6:00 Deaf Ministry	10 11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever 6:00 Taizé Service—Immanuel—Sanctuary	11 8:00 Saturday Morning Bible Class
12 2 nd Sunday in Lent Noon Handbell Choir	13 11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever 6:30 Church Council	14 9:00 Pastors' Circuit Conference – Christ, Topoka 4:00 -10 Justice Matters All of Church	15 11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever Messenger articles due 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Service 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	16 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 KU Bible Study 5:30 Ministry to the Blind Dinner	17 11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever 6:00 Taizé Service—Immanuel—Sanctuary	18 8:00 Saturday Morning Bible Class
19 3 rd Sunday in Lent Noon Handbell Choir	20 <i>KU Spring Break begins</i> 11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever 1:00 Ministry to the Blind Committee 7:00 Worship Committee 7:00 Men's Group	21	22 11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Service 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	23 9:30 Bible Study Noon - Quilting for LWR 6:00 Deaf Ministry 6:30 Signers of Faith	24 11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever	25 8:00 Saturday Morning Bible Class
26 4 th Sunday in Lent Noon Handbell Choir	27 11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever 6:30 Property & Grounds 6:30 Elders	28 7:00 LWNML Bible Study	29 11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Service 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	30 Noon to 6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 5:30 KU Bible Study	31 11:00 Faithfully Fit Forever	

Every Wednesday in March: Lenten Supper — 6:00 PM, followed by Lenten Service — 7:00 PM

Officers of the Congregation—2017

Lori Bichsel-Dougherty
President

Tammie George
Vice President

Jane Hoyt
Secretary

Vern Bartels
Treasurer

Board Chairs

vacant ————— ILCUSC Services
Dudley Karstensen ————— Outreach
Ann Hossler ————— Educational Ministries
Rick Lucas/Sandra Studley —————
————— Spiritual Affairs

Organizations

Cradle Roll ————— Courtney Cook
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
————— LWML Committee
Men of Immanuel Lutheran Church —
————— Marvin Bredehoft

Elders

Elois Allan Tim Hetzler
Rick Lucas Kelly Rector
Barb Riley Sandra Studley

PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2017

No Changes

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SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE IN MARCH

USHERS Early Service	Al & Donna Kuhlman, Ralph Planthold, Jim Sylwester.	
	Late Service	Gary & Julie Crowe
GREETERS Early Service	Seth & Sandra Studley	
	Late Service	Eleanor Woodyard
LAY CALLERS	5	Pam Becker
	12	Dudley Karstensen
	19	Virgil Dean
	26	Jim Sylwester
READERS Early / Late	5	Mandy Sponholtz / Christine Frese
	12	Pam Becker / Cindy Nebel
	19	Scott Sponholtz / Tim Hetzler
	26	Jack Landgrebe / Ruth Ellen Bartels
ACOLYTES	5	Aris Grady
	12	Abigail Hossler
	19	Elly Moe
	26	Zachary Signor
COMMUNION CARE	5	Jan & Virgil Dean / Linda Klinker
	12	Jan & Virgil Dean / Linda Klinker
	19	Elois & Gary Allan / Ruth Ellen & Vern Bartels
	26	Elois & Gary Allan / Ruth Ellen & Vern Bartels

Immanuel Lutheran Lenten Service Schedule

Beginning on Wednesday, March 1 through Wednesday, April 5, **Lenten Worship** will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. A **Lenten Supper** will be held in the Activity Center at 6:00 p.m. prior to each service.

- **Lenten Supper at 6:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at 7:00 p.m.**
 Ash Wednesday – March 1
 Mid-Week 1 – March 8
 Mid-Week 2 – March 15
 Mid-Week 3 – March 22
 Mid-Week 4 – March 29
 Mid-Week 5 – April 5

Come Celebrate Lent at Immanuel Lutheran Church!



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On the table in the narthex are directions on how to designate the “Choice” dollars remaining in your account from 2016, and the “Choice” dollars your account will generate in 2017 and beyond. Funds designated “Immanuel Lutheran Church and University Student Center” will be used to lower the debt on our Activity Center. Funds designated for “Immanuel Lutheran Campus Ministry” will be used for that purpose. Each time you make a designation you may change your designation. Please take a positive step to benefit Immanuel. Thank you for your consideration.

