

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*“EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE SHARE THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH SERVING OUR COMMUNITY”*

**“God is With Us”**

**March 2017**

## **Pastor's Message**

Dear People of Immanuel,

In March we enter into the season of Lent. Lent is a 40-day period of time leading up to Holy Week and Easter. For Christians Lent has always been a time to focus on deepening ones faith. We speak of a Lenten journey – a time to draw closer to God through prayer, reading the Bible, worship, and reaching out to others with acts of kindness.

The season starts this year on March 1, which is Ash Wednesday. Immanuel will have an Ash Wednesday service at 7 PM that day. We'll gather in this meaningful, meditative service to focus our hearts in prayer, song, scripture, and to receive the mark of ashes on our foreheads, a sign of God's grace and presence in our human vulnerability. If you have not been to an Ash Wednesday gathering before, I invite you to experience this unique service.

The other Wednesday evenings of Lent we will also have evening gatherings, starting with a soup supper at 6 PM. Then from 7:00-7:30 I'll be speaking each week on the life and work of Martin Luther, as a way to help us mark the 500th

anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran/ Protestant Reformation. Both secular and church historians agree that Luther is one of the most significant historical figures of the past two millennia. His work is pivotal to the beginning of the modern age, the values we now hold, and the influences we continue to experience. Join us as we explore our roots together.

I wish you God's blessings on your journey of faith in this season.

Pastor David



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### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

**9am** – Service with contemporary music | **11am** – Traditional service and hymns  
**Adult Education** between services | **Youth Group** – 6:00-7:30pm

## Eagle Project Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

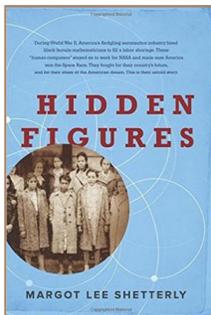
*Sunday, March 12*

On Sunday, March 12, between the 9 and 11am services, there will be a pancake breakfast to support an Eagle Project for Nick Peterson. The project will include two picnic tables, to be located in the patio by the fireside room and the fellowship hall, as well as a small banister to ease access into the north side of Luther Hall. We will serve pancakes, eggs, bacon, and sausage. The cost will be \$5 per child (12 and under) and \$8 per adult. Look for ticket sales in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 5. I'd appreciate it if you came out! Thanks, Nick Peterson



## "Immanuel Reads" Next Book Selection & Discussion

*Saturday, May 6, 5:00 p.m.*



On Martha Lambert's suggestion, our next book is written by Margot Lee Shetterly entitled, "Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race." It's also a movie currently running in theaters across the country. Our book review will be on Saturday, May 6th, at 5:00

PM followed by our most excellent potluck dinner at 6:00 PM. Participation in the potluck is optional.

## Red Cross Blood Drive *Friday, March 17, 9am-2pm*



There will be a Red Cross blood drive at Immanuel on Friday, March 17, 9am to 2pm, in Fellowship Hall. March is Red Cross Month. Give blood. Give something that means something.



## "St. Luke and Immanuel Squared": Walk With Compassion

*Saturday, March 25, 9:30-11:30 a.m.*

*Vasona Park*

Many of you know about Compassion International. You might even support a child through Compassion. We now have a chance to help end poverty in Kenya by walking with other Compassion supporters on Saturday, March 25th.

The walk will take place at Vasona Park from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and some fellowship, games and activities with youth from the two Immanuel churches (Saratoga and Los Altos) and St. Luke (Sunnyvale.)

Check out this excerpt from the website [www.walkwithcompassion.com](http://www.walkwithcompassion.com)

As a community, we are taking a stand for children living in poverty. Children around the world face unimaginable challenges — disease, hunger, abandonment, abuse — and we are going to make sure someone is there for them in their hour of need.

This fundraiser is designed for young and old. No matter your age or circumstances, you have the power to make a difference in the life of a child. There is no better opportunity than this to inspire friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to unite for a common purpose.

You can go to the website to register with the "St. Luke and Immanuel Squared" team and to begin to fundraise for this important effort.

The **Ladies Evening Group** will meet in the Library at church on Tuesday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. Diane McCrillis and Mary Ann Kuenne will be our hostesses. Contact Ruth Ann Johnson at 408-736-1665, or [raj1036@att.net](mailto:raj1036@att.net).



The Season of Lent begins this year on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Throughout Christian history the church has seen this six-week long period as a special opportunity to deepen ones faith through practices like worship, prayer, and repentance. Ash Wednesday is the first day in this season and marks the beginning of our Lenten journey toward Good Friday and Easter. We will gather at Immanuel to begin this journey on **March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** for an Ash Wednesday service. Join us as we focus our hearts in prayer, song, scripture, and the imposition of ashes. *Note: there is no Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday.*

## Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers

March 8, 15,  
22, 29, & April 5



Don't cook tonight! Come to Immanuel for one of our Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers. Great for families and people of all ages. Soup Suppers run from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite pot of soup to share, or if you don't have time to make soup, bread, salad, or dessert are always appreciated. Even if you can't be there at 6:00, arrive whenever you can between 6-7 PM, to enjoy the meal.



## Wednesday Evening Gatherings - March 8, 15, 22, 29, & April 5 Luther and the Reformation—500 Years

This year following our soup suppers Pastor David will be speaking each week beginning at 7 PM on the life and work of Martin Luther, to help us mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The Reformation is an amazing turning point in history, and represents the beginning of the modern age. Luther is the central figure in that turning point, a man who brought sweeping changes to the way we think, and to the way church and society function. A number of topics will be explored as we consider the effect of his work and writings on:

- His own history and the history our world since that time.
- The core beliefs of Christians throughout the world.
- Church practices like worship, music, sacraments, the Bible, and pastoral ministry.
- Practical societal issues like language and communication, marriage, politics, the separation of church and state...and much more.

Join us as we explore our roots.

## Church Council Meeting Minutes February 16, 2017

### *Council Members*

*Chad Stearns (President), Lynn North (Vice President), Tom Hampton (Treasurer), Judy Schini (Secretary), Dawn Dooley, Jim Hayes, Kim Jackson, Dan Johnson, Jack Knutson, Martha Lambert, Winnie Manners, Lisa Paulson, George Poppitz, Rich Van Gaasbeck, Pastor David Schick*

### **I. Pastor's Report**

1) **1st Communion class** met with 12 children last Sunday. 2) **Nick Peterson** is working towards his Eagle Scout and will build two picnic benches for outside the fellowship hall and handrails for our North entrance for his Eagle Scout project. 3) **Perry Thoorsell** will start Immanuel concerts; he will be responsible for all management of the events and property. The first concert will be March 18. 4) David will lead adult **education in our Lenten services** on Luther and the Reformation to celebrate 500 years since the Reformation. **Ash Wednesday is March 1**; we will have our traditional Ash Wednesday Service. Holy week was discussed. **Final Soup Supper** (April 5) will be a presentation on the Reformation and how it affects Holy Communion. **Good Friday** will be an open sanctuary with a prayer vigil. **Palm Sunday** will be a combined service (10am, April 9.) There will be two services for Easter Sunday. 5) Danny Dye and Pastor David met with the Pastors of Immanuel Lutheran (Saratoga), St. Luke's (Sunnyvale) to discuss **co-operative youth programs**. We will begin in March. Ultimate goal is to expand beyond these three churches. 6) Pastor David has been with Immanuel for seven years and he will take a one month **sabbatical** this summer (June/July). He will take classes on Luther and the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Pastor David's spiritual investment will be brought back and shared with the Congregation and Synod. Danny Dye will substitute a couple Sundays; we will find substitute pastors for the other Sundays. Discussions were had to help offset the cost of substitute pastors and expense of the trip.

Motion was made by Lisa Paulson proposing supporting and funding \$1000 for substitute pastors and an additional \$2000 for trip expenses totaling \$3000. Source of funds is to be determined later. Jack seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

**President** No report

**Vice President** No report

**Secretary** No report

**Treasurer** See attached report (in council packet.) Tom Hampton reported.

### **II. Old Business**

**Nominating Committee** On track

**Endowment Fund Charter Documentation** No update

### **III. New Business**

**Gift to Mt. Cross** Discussion was had to support Mt. Cross financially to support their "campership" program. Motion was made by Dan Johnson proposing to support Mt. Cross with a minimum donation of \$5,000, and suggest a "matching amount" from other congregations in the Synod, to support their "campership" program and/or facilities. We will also challenge Immanuel's membership to contribute above and beyond the \$5,000 amount. Lisa Paulson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Passed unanimously.

Further discussion that Immanuel schedule a work day(s) retreat for an intergenerational event.

### **Annual Meeting Recap**

**3rd Service Brainstorm:** Discussion ensued. A small team was formed to evaluate how we can expand our mission to address the spiritual needs of our neighboring community.

### **IV. Committee Reports**

Due to discussions surrounding expanding membership through an additional service or outreach, Committee Reports were not presented.

### **V. Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

Next meeting is on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Winnie Manners has devotions.

# Larry Vuckovich/Noel Jewkes Quartet



featuring  
**Perry Thoorsell  
and Akira Tana**

**Saturday, March 18 • 8:00 pm**

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Presenting classic rare standards, contemporary jazz, Latin – Brazilian, Middle-Eastern, Gypsy – Roma / Flamenco, originals, plus bebop masters' compositions, Ellington / Strayhorn and blues. Featuring **Larry Vuckovich** and the multi-reed master, **Noel Jewkes** performing on soprano, clarinet & flute. Larry and Noel have played together for many years and in '65 with Jon Hendricks in *Evolution of the Blues*. The quartet includes creative bassist **Perry Thoorsell** and master drummer **Akira Tana**. Don't miss this!



## **Western States Youth Gathering**

**June 28–July 2**

This is a phenomenal experience. 1,000 youth from California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon and others will gather to celebrate our Lord. The event is a wonderful time for the kids to be around others in a wonderful spiritual environment. There will be awesome, trips, games, music and speakers. This trip is for any youth entering 9th grade to entering college. I cannot emphasize enough the fun of this trip and hope you will sign your youth up. The dates are June 28th- July 2nd. There is a deposit of \$100 due on Feb. 26th. The remaining \$200 will be due on the day we depart. The church will cover the remainder of the registration. The kids will need to bring some spending money, and money for food on three occasions.

## **Vacation Bible School at Immanuel**

**July 17–21**

Immanuel Lutheran Church is offering VBS/Day Camp this year July 17-21. The Day Camp is for all Bay Area children old enough to enter kindergarten through those entering 6th grade. Immanuel also offers Pre-K VBS/Day Camp for children 3-5 years old. This is a half-day program running from 9am to Noon. Trained Staff from Immanuel lead programs that “go beyond Vacation Bible School.”

### **Who:**

- Pre-K through those entering 6th grade  
Pre-K are children 3 and 4 yrs old.
- K-6th grade are children from 5 yrs. old through entering 6th grade
- Parents have the choice of putting their 5 yr. old in either Pre-K or K

### **When:**

**Monday to Thursday**, 9am–3pm,  
(9am–Noon for Pre-K)

**Thursday evening** 6–8pm with potluck and kids program

**Friday** from 9am–Noon (Water Day!!)

Day Camp registration and health forms for each camper must be completed to participate.

Bring sunscreen, a water bottle and lunch. Children are given a T-Shirt, mid-morning snacks and they participate in active Bible encounters, crafts, games, songs and will be provided the necessary supplies to have a whole lot of fun in a completely camp fashion!

*Registration information will be coming soon!*

## **Mexico 2017**

**July 30–August 5th**

Mexico is always one of our biggest trips and very memorable. We encourage the youth to experience this trip, even if they have gone before. It is my favorite week of the year. The cost of the trip is \$450 with a \$150 non-refundable deposit due on March 26th.

If you have any questions on any of the youth trips please let Danny Dye know. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to a fun 2017.

God bless,

Danny

## Multi-church Lutheran Youth Extravaganza

*Sunday, March 5, 5:00-7:30 PM*

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to the first multi-church youth extravaganza held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Youth will gather together from local churches including Immanuel, Los Altos, St. Luke's, Sunnyvale, and Immanuel, Saratoga. Come to enjoy dinner, games, music and devotions led by Danny Dye and Alyssa McCoy, Youth Director at Immanuel, Saratoga. This will be a great time so we hope you can make it. Check Shutterfly for more information. This is the first of many youth extravaganza's to come.



*Pacific Standard Time begins on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.*

## Confirmation

The **Confirmation Retreat at Mt. Cross** camp has been rescheduled for the weekend of **April 28-30**. The retreat is for confirmation students or any youth grades 6-9. **Early registration is March 1-April 17**. To register for the retreat go to the Mt. Cross web site at <http://www.mtcross.org/> and click on the orange Register Here button near the top right of their home page. You will link to a log-in page where each family will need to create an account before registering. For information about the confirmation retreat, go to their home page, near the top of the page click on [Year Round/Jr. High Retreats](#). Contact Pastor David, Danny Dye or the church office if you have questions.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries March

*Each month in the newsletter we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries of members at Immanuel. As the year progresses, if you do not see your (or your family members) birthday or anniversary listed, please let the office know. This is especially addressed to our newest members. We don't want to leave anyone out!*

### Birthdays

Junette Higgins	Mar. 1
Martina Jones	Mar. 1
Justin Ford	Mar. 2
Glen Carlson	Mar. 6
Anita Danford	Mar. 6
Bill Boardman Jr.	Mar. 7
John McCrillis	Mar. 7
Melody Spradlin	Mar. 8
Dennis Cater	Mar. 9
Brent Ahrens	Mar. 11
Tom Poppitz	Mar. 13
Geoffrey Ball	Mar. 16
Matt Poppitz	Mar. 18
Bob Rossi	Mar. 19
Dan Johnson	Mar. 22
Polly Neumann	Mar. 22
Brent Johnson	Mar. 23
Lisa Manners	Mar. 23
Christian Schick	Mar. 30
Linda Toll	Mar. 31

### Anniversaries

(NONE)

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***We believe there is no person or created thing outside the active love  
and grace of God shown to us so clearly in Jesus Christ.***

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