

Immanuel This Week

February 21 & 22, 2009—Transfiguration of Our Lord

Our Mission:

To introduce all people to Jesus Christ and the

Hearing Assist Units are available at the sound booth. They are wireless, so you can sit wherever you want and still hear the entire service.

Nursery 9-10:20 a.m. for Infants & Toddlers. Ask an usher for room assignments.

This Sunday's devotional reference from Christ in Our Home:

"Jesus was transfigured before them." *Mark 9:2*

Prayer Concern: **Seminarians and their teachers.**



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to our visitors, guests and members

this Weekend! We are delighted to have you with us. Visitors and guests, please stop by the Welcome Center to receive a gift.

Immanuel's Café—9-11AM in the Faith Development Center! **Menu:** Scrambled eggs, bacon, breakfast potatoes, sausage biscuit and gravy, pancakes and toppings, fruit, juice and coffee. All for \$5.00.

The Season of Lent begins this Wednesday, February 25th with Ash Wednesday. This is a season of the church year that invites us to take time to clean up on the inside. The season is designed to renew us through repentance and grace. Join us for **Mid-Week Lenten Worship** on Wednesdays, February 25 to April 1, 7PM in the Sanctuary. Have a light supper at WOW beforehand, attend a WOW Workshop, and end the evening with Lenten Worship.

Lenten Suppers begin this Wednesday and continue on Wednesdays throughout Lent from 5PM to 6:30PM to accommodate WOW participants and those coming to the Lenten worship service at 7PM. WOW classes will continue to be held at 6PM. Lent is a time of returning to basics, getting down to essentials, so we can focus our attention on our personal relationship with God and Jesus Christ. In keeping with the meaning and intent of the season, suppers will be simple. Soup and sandwiches, or soup and bread, with beverages, will be served. If your family or a group of friends would like to prepare one of these meals, please call Judith Holley, Congregational Life @ 772-545-4106.

Next Saturday, February 28, 9:00AM—Church Council Retreat.

Notice to Saints Alive Theatergoers: Next Saturday, February 28th, those attending the 2PM performance of **"Godspell"** will meet at church to carpool at 12:45PM. Tickets will be distributed there, or if you prefer to drive directly to the theater, the tickets will be given out at that location by Pastor Wayne. Following the performance we'll eat at Mangrove Matties Restaurant. Questions? Call Pastor Wayne @ 287-1183

Children's Church during the 9:15 Service:

Children will be directed to Children's Church at the indicated time during the service to Room "C" in the Educational Building.

Children's Church is designed for children and led by Adriana D'Amiano.

If your child is a first time visitor to Children's church, please complete a registration form.

9:15 Order of Worship

"Stand & Shout"

"God of Wonders"

Invocation & Litany

"I Will Lift Up"

Scripture Readings

II Cor. 4:3-6 (NLT)

Mark 9:2-9 (NIV)

Children's Message

Great Thanksgiving

Holy Communion

"Come To The Table/A

Shadow In your Light"

(Children's Church)

Offering

"Everything's Changed"

Sermon-Deacon Ron

"Light The Fire"

Prayers

"Jesus" & "When The Saints"

Dismissal

Be part of the PRAYER VIGIL for Mission—Tradition commitment weekend, Sat., March 7th. The Vigil will last from 9AM to 3PM. Sign up at Welcome Center for a segment of 15 minutes of prayer. Scripture and prayer guidelines will be provided.

A Thought on Giving & Stewardship! "A three-year-old girl said to her father on his way to the grocery store, 'Daddy, bring me something that will last forever.' The girl's request is a fine definition of stewardship. The giving of money, time, and talent brings a sense of meaning, purpose, and spiritual relatedness to God that last forever."

Mission Tradition Tours—We had the pleasure of taking the Deborah Circle and Saints Alive groups on a tour to Tradition. There's a sign up sheet on the Welcome Center if anyone is interested in going to Tradition to see the vision of Mission—Tradition first hand. The van will be leaving the church at 11am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week. If you have any questions please call Alphenia at the church office at 287-8188.

WOW

**This Wednesday
February 25th!**

Dinner during Lent is served 5-6:30 p.m.; workshops and children & youth activities are 6-45 p.m., and worship in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m.

Workshop catalogs and sign-up cards are available at the Welcome Center and Church Office. For more information, to volunteer, or sign up for a class, please call Debbie Hutta @ 287-8188.

Littlest Angels, KFC (Kids for Christ), and Junior & Senior Youth all meet on Wednesdays at WOW!

8th Graders who would like to be confirmed in May are focusing on “must know” information for Confirmation on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Six Basics of a Balanced Life, led by Cheryl Gundersdorff will be offered once more at WOW. If you missed the first series of classes, you can begin “fresh” on Wednesday, February 25th. Please sign up at Welcome Center.

Little Lambs, for children 12 months to 5 years old, meets on Fridays at 12:30PM in the Faith Development Center. The Bible Lesson for February 27th is:

“**God Talks to Moses**” - *Exodus 3:1-4*

Questions, or more information, call Adriana D’Amiano @ 287-8188.

Not too early to register for Crocodile Dock – The Dock that will “Rock” this summer at Vacation Bible School!



June 15th to 19th, 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon
Register at Welcome Center or Church Office.

What do you think?

We value your feedback on today’s worship experience. Please let us know what was meaningful & what was not. Just give this to an usher or put it in the offering plate! Thanks for your help!

Today I attended the _____ service.

Comments:

Song/Hymn I’d like to sing:

Sunday School Classes This Week, 10:15 to 11 AM

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LEADERS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Toddlers	Adriana D’Amiano	Toddler Room
Pre-K,K & Grade 1	Stacy Heidelbrecht	Room “A”
Grades 2, 3, 4 & 5	Lindsay & Andres Castellanos	Room “B”
Junior High	Thrivent Financial	Sr. High Rm.
Senior High	Thrivent Financial	Sr. High Rm.
Children’s Church	Deacon Ron	Room “C”
Adults-(10:15-11AM) “ The Fruit of the Spirit ”	Bill Moorhouse	FDC/stage right
Adults-(10:20-11AM) “ The Screwtape Letters ”	Pastor Tom	Sr. High Classroom

Bill Moorhouse’s study – “The Fruit of The Spirit”, continues this week in Adult Sunday School!

Come and take an in-depth look at “**The Fruit of the Spirit**” as given to us by God through St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians. We intend to make an effort to become more familiar with those Christ-like qualities and make them our own through the study course entitled “**Learn It, Live It—The Fruit of the Spirit**”. We will be doing this with the prayer and hope that these characteristics—*Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self-Control* will be greatly enhanced within us, so that when we are squeezed they will come out of us. *FDC stage right*

Pastor Tom’s Sunday Bible Class: This Week,

Feb. 22nd, there will be a follow up from the class on Angels. We’re going to talk about Demons! We’ll read and discuss C. S. Lewis’ well known book, **The Screwtape Letters**. The book is a series of letters written by a senior Demon to his lesser Demon who is trying to win a person (his client) for the Devil. Humorously and yet seriously Lewis reveals inside hints on how evil works in our lives. *Sr. High Classroom*

March 15th: Boris & Shulamit Goldin of Chosen People Ministries to speak to adult classes. Boris Goldin moved to New York from Russia. He came looking for the “American Dream” - security and success. But his search took a whole different turn when his wife, Shulamit, became a believer in Yeshua (Jesus).

God’s Gift of Laughter—While there is much terror and sordid ugliness in the world, there is also a stream of health, cascading like a clear mountain rivulet of melted snow through human experience. This stream is the flow of wholesome, spontaneous laughter—God’s gift for refreshing and renewing our souls. A life lived with little laughter is like land devoid of springs, streams, lakes, or ground water; there are some things such a life cannot grow. We cannot take ourselves seriously if we cannot occasionally take ourselves lightly. Laughter is an affirmation of God’s final triumph over the worst that can befall us.

Calendar for This Week

Saturday, 2/21

4:45pm Cornerstone Singers

6:00PM "Worship at Six"/Communion

Sunday, 2/22

8:00AM "New Traditions"

9:00AM Café Full Service Breakfast

9:15AM Contemporary Worship/Communion

10:15AM Sunday School & Adult Education Classes

11:15AM "Liturgically Lutheran"

Monday, 2/23

4:00PM Memorial Service/John Grothouse

Wednesday, 2/25—Ash Wednesday/beginning of Lent

10:00AM Folders for March Monthly

1:30PM Bridge Group

5-6PM WOW Dinner

6-6:45PM WOW Workshops/Confirmation Class

7:00PM Lenten Service in Church Sanctuary

Thursday, 2/26

10:00AM Banner & Craft Group

5:30PM Immanuel Ringers

7:00PM Chancel Choir

7:00PM Captivate Ministries

Friday, 2/27

10:00AM Friday Folders

12:30PM Little Lambs

8:00PM ALON

Music this weekend

Offertory at 6: "I Will Lift Up!" - *William Duane Clark*—

Cornerstone Singers

Offertory at 11:15: "Out of The Depths" - *Mark Switzer*—

Chancel Choir

Music at 9:15: **Contemporary Worship Team**

Immanuel Ringers—"*Simple Gifts*" for Bells

The Altar Flowers are given "To The Glory of God" by Don & Joan Schappert, "in memory of Don's Mom, Julia Schappert."

"THE CRITTERS with Don Ciccone" - one of Frankie Valli's "4 Seasons"

Proceeds will benefit "Save Edward's Life"

Date: 03/20/09—Time: 7:30pm—\$15.00

At Immanuel Lutheran Church

2655 SW Immanuel Drive, Palm City

Concert will be held in the Faith Development Center

Supplemental Funds provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

The above concert will benefit Edward McGee, a member of our Chancel Choir and soloist at Immanuel, who is in dire need of a kidney transplant. Tickets available at Welcome Center after services, or in the Church Office.

Announcements & Notices

Mid-Week Lenten Services begin February 25th, Ash Wednesday, 7:00PM in the Sanctuary.

Children's Choir—Rabe Cogsil would like to gather our children for a special Easter choir. Parents, if your child would be interested in singing, please e-mail Rabe, cogsil@aol.com, to let her know of your child's participation.

Early Learning Center summer and fall programs registration continues. Stop by the school office weekdays, 9-5 to register your child.

A Celebration for Women: "The Importance of Balance" next Saturday, February 28th, 10AM to 1PM in our Faith Development Center. The program includes: *Physical Balance, Emotional Balance, Spiritual Balance & Financial Balance*. Guests are welcome—invite your friends. RSVP by February 26th to Sue McVeigh, 772-223-3233.

Ways to help those less fortunate in our area:

1. "Love and Hope In Action, Inc." is a non-profit organization, helping Martin County residents. They host a Food Pantry at Salerno Southern Methodist Church in Port Salerno and are in need of monetary donations. You can find canisters and posters on the Welcome Center for your kind support of the pantry.
2. Donations to the "shower for the homeless" project of St Luke's Episcopal Church in Port Salerno, sponsored by Immanuel's Banner & Craft Group are still gladly accepted. A basket is in the Narthex. Thank you! Supplemental funds supplied by "*Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.*"

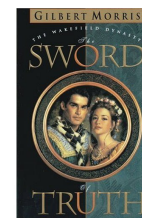
Immanuel's Christian Library Feature of Week:

"The Sword of Truth" by Gilbert Morris is book number one of the "Wakefield Dynasty Series of fiction.

Never in his wildest dreams did Myles Morgan believe he would rise above his humble beginnings as the only son of a poor servant woman. He meets William Tyndale, a scholar who is translating the Bible into English so every person could read it—a "heretical" thought in those days which placed him in grave danger.

At the age of 16, through a tragic twist of fate, Myles is reunited with the father he never knew: Sir Robert Wakefield, a powerful lord and nobleman. Myles is named as his rightful heir, and thrown into a dizzying and decadent lifestyle in the court of King Henry VIII, where he falls in love with the beautiful but shallow Isabella. When Isabella spurns his love, Myles retreats to Germany and begins working with his mentor, William Tyndale who has fled there to escape religious persecution and is smuggling Bibles into England—a crime for which he could be burned at the stake! Now, Myles must make a difficult choice between the woman he has come to love and the faith he cannot live without. With God's help, can he make his way back to England and take a stand that will have far-reaching consequences for himself and for Christians in generations to come?

Library Hours: Sunday 9-9:30AM & 10:30-11AM



Immanuel's Staff

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**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
BROADCAST "LIVE" Sundays, on Radio station:
WSTU, 1450 on the AM Dial, 9:15AM**

This weeks' radio broadcast is sponsored by
Edith Gerdts. Thank you, Edith!

Attendance Last Weekend—491

Saturday @ 6:00PM—74

Sunday @ 8:00AM—101; 9:15AM—243; 11:15AM—73

(Sunday School—Children: 30; Adults: 7

WOW—93; Captivate Ministries—)

Worship Assistants this weekend

Saturday at 6:00

Greeter: Pat & John McCluskey

Ushers: Betty & Bill Betes

Reader: John McCluskey

Communion Assists: Karin Mills, Marion Morrison, Barbara Shank
Linda Pierr

Sunday at 8:00

Greeters: Ernie Spengler, Carol Almeida

Ushers: Tony & Evelyn Sanz, Gene & Shirley Sillaman

Reader: Ken Meierdierks

Video/Sound: Frank Almeida

Sunday at 9:15

Acolyte: Amanda McDaniel *Crucifer:* Hannah Cogsil

Greeters: Cliff & Kay Moore

Ushers: Dave Mininger, Cliff Moore, Kay Moore, Dave Walsh

Reader: Jana Hartley

Communion Assists: Carolyn Ries, Ruth Ann Katilius, Karen Fisher-Holmes

Mary Donatucci, Cheryl Gundersdorff, Laura Bianco, Beverly McAllister

Sound: Jana Hartley *Video:* Nick Bianco

Sunday at 11:15

Greeters: Jean Peterson, Ann Keyser

Ushers: Jean Peterson, Ann Keyser

Reader: John Adami

Greatest sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended Grayce Groothouse, and family; upon the passing of husband, John on February 11th. A Celebration of Life service will be held at Immanuel this Monday, February 23rd at 4:00 PM, with a reception to follow in the Faith Development Center.

Prayer List

Kevin Arnold
Glenn Prielipp
Don Morrison
Adele McLain
Bill Ball
Arlene Albano
Eileen Fisher
Junck Family
Mary Dyer
Stacy Walsh
Marjorie Sapp
Betty Mowry
Bob Mowry
Linda Rumbolo
Wally Stock
Danny
Jerry Pierr

Dorothy Sinicrope
Richard Jackson
Annamarie Light
Gloria Cardone
Sara Ritzler

Margaret Forss
Dee Knudsen
Ed McGee
Ed Phillips
Jackie Johnson
Chase Souza
Marian Spengler
Bob Ahern
Frank Evans
Joan Kampert
Bob
Walter Spengler
John Lanati
Keith Skoog
Richard Cox

Nick Bennett
Jackie Bennett
Josh Clifford
Sal Cubeta
Brenda Hemmelgarn
Edythe Lindstrom
Loretta Blackburn

Rosemary Jeansonne
Cindy Libratore
Norm Lovgren
Brian Trelease
Jim Hercl
Russ Farnsworth
Sherry Cerniglia
Ben Ruby
Richard Petersen
David Nelson
Logan Cerniglia
Kevin Raysor
Karen Eden
Rick & Debbie
Raymer
Jeff Moehlenhoff
Lori Bohm
Lisa Socker
Cleo Bohm
Catherine Tuzzola
Bill Moreau
Tiffany
Elena Arnholt

Phyllis Haney
Marianne Storin
Alicia Maleski
Berniece Shrum
Carol Agro
Don Dadlow
Carol Edwards
Sig-britt Nilsen
Christine Currier
Bill Dawson
Michele Abel
Irene Semsel-Lewis
Tom Coffman
Kyle Cerniglia
Edna Debernard
Robin & Skyler Moreno
Dave Matthew
Dan Pryor
Rudy Reinhrdt
Evelyn Behnke

Adam Alter
Eric Anderson
Simon Berrio
Philip Cunningham
Brandon Davis
Jacob Dell
Kevin Dooley
Dean Durham
Jessica Granger

Michael Griffiths
John Hanson
Sam Heidorn
Bradley Koch
Devin Phillabaum
Kera Porter
Kent Snider
Thomas C. Teufel
Johnathan Veysey
Sam M. Whittle



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Prayer Requests—If you have a prayer request, for yourself, family, neighbor, or friend call the Church Office at 287-8188, or call Cheryl Gundersdorff @ 221-8939 for the name to be submitted to the Prayer Chain. *If you have placed someone on the Prayer List and know that person is no longer in need of special prayer, please call the Church Office and inform us of such. 287-8188.*