

“OPEN HEARTS, OPEN ARMS”

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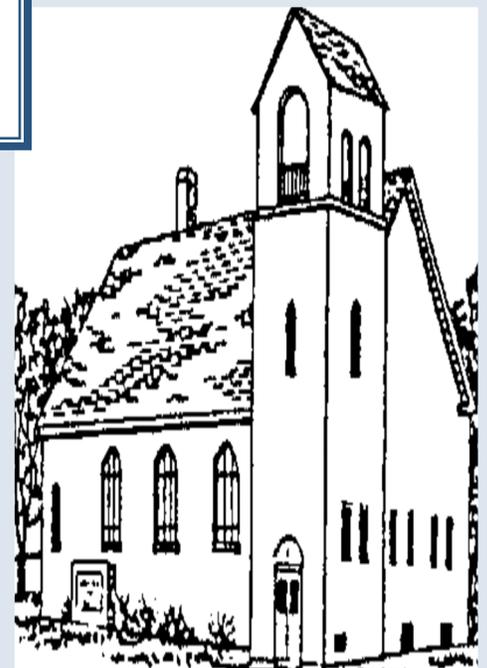
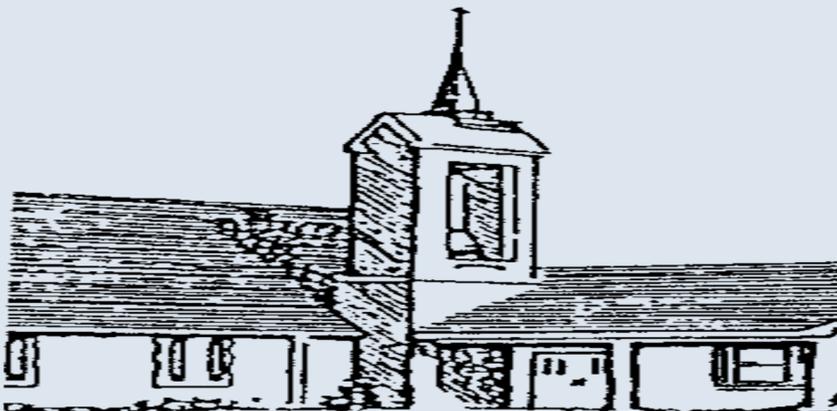
From Pastor Dunlavy

Almost every evening, for half an hour or so, my mom sings songs to my daughter, who is seven. My mom has rarely spent time apart from my daughter until this past year when Covid altered our lives as it has so many others'. My mom is 79 and in a vulnerable group, my daughter has Down syndrome, another vulnerable class. So, this evening singing takes place over my cell phone set to speaker. If any of us were a little more technically inclined, we could see as well as hear one another. Still, I do not mind that it is just my mother's voice coming over the phone. These times to me are a gift and a blessing. Sometimes my daughter is so distracted by her thoughts, and her storytelling, she seems not even to be listening to her grandma. Though, we know from experience, she rarely misses much and absorbs more than one might guess. Other times she rocks in her chair as Grandma sings nursery rhymes, showtunes, Bible songs, and more. Sometimes I sing along and forget that these moments are for my mom and daughter; I let them be for me. These are simple moments where God is undeniably present. When I think about it, I realize that God is present in every moment, of course, but sometimes we expect God moments to be, well, momentous. We think God is so huge and so powerful that moments with God must come with rumbling thunder and quaking earth.

Love is patient and kind;
love does not envy or boast;
it is not arrogant
or rude. It does not insist on
its own way;
it is not irritable or
resentful; it does not rejoice
at wrong doing, but rejoices
with the truth.

Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7



Continued... From Pastor Dunlavy

God is huge and powerful. So much so, in fact, that God can speak into the songs of a grandma or the giggles and storytelling of a little child. We do not need to search for God in grand moments. Most certainly God is there. Yes, also, in the little things, the little moments.

“He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.”—1 Kings 19:11-12

Little Seeds of Faith Preschool

(Nicole Young Preschool Director)

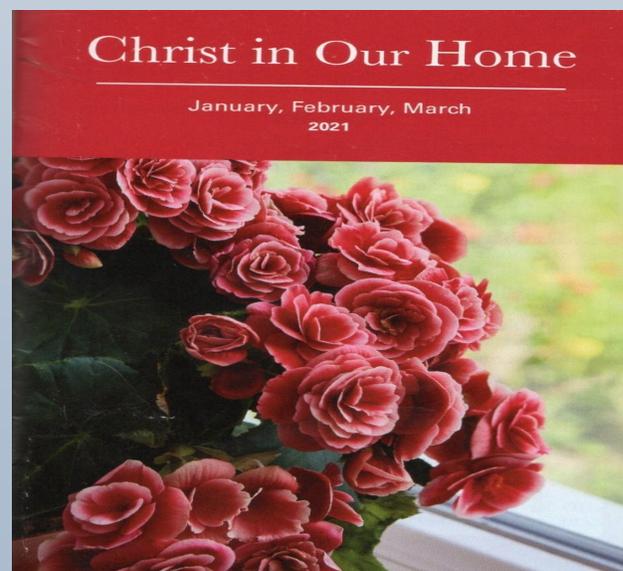
The preschoolers are busy this month and next month studying the five senses. It's amazing to watch the understanding process of a preschooler. We started our class with four friends and now have grown to seven. They are all becoming very good friends that love to help one another. Friendship and loving one another is one of the most important lessons that God wants us all to learn. The most important thing is to love God.

I'm very excited to let everyone know that we have seventeen children on a waiting list for next year. God is doing great things.

The Discipleship Committee at Immanuel hopes you are enjoying your copy of Christ in Our Home devotional that was included in your care package. The church would like to make those available to parishioners if there are enough people interested. Please contact the church office at 308-472-3310 and leave a message or email

immanuel.lutheran.bertrand@gmail.com

by March 1, 2021.



Meet Ralph Stehl

Ralph Stehl has lived in Bertrand, Nebraska all his life. Ralph has attended Immanuel for 9 years. This is what he says are his favorite memories of attending Immanuel. "I enjoy the opportunity/chance to worship our Lord at my choice and really like working together with the congregation on projects."

After graduation from high school Ralph attended 1 year of community college. He worked on the farm for 1-1/2 years, 4 years at the Coop Service Station, 6 years at the Coop Elevator and owned Ralph's Welding for 37 years.

Ralph is currently retired but enjoys restoring antique items, classic vehicles and doing various crafting projects. Ralph and his family like to celebrate birthdays and to play games together. He has two daughters that live in Bertrand. Brenda married to Jerry Johnson and Bretta married to Scott Lund.

Ralph says he is happiest when he is working in his shop and helping people in the community.

So if you see Ralph say "Howdy."

CONGREGATION SPOTLIGHT



Restored 1937 Allis Chalmers WC owned by Ralph's dad Harold Stehl and dad-in-law Lloyd LaVene.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please let the church office know if there has been a birth, baptism, marriage or death in your family that you would like to share. Let us know if someone is hospitalized or needs our prayers. With your permission, this request will be added to the list of Prayer Concerns in the Sunday Bulletin. If you would like immediate prayers for the individual, the office will initiate the One Call Now system.

HIPPA regulations do not allow a hospital to notify the church if someone in our congregation is hospitalized.

Please call the church office with information at 308-472-3310 or email at immanuel.lutheran.bertrand@gmail.com or secimm2@gmail.com.



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BIRTHDAYS

2nd Stephen Vaughn
4th Ashton Peterson
6th Susan Rieker
Mitch Rieker
7th Steph Fahrenbruch
Arlyn Rieker
8th Tricia Young
9th Fran High
Liam Mattson
10th Cooper Fahrenbruch
12th Calli McCoy
14th Paul Peterson
17th Terry Altwine
19th Jill Harvey
26th Andy Dahlgren

ANNIVERSARIES

4th Andy & Lona
Dahlgren
21st Mariah & Travis Kuck
24th Matt & Vicki
Peterson
Jason & Rachelle
High

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

AT ADULLAM

President: Jeff Carlson
Secretary: Niki Altwine
Financial Secretary: John Ford
Treasurer: Jackie Holt

AT IMMANUEL

President: Phil High
Vice President:
Craig Newcomb
Secretary: Janice Gengenbach
Financial Secretary: Claudia Philips
Treasurer: Michele High
Council Members:
Joanne Chesterman, Joel High,
Dalton Peterson, Vicki Peterson

Council Minutes attached to the newsletter

Dates to Remember

Ash Wednesday February 17th



ADULLAM MEMBERS

Please assist with our Adullam Lutheran Church Scholarship fund by making donations to the fund at any time. Please make a notation of "for Adullam Scholarship fund" on your check on the memo line. We'll collect year-round donations for the \$200 one-time scholarship for a 2-year or 4-year college education, as described in the Adullam Lutheran Church Scholarship application. In years when we do not have high school senior applicants for the scholarship, we'll save up for the future years when we may choose to award scholarships to a group of students. Thank you for your support as we strive to encourage the post-secondary education of our young Adullam students!

SOCIAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IMMANUEL COLLECTION CENTER

Please continue to save your aluminum pop tops and printer ink cartridges for recycling. Thank You!

FEBRUARY MONTHLY SCHEDULE

(Please watch your Bulletin or Facebook for intermonth changes)

FEBRUARY 7TH

8:45 am Worship (A)
10:00 am Worship (G)
10:20 am Sunday School (I)
10:45 am Worship (I)

FEBRUARY 14TH

8:45 am Worship (A)
10:00 am Worship (G)
10:20 am Sunday School (I)
10:45 am Worship (I)

FEBRUARY 21ST

8:45 am Worship (A)
10:00 am Worship (G)
10:20 am Sunday School (I)
10:45 am Worship (I)

FEBRUARY 28TH

8:45 am Worship (A)
10:00 am Worship (G)
10:20 am Sunday School (I)
10:45 am Worship (I)

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Youth Groups
Wednesdays at Grace
from 7:00-8:00 pm

Preschool Director- Nicole Younger

Pastor available by text, phone, email.
Please use subject line on email to name church and topic.

AKALOO
Children's Bible Time
Wednesdays at Grace
All Kindergarteners through fifth graders are
welcome to join us from 6 to 6:50 p.m.

Confirmation
Wednesdays at Grace or by Zoom from
7:00-8:00 pm