



The Gleaner

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Mission
Joyfully Christian.
Humbly Serving.
Boldly Loving.



Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 24
9am

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 25
9am & 11am

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, March 29
6pm

Good Friday
Friday, March 30
6pm

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 1
Sunrise Service- 7am
Easter Breakfast- 8:30am
Festival Service- 10am

A Letter from Pr. Dana.....

Dear friends in Christ,

As we are putting our pain on the cross and living into hope this Lent, I again, want to take a moment to celebrate the success of the *Over the Hill and Still Moving Mountains* campaign. We have a total of \$146,900 pledged and we've received a total of \$104,000 of those pledges to date. As I said in last month's article: I fall to my knees in thanksgiving and rise to my feet with joy for the ways we will invigorate our facilities, resources, and ministries in 2018.

Since a lot of the campaign dollars are not going towards visible, tangible changes I want to take a moment to remind you what we are supporting with your generous offerings to the campaign.

- **Projection System:** The most visual part of the campaign, so far, are the monitors being used in worship. As we play around with the new system and its overwhelming potential, please continue to give me or Craig feedback. We want the system to enhance our worship and help us reach outside of our walls with worship!
- **Welcome Center Renovation:** The ministries are working hard behind the scenes to make sure the details are cared for once we have an updated space. As for the timeline on when the renovation will happen, I will announce when the dates are set.
- **Youth:** I'm guessing you will not "see" the results of this, it is not a concrete thing. It is an investment in their faith and the ministries we offer. We are putting structures in place that will support the increase in young families you see worshipping with us and those who have yet to join us!
- **Capital Improvement:** Again, I'm not sure you'll "see" this one either. It does mean that the next furnace or roof that goes bad, we won't need to ask for money.
- **Our Campaign Tithe:** The *non-profit service center* is open for the ICRH's Day Shelter, CCN's food pantry, The Care Store, and Clothing INC! Our tithe will help this collaboration become a permanent fixture in our community.

I also want to encourage those who only see what's happening through the Sunday morning birds eye view to become more involved. We are a church that is active in and outside the building every day of the week! Through Christ, our ministries are changing lives. We want everyone to be a part of it!

On my knees,
Pastor Dana Hendershot



Business Ministry

POSITION OPENING FOR CONTEMPORARY MUSIC AND VIDEO PROJECTION

The Church Council and Personnel Committee recently approved an expanded job description for a Director of Contemporary Music and Video Projection. The complete job description is included below. Applications are now being accepted. Interested candidates must submit a resume and complete an application (available from the church office) by March 16, 2018.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Director of Contemporary Music and Video Projection

Title: Director of Contemporary Music and Video Projection
Hours: Varied, approximately 15 hours per week
Annual: 52 weeks per year which includes 2 Sundays off with pay
Supervised by: Pastor
Reviewed by: Personnel Committee
Coordinated with: Worship Ministry

Purpose of Position: In cooperation with the Pastor and Worship Ministry, provide leadership and innovation in shaping a Lutheran Liturgical Contemporary Service.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Love God and one another
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work with a wide range of personalities
- Ability to adapt and innovate – and strive for excellence
- Experience leading a contemporary music band
- Strong computer skills (ProPresenter, Word, Power Point, Excel, Publisher)
- Successful completion of background checks and drug screening
- Available to work weekends and evenings

Primary Responsibilities:

- Foster open communication with Pastor, other staff members and Worship Ministry.
- Foster a maturing relationship with Christ and have a strong desire to serve God.
- Plan and select music for the contemporary band in coordination with the theme of each particular Sunday, festival or church season.
- Collaborate with Pastor and Organist to plan and rehearse for combined worship services.
- Rehearse weekly for Sunday worship services.
- Provide information to church office regarding selections for the coming services for the bulletin.
- Communicate and coordinate with the Worship Ministry and serve as a Worship Ministry member.
- Purchase music, video projection enhancement, and music supplies in coordination with Worship Ministries budget guidelines.
- Communicate regularly with Pastor regarding music and video projection.
- Create video projection for traditional and contemporary worship services weekly that enhance worship with words, music and graphics.
- Personally rehearse your own musical skills sufficient for optimal performance.
- Identify instrument, sound system and maintenance issues which must be addressed to insure musical integrity.
- Nurture and develop musicians for the band.
- Recruit, train, and supervise a volunteer video projection team.
- Any other duties assigned or directed by the Pastor

Ministry with Each Other

Worship Wednesday Meal Help Needed!



We need your help in putting on the Wednesday night midweek meal. If you like to cook, great- we could use you! If you like to serve food to others, great- we could use you! If you like to wash tables and dishes, great- we could use you! The bottom line is- there are all kinds of talents needed to make Wednesday night meals happen! We will let you in on a little secret, we share in a lot of fun and laughter along the way in our ministry of service to others! Please prayerfully consider if Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:30 are calling you.....Contact Jan Podolsky if you are interested in helping out!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

We are excited to share that Immanuel has received **\$1,367** in charitable outreach funding from our Thrivent members (at no cost to them) for the past 2017 year from **Thrivent Choice Dollars**. Once again, ALL Thrivent members are urged to take just five minutes of time to direct their Choice dollars before the **deadline of March 29th, 2018**. There are two ways to do this and the first is really the fastest and easiest because if the on-line method is used a verification step is required this year for security reasons.

- 1) Call [1-800-847-4836](tel:1-800-847-4836) and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice". The say "Choice Dollars". You will be asked for your Thrivent Member ID and /or the last four numbers of your social security number. After verification of who you are, a person will speak to you so you can state where you want your "Choice Dollars" to go; e.g. Immanuel Lutheran + address or to a non-profit organization of your choice.
- 2) If you wish to go on-line, visit Thrivent.com/thrivent choice. After the log in, register for account access and find the number of choice dollars you have. Click "Direct Now" to church or non-profit organization of your choice.

I hope this helps you to direct the money you have available so it can be used by our congregation or charity of your choice. If you have questions, call Carolyn Hoffman, congregational Thrivent advocate at [\(989\)506-3763](tel:9895063763).

Ministry with Each Other, Continued) & Worship

NEW STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING TO BEGIN IN APRIL

(with a slower-paced schedule!)

We have been praying about our Stephen Ministry program and asking God to stir up the spiritual gift of caring among you. Immanuel is in need of additional Stephen Ministers to provide confidential, Christ-centered care and support to those experiencing a life challenge. Please prayerfully consider serving others through this outreach ministry.

A less intense training schedule is planned, with classes beginning in April and held only ***twice a month***. It is our hope that spreading the training over a longer period of time will make it easier for you to commit to becoming a Stephen Minister. The total training is still 50 hours.

The Stephen Ministry leadership team is excited to talk further with you about sharing God's love through this ministry.

God's Peace,

Chris Schuster [989-339-4118](tel:989-339-4118)

Fred Schuster [231-920-3630](tel:231-920-3630)

Gail Mitchell [989-289-9164](tel:989-289-9164)

Pastor Dana [989-773-4204](tel:989-773-4204)



We will hold Lenten services in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm on Tuesday evenings throughout Lent. Please join us!

The Noisy Offering

The noisy offering on March 25 will be given to the William Ellis Brockman Infant Pantry.

A collection jar is located in the Narthex throughout the month for your convenience.



Sound System Training Saturday, March 10th at 11am

We are looking for people who would be willing to sit at the sound booth on Sunday mornings or at an occasional wedding or funeral. If interested, please contact Pr. Dana or Bill Gallaher.

(Ministry with Each Other, Continued)



Our first VBS Meeting will be on Saturday, March 3rd from 9am-11am. There will be a light breakfast available. There will be a brief overview of this summer's theme, some planning followed by organizing the supplies we currently have in the building. This meeting is open to everyone interested in volunteering! Those who are able to help with planning/prep, the week of VBS or both! We look forward to seeing you on the 3rd. Any questions beforehand, please contact Claire Torgerson at [\(248\) 425-7346](tel:2484257346) or claire.e.torgerson@gmail.com

With Sincere Thanks....

Dear Immanuel family,
Thank you for the many cards celebrating our birthdays and 60th wedding anniversary. We have been blessed by Immanuel for four decades, and no one could ask for more caring family.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and love.
Ed & Bonnie Bethold

Easter Flowers

If you would like to order Easter flowers for the altar, please pick up an order form in the Narthex! They will be available on March 11 & 18.

Thank You!!!

March Birthdays

- 2 Joann Johnson
- 3 Sam Staples
- 4 Tom Dillman
Barb Dunn
- 6 Lachlan Weber
- 7 Michael Caleca
Olivia Geisthardt
- 8 Susan Shock
- 9 Janice Fox
- 10 David Ross
- 11 Meaghan McCollow
- 12 Katherine Brown
- 13 Rachel Schwerin
- 14 Joann Golden
Nicole Balent
- 15 Jennifer McCallum
Cil Lorand
- 16 Chris Schuster
Margaret
VanFaussien
- 18 Wesley Skinner
- 21 Carl Graef
Zachary Heinrich
- 22 Doug Hill
- 25 Madeline Ebert
Ann Ferguson
Joshua Fluharty
- 26 Sue Keilitz
- 27 Christine Ruelle
Laura Richards
- 28 Craig Torgerson
Lacey Connor
- 29 Brady Griffith
Paula Krueger
- 30 Gabriel Kauffman
Ethan Balent

(Ministry with Each Other, Continued)



Reflections

Where: Eagle Village in Reed City
When: Friday, April 27 (7pm) to Saturday, April 28 (6:30pm)
Cost: \$60 per person (includes 3 meals and linens for hotel-style accommodations)
RSVP: bmundwiler@gmail.com



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 11th.

Where do I drop off donations???

*Plastic grocery bags for CCN can be dropped into the baskets under the benches outside of the office.

Thank You!!!



March

March 4.....2-4pm at church
March 11.....1-5 at church
March 25.....1-5 at church
April 1.....Easter Breakfast

Community Input: Praises and Pinches

To be a healthy, faithful community, Immanuel needs to be open with what we expect in all areas of life. If there is anything in our community life that brings joy or causes concern, please share any feelings and questions. Thank you for taking the time to communicate ways we are doing well in our ministry at Immanuel and the areas that need attention. Your Mutual Ministry Team needs your feedback. If you would like a personal response to your "praise" or "pinch," please be sure to sign this form at the bottom.

To discuss a concern directly with the Mutual Ministry Team or one of the Team members, please indicate below.

Praises: _____

Pinches: _____

Desired Outcome: _____

Is it OK to publish in Gleaner? ___ Yes ___ No (Name must be posted if you wish for this to appear in Gleaner.)

A specific question I would like answered: _____

Name _____

Ministry with the Community & World

March Volunteer Opportunities

**“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”
- Luke 6:38**

Here are some upcoming outreach opportunities for members of Immanuel to get involved in the local community.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

March 1 MP High School 10am-3pm
19 Beal City HS 12-5:45
20 Sacred Heart Church 12-5:45
21 CMU Bovee Ctr. 12-5:45
29 CMU Emmons Hall 12-5:45

April 3 Rosebush Presbyterian Church 12-5:45
4 CMU College of Medicine 10:30-4:15

CLOTHING INC 773-3904

1114 W. High St (wood storage building outside of old Victory Church bldg)
Drop off anytime

Accepting: New or clean & gently used clothes (smoke-free and pet hair free)
Also shoes, boots, purses, jewelry, soaps, shampoos, etc
Volunteers needed for sorting and/or distribution

COMMISSION ON AGING 772-0748

Volunteers needed:
-Meals on Wheels
-Reception/greeters

If you have any ideas for other ways members of Immanuel Lutheran Church can get involved in serving our local community, please contact Jennifer Digmann at 989-775-8475 or Paul Kruska at 989-828-5103.



**THANK YOU!
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The ICRH would like to thank everyone who helped
Immanuel to house the homeless!
Your volunteer hours and food donations were crucial in
making this past week run so smoothly!

Ministry with the Community & World



Soup Supper Fundraiser for Service trip to Uganda for Sarah Keller: Friday, March 9th, Fellowship Hall, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Sarah will be traveling to Uganda, Africa for service work for Public Health Improvement this upcoming summer.

To My Immanuel Family,

Volunteering abroad has been something on my heart for a long time-combining my love of people and places and public health! I was recently accepted into a public health improvement program in Uganda! I will be working to improve the health conditions of a community, through a grassroots organization that is based in Uganda.

During my 8 weeks of service, I will be talking to people in the community about health issues, conducting seminars on disease prevention, nutrition, and sanitation, and helping with other public health initiatives in the community. I have chosen this program because of their dedication to help and develop real people and communities, on their terms.

Your donations will help with the cost of:

- > airline ticket, and the program fee (food/orientation)
- > water, preventative medication, and other basic health needs while I'm there
- > fees for visa, in country transportation, and insurance

My personal goals of this trip include learning about the culture and forming meaningful connections with the locals, understanding the public health situation in Uganda, and sharing this all with YOU! Your donation means a lot to me and the people I will be working with to help Uganda increase health education and disease prevention. I would love for you to consider helping me fund this service trip and pray with me for the project and the relationships that will be formed during my time in Uganda.

Thank you for your support!
Sarah Keller

March Worship Helpers

Cantors (9:00)

- 4 Bill Gallaher
- 11 Amy Powell
- 18 Lacey Connor
- 25 John Lorand

Counters

- 4 John Emmons & John Warriner
- 11 Chuck McCollom & Cindy Torgerson
- 18 Jacque Jackson & John Lorand
- 25 Jodie Mitchell-Beach & Harry Plouff

Altar Guild

- 4 Paula Krueger & Pat Podoll
- 11 Jan Kruska & Bonnie Schaeffer
- 18 Sandy Warriner & Deb Reimer
- 25 Bonnie Schaeffer & Sarah Gilbert
- 29 Denise Little
- 30 No communion

Projector (9:00)

- 4 Dan Digmann
- 11 Gabe Goodrich
- 18 Deb LaBlance
- 25 Abbie Powell

Projector (11:00)

- 4 Aubyrion Anderson
- 11 Dana Mielke
- 18 Ted Tuma
- 25 Kip Ferguson

Ushers (9:00)

- 4 John Emmons, Alan & Gayle Gumm, Bill Jensen
- 11 Ruth Magnell, Aaron Smith, Bill Jensen
- 18 Ruth Magnell, Newton Smerchek, Bill Jensen & Carl Graef
- 25 Sam Staples, Rose Prasad, Carl Graef & Bill Jensen
- 29 (6pm) Carl Graef & Rose Prasad
- 30 (6pm) Carl Graef & Rose Prasad

Ushers (11:00)

(lists not available at time of printing)

Greeters (9:00 & 11:00)

(lists not available at time of printing)

Assisting Ministers

- 4 (9:00) Paul Geisthardt
(11:00) Natalie Douglas
- 11 (9:00) Mary Hageman
(11:00) Ben Strandskov
- 18 (9:00) Amy Powell
(11:00) Natalie Douglas
- 25 (9:00) Amy Powell
(11:00) Jodie Mitchell-Beach
- 29 (6:00) Bill Gallaher
- 30 (6:00) Amy Powell

