

**Immanuel United Church of Christ**  
**141 N. Service Rd. West**  
**Wright City, MO 63390**



## **IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**OFFICE PH. 636-745-3864**

### **MARCH 2018**

Scriptures: John 1:35-41, Luke 6:17-19

#### **Mar 4 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT**

I Samuel 8:4-9

Sermon: Is There Anything that Cannot Be  
Forgiven?

Terry Leap Greeter/Usher

Whitney Schuenemeyer Reader/Ushers

Scriptures: Psalm 40:1-14, Romans 7:14-25,  
Matthew 26:4-6 and 27:1-5

John Schuenemeyer Usher

Abby Rosemann Guestbook/Usher

Beverley Willoughby Greeter/Usher/Reader

#### **Mar 21 Jesus: Our Redeemer**

Margaret & Richard Ramey Ushers

Romans 5:20 to 6:11

Jackie Nierman Guestbook/Usher

#### **Mar 25 PALM SUNDAY/PASSION SUNDAY**

Sermon: "More than Fair"

#### **Mar 7 Jesus: Faithful Witness**

Philippians 2:1-13

Scriptures: Luke 19:35-40, Psalm 31:9-16

#### **Mar 11 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Luke 23:32-43

Sermon: "Light for Those Who Sit in Darkness"

Abby Rosemann Greeter/Usher

Scriptures: Psalm 143:1-8, Matthew 4:16-17,  
Luke 1:67-69

Karen Cox Reader/Usher

Marvin Schubert Usher

Roland Niemann Greeter/Usher/Reader

Amy Wilber Guestbook/Usher

Diana & Gary Schlueter Usher/Reader

#### **Mar 29 MAUNDAY THURSDAY**

Lavelle Requat Guestbook/Usher

"Sharing the Cup of Forgiveness"

#### **Mar 14 Jesus: Sacrificial Lamb**

Hebrews 12:18-24

Matthew 26:26-28

#### **Mar 18 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Sermon: "If Only a Savior Were Here"

#### **April 1 RESURRECTION SUNDAY**

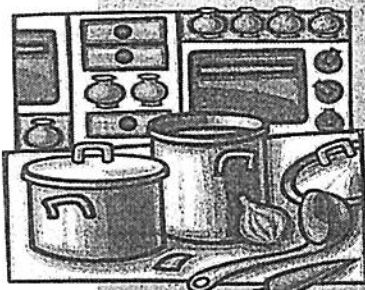
Sermon: "Where the Light Shines Through"

Scriptures: Luke 24:1-12, 36-48, II Corinthians 4:5-11

# All U Can Eat Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner

Time: 11am to  
2pm

Date:  
03/11/2018



Adults - \$10.00  
Children 6 - 12 \$5.00  
Under 6 - free

Carry Outs Available

Located at Immanuel UCC  
Wright City at the 141 W Service  
Rd N

On the menu:

Link Pork Sausage  
Sauerkraut  
Mashed Potatoes  
And Gravy  
Green Beans  
Applesauce  
Homemade Bread  
And Dessert

Coffee, Tea and  
Water



## FISH FRY

at the 4-way in  
Wright City, MO  
Sponsored by the

## WRIGHT CITY FFA ALUMNI

Friday's, March 2nd, 9th &  
March 23rd

Serving 11:00 am til 6:00 pm ?

CATFISH PLATES \$8.00

CATFISH SANDWICH \$5.00

potato salad, baked beans, fries,  
hushpuppies & soda/water available

Call Debbie @ 636-459-5515 for orders  
or any questions

## ***ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS***

### ***MARCH 2018***

#### **HAPPY**

#### **ANNIVERSARY**

	Grace Howeth 11	Jane Blanton 20	Doris Brakensiek 30
	Megan Flesch 12	Jeanne Ewald 21	Doug Gerdeman 30
Robert & Denise Freund 22	Roger Nierman 12	Donna Jean LaPointe 22	Darrell Engelage 31
Roger & Jackie Nierman 26	Steven Bilyeu 16	Lenora Schaper 22	John Krueger 31

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

	William Schriener 16	Jana Moss 23
Velma LaFave 1	Paul Dutton 17	Amber Bill 25
Richard Ramey 4	Jordan Rosen 18	Kim Fast 28
Michael Dreyer 8	Betty Lashley 20	Diane Dreyer 29

Dotty Merlotti

Delmar Gardens

7068 South Outer 364 Room 607A

O'Fallon, MO 63368

Phone: 636-281-7139

#### ***NEXT***

#### ***COUNCIL MEETING***

***WILL BE ON SUNDAY,***

***MARCH 18, 2018***

***AT 9:00 AM***

President	Roland Niemann	636-745-2547
Vice President	Kelvin Lashley	636-279-0763
Secretary	Mary Sue Sitton	636-673-2265
Financial Secretary	Lavelle Requat	636-673-2344
General Treasurer	Beverley Willoughby	636-384-6693
Christian Worker	Lee Fast	314-972-4882
Evangelism/Stewardship	Abby Roseman	636-384-0071
Memorial	Terry Leap	636-384-0410
Pastorial Relations	Paul Saunders	636-290-6890



- ***Just a few notes.....DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER IS MARCH 15***
- ALL LENTEN SERVICES ON WEDNESDAY, SOUP & SANDWICH FIRST THEN SERVICE
- Sun. March 11, SAUSAGE & SAUERKRAUT DINNER, 11:00 AM TIL 2:00 PM
- BOWLING WILL BE IN MARCH SOMETIME, NO SET DATE YET
- Evening Circle is taking orders for Easter Lilies to be on display Easter morning. They can be purchased at \$6 each in honor or memory of anyone. Place orders with Abby Rosemann at 636-745-9494 by March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- WRIGHT CITY FFA ALUMNI — FISH FRY'S ON FRIDAY'S MARCH 2, 9 & 23 AT THE GAZEBO IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN. IF WE HAVE BAD DAYS THE 2ND OR THE 9TH, WE WILL HAVE ONE ON THE 16TH.

## **Prayer List**

Please keep all of our members in your prayers, especially the ones who are not able to attend services or those who are facing health issues. Alice Windmann

is in charge of Immanuel's Care Committee. She sends notes or makes calls to members when she knows they are in hospital or having health concerns. Also, members in need of prayers for any reason are listed in our weekly bulletins. Contact Margaret Viehmann to have names added to bulletin.

***\*\*\*\*\*Please contact me, Debbie Meyer, if there has been a change in your phone, address or email. Also, please let me know if you have any children's addresses who may have moved out of your home or are in college. We would really like to get all the addresses we can.***

*You can get in touch with me by phone, 636-459-5515 or 636-745-3319.*

*Email: dendebmeyer@yahoo.com or thru the church Facebook page.*

## **We are on the WEB**

**Look for us at "immanuelucc.weebly.com"**

***Changed the name of our website. Hopefully it will be easier to find. Let me know if there is something you would like to see on there.***

## **Don't forget Our Church is on FACEBOOK**

**Go to: Facebook.com**

Search for Immanuel United Church of Christ

There is already some information on it for you and you can see the friends who have signed on. It also provides links to the UCC website and more. Become a fan and leave your own message on the wall.

Elisabeth Thompson, Debbie Meyer, Whitney Cox, Jackie Nierman & Beverley Willoughby are the administrators of this sight. You can send info to these people to put on our page.

**Just a note to our** new members & anyone else. If you are getting your newsletter by mail or picking it up at church. Please let me know, if you would rather receive it by email. You can email me (Debbie Meyer) at dendebmeyer@yahoo.com

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## PASTORIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Council Rep. Kelvin Lashley, Karen Cox, Aaron Wilber, Judy Engelage

\*Pastor Relations – If anyone would be in need of pastoral visit, please contact council president Roland Niemann at 636-745-2547 and he will put you in touch with Pastor Silea or Pastor Niemann-Harris. Members please know that they are also available at this time to minister for baptisms, weddings or funerals until we are able to get another minister.

### Stewardship:

The council has started a new stewardship moment in 2018. On the second Sunday of each month, we are looking for folks to give a reflection of why you feel Immanuel UCC is important to you, your family or the community. What is it about having our church in this community that you feel is uplifting or doing good. By sharing our thoughts about Immanuel UCC, we hope to encourage everyone to spread positive and uplifting words about our church to others.

Thank you to Kelvin Lashley for being our first volunteer to share his thoughts about Immanuel in January. If you would like to volunteer for February, please let Jackie Nierman know. If you would rather not go up to speak, you can write your thoughts down and Jackie will read them for you. Let's help share the good about Immanuel UCC to everyone.

## *My Prayer Hand*

My thumb is closest to my heart; so pray first for those who are closest to you.

The second finger is used for pointing; pray for those who point you toward the truth, like your teachers, minister, and those who inspire you.

The third finger is the tallest; let it stand for the leaders, both in government and in your Church.

The fourth finger is the weakest; let it stand for those in trouble, pain, injured or weak.

The little finger is the smallest; let it stand for those who are unnoticed, poor, abused or deprived.

Evening and morning and at noon will I pray and cry aloud; and He shall hear my voice.

Psalms 55:17

## Planting Your Spring Garden

### Or The Garden of Your Daily Living

#### Plant Three Rows of peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

#### Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

#### Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

#### No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

1. Turnip For Meetings
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

#### To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme For Friends

Water Freely With Patience And Cultivate With Love  
here Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap  
What You Sow. Pass It On!!!

During Lent, we will have a soup and sandwich dinner before each Wednesday night service. Anyone who would like to volunteer to make soup or desserts please contact Jackie Nierman at 636-745-3096. Dinner will be at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall and the service will follow in the hall at 7 pm. If you can't make it for dinner, please come to the service.

Pastor Silea will be our minister throughout the Lenten season.

Note from Pastor Silea

On the Wednesday evenings from February 21 through March 21 we will focus on the cross of Jesus, seeking to understand some of the many powerful dimensions of Jesus' death for our sake.

### **COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2018**

Roland called the meeting to order and lead us in prayer. In attendance: Roland Nieman, Darrell Schmidt, Lee Fast, Lavelle Requat, Terry Leap, Beverley Willoughby, Mary Sue Sitton, Jackie Nierman and Kelvin Lashley.

Secretary's Report: Jackie made the motion to approve the minutes as presented with a notation to change some wording in the December 10, 2017 minutes, Lee seconded, motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Beverley made the motion to approve the report as presented, Lee seconded, motion carried.

General Treasurer's Report: Terry made the motion to approve the report as presented, Darrell seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Rev. John Silea will lead us in worship February 18<sup>th</sup> through Easter and the Wednesday night Lenten Services.

Building & Grounds: Need to get new mats for the doors in Fellowship Hall to protect the new carpet. Need to check with Schraer Heating and Air Conditioning to see if they can figure out why the pilot Light in the furnace in Fellowship Hall basement keeps going out.

Christian Workers: December attendance was 268 with an average of 54. The average attendance for Church in 2017 was 64.

Evangelism and Stewardship: Annual Chili Cook Off after the Annual Meeting Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. Souper Bowl February 4<sup>th</sup>. Soup and Sandwiches before the Lenten Services starting Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday. Starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month we would like to have a volunteer share a reflection of why you feel Immanuel UCC is important.

Memorial: Will buy the new mats.

Pastoral Relations: Hope to get more people back to Church.

Christian Board: Birthday Dinner will be February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Women's Fellowship: Meeting February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 P.M.

Men's Club: Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner March 11<sup>th</sup>. Darrell & Roger taking inventory.

New Business: Lee made the motion to give Project Graduation \$50.00 out of Community Functions, Jackie seconded, motion carried. Need to look at getting a new Directory for the Church. Want to "THANK" Jackie and Darrell for serving on the Church Board.

No further business to discuss Beverley made the motion to adjourn, Roland seconded. Everyone joined hands in the Lord's Prayer.

### **IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

#### **REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**JANUARY 21, 2018**

After the Annual Congregational Meeting President Roland Niemann called a short Church

Council Meeting to reorganize the Council. The 2018 Church Council will be:

President	Roland Niemann
Vice President	Kelvin Lashley
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The next Council Meeting will be February 11, 2018 and the second Sunday of each Month after that.

The installation of the new Church Council will be during the Sunday morning Church service on February 11, 2018.

No further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

