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## The Road to Jerusalem: Immanuel Bears The Cross

The Transfiguration of our Lord is traditionally thought to have happened on a mountain very near the “road to Damascus.” So some scholars think Paul’s blinding vision of Christ on the road to Damascus likely happened very near to the site of the Mount of Transfiguration. Whether it happened that way or not, the two events point to Jesus’ true glory – that He came to die and rise to defeat sin, death, and devil.

On that road and mountain, our Lord showed us a glimpse of what is really a mystery: the glories of heaven that He promises to give us at the end of life, and for eternity after the Resurrection. We are enlightened and our weak hearts are strengthened by the apostolic witness of our Lord – just as Peter, James, John, and later, Paul were by these glorious visions.

At the transfiguration, Jesus showed His glory for a glimpse of time, spoke to Moses and Elijah about His impending “Exodus” on the cross, and set His face down the road to Jerusalem to bear that cross and destroy the power of sin for us. At Paul’s conversion, Jesus showed His resurrected glory to Paul and apostled him to preach the Gospel news of Jesus’ atoning death and justifying resurrection to the Gentile world.

*And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision’s mystery,  
For which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
(LSB #413, stanza four, public domain)*

After Transfiguration, the Epiphany season is now ended and we transfigure, so to speak, from the brightness of Christmas and Epiphany, gradually over to the anticipation of Lent – the time of fasting and repentance that brings us ready to celebrate our Lord’s “Exodus” – Holy Week and Easter Sunday. In celebrating these, we actually celebrate our own “Exodus” from sin and death, that is, our Holy Baptism where we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ.

This gradual “pre-Lenten” season consists of three “Gesima” Sundays – “Septuagesima” (roughly seventy days until Easter), “Sexagesima” (roughly sixty days until Easter), and “Quinquagesima” (*kwin-kwa-gesima*; exactly fifty days to Easter on that Sunday). The origin of these Sundays comes from the early Church’s leaders calling for days of supplication and prayer before Lent because of impending

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invasion of the Roman Empire by northern European barbarians. The ongoing effect of observing these Sundays is that we are gradually brought into the Lenten intensity of repentance and preparation.

The word Lent likely comes from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning “Spring” – the time when the days lengthened. Early Christians commemorated the forty hours our Lord lay in His tomb at rest. Gradually, Lent expanded out to two weeks (for the Passiontide), and eventually, in recognition of the forty days of our Lord’s temptation in the wilderness, to forty days.

Sundays have never been held to be days of fasting – one receives the Communion, after all. So, Sundays in Lent are considered to be “in Lent” but not “of Lent.” Thus, to have forty days in Lent, four days were added to the front of Lent’s six weeks (thirty-six days not counting Sundays), and thus we have Ash Wednesday as the start our Lenten season of repentance, this year, on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The “Gesima” Sundays then are the “ready... set... go!” of the Church: Lent and Easter are coming! The Lord has shown us a glimpse of the heavenly glory in His Transfiguration that awaits us after the journey with Him through the cross and tomb. Now in these “Gesima” Sundays, let us with restrained joy and repentant hearts turn in faith to Jerusalem with our Lord, giving thanks for the salvation He has accomplished for us there and given to us in our Baptism and in the hearing of the precious Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, our *Immanuel*,

**Pastor Sutton**



Ash Wednesday Divine Service  
Wednesday, February 22, 2012  
Imposition of ashes at 6:45 PM  
Divine Service at 7:00 PM  
Please join in fellowship and refreshments  
following the service.

**REMEMBER IMMANUEL IN YOUR WILL!**

Help keep the work of the Gospel going here after you are gone.

## Immanuel Sings - February 2012

Each month, we will highlight a selected hymn of our Lutheran Service Book that has been or will be used in the Divine Service. You are encouraged to memorize these hymn stanzas and learn their tunes, and that you sing this hymn every day at your family or personal devotions. Following, we list the "Hymn of the Day" for each Sunday of the coming month...

### Salvation Unto Us Has Come

LSB #555, stanzas 1,2,6,9

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484-1551; Public Domain

Salvation unto us has come  
By God's free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.

What God did in His Law demand  
And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand  
For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires  
The spirit of the Law requires,  
And lost is our condition.

Since Christ has full atonement made  
And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
Your death is now my life indeed,  
For You have paid my ransom.

Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.

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February 5, 2012 (Septuagesima): *Salvation Unto Us Has Come* – LSB #555  
February 12, 2012 (Sexagesima): *May God Bestow on Us His Grace* – LSB #823  
February 19, 2012 (Quinquagesima): *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus* – LSB #685  
February 26, 2012 (Lent 1 - Invocabit): *A Mighty Fortress* – LSB #656

## God Reveals Immanuel to the Nations through Us Giving to the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I said in this article last month,

“The preaching of the Gospel goes on beyond our little slice of earth here in Terre Haute. God sends His Word out to the ends of the earth. Through bringing us together in our *Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod* with other like-minded and like-confessing congregations, God blesses and provides more pastors for His Church through our seminaries, more missionaries to preach in far-away places, more materials and support for congregations.”

These items – support of seminaries, missionaries abroad, works of mercy in times of disaster and need abroad (such as in Haiti or in Japan), and a publishing house for our hymnals, catechisms, and other materials – cannot be done by one congregation on her own. But the many banded together by a common doctrine and practice of the Holy Scriptures can do much more. So we send monetary support to the Indiana District of the LCMS, and a sizable portion of that money is then forwarded from Fort Wayne to St. Louis for the Synod’s work.

To do our part in supporting the work of the Gospel in the world at large, our congregation this year has set forth in her budget the following priorities that support our walk together with our sister congregations in the LCMS:

- We have committed to sending \$3000 to the Indiana District of the LCMS, part of which then the District sends to the National Synod.
- We have committed to funding our re-entry into the Vicarage Program, and the application is in process. By God’s grace, we will receive a vicar to train beginning in late summer 2012. This is of course a major financial and time investment for the sake of the Church at large having well-trained pastors.

Further, thanks to the generous giving of our members, and thanks to holding to responsible spending habits in 2011, Immanuel finished with a blessed “in the black” balance for 2011. The Council of Deacons decided at their January meeting that they would designate part of this positive 2011 balance to the Indiana District of the LCMS, and thus to the LCMS as well, as a gift of thanksgiving to the Lord.

Next month, this column will highlight the worldwide Lutheran internet radio ministry, “*Issues, Etc.*”

In Christ’s Service,  
Pastor Sutton

## Council of Deacons

The Council met on January 7<sup>th</sup> and continued its study of the Lutheran Confessions, continuing in Apology XXIV of the Augsburg Confession.

Immanuel met its 2011 goal of \$1,200 for contributions to Worship for Shut-ins, collecting a total of \$1,205, and thus no supplemental amount will need to be taken from the budget. Pastor indicated that he would like to revive an afternoon service on Good Friday, possibly at 2:30 PM, in addition to the evening Tenebrae service, and also to continue a Christmas Day service, possibly at 10:30 AM. We will continue the tradition of 7 AM and 10:30 AM services on Easter Sunday. He also indicated that he is looking into the possibility of pulpit exchange for mid-week Lenten services in conjunction with two other confessional Lutheran pastors from Illinois.

Immanuel ended with a surplus of \$10,000 over its starting checking balance in 2011, and in accordance with its intentions as expressed at the Congregational Assembly last December, we will be sending \$5,000 to the Indiana District of the Synod to address mission needs and make up for a number of years in which we have been unable to do so. A discussion of options arose for how Immanuel might begin planning to introduce Christian daycare or schooling, but the matter is clearly one which will require much deliberation and long-term planning.

The next regular Council meeting is set for Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM.

Ron Dunbar, Chairman, Council of Deacons

## Replacement on the Council of Deacons

Deacon David Robinson has asked that a replacement be found for him to complete his term on the Council of Deacons. In consultation with Pastor Sutton and in accordance with Immanuel's By-Laws, the Council of Deacons has appointed Jack Casassa to complete the remainder of the term, which is due to expire on January 1, 2014.

According to the By-Laws, in the event that the Council needs to appoint someone to fill out an unexpired term, "[t]he name(s) of the candidate(s) shall then be published publicly to the congregation for a period of two weeks during which time any communicate member in good standing, who can provide reasonable and justifiable cause to the Pastor(s) or Deacons, may request that the proposed name(s) be withdrawn."

## Immanuel Finance Committee

As we move into the year 2012, the members of Immanuel should be thankful for what God accomplished financially over the last year. Our Church was able to receive more in offerings than it dispersed. So, the Council of Deacons has decided to send part of that surplus as a mission offering to Synod in thanks to God. On top of that, as a Congregation we were able to take an additional \$12,500 off of The 150 Drive loan in 2011. Praise God from whom all blessing flow.

John Schulz, Deacon of Finance

## Board of Education

Board of Education met January 17 for our first meeting of the new year. Pastor Sutton opened with devotions. Pastor then reported on the progress of the catechumens. The college class is planning on attending a retreat in Bloomington in late February. Didache class has three persons attending and several others have indicated an interest in the next class. (Note: these are wonderful "refresher" courses for members, too.)

Ruther Acker asked about summer Sunday School. A decision will be made at February BOE meeting.

Vacation Bible School will be co-directed by Pastor Sutton, Erin Wineinger and Kelly Bays. Dates to be determined.

Mike Latta was appointed as liaison to the leaders of Hoi Polloi and YPI.

Next BOE Meeting, Tuesday, February 14, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully,  
Paul Danielsen, Deacon, Board of Education

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## Scrip Program Update

The Scrip Program at Immanuel had another successful year in 2011, bringing in \$530.86 in new profit for the church! This brings the total profit of the Scrip program to nearly \$2,500.00 since its inception in September 2008. The Scrip program has endless potential, and we encourage everyone to find a way to be involved this year. Let's make 2012 a great Scrip success!

Scrip Tip: Consider Scrip when planning your Valentine's Day outing! Choose from hundreds of restaurants for a great Valentine's Day dinner!

Orders can be placed at any time (online ordering available – see church office or Scrip table for details). However, orders will be processed on the first and third Sunday of each month. Please see below for a schedule of order and pick-up dates. Every single order helps – large or small!

Review of How It Works: You purchase gift cards to participating retail stores, and those stores donate anywhere between 1% and 17% of the value of each gift card back to Immanuel. FREE Money! You can pick up a complete list of participating retailers at the church office or you can view the list of participating retailers online at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com).

Who can I go to with questions? Our Scrip Program Coordinator is John Schulz. You may contact John at 812-299-1429 or [johnschulz2@yahoo.com](mailto:johnschulz2@yahoo.com).

## Important Scrip Dates

### February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Scrip orders placed from January 23, 2012 through February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to be processed (Available for pick-up February 12<sup>th</sup>).

### February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Scrip orders placed from February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 through February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to be processed (Available for pick-up February 26<sup>th</sup>).

## Board of Outreach, Assimilation and Fellowship

The Board of OAF hopes that you enjoy the events that are planned. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please let us know. Board members are: Brad Cress, Deacon, Kara Cress, Lou Barbin, Ted Czanderna, Jodi Tate, Kristin Schulz, Marolyn Lux, JoAnn Beleslin and Leslie Bilyeu.

Ash Wednesday– 22 February. Join us after Divine Service for refreshments and fellowship.

Midweek Dinners– 29 February, 7, 14, 21, 28 March. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30PM. Watch for reservation sheets in the Sunday bulletins. Dinners will be pitch-in style with a designated entrée. Come for a delicious meal and fellowship before attending Vespers.



### Bunco Becomes a Monthly Event at Immanuel

All the ladies attending Bunco last month had so much fun we decided to make this a monthly event. Results from a recent survey to the ladies in attendance will determine the date, time and any other particulars. We'll keep you posted through emails and bulletin inserts. If you were not able to make Bunco Night in January, you are still invited to come. Haven't played before? No problem. If you can roll three dice and count you're good to go!



**Super Bowl Party  
at Immanuel  
for youth  
5th grade-college  
(and their families)  
Sunday, February 5, 2012  
6:00 PM**

**Football, pizza, activities  
and fellowship.**

**Bring: a snack and/or 2-liter to share,  
friends, bean bag chairs or floor  
cushions if you have them.**

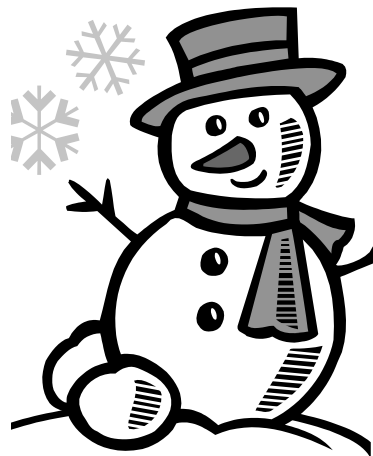
**Make your reservation by calling the  
church office, 232-4972 or email-  
leslie@immanuelth.org.**

**Questions? Contact John and Kristin  
Schulz  
812-299-1429**



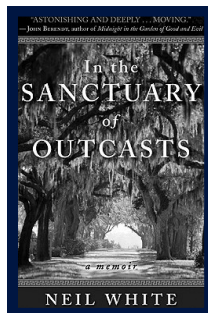
### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

for 2011 are on the table in the narthex for you to pick up. Any inaccuracies should be reported to Financial Secretary Frances Cook.



## Book Club meets Monday, February 13, 2012

### *In the Sanctuary of Outcasts* by Neil White



Following conviction for bank fraud, White spent a year in a minimum-security prison in Carville, La., housed in the last leper colony in mainland America. His fascinating memoir reflects on the sizable group of lepers living alongside the prisoners, social outcasts among the motley inmate crew of drug dealers, mob types and killers. Narrating in colorful, entertaining snapshots, White introduces the reader to an excellent supporting cast in his imprisonment: Father Reynolds, the peerless spiritual monk; Mr. Flowers, the no-nonsense case manager; Anne, the sorrowful mother with leprosy whose baby was taken from her arms; and Ella the Earth Mother, with wisdom to spare. Brisk, ironic and perceptive, White's introspective memoir puts a magnifying glass to a flawed life, revealing that all of life is to be savored and respected.

March- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

April- *The Sunroom* by Beverly Lewis

May- *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

June- *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson

July- *Term Limits* by Vince Flynn

August- *On the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

September- *How Evan Broke his Head and Other Secrets* by Garth Stein

October- *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah

November- *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff

December- *Priceless: How I Went Undercover to Rescue the World's Stolen Treasures* by John Shiffman

### Serving at Immanuel in February

Ushers - Larry Hayne, Jim Hayne, Terry Cummings, Stan Galenski  
 Tellers - Kris & Leslie Bilyeu, Brad & Kara Cress  
 Altar Guild - Faith Fenner, Donna Dunbar

### Schedule of Liturgies for February

05 February	Septuagesima, 10:30 AM	Divine Service
12 February	Sexagesima, 10:30 AM	Divine Service
19 February	Quinquagesima, 10:30 AM	Divine Service
22 February	Ash Wednesday, 6:45 PM	Imposition of Ashes
22 February	Ash Wednesday, 7:00 PM	Divine Service
26 February	First Sunday in Lent, 10:30 AM	Divine Service
28 February	Wednesday, 7:00 PM	Office of Vespers