

The Juniper Tree

February 2024



As we enter the Lenten season, please take time to begin working through the Lenten devotionals provided by the Lutheran Hour Ministries. Lou has done a marvelous job putting these together.

In the coming weeks, you will also hear about two small group opportunities. Sean and Mike Parks are going to continue their small group focus on the *Chosen* series. Katherine and I will be hosting a small group in our home as well. The content and focus of our small group is yet to be determined. More information regarding dates/times will be available in the coming weeks.

During, our Lenten season leading up to Easter, I am doing a pulpit rotation with Rev. Dr. Alemu Ermias, pastor of Bethany Lutheran in Salisbury and Rev. Ray Rogers, vacancy, Pastor at Christ Lutheran in Seaford. On February 25, Pastor Alemu will be here at Immanuel conducting services, Pastor Ray will be at Bethany-Salisbury and I will be at Christ-Seaford. On March 17th, we rotate and Pastor Alemu will be at Christ-Seaford, Pastor Ray will be here at Immanuel and I will be at Bethany-Salisbury.

This rotation is historically common in the Lutheran Church, when churches are close in proximity and heart. It is also a great opportunity for churches to meet other pastors and pastors other congregations. I pray this will be a blessing to each congregation as it will be for each pastor.

As we moved toward easter, I pray your devotional time and worship will draw you ever so closer to the Cross of Christ *and* to each other. There is much happening at Immanuel and in our community. I give God all the praise.

Pastor Mark



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FOR JANUARY

Happy New Year to everyone! I want to begin by thanking everyone who took part in our December services. A special thanks to the Worship Board, Linda Brown, Carol Frampton and Amanda Clougherty for organizing and helping to present the program, "Random Acts of Christmas." What a wonderfully simple message of how the greatest blessings come when we least expect them. And what an unexpected surprise when "Andy the steer" made his introduction through the door! I want to thank everyone who helped with the performance, including the staging, sound, singing and musicians. What a blessing to all who heard and saw this program and its very special message.

I want to thank everyone who took part in supporting our Mission with the Neighborhood Service Center. Our congregation provided the turkeys for both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to over 300 families. According to executive director Marilyn Neal, Immanuel's contribution was much needed, since the Maryland Food Bank could not provide the turkeys this year. Again a special thanks to one and all who helped with this important ministry. I also want to thank those who participated in our annual "Caring Tree" project, in providing Christmas gifts to area families in need. What a great way of spreading Christian love for those in need, than the acts of kindness each of you provided. Thank you!

Mark your calendars for March 9 and 10, 2024, when Josh Douglass, who is the Gift Planning Advocate for the LCMS, will be here to make a presentation called Blessed to be Blessed. This is the beginning stages of financial planning and the establishment of an endowment for the Immanuel Congregation. We will have more information on this in next month's newsletter.

Did you notice the updated LED parking lot lights at one of our evening services? Please thank our Vice-President Mark Mildenberger and Bobby for updating the fixtures. What a noticeable difference and how well the parking lot is illuminated with these new lights, not to mention the costs savings from the conversion will help us save on the electric bill. Again please acknowledge them and for all that they do to keep our Church Campus in good working order.

I want to welcome our two new Trustees to the Board, Wesley Brown, our new Treasurer, and Jody Cox, our new Secretary. I also want to welcome our new Head Elder, David Schmidt, to the Board of Elders. I look very much forward to working with these men as we continue to do the Lord's work in this place. I also want to thank Fred Hildenbrand for his work on the Trustees as the Head Elder. His insights and thoughts were always on point and his heart for the ministry and people of Immanuel was always at the forefront of his input and discussions. Finally, I want to acknowledge Glenn Shortall as he retires from the Board of Elders after six years of dedicated service to the Immanuel Congregation.

Our new ministry partnership with Mariah's Mission has begun, with the move into their new space in our education wing. The staff and Board of Directors are excited to be in their new

The Juniper Tree is prepared monthly for people who, like Elijah, find themselves somewhere sitting under a "Juniper Tree" facing life's frustrations... exhausted, broken, perhaps even wishing for death as Elijah did. These pages are offered to encourage, to strengthen, to build up, to challenge, to inform, to share the Word of God and to offer opportunities for Christian growth here at Immanuel. May you grow in God's peace and grace as you walk with Him this month.

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home and hope to begin serving clients on Tuesday, January 16. Please keep our new ministry partnership in your prayers.

The start of a new year, for many, brings new resolutions, a search for purpose, and a deeper desire for joy and peace. As Lutheran Christians we know all these things through “The Word Alone, Grace Alone and Faith Alone.” Billy Graham once said, “We are incomplete without God. If He is left out of our lives, we will have an empty space in our souls, a yearning deep inside us that only God can satisfy. As God speaks to our hearts, and as we respond, He will give us the ability and the power to change because He has to do the changing in our hearts.”

Throughout human history, God has initiated a relationship with the people He created. Though He often seemed far away, He consistently revealed Himself in personal encounters and even came to be in the Israelites’ midst (in a pillar of cloud and fire, the tabernacle, and the temple), and to Moses in the Burning Bush that did not burn up! But eventually, God’s presence was in the form of His own Son, who came as a man to live among humankind. Before Jesus was born, He was given two names:

Immanuel means, “God with us,” which speaks of Jesus’ identity, He lived on earth, walked among men, and suffered the weaknesses of humanity. Yet He displayed the power of almighty God as He healed the sick, calmed the sea, and raised the dead.

Jesus means, “The Lord is salvation,” which describes His purpose - to save us from sin by means of His death on our behalf. Jesus took on a human body to offer Himself as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of mankind.

Although Jesus is no longer physically on earth, He is still “God with us.” He lives in us through the Holy Spirit, and He has the power to deliver us from any bondage. No sinful habit, painful past, doubt, guilt, or struggle is too difficult for our Savior to overcome.

Let us remember in this new year that “God is with us,” each and every moment through the Holy Spirit and that Jesus is “the Lord of salvation.” It is my hope and prayer that these truths will follow you and me in the coming year and the rest of our earthly life. Please keep our Pastor and his family, the Church leadership and our Congregational family in your prayers this coming year.

God’s Blessings to you all.

Ken Morgan



President's Message for February

It is hard to believe, but I wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming Lenten services which begin with an Ash Wednesday service at 7pm on February 14th. We will then begin weekly Wednesday evening services on February 21st, with dinner at 6pm and services at 6:30pm. Easter is very early this year with Palm Sunday being March 24th and Easter Sunday, March 31st.

Plan to attend the Voter's Assembly meeting on Sunday, March 3rd after first service. Annual reports from all the Boards will be presented.

Are you a Thrivent member? Choice dollars are just one of the benefits you have as a part of your membership with Thrivent. You are able to direct these dollars to a non-profit cause that is special to you. Why not direct those dollars to Immanuel, they don't cost you anything and is a part of your membership. I just received an email reminding me to direct my choice dollars, which I have designated Immanuel as the receiver. Check your email or call your representative if you have not gotten the email. Thank you in advance for considering this!

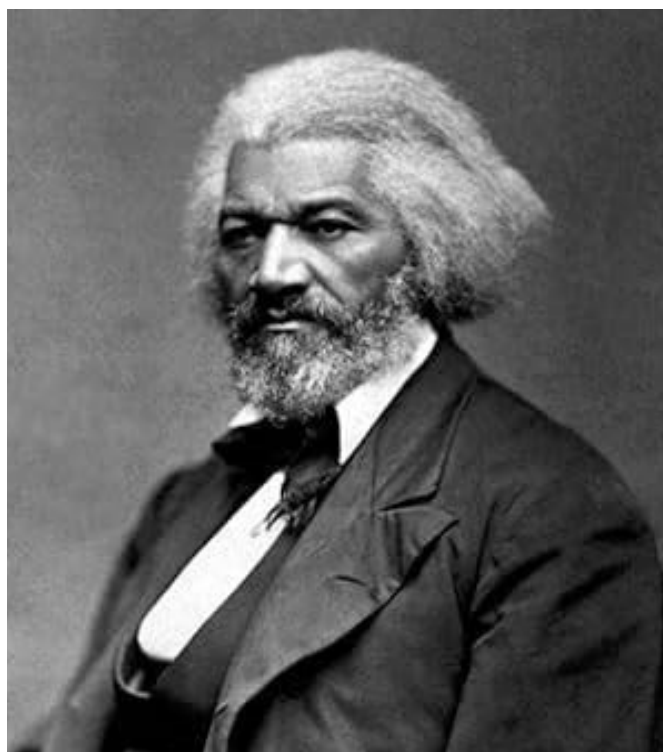
On March 10th, Immanuel will be hosting a free Biblically based gift planning (estate) awareness session for LCMS members in the Easton area. Josh Douglass from the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod Office of Missions Advancement will be the featured presenter during bible class hour beginning at 9:45am. This presentation will focus on how to be generous and wise with the treasures God has given to you during your life. Josh will be available for free estate planning and consultations the Monday through Wednesday following the presentation at the Church. Please mark your calendars for this event. This will also be the beginning stages of the establishment of an endowment for the Immanuel Congregation as Josh will assist the leadership in this endeavor.

I was reading an article about the life of Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey, who was born in Talbot County along the Tuckahoe Creek, just a few miles from where I currently live. He was born into slavery and was sold several times including time at Wye House, and finally to Thomas Auld of St. Michaels. Auld was a son of an Army Commander whom served during the War of 1812, and he was himself a Captain and prominent ship builder and "poius" Christian. Auld inherited enslaved people from his wife and quickly adapted to the ways of slavery and became a cruel master. He often times did not feed his slaves, whom then had to forage and steal food from neighbors to survive. Frederick recalled his time on the Auld plantation as "the scene of some of my saddest experiences of slave life. He subjected me to his will, made property of my body and soul, he reduced me to a chattel, hired me out to a noted slave breaker to be worked like a beast and flogged into submission." In 1838, he escaped the bonds of slavery disguised as a sailor changed his last name to Douglass and with falsified papers, got a train ticket to the free North. For the next 40 plus years, Auld remained a distant spectator as Frederick became one of the most famous and influential figures of his generation, Frederick was an ordained minister and had best-selling books, many articles and tributes to him in various newspapers in America and Europe, People would pack venues to to hear him speak as he was a great orator. He was an advisor and friend to President Lincoln and offered insights to many other politicians including Presidents Grant, Hayes, Garfield and Harrison. In his lifetime he was a newspaper publisher, a bank president, an abolitionist, an U.S. Marshall to Washington, D.C. and served in the Benjamin Harrison Administration as United States minister and general consul to Haiti. He was the most photographed person of the 19th century.

I share these facts about Frederick Douglass, not to give you a history lesson, but share with you what really has touched me about this amazing Talbot County native. Douglass lived by a creed that in God's eyes all humans are equal. He emphasized the importance of equality and respect. This can be seen in a letter to his former slave holder Thomas Auld. Douglass talked about his family and how he and his wife had a duty to his children, "to rear them up in the nurture and admonition of the gospel and to train them in wisdom and virtue to be useful to the world and themselves." He reminded Auld of the terrible things he had done to him, but he offered compassion to him by saying, "I entertain no malice toward you personally, and there is no roof under which you would be more safe than mine, and there is nothing in my house which you might need for your comfort, which I would not readily grant. Indeed, I should esteem it a privilege to set you an example as to how mankind ought to treat each other. I am your fellow man, but not your slave." Douglass was invited to visit his former slave owner and he accepted, and treated Auld with this same respect and dignity. Such warm exchanges between two men with their history may be difficult to imagine. But Douglas shows in this meeting that it is possible to carry oneself with dignity and to obey the dictates of justice while still showing respect and kindness towards even those who have committed injustice toward you.

The Bible is full of stories just like that of Frederick Douglass. Wasn't it Joseph who forgave his brothers for selling him into slavery, and then he showed them mercy and compassion. Isn't that what Christ did for us as well? Taking on our sin, suffering beatings, mockery, and being nailed to a cross to save mankind. Remember while He was on the cross, He prayed to His Father, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing," Luke 23:34. Jesus showed His compassion for mankind, regardless of how He was treated. Let us all follow these examples of mercy, compassion and dignity to everyone. "Let all your things be done with charity, let all your things be done in love, and do everything with love." 1 Corinthians 16:14. May God continue to bless each of you and the entire Immanuel family.

Ken Morgan



Elders Message, February 2024

I am truly humbled and honored to be able to serve God's church as Head Elder here at Immanuel Lutheran once again. My first duty is to thank those who have served and are now stepping down from the Board of Elders – Fred Hink and Glenn Shortall.

Fred was called back to the board after a relatively short hiatus when Immanuel was coming into a Pastoral vacancy. The church leadership recognized that Immanuel needed to be able to tap into the vast amount of experience, wisdom, leadership and knowledge that Fred not only possesses but is able to share with and impart on others. Fred's legalistic approach was always thoughtful of all perspectives, thorough and precise. His contributions to God's church are immense!

Glenn Shortall has served two consecutive three year terms as an Elder. During that time, Glenn's caring and compassionate heart for others was always so evident in the way he conducted himself not only during Elder's meetings and in other official capacities, but in his warm smile and pleasant greetings every time you see him. Glenn represented the Board of Elders on the Worship Committee as well, helping to shape the Worship services that Immanuel loves so dearly.

Immanuel's Board of Elders now consists of Fred Hildenbrand, Don Galloway and myself. Our constitution calls for up to 5 Elders and we would like to build ourselves up to that number in God's time. We will soon be updating the 'sheep fold' assigned to each Elder. Are you familiar with what this sheep fold is? If not, here is a simple explanation. While Pastor Tooley is in fact the called leader and Shepherd of his flock, Immanuel's congregation, the Elders are here in the church to assist Pastor in the care for the sheep of the flock. We assign Elders to a sheepfold alphabetically. Elders then initiate and maintain contact with those in his respective sheep fold.

We want to make ourselves available at all times to those we serve – God's children here at Immanuel and in the community! Please don't hesitate to reach out to an Elder regarding church, faith, personal or any other types of issues. We are here to pray with you, love you, support you and serve you!

With all that being said, it's time to roll up our sleeves, and continue God's work here at Immanuel and in the mission field that surrounds us all daily.

Blessings,

David Schmidt
Head Elder



Members and friends of Immanuel

As Treasurer I need to inform you of our current financial status. 2023 tithes and offerings were great, way above what was anticipated, at approximately \$285,500. Unfortunately expenses were more than \$63,000 over that amount. Most of this overage is from unplanned repairs and moving expenses. At a Voters' Meeting we all agreed to fund these one-time expenditures, but it has resulted in depleting our available financial cushion. Our expenses are such that we need over \$14,000 available in the first five days of any given month to cover payroll, benefits, and other necessary costs.

Please prayerfully consider these facts when you are giving this year. Lack of cash flow may result in the Trustees having to make uncomfortable decisions.

There will be accurate financial documents available in the near future and going forward so you can stay informed.

Thank you,

Wesley Brown, Treasurer



Pick up a Lutheran Women's Mission League mite box in the narthex and the spring collection of mites will be on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024.

thank you,

Judy Gaston, any questions, 410-745-3967



Greetings Immanuel Friends!

The worship committee gathered and discussed our upcoming worship activities.

We are excited to announce that the 8:30 Service Choir has resumed for 2024. Everyone with a joyful song in their heart is welcome to join us! Below are the practice and Sunday dates.

Practice @7pm

2/14 6:40p & after Service

2/28

3/13

3/27

4/10

4/24

Singing

2/14 Ash Wednesday

2/25

3/10

3/24 Palm Sunday

3/28 Maundy Thursday

3/29 Good Friday

3/31 Easter Sunday

4/14

5/5

Mid-Week Lent Services begin February 14 with Ash Wednesday then February 21, Feb 28. March 6, March 14, March 20.

Soup & Salad dinner at 6pm. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex to set up, clean up, bring soup, salad or dessert.

Service begins at 6:30pm

Homebound Easter Baskets We will be assembling small Easter baskets for the Immanuel Homebound members and friends to be delivered before Easter Sunday or during Pastor's visits. If you have a special person in mind who would benefit from Easter cheer, please let Lou know at the church office by March 17th. Donations of candy or small items are welcome to include in our baskets.

As we prepare our hearts for our Lenten journey, I am reminded of a favorite hymn of mine:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died.
My richest gain, I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine.
That were a tribute far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all*

How beautiful the love and sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf, so that we will meet Him face to face when our earthly journey ends. Oh how precious His great love for us!

Musical Blessing,

Amanda and the Immanuel Worship Committee

Dear Friends,

As I write this, more than 11 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts are just beginning their journey—crossing oceans, mountains, and deserts—to delight children in more than 100 countries around the world. We thank God for everyone who prayerfully packed these gifts, and we praise Him for using each box to His glory.

But as these children receive their gifts, another journey is about to begin. In the coming year, many of them will be enrolling in *The Greatest Journey*—our discipleship classes designed especially for children who have just received Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts.

Over the past 30 years, more than 50 million children have been reached through these discipleship lessons, including 25 million who have prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Samaritan's Purse trains volunteer teachers and provides materials in 91 languages. We also provide a New Testament for each child who completes the course. So far, over 36 million New Testaments have been given to graduates through our local church partners. Join us in asking God to raise up an army of young evangelists who are prepared and eager to share the Gospel with their friends and family members.

I want to share some stories of how the Lord is using *The Greatest Journey*.

In Mongolia, many children grow up in animistic cultures and have never heard that God created the world. One of our teachers said, "The first lesson in *The Greatest Journey* is always exciting for me to teach, because it is a very different idea that the world was created by God." A student named Munkhbold said that he learnt that he was special in God's eyes through Genesis 1:27: "*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*" Munkhbold invited a friend to join the class, and now they are both following Christ!

One Asian boy named Khalid said his friends had convinced him that God did not exist. He realized otherwise after his cousin invited him to a church that was handing out Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and teaching *The Greatest Journey*. "I felt a sense of hope that I had never felt before," he said. "I started to understand the meaning of life and who God is. I regretted rejecting Him." Not only has Khalid accepted Christ as his Lord and Saviour, but he is faithfully studying his Bible and sharing his faith with family and friends.

At a shoebox distribution in Bolivia, a girl named Rosa wondered why someone she didn't know would send her a gift. Then she came to understand the love of God through *The Greatest Journey*, where she memorized Scripture, learnt praise songs, and received her very first Bible. "Now I can read the Bible," she said, "but the best thing is that my family was also able to learn about Jesus. I am very happy because now I have Jesus as a friend, but He is also my Saviour."

In Brazil, one mother was reluctant to let her daughter attend the classes, so the teacher made house calls and taught her one-on-one. The girl was able to graduate with her peers. In the Middle East, Amira not only gave her heart to the Lord through *The Greatest Journey* but also led her siblings to faith in Christ and now has become a teacher leading our discipleship classes at an orphanage.

We praise God for the eternal impact of Operation Christmas Child and *The Greatest Journey*. God has used shoebox gifts to break hard ground spiritually and prepare the way for the Gospel. "*He who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty*" (Matthew 13:23).

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Please join me in praying that God will continue to use *The Greatest Journey* to transform the lives of millions of children. As we begin a new year, thank you for your gifts and prayers for Samaritan's Purse, as we work in the Name of Jesus Christ to save lives, relieve suffering, and share the hope of the Gospel.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham



WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Pray

Ask God to use The Greatest Journey in mighty ways to strengthen churches, bring children to faith in Christ, and give them opportunities to share the Gospel with family and friends. Pray for peace in Israel, the Gaza Strip, and Ukraine, and ask God to open doors for ministry In the Name of Jesus Christ.





Mission Minute: Mariah's Mission

Mariah's Mission is open, and they are accepting all adult clothing, shoes, purses, socks, gloves, and hats. They are in desperate need of "NEW" underwear for women and men. Since Mariah's Mission is a component fund of Mid-Shore Community Foundation a 501(c)(3) they will upon request give you a receipt for your donation. Any questions see Pastor Mark.



****Announcement for Lenten Suppers/Worship/Fellowship****

Seeking volunteers to help with Lenten suppers on Wednesday nights. A sign-up chart is in the Narthex for this purpose. Please consider helping with set-up, preparation and or clean up for a specific dinner. We are asking volunteers to prepare the main course (chili, spaghetti, stew, soup, etc.) and sides such as salad as well as contributing bread or desserts. If one prefers, you can donate funds for or bring fried chicken, pizza, etc. We are planning for 30 to attend since we are not offering midday lunch & worship. Please consider how you can support these special suppers and fill in the details on the chart. The dates are February 21, 28, March 6, 13, and 20.

Did you know that?

Psalm 118 is the middle chapter of the entire Bible?

Psalm 117, before Psalm 118, is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

Psalm 119, after Psalm 118, is the longest chapter in the Bible?

The Bible has 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after Psalm 118?

If you add all the chapters except Psalm 118, it totals 1188 chapters?

1188 – or Psalm 118 verse 8 – is the middle verse of the entire Bible?

The central verse has a most important message? *"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man."* Psalm 118:8

shared by Judy Gaston

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME—AND PRAY

Recently we placed our friend Bethany on Immanuel's prayer list. She was facing emergency surgery at a hospital hours away from her home, a small town in the Serengeti region of Tanzania. Her surgery is over, and this week we received the following email thanking us for our prayers.

Dear Mzee Fred and Mama Lynn,

I'm writing from Arusha where I am recuperating in our little apartment. My neighbor here Bernice checks on me regularly and provides excellent homemade soups as I regain strength. Steve was with me on Sunday when I was discharged but then had to return that evening to Ketumbeine. I am thankful for this quiet place to rest.

Your (and your church's) quick response of prayer and love sustained both Steve and me through the unusual events of the past 2 1/2 weeks. In the hospital your prayers were answered by providing hospital staff and an excellent surgeon whose underlying belief that God is actively present in all things was evident in every way. Their faith encouraged and strengthened mine. Steve was my excellent nurse while juggling his work responsibilities on the side. Many at the hospital remembered him from the 90s when he worked at Selian Hospital. This meant my hospital room felt like Grand Central Station the first couple days as many came to greet him and express concern.

During this experience I was carried both physically and spiritually by the global community of believers. I marvel at God's mercy and grace. Thank you for walking with us through this.

With love,

Bethany

Most of us like to read our prayer page each Sunday at church to see how our friends are progressing; however, it is important for us to take our bulletins home to encourage us to pray for them throughout the week. We know God answers prayers.

In Matthew 21:22, Jesus says, "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

James writes, "And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. . . . The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (5:15-16).

Blessings,

Fred and Lynn Hildenbrand

Consider sending our Homebound a thinking of you card; names and addresses are below:

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February Birthdays, Baptismal & Wedding Anniversaries

Birthdays

Pete Fox	2/3
Millard Littlepage	2/11
Michael Herd	2/14
Emma Jean Morgan	2/18
Betty Keeney	2/20
Jeff Trice	2/21
Madison Parks-Kaseff	2/22
Ken Morgan	2/24
Donna Kopp	2/25
Lou Diefenderfer	2/26

Baptismal Anniversaries

Mike Parks	2/1
Regina Chapman	2/8
Sarah Robinson	2/11
Sarah Trice	2/14

Wedding Anniversaries

Roxanne & Jim Mitchell	2/17
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Please note: the Latino Church, Iglesia Evangelica Biblica Luz de Vida, meets on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. Please plan your activities accordingly. Sanctuary = S, Fellowship Hall =FH</p>						
<p>4 Fifth Sunday a. the Epiphany 8:30 A – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 A – Adult Bible Class 11:00 A – Blended Service 5:00 P – Luz de Vida Church</p>	<p>5 Pastor off</p>	<p>6 8:00 A – Mature Men’s Small Group 9A-1 P - Mariah’s Mission 7:00 P – Elders Mtg 7:00 P – Luz de Vida BS</p>	<p>7 2-6P - Mariah’s Mission</p>	<p>8 9A-1 P - Mariah’s Mission 1-9 P – Luz de Vida (Set up Fellowship Hall) 7-9 P – Luz de Vida Church</p>	<p>9 All Day - Luz de Vida</p>	<p>10 All Day – Luz de Vida</p>
<p>11 Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:30 A – Traditional Worship 9:45 A – Adult Bible Class 11:00 A – Blended Service with Holy Communion 5:00 P – Luz de Vida Church</p>	<p>12 Pastor off 6:30 PM Green Clovers 4-H Club</p>	<p>13 8:00 A – Mature Men’s Small Group 9A-1 P - Mariah’s Mission 7:00 P – Luz de Vida BS</p>	<p>14 Ash Wednesday & Valentine’s Day 2-6 P - Mariah’s Mission 6:40 P – Choir Practice 7:00 P Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>15 9A-1 P - Mariah’s Mission 7:00 P – Luz de Vida Women 7:00 P – Holly Acres homeowners mtg</p>	<p>16 9:00 A Piano Tuning 4-H Public Speaking 4-9 PM</p>	<p>17 All Day – Luz de Vida</p>
<p>18 First Sunday in Lent 8:30 A – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 A – Adult Bible Class 11:00 A – Blended Service 5:00 P – Luz de Vida Church</p>	<p>19 President’s Day Pastor off</p>	<p>20 8:00 A – Mature Men’s Small Group 9A-1 P - Mariah’s Mission 7:00 P – Luz de Vida BS</p>	<p>21 2-6P - Mariah’s Mission 6:00 P Lenten Dinner & Service</p>	<p>22 9A-1 P - Mariah’s Mission 7:00 P – Luz de Vida Women</p>	<p>23 *Juniper Tree Articles due*</p>	<p>24 All Day – Luz de Vida</p>
<p>25 Second Sunday in Lent 8:30 A – Traditional Worship (Immanuel Singers) 9:45 A – Adult Bible Class 11:00 A – Blended Service with Holy Communion 5:00 P – Luz de Vida Church</p>	<p>26 Pastor off</p>	<p>27 8:00 A – Mature Men’s Small Group 9A-1 P - Mariah’s Mission 7:00 P – Trustees mtg 7:00 P – Luz de Vida BS</p>	<p>28 2-6P - Mariah’s Mission 6:00 P Lenten Dinner & Service 7:00 P Choir Practice</p>	<p>29 9A-1 P - Mariah’s Mission 7:00 P – Luz de Vida Women</p>	<p>Mariah’s Mission opened January 16, 2024 Client Hours Tuesday 9A-1P Wednesday 2P-6P Thursday 9A-1P</p>	

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