

# IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Greetings from your Pastor...*

## **Live, Love, Die?**

February brings us to thinking about important issues like living and dying. But it is perhaps most famous for love. On February 14th we continue to celebrate Saint Valentine's day, even if the Church struck him from the list of saints over a decade ago. A celebration of love is just too much to surrender. How often when we think of love, do we think of the greatest lover of them all...our Lord who gave everything to us and for us, "greater love has no man than to give his life for another."

As the month ends we are reminded that so do our lives "for you are dust and to the dust you shall return". The words of the Ash Wednesday liturgy echo the eternal truth. On February 26th at two services, one at 11:30 and again at 7:30. we begin the Lenten season as we move out of the darkness imposed by the Winter season into the light of the Easter resurrection.

The ashes imposed on our foreheads, in the form of a cross, remind us both of death and new life. The Lenten Season is a time of preparation for both. It is a time to remember our Lord's life and death and the promise of resurrection; to give thanks and make small changes in our everyday life; to grow in faith (by prayer) love (by sacrifices) and charity (by giving).

Pastor McKinley

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## *February Servers*

	Lay Assistant	Lector	Ushers	Alter Guild
02	Kris Calabro	Kris Calabro	Lana Hyer Eva LaBrozzi	Donna Palzer
09	Todd Engle	Todd Engle	Carol Hepp Sharon Rollier	Donna Palzer
16	Terry Stahlhut	Sharon Rollier	Millie Martin Roberta McGilvery	Donna Palzer
23	Roberta McGilvery	Steven Lance	Scott Brown Kim Brown	Donna Palzer



# Sunday School

December was a busy month for the Sunday School between the Christmas Pageant and Santa's Workshop



Special thanks to Lisa McLain for all the pictures!



# *As time goes by...*

While decorating the Christmas Tree this year, Margaret Coppola noted that some of the ornaments were handmade by the ladies of the church over 40 years ago!



Special thanks to Donna Palzer for the pictures!

# Dates to Remember

Some important dates that have passed in January and ones to mark on your calendar for February...



On Sunday, January 12th, we celebrated the Baptism of Our Lord. Special thanks to Steven Lance for the photograph!



Ash Wednesday is **February 26th** and service will be at 11:30 and 7:30pm.

## *February Birthdays*

8th David Curtis  
9th Tracey Curtis  
11th Karin Holldorf  
14th Jeffrey Vander Wende  
16th Viola Kentos

## *Food Pantry*

Food Pantry is every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 10-12. Should anyone be interested in helping out, please contact Scott Brown.



# Writer's Corner

Fickle Love by Jane McKinley

My Love gives me candy,  
dark chocolate confection,  
and a fist full of flowers  
to win my affection.

He gives me a kiss  
that stirs up my heart  
and a day full of memories  
to hold when we part.

But on a bright day  
my face towards the sun,  
a breeze strokes my cheek  
and my soul becomes one  
with riots of rainbow  
colors in fields,  
with trees dripping honey  
and sweet sound of bees -

How great in the Lord  
and his gifts from above,  
who wins my devotion  
and forever my love.



# *Before you go...*

Just a few quick reminders!

- Stephanie Palzer is the new church secretary. The easiest way to get in contact with her is via email at [secretary@ilutheran.net](mailto:secretary@ilutheran.net) or to leave a message at 732-363-1599. Any questions or concerns will be answered within two days.
- Has your address and/phone number changed? Please contact the church office to update.





## February Newsletter

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