

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**5955 South Elm Avenue**  
**Fresno, California 93706**

The Season of Lent at Immanuel 2019

**Lenten Worship Soup Suppers**

5 Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday  
6:30PM-7:30PM

March 13th Work Circle C will host

March 20th Work Circle D will host

March 27th Work Circle E will host

April 3rd Work Circle A will host

April 10th Work Circle B will host

Youth events to follow Soup Supper until 8:00PM

**Maundy Thursday**

First Communion for 5th graders

April 18th at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary

**Good Friday Service**

April 19th at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary

**Easter Sunrise Service April 21st**

6:18AM at Immanuel Park followed by the

Youth Sponsored Pancake Breakfast!

Easter Worship at Immanuel at 10:30AM



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# The Immanuel Chimes

## March Supplement 2019

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**Set your clocks an hour ahead before  
you go to sleep this Saturday night,  
March 9th!**



**Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive is  
from 8:00AM-Noon  
This Sunday!**

**Sunday School Starts at 9:15  
Worship at 10:30AM**

**See inside for details on a free lunch....**

Due to an editorial glitch in the system, some articles were left out of the March Edition of the 2019 Chimes. Please enjoy this supplemental edition.

## President of the Congregation

Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy end of February! Seems like a silly greeting but when you consider we just finished celebrating the birth of THE King and the world rejoicing. We now look at Christ's death. In such a short time our moods change from eternal hope with HIS birth, then to despair because of HIS crucifixion and death, and then return to eternal hope given HIS raising from the dead to take HIS rightful place in heaven. Our Lenten season begins March 6th. I have always found the juxtaposition of Winter and Lent rather awesome, in nature. The world around us is in its season of winter, and thus, so have our minds. We close "the doors and windows" to stay warm. Things generally slow down for us in winter because the days are shorter; the nights colder and longer, and our need for warmth is at its greatest. Seems, too, that winter makes us slowdown in fostering relationships. However, Lent is the time for us to start reflecting on the winter we are "in" and prepare our hearts, minds, and hands for the work ahead in HIS coming again. Spring means growth. Spring means renewal. Spring means reconnecting. Spring means hope. Hope in the dawn of the promise that Christ brings to each of us. In closing, let me leave you with some thoughts as you prepare for Lent: as you reflect on your winter, what will you do with those reflections? Do you learn from the past? Do you meet with family and friends to reconnect and prepare for a better future? Most importantly, how will these reflections lead to preparing for the return of Christ? His return is our signal to grow again in HIM. Lent is our time to get our house in order because The King is coming. Simple question: Are you ready?

Blessings,  
Fred

**Daily Devotionals for The Lenten Season are Available in the Church Entryway under the Gold Bulletin Board.**

### March 10th the Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive

The Central California Blood drive is back in Easton this Sunday! March 10th from 8:00AM–Noon. **All donors will get a free lunch** and non-donors who would like a lunch are asked to contribute only \$7.00 to cover the cost. Thank you to Rich Cisneros and Fred Cogan for the incentive to donate a pint. Please call the church at 237-7909 or email [immanueleaston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:immanueleaston@sbcglobal.net) to confirm your donation and your lunch!

## ST. PETERSBURG MEN'S ENSEMBLE IN CONCERT

You won't want to miss the Saint Petersburg Men's Ensemble in concert, here at Immanuel on SATURDAY, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. This is a return engagement as this group of professional singers from Russia blessed us at Immanuel last year with their powerful and inspirational acappella music.

This is a great opportunity to get the word out and invite your friends to hear these four men sing both sacred and secular numbers. The next day, Sunday, these men will provide music at our 10:30 a.m. service. Again, another fantastic opportunity to invite friends to worship the Lord and experience a most unique and wonderful sound from these men of the Orthodox Christian faith.

### News Notes!

**CARL JENSEN** was awarded his seventy year pin from union local 701 on February 12th. In a special section of the regular monthly meeting Carl was called forward and handed a display case that included all the 5 year pins up to and including his 70 year pin. Receiving a 70 year pin is a fairly rare event. The members of local 701 went all out and made quite an evening of the award including a designated parking place for him in their parking lot. After the ceremony members lined up and personally shook his hand and congratulated him. In his comments upon receiving the award Carl made mention that he couldn't have done it without Betty's support over the years. The union also sent a representative from the Bay Area to video interview him for an upcoming edition of the national monthly union newsletter. Thanks to local 701 for all their efforts.

### Immanuel Library Ready for St. Patrick's Day!

Kid's of all ages! Check out Immanuel's new Library! All decked out and ready for the Green Month! It's St. Patrick's Day and there are stories and novels and DVDs to share!

### Out to Dinner Nights!

The Immanuel Out to Dinner Nights started off with success at House of Ju Ju, on President's Day. The next event is Tuesday, March 12th at Livingston's in the Tower District located at 831 E. Fern at 5:30PM. Come straight from work and try out the new place! Livingston's is locally owned and reopened last year after a fire destroyed most of the restaurant. It's a no-host dinner. Sign up Sunday on the blue bulletin board. The April dinner is at Lazy Dog Café in Riverpark on April 12th at 5:20PM and the May dinner is on a Thursday at the Manhattan at 5:30PM, home of the best hamburger in Fresno! Sometime in June we will try the Country Creamery.