



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROCKWELL CITY, IOWA**

&

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
KNIERIM, IOWA**

CONGREGATIONS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

**“UNITED TOGETHER WITH CHRIST IN THE
LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH AND HIS RESURRECTION.”
[ROMANS 6:5]**

DUAL PARISH ESTABLISHED IN 2003

From Pastor Chadric A. Dietrich

What is the history behind Valentine’s Day? Where does celebrating the gift of love on February 14th come from? Is Valentine’s Day a Christian holiday? Who is Saint Valentine?

On February 14th, the Christian Church celebrates the feast day of St. Valentine, who was martyred on this date in A.D. 269. According to tradition, Valentine, a priest, was coaxed with promises in order to lure him away from Christ, that he would reject Christ and worship other gods. When that failed, to try a more subtle approach, he was beaten with clubs. And when Valentine yet remained faithful to Christ he was beheaded. St. Valentine was a martyr of Christ, put to death because he feared, loved and trusted in God among all things. Valentine was truly faithful even unto the point of death.

According to history, in England, from the time of Geoffrey Chaucer (English author and poet, 1343-1400 A.D.) onwards, there was a belief that on Saint Valentine’s feast-day, February 14th, the birds began to choose their mates. From this belief arose the custom of arranging betrothals (engagements) on that date. Being betrothed on this date celebrated the fidelity and love of St. Valentine, as a servant of God. Those who were betrothed on this date called each other valentine, in his honor, as a pledge of their mutual fidelity and love for each other. Valentine’s Day gives witness to the truth that those who are wed are united together in Christ, as one flesh. This day also gives witness to the unbreakable union that Christ has with His beloved, His beautiful bride, His one holy Christian Church, which gives witness to the perfect union of marriage, between one man and one woman. The institution of marriage is a visible sign of God’s love toward His beloved people.

A reading from Holy Scripture, commonly heard at weddings is 1 Corinthians 13:4-7: *Love is patient, love is kind, love is not jealous, love does not boast, is not puffed up, does not behave improperly, is not self-seeking, is not provoked, does not keep a record of wrong, does not rejoice in righteousness, but joins in rejoicing in the truth. Love bears all things believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

Love is seen in God our heavenly Father giving His only begotten Son unto death on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Love is seen in a man willingly humbling himself, unto death for his wife, just as Christ died for His bride, the Church. Love is seen in a woman, who honors, serves and obeys her husband, because he has first loved her being more concerned for her needs than his own, just as the Church honors, serves and obeys Christ, who loves us, seeking to save the lost sinner.

St. Valentine’s Day is more than roses and candy, just as marriage is to be remembered and upheld on more than an anniversary. Husbands and wives need to remember their vows every day; for we have promised: “To have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, according to God’s holy will; and I pledge to you my faithfulness.” In upholding marriage, demonstrating our love for our spouse, we like St. Valentine are willing to defend, even unto death, all that Christ died and rose from the dead to give us: forgiveness, life and eternal salvation. This is a good confession of the one true faith, let us make it together.

FEBRUARY 2011

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IMMANUEL AND TRINITY

“United Together With Christ In The Likeness Of His Death and His Resurrection.” [Romans 6:5]

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 a.m. Winkel Trinity @ Deer Creek	2 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study @ Immanuel 5:00 p.m. Midweek @ Trinity 6 p.m. 5 th & 6 th Conf 7 p.m. 7 th & 8 th Conf. @ Immanuel	3 12:30 p.m. Ladies Aid @ Pizza Ranch	4	5 5:00 p.m. Evening Service @ Immanuel
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 6 8:45 a.m. Worship at Immanuel 10 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel 10:15 a.m. Worship at Trinity Noon - Super Bowl Party	7 6:30 p.m. Working Women’s group	8 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at SV	9 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study @ Immanuel 5:00 p.m. Midweek @ Trinity 6 p.m. 5 th & 6 th Conf 7 p.m. 7 th & 8 th Conf. @ Immanuel	10 6:30 p.m. Immanuel Elder Meeting 7:00 p.m. Council	11	12
The Transfiguration of Our Lord 13 8:45 a.m. Worship at Immanuel 10 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel 10:15 a.m. Worship at Trinity 6:30 p.m. LLL Bible Institute	14	15 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion @ SK 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at SV	16 9am Adult Bible Study @ Immanuel 5:00 p.m. Midweek @ Trinity 6 p.m. 5 th & 6 th Conf 7 p.m. 7 th & 8 th Conf @ Immanuel	17	18 -	19
Septuagesima Sunday 20 8:45 a.m. Worship at Immanuel 10:00 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel 10:25 a.m. Worship at Trinity 6:30 p.m. LLL Bible Institute	21	22	23 9am Adult Bible Study @ Immanuel 5:00 p.m. Midweek @ Trinity 6 p.m. 5 th & 6 th Conf 7 p.m. 7 th & 8 th Conf @ Immanuel	24 1:30 p.m. LWML @ Immanuel	25	26
Sexagesima Sunday 27 8:45a.m. Worship at Immanuel 10:00 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel 10:15a.m. Worship at Trinity	28					

IMMANUEL

Greeters: Ruth Lange

Altar Guild: Stella Hepp and Eileen Ludwig

Ushers: Dwaine Ludwig and Ron Ramthun

TRINITY

Kitchen Chairman: Judy Egli (January, February, March)

Altar Guild: Dee Busse and Pat Essing

OFFICIAL ACTS

Funerals:

Ronald Simon, Immanuel, January, 2011

Phyllis Stoffregen, Immanuel, January, 2011

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

1 – Genesis 35:1-21

2 – Genesis 37:1-36

3 – Genesis 39:1-23

4 – Genesis 40:1-23

5 – Genesis 41: 1-37

7 – Genesis 41:38 – 57

8 – Genesis 42:1–38

9 – Genesis 43:1-34

10 – Genesis 44:1-34

11 – Genesis 45:1-28

12 – Genesis 46:1-34

14 – Genesis 47:1-31

15 – Genesis 48:1-22

16 – Exodus 1:1-22

17 – Exodus 2:1-25

18 – Exodus 3:1-22

19 – Exodus 4:1-31

21 – Exodus 5:1-23

22 – Exodus 6:1-13

23 – Exodus 11:1-10

24 – Exodus 12 1-28

25 – Exodus 12:29 -42

26 – Exodus 13:1-22

28 – Exodus 14:1-31

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 – Kim Martin

2 – Nancy Schofield

2 – James Weiss

3 – Cleo Ballstadt

4 – Heather Hull

6 – Amanda Krause

8 – Jaxon Meyer

10 – Matt Humphrey

12 – Tracey Hartwig

12 – Tracy Hartwig

13 – Ella Fistler

14 – Allison Morenz

14 – Amanda Daisy

14 – Bradley Hansen

14 – Robert Neumann

14 – Haley Rosendahl

15 – John Skramstad

17 – Kim Vosberg

18 – Mark Gleason

18 – Michael Martin

18 – Connie Ramthun

23 – BreAnn Harman

25 – Rain Weiss

27 – Steve Vosberg

28 – Mark Egli

28 – Carrie Melohn

28 – Kayla Skramstad

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 – Brent and Shelly Keiser

14 – Kenneth and Dorothy Zierke

17 – Kenneth and Beverly Martin

24 – Allen and Janice Kretlow

26 – Marc and Emily Stelling

Saturday Evening Service



February 5th At 5:00p.m.
At Immanuel, Rockwell City

“Working/Young Women’s Group”

Monday February 7th

at 6:30pm at Immanuel

We are reading from the book

“A Woman God Can Lead”

We are discussing *The Widow Of Zarephath*.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12 NOON UNTIL WE ARE DONE

CHILI WILL BE SERVED

BRING YOUR FAVORITE FOOTBALL FOOD

BRING YOUR FAVORITE GAMES TO PLAY

EVERYONE INVITED!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Mornings at 9am

At Immanuel, Rockwell City

**WE ARE STUDYING
THE BOOK OF CONCORD**

That we would better know what makes

Lutherans “Lutheran”

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Lutheran Layman’s League
BIBLE INSTITUTE

February 13 – at Prince of Peace
in Ft. Dodge

A Presentation on Camp Okoboji

February 20 – at the District Office
in Ft. Dodge

A presentation on what goes on at the district
office on a daily basis and the ability to see the
new district office.