

Dear Lord,  
Please bless  
us with a giving  
heart.

# Today's Message

## *“The Widow’s Might”*

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## New Here... Welcome!

If you are new to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, we would love to meet you! Be sure to stop by our “Connection Center” where a **welcome gift** is waiting for you, and thanks for sharing worship with us today!

### What’s Happening:

You can always keep in touch with what’s happening by checking in at our website: [www.immanuelcl.org](http://www.immanuelcl.org)

### Connecting

A Connection card helps us to get to know you! We like to send a thank you for visiting us, and to help you find classes or connections that might best fit what you are looking for.

### I’d like to Know More

We would love to answer your questions! Call the church office or email: [stieman@immanuelcl.org](mailto:stieman@immanuelcl.org)

**Service Times: Saturday Evenings, 6:00pm Historic Church • Sunday Mornings 8:00 - 9:30 - 11:00 Pathway Court \***

## SERMON NOTES

**What is the motivation behind our giving? Why do we do what we do?**

I. WE FIRST GIVE OF O\_\_\_\_\_

A. First we gave of ourselves, then we gave of our r\_\_\_\_\_. (2 Cor. 8:5)

B. Too many of us have it b\_\_\_\_\_.

C. Giving is an outgrowth of w\_\_\_\_\_ we are.

1. It is the inevitable result of a warmed h\_\_\_\_\_.

2. I am a Christian; therefore, I g\_\_\_\_\_!

II. OUR M\_\_\_\_\_ FOLLOWS OUR HEART

A. Where your t\_\_\_\_\_ is, there your heart will be also. (Matt. 5:21)

B. Money is not the only b\_\_\_\_\_, but it is a b\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Show me your c\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Show me your c\_\_\_\_\_.

3. I’ll show you where your p\_\_\_\_\_ lie.

III. IT GIVES G\_\_\_\_\_ JOY

A. The Lord loves a c\_\_\_\_\_ giver. (2 Cor. 9:7)

1. There is no better d\_\_\_\_\_ of Christianity than “give, give, give.”

2. The Lord gave e\_\_\_\_\_ for us.

B. Until you learn to give, you’ll never be fully human.

IV. WE ARE MOVED BY G\_\_\_\_\_

A. The church has taken the wrong approach to s\_\_\_\_\_.

1. It’s not about paying the b\_\_\_\_\_.

2. It’s all about a sense of t\_\_\_\_\_ and joy.

B. Give in proportion to your b\_\_\_\_\_, not your resources.

C. Love is not just an idea, it’s an a\_\_\_\_\_!

D. Generosity increases the c\_\_\_\_\_ of others to be generous.

**“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”**

### MY NEXT STEPS . . .

- ✠ Reflect on the story of the widow’s mite and your own motivation for giving.
- ✠ Reflect on your legacy of giving and determine how you could be an example to others so they might increase their capacity for generosity.
- ✠ Resolve to turn in a pledge card for your giving and serving on February 11 to help inspire others to “lead generously.”

### Memory Verse

**“I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything- all she had to live on.” (Mark 12:43)**

# Coming Up at >>



Immanuel

>> Sunday, January 28, 2018 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

*Touching Hearts and Transforming Lives with the Light of Jesus Christ...*



**UPWARD AT IMMANUEL** is hiring basketball referees for 2 to 3 hour shifts on Saturdays through March 17th. Must be 18 or older, physically able to run full court while calling 4th thru 8th grade basketball, have a solid knowledge of the game, and able to pass a background check. Immediate opening. Come join the fun! Contact Shelly at [sdavidson@immanuelcl.org](mailto:sdavidson@immanuelcl.org).

### **MINISTRY FAIR! Sunday, February 11, 9—11 AM in the Gym**

Learn more about Immanuel's ministries, what's happening at The Pointe, MOPS Bake Sale, and much more! Don't miss this!!

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**SINGING SAINTS IN CONCERT** – Mark your calendar for Thursday, March 22 at 7 PM. This 50 person high school choir from Concordia, Missouri will lead our Lenten service (note day change that week). We will need volunteers to serve them dinner at Immanuel and also 25 host families to house them. Contact [stieman@immanuelcl.org](mailto:stieman@immanuelcl.org) if you can house students after the concert and serve them breakfast.

### **January 7—February 4, 2018**

#### **Sunday at 9:30 am**

<b>Tot Time</b> (1 & 2 Year Olds w/Parents)	Gym
<b>Sunday School</b> (Age 3—5th Grade)	Classrooms (Sign in by computer Lab)
<b>Verge</b> (6th Grade)	Room 203
<b>Confirmation</b> (7th - 9th Grades)	Multi-Purpose Room
<b>High School</b> (10-12 Grades)	Youth Room
<b>Adult Opportunities:</b>	
<b>God Connects</b>	Art Room
<b>Parenting: The Early Years</b> (Carole Fiesman & Kelly Nanos)	Room 201
<b>Leading Generously</b> (Chris & Amy Morgan)	Music Room
<b>Prodigal God</b> (Pastor Bob)	Library
Nursery is available	

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\* **Families with Young Children:** Changing tables are found in the washrooms down the hall on the left of the worship area. Nursing Mom's room is located behind the desk in the Library (doors on the back wall of worship area).