

"God With Us"



And they will call Him
Immanuel -
"God With Us"
Matthew 1:23

Immanuel Lutheran Church

We, the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church, in joyful response to all that our gracious God has done for us, seek to glorify God by bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.

We have GOOD NEWS! Jesus is ALIVE and LOVES YOU!



Immanuel Lutheran School

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A **Child** nurtured in a **Christian** Lutheran setting will be **Prepared** to live a **Joyful**, productive, God-pleasing **Life**.

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Preschool through
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A monthly newsletter from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

Immanuel Messenger

Sunrise Service

By Pamela Perry Blaine

April, 2014

It was dark outside as we woke up and began getting ready for church. It was exciting to get up on Easter because we were going to sunrise service.

After I was ready to go, I peeked into the kitchen and there were the four coffee cups on the kitchen table awaiting our return. Each cup had a different color of liquid in it. There was red, green, yellow and blue. In a pan next to the coffee cups were the eggs that Mama had boiled the night before. It was Easter morning and part of the fun for the day was to color eggs. Mama made up her own colors with water, vinegar, and food coloring. We used a waxy crayon to write names or designs on the eggs because the dye wouldn't stick where the wax was marked on the eggs so there was no end to the creations we could make, but first,

we would go to sunrise service.

We attended church regularly from the time that I could remember but Easter Sunday was different. There was something special about getting up before the sunrise. The air was crisp and as the sky slowly became a little lighter, the birds began to chirp as if to announce the forthcoming sunrise.

We made our way down the gravel road to the church that was only a block from our house. As we walked, I could hear the gravel crunching beneath my feet and I tried to walk ever so carefully so I wouldn't get dust or marks on my

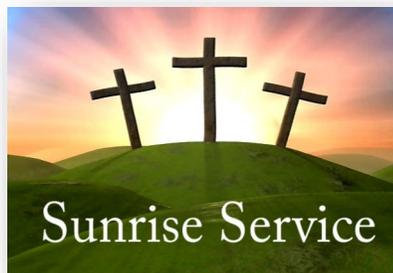
new white shoes that I thought were almost too pretty to wear.

I was excited to get to church because my cousin, Suzanne, and I had a part in the Easter program. We had a duet to sing to-

gether. We had rehearsed the program many times and we wanted to do our best.

There were more people than usual on Easter Sunday.

There was an atmosphere of expectancy as people were seated and the music began to play. Suzanne and I took our places on the piano side of the church on the front pew. The pastor spoke a

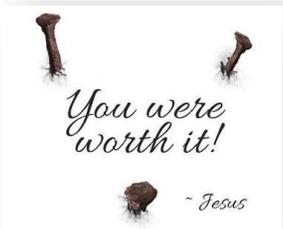


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In case of emergency call Pastor Ed Behling at 218-732-3778 or Head Elder Joel Vinkemeier at 547-6733 or 612-865-1621.

What are you looking at?

"... looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." - Hebrews 12:2



It's hard for me to imagine that even Jesus had a hard time facing his trials. Think about it. Even though he knew the "end of his story", his suffering and death was truly almost more than he could bear. The Bible says that he even sweat drops of blood in the Garden of Gethsemane. The writer of Hebrews said that he could bear all that he did "for the joy that was set before him". That is a pretty amazing statement.

So it may be like that with some of us. Even though we know the "end of our story", it is possible that our storm, or agony, or trial—whatever it may be—sometimes seems unbearable! We have probably seen others who appear like Job—to have lost so much. Or maybe we ourselves are facing a situation where there is nothing that seems to be "redeemable". What possible good can come out of this particular situation?

Well, this is just one more reason Jesus left His "Body", The Church on earth. Remember, we are to love God and serve others. How? We can look, listen, learn, and love others who may be facing hardships. We can remind each other that we truly do have "joy set before us" because of Jesus! We know that because of the suffering He endured—**ALL FOR US**—He is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God! And He is there even now to "cheer us on" so that we can cheer each other on! As we prepare to celebrate Resurrection Sunday, let us stop and soak in the joy of our salvation! So, what are you looking at? Hopefully, it is Jesus and the joy set before us! And I say, HALLELUJAH to that!

-Pam's Thoughts

Opportunities For Worship



Sunday Worship—We worship God each Sunday at 9:00 AM and celebrate The Lord’s Supper the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Remember to invite your family member, your new neighbor or a friend to worship with you. Also, each “5th Sunday” is a bit more contemporary.

Lutheran Hour Ministries—Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on Sunday mornings at 6:05 AM on WCCO 830, 12:30 PM on KDHL 920, or 5 PM Sundays on KTIG 102.7.

The Lutheran Hour Ministries has expanded into additional markets. The Lutheran Hour is now available: online, MP3, Podcast, Sirius XM Satellite Radio. For local broadcast information visit www.lutheranhour.org

College Students—Students don’t leave home without Him! Connect with your Campus Church now or contact: www.lcmscampus.org.

Holy Week Schedule: April 17, Maundy Thursday at 7:00, April 18, Good Friday at 7:00, April 20, Easter: Sunrise Worship at 6:30 am, Breakfast at 7-8:30, and Worship at 9 am.

Opportunity For Bible Study

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Join us for Sunday morning Bible study choices! First—a study on the morning Gospel reading prior to worship at 8:30 am in the back of the church. Then fill up your coffee cup and join a group right after Sunday Worship from 10:30—11:30, in the Fellowship Hall. Your input is valued. You will be blessed and be a blessing to us!

Youth Study: 5th—12th Graders meet by the Church Library after church each Sunday.

Thursday Mornings: Join us for **Men’s Bible Study** and also a



Women’s Bible Study every Thursday morning at 8 am. We’re excited to have you join us as we share God’s Word and fellowship with one another.

E-DiBS will electronically deliver to you a daily Bible study where we will go book by book, verse by verse and have a short explanation and application for better understanding. Sign up by contacting the Church office by phone, email or in person.

Opportunity For Supporting Our Church

Will You Help? Stop by the bulletin board in the entry hall to read ways to help support our church. Immanuel receives many small to medium sized bills during the month. Some larger bills have been divided into smaller amounts in order to encourage members to “chip in”. The Board of Stewardship would like to thank those who have helped already and would like to ask the rest of the congregation, “*Will You Help, too?*”

The Endowment Fund for Immanuel Lutheran Church and School has been set up at the First National Bank in Walker. If you are interested in contributing to this fund, serving on the governing board for this fund, or want more information, stop in the office.

LCEF is a Place to Grow: Have you ever considered how you might help where individuals and ministries come together to grow in the Lord? Lutheran Church Extension Fund makes availa-

ble resources and services that are used to equip Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) ministries as they embrace God’s plan. These tools are all made possible through competitive-rate investments.

We always need napkins, paper towels and kleenex.



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few words of welcome and then the program began.

The choir sang "In the Garden", "The Old Rugged Cross" and "There Is a Fountain" as narration was interspersed between songs. Everything was going just as we had practiced and then the moment came, it was the scripture that was our cue: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last." As soon as the scripture was finished Suzanne and I began to sing the old spiritual, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" and I knew in my heart even as a child that in some mysterious way, I was there and that the Lord paid a debt He did not owe because I owed a debt I couldn't pay.

When our duet ended, the narrator began reading the words: "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as

snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said."

At the very moment that the narration ended, the choir broke into the joyful song "Christ the Lord is Risen today, Al – le – lu – ia!"

Afterward, everyone began filing out of the church to leave and as I looked up I saw that the sun had risen as it streamed through the front door.

I remember running down the gravel road toward home after that sunrise service. In my excitement, I had forgotten all about being careful not to mess up my new white shoes. I wondered if the women that found the empty tomb thought about their shoes. Then I wondered what became of the no longer needed spices that they had carried to the tomb. I guessed the women probably

forgot all about them because how can you think about your shoes or spices when you have just seen an earthquake, an empty tomb, and a powerful angel saying, "He is risen!"

The program was over but Easter continued on that day. I went home to color Easter eggs with my brother and take turns hiding them and finding them. That was the year that Ma-

ma drew a picture of the cross and the empty tomb in the icing on a cake. She rarely had time for things like that but it was a special day, it was Easter and the message that filled our thoughts was, "He is risen!"

This Easter I will again attend sunrise service. As the sun rises in the sky, I will once more be reminded, "He is risen!"

It is an awesome thought to know that the same God who created the sunrise loves us and wants to live in our hearts.

May the SON rise in your heart this Easter.

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Prayer Corner

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayers, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."—1 Peter 3:12

Health Concerns & Other Issues:

- ✚ Amelia (infant daughter of friends of Tim & Meg Duin)
- ✚ Andy Arnold
- ✚ Pastor Bitz and Family
- ✚ Gary Carlson (family friend of Joel & Barb Vinkemeier)
- ✚ Floyd & Deanie Caster
- ✚ Liz Dahn
- ✚ Linda Daniel (hip replacement)
- ✚ Marjorie Duenow (mother of Barb Vinkemeier)
- ✚ Richard & Marie Donnell, Sharae Hogan (Nancy Albrecht's sister-in-law)
- ✚ Darrell Iverson (brother of Lavonne Keske)
- ✚ Bruce & Deloris Kastning (parents of Wayne Kastning)



- ✚ Wes Kruger (son of Pam & Dick Kruger)
- ✚ Carla Morgenstern (friend of Darin & Corina Bronczyk)
- ✚ Paul Nagel (brother of Mike Nagel)
- ✚ Jean Parsons,

- ✚ Deborah Peterson (Mike Keske's sister)
- ✚ Leona Strand

Prayer of Remembrance: For all our loved ones who have passed away and their families and friends who mourn them. We especially remember the family of Blanche Kennedy.

Deployed Military: Kenneth Schaub (son-in-law of Kathy & Paul Pinsonneault) Operation Noble Eagle, Air Defense Team, Washington, DC

Missions: Immanuel Lutheran School, Missions of the LCMS Church

Join us for Prayer Time!

Join us for prayer on Thursday mornings at 9:30 in the front of the church. You don't have to pray out loud. Just bring your concerns or requests. Or, give Mike Schmidtke or Pam Kruger your requests anytime during the week, and your requests will be prayed over during this time. This is a time set aside to bring our prayers and supplications to the throne of our Living God!

From our Congregational President

With the delay of Spring and all the cold weather we have been having, some might think things are not hot at Immanuel as well. Would they ever be shocked at all that IS happening.

The Battle of the Sexes (held last Monday evening) was a smashing success! In a hard fought battle, the women won by two points! However, I did hear some comments from the men about being gracious and allowing the women to win.

Speaking of men versus women, how about the women starting a Women's Bible Study on Thursday mornings? It is in the same time slot as the men who have been meeting for Bible study for over ten years! Welcome aboard ladies! They are meeting in Pastors office for the short term. Pastor has been meeting with the men in the Thursday morning study time. If the women want to share our new pastor in their Bible study – how is that going to work? Wonderful problem!

Speaking of our new pastor, the Call Com-

mittee had a meeting on Tuesday evening. LCMS Minnesota North District President Fondow had reviewed the 6 names we had submitted to him as potential pastors for our call list. He advised us that 2 were not available for a call at this time. He then sent us an additional 11 names for us to consider. Your call committee reviewed a 2 page Pastor's Information Form and 9 page Self Evaluation Set for each of the 15 pastors. (Yes, you are right 165 pages of information!) With the assistance of our Circuit Visitor Pastor Davis of Dorsett, a simple voting system was used to gain a consensus. Our goal was to narrow the field to 6 candidates for whom we will submit for a background check. WHEW !!!!!

In alphabetical order, the following names are being sent to President Fondow:

Reverend Aaron Bell of St. Cloud, MN; Reverend Gregory Coop of Mora, MN; Reverend

Timothy Nerud of South Haven, MN; Reverend Jonathan Volrath of Dover, MN; Reverend Mathew Vrudny of Finlayson, MN; Reverend Daniel Wagner of Paulina, IA.

It will take about 6 weeks for these background checks to be conducted. Once that is concluded, we will have a meeting of the congregation. Assuming they all are given an "all clear" on the background check, from these 6 names, we will determine the person which we will call to be our new pastor. Please keep the call process in your prayers, that we will quickly find the man God has chosen for us.

Pastor Behling continues to lead us in an outstanding manner. His sermons are sensational and I know some of you are missing his thought provoking Sunday Morning Bible class. Check it out – I know you won't be disappointed.

WOW. With all that is going on, isn't this an exciting time to be a member of Immanuel? By this time next month, EASTER will be here !

In His and your service, Tim Duin



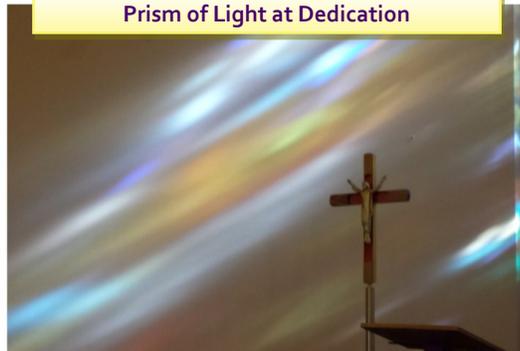
Our Altar at Immanuel

Lynn Palomaki and Son, Jon Palomaki



Why do we have an altar in our church?
Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at His banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are usually made of fine linen; material appropriate for feasting with our King.

Prism of Light at Dedication



The dedication of the beautiful Lenten paraments given in honor of Pastor Tom Palomaki by Lynn and her family on Sunday, March 9 was as beautiful as it was meaningful. Our congregation was blessed with Jon singing a beautiful, and meaningful Finnish hymn. There was a surprise at the altar area, while Lynn and Jon were preparing their special music. The sun shining through our stained glass window left a prism of color on the wall over the cross. What a special "gift from above" as we remember Pastor Tom Palomaki with love. Again, we thank the Palomaki family for their gift to our church.

Communion Altar Cloth



What a beautiful "garage sale find"! Immanuel is blessed to have this lovely Communion Altar Cloth for special occasions here at Immanuel. Thank you, Meg Duin. This note was pinned to the cloth:

"This lace came from an altar of a Catholic Church in Northern Minnesota. It is from the 1890's. Most likely, it was hand crocheted by lamp light by the Sisters".

LWML Update

Baskets of Promise: A big thank you to all who are supporting us in our collection for Baskets Of Promise. The collection will continue until Palm Sunday, April 13.

Spring Rally: The Spring Rally will be held Tuesday, April 29 at Lake George. The theme is: "Fully Rely on God". There is a list for the In gathering for Helping Hands on the bulletin board.



Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be a week later than usual because of Holy Week. We will meet on April 22 at 3 pm at the church. All women are invited to join us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Men of Immanuel

Next Breakfast Meeting Date Saturday, April 12, 2014.

Jack Hopen & Jim Kolar are the cooks.

All the Men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to come and enjoy the breakfast fellowship.

We will be finalizing plans for Easter Breakfast coming up on April 20th.

Breakfast will be served from 7 am-8:30 am for a free will donation.



Did you miss the Battle of the Sexes night on March 24? You missed a great evening and we'll keep it under our hats as to who the victor was! We're going to try another event in May so stay tuned. Your suggestions for keeping an adult fellowship group going are welcome. Give your thoughts to the Vinkemeiers or Duins.

Resurrection Rolls Recipe

Crescent dough wraps around butter & sugar-dipped marshmallows. They become hollow as they bake, representing Jesus' tomb on Easter morning -when you break them open they are empty inside! A great Easter recipe to share with the kids!

Ingredients:

- 1 (10 ounce) can refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 8 large marshmallows
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons white sugar



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Lightly grease a baking sheet.
3. Separate crescent rolls into individual triangles.
4. In a small bowl, mix together cinnamon and sugar.
5. Dip a marshmallow into melted butter, then roll in sugar mixture. Place marshmallow into the center of a dough triangle. Carefully wrap the dough around the marshmallow. Pinch the seams together tightly to seal in marshmallow as it melts. Place on a baking sheet. Repeat.
6. Bake in a preheated oven until golden brown, about 15 minutes.

While the resurrection rolls bake, the marshmallow melts away, leaving an "empty tomb". Jesus has risen! Alleluia!

Immanuel's 100th Anniversary



In 2015 we will be celebrating the first 100 years of Immanuel Lutheran Church. At their meeting on March 10th, it was determined that several committees would be formed to accomplish the planning for this festive celebration. They are the following: Decorating, Cookbook, Banners, Program, Invitations, Photo/Video/Computer, Food. It was further determined that, with the needed approvals, the celebration would take place in September, 2015. Let the church office or Meg Duin know where your expertise could most be used. Your assistance and input is welcome, wanted, and needed!

Stewardship

BY GOD'S GRACE

I Corinthians 15 is known as the Resurrection Chapter. Paul writes in verses 3-4: "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures..." Are these words new to you? Hardly. You've heard this message every Easter and probably several Sundays in between. As Paul says, it's the message of first importance. Unless Christ has died for our sins and unless He is risen from the dead, we have nothing on which to base our faith.

Only the Christian religion has a God, Who out of love for us, has come down to be among His people in order to live the perfect life in our places and to pay the price for our failure to "meet the mark".

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul teaches us many things. His epistles are full of information, exhortation,

encouragement, and edification. But he says that this message of what Christ has done for us is the one of first importance. As he writes in verse 14, "And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain."

Paul says, "For I delivered to you as of

people don't, however. Many don't even know that the Bible is Truth.

That's where we come in. We now walk the earth. Jesus said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). As recipients of that power, we are enabled to be His witnesses. We now have the task of passing on what we've received, the beautiful Gospel message that Christ died for our sins and was raised again that we, too, may have

eternal life. God grant that we might be eager stewards of His Gospel.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!



first importance what I also received." Paul, like our Lord, no longer walks this earth, spreading this message. Of course, Paul passed on this message in written as well as in verbal form. We have God's Word and are privileged to read and study it whenever we want. Many

Finances

Church Finances

February General Fund
Income = \$7,037.35
Expense = \$6,356.85
Over = \$680.50

February Building Fund
Income = \$1,612.56
Mortgage Payment = \$2,227.63
Short = \$615.07



School Finances

2/1/14-2/28/14 income = \$7,117.01
2/1/14-2/28/14 expense = \$13,073.18

(Actual income & expense –
loan amounts removed)

Lines of credit balance owed
as of 3/3/14 = \$23,805

It is the seed that is sown which bears fruit, not the seed that is stored in the barns.

New Ladies Bible Discussion Group—"Restore"

Exciting News! A new Women's Bible Discussion Group meets on Thursday Mornings at 8:00.

The ladies have named their group, "Restore", after studying the 23rd Psalm and discussing how the Lord restores us. What a wonderful thought! They are currently going through a study from Women of Faith entitled, "Encouraging One Another". They would love to have you visit!

The meeting time was chosen to coincide with the Men's Bible Study time. However, they are open to a change should that become obvious to a majority of ladies.

ALL WOMEN INVITED! Try it. You'll like it!



Secret Servants



Thank you to **Randy Schmidtke** for all his work in keeping our toilets in good working order in the church.

Thank you to **Dale Ross** for bringing kitchen supplies!

Yes, God is keeping track of the "good deeds" you do in private. However, if you see someone doing something "in secret", let the church office know so we can all say thank you! The smallest thing you do is GREATLY appreciated! YOU are appreciated!

Board of Education

Beef Stew/Chili Cook-Off/Silent Auction on March 16th was a huge success as well as being a lot of fun and fellowship. If you weren't there you missed hearing the school children sing, and two chime choirs (lower grades and upper grades). They did an awesome job. There were 10 different chili recipes to taste, delicious beef stew and many good auction items to bid on. The school netted approximately \$4500. Thank you all for your support and attendance.

Thank you all for your continued support for the school through our Annual Fund Drive "Touching Lives Forever" as well as volunteering your time and talents.

Opportunities to Support Our School

RECYCLING: Immanuel School can now recycle your old cell phones. Just drop them at the office or deposit them with the ink jet cartridges.

On-Line Search: Immanuel School has signed up as a charity on www.goodsearch.com. Every time you use this search engine, they donate 1 cent to our school. Please choose Immanuel Lutheran School as your charity when it asks you, "Who do you "Goodsearch" for?"



Scrip Orders: The school's scrip program is a great way for parents, grandparents, family and friends to help pay for tuition! 50% of each scrip order's profit may be designated toward a student's tuition. Many retailers participate in the gift card program and also

offer ScripNow, where certificates can be downloaded from your account through orders placed online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Scrip packets are available by the office. New order deadline: 10th of each month. Contact Angela Bitz (547-1330) or Kelly Schmidtke (547-1080) with any questions.

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June 12th, 13th & 14th

Thursday & Friday 8 am-6 pm
Saturday 8 am-noon

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Preschool through 8th grade*



To donate items,
call Angela at
547-1330

Email: bitz_a@yahoo.com

Immanuel Lutheran School in Walker is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductible. Receipts given - please ask.

All donations of furniture, clean clothing, linens, toys, tools and treasures will be greatly appreciated! Think of us during your spring cleaning!

Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center

LIFE. Love it. Protect it.

The Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center exists to provide physical and spiritual life affirming choices for women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Please Pray: Thank You for your faithful prayers on behalf of the Center and those we serve! **Pray** for a young teen working through guilt following a miscarriage. Pray for her to hear the Love of Jesus and the message of self-esteem and abstinence.

Congratulations to a young woman who, after a year of struggle now has a beautiful Baby and just finished classes and received her High School Diploma!

Spring Fundraiser Banquet April 15, 2014: Please pray for our Banquet...that God will do above and beyond what we can hope or imagine...health for our speaker and for God to use him in a mighty way, and for the entire evening to be used to God's glory.

Spring is coming—and we are IN NEED of: baby clothing—especially newborn “onesies”, spring sleepers, and socks—and clothing for all sizes up to 2T. We are also in need of good used or new CRIBS, strollers and swings, pack-n-plays or other baby equipment that a new family could use. Also Diapers: Newborn, Size 1



and Size 2 along with wipes, diapering ointment, baby wash, really anything someone would give as a baby shower gift.

Copier Needed: Our black and white copier quit working yesterday! We sure could use one! THANKS!

Attention Anyone Who Shops at any Teal's Market Location! PLEASE give us your original receipts, we send them in and Teals will make a 1% donation to the Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center. An AMAZING gift to us!!!!

Good Search—Good Shop: This is a very easy way to support the center in everyday life! Just go to their site and select the Walker Area Pregnancy Center and every time you use this search or shop, the center receives support.

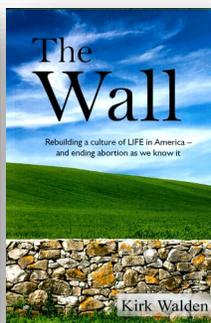
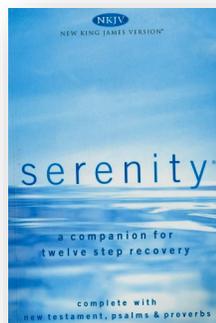
Still praying for Board Members from Longville, Laporte, Onigum, Hackensack, Remer, and Cass Lake. We wish to be represented by all of our service areas.

Location: The pregnancy center is located at 507 Front Street in Walker. Hours are Monday through Thursday, from 11 AM to 4PM.

Wishing you a wonderful Resurrection Celebration!

Books in the Spotlight

“Serenity”: Floyd Caster has supplied our church with the book, *Serenity* (a companion for twelve step recovery), which includes the New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs in the New King James Version. Floyd uses the acronym “H.E.L.P” which stands for: Help Eliminate Lotsa Problems. The publisher’s preface states: “What are the gods in your life? ... Have you come from a difficult or painful family background? ... This book may serve as a special guide to you in the recognition and resolution of these old emotional wounds. ... It is our sincere hope that in reading and meditating on *Serenity*, you will begin to see how God...can liberate you from debilitating addictions and restore you to wholeness, stability, and a perfect relationship with Him. You will find copies of *Serenity* on the table in the back of the Fellowship Hall.



“The Wall”, by Kirk Walden: Kirk Walden is the speaker at this year’s Walker Area Pregnancy Center Fundraiser. The subtitle, “Rebuilding a culture of LIFE in America—and ending abortion as we know it”, explains the purpose of the book. The author uses the biblical story of Nehemiah and the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem as the basis for his plan to rebuild the “wall of hope” for to end abortion in our land. The back cover states: “... *The Wall* reminds us that it is often when hope seems lost that God orchestrates extraordinary victory through ordinary people. In addition, *The Wall* shows that surprisingly, today is the perfect time for creating a new culture of life in America. Get ready to be inspired; and be prepared to take your place building *The Wall*.” You will find a copy of *The Wall* in our church library.

April Celebrations

Anniversaries

- 4/2 Will & Dar Pehling (48 years)
- 4/3 Tim & Meg Duin (49 years)
- 4/13 Ervin & Jennifer Baumann (18 years)
- 4/27 Ed & Darlene Thue (18 years)

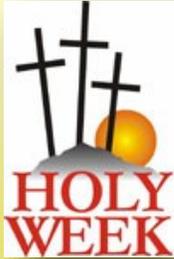


Birthdays

- 4/4 Deanie Caster
- 4/5 Lyle Bronczyk
- 4/6 Matt Wegener
- 4/11 Ed Thue
- 4/12 Tristin Hopen (16)
- 4/13 Jeremy Hines
- 4/13 Leah Zubke (3)
- 4/19 Kristin Anderson
- 4/20 Jeffrey Pehling II
- 4/25 Marilyn Bakeberg
- 4/25 Sharon Gutheridge
- 4/28 Joanne Pickar
- 4/30 Rick Schmidtke



We want to include YOU!
Please let the office know your special days
so we can celebrate with you!



Holy Week Schedule:
Maundy Thursday, April 17: 7:00 pm
Good Friday, April 18: 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday, April 20
 Sunrise Worship at 6:30 am
 Men's Easter Breakfast: 7-8:30
 Worship: 9 am

"Restore" Women's Bible Discussion Group.
 All women invited to join us on Thursday mornings at 8 am. Try it. You'll like it!



He restores my soul...

With our deepest sympathy



With Sympathy
 Our Sympathies to the family and friends of Blanche Kennedy. Blanche passed away February 23 and her Christian Funeral was held February 28th at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Andy Arnold Update

Member and Head Usher, Andy Arnold is recuperating at Golden Living Center in room 111 in Walker after a fall when he broke a leg bone and ankle. He will be there for several weeks yet. Cards may be sent to him at PO Box 700, Walker, MN 56484. And he would LOVE you to stop and visit him in room #111.



Earth's saddest day and gladdest day were just three days apart! - Susan Coolidge



A note from our Church Administration:
 Please be sure to check with the office before scheduling events.
 The bad news is our school is OVERFLOWING—so there isn't always room available!
 The good news is that our school is OVERFLOWING—so there isn't always room available.

Immanuel Lutheran School—Where Faith and Education Meet

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SPRING MUSICAL



THURSDAY, MAY 15

1:00 & 7:00



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- APRIL 7-11 : TESTING 1ST—8TH GRADE
- APRIL 17-21: NO SCHOOL
- MAY 5: PRESCHOOL/PRE-K MOM'S TEA
- MAY 15: SPRING MUSICAL
- MAY 16: K-8 TRACK MEET AT PERHAM
- MAY 20: PRESCHOOL/PRE-K AWARD NIGHT 6:30
- MAY 22: 8TH GRADE GRADUATION & AWARDS & PICNIC 5:30
- MAY 23: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



EMMA & TAMMY PFLUGSHAUPT TAUGHT THE 4TH - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS HOW TO MAKE PARA CORD BRACELETS.



THE 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS MADE LEATHER WALLETS IN THEIR LEATHER TOOLING CLASS AND WALKING STICKS IN THEIR WOOD CARVING CLASS.

THANKS TO MYRON GACK, WILL PEHLING AND LEROY STRAND FOR SHARING THEIR TALENT AND EXPERTISE WITH OUR STUDENTS.



LUTHERAN SCHOOL BIBLE BOWL

We are privileged to host MN North District Bible Bowl each year. This year students in 4th—8th grades from St. John's Thief River, Our Savior's Crookston, St. Paul's Perham and Immanuel Walker participated. They competed in 6 rounds of questioning. Working together in teams, the students answered questions about people, places, events, doctrine and the location of various Bible verses. We were blessed to have many people helping out. A special thank you to our judges for the event: Pastor Kietzman, Pastor Behling, and Pam Kruger. Everyone enjoyed a time of fun, fellowship and competition all centered around God's Word. What a truly blessed day.



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE BEEF STEW/ CHILI COOK-OFF/ SILENT AUCTION A SUCCESS. THE STUDENT-MADE BOWLS WERE A HUGE HIT!



NATHANIEL WORKS ON A SCHOOL BOWL.



A SPECIAL THANKS TO HOG ROOSTER" & "JUST US" FOR PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT DURING THE SILENT AUCTION.





PRESCHOOL HARD AT WORK DURING P.E. AND LETTER TIME.

PRE-K PAINTING WITH FISH



PRE-K MADE SNOWMEN SNACK FOR LETTER "S".



PRE-K WORKING ON COMPUTERS.



KINDERGARTEN WORK TIME—MATH



1ST - 3RD GRADE STUDENTS WORK ON GRAPHING FOR MATH.



KINDERGARTEN MADE STONE SOUP



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You are welcome, wanted and needed!

*"He is
not here, for
he has risen,
as he said.*

*Come, see the place
where he lay. Then go
quickly and tell his disci-
ples that he has risen
from the dead..."*
- Matthew 28: 6,7



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Whatever you do, work heartily as for the Lord, and not for man. Colossians 3:23

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Servants in the Lord's House for April

Altar Duty: Bev Johnson

Elder: Mike Schmidtke

Greeters

4/6 Will & Dar Pehling

4/13 Kathy Pinsonneault

4/20 Pam and Dick Kruger

4/27 Joel & Barb Vinkemeier

Acolytes

4/6 Jessica Schmidtke

4/13 Matthew Salvhus

4/20 Bradley Foster

4/27 Kristina Harder

Fellowship Servers

4/6 Judy Jensen & Kathi Hopen

4/13 Barb Jankovich & Phyllis Eklund

4/20 Men of Immanuel Easter Breakfast

4/27 Corina Bronczyk & Kelly Schmidtke

Ushers

4/6 Duane Paulsen & Gordy Dahn

4/13 Tim & TJ Anderson

4/20 Tim & TJ Anderson

4/27 Vern Black & Rick Schmidtke



*A huge **THANK YOU** to all who continue to serve our congregation! Bless you!*

Immanuel Lutheran Church		APRIL 2014			"God With Us"	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 30 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	March 31	1	2 3:30 pm Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	3 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	4 10 am Elders Meet	5
6 5 th Sunday of Lent 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	7 7 pm Board of Ed	8 7 pm Council meeting	9 3:30 pm Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	10 Scrip Deadline 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	11	12 8 am Men of Immanuel Breakfast
13 Palm Sunday 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	14 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	15 3:00 pm LWML	16 3:30 pm Confirmation	17 Maundy Thursday 8 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Worship w/Communion	18 Good Friday 7 pm Worship 	19
20 Easter 6:30 am Worship w/Communion 7 am-8:30 am Breakfast by the Men of Immanuel 9 am Worship w/Communion 	21	22	23 3:30 pm Confirmation	24 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	25	26
27 2nd Sunday of Easter 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	28	29	30 3:30 pm Confirmation	May 1 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	May 2	May 3