

"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

Where Faith & Education Meet

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

*Quality Christian education open to all children
Preschool through
Grade 8*

A monthly newsletter from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

Immanuel Messenger

From Pastor Vrudny

April, 2015



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show the kind of death He was going to die." John 12:31-33

Ah, the sweet smell of victory! We enjoy coming out on top. And we all like to be around winners. And JESUS is a WINNER! Let there be no mistake about *that*. Jesus brings victory; it's just that His victory comes in the shape of a cross.

"Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies," Jesus said, "it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." (Jn.12) Jesus was talking about His death. There was only one way for Him to defeat this chief & powerful enemy and win this battle; only one way to de-

throne the prince of this world: *God Himself* would have to die. *No, more than that!* For US to

be able to live beyond this world, God Himself would have to 'pay the penalty of sin,' and yet – somehow

– survive, so that we could live in Him with no more threat.

This was the hour for which He had been sent from the Father's throne—the time of the

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Forgiveness

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." – Luke 23:34



I'm doing a study with some ladies on Jesus' last words from the cross. The verse above about forgiveness was our first focus. Can you imagine such forgiveness from anyone? Our study also taught: "Father forgive them for they **know** what they do!" That twist was also very thought provoking.

Think of how God's Word is absolutely perfect, and how God chose each of those words from the cross to be there just for us. His provision is always perfect and on time, and His forgiveness is totally complete. It's overwhelming to

think that Jesus would have died for me even if I were the only person on earth!

As we near Resurrection Sunday, we can be sure our hearts are clean, ready and open to accept anew the forgiveness that Jesus paid for us. Have we forgiven the way he has forgiven? What an intense thought. Even the Lord's Prayer reminds us to do that. And Jesus wouldn't have told us to pray that if we couldn't do it! Here is a quote from our study: "Unforgiveness is like eating rat poison and expecting the other person to die!" Isn't that good?! Surely I want a forgiving heart! No rat poison for me!

As we focus on Jesus' death and resurrection this year, I know I will be concentrating just a little more on those words He spoke from the cross. What a great love He has for you and for me. I pray you will join me in lifting clean hands and a pure heart to Him by sacrificially forgiving each other even in those hard situations. And I say a hearty 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. You are welcome, wanted and needed!

Wednesday Lenten Worship—Each Wednesday during March, Worship at 7:00 pm (Preceded with Lenten supper at 6:00 pm)

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.

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—except during summer months.

Men's Bible Study each Thursday morning at 8 am in the back of the sanctuary. All men are encouraged and invited to attend.

Women’s Bible Study every Thursday morning at 8 am, meeting now at the church library. We would love 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. This service is free because of a generous donation. For more information visit: www.e-dibs.org.

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 introduces the new PartnerPLUS Fixed Rate

Term Note! This new term, fixed rate note is for current investors and non-investors. PartnerPLUS is available to individuals, LCMS ministries and organizations and for IRAs. PartnerPLUS is for anyone who is looking to be a Minister Partner! PartnerPLUS features:

- 2% fixed rate on 2-year note. 2.5% fixed rate on 4-year note
- \$500-\$25,000 initial investment amount
- Second-tier rate on balances over \$25,000 (1.000%)
- \$500 minimum to open
- Additional investments of at least \$25 allowed

NEEDED: The church could use coffee and paper towels. Thanks!

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final assault on the enemy. Victory was at hand! But this victory had a huge price tag attached. Jesus knew He must be *lifted up* on His cross. And He said, “*Now is my heart troubled.*” Of course it was; He had to bear the brunt of the wrath of God against the sins of the world. It meant real blood and real pain and real tears. And so in the Garden of Gethsemane, the Son of God lay face down in the dirt in fervent prayer that the Father would find some other way to save the world. But the answer He got was, “*No.*” There would be no victory for Jesus apart from His cross.

And likewise, the same fallen world which exacted a price from Him will stand opposed to you & me when we are with Him: When we ‘look like’ Jesus, the same ‘ol world will treat us ‘like Jesus.’ Do we ever feel “it’s not fair!” - that bad guys get ahead by breaking the rules, and good guys fall behind by following the rules? Yet, the Faith calls on us to not be short-sighted; the victory won for us is literally

“out of this world!” Our Faith clings to it, but our hands cannot yet touch it. Therefore, hardship is God’s way of

“... *the victory won for us is literally “out of this world!”*”

keeping our eyes on the victory that He has won for us on the cross.

Whoever said it would be easy to be a Christian? Actually, you *may* have heard someone say that! But where in God’s Word is it said that there would be no ridicule from friends, no ‘anti-faith’ pressures at work, or no open antagonism from the world? Whoever said the Christian life would be smooth sailing, with no stress and no strain? Whoever said that Christians would never have sorrow or pain or tears? Certainly not Jesus. “*Whoever serves Me,*” He says, “*must follow Me.*” “*If anyone would*

come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” (Mt.16) His way was first the way of the cross; as will ours be. After the cross, His way was the resurrection victory; as will ours be, too!

We need the cross, for we all deserve death. And death is what we got—in Jesus, that is! Baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus, His death has become our death. And His Easter-life is also our life—now by faith, one day by sight. Ah, the sweet smell of Victory! Let us continue to respond thankfully and faithfully to our Lord, and actually live the holy life He won for us!

--- *pastor vrudny*

[seed thoughts of Rev. H. Senkbeil]

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Prayer Corner

Health Concerns & Other Issues:

- ✚ Pastor Bitz and Family
- ✚ Bruce Crandell (brother of Sharon Gutheridge)
- ✚ Pat Finney (friend of Della Lembke on kidney dialysis)
- ✚ Joe Glassman (Hip surgery)
- ✚ Michael Hannegraf (friend of Ralph & Barb Jankovich)
- ✚ Delores Kastning
- ✚ Carla Morgenstern (friend of Darin & Corina Bronczyk)
- ✚ Paul Nagel (brother of Mike Nagel)
- ✚ Deborah Peterson (Mike Keske’s sister)



- ✚ Leroy Strand
- ✚ Leona Strand (at Golden Living Center, room 110)
- ✚ Mary Tetzloff (cataract surgery)
- ✚ Brad Zubke (heart attack and surgery)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Jim Eklund, Pastor Kietzman, Della Lembke

Prayer of Remembrance: For the families who have had loved ones who have passed away.

Missions: Immanuel Lutheran School, Missions of the LCMS Church, LWML

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. —James 5:16

From the Congregation President

Wow, isn't it great to have Pastor Vrudny here full time? It has been a difficult time for Immanuel over the last several years with the illness of Pastor Bitz and the resulting vacancy. Fortunately that is behind us and with our new Pastor here, he is performing the routine tasks and leading our congregation in our spiritual journey.

Please recall the action we took at our October 2014 Voter's meeting, changing the Health Benefit Plan recommended by Concordia Plans for our Church and School staff. Also, as I reported at that quarterly meeting, and again at our January, 2015 annual meeting, now with Pastor Vrudny in place our Board of Elders and Church Council have been working on updating the job description for our paid church secretary, (not the elected position). This remains a work in progress. We have changed the position title to Church Administrative Assistant. The primary goal is to update what we have in writing to more closely describe what the job consists of. The review and update is a continuing process. In addition to the job description of the work that is required, there is now an option available for the compensation package. The idea is, depending on the individual situation, the person filling this position (currently Peggy Schmidtke) is now able to select which option would be best suited to his/her situation. As I write this, Peggy has yet to make her choice. It is our goal to be good stewards of all that God has given us through His church members tithes and offerings. If you would like to review the new job description and compensation package changes, please let me know.

Although we are not currently compensating the Treasurer or



Financial Secretary (which are elected/appointed volunteer positions) we are also working on a job description for those positions. Given the complexity of especially the Treasurer position, there has been a manual put together by Minnesota North District of our Synod for that position. As you know, this involves not only the payment of the bills etc., but payroll as well. In today's society that is a complex task. The person filling this position (currently Nancy Albrecht) must also be aware of the government payroll rules and regulations. For the Financial Secretary (currently Barb Vinkemeier), it involves handling the financial contributions from members and non-members and complying with the IRS rules as well. Therefore, like the Administrative Assistant position, a Policy and Procedure Manual is being developed so that, in the event a fill-in person is needed because of illness, injury, vacation, etc. it will be easier for someone to step in and perform the work necessary. These are just best practices utilized by most organizations.

We also had a Special Voters Meeting on 3/16/15 to discuss some developments in the Sally Moore estate matter. The Voters passed a motion which says that the Trustee of the Moore Trust should make every effort to IMMEDIATELY, without reducing the financial amount of the Trust, do whatever is necessary to bring about a finalization of the Trust. This has gone on for over 15 years and the goal is to bring it to a close.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support !

In His and your service, Tim Duin

Men of Immanuel



The Men of Immanuel will be cooking breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 5 from 7 am—8:30 am. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausages, rolls, juice coffee and milk for a free will donation. All the proceeds of the Men of Immanuel fundraisers go towards projects for the church. The last really big project was the addition of a dishwasher to the kitchen.

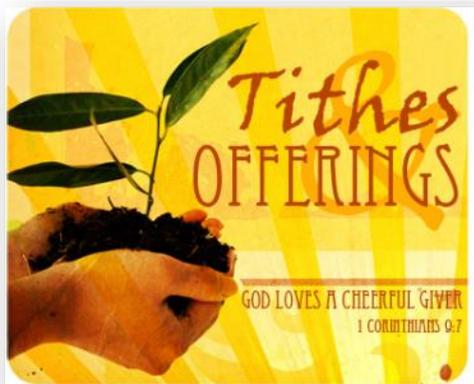
Next Men's Breakfast Meeting

Men of Immanuel will meet on Saturday, April 11 in the fellowship hall for breakfast and fellowship at 8 am. Cooks for the morning are Will Pehling & Darrin Bronczyk. All men of Immanuel Lutheran Church are invited and encouraged to come! The coffee will be on!

Stewardship

Why does giving seem so difficult? In reality, it isn't. But we make it difficult. We make it difficult because we're afraid. We're afraid that it isn't worth the investment. We're afraid that what we give to the church might be wasted, or that we could use it for something better, something more enjoyable, something more real, more tangible, more immediate, even more important, something more important than God and His gifts.

The point is this: We struggle with giving because we don't believe as we should. We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. And so we fail to give because we don't love God with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We fail to give because we don't fear Him more than we fear other things. We fail to give because we don't trust Him more than we trust the things we can more immediately see, taste, and touch. We don't trust that He will give us everything (EVERYTHING!) we need to support this body and life. For if we did fear, love, and trust in God above all things, we would see and know that all the other things that vie for our time, our talents, and our treasures pale in comparison to the joy of the real, tangible, immediate love God has showered upon us in the proclamation of the forgiveness of sins on



account of His Son's death, resurrection, and ascension.

The only proper response to this is repentance: to confess our sin, our stinginess, our lack of fear, love, and faith in God's promises, and to trust in Him to help us bring our desire to do better to fruition. For God is not holding out on us. He never has. He never will. For if

He has given you His only Son, how will He not also give you all things? He will. It is His promise. And these promises are sure and certain.

The reality is that God doesn't need our giving. He doesn't need our time, our talents,

our treasures. He is God. We are not. He can do all things without our help. And even what we do give, even the good and righteous things we do accomplish, these are but filthy rags, as the prophet Isaiah tells us (Isaiah 64:6). Our gifts to God and to the Church are like a child's gift of dandelions to his mother. They are weeds, which most of us spend an entire summer trying to rid our yards of them. And yet despite the fact that they are weeds, mothers always receive them with a smile and with joy. They will even put them in vases and display them on tables and countertops. They will recount to friends and other family

members how their child gave them "flowers," just to say I love you and I'm thankful for all you do.

Our Lord, too, receives with joy and a smile the gifts we give in thanksgiving and praise of what He has done. Even though these gifts are but weeds, filthy rags, and despite the fact that He doesn't need them to accomplish what He wills, He receives them and puts them to use for our and our neighbors good. That is the real joy of giving. He doesn't need us. Yet He makes use of us. He employs us in His service despite us. He makes all that we do—our giving, our work, our service to our family and friends and neighbors—holy. And He blesses it for their and our good and to the glory of His name.

So is giving so hard? Nah, it's like giving dandelions to our mothers. And when dinner is ready, when the food is on the table, she'll gladly have a vase full of them right in the middle. The Lord has prepared a table for you. Dinner is ready. The table is set. His Body and Blood is given to strengthen and nourish you. And right there, where Christ is with us, are the dandelions we gave. He has put them to use for our good, for our forgiveness, for our life in Him.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

Finances

Church Finance

General Offerings:

February Offerings = \$9,736.97

Total Expenses = \$ 11,099.41

Shortage = \$1,362.44

Building Fund:

February Offerings = \$512.00

LCEF Rebate = \$609.68

Mortgage Payment = \$2,227.63

Shortage = \$1,105.95

\$1100.00 was transferred from the Steward (Sale of Parsonage) Account to make mortgage payment.

Mercy Fund Update

Mercy Fund Beginning Balance = \$1,747.00

Donations to Mercy Fund = \$106.00

Donations to Members = 500.00

Current Balance = \$1,353.00



School Finances

2/1/15-2/28/15 income \$7,753.01

2/1/15-2/28/15 expense \$13,071.17

(Actual income & expense – loan amounts removed)

Lines of credit balance owed as of 3/9/15 \$23,040.04

LWML Update

The LWML Ladies had a great meeting in March. It started with a Bible Study “quiz” which reviewed the details of the events of Easter! It was fun to share fellowship, make plans for the year, discuss how we can fulfill our mission purposes, and just support and encourage each other!

Our Immanuel ladies have been invited to attend the Emmanuel LWML, Backus ladies for their Spring luncheon on May 2 at noon.

The Ladies Fall “Mini Retreat” is also in the planning



stages. If you have any ideas, or know of any speakers you would like to recommend, please inform Meg Duin, or Kathy Pinnsonneault! It is always such a special evening!

Each woman in our congregation is already a member of Immanuel LWML. We would LOVE to have you join us for our next meeting on April 21st. The meeting will be held at Bonnie Vrudny's house.

Thanks for your support!

For those of you who do not receive *THE LUTHERAN WITNESS*, please ponder the following article with its thoughts & applications. --- *Pastor V*

Music in Two Houses

How do we determine the time and place for pop music and the time and place for holy music?

by Rv. Eric R. Andrae, of First Trinity Luth. Church, Pittsburgh, PA

What is the Church? Where is the Church? As we know, the Church is not *OF* the world, but it is *IN* the world. But let us not forget that the Church -- that Christ -- is also *for* and *with* the world.

In debates about styles and genres of music in our Synod, the discussion focuses almost exclusively on what we hear Sunday mornings inside the church. Time and place are crucial, and so are distinctions, which are good and inherent in creation, put there by the Creator.

As a music aficionado, I appreciate musicians like Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, Elvis, U2, Moby, Lifehouse, Relient K and local Pittsburgh folks who are Christians performing popular music covers and original songs. Some of this music includes ‘spiritual’ or Gospel recordings, as well as pieces with religious themes. With these songs, they manage to maintain an edge, a grittiness, by walking a tightrope between the sacred and the ‘secular.’ And to be most ‘real,’ place matters. These artists perform in their element: sold-out stadiums, music clubs and smoky bars.

If their music was brought into the church, it would lose its uniqueness and be ‘restrained’ (or ‘disciplined’) in a way that changes it and makes it lose its rightly ‘irreverent’ identity, and it would be simply – and literally – out of place. Furthermore, if we played that music in church, it might eventually force out Bach, Gerhardt, Franzmann and Gregorian chant. And the pubs certainly will not welcome that stuff. The only place that some of that might then be found would be the symphonic concert



halls, which are not nearly as accessible in cost and culture as Sunday morning worship.

Then the popular music with spiritual themes might eventually no longer be wanted even at the pubs, clubs and stages, and then both the church and the pubs would lose some of their authenticity, and the audiences at these music venues may lose the (only) voice of Jesus there. It would be a lose-lose situation.

That's why it's important that we preserve the place and space for the ‘popular’ music of artists who are Christian and do the same for sacred music and hymnody. Both should have their voices heard. Both should have their distinct and different place and time. Both – at their best - are of God.

What is the Church? Where is the Church? The Church is Christ coming to us in the Divine Service, delivering His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Word and Sacrament (1Cor.12:12; Eph.5:29ff) But the Church is not *only* that. The Church is also those gathered around these Means of Grace; the Church is also the hearers and doers of that Word; the Church is also the people; wherever they are.

The Church is *all* the people who, made holy by the Holy Spirit's gifts, are then sent to bring the power of that holiness to all they do, in all the places they do it, for all the people for whom they do it, whether at the Club Café on the South Side of the ‘Burgh Saturday night or at First Trinity Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh Sunday morning.

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From George Johnson on “God’s Grace”

Does it not seem that Lent is a good time to study and meditate on this? Theologians have referred to Christians as being “Agents of Grace”. Could this be a better way of thinking about it? It seems to indicate more that we should be out selling it to others as opposed to just guarding it (stewards). We all know the importance of guarding it because of how other denominations have tried to fit The Word to the culture of the day. All of this only means someone has to be better stewards (protectors) and also better agents (sellers) of God’s whole Word as truth and God’s Grace.



To be good agents of anything, knowledge of what one is selling makes one a better agent. If you are selling vacuum cleaners, best to know them. Knowledge of God’s Grace is much more important than that! It does not take a rocket scientist’s knowledge to figure out where Christians lean what God’s Grace really is all about!

Here are a few good thoughts about considering our abilities. To be good agents of God’s Grace:

1. When did we all get the title? At baptism God calls us into his kingdom and wrote our names in the Book of Life. We can either hope he lost his eraser or have faith in God’s gift of Grace.
2. Since most of us were pretty small and immature when blessed by this gift of Grace, we were not very effective Agents at first. We grew in physical size with some variation! We all grew in spiritual wisdom (by God’s intervention) in varying amounts.
3. Old Testament people were guided by God a bit differently than New Testaments Christians. They thought of stewards as some one they had to help in business. God promised a new covenant.
4. We have over 50 verses in the scripture which very adequately define what “salvation by grace alone” means. How do I find these verses? One can do one of two things. Re-read the New Testament, or look at the Concordance in the back of the New Lutheran Study Bible and check on verses on the subject “Grace”.
5. May God bless all who have some inter-

est to be better agents of His Grace.

6. I could only guess at the many gifts God would bestow on anyone wanting to improve at being a better agent, but I can guarantee more peace, joy, repentance, mercy and thanksgiving in your life. Pretty great gifts.
7. This may be one thought that ends up being the best stewardship program of all for all churches. But that may still require another miracle or two from God.
8. A 1992 Webster Dictionary give this as one definition of grace: “unconstrained and undeserved divine favor and good will, God’s lover mercy displayed to man for the salvation of his soul.”

If you compare this with what God tells us in scripture, you will not be disappointed. If anyone has questions or differences in how “agents of grace” applies to them, I would be very receptive to the seeking of more spiritual wisdom from God’s Word. Have a very joyful Easter.

Opportunities to Help the 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?”

Amazon Smile: Take advantage of the Amazon Smile Program with your Amazon orders and help the school! Simple. Anyone who signs up for Amazon Smile and

chooses the school for their charity will automatically contribute 0.5% if their purchase of most items to the school! You can sign up at: <http://smile.amazon.com>

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.

PREVIEW TO PRESCHOOL

An introduction
to preschool
and pre-kindergarten
for parents and children
(3 or 4 years old by Sept. 1st)



**Thursday, April 16th
6-7 pm**

Meet
the
teachers!

Visit the
classroom!

Enjoy a
snack!

Sing
songs!

Make a
project!

Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center

LIFE. Join us in building a “wall of hope” in Walker and around the world.



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

Please be in prayer for women making the toughest decision of

their lives...and one that will affect them for the rest of their lives, no matter what they choose. Pray for them to come to know and trust God with their future and their child's life.

Other Prayer Requests:

Annual Spring Fundraising Banquet is Tuesday, April 21, 2015. It will be “Something Beautiful”! Hope to see you there!!

Advertising 2015 - We are working on a plan to have some smaller size billboards on our main highways so more young people will be made aware of our confidential services.

Looking forward to many more opportunities to speak to area church groups, and to present our message of ‘hope’ to those we serve.

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 Preg-

nancy Support Center. An AMAZING gift to us!!!!

Amazon Smile: Anyone who signs up for Amazon Smile and chooses us as their Charity, will automatically contribute 0.5% if their purchase of most items to our Center. You can sign up at: <http://smile.amazon.com>

“LIKE” us on Facebook: Please find us on Facebook for ministry updates and then be sure to “Like” us.’

Rejoice with us at the appointment of our newest board members Carole Forseman and Randy Schmidtke. We welcome them to our existing board members, Deb Frazee-Hopf, Sandy Pence, Mary Tiedeman, and Gary McEnelly. Our working board is essential to this ministry!

Prayer Partner: If you would like your email to be included in our list of Monthly prayer calendars (and impromptu prayer concerns throughout the month) please email: walkerpsc@arvig.net.

Location: The pregnancy center is located at 507 Front Street in Walker. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 AM to 4PM. Our phone is: 218-547-LIFE (5433) and our email is: walkerpsc@arvig.net.



Congratulations to Priscilla Marlette, Director of the Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center. She was chosen to receive the “Lifestyle Leader” Award at the Women’s Expo on Saturday, March 14. This award was voted on by the community for: “A woman who deserves special recognition for being an inspiration to other women and for making a significant difference in their lives.”



Cookbook Note

Thank you to everyone that contributed recipes for our new cookbook. We are done collecting recipes. We will be working on finishing it up and getting it sent in. We will then have more information on the price of the book. Thank you to those of you that have reserved books already, if you haven't, you still can. We want to be sure to order enough books from the start. It is going to be a wonderful book! - The Cookbook Committee

Secret Servant

A very special THANK YOU to Dale Ross and Leroy Stand for the many, many hours they have put in working on the dishwasher.

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!



April Celebrations

Anniversaries

- 4/2 Will & Dar Pehling (49 years)
- 4/3 Tim & Meg Duin (50 years)
- 4/13 Ervin & Jennifer Baumann (19 years)
- 4/27 Ed & Darlene Thue (19 years)



Birthdays

- 4/5 Lyle Bronczyk
- 4/11 Ed Thue
- 4/12 Tristin Hopen (17)
- 4/13 Jeremy Hines
- 4/13 Leah Zubke (4)
- 4/19 Kristin Anderson
- 4/20 Jeffrey Pehling II
- 4/24 Marilyn Black
- 4/25 Marilyn Bakeberg (81)
- 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!



Thanks from Della Lembke

Della sends her great thanks for all the prayers and good wishes after her surgery. She is feeling great and would LOVE your company in her new home at May Creek!

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 2
Worship with Communion at 7 pm



Good Friday, April 3
Worship at 7 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5
6:30 am Worship with Communion
7—8:30 am Breakfast
9 am—Worship with Communion

Men Serving Resurrection Sunday Breakfast

7—8:30 am



Quilting Ministry Update

Clara's Back—Back to Work!

Join us on April 28 at 9 am
Everyone welcome.
Bring a sack lunch.



Church Website:
"www.immanuellutheranwalker.org"

School Website:
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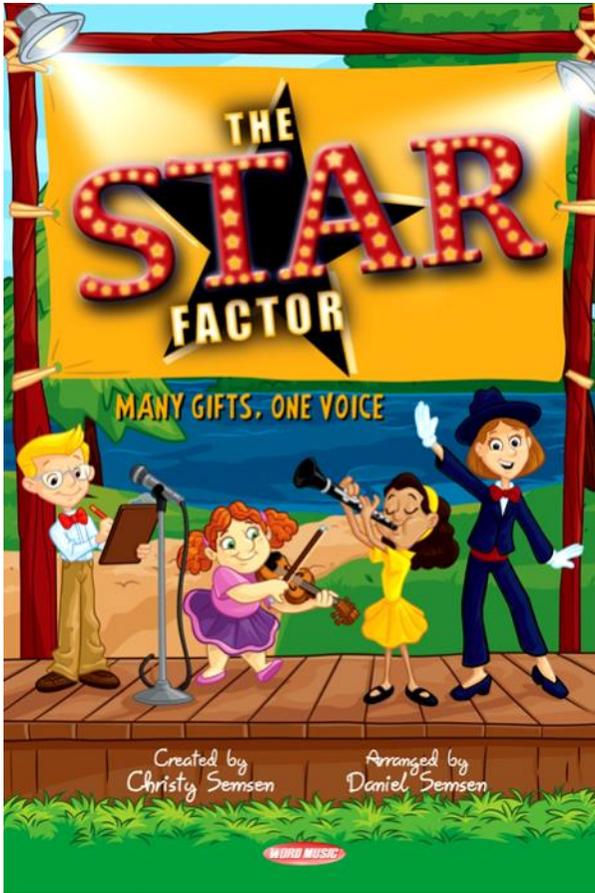
Thursday, May 14th
Spring Musical for Immanuel School
1:00 & 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 7, 2015
Men of Immanuel 'Annual Chicken Dinner' supplied by Charlie's Up North 11am- 1pm

Thursday-Saturday, June 11-13,
Immanuel School Annual ABC Sale

Sunday, October 4th, 2015
100th year Anniversary Celebration





PRE-K—8TH GRADE STUDENTS PERFORMING:

“THE STAR FACTOR”

THURSDAY, MAY 14

1:00 & 7:00

Places! Lights! Curtain up!

It’s time for *The Star Factor*, and you have a front row seat. The setting is Camp Heart & Soul, a summer arts camp that features a talent showcase with an exciting twist: this year, the showcase winner earns the opportunity to compete on a national TV show, “The Star Factor”! As everyone excitedly prepares for the performance, their initial group cooperation begins to crumble as their celebrity coach tells them that, “looking out for yourself is the only way to become a star!” The kids eventually learn that every part of the Body of Christ is important, and every person has a special and unique role to play.

Colossians 3:17, “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

8:00am - 7:30pm



- * Visit with Teachers
- * Enjoy Refreshments
- * Tour the Classrooms
- * Join us for Sing a long at 9:00



PREVIEW TO PRESCHOOL

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16
6:00-7:00pm**

Join us for an introduction to preschool (for parents and children)



The Silent Auction/Beef Stew/Chili Cook-Off was a successful and fun event. Thanks to everyone who made this night possible.



The Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten are featuring different books in class and doing activities that go along with each book.



Oh No!
The Ginger Bread Men have escaped from the oven. Don't worry, the preschoolers found their cookies and enjoyed a tasty

The Preschool class is reading about the Ginger Bread Man and making ginger bread cookies.



The Pre-Kindergarten class read "The Door Bell Rang". They made chocolate chip cookies and then did a little math to see how many cookies each child would get. Then the door bell rang. Soon the whole school was in their room and now there wasn't enough cookies to share. Then Miss Janna showed up with a whole plate of cookies, (made by the pre-k). Now there was enough to share with everyone.



Fun at Sing A Long.



The 7th & 8th grade wood carving class made these amazing birds. Thanks to Will and Leroy for sharing your talent with our students.



The 4-8th grade students had the privilege of helping at the Walker Area Food Shelf.



FAMILY NIGHT
TUESDAY, APRIL 21
STARTING AT 5:30

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

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Join us for worship on Sundays at 9

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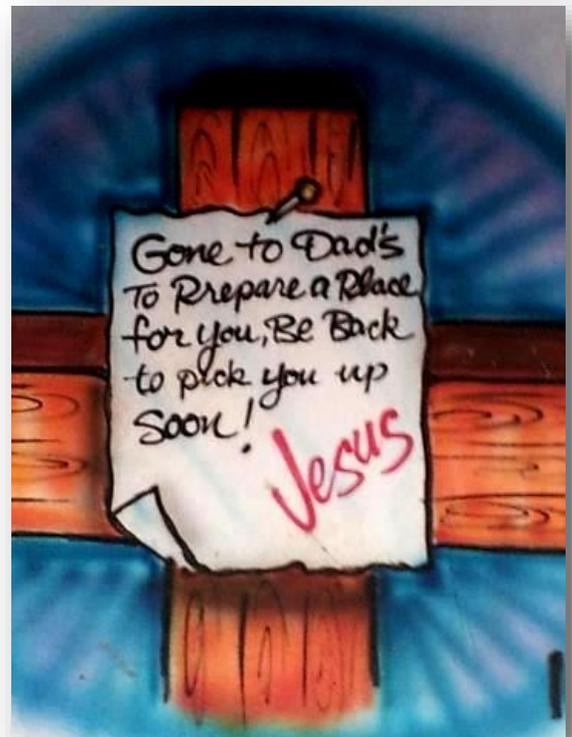
Join Us for Worship!

You are welcome, wanted and needed!

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

Jesus,
John 14:2-3



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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: Joann Loewen

Elder:

4/5 & 4/12 Mike Keske

4/19 Joel Vinkemeier

4/26 Dick Kruger

Greeters

4/5 Jim & Joann Loewen

4/12 Will & Dar Pehling

4/19 Bill & Karen Sellner

4/26 Joel & Barb Vinkemeier

Acolytes

4/5 Jeffrey Schmidtke

4/12 Ethan Schmidtke

4/19 Jessica Schmidtke

4/26 Brandon Dodge

Fellowship Servers

4/5 Men of Immanuel Easter Breakfast

4/12 Lavonne Keske & Kathi Hopen

4/19 Kelly Schmidtke & Barb Vinkemeier

4/26 Judy Jensen & Phyllis Eklund

Ushers

4/5 Mike Schmidtke & Jack Hopen

4/12 Tim & TJ Anderson

4/19 Tim & TJ Anderson

4/26 Jim Kolar & Gordy Dahn



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

Immanuel Lutheran Church			APRIL 2015			"God With Us"
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	March 30	March 31	1 6 pm 2 nd & 3rd Yr Confirmation	2 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study 7 pm Worship w/Communion	3 <i>Good Friday</i> 7 pm Worship  NO SCHOOL	4
5 <i>Easter</i> 6:30 am Worship w/Communion 7 am-8:30 am Breakfast by the Men of Immanuel 9 am Worship w/Communion 	6 Council Agenda & Finance Due 10 am Elders Meet 7 pm Board of Ed NO SCHOOL	7	8 6 pm 2 nd & 3rd Yr Confirmation	9 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Men Stepping Up Follow-up	10 Scrip Deadline	11 8 am Men of Immanuel Breakfast
12 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	13 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	14 7 pm Council meeting	15 6 pm 2 nd & 3rd Yr Confirmation	16 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study 8 am-7 pm School Open House & Registration 6pm Preview to Preschool	17	18
Pastor at 22 nd Convention of MN North District in Brainerd						
19 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	20	21 3:00 pm LWML 5:30 pm Family Night	22 6 pm 2 nd & 3rd Yr Confirmation	23 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Men Stepping Up Follow-up	24	25
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