

"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

March, 2015



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"And they (the soldiers) stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!'" - Matthew 27:28-29

It is often the nature of mockery that it affirms the truth it seeks to ridicule. For example, during the trial of Jesus the soldiers put a purple robe on Him, a staff in His hand, and a crown of thorns on His head, and they bowed down before Him. They sought to make fun of Jesus' "kingship".

But we have news for them! The purple robe points to the very real Robe of Righteousness in which Jesus is clothed, and in which He clothes all who are baptized in Him and believe in His redeeming merit for

them. The staff or reed symbolizes His scepter of divine authority, for to Him is truly given all power in heaven and on earth. The crown of thorns foreshadows the crown of glory that Jesus wears as the King of kings = the crown of everlasting life, which He shares with His

own trusting people, who gladly bow before Him. So, unintentionally -- and with the opposite intent -- the Roman soldiers proclaimed the true kingship of Jesus.

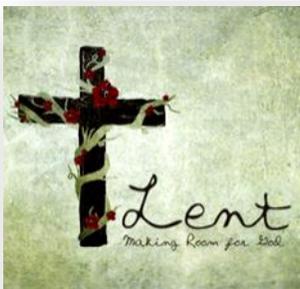


Also, mockery directed at us, who are Jesus' followers, often

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Making Room for God



Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.—Colossians 3:12-15

During this season of Lent, we often think about fasting and giving and prayer. Sounds like a good plan to me. In the past when I did fast, it made me think about all that Jesus gave up for me—including his life! But for some reason this year, I seemed to be focusing more and more on ME! Then I found a great picture for Lent that said, "Lent. Making Room for God." It was perfect for me! It's just like "saving room for dessert" means eating less dinner.

Making room means getting rid of something else! Well—this got me thinking about the verse above. If we do let Jesus rule in our hearts, we need to love, and forgive, and be thankful! I guess that's what making room for God can mean for me. I don't think it's like the song where everyone just holds hands and sings in perfect harmony. It's about doing hard things even when I don't feel like it. It's NOT ABOUT ME! It's about what JESUS did! I think this little picture is just what I needed to teach me one more layer of what Lent is all about.

It's my prayer that together, we can all make room for God. And even though we officially delete the "hallelujahs" in church during Lent, I unofficially say a loud 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.

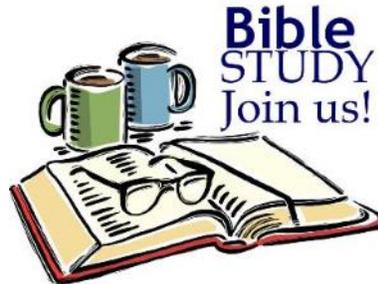
Opportunity For Bible Study

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 regular coffee! Thanks!

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has the effect of asserting the very truth it seeks to ridicule. Inadvertently, and by a reverse process, it proclaims and praises what it tries to put down.

It was at Antioch that Christ's followers were first called "Christians"; a nickname hung on them by their enemies, as if to say: "What pitiful people! They follow in the footsteps of the humiliated, crucified Jesus Christ!" But

the mockery backfired, and the term became one of honor! Peter writes to persecuted believers: "If you suffer as a Chris-

tian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name." 1Peter 4

"It was at Antioch that Christ's followers were first called 'Christians'...but the mockery backfired."

In your own life, keep in mind that mockery directed at you, because of your faith, is very likely a reverse mirror

image of a praiseworthy quality you have been given thru faith in Christ. Accept it calmly, even thankfully. An intended insult of God's people, because they are God's people, is really a compliment of God, and of His work in us to make us stick out as *different* than the dying world around us! If you are on the side of truth, standing with Christ, you can never be put to shame.

--- pastor vrudny

[seed thoughts from author Rudolph Norden]

Special Note About Lenten Worship

This Lenten season our Circuit churches, {the Park Rapids Circuit of the MN North District-LCMS}, will be doing a 'pulpit exchange' and a rotation of preachers for our mid-week evening devotional services. **Please make a special effort to attend & seek the Lord's blessing in these evening devotion times, as well as the supper prior to the service!** Each pastor will be in his own congregation(s) for Ash Wednesday. After that, Immanuel will have the following schedule:



Feb.25: Rv. Chris Davis, First English, Dorset; "God's Strength in Weakness"

Mar.4: Rv. Jim Neubauer, St. John, Park Rapids; "Seeing God from Behind"

Mar.11: Rv. Tim Heinecke, St. John, Park Rapids; "The Darkness Where God Is"

Mar.18: Rv. John Ramsbacher, Christ/Redeemer, Wolf Lake/Menahga; "The God Who Regards"

Mar.25: Rv. Scott Muehlberg, Gethsemane/St.John, Snellman/Height of Land; "Hope for Today...and Tomorrow"

Prayer Corner

Health Concerns & Other Issues:

- ✚ Pastor Bitz and Family
- ✚ Lyle Bronczyk
- ✚ Bruce Crandell (brother of Sharon Gutheridge)
- ✚ Jim Eklund
- ✚ Pat Finney (friend of Della Lembke on kidney dialysis)
- ✚ Joe Glassman (Hip surgery)
- ✚ Michael Hannegraf (friend of Ralph & Barb Jankovich)
- ✚ Delores Kastning
- ✚ Della Lembke (now at May Creek, room 102)
- ✚ Carla Morgenstern (friend of Darin & Corina Bronczyk)
- ✚ Paul Nagel (brother of Mike Nagel)



- ✚ Deborah Peterson (Mike Keske's sister)
- ✚ Daisy Schmidtke (Lyme's Disease)
- ✚ Leroy Strand
- ✚ Leona Strand (at Golden Living Center, room 110)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Gordy Dahn

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

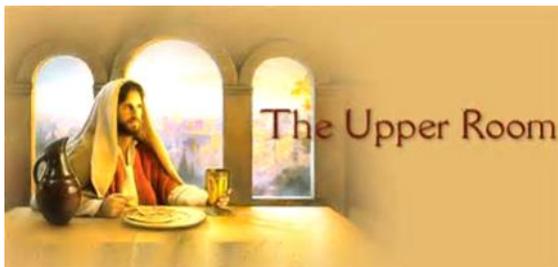
Missions: Immanuel Lutheran School, Missions of the LCMS Church, LWML

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

Stewardship

Upper Room: Furnished

In the midst of a prayer meeting service in a large downtown church, with several hundred people present, a timid little woman arose to speak. It was in the midst of the Lenten season and the pastor had asked a rather simple but searching question:



“Suppose you had the chance to be some one person associated with those last days of Jesus in Jerusalem, whom would you choose to be?” The woman was trying to reply to that question.

“There are a lot of people in the passion story whose place I could never fill,” she said. “I could not carry my Master’s cross as Simon of Cyrene did. Nor could I have

followed Him out to the garden as some of the others did. But I could make ready for Him the best room in my house, where He might eat the last supper with His disciples. I could promise Him that it

would be made ready to His satisfaction.” There was something very simple in her testimony, but those who knew the little woman were

well aware of the truth in her words: “...it would be made ready to His satisfaction.” She was that kind of person.

Someone had to make ready a room and furnish it. There is no record of any such thing in the Scripture, but is easy to imagine some housewife telling her Christian friends, years afterward, how

the Lord had come to their home that night and had eaten that last solemn meal under her roof. She never wrote a gospel, nor became a martyr, nor did she hold an office in the church; but she could provide a furnished room!

A great deal of the service of the kingdom of God (and the church) must be rendered by those who never get their names into the papers, are never publicly commended, and are never elected as a delegate. But there is need for a furnished upper room and some devoted heart furnishes it without thought of publicity or commendation. In the eternal records of God the name is inscribed, and after it the notation—clearly written: “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

Finances

Church Finance

January Financial Information

General Offerings:

January Offerings	\$ 8,568.37
Total Expenses	13,243.98
Shortage	\$ 4,675.61

Building Fund:

January Offerings	\$ 380.00
Mortgage Payment	2,227.63
Shortage	\$1,847.63

\$1,500.00 was transferred from the Steward Account to make the mortgage payment.

School Finances

1/1/15-1/31/15 income \$11,999.25

1/1/15-1/31/15 expense \$13,639.62

(Actual income & expense – loan amounts removed)

Lines of credit balance owed as of 2/2/15 \$18,665.52



Through the continued blessings of our Lord, we have received a 2014 Loan Interest Rebate check for \$609.68 from Minnesota North District through LCEF’s

“Shared Blessings” program. Our congregation had supporting investments which qualified us for a rebate. This rebate program is no longer available, however, our congregation has been “grandfathered” in so we will continue to benefit from the rebate program until our loan is paid off. Our offerings to the building fund, however, have been considerably less than our mortgage payment. We have transferred \$3350 from our Steward Account (sale of parsonage funds) to make the payments for November, December, January and February even with the rebate. We trust with prayer we will have increased contributions to make the monthly mortgage payment.

From the Congregation President



New Officers: We installed all the new officers in Church and had our annual meeting in January. As I wrote last month, if you were unable to attend, you can get a copy of the annual report by contacting our Church Office.

Constitution Bylaws: I was asked by our LCMS District

President Fondow to serve on the Constitution and Bylaw Committee for our District. The goal of the committee is to review the documents presented by congregations in our district and compare them to the recommended language that comes from Synod. One of the benefits to Immanuel is that we will gain some experience in looking at our documents (which we are supposed to do every 5 years, we last did ours in 2008) and see how we compare to Synods official recommendations.

February Council Meeting: At our February Council meeting

there was a lot of discussion about the Affordable Care Act that became effective January 1st and its impact on the Health Benefit program for our Church and School staff. If you are interested in all of the lengthy details, please call me.

Lenten Worship and Meals: As we begin Lent, we will have a meal served before each of our weekly services. It is always helpful to gather with our fellow members and Christians to grow in our faith. Why not make it a specific goal and commitment to attend these services.

In His and your service, Tim Duin

SPECIAL NOTE:

LCEF Architectuual Advisory Committee (AAC) Meeting:

Please note the March meeting as discussed elsewhere in this newsletter and in our Sunday bulletin with LCEF about our School physical building needs. We want your input and assistance. Please plan on attending! This meeting will be held on March 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

LWML Update

When we meet: LWML meetings are the third Tuesday of every month and most of the time we meet in each others' homes. If you've never given LWML a try, maybe the time is now. Our next meeting is March 17th at Pam Kruger's house. We would love to see you there.

Mite boxes: Incidentally, mite boxes are available for anyone in the congregation who would like to put that annoying collection of pennies, nickels and dimes to heavenly use. Like one? Talk to Kathy Pinnsonneault or Meg Duin.



Variety of Cards For Sale: Have you ever checked out the cards available from the LWML? Located in the SW corner of the fellowship hall, there's quite a nice selection of cards. At just \$1 a card, it's a pretty nice resource for our members. There's also a separate box on the table there with cards that are only \$.50. Many of the cards are from Dayspring, a very nice line of Christian cards that cost three times as much at the stores. Help yourself (there's a box on the shelves for your money) and help LWML in the process as well!

Men of Immanuel

The Men of Immanuel will meet on Saturday, March 14 in the fellowship hall for breakfast and fellowship at 8 am. Cooks for the morning are Mike Keske & Joel Vinkemeier. All men of Immanuel Lutheran Church are invited and encouraged to come! The coffee will be on!



From the Property Chairman

As part of the discussion of the 100th anniversary of our church, the subject of the stained glass windows from our "old church" has arisen.

As you might remember, we removed some of the stained glass windows from the "old church". The thought was that since they were donated and valuable, perhaps they could be used in some way in the "new church". They haven't. They are in our current church basement where they have been for over the last 15 years. Given their current condition they most likely would have to have some repairs done to the lead etc. before they could be installed somewhere in our current facility. There has been talk over the years that perhaps they could be put in as shadow boxes on the north wall of our current sanc-



tuary but that has remained just conversation. There are some basic construction issues that would of course be involved.

Are YOU interested in seeing them used in some way? If YOU are, please call or talk to me. If no one is interested, we will dispose of them in some way, hopefully to another church for their use.

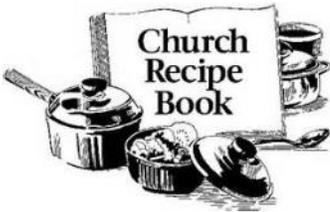
Dale Ross, Property Chairman

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Immanuel Centennial Cookbook

Dear Members and Friends,

In honor of Immanuel's 100th Anniversary, we are creating a custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members, former members, and friends. These cookbooks will be professionally published and are sure to be a treasured keepsake for us all. Money raised will be used to help defray Anniversary expenses.



Please submit your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our cookbook. Many recipes from all members will ensure that our cookbook is a success. We are using Morris Press Cookbook's web site to easily submit recipes online. If you do not have Internet access, our committee can enter them for you. Submit hardcopies of your recipes to the Recipe Committee, through the Church office by filling out a "Recipe Collection Sheet". These sheets can be picked up from the Church office or can be duplicated from the Church Newsletter.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain to order enough. To reserve your copies, email Barb Vinkemeier at: "barbvink1@gmail.com" with the number of cookbooks you will be purchasing. The slip below may also be given to the Recipe Committee, through the Church office

Please submit your recipes online or to the Recipe Committee, by **March 20, 2015** so we can meet our deadline.

Thank you!

To Submit Recipes Online:

- Go to www.typensave.com and click 'Login.'

- Enter the User Name: Immanuel .
 - Enter the password: pudding963 and click 'Submit.'
 - Enter your name and click 'Continue.'
- Click 'Add Recipes' to begin adding your recipes.

Recipe Writing Tips:

- When adding recipes, review the "Tips" and use standard abbreviations.
- Only enter 1 ingredient per ingredient line.
- List ingredients in order of use in the ingredients list and directions.
- Include container sizes, e.g., (16-oz.) pkg., (24-oz.) can.
- Write directions in paragraph form, not in steps.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar." DO NOT use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.

Additional comments about the recipe (history, nutritional data, suggested uses, etc.) are not allowed unless a "Recipe Note" field is visible. Enter extra recipe content in that field.

I want a cookbook! Please reserve _____ cookbook(s) for me.

Name: _____

Return this slip to: Immanuel Church office.

Stop in the office to pick up a form if you would prefer to write out your recipes.

Board of Education

Upcoming Events:

Beef Stew/Chili Cook-Off/Silent Auction on March 15th. Reserve the date for an evening of good

food, fun and music plus the opportunity to purchase some great auction items!

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.

LCEF Architectural Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting to be held on March 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Steve Krause who is our LCEF's Minnesota contact as an architectural advisor will be



at our church on March 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. He is an architect in the Twin Cities area with his own firm

SDK Architects, (763) 331-5178. He is here by the Board of Education's invitation for an initial meeting to discuss the following: present ideas of what we are hoping to accomplish, do, future plans, needs, what is working, what is not working, possibly building, or space expansion. He could address how our facility is holding us back, remedies, what's ahead of us, building, planning. He would also present benefits of the AAC-LCEF service for us. He suggested we have as many people as possi-

ble, both from the school and church, at that meeting. We are under no obligation to continue with the AAC person but can if we want.

Steve is a volunteer of the AAC-LCEF and is a member of the LCMS with family history of being church workers. He sounded as if he would be uniquely suited to understand what is needed in a church school and our congregation.

Please plan on attending and giving your input at this meeting.

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.



Church Website: "www.immanuellutheranwalker.org"
School Website: "www.immanuellutheranwalker.com"
You can also find Immanuel Lutheran Walker on Facebook!

Secret Servants

Many thanks to Don and Barb Taschner for donating paper!! This isn't the first time! You are appreciated!

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!



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 Needs:

- ♣ Annual Spring Fundraising Banquet! Save this date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015. The theme is: Something Beautiful! Look for the poster at your church!
- ♣ 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 Loca-



tion! 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!!!!

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: walkerspcc@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: walkerspcc@arvig.net.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

A "thank you" Immanuel received for sending the last batch of cancelled stamps!

Thank you for saving. There is a collection jar outside of the office for your donations of cancelled postage stamps.

Stamps For A Living



"There is a deep impact on many from what may seem worthless. Canceled stamps are quite significant to us! Our goal is to empower clients through the challenging and therapeutic milieu available. By providing a no-overhead, simulated business setting in a controlled environment that will not threaten the clients and can assume a working role in the future. Nationally the employment rate for those suffering from severe mental illness is between 5% and 10%. Stamps For A Living Business plans to change these figures in Washington, D.C., one client at a time. We thank all our contributors and purchasers of our stamps and products for your continuing support."

Thank you Immanuel Lutheran Church for being a contributor of cancelled postage stamps in support of our program.

March Celebrations

Anniversaries

- 3/6 Brandon & Allie Campbell (5 years)
- 3/10 Brad & Lori Zubke (37 years)
- 3/14 Jim & JoAnne Loewen (59 years)
- 3/21 Sherman & Judy Jensen (51 years)



Birthdays

- 3/3 Caleb Bitz (10)
- 3/7 Kimberly Myers
- 3/7 Melissa Salvhus
- 3/10 Jessica Schmidtke (14)
- 3/13 Deb Hines
- 3/14 Effie Campbell (1)
- 3/15 David Kennedy
- 3/18 Holly Zubke
- 3/20 Jean Parsons (91)
- 3/21 Lori Zubke
- 3/21 Mike Hines
- 3/22 Duane Payne
- 3/23 Linda Holk
- 3/25 Karla Schmidtke
- 3/25 Darlene Thue
- 3/26 Eve Vrudny
- 3/27 Skylar Kastning
- 3/27 Lori Reeve
- 3/29 Lynn Palomaki
- 3/29 Phyllis Payne



Lenten Suppers and Worship



Come each Wednesday evening during March for Lenten Worship at 7:00. Supper will be provided at 6pm for a free will donation. As a fundraiser the school will provide and serve. Come and bring a friend or neighbor!

Future Needs of our Church and School

LCEF Architectural Advisory Committee (AAC)
 March 2 - 6:30 p.m.
 Fellowship Hall

Please join us!



Daylight Savings Time Begins
 Sunday, March 8th
 Spring Forward!



Men of Immanuel Breakfast
 Saturday, March 14 at 8:00 am
 All Men WELCOME!



Chili Cook-off/Beef Stew/Silent Auction
 Sunday, March 15

5—8

Fellowship Hall

Great School Fundraiser. Lots of fun!
 Kids Sing! See you there!



We want to include YOU!

Save the date:
Immanuel Centennial Celebration
Sunday, October 4, 2015

Men's Bible Study
 Women's Bible Study
 Thursday Mornings at 8:00 am
 Never too late to join us!
 Try it. You'll like it!



FORGIVENESS IS SETTING A PRISONER FREE AND THEN FINDING OUT THE PRISONER WAS ME.

- Pastor Furtick

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK HIGHLIGHTS



MERCY MONDAY

CHERI FORD TALKED TO US ABOUT THE WALKER AREA FOODSHELF.



WE STARTED TUESDAY WITH CHAPEL



TIRED TUESDAY



ARTIST GERRI MEAD TAUGHT THE STUDENTS WATER COLOR PAINTING TECHNIQUES



ERNIE & JOAN FROM CROSS THE WORLD TOLD US ABOUT THEIR MINISTRY AND THEN HAD THE STUDENTS HELP MAKE CROSSES. A BRIEF STORY AND PICTURES ABOUT OUR TIME TOGETHER ARE ON CROSSTHEWORLD.ORG. CHECK IT OUT.



TEACHER SWITCH DAY! EACH TEACHER PLANNED A SPECIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE



WACKY WEDNESDAY



MARY'S SWEET CAKES: MARY & MRS. CINDY TAUGHT STUDENTS HOW TO BAKE AND DECORATE CAKES.



THROW BACK THURSDAY



FIELD TRIP FRIDAY



LEROY TEACHES HOW TO MAKE MAPLE SYRUP FROM TREE SAP



GIANT GAMES: KERPLUNK



GYM BIN & SCIENCE CENTER



BIBLE BOWL: IMMANUEL HOSTED THE ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL WITH STUDENTS FROM 5 MINNESOTA NORTH LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ATTENDING. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE THE STUDENTS HAVING FUN TOGETHER, SHOWING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIBLE AND HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE DURING EACH ROUND. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE.

FAMILY NIGHT



FAMILY NIGHT WAS A CAMPING THEME. WE BEGAN WITH A MEAL, THEN DEVOTIONS AROUND THE CAMP FIRE, AND FINALLY STATIONS WITH READING, CRAFTS, S'MORES AND GAMES.

**JOIN US SUNDAY, MARCH 15
FOR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S ANNUAL
SILENT AUCTION / BEEF STEW / CHILI COOK-OFF
FROM 5:00 - 7:30
SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT BY:
IMMANUEL SCHOOL CHILDREN AT 5:00**

Many wonderful items up for bid!

Silent Auction



Preschool & Pre-kindergarten students enjoyed an evening with their dads and grandpas at the annual "Dad's Night". It was an "Fishing" theme complete with games, photo ops and Spaghetti feed.

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FISHERS OF MEN

"Come follow me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:19

Fishing is an important part of life around Walker, MN just as it was to the disciples that Jesus was talking to. Fishermen love the excitement of dipping their line in the water and waiting for the tug of a big fish. But whether you love to fish or not, Jesus is telling you to follow Him and He will make you His fisherman, entrusting you with the challenge of baiting your hook with God's Word or casting the net of the Gospel and luring others into the waiting arms of their Savior. May God bless you as you share the message of God's love, forgiveness, and hope of eternal life with others.

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Join us for worship on Sundays at 9
Wednesdays for Meal at 6 & Worship at 7

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Join Us for Worship!

You are welcome, wanted and needed!

Join us each
Wednesday
evening
during Lent
for a meal at
6:00 pm and
for Lenten
Worship at
7:00 pm.



Lent

Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee. - Psalms 33:22

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. - Psalms 100:4

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. - Romans 8:37

Thine, O LORD is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. - 1 Chronicles 29:11

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Servants in the Lord's House for March

Altar Duty: Dar Pehling

Elder:

3/1 & 3/8 Joel Vinkemeier
3/15 & 3/22 Dick Kruger
3/29 & 4/5 Mike Keske

Greeters

3/1 Jack & Kathi Hopen
3/8 Mike & Lavonne Keske
3/15 Mike & Kelly Schmidtke
3/22 Dick & Pam Kruger
3/29 Jim & Linda Kolar

Acolytes

3/1 Brandon Dodge
3/8 Randi Nielson
3/15 Andrew Salvhus
3/22 Matthew Salvhus
3/29 Mark Salvhus

Fellowship Servers

3/1 Pam Kruger & Marilyn Black
3/8 Fellowship Brunch
3/15 Kathy Pinsonneault & Darlene Thue
3/22 Meg Duin & Nancy Albrecht
3/29 Dar Pehling & Lori Reeve

Ushers

3/1 Will Pehling & Vern Black
3/8 Will Pehling & Vern Black
3/15 Neil Butenschoen & Dale Ross
3/22 Neil Butenschoen & Dale Ross
3/29 Mike Schmidtke & Jack Hopen



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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	2 Council Agenda Due 10 am Elders Meet 7 pm Board of Ed	3 6:00 pm 2 nd & 3 rd Yr Confirmation	4 3 pm 1 st Yr Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	5 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Men Stepping Up Follow-up	6	7
8 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	9 Scrip Deadline	10 9:30 am Pastor at Winkle in Akeley 6:00 pm 2 nd & 3 rd Yr Confirmation 7 pm Council meeting	11 3pm 1 st Yr Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	12 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Men Stepping Up Follow-up	13	14 8 am Men of Immanuel Breakfast
15 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study 5-8 pm Beef Stew, Silent Auction, Chili Cook-off	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 6:00 pm 2 nd & 3 rd Yr Confirmation 1 pm LWML 	18 3pm 1 st Yr Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	19 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Men Stepping Up Follow-up	20	21  <i>Spring Begins</i>
22 <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	23 NO SCHOOL	24 6:00 pm 2 nd & 3 rd Yr Confirmation	25 3pm 1 st Yr Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	26 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Men Stepping Up Follow-up	27	28
29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	30	31 6:00 pm 2 nd & 3 rd Yr Confirmation	April 1 3:00 pm Confirmation	April 2 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study 7 pm Worship w/Communion	April 3 <i>Good Friday</i> 7 pm Worship NO SCHOOL	April 4