

"God With Us"



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

A monthly newsletter from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

# Immanuel Messenger

From Pastor Vrudny

April, 2016

## 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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Quality Christian education open to all children  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"He [Christ] is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always **lives** to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25, ESV

Two men had been good friends for years, one an agnostic, the other a devout believer in Christ.

[NOTE: *agnostics* acknowledge a 'supreme being,' but who or what 'it' is, they say, is unknowable, and does not interact directly with the world]

Seated on the porch one evening, engaged in casual yet serious conversation, the agnostic responded to his

friend's words of Christian witness by saying, "Yes, but you have to remember, Christ was only a man; He's dead!" To which the believer,

with great animation, responded: "Oh, no! He's very much alive and well!" You and I might choose a number of different words to express that same thing; and that believer's state-

Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.



Hebrews 7:25

ment could not be more true; Jesus is **living!** And how important *that* is; not just for Him,

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## Passion

The thing that has me so upset is that I care about you so much—this is the passion of God burning inside me! - Paul, 2 Corinthians 11:2 (TMSG)



I was thinking about the word passion over the past few weeks. Maybe the movie title, "The Passion of Christ" got me started. What other word brings up such zeal, or powerful emotion? It seems that "passion" is an emotion which compels to action. I recognize that our faith is not based on an emotion, or a feeling—but rather on the truth of God's Word. But I thank God for also creating a burning passion within our hearts! Obviously, if we are passionate about something, we cannot just sit still and do nothing!

I also noticed that in the Bible that it speaks of God as having "compassion" on people—on us! A former pastor taught me that compassion was "compacted passion"! Surely God calls on us to be compassionate people, as He is our compassionate God. That's exciting! All of this made me be grateful to Him for giving me a passion for His Word, and for HIM! We know that the Bible compares our relationship with Him (the Church) as like a Bride to Christ. I would say that is pretty passionate! And I can see how that worked out in Paul's life as I read that verse above. Truly, God puts a passion inside of us that causes us to act according to His Will.

It's my prayer that each of us will love God with passion (our heart, mind, soul, strength), and that we will passionately use our God-given gifts to serve Him and others. I say a passionate 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. Remember to invite your family member, your new neighbor or a friend to worship with you. They are welcome, wanted and needed!
- ✦ **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](http://www.lutheranhour.org)
- ✦ **College Students**—Students don't leave home without Him! Connect with your Campus Church now or contact: [www.lcmscampus.org](http://www.lcmscampus.org).

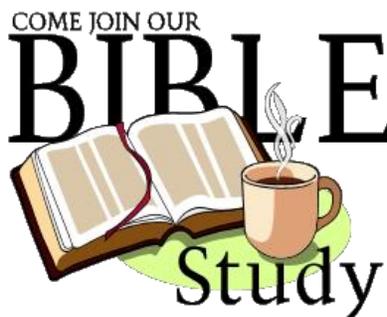
## Opportunity For Bible Study

*Great discussions! Wonderful discoveries! Good friendships! Everyone welcome, wanted and needed!*

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** 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 8:30 am in the back of the sanctuary. All men are encouraged and invited to attend for the lively, informative discussion!



**Women's Bible Study** every Thursday morning at 8:30 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](http://www.e-dibs.org).

## Opportunity For Supporting Our Church & School



**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?"

**Newsletter:** If you would like to advertise your business by inserting your business card,

**Do you have a Thrivent product?** Do you have Choice Dollars to direct? You could use you Choice Dollars to support our Lutheran School or Congregation.

The Thrivent Choice® program is a charitable grant program that allows

members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable grant funds each year. Eligible benefit members can help direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to thousands of nonprofit organizations, including congregations.

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If you are an eligible member, please consider our Lutheran School or Immanuel Congregation when directing Choice Dollars.

To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836, and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted. It's helpful to know your account number, but not necessary.

Karen Sellner, one of your volunteer congregational coordinators for Thrivent.

**Needed: Paper towels, napkins, lemonade, coffee**

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but for you and me, and for all who 'draw near to God through Him.' For His 'living' means He is 'interceding', praying for, and pleading our case before the throne of God.

In that verse from Hebrews 7, the English Standard Version of the Bible chooses a word we don't use very often ~ 'uttermost.' Different translations of the Bible use various other words: Christ is able to save 'forever'; Christ is able to save 'completely.' But none of them could come up with any other words which were written to declare to all the doubters and agnostics of the world: "He **always lives!**"

The Book of Hebrews is written in the form of a sermon, and spends much time making connections between the Old Testament and its vital fulfillments in Jesus as the Christ and Savior. Although we don't know through whom God wrote this part of His Holy Scripture, this writer had special reason for emphasizing the eternal & **living** deity of Christ, as he does in the very opening verse of his epistle (letter); that 'in these last days God has spoken to us in His Son.'

The writer was addressing his letter to Christians who were converted Jews. He knew that his readers were being influenced by their unbelieving kinsmen, who

regarded Christ as an imposter at worst, or just another prophet at best. Therefore, he takes every opportunity to remind them, to reassure them, that their Messiah is not dead but is **living**, is seated at the right hand of God the Father

*"The Christ we worship is The One who is very much living in the present; ..."*

[that is, occupying the position of God's power & authority over all], and He is making intercession for all believers [being our merciful advocate to the Father].

And even though WE believe with all our heart that Jesus is alive, still we are inclined to speak of Christ mostly in the past tense. That's very natural, since His birth, life, death, and resurrection *did* take place quite a long time ago. So, let us be careful and be on guard to speak the clearest truth! The Christ we worship is The One who is very much **living** in the present; The One who is 'very much **alive**;' who '**lives** and reigns

to all eternity.' That is most certainly true! Our Lord and Savior is, and ever remains, active on behalf of all who come to God through faith & baptism in Him. This is what's behind the historical Easter Greeting: "Christ is risen!" He is risen, indeed!" ....and He is alive *for us* forevermore!

*He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.*

*Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"*

A blessed Easter to you and to your household!

--- pastor vrudny

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## Prayer Corner

### Health Concerns & Other Issues:

- ✚ Kristin Anderson (daughter of Linda Daniel)
- ✚ Clark (Skip) Daniel
- ✚ Linda Daniel
- ✚ Jim Eklund (Golden Living Room 116)
- ✚ Joan Fosser (brain surgery, friend of Jensen's)
- ✚ Ron Geiser (Husband of Sis Geiser)
- ✚ Delores Kastning (mother of Wayne & Pat)
- ✚ Carla Morgenstern (friend of Darin & Corina Bronczyk)
- ✚ Deborah Peterson (Mike Keske's sister)
- ✚ Kim Puleo (cancer, friend of Keske's)
- ✚ Randy Schmidtke
- ✚ Leroy Strand (Chemo treatments)

- ✚ Don Taschner (heart related, St Mary's, Rochester)
- ✚ Gloria Zubke (Brad Zubke's mom)



### Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- ✚ Liz Dahn (recovering at home)
- ✚ Melody Lager (sister of Peggy Schmidtke)

**Prayers of Comfort:** For the families who have had loved ones who have passed away.

**Missions:** Immanuel Lutheran School; Bethany and Victor Herron—Missionaries to Central Asia (Carol Gustafson's daughter)

## From the Congregation President



As I reported last month, your Church Council had requested that we apply for a Line of Credit. We were able to obtain a line up to \$25,000 at an interest rate of 6% at First National Bank of Walker. We will have to pay that rate on any amount we borrow for the length of time we borrow it. There is no minimum charge. This is a backup plan in case our contributions do not meet our needs. As we heard on 3/13 from our treasurer Nancy Albrecht, and has been our history, late winter has always been a time of lower contributions as some of our members spend their winters in the south. Please keep your church, as well as its finances, in your daily prayers.

Nothing new to report on the Sally Moore estate matter.

We continue to examine ways to meet our storage needs. Table

and chair storage remains an issue. Also of course, from now until our ABC sale, donations pile up and we need to come up with a good solution to keep all the items out of the weather.

As I write this, we are beginning "Holy Week". What a wonderful and exhilarating time of the church year! When we think about the fact that our God died on the cross for each one of us and then rose again from the dead, it is almost beyond comprehension. I recently saw the movie "Risen". It is a well done dramatization of what occurred. I would encourage you to see it- especially at this time of year.

Halleluiah – He is risen – He is risen indeed !!!!!

In His and your service,

Tim Duin

## LWML Update

**Mites vs. Might:** It's usually 'mites' that we're talking about when speaking of the LWML, but on March 17th, it was the 'might' of the LWML that oiled, scrubbed and rubbed all the pews in the nave and vacuumed the cushions. (In all fairness, we had help from one man who wishes to remain anonymous.) Thanks for this effort go to Marilyn Black, Kathi Hopen, Pam Kruger, Lavonne Keske, Joanne Loewen, Bonnie Vruden and Meg Duin. Special thanks also go to Liz Dahn for generously supplying the lemon oil. Many hands do indeed make work light and contribute to some good fellowship as well.

**Purse-Suing God's Service:** Our Human Care project for the next two months is collecting items for a battered women's shelter in Bemidji. We're calling it "Purse-Suing God's Service." Frequently women who come to shelters like this one do so with little in hand. We are collecting gently used purses and filling them with some 'necessary' items. Check out the table in the narthex with a sample purse and a sheet that has ideas of things that would be helpful. Filled purses are given to women on their arrival at the shelter. If you would like to join us in this effort you can (ideally) fill a purse with the items and place it



under the table in the narthex. A basket is also there if you don't have a purse but would like to contribute some of the personal items needed. Many of the toiletries can be picked up at the various dollar stores or you may have sample bottles from recent hotel/motel stays. This shelter serves Beltrami and Cass County women who are in very unsafe circumstances. We can send a simple message of God's love and hope in these purses. We will include a prayer or devotion booklet in each one we bring to the shelter. Thank you for any help you can lend to this human care project.

**Stay Tuned:** Stay tuned for news regarding our second LWML Post ABC Style Show. It was a terrific success last year and we'd love to repeat the same. Plan to shop the ABC sale and look for that special outfit suitable for modeling. It's a challenge with some surprising results – from the sublime to the ridiculous. You'll be supporting the school and at the same time, adding to a very enjoyable luncheon and style show.

**You're Invited:** Our next meeting will be Monday, April 18 at 1:00 pm at the church. YOU ARE WELCOME, WANTED, and NEEDED!

## Men of Immanuel

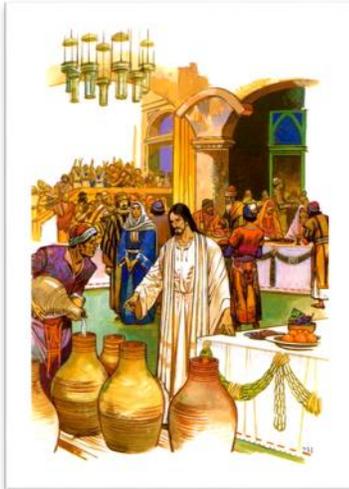


The Men of Immanuel will meet Saturday, April 9 at 8 am in the fellowship hall at church. There will be devotion, short meeting, fellowship and a great breakfast served by Will Pehling & Darrin Bronczyk. The coffee will be on please come and join us.

## Stewardship

### Give Your Best

There's an old story about a wealthy, middle-eastern king who was good and kind and just to his people. His son, the prince, was getting married and the king wanted it to be the most splendid wedding of the century. Instead of bringing costly gifts for the prince and his bride, the king simply asked that those who were attending the wedding bring a jar of their best wine, and they would be poured together into a huge urn.



This wine would be the "best of the best", blended together to be served to all of the guests at the wedding.

One of the guests who was invited was rather selfish and greedy and thought of a plan to attend the wedding without even having to bring a jar of wine. He decided to bring a jar of pure water and to pour it

into the urn with all of the wine from the other guests. No one would be able to tell that it was just water when it was all mixed together.

On the day of the wedding feast, as the guests were arriving, each one poured his jug of wine into the urn near the head table of the prince and princes. When it was his turn, the selfish and greedy guest quickly poured in his jar of water and sat down at his place at the table. When all the jars of wine had been emptied into the urn, the king asked that the wine be ladled into chalices for the wedding party and the guests, and he made a wonderful toast to the bride and groom. Then he took a sip of the wine...and suddenly spit it out on the floor! It was pure water! Every guest had thought that, if he or she brought water instead of wine, it wouldn't be noticed when mixed with the wine of all

the other guests. The King was so furious that he sent all of the guests home!

Just as this king expected his guests to give their best, God wants us to give Him our best. Throughout Scripture, God praises those who give from loving and generous hearts and is critical of those who give out of duty or less than their best. This is illustrated in the first act of giving in Scripture when God is pleased with Abel's gift because he gave from the first portion of his produce, whereas Cain gave just some of his crops.

Our gracious and giving God gives us far more than we can ever give to Him. God gives us our food, clothing, and shelter. Beyond our physical needs, He provides for us spiritually. Through the ultimate sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, we can live as His forgiven and redeemed children.

Knowing that all we are and have are gifts from God, we show our gratitude by giving Him our first and best.

## Finances

### General Offerings:

February Offerings	\$ 9,196.11
Total Expenses	\$11,329.51
Shortage	\$ 2,133.40

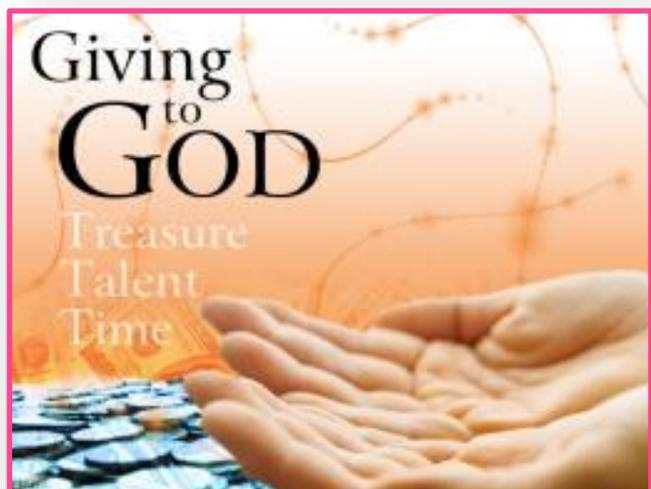
### Building Fund (Mortgage Payment)

February Offerings	\$ 905.00
LCEF Rebate	360.94
Mortgage Payment	\$ 2,227.63
Shortage	\$ 961.69

It was necessary to transfer \$4400.00 to pay the February expenses and mortgage payment for a total of \$6500.00 for first two months of this year. Our available steward account balance is \$14,352.

### School Finances:

1/1/16-1/31/16 income \$8,558.37  
 1/1/16-1/31/16 expense \$12,843.13  
 (Actual income & expense – loan amounts removed)  
 Lines of credit balance owed as of 2/1/15 \$41,770



**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.

## Board of Education



Beef Stew/Chili Cook-Off/Silent Auction on March 20<sup>th</sup> 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. They did an awesome job. There were 9 different chilis to taste, delicious beef stew and many good auction items to bid on. The numbers aren't in yet but it looks like we will net last year's amount of \$6500. Thank you all for your support and attendance. Also let us all thank the businesses in our community who donated so many wonderful items to the auction by shopping local!

**ABC Sale** – The ABC Sale is coming up!!! Setting up starts June 5<sup>th</sup> and continues until the sale dates of June 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>. A trailer will soon be parked behind the church for anyone who

wants to drop off items. Pickup of items will start the first weekend of May. Lavonne Keske will be the contact person this year. We are excited about being able to use the new plastic tables at the ABC Sale and not having to haul so many of the heavy tables!!! It should make set up and clean up much less backbreaking.

**Finances** – The Board of Education and teachers thank you all for your extra support over the last 3 months. God has blessed us monthly with the money we need to continue to provide a Christian education for the 40 children in our school. Sometimes funds come from unexpected people and places, which is indeed God's blessing. We have an Ambassador outreach to the various churches our families belong, which we are praying will bring in more families who desire a Christian education for their children. If you know of any family whose children would benefit from attending our school, please share with them that there is room for more children in our school! We are working hard to have a successful end of the year fundraisers (ABC Sale, Color Dash 5K on June 25<sup>th</sup>) to reduce or eliminate our budget deficit and reduce the amounts owed on our lines of credit. Thank you again for all of your support for the school, the Board and the school staff.

## 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](http://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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Scrip packets are available by the office. New order deadline: 10th of each month. Contact Kelly Schmidtke (547-1080) with any questions.

## LWML “Purse-Suing God’s Service”

Here is the list of “Purse Items” LWML is collecting in order to fill gently used purses for women at the Bemidji Women’s Shelter. LWML would love you help by contributing these items—and/or your gently used purses! See the display in the entryway to the church! THANK YOU!

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|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| * Hair Products—Gel         | * Body Wash   | * Band Aids   |
| * Tylenol                   | * Hand Lotion | * Toothbrush  |
| * Flossers                  | * Lip Gloss   | * Toothpaste  |
| * Fingernail Polish         | * Hair Spray  | * Shampoo     |
| * Feminine Hygiene Products | * Mascara     | * Moisturizer |
| * Hand Sanitizers           | * Eye Liner   | * Mouthwash   |
| * Razors                    | * Blush       | * Conditioner |
|                             | * Deodorant   |               |



Keep your eyes on the world, and you’ll be distressed.  
 Keep your eyes on yourself, and you’ll be depressed.  
 Keep your eyes on Jesus, and you’ll be at rest!

- Corrie ten Boom



Thank you to all who shared their musical talents during our Holy Week Worship services!  
 It was a blessing to our hearts to have special music, horns, singing, etc. BLESS YOU!

### Secret Servant

Thank you to **Bev Johnson** for polishing all communion vessels and candles, and for all she does to keep our Altar and Sanctuary adorned appropriately. We also thank her for instructing those who care to be a part of this special ministry. You are a blessing to us all, Bev!

*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!*



## Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center

### LIFE. Something beautiful.

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 (and men) 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.

**Spring Fundraiser Banquet:** This year the Banquet will be on Tuesday, April 19th from 6:30—8:30. Our speaker this year will be Tracie Rademacher. It's not too late to sign up! This is always a night of inspiration and encouragement. Please call the office to reserve your space at: 218-547-5433! (OK to leave a message.)

#### Other Prayer Requests:

✞ Please be in prayer for those who would step up to be Mentors in our new program - "Mentors for Moms" which would work something like the Kinship program but based on the scripture: Titus 2:3-6

✞ Please pray for our new "Relationship Educational and

Leadership" outreach curriculum, (Teaching the skills and Strategies to Build Healthy Connections) which will be available in the new year for public settings as well as homeschool settings and youth groups.

**Needs:** We are in need of summer clothing for outfits sized 3 months to 2T—both boys and girls! Also we need diapers sizes 1, 2, and 3.



Teal's Market: Keep those Teal's Market Receipts coming in. We get a 1% donation for each one we turn in.

**"LIKE" us on Facebook:** Please find us on Facebook for ministry updates and then be sure to "Like" us.

**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: walkerpssc@arvig.net.

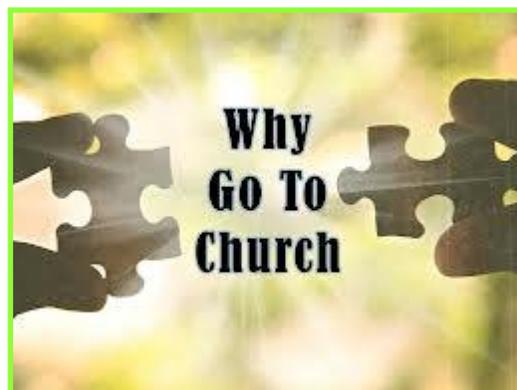
**Location:** The pregnancy center is located at 507 Front Street in Walker. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 AM to 4PM. Our phone is: 218-547-LIFE (5433). Our mailing address: P O BOX 1527, Walker, MN 56484—and our email is: walkerpssc@arvig.net.

**Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated!**

## Why Go to Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone



wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today."

## April Celebrations

### Anniversaries

4/2 Will & Dar Pehling (50 years)

4/3 Tim & Meg Duin (51 years)

4/13 Ervin & Jennifer Baumann (20 years)

4/27 Ed & Darlene Thue (20 years)



### Birthdays

4/5 Lyle Bronczyk

4/11 Ed Thue (80)

4/12 Tristin Hopen (18)

4/13 Jeremy Hines

4/13 Leah Zubke (5)

4/15 Logan Lindahl (2)

4/19 Kristin Anderson

4/20 Jeffrey Pehling II

4/24 Marilyn Black

4/25 Marilyn Bakeberg

4/25 Sharon Gutheridge

4/28 Joanne Pickar

4/30 Rick Schmidtke



Fellowship Pot Luck  
Sunday, April 24  
Following Worship

Real Lutherans ♥ Jesus  
-- and church potlucks



Will & Dar Pehling's  
50th Anniversary Celebration  
Open House  
Saturday, April 2  
2:00 pm at Church

Family Night  
Tuesday, April 26  
6:00 pm at Church



Men of Immanuel  
Breakfast  
Saturday, April 9  
8:00 at Church

Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center  
Spring Fundraiser Banquet  
6:00 pm  
Northern Lights Convention Center



WELCOME to Jim & Sydney Bodsgard

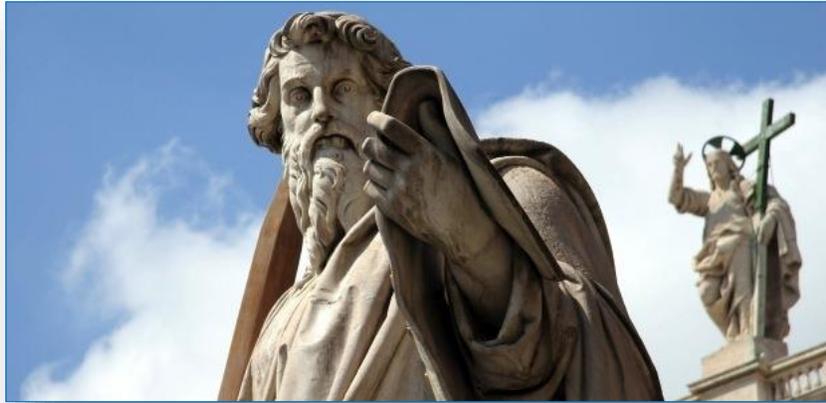


The Bodsgard's were  
officially welcomed as part  
of the Immanuel Family on  
Sunday, March 20th.

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

## Following the Apostle Paul” Cruise Tour

I am Darold Reiner, retired LCMS Pastor – having served for 55 years in Nebraska, Missouri and Montana. Since my retirement several years ago from Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell, MT, the Lord has given me the health to be able to lead a tour each year. This year I have put together a tour of Greece and Turkey (October 4-14, 2016) which I simply call “Following the Apostle Paul”. I have incorporated into the tour a 3- day cruise covering the Greek Islands, Patmos, and Ephesus at a very reasonable price.



**BIBLICAL TOUR OF GREECE AND TURKEY – October 4-14, 2016 – “Following the Apostle Paul” –To Corinth, Athens, Philippi, Thessalonica, etc. – Includes a Cruise of the Greek Islands to Patmos & Ephesus – \$3854 from New York – Includes all the flights, cruise, meals, lodging, guides, tips, entrance fees, etc. – Will even make arrangements for the flight to New York from your home! Brochure available – Contact Darold Reiner, retired LCMS Pastor & former International LWML Pastoral Counselor – 406-890-1149 or imhis38@gmail.com**

- Darold Reiner

# PREVIEW TO PRESCHOOL

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

**Thursday, April 14th**  
**6-7 pm**



Meet the teachers!  
Sing songs!  
Visit the classroom!  
Enjoy a snack!  
Make a project!

**Immanuel Lutheran School**



[www.immanuel.lutheranwalker.com](http://www.immanuel.lutheranwalker.com)

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## Area Wide Youth Event

Hosted by: Calvary Church “United Youth” Grades 7-12

WHA School Study Hall Room

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Time: 6—8 pm

Dinner served at 6.

Speaker: Tracie Rademacher

- ◆ Tracie will be the Keynote Speaker at the Walker Area Pregnancy Support Centers Annual Fundraising Banquet which will be held April 19th. She has graciously agreed to speak to area youth in a separate event.
- ◆ Attendees will be challenged to a life of purity and relationship integrity until marriage. There will be handouts for youth to take home.
- ◆ We need a count for dinner, so please contact: Jarrod Norvold, Youth & Worship Pastor at Calvary Church in Walker - 218-547-189

Immanuel Lutheran School—Where Faith and Education Meet



What a wonderful and humbling experience for our school to pray together at the foot of the cross during Holy Week chapel. What a blessing to know, that as we lay our sins at the foot of the cross we are forgiven. To look at that cross and realize that Jesus died so that we might live. Yes, Jesus Loves Me.

“Jesus loves me, He who died. Heaven’s gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in.”



We love to sing! Here we are singing at the Beef Irish Stew / Silent Auction and May Creek.



Preschool decorating Easter cookies



Technology begins with our youngest students. This is Pre-K using iPads

Thanks to everyone who helped save Box Tops. Congratulations to our 1st–3rd place winners; Kayde, Skyler, and Brandon for bringing in the most Box Tops. Thanks to Mary for coordinating and to Super One, Holiday, and Bear Pause for some great prizes.



We are thankful for our reading volunteers; Lavonne and June and our classroom reading partners.



The 7th & 8th grade students participate in Leather Crafting Classes. Thank you, Leroy.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SPRING MUSICAL**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 19**  
**1:00 & 7:00**

**DATE CHANGE!**

**FAMILY NIGHT**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**  
**STARTING AT 6:00**



**OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 14**  
**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 14**  
**6:00-7:00pm**

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

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Join us for worship on Sundays at 9

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Mark 12:28-34



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## Servants in the Lord's House for April

Altar Duty: Dar Pehling

Greeters

4/3 Marie Bakker & Phyllis Eklund  
4/10 Vern & Marilyn Black  
4/17 Darrin & Corina Bronczyk  
4/24 Gordy & Liz Dahn

Acolytes

4/3 Mark Salvhus  
4/10 Matthew Salvhus  
4/17 Jeffrey Schmidtke  
4/24 Jessica Schmidtke

Fellowship Servers

4/3 Liz Dahn & Lavonne Keske  
4/10 Bonnie Vrudny & Kathy Pinsonneault  
4/17 Judy Jensen & Pam Kruger  
4/24 Fellowship Potluck

Ushers

4/3 Gordy Dahn & Bill Sellner  
4/10 Tim & TJ Anderson  
4/17 Tim & TJ Anderson  
4/24 Will Pehling & Glenn Bakeberg

Elder

4/3 & 4/10 Vern Black  
4/17 & 4/24 Joel Vinkemeier



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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>March 27</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> 6:30 am Worship w/Communion 7 am-8:30 am Breakfast by the Men of Immanuel 9 am Worship w/Communion	<b>March 28</b>  <b>No School</b>	<b>March 29</b>	<b>March 30</b> 3 pm Confirmation	<b>March 31</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 2:00 pm Open House Will & Dar Pehling's 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary at church
<b>3</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	<b>4</b> <b>Council Agenda &amp; Finance Due</b> 10 am Elders Meet 7 pm Board of Ed	<b>5</b> 6 pm Mom's Night Preschool & Pre-K	<b>6</b> 3pm Confirmation	<b>7</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8 am Men of Immanuel Breakfast
<b>10</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study  <b>Scrip Deadline</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Circuit Pastor's Winkle at Cass Lake  7 pm Council meeting	<b>13</b> 3pm Confirmation	<b>14</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study 8 am-7 pm School Open House & Registration 6pm Preview to Preschool	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	<b>18</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 1:00 pm LWML at church	<b>19</b> 6 pm Walker Area Pregnancy Center Spring Fundraiser Banquet	<b>20</b> 3 pm Confirmation	<b>21</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship Potluck	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6 pm Family Night	<b>27</b> 3pm Confirmation	<b>28</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>