

"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

March, 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

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*



"He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in time of trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation." (Psalm 91:15-16 from the Introit for Lent 1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Why should God bother to an-

swer our **prayers**? He's under no obligation to us. He's God! He doesn't owe anything to anyone — certainly not me or you. It is a very common feeling for every person to think we *deserve* an answer. And it's not just 'believers' who feel this, but also those who are non-Christian, or even anti-God; somehow we all think that when we pray, we deserve to be heard and answered.

Have you ever thought of yourself from a 'heavenly perspective', like being a "Waldo" in one of those

"Where's Waldo" books? One very small person in a vast crowd. How would God even know where to look for us? You and I are one very small voice in a very noisy world. How could God even hear our prayers? And yet (we think), we try to be

nice to-ward God; to assume the best of Him, and even try to remember to pray to Him regularly. So, at the very least, we should get a little bit of credit for trying.

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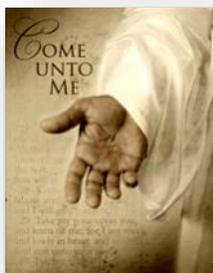
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Unlearning

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." - Jesus, Matthew 11:29



Have you ever been taught and practiced something all your life that you thought was proper—or even Biblical—to find out later that it really wasn't correct at all? Maybe it was something little or maybe something big? Most of the time this wrong practice probably doesn't matter. (i.e. Like you must fold your hands when you pray.) However, sometimes it might really be critical to unlearn it. (Like our salvation depends on something we need to do to please God.)

As we read the Bible, we find instances of "religious errors". For example, the Pharisees really tried to be correct and proper about keeping God's laws and for good reasons! They built hedges around the laws that God had given Moses. They made extra laws for EVERYTHING! Soon they began to forget about loving God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

Perhaps we feel the need to DO certain things to be accepted by God. If we just had a little more faith. Or if we just were better at this or that—then God could really love us and use us. Can you imagine how wonderful it was for the crowds when Jesus said to "come to him and find rest for their souls"? I hope you can imagine it, because he says the same thing to us today! Jesus wants us to come to HIM! Our salvation is not performance based, but rather it is an extravagant gift given to us. It was "paid in full" on the cross at Golgotha.

It is my prayer that you will "unlearn" the need to DO anything this Easter. But instead, hear God's gentle voice calling you to come to Him—for he has rest for your soul! And I can say a huge HALLELUJAH to that!

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. 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
- ✠ **College Students**—Students don’t leave home without Him! Connect with your Campus Church now or contact: 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-](http://www.e-dibs.org)

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?”

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.

You may be eligible for dollars to support your congregation, your Lutheran school, or another nonprofit. Your dollars are based on insurance premiums or contract values. Funds granted to you, if not used, have expiration dates-so stay current on funds you may have and assign them.

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. 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—your prayers!

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Doesn't He owe us *that* much?

On the other hand, we have not really obeyed "the first and greatest commandment" have we? To love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. He speaks to us in His Word in an eternal conversation and, yet, we do not read those Scriptures like we believe that. People ask us what God's Word says, and we often can't recall it. To His people, the

Lord has given us His Name to call upon, and we neglect to, or – worse – we carelessly turn it into a curse phrase. In fact, every day, by what we do and what

we do not do, we demonstrate that God doesn't matter to us as much as we matter to ourselves. When things go our way, we take credit for them. When things don't, we blame Him for not being the God that we want Him to be.

So when we 'pick up the phone' and call God for something, who would blame Him for not answering us? We don't deserve Him. We have not asked Him for spiritual things that would really make a big difference in our lives; and we do not thank Him for those things we assume should be part of our daily life anyway. This IS one of the

reasons we *think* the Bible is hard to read; one of its messages is that we are not very good people and we do not deserve the attention of the Almighty. Let us never downplay that reality! It is even part of the 'natural' Law which God has placed in the human heart; it is there so that the Spirit will use it to prompt us to humbly seek our God in prayer.

“Jesus is the sole reason the Father hears our prayers ... This is our comfort!”

And what does the Spirit prompt us with? One thing: **Jesus** is the sole reason the Father hears our prayers. Christ & His cross alone is the reason why He answers them kindly. Jesus is the reason why God delivers us, gives us life, and shows us His salvation. **Pray** this Lenten Season. Let us pray because God commands us to pray. Pray all the more because He promises to hear and answer us. God answering our prayers has never been about us. We cannot make ourselves more 'worthy' by how often we pray, or by the style or type of prayers that we pray. Our zeal, emotion, or gestures won't soften God or move Him to more or less action on our request.

Jesus makes The Triune God agreeable

to our requests; it's His role as Savior. Jesus' cross has opened the ears of God to our prayers. Christ's mercy defends me & you. The Son asks on our behalf. This is our comfort! This is our certainty! It's not about you or me even when we pray. It's still all about Jesus. The Father doesn't need to search & find us lost 'Waldos' in a vast crowd; He just looks for Jesus and those with Him! With Jesus we are always seen and always heard; Jesus is our Good News!

During this Lenten season, make use of one {or more} of the "Prayer Lists" available at church. **Pray for your family, especially: **pray** for those the Lord has put around you. **Pray** for His guidance and wisdom in your situations. Let it NOT be said of us what the Lord wrote thru James: "*You do not have, because you do not ask.*" Let us **pray!****

--- pastor vrudny

Prayer Corner

Health Concerns & Other Issues:

- ✚ Kristin Anderson (daughter of Linda Daniel)
- ✚ Liz Dahn (Recuperating at home)
- ✚ Clark (Skip) Daniel
- ✚ Linda Daniel
- ✚ Jim Eklund (Golden Living Room 116)
- ✚ Joan Fisser (brain surgery, friend of Jensen's)
- ✚ Ron Geiser (Husband of Sis Geiser)
- ✚ Delores Kastning (mother of Wayne & Pat)
- ✚ Jim Loewen
- ✚ Carla Morgenstern (friend of Darin & Corina Bronczyk)
- ✚ Deborah Peterson (Mike Keske's sister)
- ✚ Kim Puleo (cancer, friend of Keske's)

- ✚ Randy Schmidtke (surgery)
- ✚ Leroy Strand (Chemo treatments)



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

We had our February Council meeting. Among the new business items were the goals of each of the council members. If you would like a copy of the things which will receive emphasis during this year, please contact the church office to obtain a copy. If each goal is accomplished, 2016 will be an overwhelming year of accomplishments!

Looks like there is progress on the Sally Moore estate matter. The estate administrator received a check for the majority of the money owed. Within the next few months, the estate will be closed and the funds disbursed. Hopefully by 7/1/16 this over 15 year matter will come to a close.

Our overall finances need a boost. This is the time of year when many of our members go south or take vacations as we see in our attendance as well as our contributions. Our expenses of course do not take time off so our needs continue. What can



you do about this? Please pray – as prayer does work! In addition, your Church Council requested that we apply for an open a line of credit at First National Bank of Walker should it become necessary. We currently have some money left in our Steward account (please look at our Treasurer's report) and we will continue to draw on that as long as we can. **Please recall that there is a standing motion that we have \$7,000 in our checking account at all times.** We may need to

reexamine that motion should our contributions not improve. You will be hearing more from our Treasurer, Nancy Albrecht about this issue.

As we start the season of Lent, won't YOU join us in a special time of fellowship and reflection on what our Savior has done for all of us.

In His and your service,

LWML Update

The latest from LWML!!

A huge **thank you** to Joann Loewen for spoiling us with a sumptuous prime rib dinner at our February meeting. Thanks also Joann, for keeping all the beautiful Christmas decorations up for our enjoyment. This meeting set the bar awfully high. Considering our next meeting on March 17th is service minded (aka work) it might be a little challenging to work up the same enthusiasm as for a lovely meal.

Speaking of meal... bring a sack lunch. As for the work, bring cleaning rags, lemon oil (if you have it) and a cheerful attitude. We'll do as much as we can to spring clean our sanctuary until the energy runs out.

NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION:

We are inviting you to join us in our service project of taking care of God's house. We will begin cleaning on March 17 at 10 and break for lunch at noon (dessert provided). We will continue as long as we can! Please help us in this effort!



Men of Immanuel



The Men of Immanuel will meet Saturday, March 12 at 8 am the fellowship hall at church.

There will be devotion, short meeting, fellowship and a great breakfast served by Mike Keske & Joel Vinkemeier. The coffee will be on please come and join us.

Stewardship

The Pump Needs to be Primed

If you've ever been on a farm, you may be familiar with the old-fashioned water pumps. When pumps have been out of use for a time, they can often be pumped fruitlessly. The problem can be solved by priming the pump with water, which expands the cork, bringing up water, rather than just air.

Life can be compared to that pump. In order to receive, one may need to give first. We have to put something into life to get something out of it. Paul stated this principle in Galatians 6:7: "A man reaps what he sows." Rewards and successes in life are earned; they result from hard work and time.



This principle of priming the pump, of sowing and reaping, applies to our giving as well. It is true that God provides for all.

Jesus Himself said, "He [God] causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unright-

eous" (Matthew 5:45). However, He also promised a special blessing on those who are generous in their giving: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.

For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Luke 6:38).

As redeemed children of God, our main motivation for giving is our desire to respond with grateful hearts to Him for His marvelous gifts to us, especially the gift of His Son, Jesus, Who brought us forgiveness of sins and life eternal. We will desire to give, not for reward, but to honor Him with our lives and our time, our talents and our treasures. We will find that we cannot out-give God. Speaking through the prophet Malachi, God promised, " 'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it' " (Malachi 3:10).

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

Finances

General Offerings:

January Offerings = \$ 8,086.00
 Total Expenses = \$12,379.20
 Shortage = \$4,293.20

Building Fund (Mortgage Payment):

January Offerings = \$934.00
 Mortgage Payment = \$ 2,227.63
 Shortage = \$1,293.63

Our total expenses for January were \$5,586.83 more than our contributions. A total of \$2,100.00 was transferred from the Steward Account to cover these expenses. This resulted in less than \$20,000 of remaining undesignated funds in the Steward Account.



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

Upcoming Events:

- ☺ **Beef Stew/Chili Cook-Off/Silent Auction** on March 20th. Reserve that date for an evening of good food, fun and music plus the opportunity to purchase some good auction items. This event is one of the school's main fundraisers in addition a time for good food, fellowship as well as a way to support our school. Hope to see you there! If you haven't attended this event, give it a try this year. We will have many awesome auction items to make a bid on!
- ☺ **ABC SALE** – Just a reminder that it will soon be June, which means our annual ABC Sale. Keep this in mind when you get in the spring cleaning mode and are clearing out items of your home that could be donated to the ABC Sale.

Thrivent Choice Dollars – Please note that March 31st, 2016 is the deadline for allocating any Choice Dollars that you may have accumulated during 2015. Please check your account and consider allocating any undesignated amounts to Immanuel Lutheran School prior to March 31, 2016. Thank you.

Thrivent Action Teams – The school (and church) have been utilizing Thrivent's program of receiving \$250 for fundraising, community outreach or service projects through their Action Team program. In the past 2 months, the school has or will receive \$1,750 for Family Night, Pre-school Dad's night, DQ Fundraiser, Bible Bowl, Appreciation Luncheon during Lutheran School's week, supplies for the school's Ambassador program, and to purchase an application to be used to catalog our

school library. These funds buy supplies, advertising, or food for these events, which helps all of these school activities be more successful and reach more people. The church has also received funds for new Coffee carafes, 8 foot long tables and is looking forward to using these funds to purchase new silverware to be used for the Men of Immanuel dinners and other meals served at our church. If you have any questions on how to apply for a Thrivent Action Team, please see Pat Kastning or Karen Sellner.

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



Opportunities to 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 Kelly Schmidtke (547-1080) with any questions.

Lenten Season—Parables Theme Continues



Come to Immanuel for Wednesday night Lenten Meals beginning at 6 pm and stay for worship at 7 pm. Immanuel School is planning great Lenten meals for all with all donations going to the Scholarship Fund of the School.

Wednesday, March 2: "Receive MERCY: The Good Samaritan" Luke 10:25-37.

Wednesday, March 9: "Receive GRACE: The Workers in the Vineyard" Matthew 20:1-16.

Wednesday March 16: "Receive FORGIVENESS: The Prodigal Son" Luke 15:11-32.

Palm Sunday, March 20 9 am Worship : "Receive LOVE: The parable of the Lost Sheep" Luke 15:1-7

Maundy Thursday, March 24 at 7 pm: "Receive THE MEAL: The parable of the Great Banquet" Luke 22:14-23

Good Friday, March 25 at 7 pm: "Receive THE SACRIFICE: The parable of the Landowner and Tenants Mark" 15:21-39

Easter Sunday, March 27, 6:30 am & 9 am: "Receive ETERNAL LIFE" The parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders" Mark 16:1-8

WANTED Your Best Chili!!



You're invited to participate in our
8th Annual

Immanuel CHILI COOKOFF

Everyone at the Beef Stew & Silent Auction
will have a chance to vote for their favorite
chili... and awards will be given to

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place!

Sign up deadline: Friday, Mar. 11th

- LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS -

Call Mary Westphal to sign up at 218-251-1100 or the school at 547-4139

**Bring your crockpot of chili by 5 pm
Sunday, March 20th**

Each "Chili Chef" must serve their chili to the voters - bowls & toppings provided.

Any ingredients must be listed on a sheet. (allergies, etc.)

Each chili must have a creative Recipe Name and labeled Hot, Medium or Mild.

Greeting Cards In the Fellowship Hall

Take a look at the greeting cards that are available "For Sale" in the Fellowship Hall. They are very lovely cards and are being sold for only \$1.00!!

There is also a "sale" box of cards that are 2 for \$1.00! We thank Myra Schmitdke for taking care of the cards for so many years! Also we thank Meg Duin for freshening up the display!

CHECK IT OUT!



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. Our speaker this year will be Tracie Rademacher. Please save the date now—and be ready to invite friends. This is always a night of inspiration and encouragement. If you have never hosted a table, this would be a perfect opportunity! Please call the office for more information: 218-547-5433!

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 baby outfits sized 3 months to 2T—both boys and girls!

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: 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). Our mailing address: P O BOX 1527, Walker, MN 56484—and our email is: walkerpsc@arvig.net.

Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated!

The person who has been paid to clean our facilities has quit. If you are interested—or know someone who may be interested in doing this work for about 3 hours per week, please contact

Tim Duin at:
218-820-1541.



Piano Lessons:
Contact Eve Vrudny at:
320-216-5407
or Email:
Evers14@yahoo.com

Piano Lessons!!

Are you or your children interested in playing the piano? Do you have a passion to learn? Now is the time to put that interest and passion to use! I am currently accepting new students of all ages to share the love of music!

Miss Eve Vrudny, Organist at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School
Cell#: 320-216-5407 Email: Evers14@yahoo.com

Price: \$10 for 30 minute lesson
Teaching beginner to experienced students

Lessons held at Immanuel Lutheran Church or I can commute if needed

Music
The Voice of the Soul!

Please contact me for any questions



March Celebrations

Anniversaries

- 3/6 Brandon & Allie Campbell (6 years)
- 3/10 Brad & Lori Zubke (38 years)
- 3/14 Jim & JoAnne Loewen (60 years)
- 3/21 Sherman & Judy Jensen (52 years)



Birthdays

- 3/7 Kimberly Myers
- 3/7 Melissa Salvhus
- 3/10 Jessica Schmidtke (15)
- 3/13 Deb Hines
- 3/14 Effie Campbell (2)
- 3/15 David Kennedy
- 3/18 Holly Zubke
- 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



Wednesday Evening Lenten Suppers & Worship

Immanuel School is hosting Wednesday night suppers during Lent. All donations go to the Scholarship Fund of the School.



*Wednesdays—6 for Supper
Wednesdays—7 for Worship*

HELP WANTED!

Sanctuary Cleaning
Thursday, March 17 at 10 am
to "lemon oil" the pews and wood! Bring a bag lunch!



Beef Stew & Silent Auction With Chili Cook-off!



Sunday, March 20 from 5-7:30

Children's Program at 5 pm



(Sign up deadline to enter YOUR Chili for the cook-off is Friday, March 11!)

Easter Sunday—March 27

Worship Times with Holy Communion
6:30 am and 9:00 am.

Easter Breakfast

served by the Men of Immanuel
7am-8:30am

Menu: Pancakes, sausages, eggs,
juice, coffee and milk
all for a free will donation.



Thank you for supporting the Men of Immanuel and the projects that they do here at church.

We want to include YOU!

Please let the office know your special days so we can celebrate with you!

Daylight Savings Time Begins!

**Spring Ahead Before Bed
Saturday March 12!**



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.



Congratulations to our 7th & 8th grade team for taking 3rd place.



Preschool & Pre-K students had a great time golfing with their dads and grandpas during "Dad's Night".



Got a Great Chili Recipe?
Enter it in:
Immanuel Lutheran School's
CHILI COOK OFF
Sunday, March 20th
Prizes awarded for the best Chili.
For more information call
218-547-4139



Start Planning NOW to support Immanuel Lutheran School at: The Color Dash

June 25th, 2016 • Walker City Park
8 am Packet Pickup Begins at Start/Finish Area
10 AM Race Starts
11:30 am Color Explosion/Check Presentation

Sign up to support us!
50% of the net profits go to Immanuel School!

Links to register for the event are on our web site: "immanuelwalker.com" under events or check out the Immanuel Lutheran School Facebook page.



JOIN US SUNDAY, MARCH 20
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!



Lutheran Schools Week



Laurie Moe-Greer taught us about China. We enjoyed hearing about what school is like in China as Laurie's daughter is a teacher there.



We spent Wednesday afternoon at the home of Sherren and Duane Foss. We had so much fun sledding, skating, eating and enjoying God's beautiful winter wonderland.



Waylon Westphal, owner of Triple W Taxidermy, taught students about his job and the time, care, and creativity that goes into it.



Dr. Seuss Day with Magic Bob performing "The Magic of Dr. Seuss." Thank you Thrivent for helping sponsor this event.

Pre-K students help with Chapel during Lutheran Schools Week.



Craig Ungerecht taught us about his job at Wells Technology and precision machining. He used his tools to measure the width of one strand of hair. He explained that many of the parts they make cannot even be a hair width off.



Ken Erlandson from Lutheran Island Camp taught the students about "Extraordinary: Flying Things."

Tacky Tourist Day



Adam Jackson taught students about fly fishing and his job as a fishing guide in Alaska. He also showed students how to make a fishing fly.



Dustin Burns shares her "Hooping" talent with students at Immanuel. The students then put what they learned to use.

See more NLSW pictures on Immanuel Lutheran School's Facebook page!

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Join us for worship on Sundays at 9

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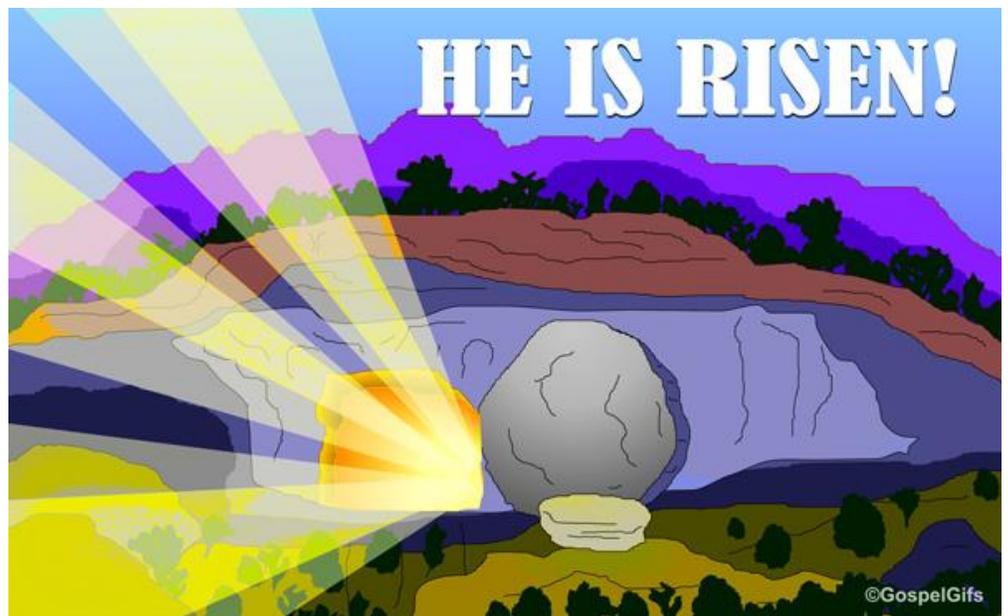
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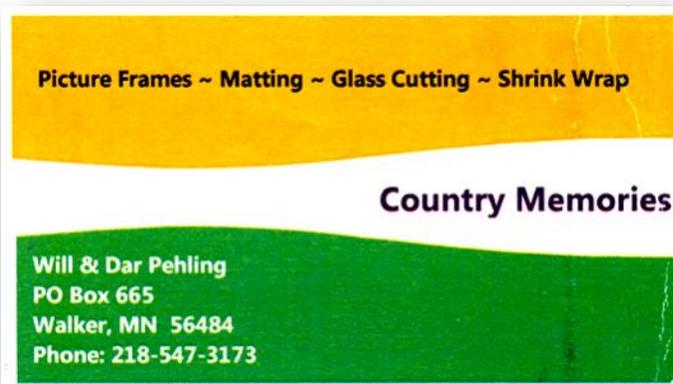
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3/6 Will & Dar Pehling
3/13 Mike & Kelly Schmidtke
3/20 Bill & Karen Sellner
3/27 Joel & Barb Vinkemeier

Acolytes:

3/6 Brandon Dodge
3/13 Johnathon Myers
3/20 Randi Nielsen
3/27 Andrew Salvhus

Fellowship Servers:

3/6 Dar Pehling & Meg Duin
3/13 Nancy Albrecht & Darlene Thue
3/20 Kathi Hopen & Theresa Bilben
3/27 Easter Breakfast by the Men of Immanuel

Ushers:

3/6 Rick Schmidtke & Mike Schmidtke
3/13 Dale Ross & Jim Kolar
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3/27 Gordy Dahn & Bill Sellner

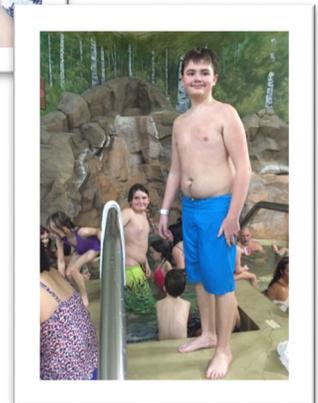
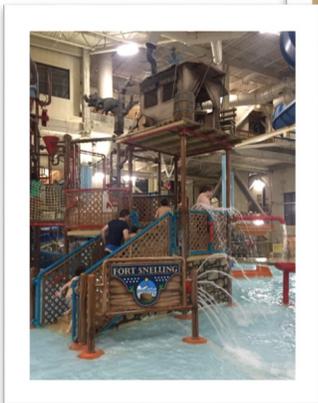
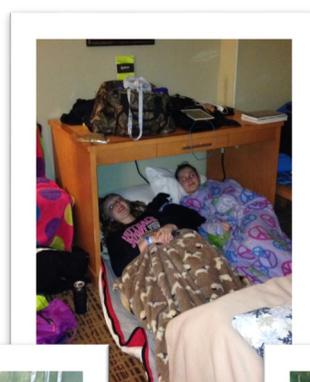
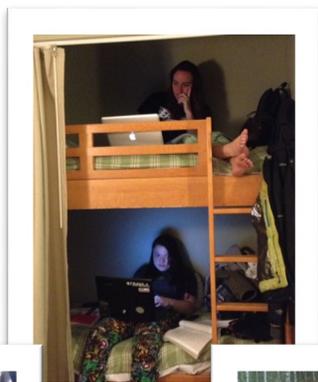
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A huge **THANK YOU** to all who continue to serve our congregation! Bless you!

Youth Group

Pictures from youth group event. Water Park of America and Feed My Starving Children facility in Chanhasseen on January 17 & 18. Total of 15 youth, including 4 chaperones.



Immanuel Lutheran Church		MARCH 2016				"God With Us"	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
28 3 rd Sunday in Lent 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	29 Council Agenda Deadline	1	2 3 pm Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	3 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	4	5	
6 4 th Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Begins 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	7 10 am Elders Meet 7 pm Board of Ed.	8 9:30 am Circuit Pastor's Winkle @ Park Rapids 7 pm Council meeting	9 3pm Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	10 Scrip Deadline 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	11	12 8 am Men of Immanuel Breakfast Clocks: "Spring Ahead" tonight	
13 5 th Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Begins 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	14	15	16 3pm Confirmation 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	17 St. Patrick's Day 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am LWML & Church Cleaning 	18	19	
20 Palm Sunday 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	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  Spring Begins	22	23 3pm Confirmation	24 Maundy Thursday 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study 7 pm Worship w/Communion	25 Good Friday 7 pm Worship 12-3 pm Tre Ore Service @ St John's Park Rapids All Invited!	26	
27 Easter Sunday 6:30 am Worship w/Communion 7 am-8:30 am Breakfast by the Men of Immanuel 9 am Worship w/Communion 	28 No School	29	30 3:00 pm Confirmation	31 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Women's Bible Study	April 1	April 2	