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Lent & Holy Week Schedule

April 6

Midweek Lenten Worship – 7:00 pm

Fellowship Dinner – 5:15-6:30 pm

April 14

Maundy Thursday Worship – 1:00 & 7:30 pm

April 15

Good Friday Worship – 12:15 pm

Tenebrae Service – 7:30 pm

April 16

Easter Vigil – 7:30 pm

April 17

Easter Worship – 7:00, 8:30, 10:30 am



SENIOR YOUTH EASTER BREAKFAST

Join us Easter Sunday, April 17 from 7:30am-10am in the Fellowship Hall for our Immanuel Easter Breakfast. Senior high school youth and parents will be offering egg casserole, muffins and fruit for breakfast. Your free will offering supports our youth attending National Youth Gathering 2022 in Houston, Texas.

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Compassion for all

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Bethany Greatens	Pre-Kindergarten
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BAPTISMS

Milo Herchenroeder on Jan. 2, 2022

Olivia Marcanik on Jan. 15, 2022

DECEASED

Ted Hanske on Jan. 9, 2022

Joan Sowers on Jan. 23, 2022

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Add:

Mrs. Rebecca Appelbaum

3 Nassau Circle

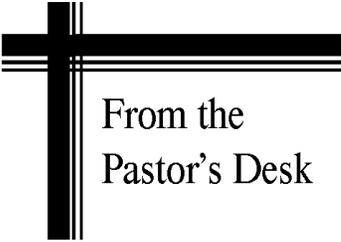
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From the Pastor's Desk

Recently I watched a video clip of folks fishing in a boat as a much larger boat seemingly unaware is barreling toward them; they wave and yell to no avail and then they quickly jump overboard as the camera goes dark. While they might have had them in the boat, I noticed those who jumped into the water didn't have life preservers on. When all is calm, there seems to be no real need for safety equipment, but when tragedy strikes and you are suddenly floundering or unconscious in the water it might be too late.

We don't often think of our Christian faith as a life preserver; but in a very real way the forgiveness of sins that is ours in Jesus is just that. Speaking of the Lord's Supper we know that where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

At times we might question why we come to church and give an hour or more of our time each week. The readings seem to be on a repetitive cycle (yes, they are on a three year cycle); we don't always appreciate the richness of our hymnody (especially those we struggle to sing); and when the pastor preaches it is that same drum beat of law and gospel (We know we are sinners and forgiven, can we move on to something new?). In fact, we may want to ask, "Why do I even bother anymore; I get nothing out of it."

Maybe we don't need what Jesus offers. For most, life moves on day to day, week to week, year in and year out without much difficulty. Financially secure in our careers, enjoying the fruits of our labors, finding enjoyment in our family and friends, our lives are looking pretty good. We don't really need the hassles of Sunday morning; the time wasted acknowledging our sinfulness, so that we might hear the words, "You are forgiven." We don't really need to sit through another sermon speaking of God's love and undeserved grace to sinners. We can always find other (if not better) things to do.

But then tragedy strikes and suddenly a family finds themselves dealing with the unthinkable—the death of a loved one. How will that story end? Did that loved one leave enough evidence of a life connected to and lived in Christ that their family might find comfort and hope in Jesus who is the resurrection and the life eternal? Or will it be that the spoils and comforts of life prove to be a poor life preserver?

Dear Christian, be wary of the one who prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour; he would like nothing better than for you to look upon Sunday morning as a fruitless endeavor, not worthy of your time or energy. As unglamorous as it may seem, the primary purpose of worship is the forgiveness of sins. In confession and absolution, in baptism, in readings and sermon, in bread and wine, in hymnody and prayer, if you leave worship with your sins forgiven, then you are leaving with the most important blessing that God can give you.

Forgiveness of sins...the very reason Jesus died and rose for you.

~Pastor Karg

TEACHER CALL UPDATE

Miss Lisa Mull has accepted our Call to be our kindergarten teacher. She will relocate from Texas this summer. Miss Anna Regan is designated to Immanuel and will officially be Called when she graduates from Concordia University Wisconsin in May. Miss Rachel Larson, currently on staff teaching 4th grade, will now be one of our tenured Called teachers.

COLLOQUY COMPLETE

Congratulations to Mrs. Cheri Fitzgerald, preschool teacher, on her successful completion of the colloquy program. Cheri completed nine religion classes through the Concordia University system to further equip her to share the Lutheran faith with her students and their families. Well done, Cheri!

PRINCIPAL CALL UPDATE

Principal Wendy Morris has accepted the Call to serve as principal at Our Savior Lutheran Church & School in St. Petersburg, FL; the Morris family will be relocating to Florida in late June. We pray for God's blessing upon the Morris family as well as God's guidance for Immanuel's Principal Call committee and congregation. We thank Mrs. Morris for her years of leadership and service at Immanuel.



Partnering with Families to Prepare God's Children for the Future Immanuel Lutheran School's Mission

Responding to God's grace through Christ, Assisting families with whole child development, and Preparing children for God's service.

By Principal Wendy Morris

*ILS Olivette's Vision is to lead students to seek and know their **identity in Christ**, develop a continual **love of learning**, and live fully redeemed lives **servicing** others.*

Community

'Twas the day before break and all through the halls

EVERYONE is stirring.....even the walls.....

As I reflect on the 2022 version of National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW), I praise God for the gift of the ILS Olivette Community. I thank God for entrusting this school ministry into the care of the people God calls to serve here. Thank you, God, for the congregational members that support it prayerfully and financially. Lastly, thank you God for providing students to grow through spiritual and academic care.

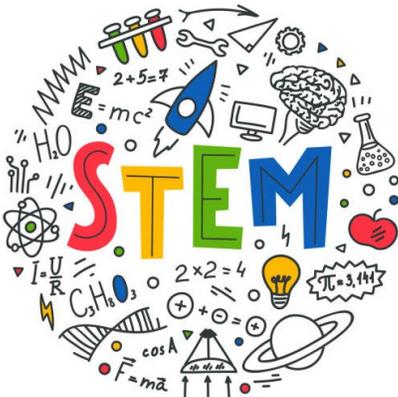
Some highlights of community at ILS were evident during NLSW. On Monday, the students teamed up to take on the Minute To Win It Challenge. While winning was a goal, building community was a beautiful byproduct of the event. Then, a competitive Trivia Morning on Tuesday had the teams of students continue to build each other up. The highlight of this competition was identifying baby pictures of the teachers. When Wednesday arrived there were people E-V-E-R-Y-W-H-E-R-E eating pastries, buying books, fellowshipping, and worshipping together at our first all-school chapel in two years. The talent show on Thursday entertained all of us with highlights of amazing talent. We closed out the week in pajamas. Given our wintry mixes - there was even a chance of a snow day in those pajamas. However, we were glad to share Friday together with Music Trivia and a movie to cap off the week.



Please take a moment to give praise to God for the blessing of our school and its Christ-centered community in your prayers.

Outdoor Ed/STEM Grant Awarded

Immanuel Lutheran School (ILS) was awarded a \$28,000 grant from Lutheran Foundations of St. Louis to support the creation of two collaborative learning spaces - an outdoor education station and an indoor STEM lab. This grant will help ILS engage more than 125 children from the school and community in programming during school, after school, and over the summer.



The timeline of this grant begins in July. This summer we will purchase \$22,000 in equipment and supplies. We will also have \$4,000 to spend on field trips associated with Outdoor Ed and STEM programming during next school year and summer 2023. The final component is \$2,000 for associated programming expenses. The goal is two-fold. First, provide these programs to our current students. Secondly, attract families not yet associated with ILS who are searching for summer camp and after school programs that would benefit their children. By getting families on our campus we can connect new families with the Immanuel community.

Immanuel School Upcoming Calendar

- Apr. 15-18 - No School - Easter Break
- Apr. 19 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Apr. 22 - MO District SHINE Event
- May 25 - 8th Grade Graduation, 6:30 pm
- May 26 - Last Day of School
- June 6-Aug. 5 - Summer Camp (west building)

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Immanuel Athletics Golf Tournament

Sunday, August 28, 2022

At Florissant Golf Club

12pm Registration and Lunch

Well Done, ILS Students!

At the 2022 Lutheran North Academic Fair on March 5, Immanuel students achieved great success.

The Bible Facts Contest team of Jonah Knehans, Eric Zhang, and Benjamin Erdmann won the 1st Place Trophy!

Immanuel swept the Math Contest!

1st Place Trophy – Division 1 (Grades 4-6) Team: Connor Hart, Luke Krenning, Kati Riley, Connor Wells. Luke was the 1st Place 6th Grader overall.

1st Place Trophy – Division 2 (Grades 7-8) Team: Gabe Clardy, Jonah Knehans, Benton Mohrmann, Eric Zhang. Eric was the 1st Place 7th Grader overall.

2nd Place – Division 1 Team: John Appelbaum, Avery Fitzgerald, Elli Riley, Caleb San. Avery was the 1st Place 5th Grader overall.

2nd Place – Division 2 Team: Aiden Fitzgerald, Miranda Li, Norah Salmon

Three 1st Place Spelling Bee Teams!

2nd Grade – Ellie Harris and Zion Ingram

3rd Grade – Henry Greatens and Teddy Farra

8th Grade – Jonah Knehans and Benton Mohrmann

Three 2nd Place Spelling Bee Teams!

1st Grade – Isaac Zhang and Bailee Redmond

4th Grade – Connor Hart and Michael Chen

7th Grade – Eric Zhang and Kenneth Lu

A total of **36 individual Science Fair ribbons** were awarded to ILS students, as well as **15 individual music awards!**



You're Invited!

Don't sit in your own little corner; the prince is giving a ball and you are invited. Join the Lutheran North theater department for our production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella on April 7, 8, and 9 at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be available at the door beginning at 6pm. Preferred seating is \$8 for all ages. General admission tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and children 5 and under are free. Immanuel alumni Carrie Meyr, Nathan Salemkink, and Jackson Holmes are in this production. Come and enjoy!

Immanuel Lutheran School Mission Field

By Deaconess Dorothy Glenn, Admissions Director

Our School's vision is to lead students to seek and know their identity in Christ, to develop a continued love of learning, and to live fully redeemed lives serving others. So what does this mean for families looking for a school for their child(ren)? Whether a family is seeking daycare hours for their preschooler, starting their child for the first time in school, or transferring in from elsewhere, there is always a reason why and unfortunately we see more and more families where this reason is born out of pain, hurt, or trauma.

Knocking On Our Proverbial Door

God calls us to meet His people where they are - and they are right here, knocking on our proverbial door. There are families actively seeking a safe place, spiritual care, and resolve. The life they wanted for their child(ren) isn't as it should be and as admissions director, I help them to see if our vision for our students is what they need. Not every child who applies is a good fit for the school, but we always help them to get to where they need to be to be cared for. It is our Christian joy to be able to care and support families so that they feel they can make an informed decision about their child's future school.

An Open Ear and An Open Heart

Families who come to me are treated with the dignity and care that they deserve as God's children, with an open ear and open heart to hear what is going on in their life. I make sure each family understands that I am here to care for them, regardless of any quotas or numbers I am supposed to fill. And what happens then? They enroll in our school because they understand we are a community that helps their child(ren) and the whole family in seeing who they are in the eyes of God, in assisting in whole child development, and understanding that all this guides us to be God's servants of His love to everyone around us.



Enrollment Potential Snapshot

As we get excited about our 3 new teachers, here is a little preschool enrollment snapshot:

Maximum students that can be in attendance on any given day:

Junior Preschool: 12 Preschool: 16 PreKindergarten: 20

Number of students enrolled & applied by class:

Junior Preschool: 5 Preschool: 17 PreKindergarten: 10

Number of student leads currently being followed up with:

Junior Preschool: 11 Preschool: 23 PreKindergarten: 6

Every single week we receive new leads for people interested in our Preschool Program. During this academic year alone, because we were at capacity in all our preschool classes, there were 24 students who were **not** able to enroll in our school. It is the wonderful yet difficult blessing of being a program in demand with limited classes. I anticipate being at capacity in every preschool level class for the fall by the end of May.

Our Congregation's Opportunity

What does all this school enrollment information mean for the people of Immanuel and Light of Christ Churches? It means there is much praying to be done for the families who choose our school and for the teachers who care for them. It means God's Word is being present in the lives of people who need it. It means there are many families ready to learn about what it means to be a part of Immanuel. It means YOU as a part of Immanuel have the opportunity to be a part of someone's faith journey.



Support Immanuel with Gift Cards

Immanuel School is still selling gift cards to benefit all students! Our SCRIP ladies are still selling in person after some services and the website is available 24/7. You can order online and pick it up at church the following week.

Check out the SCRIP site: <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/>

NEW APP! SCRIP also has a new app (RAISE RIGHT) that is really easy to use and you can get your gift card within minutes on your phone.



Contact Katie Krenning at the number or email below and the gift cards can be left at church for pickup.

You can also order online for physical cards, electronic gift cards, or to reload your current gift cards at:

www.shop.shopwithscrip.com and enter code:
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contact Katie Krenning:
immanueldayscrip@gmail.com or call
314-567-5828

Order forms are also available at church.

Retailer	Re-bate	Denom	Qty	Total \$
Amazon	3%	\$25		
AMC Theatres	8%	\$25		
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$25		
Best Buy	4%	\$25		
Bob Evans	10%	\$10		
Buffalo Wild Wings	10%	\$25		
BRANNEKY	10%	\$10/25		
Build-a-Bear	8%	\$25		
Burger King	4%	\$10		
Dick's Sporting	8%	\$25		
Dierberg's	4%	\$25		
Disney	4%	\$25		
Foot Locker	9%	\$25		
Gap/Old Navy/Athleta	14%	\$25		
Hardee's	5%	\$10		
Home Depot	4%	\$25		
iTunes	5%	\$25		
Jack in the Box	4%	\$10		
Kohl's	4%	\$25/100		
Lowe's	4%	\$25		
Macy's	10%	\$25		
Maggiano's/Chili's	11%	\$25		

Retailer	Re-bate	Denom	Qty	Total \$
Michael's	4%	\$25		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster/ Longhorn	9%	\$25		
Panera	9%	\$10/\$25		
Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Shop N Save	4%	\$25		
Starbucks	7%	\$10		
Subway	6%	\$10		
Target	3%	\$25		
Total Wine	5%	\$25/100		
TJ Maxx/	7%	\$25		
Walgreens	6%	\$25		
Walmart/Sam's	3%	\$25		
Wendy's	4%	\$10		
Whole Foods	3%	\$25		
Shutterfly	9%	\$25		

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LIGHT OF CHRIST

1. The average weekly Sunday worship attendance for the months of Jan-Feb. are:

In-person – 79

Online – 17

2. Bible study classes for Jan-Feb. were hybrid. The average weekly attendance was:

Sunday Bible classes – 41

Weekday Bible classes – 45

3. LOC members used to join Immanuel's Ash Wednesday service in the past. This year we started our own Bilingual Ash Wednesday service. 35 people attended in-person and several attended online. Many of them did not know what Ash Wednesday is, so it was a great opportunity to teach our members to begin this Lenten season with this service!

4. Our Youth Fellowship has been hosting a 3-part series called "Questions about Creation and Evolution" led by Mr. Matt Springer, teacher at Immanuel school. We encouraged parents to attend with their youth. This series helps our youth when they are faced with teachings that contradict the Christian worldview in the public school, and gives them a Christian perspective on these issues. Those parents who came also enjoyed the sessions.



Youth Fellowship session led by Mr. Springer

5. Charlene and her husband, Tao, are newcomers to our church. Charlene has been facing life difficulties, so she came to the church for help. As Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," so we gladly welcomed her and her husband. We introduced them to the LOC Bible studies and fellowship opportunities. Sister Helen and Hui also formed a prayer group, where they pray for her regularly. Charlene and Tao have been greatly comforted by God's Word, and now they actively attend weekly Bible studies and worship service. Charlene also became a volunteer for the Chinese Community Center and teaches an ESL class for the seniors. We pray for God's guidance and for them to grow in their faith.



Center drawing class students display their artworks

6. Our outreach goal is to use the Chinese Community Center to act as a bridge for sharing the Gospel. We invite people to daily activities at the Center and provide them with transportation. Recently Pastor Lim and the Center director, Helen have been visiting the seniors in their homes to connect them more to church and to minister to them. These visits also help us know more about their families. However, our ability to conduct these visits has been limited because Pastor and Helen already have heavy workloads.

Now LOC is in the process of calling an assistant Pastor, which we hope will help in this ministry. We pray that the process of calling the Assistant Pastor will go smoothly.

7. Good News! We are resuming our Fellowship Lunch ministry starting with the month of March on the 4th Sunday of the month!

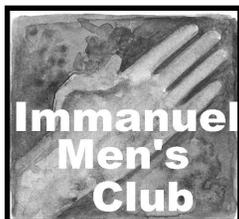
WOMEN'S GUILD

LWML

Women's Guild (LWML) – April 5, 7:00 pm

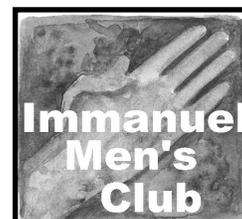
It's "April Shower" time in Women's Guild. Following a short meeting, ladies will enjoy a Baby Shower to benefit "Nurses for Newborns," which works to prevent infant mortality, child abuse and neglect among families most at risk. Gift suggestions include: baby lotion, shampoo, wash, diaper cream, and clothing (newborn-4T), as well as women's toiletries and laundry detergent. They even have a gift registry at Target! Donations do not need to be gift-wrapped. Also, remember to bring old athletic shoes, in ANY condition, to be recycled. Please join us, ladies!

The May meeting will feature our Cup-o'-Fruit supper and a short skit performed by Board members. We hope to schedule a Wine & Cheese Tasting with the Men's Club at a future date.



Immanuel Men's Club – Apr. 5 and May 3, 7:00 pm

Please come and join our Men's Club for our monthly meetings. On April 5, we plan to have a dart ball tournament after the normal business meeting and refreshments. May 3 plans will be announced later in the Church Announcements. You don't need to be a member of the Men's Club to attend. All Immanuel members and their guests are invited.



Prayer Service

All ladies are invited to participate in the LWML North Zone Prayer Service in Immanuel's sanctuary Saturday morning, April 2, at 10:00. Pastor Karg will lead. The theme of this year's service is "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." These are very appropriate words for these troubled times.

Following the service, there will be a short meeting. The 2022 Missouri District LWML Convention will be June 3-5 at the Sheraton Westport. This will be the first meeting of Missouri LWML ladies since the pandemic shut down everything. For anyone interested in attending the convention, registration is online at www.missourilwml.org.



Mini Spring Bazaar



In the absence of our annual Spring Bazaar at the Sausage Dinner, Immanuel Bazaar Workshop will offer a smaller version the weekend of **April 9-10**. For everyone's convenience, tables will be positioned in the atrium and/or parlor during the Egg Hunt and before and after the Saturday and Sunday worship services. Stop by to see spring and Easter decorations, greeting cards, and practical gift items, as well as jellies and other goodies. All proceeds go to missions and Immanuel needs.

Immanuel Cemetery

Please remove all winter floral arrangements, etc. from graves as soon as possible to prepare for the Easter/Spring season. Thanks for your cooperation.



Care Team

Our Mission: To reach out in compassion and care to those in need in our community in the name of Christ.

Holy Week Collection

The Community Care Team is sponsoring Immanuel's annual Holy Week Collection beginning Saturday, April 9 through Easter Sunday, April 17. The collection of household items and toiletries will benefit Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) in their efforts to assist new refugees/immigrants in the St. Louis area.

Donations may be left at the top of the first set of stairs going up to the sanctuary. A detailed flyer listing needed items will be available at the Welcome Desk in early April. Please contact Diane Tallyn or Suzanne Hough with any questions. Thank you for supporting this Collection!

Items needed by refugee families:

- ✚ Soaps (laundry, dish, hand)
- ✚ Paper/Plastic Products (paper towels, tissues, hot/cold drinking cups, diapers, sanitary napkins, toilet paper, food wrap, baggies, garbage bags)
- ✚ Cleaning Supplies (brooms, dustpans, mops, brushes, all-purpose cleaners)
- ✚ Grooming Items (comb, brush, nail clippers, toothbrush)
- ✚ Toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste)

Christmas Cottage

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022 for our 8th Christmas Cottage

We are now accepting donations of:

Gift Bags - Mini, Small, Medium, Large, X-Large and Wine (5x3-1/2x13)

Self-Adhesive Name Tags

New or Like-New Gifts for Men, Women, Teens, Children, Infants, and Furry Friends

Christmas Cottage donation box is available year-round by the food pantry table near the church elevator. 2022 Christmas Cottage chairpersons: Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 and Rachel Erdmann (636) 447-1361.



Feeding the Homeless

The first Monday of each month, Immanuel serves dinner to the 40 homeless men at Sts. Peter and Paul Shelter in Soulard. We are looking for volunteers to prepare and deliver meals on May 2, June 6, September 5, and December 5. A sign-up sheet is available at the Food Pantry table near the church elevator. Menus, pans, and monies to cover the cost are available upon request. Contact Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 or Suzanne Hough (314) 346-6310 with any questions.

Apr. 4 – Prepare & Deliver: Margaret Watkins

Immanuel Inbound Family

Easter cards are due Sunday, April 3rd by 10:30 am. Be sure names are on the envelopes. Cards will be picked up from the mail box in the atrium, then sorted and delivered by volunteers. Contact Diane Tallyn (cell 314-910-2032) with any questions.

Current inbound family members are: Christina Chancellor, Joan Gansman, Virginia Kellmann, Dorothy Knoll, Lera Koenig, Donna Leeser, Helen May, Cheryl Metzler, Jacqueline Molitoris, Cherie Pick, Donna Scotino, Carol Stewart, Marilyn Weinstock, and Zane Zeable.

Food Pantry Update

Immanuel supports two food pantries - the Jewish Food Pantry and Concordia Food Bank. Donations are accepted at any time at the food pantry table near the church elevator. Your generous donations help stock their shelves and are taken to the pantries monthly. We are blessed with faithful givers to help keep this ministry ongoing! A wish list is available at the food pantry table.

Fundraisers Approval Process

Do you have a fundraiser in mind?

Don't forget to register with Board of Stewards. Church protocol requires approval by Immanuel Board of Stewards. Please contact Carla Krazl, carlakrazl@gmail.com.

The Board needs to know the date, time, location, the type of activity, and where proceeds will be donated. It'll be smooth sailing!

Confirmation 2022

The Rite of Confirmation will take place at the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 24. Eight confirmands will publicly confirm the faith given them in their baptism. Please continue to keep the following young men and women in prayer that this will be a memorable milestone in a lifelong pursuit of deepening their faith in God and love for their neighbor.

- ✝ Riley Layne Ballenger
- ✝ Jonah Michael Knehans
- ✝ Benton August Mohrmann
- ✝ Derricka Essence Moore
- ✝ Norah Beth Salmon
- ✝ Laszlo Szigayli
- ✝ Benjamin Philip Weinstein
- ✝ Daniel Dean Young



Easter Egg Hunt



Plan now to join in the fun on Saturday, April 9 for the return of the Immanuel Easter Egg Hunt. It is from 9am-11am and will take place in the gym. Weather permitting, we will hold the hunts outside on the playground. We will have some light snacks, a Bible story time with one of our Pastors, and games/activities to keep the kids occupied while waiting to hunt for eggs.

We would like to have an idea of how many children to plan for, so please fill out this google form to let us know! <https://forms.gle/CEC6ohuLU2HiRDMz5>

The event is for children in 5th grade and younger, but we need the 6th-12th graders to help run the games and activities. Student volunteers can use the same link to sign up to help.

Feel free to bring a neighbor or friend with you to the event. We still need candy donations. The next time you are out shopping, grab a bag of pre wrapped candy that the Immanuel 8th graders can stuff into the eggs. This event can't happen without your help.

Contact Kara Mohrmann with any questions - kraner0123@gmail.com

Steward Builders

To help you grow as a steward.

The purpose of this newsletter is to share God's Word so that our members will better understand who we are to be and what we are to do in the light of the Scriptures. It is our hope that this publication will help you grow in your relationship with the Lord and as a Christian steward.

Go Quickly and Tell

We have a picture of the women going to the grave that first Easter morning to anoint the body of Jesus. It is barely light, and perhaps they are speaking in soft voices. Certainly there is an air of solemnity, of sadness, for their Master is dead. Their hopes are gone. Then we see them before the open tomb, bewildered, then fearful, as they see an angel with *"appearance like lightning and...clothes...white as snow."* The angel's first words are *"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, Who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said."*

Perhaps some of us, too, have been bewildered, afraid. Even though we have always known the whole story – even though we look back on the Resurrection – we have been bewildered and afraid. Bewildered by circumstances in our lives. Afraid of the future. The angel says to us, too, *"Do not be afraid... [Jesus] is risen, just as He said!"* That truth makes all the difference, for, as Paul says, *"Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep"* (1 Corinthians 15:20). Christ, the firstfruits, and then we with Him!

Hardly taking a breath, the angel gives a command to the women: *"Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples: 'He has risen from the dead...'"* (Matthew 28:2-7). By faith we, too, have seen the empty tomb; by faith in the Word of God, we know Christ is risen. The command is for us as well: **go quickly and tell.**

Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!



Immanuel's single-session "Loss of a Spouse" was held using Zoom on January 23. Two of the participants reported that they live about 30 and 200 miles, respectively, from Immanuel! Zoom meetings allow participants to choose a group that fits their schedules, regardless of distance.

Our 13-week GriefShare series is now under way on Sundays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., using Zoom. We invite anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one to join us at any time in the cycle. The weekly topics are self-contained; they do not depend on what was covered in earlier sessions. Information is available through our email address: GriefShare@immanuelolivette.org; on the parent organization's website, GriefShare.org; or from Bonnie Schmidt or Paulette Pierson.

We continue to look for one or more additional GriefShare facilitators. This would make it easier to deal with facilitator illness or personal events. The ideal person(s) will have experienced the loss of a loved one, and be willing to assist with the weekly meetings while learning more about GriefShare.

Immanuel 200

Immanuel has been blessed throughout its history. Our mission to share the Gospel remains as strong today as it was when the church was founded more than 175 years ago. With this understanding that God is with us always, a forward-looking initiative has been launched.

Called ***Immanuel 200***, the congregation, at a Special Voters' meeting in January, voted to approve investments in new staffing to support our mission, improvements to our facilities, and new efforts to connect with our community, inside and out.

Plans have been developed for a facility refresh of the East Building. Purchased 25 years ago, the space has served our mission and school well but is showing the signs of aging. A plan has been drafted to renovate all of the existing classrooms, common areas, and kitchen during the summer of 2022. In addition, new meeting spaces will be created to allow for larger groups to have another area for fellowship on our campus. Part of the originally presented plan for more extensive construction to form a new set of offices has been postponed, pending further evaluation of needs.

Immanuel also intends to bolster its staff during the course of 2022. Documents have been signed to add a Vicar to our ministry team. It is the hope that this will become an annual resource to be placed at Immanuel. To further support our mission, three additional positions are currently planned in the 2022-23 Budget. These positions are an Early Childhood Director (ECD), a Director of Christian Outreach (DCO), and a Facilities Manager.

The ECD would oversee the continued growth and development of our pre-school. We are already making plans to grow from two to three classes in the fall, with hopes to add an additional class a year. The DCO would support all existing groups while also being an active part of our role in the community. Olivette and the surrounding area continues to flourish and we are prayerful that with focused resources, we can play an important role in the lives of the community we reside in. Lastly, a Facilities Director would oversee the day-to-day support of our campus. Immanuel is a multi-building facility with many uses and requires greater attention to its upkeep and the management of those contracted to maintain and repair the buildings and grounds.

All of these positions will be supported in some fashion by the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds secured during the pandemic. All positions would be funded for a period of three years with offerings and school growth to further support their existence. Both the ECD and DCO are expected to be called positions.

Once these resources are in place, the increased staff and renewed facility can host more programs and develop additional offerings to support our mission. Future plans inside ***Immanuel 200*** call for enhancements to the Main Building (school and offices) as well as addition of a Music Director and exploration of an additional Pastor.

Funding for this initiative is coming from the PPP monies, previously described, as well as existing funds held by Immanuel. Future support will come in the form of a Capital Campaign which will launch later in 2022.

More information will be shared during Voters' meetings, in the *Anchor* as well as online. For additional questions, please contact Congregation President Chris Copeland (president@immanuelolivette.org).



Pizza Sale!

Catch a member of the high school youth group and ask them for some PIZZA! They are selling Andoro & Sons Pizza, a locally-owned company that specializes in delicious St. Louis-style pizza. You get great pizza (or gooey butter cake or cookie dough), they raise funds to attend this summer's National Youth Gathering! Win-win!! Hurry...sales end April 10.



Are you doing some cleaning out this spring?

The high school youth will hold a fundraiser through Savers later this spring. They will be paid by the pound for all of the fabric items they donate. Clothing, towels, blankets, backpacks, ANYthing made out of fabric that is in sell-able condition. (No stuffed animals.) Please consider holding on to your donation-worthy items until further notice. (They'll take it off your hands in May!) It will get stuff out of your house AND will help fund their trip to this summer's National Youth Gathering! Win-win!!

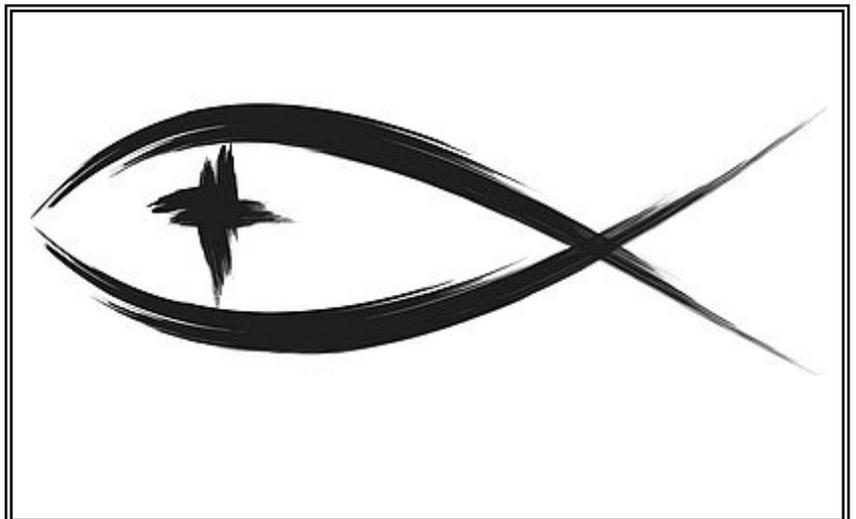
CHECK OUT THE YOUTH GROUP EASTER BREAKFAST INFO ON THE FIRST PAGE!



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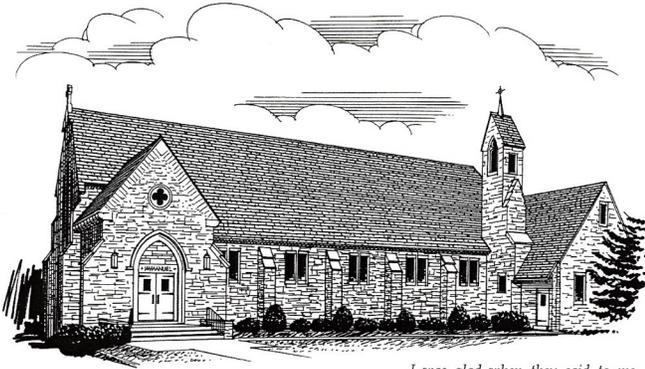


APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Sunday Morning Schedule</i> Immanuel: 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School</p>					1	2 10:00 LWML Prayer Service 2:00 LOC Jr. Youth 5:00 Worship
<p><i>Sunday Morning Schedule</i> Light of Christ: 10:30 a.m. Worship</p>						
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17 Easter 7:00 Worship 7:30 Easter Breakfast 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship	18 Church/School Offices Closed No School ILS 9:00 Ladies Bible Study	19 No School ILS	20 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bazaar	21 9:00 Quilters	22 7:00 Confirmation Essay Night	23 2:00 LOC Jr. Youth 5:00 Worship
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MAY 2022

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29 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship 2:30 GriefShare 6:30 Sr. High Youth	30 Memorial Day 9:00 Ladies Bible Study	31	 Our Mission Statement: Connected in Christ—Compassion for All			



*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*
Psalm 122:1

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WORSHIP

Schedule

Saturdays – 5:00 pm

Sundays – 8:00 am and 10:30 am

(also Live Streamed on [YouTube](#))

Holy Communion served 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays each month

Sunday School Sundays – 9:20-10:15 am

Bible Classes Sundays—9:30-10:15

Light of Christ Worship

Sundays – 10:30 am (also Live streamed on [YouTube](#))

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