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THE CROSS CONNECTION

News and Happenings for the "Connected-Compassion" Community

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WORSHIP WITH US

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)

Holy Communion served 1st & 3rd Sundays each month

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Immanuel Lutheran Church-Olivette

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday – April 6

1:00 pm Worship & Holy Communion 7:30 pm Worship & Holy Communion

Good Friday – April 7

12:15 pm Worship
7:30 pm Tenebrae Service



Easter Vigil - April 8

7:30 pm Worship & Holy Communion

Easter Sunday – April 9

7:00 am Worship & Holy Communion 10:00 am Worship & Holy Communion

Immanuel Youth will serve Easter Breakfast in the gym 8:00–9:30.



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Brenda Hente- Interim Principal

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Brenda Hente & Carla Roeglin- Grade 7

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Cathy Tanney- Grade 3

Chris Meyr- Grade 2

Beth Carter- Grade 1

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Bethany Greatens-Pre-Kindergarten

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ELDERS

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Zone 3 (G-I) - Brian Bunte
Zone 4 (J-L) - Drew Hackmann
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Zone 7 (S) - Bump Trower
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Chairman

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Chairman

Kara Mohrmann– Parish Education Chairman

CO-EDITORS

Rita Eckert

Katie Krenning

OFFICIAL ACTS

RECEIVED BY TRANSFER

Robert & Candice Goeggel, Jr. and children Mason, Paige, Henry

Randall Wilkin

BAPTISM

Maeson Karg, Dec. 2, 2022

Azenia Naftzger, Dec. 3, 2022

DECEASED

Dennis Tidwell on Jan. 16, 2023

Judy Albrecht on Jan. 29, 2023

RELEASED

Kevin Huckshold to Holy Cross Lutheran, St. Louis

Loren & Edie Lumpe to Island Lutheran, SC

RECEIVED BY ADULT CONFIRMATION

Devipradeep & Stacey Gopalakrishnan

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Change:

Marguerite Krenning

13190 S. Outer 40 Rd. #H2108

Town & Country, MO 63017

Joan Sinnott

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Ellisville, MO 63011

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Chesterfield, MO 63017

ARTICLE DEADLINE

May 14 for

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Articles can be placed in the Anchor
Mailbox in the fellowship hall or e-mailed in
a **Microsoft Word** document type format
(*.doc) to anchor@immanuelolivette.org

PASTOR'S CORNER

In His infinite wisdom, God puts families together. Although every family lacks perfection, He gives us a glimpse of what being part of a family is like. He gives authority to fathers, mothers, and guardians to watch over and provide for the needs of the family. Children are to love and support each other, and honor their parents. Luther speaks strongly about the supremacy of the family as a unit, even above other man-made institutions.

In the 4th commandment of the Small Catechism, Luther emphasizes that each role is not to be taken lightly. Being a good parent not only benefits the family, but stands as "one that serves the well-being of all society." In fact, he correctly identifies that the role of parents is to "uniquely serve as God's representatives through whom He bestowed and nurtures human life on earth." (CPH, *Luther's Small Catechism*, 81). In many ways, pastors, teachers, employers, and government officials are to help support parents in their role as caregivers and teachers of their children.

"Honor includes not only love, but also deference, humility, and modesty [which is] directed... toward a majesty concealed within them."

And this should come as no surprise. Not every child grows and matures in the same way. Parents, not only because of their intimate knowledge of their child's distinctive traits, but also because of their closeness to the situation and their deep love for their family, are best positioned to advise, direct, and raise their children. This is a gift and a blessing worthy of respect from those looking in. Put simply: parents understand best how to raise their children, and God has given them the right, the authority, and the blessing to do so. No one has more of a vested interest in the well-being of a child than his or her parent.

This is furthered within the text of the Large Catechism: "But [God] distinguishes father and mother above all other persons on earth, and places them next to himself... Honor includes not only love, but also deference, humility, and modesty [which is] directed... toward a majesty concealed within them." (LC 1, 106, in *BC*, 401) (Jesus shows us the depth of this love, and just how far that goes when He stretched out His arms and died for us.)

Each person has a role: He appoints fathers and mothers to lead, guide, love, and care for the family members. God has placed authority upon this beautiful family structure. We don't "win" by competing inside of the family structure, but instead when we work together (as "a village," as some say) in love and truth. Not only are children called to honor their parents, but each of us is to honor the parental authority God has placed within each family we may interact with.

When the church gathers, we are to support and look out for each other, even though we might not be "blood-relatives." The church itself imitates a family structure, and even if we're not a family unit, we still look out for each other. It is our role as members of the body of Christ to help each parent carry out his or her vocation, and show our commitment to going the extra mile. Sometimes more beneficial than giving advice is simply to trust, and to lend a hand to help someone else's objective. If fathers and mothers are God's representatives, we can each strengthen the body of Christ as we kindly lend a hand, say a kind word, or simply encourage and trust each parent in their present course as they fulfill their vocation.

Thank you, parents, children, and those in authority, for seeking God's will and caring for those to whom He has entrusted you. God be with you all, and may your love for Him and each other abound in you.

In Christian love, Pastor Schrader

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Partnering with Families to Prepare God's Children for the Future

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 **serving** others.

IMMANUEL- A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW!

As Spring is upon us, we notice all the plants and flowers growing. The grass is green again, the trees are budding and blooming, and flowers are showing their beautiful colors. We marvel at the gardens we planted last fall, that are taking on their own special beauty.

We too, are growing! Daily, at Immanuel Lutheran School we strive to show our beauty by the words and actions we use, our participation in class and school-wide activities. We continue to grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Those seeds of faith, planted throughout the year, continue to grow, and be nurtured. Through God's Word, at Immanuel we learn of Christ's love, His commandments, and His forgiveness, that is ours through Jesus. Seeds of truth and knowledge are planted throughout the school year and we daily bloom into the child He wants us to be.

Receiving a Christian education is the best education possible to give any child. We rejoice that the families of ILS have chosen us to teach their children, nurture their faith in Jesus, and teach a life-giving education. We are proud of our students and look forward to the day when all of the children we have taught at Immanuel will be united as one with Him in heaven forever.

--Ms. Hente, Principal



SCHOOL EVENTS

April 13- Open House 4:00-6:00 pm

April 15- LESA Dinner & Auction at Orlando Gardens in Maryland Heights (tickets at www.lesastl.org)

May 11- All School Musical – "Back to the Beginning"

Dress Rehearsal, 9:00 am Performance, 6:30 pm

May 25- Graduation 6:30 pm

May 26- Last Day of School- dismissal at 11:30 am

Call the School Office, 314-993-5004, or check the *Eagle Eye News*, linked in Immanuel's Friday email, for details!



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BOARD OF STEWARDS

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. 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).



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...'" (Mathew 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**.



IMMANUEL CEMETERY

If you haven't already done so, please remove all winter floral arrangements, etc. from graves as soon as possible to prepare for the Easter/Spring season. Thanks for your cooperation.

NEWS FROM NORTH



Lutheran North's Boys' Basketball team went all the way to the state finals this year earning a second place finish! This is quite a turn-around from a team that only won four games last year! We can't wait to see what happens next year!

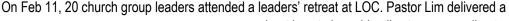
Coming up April 13th, 14th, and 15th Lutheran North will put on their spring musical. This year's production is the "Addam's Family Musical." Immanuel alum in the cast include Nathan Salemink, Jackson Holmes, and Nate Wittler. Show time is 7:00 pm each night. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Come enjoy a fabulous show!





WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LIGHT OF CHRIST

Happy Lunar New Year of the Rabbit! On Jan. 21, we celebrated the Chinese New Year with our 9th Annual Dumpling Party. About 270 people attended this celebration. There were dumpling making, dinner, and performances by members of our Immanuel and LOC members. LOC always considers this a great opportunity to reach out to the Chinese community. The performances were all about bringing joy and light of Jesus Christ to those around us. Also, our sister Kan gave a moving testimony. It was a night to remember!!



message about how to be spiritually strong according to

Isaiah 40:27-31. He encouraged everyone to put our hope in Jesus Christ, where God will give us strength: "Run and not be weary, walk and not faint." We pray that God will strengthen all the leaders' faith and grant them wisdom and strength as they serve God.



By God's grace, in February we received three new members through transfer from other churches. We also received our newest member, Mrs. Zhi, through baptism on

Feb 19. Mrs. Zhi attended the Center activities for many years. Gradually, she was moved by the hymns and the devotions we had, and later began attending the Center's Thursday Bible study class and Sunday worship. God's Word moved her heart and gave her faith to trust in Jesus. Finally, she received Jesus Christ as her Savior and was baptized. To God be all glory!



As God's mission, Light of Christ not only shares the Gospel, but also wants to serve the community to show God's love. In the afternoon of Feb 26, we held a FREE Health Screening event with HPES

(Health Protection & Education Service) for the Chinese community. HPES provides health screenings for immigrants and refugees who do not have access to medical. The event was a success. 20 people registered and received the health screening. Our next screening will be on Sunday,

March 26.

Finally, we had our Ash Wednesday service on Feb 22 as we began the Lenten season. Many of our members have never attended such a solemn service and this was an indelible experience for their own spiritual life and discipline. In this repentant season, we pray that God Almighty would have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, as we reflect and ponder on all that Jesus has done for our sake.



OUR COMMUNITY

Women's 📽



Who doesn't enjoy a Baby Shower?! Especially when the gifts are given to new mothers who are most in need. This year's donations will be given to Nurses for Newborns. Join us on Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 pm. Gift suggestions include baby supplies such as diapers, wipes, shampoo, wash, and clothing (newborn-3T), as well as women's toiletries and laundry detergent. Donations do not need to be gift-wrapped. The shower, complete with refreshments, will follow a brief meeting. All ladies are invited!

In lieu of a May meeting, Women's Guild will join the Men's Club in hosting a Wine & Cheese Tasting on Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 pm. All adult Immanuel members are welcome to attend. Various wines and cheeses will be provided, followed by dessert and coffee.

Note: The June 6 Guild meeting will feature the Cup-o'-Fruit Dinner originally scheduled for May. Also, ladies, remember to bring old eyeglasses to any of the next 3 meetings to be taken to the LWML National Convention in June.

MEN'S CLUB

Our April meeting on Tuesday, the 4th will just be a standard meeting held at 6:30 pm with the regular activities and refreshments.

Men's Club and Women's Guild will again join to host Wine and Cheese Tasting on Tuesday, May 2nd, starting at 6:30 pm. All adult members who are interested are welcome. Various wines and cheeses will be provided, and the evening will end with dessert and coffee. Look for more details in the weekly announcements. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!



APRIL

4/2: 6:30-8:00pm meeting; Parent Meeting, 6pm

4/9: Easter Breakfast - contact Jenn Knehans or Cheri Fitzgerald for questions, or click here to sign up!

4/15: 9:00am-12:00pm Shred Event

4/16: 6:30-8:00pm meeting; Officers Meeting, 6pm

4/23: Confirmation Sunday: off

4/30: Make meals for homeless @ Mrs. Hough's House





MAY

5/7: 6:30pm-8:00pm meeting; Officers, 6pm

5/12 (Friday): Movie Night, Parent's Night out! Parents drop off your kids and enjoy the evening.

5/21: No Youth Group: Weekend before Finals: study hard!

5/28: Memorial Day: off

COMMUNITY CARE TEAM

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

The Community Care Team provides a dinner meal to the homeless men at Sts. Peter and Paul Shelter in Soulard the first Monday of each month. Please join this ministry! We need people/families/groups to provide the dinner (the Community Care Team will gladly cover the costs), deliver and serve the dinner. **Volunteers are needed for May 1, June 5, and October 2.** A sign-up sheet is available at the food pantry table near the church elevator. Questions? Contact Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 or Suzanne Hough (314) 346-6310.

April 3 - Prepare Meal & Deliver and Serve - Hough Family

May 1 - Volunteers Needed

INBOUND FAMILIES

Our inbound members love receiving cards from Immanuel. Please consider sending an Easter Card to them. All cards are due Sunday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m. Be sure to put names on the cards and place them in the black mailbox in the atrium. Volunteers will be delivering the cards. A list of our inbound is located by the mailbox. Contact Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 with any questions.

Immanuel inbound members: Joan Gansman, Dorothy Knoll, Virginia Kellmann, Cheryl Metzler, Donna Scotino, Marilyn Weinstock, and Zane Zeable.



Care Team

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Our food pantry donations support the Concordia Food Pantry and the Jewish Food Bank. Donations, no matter how small or large, help a person in need. Donations are delivered monthly to the pantries and may be left on the table near the church elevator at any time. A list of food pantry suggestions is available there. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry! If you wish to give a monetary gift, mark your envelope "Food Pantry" and we'll do the shopping for you. Questions? Contact Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032.



2023 CHRISTMAS COTTAGE

Save the Date - Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023!

Will need 50 volunteers for this event to be a success! Please reserve a spot on your calendar to volunteer. "Thank You" to everyone who has made a donation to the Christmas Cottage! A donation flyer is available at the food pantry table near the church elevator. Donations may be left at any time in the Christmas Cottage tote located under the food pantry table. Christmas Cottage Team: Diane Tallyn, Rachel Erdmann, Pam Niewald, and Margaret Watkins



Although Immanuel is not currently offering any GriefShare programs, resources for those who are grieving can be found at GriefShare.org . In addition to information on churches that are sponsoring GriefShare and related programs, you can subscribe to a year of emails for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. This offer is found on the home page under "Free daily email encouragement." These brief messages touch on various topics appropriate for those who are grieving. After a year the emails stop. No one will contact you, and if you request that



they stop sending the messages before the year is up, they will do so immediately. In addition to the free daily emails, GriefShare.org has books available for purchase and other resources that can be found under the "Healing" tab at the top of the website.

SAUSAGE DINNER RECAP

Thank you to all who helped with the Sausage Dinner. After two years of COVID and no sausage dinners, this year was a great success. There were many helping hands, lots of desserts donated, and plenty of hearty appetites. We served 667 meals, including carry outs. We profited \$5,966; these funds are designated towards refurbishing the fellowship hall.



CONFIRMATION 2023

The Rite of Confirmation will take place at the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 23. Nine confirmands will publicly confirm the faith given them in their baptism. Please continue to keep the following young people in prayer that this will be a memorable milestone in a lifelong pursuit of deepening their faith in God and love for their neighbor.

Benjamin Lee Erdmann

Paige Deon Goeggel

Collin Taylor Hart

Miranda Li

Grace Erin Lokke

Emory Caldwell Malone Riley Andrew Murray

Luke James Salemink

Frank Y Tian

GREETERS LIST

Notes To Greeters:

Please note on your personal calendar, and trade with someone if you have a conflict. Badges are in the Volunteer Room. **More Greeters are always welcome.** Please call Judy Meyr (314-265-1182) if interested in this service to the Lord.

April 2023

Sat. 4/1: 5 pm Lorna & Christine Arbet Sun. 4/2: 8 am Duane & Bette Bude 10:30 am Bill & Eileen Bunte

Maundy

Thurs.4/6: 7 pm Dave & Janelle Leidholdt
Good Fri. 4/7: 12:15 pm Leon & Carol Mittler
Fri. Tenebrae: 7:30 pm Courtney Zalmanoff
Sat. Vigil 4/8: 7:30 pm Jerry & Mary Edsen
Faster 4/9: 7 am Mark & Char Gordon

10 am John & Suzanne Domalewski

Sat. 4/15: 5 pm Ricci Grabski

Sun. 4/16: 8 am Luke & Barb Burkemper

10:30 am Tim & Cheryl Schaff

Sat. 4/22: 5 pm Leslie Elgert

Sun. 4/23: 8 am Bob & Angie Sudbring

10:30 am Matt & Mara Springer

Sat. 4/29: 5 pm Betty Crane & Sue Wyland

Sun. 4/30: 8 am Lois Stiegemeier

10:30 am Jerry & Margaret Watkins

May 2023

Sat. 5/6: 5 pm Becky Shaw

Sun. 5/7: 8 am Leon & Carol Mittler

10:30 am Luther & Lori Lunn

Sat. 5/13: 5 pm Lorna & Christine Arbet Sun. 5/14: 8 am Dave & Janelle Leidholdt

10:30 am John & Suzanne Domalewski

Ascension

Thurs. 5/18: 7 pm Ken & Rita Eckert

Sat. 5/20: 5 pm Mar Croxton Sun. 5/21: 8 am Diane Tallyn

10:30 am John & Christa Hellert

Sat. 5/27: 5 pm Jerry & Mary Edsen

Sun. 5/28: 8 am Trudy & Natalie Oleshchuck

10:30 am Andy & Michele Zalmanoff

April 2023

	SAT	9:00 Easter Egg Hunt	8	15 5:00 Worship	22 5:00 Worship	29
	FRI		7 Good Friday NO School 12:15 Worship	1	21	28
	THU		6 Maundy Thursday 9:00 Quilters 1:00 Worship	13 9:00 Quilters 4:00 ILS Open House	20 9:00 Quilters	27 9:00 Quilters
	WED	Sunday Morning Schedule <u>Light of Christ:</u> 10:30 a.m. Worship	5 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bazaar NO Bells	12 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bazaar	19 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bazaar	26 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bazaar
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	MON	Sunday Morning Schedule Immanuel: 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	3	10 Easter Monday	17	24
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May 2023

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14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18 Ascension	19	20
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6:30 Sr. High Youth						5:00 Worship
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6:30 Sr. High Youth						5:00 Worship
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