

2023 IMMANUEL STAFF AND COUNCIL

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*Called and united through the Gospel of
 Jesus Christ, our mission is to proclaim
 and respond to God's presence among us.*

April 2023

From the Desk of Pastor Nate...

Nearly-Easter greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our brother, friend, and savior!

When the month ahead includes the celebration of Easter, there is no mystery as to what the pastor might write about in his newsletter article! I will make no exception this year, either!!

In Matthew's Gospel, these timeless, world-altering words come from chapter 28. Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" went to see the tomb. What they encountered was an angel who told them not be afraid, "I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said" (Matthew 28:5-6). A few moments later, as they are on the way to tell the disciples this news, they encounter the risen Jesus himself! As soon as they see him, they worship him. And he echoes the angels words to fear not and go tell the disciples to meet him in Galilee.

It is an extraordinary event that is so much more than the story of a dead man being raised. The resurrection changes everything! People had been resuscitated before. But Jesus is the first to experience the eternal, new life that resurrection brings. Easter opens brand new possibilities for those who cling in faith to this Jesus.

So a blessed Easter to you all in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus!! Rejoice in the new life he brings for you, me, ... and the whole world!!

Humbly in Christ,

Pastor Nate

Welcome Pastor Pimpinan Sijabat

Sunday, April 23

Join us as we welcome Pastor Pimpinan Sijabat, a pastor with the church in Indonesia (where Pastor Warner and his late wife, Mona, served for many years). Pastor Sijabat is a Masters student at Luther Seminary. He has extensive experience planting churches in Indonesia and will be with us in worship on Sunday morning and to share a brief program of his work after worship in the Fellowship Hall. The Outreach Committee is hosting this event and is eager to see what we can learn from one another. We hope you will join us for this exciting morning together!



Giving Blitz

During the Easter season, the Outreach and Finance Committees invite you to make "second mile" gifts to our Spring Giving Blitz.

Moneys will be split between seven ministry partners:

- 1) The Giving Tree
- 2) Someplace Safe
- 3) Hilltop Regional Kitchen
- 4) Wadena Area Food Shelf
- 5) Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services
- 6) Young Adults in Global Mission
- 7) Wadena Backpacks for Kids

More information about these ministries will be made available during the blitz. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

FINANCIAL UPDATE



GENERAL FUND	
2/5/2023	3827
2/12/2023	3434
2/19/2023	8313
2/26/2023	3874
Electronic Giving	365
Direct Deposit	10087
TOTAL GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	29900
EXPENSES	
Benevolences	540
Programs	639
Staff including taxes and benefits	19645
Operations	582
Building Expenses	2623
TOTAL EXPENSES	24028
Gain/Loss	5872
General Fund Register Balance as of 02/28/2023	99507

RESTRICTED				
	Balance 02/1/2023	Gifts & Additions	Payments	Balance 02/28/2023
Backpacks for Kids	\$1,021			1,021
Bell/Carillon	\$250			250
Community Dinner	\$1,595			1,595
Cooking Matters (Ministerial Association)	\$506			506
Good Samaritan	\$2,949			2,949
General Reserve Funds	\$10,849			10,849
Giving Tree	\$3,954			3,954
Global Mission	\$95	50		145
God's Work Our Hands	\$100			100
Infant Care Kits	\$50			50
Lenten Supper	(\$201)			-201
Library Fund	\$125			125
Luther Crest Scholarships	\$472			472
Lutheran World Relief	\$150			150
Medical Mission	\$5,000			5,000
Ministerial Fund	\$700			700
Organ Fund	\$537			537
Parish Nursing	\$487			487
Piano Fund	\$1,105	1,050		2,155
Puppet Ministry	\$396			396
Scholarship Fund	\$8,070			8,070
Soup Tuesday	\$1,223	864		2,087
Sunday School	\$292			292
Ukraine	\$100			100
VBS	\$528			528
Wadena Food Shelf/Food Shelf	\$682			682
Wed. Night Faith Formation Supper	\$2	25	35	-8
Worship and Music	\$2,514			2,514
YAGM	6866			6,866
Restricted Fund Register Balance	\$50,417	1,989	35	52,372

BUILDING FUND		
Building Fund Balance	2/1/2023	17421
Deposits & Interest		339
Payments		0
Building Fund Register Balance	2/28/2023	17760

The council met on March 12, 2023. President Jennifer Brunsberg called the meeting to order.

Congregational Life: *Peggy Larson— Met on February 12th*

Started planning for Wednesday night Lenten soup meals. There has been wonderful congregational participation to make soup, provide bars and serve the meals. Thank you to all those who helped make these meals possible. Free will offering will be split between Wadena Food Shelf and World Hunger. Wednesday night meals have been well attended and appreciated. There is a need for more volunteers to help serve and clean up which requires very limited time commitment and is a fun way to get involved. There was agreement that we need to serve the Wednesday night meals through this year and then reevaluate the feasibility of continuing to offer this option.

Outreach Evangelism: *Rick Johnson—Did not meet.*

Looking how to get young families more involved. Making sure to greet new faces at services. Create/provide a brochure of what Immanuel has to offer? How do we get kids more involved?

Parish Education: *Vacant—Did not meet.* Looking for some task forces.

Property Management: *Sam Sundby—Did not meet.* New boiler and lighting conversations.

Worship and Music: *Pam Nelson—Met February, 6th*

Refurbished Steinway piano service: The Taggart Family will do a concert on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 2:00 pm.

A free-will offering will be taken to support another ministry organization, such as Global Mission, food insecurities, or World Hunger. Transition from Facebook Live to YouTube for Sunday morning Live Stream: Begins on March 1. There will be a link from either our Facebook page or from the Immanuel website. Usher's

Responsibilities: With the recruiting of new ushers, we need to remind them of their duties, which includes

counting the attendance and recording it on the document in the closet at the back of the Sanctuary. A

document will be created and posted for their reference. Organ Anniversary: Our organ is 10 years old this fall.

We will consider having a concert in the fall in recognition of this.

Youth Leadership: *Sara Ross—Met March, 1st*

Skating event went well. Nooma night was held Sunday, March 5th. Next Nooma night will be Sunday, April 2nd

at the Loer's from 5:30 to 8 pm. Youth to serve meal and lead Lent worship service on Wednesday, March

29th. Youth led Sunday service on May 7th. Palm Sunday breakfast April 2nd from 8-9:30 am. Easter Egg filling

event Wednesday, April 5th at 5:30 pm. Easter Egg Hunt between services on April 9th for kids through 6th

grade. Senior Scholarship deadline is Friday, March 31st. Senior Recognition Sunday is April 30th. VBS to be help

July 16-20. Nerf Wars Sunday, May 7th - More info to come!

Immanuel Church Women: *Diane Teigland*

Lutheran World Relief - National Quilt Day March 19th, special offering

Lead Pastor: *Pastor Nate Loer—* **March/April Highlights:** Lent began with Ash Wednesday on February

22. Very somber, but an important day in our spiritual lives. Very humbling to be a pastor on such days,

reminding people that they are dust. Lenten Wednesdays have been well received. Very grateful for all the

volunteers who help make the season meaningful for everyone. Our switch to YouTube seems to be going

well. We are working with folks who need technical support to make the switch Elana and I started a class

with 6 students, preparing them for first communion. Going quite well. They will receive their first communion April

6 (Maundy Thursday). Tracy is getting more and more oriented to her job as Administrative Secretary. Which

means Elana can get more and more involved in her new job. And that will allow me to get back to more

visiting and some other teaching and leadership tasks. **Looking Ahead:** I will attend the Great Northwestern

Minnesota Synod Get-Together March 18 with the Brunsberg's in Bemidji. It will be a good time of networking

and learning with some other leaders from the synod. Palm Sunday is April 2. The youth are serving breakfast. It

would be great to have a full house to support them. Easter is April 9. Starting April 16, we will have 3 more

weeks of our Wednesday Discipleship programming before recessing for the summer. VBS is scheduled for the

week of July 16-20. We hope to engage lots of kids. I know Elana is looking for help. Let's make it a great week.

Financial Secretary Report: *Gail Klunenber & Sue Johnson* - Total of Sunday general offerings counted and

Deposited in February 2023: \$21,436.68. This does not include direct deposits.

Treasurers Report: *Jena Osberg* - General Fund Register: Balance as of 02/28/23 \$99507.00

Finance Committee: *Bryan Greenwaldt—* Did not meet.

Our Vision and Mission - Other Business: Visioning for the future (Directory, Welcoming Visitors)

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Holy Week **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 2	9:30 AM
MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 6	2:00 & 6:30 PM
GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7	6:30 PM
EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9	8:30 & 10:00 AM

**Holy Communion Milestone and Stripping of the Altar
Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm**

**Holy Week services will be live-streamed EXCEPT for
Maundy Thursday 2:00 pm service**



THE TAGGART SIBLINGS PIANO RECITAL

Join Immanuel in celebration of the return of our Steinway piano Sunday, April 23 at 2:00 pm.

A free will offering will be collected for Lutheran Disaster Response's US Tornado Relief Funds.

Women's Ministry

Bible Study - Tuesday, April 11 - 1:30 pm
Tuesday, May 9 - 1:30 pm

Block Cutting - Monday, April 3 - 9am
Monday, May 1 - 9am

Quilting - April 17 & 18 - 9 am
May 15 & 16 - 9 am

What's Happening

April 2
8 am - Palm Sunday Youth Breakfast
9:30 am - Palm Sunday Worship Service
Radio Broadcast 920 AM or 101.7 FM

April 3
9 am - ICW: Block Cutting

April 4
9 am - Staff Meeting

April 5
12 pm - Rotary (catered)
6:30 pm - Filling Easter Eggs (Fellowship Hall)
7:30 pm - ILC Youth Council Meeting

April 6
1 pm - MAC/NAPS
2 pm - Maundy Thursday Service
3 pm - Backpacks Food Pack
6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Service
(Holy Communion Milestone & Stripping of the Altar)

April 7
6:30 pm - Good Friday Service

April 9
8:30 - Easter Worship Service
10:00 - Easter Worship Service
(Easter Egg hunt to follow both services)

April 10
Easter Monday - Church Office Closed
5:30 pm - Boy Scouts

April 11
9 am - Staff Meeting
1:30 pm - ICW: Bible Study

April 12
12 pm - Rotary (#3 N. Overland)
Wednesday Worship Schedule (see below)

April 13
6 pm - Northstar Round Table

April 16
Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)
1:30 pm - Julia Whyntott Piano Recitals
3 pm - Cub Scouts
4:30 pm - ILC Council Meeting

April 17
9 am - ICW: Church Mice
5:30 pm - Dinner Club (The Uptown)

April 18
9 am - ICW: Church Mice
9 am - Staff Meeting

April 19
12 pm - Rotary (catered)
Wednesday Worship Schedule (see below)

April 23
Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)

April 24
7 pm - Book Club (Sharon Boline's home)

April 25
9 am - Staff Meeting
10:45 am - Dementia Support Group
(Open to all - Friendship Room)

April 26
12 pm - Rotary (#1 G. Klueenberg)
Wednesday Worship Schedule (see below)
(Last night of Wednesday Discipleship)


April 27
5 pm - Knute Nelson Grief Support
(Open to all - Friendship Room)

April 30
Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)
Senior Recognition Sunday

Immanuel will soon be in the process of updating the church membership directory. Be on the look-out for more information regarding pictures and the collection of contact information.

Immanuel Directory Committee:
Jennifer Brunsberg (218-639-1080)
Pam Nelson (218-522-0393)
Shaneen Schmidt (218-631-3019)

time to UPDATE

Join us on Monday, April 17 at 5:30 pm at The Uptown

Thank You

We thank all of the soup makers, dessert bakers, and those that helped in the kitchen during our Lenten meals. Even with the bad weather, the Lenten meals were well attended and much appreciated! Have a blessed Easter!

Congregational Life Committee

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Join us Sunday, April 2 before worship for breakfast served by the youth of Immanuel!

Breakfast will be served from 8-9:30am

A free will offering will be collected.

EASTER EGG HUNT

KIDS 10 AND UNDER JOIN US ON EASTER SUNDAY AFTER BOTH SERVICES FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!

APRIL 9, 2023

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATES THE **Class of 2023**

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
8:30 BREAKFAST & PROGRAM
9:30 WORSHIP

Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8:30 - Coffee Fellowship
- 9:30 - In person & live-stream worship on YouTube
- 9:30 - Radio Broadcast 920 AM or 101.7 FM

Wednesday Worship Schedule

- 5:00 pm - Youth Choir Practice
- 5:15 pm - Congregational Dinner
- 6:00 pm - Praise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 pm - Wednesday Education

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Our next food pack day for the WDC Weekend Backpacks Program is Thursday, April 6 at 3pm in the Elementary cafeteria. The food bank selects the day when food is delivered each month, so this is the day we will do our food pack, even though this is also Maundy Thursday and presents a scheduling problem for Pastor Nate and others who are attending worship that afternoon. So we need as many hands as are available to help assemble 400 bags of weekend food for local kids in need.

SUNDOWN AT SUNRISE
By Marty Seifert

This month's book is a historical fiction by Minnesota author, Marty Seifert, and based on a true story about a young farming family and a country school-teacher. We will begin discussing a chapter from Joan Chittisters, *The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully*. Our Book Club meets at 7 pm on the 4th Monday at Sharon Boline's apartment - 1114 King Avenue SW, #404.

