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Immanuel Lutheran News

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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 2025

From the Desk of Pastor Nate...

Grace and peace to you, dear friends in Christ. As our Lenten journeys continue and we look forward to Holy Week and Easter, blessings to you in Jesus’ name.

This month’s installment of our journey through Luke and Acts brings us to a critical turning point in the Jesus story. In Luke 9:51, Jesus sets his face to go to Jerusalem. Jesus knows full well what awaits him there: suffering and death. And yet, he is unwavering in his march toward that destiny. I encourage you to read Luke 9:51-19:27. And as you do, here are some things to pay particular attention to.

In Luke 10:25-42, a lawyer puts Jesus to the test by asking, “who is my neighbor?” Jesus responds by telling a story of a faithful Samaritan (note: Samaritans were not loved by Jesus’ original audience!) who helps a man in need at great risk to himself. In other words, your neighbor is anyone you see in need. An important priority for any follower of Jesus, then and now. Following Jesus is hard – many times, Jesus asks us to be a neighbor, even when that’s hard to do.

In Luke 11:37-54, Jesus dines in the home of a Pharisee and condemns those who use their positions of power and authority to burden others. He then delivers a series of “woes” that might best be understood by turning the opposite practices into blessings: “Blessed are you ... for you practice justice and love of God while paying a tithe on even your smallest sources of income. Blessed are you ... for you love to give others the seats of honor and greet the lonely and overlooked. Blessed are you for your ease the burdens of others, you honor the prophets and try to heed their warnings. You bring hope to this generation.” What would it be like if those were marks on our lives?

There are many more stories in this section, including healings, challenging teachings, the story of the Prodigal Son (or is it the wasteful father?), and parables about the future.

But perhaps the thing to notice above all is that as Jesus gets closer and closer to Jerusalem, people either see Jesus for who he is ... or they grow more and more enraged with him and want him to die. And sometimes, the people who see Jesus for who he really is surprises us. Like in Luke 18:35-43. As Jesus approaches Jericho, a blind man asks Jesus for mercy. And Jesus opens his eyes and he immediately began to praise God. Will we also see Jesus for who he really is and who he calls us to be?

Stay rooted in this story of Jesus, my friends. We will carry forward with chapters 20-24 in the coming months!

Humbly in Christ,

Pastor Nate

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FINANCIAL UPDATE



Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2025

Call To Order and Welcome: President Margie Anderson (10:42 am). Council will meet on April 6, 2025 after church service. (NOTE DATE CHANGE, to avoid Palm Sunday) Minutes from the February 16, 2025 meeting were accepted. A motion was made by Matt Greenwaldt and seconded by Dean Krogstad. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: **Congregational Life:** *Diane Breitling*- Congregational Life Committee did not meet, however we continue to be busy. We are serving 40-60 people at the Wednesday night suppers. We held Bingo games at the Youth Potato Bake. Lots of laughter and fun took place. Everyone had a really good time. We are working to fill slots for Lenten suppers. We will need people to make soup, bake bars and work in the kitchen. Our committee has really strong leaders and are always willing to do what is needed.

Outreach Evangelism: *Vacant*- Did not meet.

Parish Education: *Meagan Ferris*- The Education Committee met on March 6th. VBS update -Luthercrest will come July 20-24. We need 30 kids registered. There will be a small fee for families and the Youth and Education Committee will pick up the rest. We really need family hosts for counselors, we are looking for people to consider. Looking to do a Service Project on April 23rd during Wednesday Worship. The youth will make May Day Baskets to distribute. We also plan on decorating Palm Sunday placemats during the Lenten supper nights. We would love to send interested youth to a Lauren Daigle (popular Christian singer) concert in Fargo on July 13th. We would charge a small fee and the Youth and Education Committee would pick up the rest. We will send information out soon to get numbers and tickets need to be purchased soon. We reviewed the Visioning Document and would love to put together a Snapshot of Immanuel flyer, plus Bulletin Board. There could be information in the Sunday/Wednesday Worship bulletins to tell new visitors to go check out the Bulletin Board for more information about what Immanuel has to offer. We would also like to promote Service Sundays to get the youth involved in some projects.

Property Management: *Steph Drange*— Absent, did not meet. Pastor Nate gave update of planning is still in the works.

Worship and Music: *Anne Oldakowski*— Absent, We met February 10. We discussed the upcoming Lenten worship schedule leading up to Easter on April 20. Music Sunday is happening May 4 and encouraging any musical talents for that service. Working with the property committee on sanctuary projects. Next meeting is March 24

Youth Leadership: *Katie Johnson*— Absent. Pastor Nate updated they did meet March 5.

Other Reports- **Immanuel Church Women:** *Diane Teigland* – All women members are welcome to join in their activities. They continue to do bible study, quilting and serving Rotary.

LEAD PASTOR UPDATE- PASTOR NATE (February/Early March Highlights) **1.** Just wrapped up another successful “Soup Tuesday” season. Sharing food and fellowship together is a very important thing. And we raised a lot of money that we’ll reinvest in MORE food and fellowship **2.** I have been working with a team of folks to help the Bryant Ave fire victims get back on their feet. If you have household items big or small you are willing to donate, let me know. **3.** In addition to preachings and teaching, I am spending time caring for several folks who are critically ill and on hospice care. **4.** Ash Wednesday service was well attended, but very sobering for me. So many who came forward for the imposition of ashes lost loved ones in the past year. Life is fragile and short. The word we have about new life in Christ is so important. **5.** The backpacks program continues to provide local kids in need with weekend nutrition. **Looking ahead 1.** Early Risers Class on Acts wraps up March 23 **2.** Looking forward to a wonderful season of Lent, including Wednesdays rich in music and visits from various Bible Characters. **3.** Communion Milestone Classes start March 12 with our 5th graders and families. That communion milestone will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday (April 17) at 6:30pm **4.** Our next food pack is April 3 at 2:30. We hope to pack about 500 bags – enough for the rest of the year.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD:

Financial Secretary Report: *Reported by Jane Bagstad*

*The total of Sunday and Wednesday general offerings counted and deposited in February was **\$39,212.73**. This does not include direct deposits.*

Treasurer's Report: *Bryan Greenwaldt*

GENERAL FUND:

Total General Contributions: *February 28, 2025* \$45,994.00

Total Expenses: \$28,466.00

General Fund Register (2/28/25) \$122,983.00

Building Fund Register Balance (2/28/25) \$29,303.00

Restricted Fund Balance (2/28/25) \$54,054.00

Finance Committee: *Dean Krogstad*- Present and did not meet.

Our Vision and Mission—Other Business:

Visioning document ideas gathered. Suggestions of revitalizing the “neighborhood” meal, as a thank you to our neighborhood. Snapshot card of Immanuel and what we have to offer, New visitor board. Worship volunteering opportunities, sign up sheets in concourse (what can we do to take the apprehension away/ videos of the jobs). More kids on Sunday service, Maybe post some pictures on Sunday of our fun on Wednesday nights.

The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer and was adjourned at 11:26 am. A motion was made by Bryan Greenwaldt and seconded by Diane Breitling to adjourn. Motion carried. Respectfully Submitted, Kayla Carpenter, Secretary



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:00-9:30 am Palm Sunday Breakfast

(Served by Immanuel Youth)

9:30 am Worship Service (YouTube LIVE)

Maundy Thursday, April 17

2:00 pm Worship Service

(Fellowship to follow worship)

6:30 pm Worship Service (YouTube LIVE)

(Holy Communion Milestone and Stripping of the Altar)

Good Friday, April 18

6:30 pm Worship Service (YouTube LIVE)

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:30 am Worship Service (YouTube LIVE)

10:00 am Worship Service

(Special music by the Sanctuary Choir and Easter egg hunt following both services for children through 6th grade.)

Immanuel Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School



Lead by Luther Crest Counselors

Bring a Friend!!

July 20-24

8:45am - 3:00pm

Lunch and snack provided!

Kindergarten - Grade 5

Completed 2025

\$10/child (max \$50/family)

Call 218-631-2738
for pre-registration



Dinner Club will meet
Tuesday, April 15th
Pirate's Den @ ~ 5:30 pm

"All Music Sunday" ~ May 4th ~ 9:30 am worship

We are looking for soloists and ensembles of all ages to share your musical talents for this special worship service!

**A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board next to the office. The earlier you sign up, the better to get the service organized! Questions?

Contact Deb Haraldson at 218-640-1777.

Congregational Life will be hosting a potluck following worship! Scalloped potatoes and ham will be provided!



Women's Ministry

Block Cutting ~ Monday, April 7 @ 9 am

Monday, May 5 @ 9 am

Bible Study ~ Tuesday, April 15 @ 1:30 pm

"March" Gather Study

Tuesday, May 13 @ 1:30 pm

"April" Gather Study

Quilting ~ April 21 & 22 @ 9-2pm

May 19 & 20 @ 9-2pm

Please consider donating a bag of individually wrapped candy or small prizes for our Easter Morning Egg Hunts.

Candy and prizes can be dropped off in the church office by Wednesday, April 16.

Thank you for your Support!

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Join us
Sunday, April 13 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 Flower Sign-up
located by the church office
Deadline to order is April 7th

Lilies ~ \$18.00

Begonias ~ \$22.95

Cyclamen ~ \$22.95

Mums ~ \$22.95

Graduate Sunday

Sunday, April 27, 2025
Cake and Coffee 8:30am
Senior Led Worship 9:30am

Wednesday Discipleship Will Resume on April 23rd

Supper ~ 4:30-5:45 pm

(Chicken Patty/Mashed Potatoes)

Worship ~ 6:00 pm

Education/Confirmation ~ 6:45 pm

(Service project planned for ALL ages!)

Sanctuary Choir Practice ~ 7:00 pm

Last Wednesday Discipleship April 30th

Supper ~ 4:30-5:45 pm

(Hamburgers/Hot dogs/Root Beer Floats)

Worship ~ 6:00 pm

Education/Confirmation ~ 6:45 pm

(Service project planned for ALL ages!)

Sanctuary Choir Practice ~ 7:00 pm

What's Happening

April 1

9 am - Staff Meeting

April 2

12 pm - Rotary (#1 G Klunenberg)

Wednesday Lent Schedule (see below)

7:30 pm - ILC Youth Council Meeting

April 3

1 pm - MAC/NAPS

2:30 pm - Backpack Food Pack

April 6

Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)

10:45 am - ILC Council Meeting

April 7

9 am - ICW Block Cutting

12 -3:30 pm - Fellowship Hall In-Use

April 8

9 am - Staff Meeting

1:30 pm - ICW Bible Study (March Gather)

April 9

12 pm - Rotary (catered)

Wednesday Discipleship Schedule (see below)

April 10

6 pm - Northstar Round Table

April 13 - Palm Sunday

8 am - Palm Sunday Youth Breakfast

9:30 am - Palm Sunday Worship Service

April 15

9 am - Staff Meeting

5:30 pm - Dinner Club @ Pirate's Den

April 16

12 pm - Rotary (#2 D Haraldson)

5 pm - Youth Easter Egg Filling (Pizza Served)

Sunday Worship Schedule

• 8:30 - Coffee Fellowship

• 9:30 - Worship

(LIVE on YouTube)

• 9:30 - Radio Broadcast 920 AM
or 101.7 FM

Wednesday Lent Schedule

• 5:00 - Communion Milestone Class

• 5:30 - Soup Supper

• 6:30 pm - Holden Evening Prayer Service

• 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice

****Wednesday Discipleship will continue April 23 & April 30****



April 17

10:30 am - Catholic Charities Frozen
Meal Distribution

2 pm - Maundy Thursday Service

6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Service (Youtube Live)
(Holy Communion Milestone & Stripping of the Altar)

April 18

6:30 pm - Good Friday Service (YouTube Live)

April 20

8:30 - Easter Worship Service (YouTube Live)

10:00 - Easter Worship Service

(Easter Egg hunt to follow both services)

April 21 - OFFICE CLOSED

9 am - ICW Quilting

April 22

9 am - ICW Quilting

9 am - Staff Meeting

11 am - Dementia Care Giver Support Group
(Friendship Room - all are welcome!)

April 23

12 pm - Rotary (catered)

Wednesday Discipleship Schedule

April 26

11 am - Funeral Service for Charlie Chase

April 27

Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)

April 28

2 pm - Book Club (Friendship Room)

April 29

9 am - Staff Meeting

April 30

12 pm - Rotary (catered)

Wednesday Discipleship Schedule

Backpacks for Kids

OUR LAST FOOD PACK FOR THE YEAR IS THURSDAY, APRIL 3@2:30PM IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA. COME AND HELP US PACK 500+ BAGS OF WEEKEND FOOD FOR LOCAL STUDENTS IN NEED!



ILC Book Club - Monday, April 28

@ 2:00 pm in the Friendship Room

"The First Ladies"

By: Marie Benedict

& Victoria Murray

