



He is Risen:

He is risen indeed Alleluia!

We say these words so often, but do we contemplate their meaning anymore? It is more than a jubilant greeting. These words are an affirmation, a confession of the salvific work of Jesus and that, in His words, "It is finished". These words profess and proclaim that the Work that Christ has done for us on the cross, and His words of victory proclaimed with his dying breath are complete, trustworthy, and true.

Remembering the cost of our salvation is mournful and sorrowful. The passion of Christ can and should bring us to tears. Seeing our salvation accomplished brings us no happiness but only hope in the salvation which Christ's death has secured for us.

We are not saved because He is risen, but we do know that we are saved because He lives. We know that because He lives, we shall live. Christ's resurrection brings us both happiness and joy. His resurrection is the second part of the ancient credal statement about Jesus that we sing and state so many times during the Eastertide and throughout the year. That is: "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. His death we have witnessed during Holy Week. His resurrection we celebrate throughout Easter. We now await for the third part, the coming again of Christ. All of this we profess in the creed. The first two parts of the decree have been accomplished, and we await with confidence the certainty of the coming of the Kingdom, the coming of Christ in His Glory.

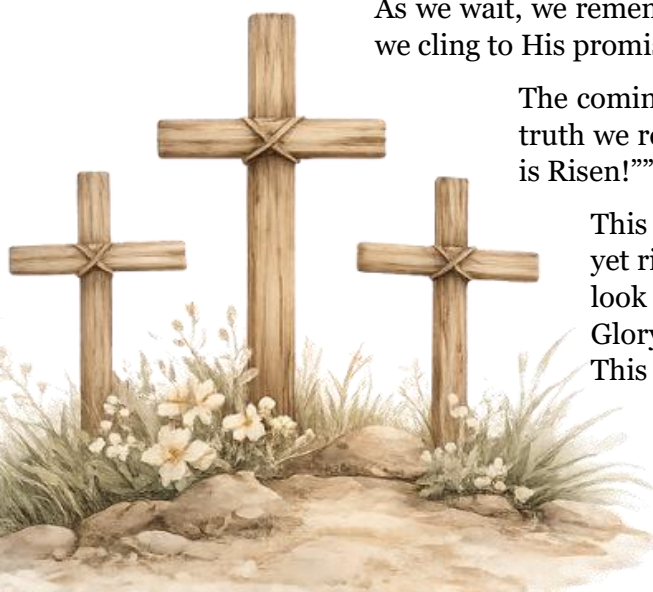
On Easter morning, Jesus told Mary not to touch Him for he had not yet been to the Father. Now we know that He has ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and we know he will come again. His coming is NOT anything to fear. Indeed we teach our children to pray for it at our dinner table, "Come Lord Jesus". The coming again of Jesus is what we Hope for. Jesus has promised, so we trust in His words and wait.

As we wait, we remember His birth in his holy cross and passion, his rest in the tomb, and we cling to His promise of His coming again.

The coming again of Jesus preparing a place for us. In this hope we live, in his truth we rest as we celebrate once more this Eastertide, the good news that "He is Risen!" "He is Risen indeed alleluia" Amen. That is Yes! Yes! it shall be so.

This Easter season we cling to the cross of Christ and celebrate our Crucified yet risen savior. We celebrate because Jesus has won our salvation and we look forward to the second coming of our Savior when He will come in His Glory and will take us to heaven to live with thee there. This is His promise. This is our hope. This is the joy in the Eastertide. Amen.

Rev. James Yonkers



IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL:

- LWML Mite Collection Sunday, **April 5**
- Easter Sunday, **April 5**
- ILS Sunday with Kids Singing, **April 12**
- ILS El Toro Fundraiser, **April 16**
- ILS Walk for Education, **April 30**

THE ROMANS SENT A MESSAGE. GOD SENT ONE, TOO.

The rulers of the Roman Empire wanted everyone under their power to understand clearly that it would be very costly to try to overthrow their government. They conceived the idea of crucifixion as a way of sending an unforgettable message to all people under their control. Death on a cross would be a slow, excruciatingly painful death. The cross would be put in a very public place so as many as possible would get the message: Don't even think of defying Roman rule!

That is why Christ was crucified on Golgotha hill close to a busy road where no passerby could miss the shocking scene. Christ was guilty of nothing. Yet his enemies hated him so much that they told Pilate, Rome's representative in Jerusalem, that Jesus was a danger to Roman rule. Christ's enemies said to Pilate, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar" (John 19:12). Pilate caved in to the clamor of the crowd and allowed Jesus to be crucified.

But those who saw to it that Jesus suffered death on the cross did not know that God had a message to send as well. God victoriously raised Christ from the dead! God touched the precious body of his Son and infused it with life, glorious, dynamic life, life in all of its fullness.

God turned the cross, the executioner's tool of death, into a dramatic symbol of victory. The empty cross and the empty tomb, along with the resurrected body of Christ, reveal God's victory over the worst deed humans might do — the assassination of the Holy.

That is why we put crosses everywhere: boldly, proudly, joyously, triumphantly. It is why we glory in the cross always.

After the Resurrection, Jesus' friend, Peter, explained God's message to all of Christ's enemies with these bold and certain words: "This Jesus, you crucified and killed ... But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it ... This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses Therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:23-24; 32, 36). That is what Easter is all about. *All praise to the living Lord!*

HELP US CARE FOR YOU: *Your well-being is important to us, and we want to pray for you!* Unfortunately, we are no longer notified by the hospital; please call the church office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 7 am - 3:30 pm) when you have any medical procedure or in any time of spiritual need at 217-442-5675. In case of emergencies after hours, please feel free to contact Pastor Yonkers on his cell at 260-413-8375. **Prayer requests:** we are certainly pleased to pray for your (non-member) family and friends alongside our Immanuel members. Please keep us informed of their needs.



THE LUTHERAN WITNESS is the official publication of our LCMS. Published 11 times a year—monthly, with a combined June/July issue—*The Lutheran Witness* keeps you updated with news from around the Synod, and addresses topical issues with feature articles, columns, Q&As, and more that will both inform and inspire. If you would like to try it before you buy it, we keep past issues in the church library in the board room. You are welcome to take an issue home to read and return it when you are finished. This is a must-read for Lutherans of all ages! Subscribe by **May 4** using the envelope in your offering box. Include a check made payable to Immanuel, the cost is just **\$23.50** for the entire year (\$1.95 per issue).

LADIES OF IMMANUEL: The LWML of Peace Lutheran Church in Thomasboro invites you to a Mother – Daughter Salad Supper on **Apr. 19** at 4 pm. Bring you mother, daughter, sister, best friend, etc. and join us for food, fun, and fellowship. There is no cost to attend, a freewill offering will be collected. Please RSVP to Peace Lutheran Church at 217-643-3265. Come enjoy the salad supper and special guest speaker, Heather Wanninger. From the biography on her website: Heather learned the hard way that blessings come from brokenness. She suffered emotional abuse years ago that crushed her spirit and left her constantly questioning if she was good enough, smart enough, capable enough. Her spirit was broken. She became a single mom with no idea what she was going to do next when a friend came into her life that believed in her. That's when she started her business, Sweet Lemonade Photography. Life gave her lemons and she turned it into lemonade. It is now her mission to help women love themselves unapologetically. Whether you were looking for it or not, your found your next hype girl!

"You should not believe your conscience and your feelings more than the Word which the Lord who receives sinners preaches to you." - Martin Luther

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING SUMMARY:

Date: Mar. 24, 2026 / Next Meeting: Apr. 16, 2026

New Business

None.

Old Business

Nominations and the Nominating Committee were discussed again. Josh asked current board members whose positions are up for election to prayerfully consider if they would like to run again or not. Three members of the congregation are still needed for the committee.

Christian Education

Enrollment is at 73. There is an El Toro Fundraiser on Apr. 16 and the Walk for Education on Apr. 30. Teachers are sponsoring a Lenten Supper. There are teacher job shadowing visits scheduled to a Reggio Emilia inspired program in Champaign. Fall enrollment is at 51 with 9 applications in progress.

Finance

Reviewed reports.

Properties

Al continues to work on lighting in the parking lot, driveway, and sanctuary. The roof at the church leaked. Sentry came and did some repairs. Karl stripped and cleaned the school hallway floors. A couple of requests were made to install a brighter light fixture for the balcony stairs, and the light is out in the loft above the stage at the school.

Stewardship

Hustle Hoops Concessions fundraising went to the youth group and Parish Education. A Thrivent Action Team was designated to help with this summer's VBS.

Evangelism

No report.

Worship

No report.

Parish Education

Diana discussed how the Rummage Sale connects us to the community. A donation of \$1000 for the roof was received from a nonmember that faithfully supports our Rummage Sales. We were also able to find a home for some of our old robes with another LCMS church.

Mission and Social Ministry

Katie reviewed the Food Pantry and Immanuel Cares reports with the Board. There is a need for more helpers on the 1st Tuesdays, when we receive our large donation from Midwest Food Bank. It would be nice if we included an invite to church or devotionals in each food basket.

Elders

Discussed an approved membership transfer. Owen's robe is in and taken to the dry cleaners to be pressed.

Vice President

No report.

President

Josh discussed cemetery updates and asked for a financial report for Immanuel's June Voter's Meeting. An approval for gym use for a member was approved.

Pastor

Discussed official acts, membership changes, upcoming worship services, member concerns, and Confirmation. Pastor will attend a church worker conference Apr. 19 – 22 in Effingham. The date for the Creation Museum Trip was set for August 29, 2026.

ILS EL TORO FUNDRAISER: Mark your calendars for our El Toro Fundraiser on **Apr. 16!** Be sure to take the flyer with you when you dine. Fliers were distributed in the church service bulletins the past two Sundays. If a copy is needed, please call the school office at 217-442-5036. Enjoy a great meal, and El Toro will donate 20% of your purchase back to support our school. Thank you for making a difference!

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS:

- Join us for our monthly lunch meeting on Tuesday, **Apr. 14** at 11:30 am. Bring a dish to share, everything else is provided. Our April hostesses are Lorel Fitting and Sharon Crow.
- Our **ingathering** for Crosspoint Human Services will continue through the month of April. Please place items in the marked tote in the coat room. Hygiene items needed are toilet paper, baby wipes, facial wipes, body wash, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner. Food pantry items needed includes pop-top soups, stews, and pastas, pasta noodles, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, instant mashed potatoes, pancake mix, and syrup.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS! We are currently looking for additional volunteers to assist with our front screens and online streaming during Sunday services. The role is simple and user-friendly; no advanced technical skills are required. Everything is prepared ahead of time, and we will personally walk you through the process step-by-step until you feel comfortable. You'll also have the opportunity to serve alongside one of our current volunteers until you're ready to take on the role independently. Even if you only have basic computer knowledge, you can help with the online service stream. And if technology isn't your thing, there are still ways to assist with the front screens and audio that require little to no technical experience. If you're interested in learning more, please contact the church office. There's no obligation to commit, just come and see if it might be a good fit for you. And if you decide it's not for you, that's perfectly okay! Thank you for considering how you might support this important part of our ministry.

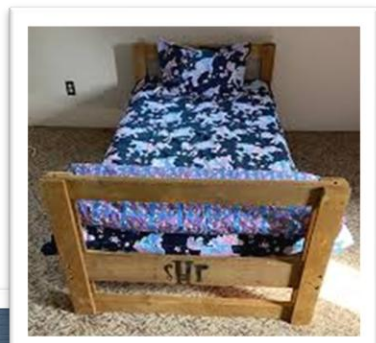


SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE (SHP): This is a letter the church received asking for donations to help provide twin bedding to children in need in our community. Please take the time to read it and prayerfully consider making a donation. Donations can be brought to church and placed in the coat room.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to building and delivering beds to children who have none. The organization began in 2012 in Twin Falls, Idaho, when a church youth group leader built beds for a family in need. He then built another and offered it for free on Facebook. When members of the community heard about his effort, many began donating bedding items; hence, SHP was born. The program was brought to Danville when Dee Ann Ryan went to a bed build hosted by Mahomet SHP at Lowe's in Champaign. She was looking for a bed for a grandmother caring for her grandchild. The Three Kings organization based at the old Roselawn School has been instrumental in sustaining this program by offering storage and doing delivery, which includes bed assembly. This program has furnished about 170 children with beds.

May is graduation month. Preschoolers graduate to "real school," sixth graders graduate to middle school, middle schoolers graduate to high school, and high schoolers graduate to college, trade school, work, and life in general. SHP volunteers are fortunate in that they get to see kids graduate every time they deliver a bed from a floor bed to a real bed. The children love their beds. Moreover, volunteers are rewarded in knowing that sleep improvement aids children in their physical development, cognitive function, and emotional stability.

SHP relies heavily on the community for the linens we provide for the beds. Hence, we want to have a Graduation Party during the month of April. Our goal is 226 twin linen sets. Linen sets include twin fitted sheets, flat sheets, pillow cases, comforters/quilts, and pillows. We must have new linens, not used. We also can not use linens that are holiday specific or religiously oriented. We are asking you to help us meet our goal and join in our party.



Left:
A picture of a bed built by SHP.

Below:
Volunteers at a bed build event.



SCRIP ORDERS: Are you looking for a thoughtful gift, or just want to make your everyday purchases work for a good cause? Scrip cards are great gifts for any special occasion! The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9 am on **Apr. 13** and will be ready for pick up on **Apr. 19**. Here's how it works: you purchase a gift card at face value (for example, a \$100 Meijer card), and the church receives a percentage back (in this case, 3%). You still get the full \$100 to spend—on groceries, gas, prescriptions, or whatever you normally buy—and the church gets a boost at no extra cost to you. Thank you for using this simple and impactful way to give back!

CAPITAL FUND DRIVE: The current bank balance is \$248,127 which includes a \$50,000 grant from Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation which has not been received yet. Our current project is reroofing the flat roofs of the school/gym wing of our building and replacing the skylights. The reroofing portion of this project has been completed, and the skylights are scheduled to be installed March 28 and 29 weather permitting. We are not sure of the final bill for the project yet since there was some additional work done, but it looks like we are very close to having the money for everything. Research is going on into future projects; if you have any suggestions, please let any of the committee members know.

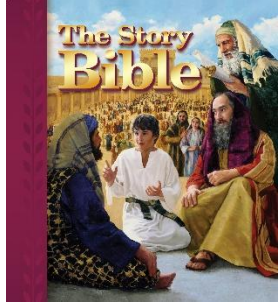
TASTE OF DEUTSCHLAND: Thank you to everyone who volunteered, made a dessert, and/or came to eat the delicious food at this event. The Men's Club and Capital Fund Committee appreciate all your support. The proceeds to the Capital Fund for this event were \$4,500. If anyone has pictures of the event, please contact Jo Van Hoveln; we would like to have copies of the pictures.

RUMMAGE SALE: The spring rummage sale profit of \$2,856 was donated to the Capital Fund along with a donation of \$1,000 from a non-member who goes to our rummage sales regularly.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM: Immanuel is excited to announce an upgrade to our phone system! We are transitioning from traditional telephone lines to a VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) system, which means our phones will now operate over the internet rather than standard phone lines. This modern system offers several benefits, including improved reliability, enhanced features, and significant cost savings. Installation of the new system will take place on Wednesday, **Apr. 8**. During that time, phone service may be intermittent as Area Wide Technologies installs the new equipment. Our phone numbers will remain the same. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make this important improvement!

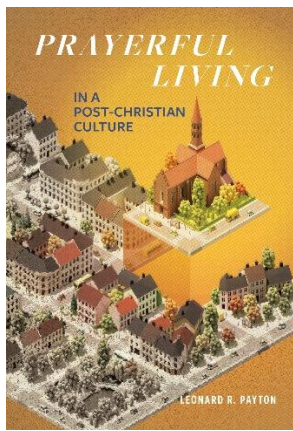
FROM THE CPH SHELF: Each month, we'll highlight a book (or two) designed to encourage your faith, deepen your understanding of God's Word, and support your walk with Christ in everyday life. Be sure to take a look at this month's featured titles and consider adding them to your reading list! If you're interested in a title, let Kim in the church office know and we can order a copy for you.

THE STORY BIBLE - \$34.99: Never before in our more than 150 years of publishing have we produced a Bible for children as rich and feature-filled as *The Story Bible*. This treasure is a great help to pastors, teachers, parents, and grandparents as they, like the faithful mother and grandmother of St. Timothy, lead the little ones to understand the Sacred Scriptures. *The Story Bible*



includes 130 Bible stories—not paraphrased but drawn directly from the Bible with adjustments for readability. Our intent was to keep the focus on Christ by presenting stories with Old Testament prophecies about Him so we could present *one* story for all of Scripture: God's gift of the Savior. Beautiful and realistic art complements each story and engages the reader. With many stories from the latter part of the Old Testament, children may grow in their understanding of the history and sequence of the Bible. Included is a user's guide that explains how to use this Bible with children at different stages of development and reading levels, in addition to discussion questions, learning activities, and prayers.

PRAYERFUL LIVING IN A POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE - \$17.99: In an age when Christian values face



escalating hostility and political activism seems futile, Leonard R. Payton offers a radical proposition: your prayers are more powerful than your votes. Drawing on the biblical concept of the "Holy Priesthood," Payton argues that every baptized believer holds an office higher than any earthly ruler—the office of intercessor before God's throne. Drawing on the rise and fall of nations in Scripture, he uncovers a

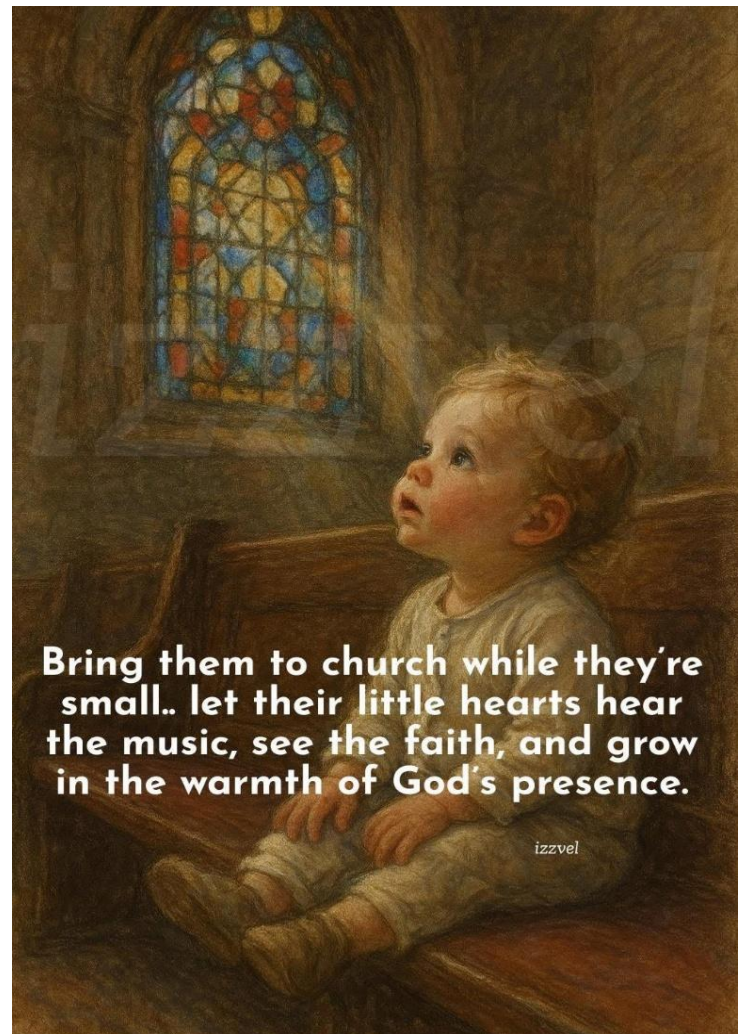
sobering pattern: systemic idolatry, sexual perversion, and greed always precede collapse. And he argues that our own age is walking that same perilous path. But this isn't a book of despair. Payton reminds us that Christ has already won the ultimate victory. Our calling isn't to dominate culture wars but to bring a broken world before God in bold, specific prayer. For Christians struggling to navigate the tension between heavenly citizenship and earthly responsibility, this book provides both theological grounding and practical hope—revealing how intercession can transform nations when politics cannot.

REMINDER! Box Tops for Education is a great way to support ILS when you shop. ILS gets 10 cents for box tops brands. It may seem like it is not enough to bother with; however, it can add up to hundreds of dollars for our school! Download the app and scan your receipts or simply put your receipts in the box in our Narthex next to the Box Tops display, and we will scan them. If you would like your receipt returned to you, simply write your name on the back. Thank you for participating in Box tops for education for ILS!

A HYMN MIXUP WITH A MESSAGE: C. Gray Norsworthy, a pastor in Atlanta, once shared a story about the woman who prepared his worship bulletin. She was



faithful in her work but didn't have much background in church hymns. One week, Pastor Norsworthy handed her a draft of the service and hoped she could decipher his handwriting. When he reviewed the finished bulletin, he noticed the final hymn was titled "Just As I Am, Without a Clue." Whether it's "without a clue" or "without a plea," the truth remains the same: we all come to Jesus just as we are — and we all need him.



Bring them to church while they're small.. let their little hearts hear the music, see the faith, and grow in the warmth of God's presence.

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Prayer Request

Pray for Our CID Missions supported by your church's contributions to the district.

Please remember in your prayers Pastor Pablo Dominguez and Cristo Rey (Christ the King) Lutheran Church in East Moline, where the ministry is conducted almost entirely in Spanish, as well as St. John's Lutheran Church in Beardstown, where Pastor Dominguez travels twice a month to preach and teach in Spanish.

Current Dollar for Missions Project

Amount to be funded: \$1,800.00.

Project: Our first project for 2026 is support for *Hispanic Ministry in Beardstown, IL* to support travel costs for Rev. Pablo Dominguez.


NEW THIS YEAR! You can now support Dollars for Mission through online giving. Many people no longer carry cash but still want to support the Central Illinois District's mission work. One-time and recurring donations are now available online. Use this QR Code, or visit:



<https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/LCMSCentralIllinoisDistrict/D4M>



Bible Quiz



According to Matthew's account, something remarkable happened to the earth on the day Jesus was crucified and again on the morning when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb. What occurred on both days?

- A. There was a flood on both days.
- B. There was an earthquake on both days.
- C. There was a huge fire on each day.
- D. There was complete darkness on both days.

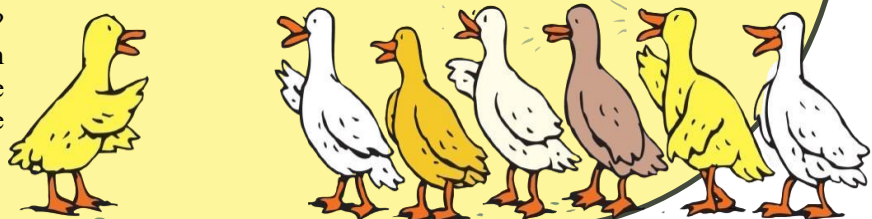
Answer: B (Matthew 27:51; Matthew 28:2)

Voters Meeting

Looking Ahead to Our June Voter's Meeting: Immanuel will hold a Voter's Meeting this June, and we invite you to begin thinking and praying now about how you might be involved. Several important leadership positions will be up for election, including President, Head Elder, Properties, Evangelism, Parish Education, and Worship Director. In addition, the position of Director of Christian Education is currently vacant and may be filled by appointment at any time. This is an especially important role in the life of our congregation, and we would love to see it filled by someone who has a passion for our mission and a desire to bring fresh ideas and energy to our ministry.

Not everyone is called to a formal leadership role—and that's okay! There are many ways to serve at Immanuel. We encourage you to reach out to one of our board leaders to learn more about how you can get involved, share your ideas, and support the work being done. Interested in the Capital Fund? Talk with Jo Van Hoveln. Have a heart for Worship? Connect with Tom Fricke.

Want to explore leadership or committee opportunities? Feel free to speak with our Congregation President, Josh Christensen. Your gifts, ideas, and willingness to serve are a blessing to our church. Please consider how you might use them to support and strengthen the ministry at Immanuel!



WEEKLY BROADCAST SCHEDULE:

Sundays at 7:00 am – WTWO – TV2 (NBC)

Sundays at 7:30 am – WCIX Channel 3

Sundays at 10:30 am – TCT Network – Direct TV Channel 377

Nationwide Sundays: Direct TV Channel 377 (11:30 am Eastern / 10:30 am Central / 9:30 am Mountain / 8:30 am Pacific)

Tune in anytime online: www.worshipforshutins.org.***April 2026*****April 5, 2026*****“Easter Is About Life!”* by Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III****Sermon Text: Matthew 28:1-10**

Death is the reality confronting all of us because we are sinners. But Easter is about life! Because Jesus lives, we shall also live!

April 12, 2026***“A Living Hope”* by Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer****Sermon Text: 1 Peter:3-9**

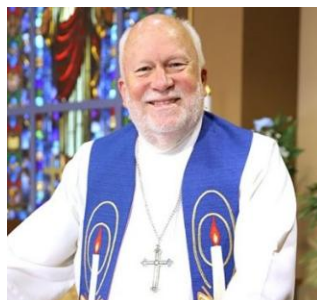
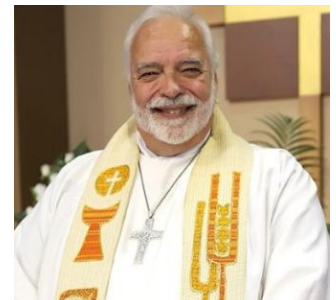
Wishful thinking or rock-solid certainty? The Christian understanding of “hope” differs radically from that of the unbeliever. A blood-stained cross and an empty tomb create an eternity-changing hope, “A Living Hope.”

April 19, 2026***“Opened Eyes”* by Rev. Shayne Jonker****Sermon Text: Luke 24:35**

Two disciples walked with Jesus and their hearts burned. The Emmaus road teaches us that Jesus walks with us and talks with us in the Scriptures. Do you want to have an Emmaus walk with Jesus? Then take God’s Word and read. Come to the church and hear. Take a stroll through the Scriptures searching for Jesus’ death and resurrection, and your slow, sad hearts will burn too.

April 26, 2026***“The Perfect Shepherd”* by Rev. Paul Shoemaker****Sermon Text: John 10:1-10**

One of our favorite images of Jesus is that of the Good Shepherd. This Good Shepherd guides us, His sheep, to the glory and majesty of heaven. It cost Him dearly to do so. That is because He loves us so.

**Rev. Maier****Rev. Ahlersmeyer****Rev. Jonker****Rev. Shoemaker**



ILS Connections

A place to keep families, staff, and the church congregation connected!

April 2026

Say hello to Miss Nicole!



I began subbing at Immanuel Lutheran School last year and quickly felt a strong and genuine connection with both the students and the school community. From the very beginning, I was welcomed with kindness and support, which made it easy to feel at home. I also had the opportunity to help with summer camp, and during that time I was incredibly grateful to be offered my current position as the two-year-old teacher. As this is my first year in this role, I can truly say that this group of children has had a lasting impact on my heart and on my love for teaching. Each day brings new moments of laughter, learning, and growth; not just for the children, but for me as well. Their tiny hugs, high fives, and excitement over even the smallest things fill my days with so much joy and purpose. They constantly remind me why I chose this path, and I feel so lucky to be a part of their early learning experiences. I grew up here in Danville and attended Bismarck schools until my final two years of high school, when I graduated from DHS. After high school, I joined the Marines, where I served on active duty,

finishing my contract, and continuing my service in the reserves in Florida. During that time, I also pursued my education in international studies, earning my associate's degree from Miami Dade College, then pursuing my bachelor's at Florida International University. I have traveled to many states and lived many places before returning home to Bismarck and buying my first home two years ago. Throughout my career path, I've had the opportunity to hold a variety of positions that have given me many valuable skills and experiences. However, the roles I have enjoyed most have always been those where I could lead, support, and help others grow; something I now feel incredibly fortunate to do every day in the classroom. Outside of the classroom, my life is just as full and joyful. I have an 11-year-old who attends Bismarck Junior High, and I am currently expecting my second child with my fiancé, Chris. We are very excited for this new chapter in our lives! Our family also includes a fun and energetic standard poodle named Oliver, who keeps us laughing and is definitely a bit spoiled. I truly believe that the Lord has a purpose for each of us and that He guides us exactly where we need to be. While I may not have expected to be on this path, I feel incredibly blessed to be here at Immanuel Lutheran School, surrounded by such a caring and supportive community. Thank you so much for all your encouragement throughout this year, it truly means more than I can express. I am so grateful to be part of the ILS family and look forward to continuing to grow, learn, and share many more wonderful years together.

YOUNG TWO'S ROOM: Mrs. Kirsten Brown

March was a busy but great month with St. Patrick's Day and Grandparent's Day. The littles had lots of fun with it all! They are learning more and more each day! This school year has gone by very fast!! We will be learning about the color purple this month and spend most of the month learning about Easter! We will celebrate Easter with a small party in the classroom and a craft! Can't wait for another fun month!

TWO'S ROOM: Miss Nicole Martin

March was such a fun and busy month in our two-year-old classroom! We had a wonderful time celebrating Dr. Seuss Week, enjoying silly stories, rhymes, and lots of playful activities that sparked the children's imagination. We also celebrated St. Patrick's Day with festive crafts, fun colors, and a little extra luck throughout the week!

THREE'S ROOM: Mrs. Katie Rouse

Happy Spring! April is an exciting month in our classroom as the children explore nature, weather changes, and new beginnings. This month we will focus on the last few letters of the alphabet—"X is for x-ray, Y is for yak, and Z is for zebra." Our monthly focus: the number 10, rainbow colors, and diamond shapes. We will continue practicing our fine motor skills cutting with scissors, artwork and writing our names; gross motor skills through active play and music & movement; social and emotional skills through daily interactions and expressing emotions appropriately. As always thank you families for your continued support in your child's preschool education. Your involvement helps create a strong foundation for their learning, growth, and confidence!

FOUR'S ROOM: Mrs. Tabatha Hammer

Spring is finally upon us, and our class is thrilled to learn about and observe all the changes that come along with it! During Jesus Time, we will focus on the story of Easter and all the joy it brings. We are also looking forward to our end-of-the-year activities, including graduation, as we celebrate all the wonderful growth and learning this year. Our monthly focus will include:

- **Letters:** Review of the alphabet
- **Numbers:** 4 & 14
- **Color:** Black
- **Shape:** Star
- **Sight Words:** We & See

FOUR'S ROOM: Ms. Michelle Wiese

March has been a busy month. We went from celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday week with themed dress up days to celebrating our Grandparents the following week. Grandparents Day is always a fun-filled memorable event for both the children & their grandparents. We will start off April with our Easter Party and then on April 22nd we will welcome back Lunch on the Lawn. At the end of the month on April 30th we will have our Race for Education event. We hope to see you there! For the month of April we will focus on:

- **Letters:** We will review the first ½ of the letters we have done for the first 2 weeks and then the last ½ of letters for the remainder of the month.
- **Numbers:** 4 & 14
- **Color:** Black
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Joyfully Serving the Lord

April 2026

Note: *Maundy Thursday (Apr. 2) and Good Friday (Apr. 3) services are at 6:30 pm.*

Communion Assistants

- 2 Dean Hull, Kurt Thornsborough
- 5 Don DeMoss, Allen Julian
- 19 Kurt Thornsborough, Dwain Dixon

Ushers – Team “D”

Capt. Jerry Kennett, Chuck Vollmer, Paul Teegarden, Dean and Pam Hull.

Special Services

- 2 Team “B” Youth Team
- 3 Team “F” Capt. Ray Wittmann

Lay Readers

- 5 Gail and Barb Garner
- 12 Sue DeMoss
- 19 Carrie Farrell
- 26 Allen Julian

Gospel Reader

- Gail Garner
- Butch Buesing
- Dwain Dixon
- Allen Julian

Special Services

- 2 Janet Terry
 - 3 Kurt & Debbie T.
- Dean Hull
Kurt Thornsborough

Acolytes

- 5 Eli Mann
- 12 Kendall Wright
- 19 Brooklynn Hunt
- 26 Kinley Pratt

Special Services

- 2 Hannah Christensen and Owen Price
- 3 Jamie Yonkers

Videographer

- 5 Butch Buesing
- 12 Kim Davis
- 19 Josh Christensen
- 26 Dwain Dixon

Sound/Screens

- Jan Mann
- RJ Davis
- Butch Buesing
- Don DeMoss

Special Services

- 2 Josh Christensen
 - 3 Kim Davis
- Jamie Yonkers
RJ Davis

Children’s Church

- 5 No Children’s Church (Easter)
- 19 Jan Mann

Children’s Sermon

- 12 Mary Ellen Fricke
- 26 Jan Mann

Immanuel Cares

Women’s Guild and Annabelle Clark

Altar Guild

Tina Ammermann, Kathy Christensen, Katie Yonkers

Money Counters

Jerry and Charlotte Kennett

Check Signers

Mike Ferris and Julie Buesing

May 2026

Communion Assistants

- 3 Don DeMoss, Dwain Dixon
- 17 Josh Christensen, Al Julian
- 24 Dean Hull, Kurt Thornsborough
- 31 Al Julian, Don DeMoss

Capt. Denny Hilton, Dave Creek, Glen Natschke, Mike Ferris

Lay Readers

- 3 Josh Christensen
- 10 Butch & Julie Buesing
- 17 Sue DeMoss
- 24 Kurt and Debbie T.
- 31 Carrie Farrell

Gospel Reader

- Josh Christensen
- Butch Buesing
- Al Julian
- Kurt Thornsborough
- Gail Garner

Acolytes

- 3 Carley Wright
- 10 Jamie Yonkers and Owen Price
- 17 Kinley Pratt
- 24 Brooklynn Hunt
- 31 Eli Mann

Videographer

- 3 Butch Buesing
- 10 Kim Davis
- 17 Dwain Dixon
- 24 Dwain Dixon
- 31 Josh Christensen

Sound/Screens

- Jamie Yonkers
- RJ Davis
- Jamie Yonkers
- Don DeMoss
- Jan Mann

Children’s Church

- 3 ILS Sunday
- 17 Jan Mann

Children’s Sermon

- 10 Sue Heidle
- 24 Diana Pratt

Immanuel Cares

Marcy Heeren and Marge Souza

Altar Guild

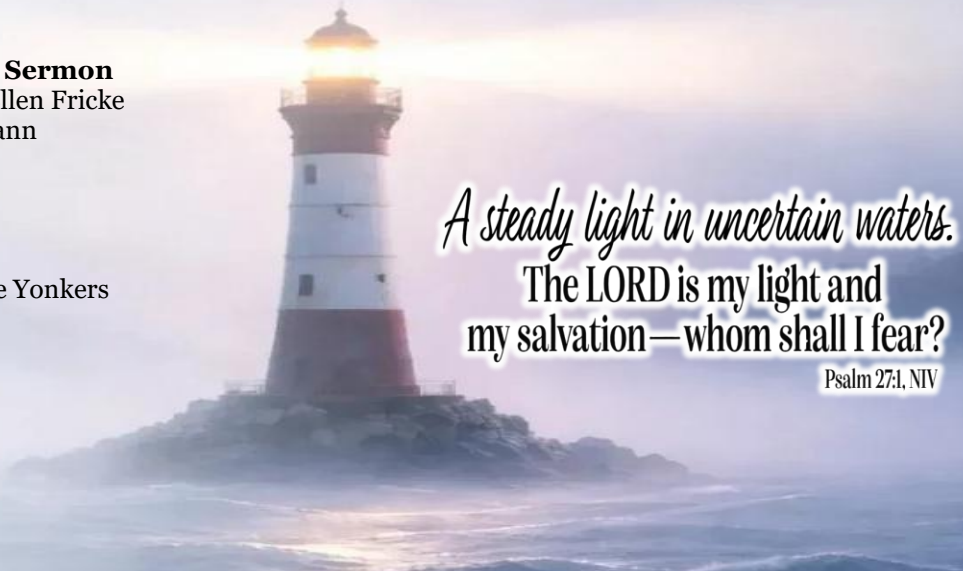
Pam Van Camp and Carrie Farrell

Money Counters

Nancy Purviance and Martha Elliott

Check Signers

Mary Powell and Jo Van Hovel



A steady light in uncertain waters.

**The LORD is my light and
my salvation—whom shall I fear?**

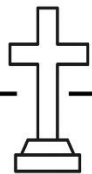
Psalm 27:1, NIV

PUZZLE

FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV


























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| 1. Jesus | 5. cross |
| 2. weary | 6. endured |
| 3. endured | 7. scorning |
| 4. opposition | 8. shame |



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| 1. Jesus | 5. perfecter |
| 2. lose | 6. him |
| 3. pioneer | 7. faith |
| 4. sinners | 8. hand |



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| 1. eyes | 5. right |
| 2. us | 6. grow |
| 3. joy | 7. God |
| 4. heart | 8. throne |

"... fixing our  1 on  1, the  3 and  5 of  7. For the  3 set before  6 he  3 the  5,  7 its  8, and sat down at the  5  8 of the  8 of  7. Consider  6 who  6 such  4 from  4, so that you will not  6 and  2  2  4."

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV



HANDPRINT BUTTERFLY OF NEW LIFE

The butterfly reminds us of new life and the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and brings us the hope of new beginnings. This simple craft helps children celebrate that joyful truth.

What you need:

- Light-colored construction paper
- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper towel or baby wipe



What you do:

- Cut out a butterfly body from the construction paper.
- Glue the butterfly body onto the card stock.
- Use a paintbrush to coat the palm of one hand with paint.
- Press your painted hand beside the butterfly body to create a wing.
- Repeat with your other hand to make the second wing.
- Clean your hands with a paper towel or baby wipe.
- Optional: Add Luke 24:5-6 (NIV) around the butterfly or on its body:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

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Worship Schedule

Sundays
 Apr. 5, 12, 19 & 26
 at 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday
 Apr. 2 at 6:30 pm

Good Friday
 Apr. 3 at 6:30 pm

Wednesdays
 Apr. 8, 15, 22 & 29
 at 5:00 pm

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