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Immanuel Lutheran Church

MESSENGER

GOD WITH US

A lot is happening in the background preparing for our future. A lot of it might not be noticed on a Sunday morning, the liturgy is meant to be timeless and unchanging, but great things are happening at Immanuel!

We just had an amazing German Dinner. It was my first one with you, and WOW! We had 380 people come to our German dinner. We have hundreds come through the Hustle Hoops program, and our preschool is booming with more students than we could have ever hoped for! When we all show up on Sundays, the church is full and noisy with the sounds of young and old alike. Our future is bright! The Lord has not abandoned us! Since Christmas, we have had two baptisms and one adult completed instruction class to become a member and now joins us at the Lord's Table. This is joyous news. We share the love of God and people come. The love of God is shared in many ways. It is shared with a smile and a handshake to others as we come in the door, it is shared by our support and attendance at church and school functions.

Our voters meeting was a bright spot. We voted to take a leap of faith and focus on ministry and outreach. We have things setup we trust in the Lord, and now harking the voice of Jesus calling we go.

When introducing the idea of a deaconess, the professors and directors I spoke to were amazed

at the many outreach opportunities we have. When I sat with council members the question always came up "Can one person possibly do all this?" No, but by God's mercy and grace, and with the help of this congregation, these things can be done!

When I am out and about, I am often stopped and told how wonderful our German Dinner is, what a beautiful building we have, or what a wonderful school ILS is. Even when I am serving in the hospital, parents stop me and proudly tell me their child goes to Immanuel Lutheran School.

The fields are ripe and right for harvesting. *How will we reap the bountiful blessings God has offered to us?* Our new Deaconess intern will be one of the workers. She will help and lead us in many and various ways, but she will not be able to do it alone! God has called all of us to be a part of His family. We need to take our time and attend our outreach opportunities. We need to take our talents and serve in our neighborhoods. Each week, we pray that Immanuel might be a city on a hill, a light for people near and far. We bring people to the light, and it is really showing. Now is the time to step out of our comfort zone, do the chicken dance and welcome our neighbors by showing them the love of Christ when they come to our home, when they come to God's house, when they come to Immanuel!

Pastor Yonkers

SPECIAL DATES IN MARCH:

- LWML Mite Collection, **Feb. 5**
- Second Sunday in Lent, **Mar. 5**
- Daylight Savings Time Begins, **Mar. 12**
- Third Sunday in Lent, **Mar. 12**
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, **Mar. 19**
- “Spring Out” Ladies Night, **Mar. 20**
- First Day of Spring, **Mar. 20**
- ILS Spring Break, **Mar. 20 – 24**
- Spring Rummage and Bake Sale, **Mar. 24 & 25**
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, **Mar. 26**
- ILS Grandparents Day, **Mar. 29**
- Thrivent Choice Dollars Deadline, **Mar. 31**



PARENTS: *Do you have a college student?* Call the church office and let us know their mailing address! We would love to keep in touch to show them our love and support. Immanuel Cares will send cards with words of encouragement for them and they can keep up with our monthly newsletter. Thanks!

AMAZING *grace*

LENTEN SERIES: Midweek Lenten services are **Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**. Lenten Suppers are served beginning at 5 pm to help foster fellowship and make it convenient to attend midweek services. In honor of the 250th anniversary of the writing of “Amazing Grace,” we’ll use a worship series that ties the words of the beloved song to our lives today. Those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God help us each week to realize that though we once were lost in sin, we now have been found by Jesus, and though we once were blind to God’s mercy, we now can see his love at work in us through our Savior’s death and resurrection. ***Please join us - experience the beauty of this hymn, and more importantly, the beauty of God’s amazing grace!***

WEEK ONE: We will see God’s amazing grace at work in the life of the prophet Isaiah, who proclaimed to God’s people the salvation that was to come through the Suffering Servant. Our call in Lent is to speak that same message of salvation found in the suffering and death of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve.

WEEK TWO: We’ll hear Jesus tell of the great love of a father who lavished amazing grace upon the Prodigal Son, a picture of our Heavenly Father’s lavish compassion toward us through his Son Jesus. We were lost but now are found.

WEEK THREE: In this service, we witness Jesus bringing sight to a man born blind, giving the man the added spiritual vision to see the amazing grace of God found in Jesus, who heals us all. We were blind but now we see.

WEEK FOUR: In this week’s service, we listen to Jesus teach a woman at the well of his amazing grace poured out for us abundantly, which satisfies our thirsting souls for all eternity. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

WEEK FIVE: we marvel at the story of amazing grace in the life of Paul, who turned from persecutor of Christ to proclaimer of our Lord through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit. In the same way, cross of Christ changes us all from enemy to friend.

HELP US CARE FOR YOU: *Your well-being is important to us and we want to pray for you!* When you or a family member is hospitalized, we want to serve you with prayers and visits. 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/surgical 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.

LIMITING DISTRACTIONS: Getting a cell phone is a major milestone for kids — and a huge decision for parents. Despite our boys’ complaints, we made them wait longer than most of their peers. We emphasized accountability, monitoring and time limits. Out of curiosity, I checked my own phone usage. It was more than double the limit we set for our kids! I came up with reasons (excuses, really) why I needed more time. But God stopped me in my tracks and prompted me to use a “time’s up” notification. It helps me be intentional about removing distractions. What diverts you from God’s best? Are you listening to him and then redirecting your attention? God, speak clearly — and prompt us to listen!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins on Sunday, **Mar. 12**. Remember to move your clock ahead one hour Saturday evening, Mar. 11, to ***Spring Forward!!***

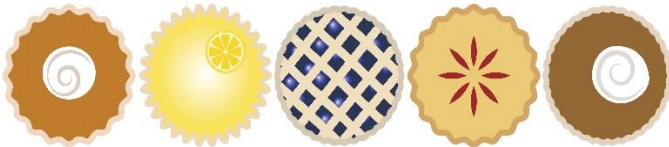
A Christian is like a good watch: he has an open face, busy hands, is made of pure gold, is well-regulated, and is full of good works. A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps.



ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS! The Choice Dollars deadline is coming up on **March 31st**! Choice Dollars can be designated to other organizations or charities, but we ask that you would consider making Immanuel your choice! For more information, speak with Dean Hull, or your Thrivent agent.

FOOD PANTRY: In January, our food pantry provided 26 food baskets that help feed 136 individuals! That's amazing! It's also expensive. In addition to donations received (from members and Midwest Food Bank), our food pantry spent \$436.30 last month! We are always accepting donations of staple food basket items to help offset expenses. Items needed are breakfast cereal, canned fruits, vegetables, and soups, peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti noodles and sauce, and macaroni and cheese. Thank you!

MMMMM... PIE! *PI Day* is Mar. 12. If you are a pie baker, please bring some delicious pies to the board room that day. If you are a pie eater, please stop by after church to purchase a pie!



SCRIP CARDS: The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9 am on Monday, **Mar. 13**. This is an easy way to get something for everyone without the hassle of shopping in the stores, and these cards are *good anywhere in the USA*. Order forms are on the table in the chapel hallway. Orders are not limited to the vendors listed on the order blank. A complete list of the vendors can be found on their website: www.raiseright.com (*note: the website has changed names*) or on the hall bulletin board. If your vendor is available write the name of the vendor, denomination of the gift card, number of cards wanted, and total amount on a blank line of the order form. **McDonald's cards are now available with a 2% profit to the church!** These orders will be available for pickup on **Mar. 19** or in the church office after that.

What is Scrip? Scrip cards are gift cards and they come in various amounts. This fundraiser does not cost you anything! For example, you order and receive a \$100 Meijer card and pay \$100 for it. The church gets \$3 (3%) of income from this card, and you buy \$100 worth of groceries, prescriptions, gas, etc. with it. Retailers offer varying rates of profit 1.5% to 13% so the amount the church receives depends on the rate on the individual vendor card. There is a printed list of the vendors and the percentages they give on the bulletin board in the chapel hallway or on their website www.raiseright.com. These cards are *good anywhere in the USA and can also be used for confirmation, birthday, graduation, Christmas, new baby, or wedding gifts*.

SAVE THE DATE! It's time for you to clean out



your closets, declutter your home, and help Immanuel – the Spring Rummage and Bake Sale is **Mar. 24 & 25!** You can bring in your donations anytime and put them on the stage behind the curtain. Please consider volunteering with set up and sorting, during the sale, and

clean up. Also, begin thinking about making some delicious goodies for the Bake Sale. Tell all your friends to shop our sale! *Thanks for your support!*

CAPITAL FUND DRIVE: The current bank balance is \$8,535 so we need to continue building it up again to be able to complete our future projects. We have a few projects that we are considering for the near future, but we have to get bids on them first. There are special envelopes at the ushers' desk and between the Stewardship bulletin board by the coat room and member mailboxes. The congregation established the Capital Fund Drive in 2012, and thanks to our generous congregation, we have accomplished many needed upgrades and renovations. Prior generations worked and sacrificed to build the school and church building, and it is up to us to preserve and improve our church home just as we would our own household's. There is a list of projects completed and the costs on the Capital Fund bulletin board; please stop by and check it out. There are special envelopes at the same bulletin board located between the coat room and the member mailboxes for ongoing donations through the year. "...because of my devotion to the house of my God I give my treasure for the house of my God. 1 Chronicles 29:3b

TASTE OF DEUTSCHLAND: Thank you from the Men's Club and the Capital Fund Committee for attending, volunteering, and/or bringing a dessert. We appreciate all of you for making this another successful fundraiser. There were 380 meals served. The profit from this event was \$4,976.76, and the Men's Club will donate \$4,000 of that to the Capital Fund Drive.

DIRECTORY UPDATES: Please make a note of the following changes in your copy of Immanuel's Directory of Members and Friends: **Carol Johnston's** permanent address is Adams Place, 1925 Memorial Blvd. Apt. 230, Murfreesboro, TN 37921. Her cell phone number is 217-474-4523. **Ray and Marie Wittmann** no longer have their landline telephone. Ray's cell number is 217-260-9992. Marie's cell number is 217-474-6181. We will continue to update new or corrected contact information in the newsletter each month as it becomes available. Please contact Kim in the church office if your information changes or is listed incorrectly. *Thank you!*

Women's Guild News

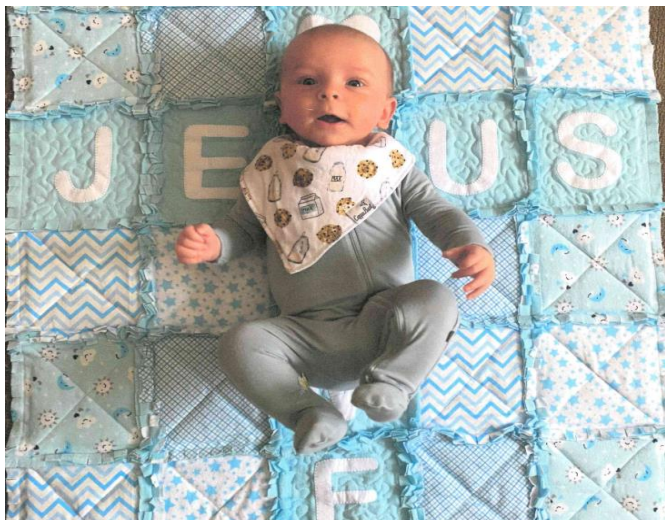
MARCH MEETING: Our March luncheon meeting will be at 11:30 am on Tuesday, **Mar. 14**. As usual, bring a dish to share; tableware and dessert are provided. The Guild Board will meet Wednesday, **Mar. 8** at 9 am.

“SPRING OUT” LADIES NIGHT: Don't forget to sign up for our *“Spring Out”* Ladies Night on **Mar. 20** at 6 pm. We'll enjoy an evening making spring wreaths, fun, and fellowship! Please sign up on the hall bulletin board by **Mar. 14** so that we can make sure to have supplies for you. Donations of fake flowers, greenery, and wide ribbon would be appreciated. There is a designated tote in the coatroom. Bring a bag of your favorite snack. We welcome you to invite a friend!

INGATHERING: The ingathering items for the Humane Society were greatly appreciated! Our March and April ingathering is for the Hope Center. They have requested individually wrapped healthy snacks such as string cheese, yogurt, granola bars, crackers, etc. There is a small container in the all purpose room refrigerator for items that need refrigeration. Since 2017, the Hope Center has served children, youth, and families living in and near Fair Oaks with the love of Jesus. Our goal is to collect at least 80 items, a part of the district challenge in coordination with the LWML's 80th anniversary.

LENTEN SUPPER: The Women's Guild will be sponsoring the Lenten supper on **Mar. 8**. Join us at 5 pm for Italian night!

SEMINARY STUDENT: The Women's Guild gives monthly support to a missionary and a seminary student. Our seminary student, Hayden Brown, is in his last year at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and will graduate in May. We have supported him for four years. During the time of our support he married Emily, a preschool teacher, and they were blessed with a baby son, Matthias (pictured below) last November. Hayden grew up in Morton Illinois and moved to Minnesota in 2019 where his father is a Lutheran pastor and his mom is an elementary teacher.



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ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS! The Thrivent Choice Dollars Deadline **March 31st**! Each year Thrivent members have the opportunity to designate where your Thrivent Choice Dollars go. Choice Dollars are a free benefit of being a Thrivent member, and they can be used to make great donations to Immanuel Lutheran Church, or any of its special missions or funds. It is all, as the name implies, YOUR choice. Thrivent Choice Dollars can be designated to many other organizations or charities, but we ask that you would consider designating Immanuel Lutheran Church. Choice Dollar designees are listed by Thrivent. If you wish to designate to a specific mission or ministry here (including Immanuel Lutheran School) here at Immanuel Lutheran Church we can make that happen, just speak to your Thrivent agent and the church office regarding your Choice Dollars and we will make them work for you, the congregation, and any special ministry you choose to support.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS make it easy to live generously. There are many events and activities right here in our church and school that could benefit from an Action Team. Thrivent will donate \$250 to jumpstart a fundraiser, service project, or event of your choice. You get two per year – don't let them go to waste! Talk to Sue Heidle or Dwain Dixson to learn more or for help starting an Action Team today!

I would like to give money to our church, but how can I make sure that the gift will be lasting?

Lutheran Legacy specializes in 'endowment funds', also called 'permanent funds', because the principle remains permanently invested while the earnings provide a stream of revenue. Immanuel has set up a fund for both the church general fund and the building and grounds. An initial \$10,000 from savings was invested in each fund, which qualified us for a matching \$5,000 grant for the Building and Grounds fund. All contributions to the buildings and grounds fund will continue to receive a 20% match. To donate directly to Lutheran Legacy, go online to lutheranlegacyfoundation.org and click on the "funds" link on the top of the page, then on "churches" for Immanuel or "parochial schools" for ILS. The funds are listed in alphabetical order, scroll down until you find Immanuel in Danville and click on the "donate" button to the right. If you wish to mail a check, the donation form is also available on the information table in the hall. There, you can also find a "Frequently Asked Questions" handout to learn more! If you do not have a computer, simply pick up a donation form from information table in the hall and mail a check. Please contact Kim in the church office with questions.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY:

- **ILS REPORT:** Our current enrollment is 76 kids. In addition to the Angel Tear grant in his report, Mike stated that we also received a CCRS grant for \$3000. Mike also talked about Beyond the Classroom workshops hosted by our district that will provide training for evangelizing to school families. He asked that any board members that would be interested in attending speak to him. The closest workshop in May 6th in Champaign.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** Briefly mentioned the idea of a solar power system at the last board meeting. Dean Hull provided Scott Huckstadt with some information on a couple of companies to contact. Sun Power has already been in touch with Kim in the church office and will get us a quote. Butch presented the idea of a deaconess intern to the board. There is an intern available that would be a good fit here at Immanuel. We need to apply in March, placements are in May, and she could arrive here by June. Financials will be discussed during status reports.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** The deadline for nominations for Synod President, First Vice-President, and Regional Vice-President is Feb. 28. Will bring to the February Voters Meeting. Trinity voters have approved the updated cemetery by-laws with a request to add a revision date to the document. This will be presented to Immanuel voters Feb. 26. We received a quote from Watchfire for the sanctuary media project. This will be a wonderful addition to our services, but will require more volunteers to run.
- **FINANCE:** Reviewed reports. We discussed the church and school's ability to afford a deaconess intern. The hosting congregation must provide housing, salary, health insurance (through seminary), pay an internship fee, and pay moving expenses for a total expected cost of approximately \$47,600.00.
- **PROPERTIES:** Securitas installed upgraded smoke detectors and fire alarms. They will change remaining pull alarms. We had to call an appliance repair company for the new freezer. The vents were blocked with dust, and we will need to monitor and clean them regularly. Scott did a walkthrough with a risk management company on behalf of Church Mutual. Mike had a meeting with the Danville Police Dept. They would like for us to map the building and label the entrances with 8 in reflective adhesive numbers. There are some tears in the canopy, and it looks to be caused by it getting hit again. The cost is \$1,900 to repair and will likely not be covered by the warranty. We are looking at options to replace the heavy wood panels for the dining line to aluminum sheeting.
- **STEWARDSHIP:** Sub sales raised \$240, the Sweet Treats Bake Sale raised \$274 for the Capital Fund.

The Spring Rummage Sale will be Mar. 24 & 25, and proceeds for that will also go to Capital Fund.

- **EVANGELISM:** Planning Easter bags for ILS.
- **WORSHIP:** For Lent, we are using Amazing Grace series from Creative Worship. OSF Chaplain Bob Frank will fill in Ash Wednesday and Sunday, Feb. 26 for Pastor Yonkers.
- **PARISH ED:** Diana shared that the Women's Guild is on the list for their new missionary to visit Immanuel. The date is uncertain at this time, but we will likely host a brunch, where she will give a presentation on her mission work in Puerto Rico, and have a door offering for her fundraising efforts.
- **MISSIONS & SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Reviewed reports from the food pantry and Immanuel Cares. Joyce read a nice thank you letter from Love, Inc. for a food basket that was given to a family unable to work at this time because they have a seriously ill child in ICU.
- **ELDERS:** Discussed the Deaconess intern at their February meeting.
- **PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Yonkers phoned into the meeting because they were traveling to Arkansas. The main subject to be discussed was the deaconess.
- **VICEPRESIDENT:** Butch Buesing continues to work on our Constitution changes for Christian Education structure.
- **PRESIDENT:** Josh and Scott attended the Trinity Council meeting to discuss the Cemetery By-Law changes. He is also working with Andreas to schedule the next session of Hustle Hoops.
- **NEXT MEETING:** March 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm.



CHILI TO GO DINNER:

We will once again have a Chili to Go lunch available on Sunday, **Mar. 12**. For \$5 you can grab a sack chili lunch with all the fixings. The proceeds will go to Capital Fund!

"Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I feel my sins. They bite, chase and frighten me. Where shall I go? I look to You, Lord Jesus Christ, and despite my weakness, I believe in You. I hold fast to You, and I am certain that You said, 'Whoever believes in me will have eternal life.'"

— Martin Luther



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“Give us this day our daily bread” is the fourth petition of the Lord’s prayer. This petition is preceded by three petitions asking for spiritual blessings and is followed by three petitions asking for deliverance. Here again, the Lord is teaching us to seek first the kingdom of God and then the material stuff, everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, will be given to you as well.

By nature, our sinful nature, people often want to put material things first, before spiritual blessings, then worry about not having enough, not getting enough, or not being able to keep what they already have. Although scripture teaches us to be content with the food and clothing that God has provided for us today, many people spend their lives trying to accumulate what they cannot keep when God calls them from this life. Contentment is often illusive for those who are caught up in the relentless call of marketing: you must pursue all that is “newer, better, faster.” Looking at what one does not have, the reality of what one does have is obscured.

So today I ask you to look at how greatly God has blessed you and be content. Two hundred years is a very short span of time compared to all the time since Adam and Eve. Yet, even most of the poorer people who live among us in this country, the people who live in the projects, on government assistance or in poverty, still live better than kings did 200 years ago. Whether it is transportation, medicine, entertainment, sources of knowledge and education, food quality, clothing, or almost every other aspect of daily bread we have it really good today in this country.

Be careful not to grumble for God is the giver of every good and gracious gift and your grumbling brings into question your thankfulness and trust in God who is the source of every good and gracious gift. Instead, be thankful and full of praise to God who has blessed you in Christ with forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Pray earnestly that God will provide for those in need, and look to your abundance as a source of blessings that God will use to bless the needy. May God bless you and bless others through you. Share your daily bread and share your faith with your neighbor who is in need, for your heavenly Father shared His son in order to share His kingdom with you.

Rev. Charles Olander, CID Planned Gift Counselor

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Pray

Please remember in your prayers all our CID campus ministries, especially Rev. Kenneth Hoover and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Charleston, serving students, faculty, and staff at Eastern Illinois University.

Camp CILCA Announcements

FREE PANCAKE DINNER: You are invited to a free Pancake Dinner at Camp CILCA on Saturday, **March 4** from 10 am-1 pm. This is a thank you to all those who have prayed for, volunteered for, and donated money to Camp CILCA. Please come and enjoy a lunch among friends in thanksgiving to our God.

WOODCUTTERS RETREAT: Men, Camp CILCA needs you! The Act Like Men Woodcutters Retreat is **March 10 – 11**. Cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God’s Word are all great ways to grow your soul. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. The suggested donation for overnight is **\$25** (\$10 for Saturday only). To register, contact the camp office at 217-487-7497 or email director@cilca.org. **Please let us know you are coming so we can prepare the meals.**

ANNUAL BANQUET: Camp CILCA’s Annual Banquet is Sunday, **March 26**, 5 pm - 8 pm at Camp CILCA’s Dining Hall! **Tickets are \$40 each. Call the camp office (217-487-7497) or email (camp@cilca.org) to reserve your tickets today!** The Annual Banquet is an evening celebrating God’s work of Creation and Redemption, especially as those works are enjoyed, proclaimed, and taught at Camp CILCA. Join us for an evening of music, food, great speakers, and friends. This year, Mrs. Katie Schuermann will speak about why Christians should read and write.



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DEACONESS INTERN: Miss Rachel McCloskey is the woman we hope to have as our Deaconess intern. It is not a given that Rachel will be our deaconess intern, but Pastor Yonkers has spoken with Dr. Neilson from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and both agree it looks like an amazing fit. This letter from Rachel was attached to her information sheet that was handed out at the last Voters meeting on Feb. 26.



Hi! My name is Rachel McCloskey and I am really excited to be interning with you this year. I am originally from Pittsburgh, PA but I have lived all over the place. I am a pastor's daughter and when I was 5, my family moved to St Louis so my Dad could go to Seminary. I loved growing up on Seminary

campus and when I began studies of my own at Concordia Seminary, it felt like coming home. My Dad's first call was to Michigan and we spent 5 years there. Later, we moved to Steubenville, Ohio to be closer to family in Pittsburgh. I graduated high school in Ohio but I was rather directionless when it came to a career path. After a year at the local community college, I decided to do a gap year program in Costa Rica. I often tell people that taking time off of school was the best decision I ever made. In Costa Rica, I took Spanish and Bible classes while working at various ministries around the country on the weekends. I had the opportunity to learn about ministry at a Christian adventure camp, an orphanage, a juvenile boy's home, and a Saturday morning kid's club. I absolutely loved my time in Costa Rica and I hope to return again one day.

After my time in Central America, I knew I wanted to pursue church work but I decided to get some more experience before heading back to school. So I joined the Lutheran Young Adult Corps for their inaugural gap year program. I lived and worked in Boston, MA, for 10 months. I worked in a homeless ministry, a seafarers mission, a short-term mission organization, and a bilingual preschool and daycare. I got a lot of valuable experience and loved every minute of it!

Then it was time to go back to college. I attended Concordia University. St Paul. I spent a great few years at my Alma Matter and graduated with a Bachelors of Theology with a Spanish minor. And that just about brings us up to speed.

A few things you should know about me, though. First, I LOVE anything outdoors. I got into

rock climbing during my time in Costa Rica and I hit the climbing gym every chance I get. I am always down for a hike or any kind of outside adventure. Second, Ice cream, for me, is less of a passion, and more of a way of life. I would very much welcome ice cream recommendations, should they be offered. And third, I am really looking forward to meeting you!

Thank you for welcoming me into your lives for the next year. God's peace in Christ to you all.

Puzzle!

Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below.

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Answer: We must talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)



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March 5 (John 3:1-17)

“Gospel in a Nutshell”

By Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church~New Haven, IN

John 3:16 is well known in the Christian community. But outside of the church this Bible reference has little meaning, if any. God, through the apostle John, has given us the words we need to clearly proclaim His Gospel message to all.

March 12 (John 4:5-30, 39-42)

“The Man at the Well”

By Rev. William Mueller, Suburban Bethlehem Church~Fort Wayne, IN

John 4 gives us the beautiful details of an encounter a woman had with a man at a well. In this encounter we enjoy a window into the grace of God, and we ultimately see this man at the well is no mere man. He is the God-Man, Jesus Christ!

March 19 (John 9:3)

“The Measure of a Life”

Rev. Thomas Eggold, Emmanuel Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN

What makes for a good life? One traveled on a smooth and successful path? Or does Jesus have even something greater in mind amidst the trials and struggles we all face? We see what Jesus says about The Measure of a Life.

March 26 (John 11:17-44)

“The Resurrection and the Life”

By Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN

Death is the enemy all of us must face. We will, in fact, die. But more can be said. Someone met and defeated Death for us: Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life.

March

Elders

Mar. Don DeMoss, Dean Hull, Ken Kuhn and Kurt Thornsborough

Communion Assistants

Mar. 5 Don DeMoss, Allen Julian
19 Josh Christensen, Dean Hull

Ushers

Mar. **Team "C"**
Capt. Kurt Thornsborough, Paul Pasquale, Don Page, Butch Buesing, and Gary West

Lay Readers

Mar. 5 Kurt and Debbie T.
12 Josh Christensen
19 Carrie Farrell
26 Allen Julian

Gospel Reader

Kurt Thornsborough
Josh Christensen
Butch Buesing
Allen Julian

Wednesday Lenten Services (6:30 pm)

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Gospel Reader</u>
Mar. 1	Butch & Julie B.	Butch Buesing
Mar. 8	Susan DeMoss	Allen Julian
Mar. 15	Gail & Barb G.	Gail Garner
Mar. 22	Mike & Sue H.	Mike Heidle
Mar. 29	Kathy Kyle	Joe Kyle

Greeters

Mar. 5 John & Marcy Heeren, Kitty Lee
12 Charles Vollmer Family
19 Bill & Joyce Martin, Walter Harbison
26 Volunteer needed

Altar Guild

Mar. Sharon Crow, Juanita Rottmann, Sharon Runyan

Money Counters

Mar. Team "C" Mary Powell, Holly Clem

Check Signers

Mar. Butch and Julie Buesing, Sue Heidle

Acolytes

Mar. 5 Kendall Wright
12 Kyla Culotti
19 Jamie Yonkers
26 Eli Mann

Wednesday Lenten Services (6:30 pm)

Mar. 1 Kendall Wright
Mar. 8 Jamie Yonkers
Mar. 15 Carley Wright
Mar. 22 Eli Mann
Mar. 29 Kendall Wright

Videographer / Soundboard

Mar. Dwain Dixson and Butch Buesing

Immanuel Cares

Mar. Nancy Holler and Mary Powell



Official Acts

Baptisms

Alexandria Mae Jestis
Laura Marie Jestis

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?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

In the Gospels, Jesus raised several people from death. Which of the following was not one of them?

- A. Tabitha
- B. Jairus's daughter
- C. A widow's son
- D. Lazarus



Answer: A (See Acts 9, Mark 5, Luke 7, John 11.)



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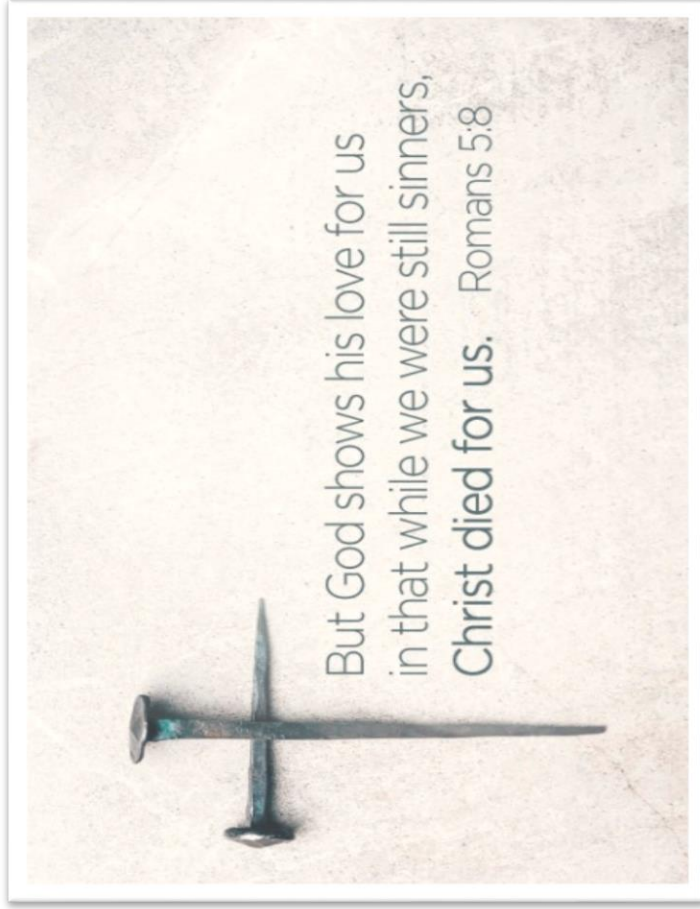
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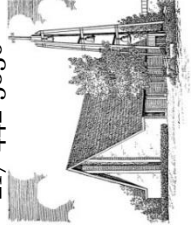
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Worship Schedule
Sundays
Mar. 5, 12, 19 & 26
at 9:30 am
Wednesdays
Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
at 6:30 pm

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Communion Schedule
Sundays
Mar. 5 & 19
at 9:30 am



**"Do this
in remembrance
of me."**