

## announcements~3.10.24~Immanuel Lutheran Church



**WELCOME to worship!** If you are a guest, let us know you are here by signing the guest book in the narthex and help yourself to a welcome gift also in the narthex. For all of you, communication cards are available in the pews to let us know you communed or to pass on any other information you might want to share with us.

**POTLUCK BRUNCH TODAY** following worship. All welcome to come enjoy food and fellowship together. Hosted by Mission & Outreach Board members. *Freewill donations for 50 years of World Hunger.*

**BOTTLE/CAN TRAILER:** Thanks to Matt Welp, the can/bottle redemption trailer is parked out front by the alley. Thanks for your donations!

**2024 FIRST QUARTER MISSION EMPHASIS:** Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank. **MARCH we are emphasizing PAPER PRODUCTS**—toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, baby diapers & wipes. Remembering the empty tomb as we near the journey to Holy Week: from John 20:7 *and the napkin, that was upon his head not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself.*

**Next Sunday: SABBATICAL INSIGHTS WITH PASTOR ROD** at 10:30 during coffee fellowship. Pastor Rod will share about how he spent his time during sabbatical.

**We are collecting for LWR Personal Care Kits.** Each kit has a new light-weight bath towel (darker colors preferred), two bars of soap, a toothbrush, nail clipper, and a wide-tooth sturdy comb. Your purchased items may be left in the office and/or office hallway box. A Thrivent Grant has also been gifted to help purchase additional supplies. *Thank you for helping with this Lutheran World Relief meaningful project! These simple items provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty to those that receive these Kits.*

**Wednesday Community Meals:** Serving each week 4:15-6:15 in the fellowship hall—eat in or takeout. Menu this week: shredded BBQ pork, cheesy hashbrowns, peas / scalloped corn, ice cream ~ Thrivent meal sponsored by Laura Winter. Come enjoy the fellowship with others for this free community meal. Bring the family, invite a neighbor, friend, or someone who could use a meal.

**Prayer Chain Contacts:** Jaci Thorson in church office (585-3152) or email [jaci@immanuelfamily.com](mailto:jaci@immanuelfamily.com). **The prayer intercessors** are praying together on Zoom from their homes. Please notify office with any additions or corrections. **Pastoral Hospital Visits:** If you or your family members are hospitalized, please let us know.

**Consider automatic giving:** We invite you to consider supporting the mission and ministry of Immanuel through automatic giving by following the link on the website or calling the church office for assistance. OR USE IMMANUEL'S QR CODE TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY. Thank you for your consideration. Mailing in your gifts is another way to support our mission and ministry.



**Sign one of the retirement cards in the narthex leading up to Mike Oleson's last day as our Custodian/Property Manager on March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Join us for a 'retirement reception' during 10:15 coffee time on Sunday, March 24 in the fellowship hall.**

**March Messengers** are available around church and on the [immanuelfamily.com](http://immanuelfamily.com) website.

**5<sup>th</sup> grade communion class** is Thursdays, March 14 & 21, 3:30pm. A time when the 5<sup>th</sup> graders gather with the pastors to learn more and talk about the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Even if the 5<sup>th</sup> grader is already communing or waiting for this class, all 5<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend. Parents will join in the class on the 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-5:30pm in the sanctuary. Then on Maundy Thursday worship, March 28, at 6:30pm, the parents will be washing the feet of their student like Jesus who washed the feet of his disciples showing his love for them and for them to go out and show their love for others.

**Upcoming: Sunday, April 14:** Potluck Brunch in memory of Anna Marie Mitchell followed by Memorial Service at 11am in the Sanctuary.

**Around the community:**

**CLOTHES CLOSET at Fertile Lutheran Church.** Open every Wednesday evening from 5:30-7pm. This clothing ministry provides clothes and shoes of all sizes for FREE to those in need. All families and individuals in the surrounding area are welcome to see what is in the Clothes Closet. Racks and shelves of clothing sorted by size from newborn to adults. Donations may also be brought on Wednesday evening or call the church and leave a message (641-797-2767) about donations. There is a convenient drop-off box located at the back entrance.

**Men’s Retreat [March 21-22] + Work Day [March 23] @ Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp.** For you and your guy friends for an overnight of refreshing, relaxing, fun, Christ-centered camp experience. Nathan Anenson is the retreat speaker. He serves as Senior Pastor at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Altoona. Stay another day for the Saturday Work Day, or just attend the work day to help contribute toward spring clean up. Find the details at RiversideLBC.org.

**MercyOne North Iowa Hospice Volunteer Training,** Thursdays—March 28, April 4 and 11, 9:30am-4:00pm, at North Iowa Hospice (232 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE, Mason City). Cost: Free; pre-registrations due by March 21 by calling 641-428-6236, class size is limited. *Volunteers are needed who can help this non-profit organization serve their patients and their families in our local communities. Call to attend the free volunteer training.*

**This Week at Immanuel:**

TODAY:	9:15am	Worship, communion
	10:15am	Potluck Brunch, FH, freewill for 50 years of World Hunger, host—M&O Board
MONDAY:	5pm	Trustees, Shalom
	6:30pm	Council, Shalom
TUESDAY:	3:30pm	Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom
	4:30pm	Education Board, Kitchenette
WEDNESDAY:	4:15-6:15	Meal, Fellowship Hall
	4:45pm	Mission & Outreach Board, Zoom
	5:25pm	Promiseland / MS Ministry / Adult Class, Lounge
	6:30pm	Lenten Worship
	7:15pm	Choir
	7:30pm	HS Youth Group
THURSDAY:	9am	Women’s Bible Study, Lounge
	3:30-5pm	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Communion Class, Shalom
	6:30pm	Good Grief Group, Shalom
NEXT SUNDAY:	9:15am	Worship, communion
	10:15am	Coffee, Fellowship Hall
	10:30am	Pastor Rod’s Sabbatical Insights, Fellowship Hall
	10:30pm	Promiseland

**Easter is Sunday, March 31**

Remember or honor someone at Easter with a lily. If you would like to help beautify the sanctuary on Easter, please fill out the form and return to church by FRIDAY, MARCH 22.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ plants at \$10.50 each. Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_



You are welcome to take the lily home following the Easter Sunday worship or share with someone!

*The white lily, mentioned many times in the Bible, symbolizes purity, rebirth, new beginnings, and hope associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ as observed on Easter.*