

announcements~3.12.23~Immanuel Lutheran Church



HUNGER-Mission Emphasis Jan.-Mar.: FC Food Bank, Wednesday Night Meals @ Immanuel, ELCA World Hunger. *Thank you for your continued mission support as remember these HUNGER missions near and far! Plan ahead for NOISY OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 26 AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29.*

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Bible study continues today, not in-person, but pre-recorded and available online thru the immanuelfamily.com website. Focusing on the Book of Jonah which follows the Wednesday night Unfinished Lenten theme.

WIS Bishop Lorna Halaas coming to Immanuel March 25-26 for a visit and for bringing the message. Saturday, March 25, 6pm, all are welcome to come to the fellowship hall for a lite meal and time with Bishop Lorna. And then again on Sunday for worship. She will also be going to Thompson to preach at Bethany as well.

GIVE NOW FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF: Congregations of our WIS Seeds of Faith Conference are joining together to send funds to Lutheran Disaster Relief in the Middle East following the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. 100% of donations go to help those impacted. Checks or envelopes may be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church and with a memo note for 'Earthquake Relief'.

If you are not already giving automatically, 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.



Designated Lenten Offerings will be divided equally between: ELCA Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Northern Lights Alliance for the Mason City Homeless Shelters, and Immanuel's Good Samaritan fund. Please designate on your check or envelope as 'Lent or General' when giving your gifts at the Wednesday Lenten services or anytime throughout the Lenten season.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: *Interested in becoming an Immanuel member?* An upcoming class will be held on Sunday, Apr. 23 following worship, and new members will be received on Sunday, Apr. 30. Leave your name in the office or with a pastor of your interest or have questions.

Open House Bridal Shower for Alissa Thoreson & Jackson Price, Saturday, March 25, 10am-1pm, held in the fellowship hall.

Follow the online 'Unfinished' Lenten journey: *daily devotions, 'vocare' practice, Jonah Bible study... find it all thru immanuelfamily.com on YouTube, Spotify, and Immanuel Unfinished Facebook group.*

Vocare is a Latin word meaning "to call." **VOCARE** is a regular spiritual practice designed to help you discern and embrace your multiple vocations so that you can more intentionally live life on purpose for the common good. **VOCARE** invited ongoing reflection upon values, openness, call, attentiveness, regret, and the experience of God's presence in everyday life.

V – Values: *What do I value, and how am I living my values?*

O – Openness: *To what am I being asked to be open? How do I respond?*

C – Call: *What voices are calling to me? Which ones do I listen to, and why?*

A – Attentiveness: *Where am I giving my attention? Does my attention align with my values?*

R – Regret: *What are my regrets? What insight do I gain from them?*

E – Experience God's presence: *When, where, and how have I encountered the presence of the holy in my everyday life?*

What do you need? *In light of your reflection today, name what you need to lean into your vocations in the future.*

Wednesday Community Meals: Serving each week 4-6 in the fellowship hall—eat in or takeout. Menu this week: BBQ pork sandwiches, corn, chips, and something green! Bring the family, invite a neighbor or friend, come enjoy the fellowship with others for this free community meal.

Prayer Chain Contacts: Jaci Thorson in church office (585-3152) or email jaci@immanuelfamily. **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.

Around the community:

NATIONAL QUILTING DAY 2023 ~ MARCH 18! *Thank you to the Do Day Quilters who faithfully have been making Lutheran World Relief quilts for YEARS! LWR celebrates more than 75 years of compassionate people making quilts for people in need around the world – they report nearly 28 million quilts for our neighbors around the world struggling. THANK YOU. “Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of love.” Immanuel’s Do Day Quilters gather to work the 4th Tuesday of each month, 1-3pm in the fellowship hall. Anyone is welcome to join in ~ If you can tie your shoes, you can tie a quilt!*

Taste of the WORLD @ Waldorf University, Saturday, March 18, 6:30pm. Local & International dishes, live performances, and music. All welcome to attend and experience this cultural event!

This Week at Immanuel:

TODAY:	9:15am	Worship
	10:15am	Coffee, Fellowship Hall
	10:30am	NO Promiseland (Spring Break Week concludes)
	10:30am	‘Jonah’ Lenten Bible Study, pre-recorded & online thru website
MONDAY:	5pm	Trustees, Shalom
	6:30pm	Council, Shalom
TUESDAY:	LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL in Des Moines (Elizabeth Carr, Kathy McEnelly, Ruth Melby attending)	
	3:30pm	Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom
	4:30pm	Education Board, Kitchenette
	5:30pm	Bell Choir, Fireside Room
WEDNESDAY:	4-6pm	Meal, Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Whirl Wed. / MS Youth Group / Adult Learning, Lounge
	6pm	Lenten Worship
	6:45pm	Choir, Fireside Room
	7:30pm	HS Youth Group
THURSDAY:	9am	Women’s Bible Study, Lounge
	10am	Martha Circle, Shalom
	10:30am	Good Samaritan Communion Service w/pastor
	1:30pm	Sarah-Rachel Circle, Lounge
NEXT SUNDAY:	9:15am	Worship, communion
	10:15am	Coffee, Fellowship Hall
	10:30am	Promiseland / Lenten Bible Study, Shalom
MARCH 26	9:15am	WIS Bishop Lorna Halaas will be preaching at Immanuel & Bethany

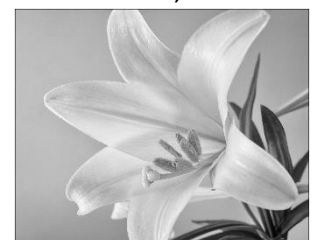
Easter is Sunday, April 9th! Remember or honor someone at Easter with a lily. If you would like to help beautify the sanctuary on Easter, please fill out the form and return to church by WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29.

I would like to order _____ plants at \$10.00 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!