

announcements~3.19.23~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 NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26 AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29.*

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Join Pastor Zech TODAY for a Lenten Bible Study, meet in the Shalom Room at 10:30 following worship after you grab some coffee and treats. Bible study continues with the focus 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 to preach. 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.

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

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.

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: chili dogs, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit. Bring the family, invite a neighbor or friend, come enjoy the fellowship with others for this free community meal.

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

This Week at Immanuel:

TODAY: 9:15am Worship, communion
10:15am Coffee, Fellowship Hall
10:30am Promiseland
10:30am Jonah Lenten Bible Study, Shalom

MONDAY: 2-4pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom

APRIL MESSENGER DEADLINE

TUESDAY: 3:30pm Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom
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, communion
6:45pm Choir, Fireside Room
7:30pm HS Youth Group

THURSDAY: 9am Women's Bible Study, Lounge
3:30-5pm 5th grade Communion Class, Shalom
6:30pm Good Grief Group, Shalom

SATURDAY: 10am-1pm Open House Bridal Shower for Alissa Thoreson & Jackson Price
6pm Time & lite meal with Bishop Lorna, Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:15am Worship with WIS Bishop Lorna Halaas, *NOISY OFFERING FOR HUNGER*
10:15am Coffee, Fellowship Hall
10:30am Promiseland / Lenten Bible Study, Shalom

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!