

announcements~3.5.23~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: Join Elizabeth 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. Join in!

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 Shawls available: If you are chilly sitting in your pew, pick up a shawl in the narthex that you can use to stay warm. Just ask an usher. If you or someone you know could benefit from a prayer shawl, take it with you.

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.

Wednesday Community Meals: Serving each week 4-6 in the fellowship hall—eat in or takeout. Menu this week: tacos, lettuce salad, swirl pudding. Bring the family, invite a neighbor or friend, come enjoy the fellowship with others for this free community meal.

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.*

Around the community:

Forest City YMCA Class: REDUCE YOUR RISK OF DEMENTIA – Unlocking Brain Fitness: KEYS to Dementia Prevention, Mondays 1-3pm, March 6-May 8. Cost is \$75 per participant (individual scholarships are available); or register with a friend and pay \$95 for the both of you. Call 585-5220 or stop by the Y to register. Program will be limited to 16. This 10-week program provides tools and resources to preserve your memory and cognitive skills. It is estimated that 30% of all community dementia is preventable. By making simple lifestyle changes, you can reduce your risk by up to 70%. Visit: unlockingbrainfitness.org for more information.

'First Sunday of the month' Pancake Breakfast at the FC American Legion. Serving TODAY until 12:30.

World Student Association presents: Taste of the WORLD @ Waldorf University, Saturday, March 18, 6:30pm. Local & International dishes, live performances, and music. All welcome to attend!

LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL: Tuesday, March 14th in Des Moines-morning events at St. John's Lutheran Church and then an afternoon at the Capitol with legislators. Lutheran Services in Iowa and the three Iowa Synods of the ELCA partner for this event of advocacy. More details and to register, visit: Iowa.org/LDH.

This Week at Immanuel:

TODAY: 9:15am Worship, communion
10:15am Coffee, Fellowship Hall
10:30am NO Promiseland (Spring Break Week)
10:30am 'Jonah' Lenten Bible Study, Shalom

MONDAY: 2:30pm Forest Plaza Communion Service w/pastor

TUESDAY: 3:30pm Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom
5:30pm Bell Choir, Fireside Room

WEDNESDAY: 4-6pm Meal, Fellowship Hall
4:45pm Mission & Outreach Board, Zoom
6pm Lenten Worship
6:45pm Choir, Fireside Room

THURSDAY: 9am Women's Bible Study, Lounge
6:30pm Good Grief Group, Shalom

SATURDAY: **SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR @ BEDTIME**

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:15am Worship
10:15am Coffee, Fellowship Hall
10:30am Online pre-recorded Lenten Bible Study this week

UPCOMING:
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!

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.