

# THE MESSENGER

*The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa - April 2022*



## Holy Week at Immanuel

### Palm Sunday Worship

Procession with palms

ALL kids invited to procession & sing

April 10, 9:15am

### Maundy Thursday Worship, Holy Communion

Footwashing with 5th graders & parents

April 14, 6:30pm

### Good Friday Worship

Dramatic Round Table

April 15, 6:30pm

### Easter Sunday Worship, Holy Communion

April 17, 7:00 & 9:15am

### Easter Breakfast (freewill)

7:30-9am, Fellowship Hall

Hosted by High School Youth

### Scavenger Hunt for Families

8:15-9am, inside

Hosted by Board of Education

## Easter Scavenger Hunt!

For families!

Pick up your instructions  
at the Immanuel Library  
8:15-9am and have fun!

## APRIL MISSION EMPHASIS WE CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON UKRAINE & EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS.

Lutheran Disaster Response is thankful for the outpouring of prayers and generosity that are making a difference in the lives of people impacted by the war in Ukraine.

They are distributing hygiene supplies, food, medicine, bedding and psychosocial and pastoral care to refugees and internally displaced people, most of whom are women and children. So far, support has made this possible, but more work remains. Your gifts to "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used in full (100%) to address the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries. We know there are many organizations that you can choose to support, but it is only by giving to Lutheran Disaster Response that guarantees your gift will fund ELCA-supported work through faith partners in the region. Your gifts may be given directly or through Immanuel. Together we pray for our siblings in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. May God be with them in their time of need.



## "CONNECTIONS THROUGH FOOD KICKOFF"

### The Great News

Immanuel has received \$20,000 grant from ELCA Domestic Hunger for a new initiative at Immanuel – "Connections Through Food"! The funding begins this spring and continues through February 2025!

### The Greater News

"There is a place for everyone at the table!" as we develop and roll out this initiative! Find out how you fit in! We look forward to finding out how your gifts, interest, and expertise can join with others to serve others and grow in your faith.

### The Greatest News

Jesus is the one who calls us to the table. He's there and he is our host! We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

### Join us for an evening of invitation, inspiration, and information

Sunday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. or Monday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Immanuel. For more information contact the office at Immanuel.

# Letter from Pastor Rod

## Early on the First Day of the Week

John's Gospel begins with the words, "In the beginning..." If you think, you will remember that you've heard these words somewhere before. Oh, yes, in Genesis. These are the opening words of the Bible. John is intentional about helping his readers understand God's work of renewing the good creation that has fallen into disrepair due to sin and death.



According to John's Gospel, Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. Jesus has come to take on the powers that hold creation hostage to sin and death and to liberate the beloved creation from death's grip. John also connects the death of Jesus to the slaughtering of the pascal lambs sacrificed by the Israelite community to remember God's work of liberating them from slavery in Egypt. John the Baptizer proclaims of Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

As chapter twenty opens in John's Gospel, the author begins with the words, "Early on the first day of the week." The resurrection of Jesus symbolizes for all creation a new beginning; a return to the "first day" of a new creation. In John's theology, the resurrected Jesus becomes the liberator of all creation, setting it free from the death grip of the devil. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that all who believe in (trust in) him will not perish but have eternal life," John writes in chapter three.

Easter is our celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death, not only for himself, but for all of creation. Easter is a celebration of the risen one's resurrected and eternal presence. Jesus has indeed returned to the Father to sit at God's right hand, but at the same time, Jesus hasn't gone anywhere. By the power of his abiding Spirit, Jesus remains with the beloved creation to continue the work of blessing and renewal.

As we seek to build community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ, we, the people who make up the body of Christ known as Immanuel Lutheran Church, will strive to gather ourselves and others around this life changing story of our Lord who died and was raised. We will be focused on the blessing of our God who, in Jesus, forgives our sins, and sets us into a new relationship with God and one another and we will strive to forgive as we have been forgiven. We will strive to build community that is welcoming and inclusive of all people. We will strive to feed the hungry as we gather to be fed and have our hunger satisfied by Jesus who gives us himself as food and drink. We will live as disciples who share life's joys and sorrows and remember that in the resurrected one, each and every day is a new beginning for us and for all the creation.

I pray this Holy Week and Easter that you will meet the one who died and who has been raised, and in that meeting, you will come to see God's work to free you from the power of sin and death that you may live in the rhythm of dying and rising in him each day until we, together grow into the fullness of Jesus. Join us for Holy Week and Easter and in the mission that we share of bearing God's redeeming word to all the world.

A blessed Easter, and a blessed new day to you!

Pastor Rod

## Immanuel Kids From Palm Sunday to Easter

On Palm Sunday we will sing "All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring." The word "laud" means "praise." We sing these words to Jesus remembering how he made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem where he was crucified, died, and was buried.

That doesn't sound very triumphant, does it. It sounds as though Jesus was defeated, conquered, and laid to rest forever. Three days later however, Jesus was raised from the dead. His grave was empty, and he was triumphant and victorious, defeating the power of death and the grave. Death could not keep Jesus dead, and the grave could not hold him in. Jesus rose and is alive.

Because you belong to Jesus, his victory is your victory. In Baptism you have been connected with Jesus in a death like his so that you will most certainly be connected with him in a resurrection like his. All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring" is a song not only for Palm Sunday, but for every day. Jesus is worthy of our praise, glory, laud, and honor, for he is truly our life-giving King who takes away our sin and gives us the victorious and triumphant life.

Crossed in Christ,

Pastor Rod



**SOME  
ASSEMBLY  
REQUIRED**

Western Iowa Synod Assembly  
Sioux City | April 20-23, 2022

Yes, "SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED!" is the theme of the Western Iowa Synod Assembly as it has not happened in person since 2019.

Pastors, voting delegates, and committee members from across the Synod will be coming together in 2022.

The Assembly begins on April 20th with Zoom Bible Study with Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. April 21st is Zoom discussion and Q&A on resolutions, budgets, elections; diversity training session. April 22nd will be onsite evening worship, and session #1. April 23rd will be session #2, off-site service projects, and closing worship.

Representing Immanuel as voting members are Ann Hunhoff, Ruth & Dave Melby, Pastor Rod Hopp, and Pastor Zech Anderson.

# Hello, Immanuel Family!



I want to personally invite you to celebrate Easter with us this month! We will have worship, of course, but we also want you to have the opportunity to fellowship together. The Immanuel High School Youth will be hosting a free-will donation Easter breakfast between worship services. From 7:30-9:00am, we will be serving pancakes, bacon and sausage, and fresh fruit. We look forward to seeing and serving you!

Ann Hunhoff

Youth Missionary and Ministry Coordinator



The Mission & Outreach Board is seeking donations of new or gently used items to support the international students and students in need at Waldorf University. Items needed include:

**Clothing:** Light coats and raincoats (size small to extra-large)

**Kitchen Items:** Pans, cutting boards, bowls (large and small), plates, and glasses

Donations may be left by the office. Thank you for your continued support of these students' needs.

Parish Life Board will be hosting an end-of-the-year **WALDORF UNIVERSITY BLOCK PARTY** for students and faculty on Thursday, April 21 from 5:30-7pm. This gathering of music, games, food & people will be over on campus.

Parish Life members ask for your donations of bars or cookies, and help serving.



## Promiseland



Tasha Banta

Easter is quickly approaching and with that brings many opportunities for our children to hear about God's greatest promise, His greatest sacrifice, and His greatest gift. We are digging into some great Bible stories with meaningful messages.

Stories like The Good Samaritan show us how to care for others, The Greatest Commandment tells us to love God above all else and to love our neighbors, and the Easter story that reminds us that we are forgiven, loved unconditionally, and given new life each day. God is pretty awesome, and your kids are getting to hear more about that each week!

There are plenty of opportunities for your children to be involved this Lenten season. We will have our annual Lenten Fair for 3rd through 5th graders on April 6 during the Promiseland hour. We will walk them through Jesus's journey to the cross, and ultimately to His resurrection through skits, activities, food and more. We encourage parents to walk this journey with your children and experience the Lenten Fair alongside them.

On Palm Sunday, all children are invited to process with the choir and the start of the service and then sing a song of Hosannas during the service. On Maundy Thursday, the 5th graders will receive communion and foot washing after completing a series of classes to learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion. On Easter Sunday, the Board of Ed will be hosting a scavenger hunt for children and families. We hope you join us between services for breakfast and the hunt!

There are just a handful of weeks left in the Promiseland year. Our last week before summer break will be the week of May 11th. Attendance has been really good and I look forward to a strong finish to the year!

May you all experience God's amazing love and feel His presence wherever you may be this Easter!

## Henri Nouwen Book Study Series #5

### Making all Things New: An invitation to the Spiritual Life

Cindi Lehmann will be leading this study, but not until June so plenty of time to get your copy ordered online in print or kindle version and start reading. Anyone is welcome to join in on these discussions—June 12, 19, & 26, 10:30am, after worship, in the church lounge/Zoom/or recorded.

Making All Things New is an eloquent and simple explanation of the spiritual life. He explores what it means to live this kind of life in the midst of our restless and hectic lives. Nouwen is one of the best-loved spiritual writers of the twentieth century.

Do not worry; do not say, What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed? Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first and all these other things will be given you as well. Matthew 6:31-33



# Board notes

## Mission & Outreach

Sharon Rieffer

The members of the board met via ZOOM on March 9 at 4:45 p.m. Those present were: Becky Stumme, Ken Korth, Jaci Thorson, Chad Kozitza, Larry and Sharen Rieffer. For devotions Sharen read from "Christ in Our Home" based on Psalm 107:19 about "The Goodness of God". New Council member, Ben Arentson will be serving on M&O.

First quarter mission emphasis for 2022 is Hunger Issues where any mission monies would go towards these three causes—in equal amounts: Local food bank, Immanuel's Wednesday night meals and Lutheran World Hunger relief. Gifts so far at meeting time-\$459.60. A March noisy offering will be taken on March 20 and 23. We will also serve coffee 'for hunger' on March 20.

Lenten Offerings will be going to LSI (Lutheran Services in Iowa) which among many other services helps to settle the Afghan refugees in various areas in Iowa.

The board discussed April's mission emphasis and it was decided to be current with the need of the Ukrainian people and direct our mission monies to Lutheran Disaster Response for the Eastern Europe Crisis Response. (See separate article on cover page.)

May and June mission monies will most likely be designated toward our missionary, Karen Anderson, in Santiago, Chile. To date, we have received \$225 for Karen towards the \$5,000 yearly commitment.

Becky Stumme has been in contact with Megan Gabriell of Waldorf in regard to what we can do to help International and in-need students. Some items currently needed are: pans, lightweight coats, plates, glasses, cutting boards and bowls. (See separate article on page 3.)

## Trustees' Notes

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met on March 14, 2022 at the church and by zoom. February income was \$35,069.83 and expenses were \$51,098.03 with a negative \$16,023.20 for the month. February expenses included \$4,900 insurance payment and income in January included a \$10,000 donation reported in January. 2021 February was a negative (\$15,560.05).

**Endowment:** Nothing new.

**Property Committee:** Sump pumps were replaced in the elevators by Nelson Plumbing.

**Personnel Committee:** Policy handbook item #1250 Sexual Harassment is still being worked on.

**New Business:** Dave Melby will conclude being worship and music coordinator at the end of the summer.

**Old Business:** a.) Bethany Lutheran Staff sharing and Quarterly vitality group update: The vitality group will add Kathy Lewerke and Josh Banta and Jerry Apple are continuing to serve. They meet quarterly.

## Parish Council

Linda Ferjak

Council met on March 14, 2022, with an in Person/Zoom Hybrid format. Eleven members and both Pastors were in attendance. Meeting was called to order by President Daryl Krieger and February minutes were approved.

Pastor Zech reported that the Lenten season is off to a quick start with a very busy day on Ash Wednesday involving extra services. He has set up a Lenten group on Facebook for the season. He is also working on a pod cast for the Summer. The Tech side of worship is continuing to move forward.

Pastor Rod reported that the Lenten season involves a great deal of planning with both Bethany and Immanuel. The Nouwen book study is continuing. He has scheduled a Baptism in May. The Synod

Assembly is the week following Easter and there is still room for additional members to attend this event. He is working to schedule a meeting with the hiring team for the Children's Ministry position. He has discussed stewardship with the Board of Trustees, questioning how we identify our gifts and the how we are going to invest ourselves to the world.

Ruth Melby spoke to the council about the Connections Through Food Grant. The purpose of this Grant fits into the ELCA Domestic Hunger mission. The time frame extends from now until February of 2025. The three goals of the Partnership are:

1. Community strategy
2. Improve the quality of food production
3. Be a catalyst to community resources.

The Financial report was given by Jennifer Jenkins and is published in the Messenger.

The Bethany Health & Vitality Committee reported that Carolyn Price will be leaving the committee and Kathy Leuwerke will be joining. Council Retreat is scheduled for Sunday, March 27 from 10:30- 1:00. Board reports were presented. Meeting was adjourned for Sunday morning worship. This will focus on God's abundance and how we can be grateful. Wednesday evenings will be looking at characters in the Bible and contemplating how God is using you. He also reported that Ann will be attending a meeting focused on the youth gathering. The Synod will help with replacing the youth gathering that was cancelled.

Pastor Zech reported on his participation in continuing education with a focus on coaching in his ministry. He is also taking a course on digital ministry and ethics. His work continues with the Interlink Ministry and Hybrid team. His family has lived through two weeks of COVID.

Financial Report was given and is published in the Messenger.

Council is requesting a report from the Hospitality, Vitality Team to review how things are going with our Bethany partnership. The desire is to keep a form of healthy communication between congregations.

The Children's Education Position is looking for a replacement at the end of the Spring term. This would be a quarter time position.

There is still a need to fill one vacant board seat. A tentative date for a Council Retreat was set for March 20, following the service. Board reports were presented.

## Parish Life

Mary Kingland

The Board of Parish Life met via Zoom on March 10th at 6:30 p.m. The Board welcomed new member Lisa Chisholm.

Agenda items for the meeting:

\*Melanie Westberg has communion servers scheduled until June- no further discussion was needed.

\*The Board of Parish Life hosted coffee hour 3 Sundays in February. Dave and Ruth Melby co-hosted on February 20th and provided cinnamon rolls for the coffee hour. Proceeds were split between the board and Melby's suggested the other half go to ELCA Domestic Hunger Grant- Connections Through Food. The board will use their portion to help fund the Spring Block Party at Waldorf University on April 21.

\*We discussed the ushers needed for Holy Week, including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the two services on Sunday morning. Mary Kingland will continue to work on a schedule.

\*The Spring Block Party brought up at the February meeting was further discussed and a menu was chosen for the event. Joyce Kasper is going to get an estimate on how many students we should plan for and will talk to Dawn Craig about a source for the food needed. We will be asking members of the congregation to donate bars and cookies.

\*We discussed the date for the April meeting. Since the 2nd Thursday is Maundy Thursday, we decided to meet on April 7th.

## Take off your shoes and stay a while



When do you feel most welcome? Is it when you stop by for a visit and are not invited in? Most likely not, but if you're an introvert who knows. Is it when you are invited to stop in for a little bit? Maybe, depends on what you had planned. Or what if you're invited in with these words, come on in take off your shoes and stay a while? That is definitely a moment when you feel welcomed.

In the middle of April, we finally make it to Holy Week. I've said it before and I'll say it again, my favorite time of the church year. Each service, each moment of the week brings with it new experiences, new expectations, new excitement, and new wonderings. And while each year has moments that are the same, each year has moments that are different based on how you are feeling and where you are at in life. For many of us this is a week where we walk in on Palm Sunday but we don't take off our shoes because we are ready to run to Easter, and skip past the downer parts of the season, specifically Good Friday. That's not me and I know that's not everyone. So this year I invite you to take off your shoes and stay awhile.

One of the themes for this week from "Full to the Brim" is take off your shoes. Take off your shoes and be immersed in the week, When I think of what this week can feel like, it's sort of like going to the ocean. I come to the ocean with dirty feet, they may hurt from the rocks on the beach, and they may be covered in sand or mud from the area. But once you put your feet in the ocean all that

washes away, they feel renewed from the cool water, you feel the old sand wash off and your feet may even sink into the soft sand, you may even play in the water and watch the sand be washed off your feet repeatedly. But when you leave you do not feel or look the same as when you came to the beach.

So come on into Holy Week take off your shoes and stay a while, especially during the craziness of life. Stay a while in the Word as we welcome Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Stay a while as we gather around the Lord's Table on Maundy Thursday and are filled with the body and blood of Jesus. Stay awhile even when it's uncomfortable to look upon the cross and you want to flee because you know why he is up there. Stay awhile in the awkwardness of Saturday wondering what's changed. Stay awhile at the empty tomb, see that it is indeed empty, leave your old shoes and put on some new ones as you run renewed to share the news with everyone you meet. Take that cup, that life, that is full to the brim and head out into the world inviting others to take off their shoes and stay a while, in the presence of Jesus the risen Christ.

I pray this upcoming Holy Week renews you, and fills your cup not only to the brim, but over the edge with God's awesomeness that is fully seen this time of year.

Have a blessed Easter and see you in worship one way or another interlinked in Christ.

Pastor Zech Anderson

### Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY February 2022

	February Actual 2022	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 16.67%	February Actual 2021	YTD Actual 2021
<b>Income</b>							
Regular Offerings & Envelopes	26,652.69	40,712.50	67,765.64	488,550.00	13.87%	28,679.29	61,478.70
Other Income	8,417.14	10,490.50	12,252.08	125,886.00	9.73%	7,848.15	12,223.09
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>35,069.83</b>	<b>51,203.00</b>	<b>80,017.72</b>	<b>614,436.00</b>	<b>13.02%</b>	<b>36,527.44</b>	<b>73,701.79</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
Staff Support	32,976.69	32,867.58	65,884.15	394,411.00	16.70%	34,367.46	65,307.20
Administration	12,350.99	11,152.67	19,184.76	133,832.00	14.33%	11,098.62	18,373.72
Ministry Areas	5,770.35	7,182.75	11,203.58	86,193.00	13.00%	6,621.41	13,232.89
Loan re-payment/contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>51,098.03</b>	<b>51,203.00</b>	<b>96,272.49</b>	<b>614,436.00</b>	<b>15.67%</b>	<b>52,087.49</b>	<b>96,913.81</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>(\$16,028.20)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$16,254.77)</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>(\$15,560.05)</b>	<b>(\$23,212.02)</b>

### Easter is Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>!

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, APRIL 8.**

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ plants at \$8.50. Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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



You are welcome to take your lily home after Easter worship or share with someone!

# Volunteer

## April 2022

### Assisting Ministers

April 3.....	Kathy McEnelly
April 10.....	Ken Korth
April 17	7:00.....
	9:15.....Cynthia Ryder
April 24.....	Olivia Banta

### Scripture Readers

April 3.....	Carolynn Korth
April 10.....	Ellen Olson
April 17.....	Ken Hansen
April 24.....	Bruce Mielke

### Altar Care

April 3.....	Kathy Leuwerke
April 10.....	Marla Betz
April 17.....	Mary Lund
April 24.....	Jean Yeager

### Communion Servers

April 3	Melanie Westerberg, Joan Beebe, Harlan Rodberg
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### Sound/Video Techs

<b>Sundays</b>	Brody Hopp/Ken Ferjak
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Andy Buffington/Nic Determann

### Offering Counters

Kathy Bendickson, Diane Lovick, Anna Harringa, Marj Anderson, Ellen Olson

### Laundry

Tammy Krieger

### Ushers

**Sundays:** Gary McCarthy, Jim Lund

**Maundy Thursday:** John & Linda Holland

**Good Friday:** Ray & Joan Beebe

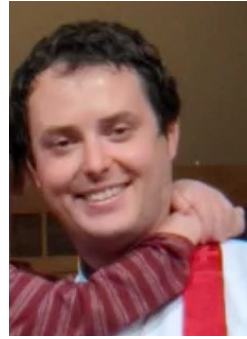
**Easter:** 7:00 - Jim & Mary Lund

9:15 - Gary McCarthy, Tina Berg, Strukel family

### Sunday Coffee Fellowship

Library Board

## Final impact story of Immanuel members sharing their church story interviewed and written by Waldorf University student, Suyaishar Sebastian.



Hopeful is the word Matt Polsdofer, a member (now former member) of Immanuel Lutheran Church (Forest City, Iowa) and a Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Rock Rapids, Iowa, would use to describe the church.

Polsdofer grew up in Forest City but did not go to Immanuel until his wife, Jenni, and him moved back after graduating from Concordia University Chicago.

"When we came back, we did what anybody does, you know, you kind of do this church shopping, so to speak," Polsdofer said. He

recalled that they had met a woman in a red dress whom to this day remains a mystery.

"She was super friendly and welcoming to us," he said. "So, we were just like this is a place we need to be and so from 2010 to 2019 that's where we went to church."

Polsdofer who enjoys worshipping God with music remembers that his first memory of Immanuel was a Wednesday night when the praise band played a song that he used to sing as a child.

"As a kid, I really liked singing 'Go Tell It On The Mountain', but you're screaming it right, and they played it that night and that was one of my first memories, hearing the drums and the guitar and I really like that," he said. "Music has been really important."

Polsdofer moved to southern California in 2019 for his seminary program. While he was in college, Polsdofer thought about going to seminary but he kind of gave up on it. However, Pastor Rod and his wife, Renae, were encouraging of him going to seminary and Pastor Zech had also spoken to him about it.

"Immanuel has been a tremendous place of growth for me in my faith and where I found my calling because I was not going to do this but, here I am as a pastor," he said. "The other great thing is I had my ordination in Forest City at Immanuel."

As a newly ordained pastor, Polsdofer finds that working with the youth and visiting nursing homes or assisted living facilities are the most spiritually energizing to him. "It's really awesome to get to enter into their lives and be a support for them," he said on working with middle and high school youths.

To Polsdofer, faith and the church are the center of life. He believes that the primary role of the church is to have a place that is safe for people to come and gather, hear that they are loved by God and that they are important.

## Worship on the Radio

Immanuel's worship is played over KIOU 107.3FM air waves and on the web each Sunday morning at 11:00am.

Thank you for our faithful listeners and broadcast sponsors! Some sponsorships are given year after year during special dates for remembering someone, some sponsorships are a one timer. Cost is \$100.) If you are interested in getting signed up for a Sunday broadcast, check out these open dates:

May 29      June 12      July 3, 17      Aug. 14, 21, 28

Call or email the office to reserve a date (585-3152, [jaci@immanuelfamily.com](mailto:jaci@immanuelfamily.com)).

# APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<b>3</b> 9:15am- Worship, Communion 10:15am- Promiseland/ Coffee, FH 10:15am- Skyzone trip – HS 6:30pm- “Connections through food Kickoff”, Fireside	<b>4</b> 2:30pm – Forest Plaza Communion w/pastor 6:30pm- “Connections through food Kickoff”, Fireside	<b>5</b> 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group 4:30pm- Board of Ed 5:30pm- Bell Choir 3:30-5pm- 5 <sup>th</sup> grade communion class	<b>6</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:30pm- Lenten Fair / MS Youth / Whirl Wed. 6:30pm- Lenten Worship, communion 7:30pm- HS Youth / Choir	<b>7</b> 9am—Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Parish Life	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:15am- Palm Sunday Worship 10:15am- Coffee, FH / Promiseland 1pm- Good Grief, Shalom 6:30pm- Nouwen Book Study	<b>11</b> 5pm- Trustees 6:30pm- Council	<b>12</b> 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group 5:30pm- Bell Choir 3:30-5:30pm- 5 <sup>th</sup> grade communion class	<b>13</b> 4:45pm- M&O Board 6:30pm- Choir	<b>14</b> 9am—Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Maundy Thursday Worship, communion, 5 <sup>th</sup> grade footwashing	<b>15</b> 6:30pm- Good Friday Worship, Dramatic Round Table	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 7am- Easter Sunrise Worship 7:30-9am- Easter Breakfast, FH 8:15-9am- Scavenger Hunt 9:15am- Easter Worship	<b>18</b> Church offices closed	<b>19</b> 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group 5:30pm- Bell Choir 6-8pm- Scouts Pack Meeting, FH	<b>20</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:30pm- MS Youth / Whirl Wed. 6:30pm- Worship 7:30pm- HS Youth / Choir <b>MAY MESSENGER DEADLINE</b>	<b>21</b> 9am -Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 10am – Martha Circle, Shalom 10:30am- Good Sam Communion 1:30pm- Rachel/Sarah Circle, Lounge 5:30-7pm- Waldorf Block Party 6:30pm- Good Grief Group	<b>22</b> Western Iowa Synod Assembly, Sioux City	<b>23</b> Western Iowa Synod Assembly, Sioux City
<b>24</b> 9:15am- Worship 10:15am- Promiseland/ Coffee, FH 3pm- Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet, FH	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 1pm- LWR Quilting Do Day, FH	<b>27</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:30pm- MS Youth / Whirl Wed. 6:30pm- Worship 7:30pm- HS Youth / Choir	<b>28</b> 9am—Women’s Bible Study, Lounge	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> MS Activity Night



Free community meal served each Wednesday from 4-6pm in the fellowship hall. Eat in or take out. Delivery available for shut ins by calling the office (585-3152) or signing up online at [immanuelfamily.com](http://immanuelfamily.com). Happy Easter to you and your families. Pray for Ukraine. Blessings to you, Dawn Craig, Hospitality Specialist

## April Menu:

- April 6** BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, cheezy hashbrowns, green beans, chocolate pudding
- April 13** NO MEAL DURING HOLY WEEK
- April 20** Hotdogs, macaroni & cheese, chips, banana pudding
- April 27** Spaghetti, lettuce salad, bread, cake

## Blessings & Prayers

### Baptism

Feb. 12 Vincent Paul Hupp, son of Sydney Olson & Ethan Hupp

### Prayers

Kim & Mike Moldenhauer, Abby & Matt Harriman, and family in the loss of Kim’s father/grandfather/great-grandfather, Darwin Oehlerich of Keystone

Bev & Roger Dant and family in the loss of Bev’s father, Ernest Hanson of Northwood

Steve Smith and family in the loss of mother, Joan Smith of Duluth, MN

Family and friends of Leatrice Nimmer of Lake Mills (formerly Forest City)

Jim & Roz Hemberger and family in the loss of Jim’s sister, Meribeth Hemberger of Anguilla Island

Mark & Rita Gilbertson, Dennis & Beth Gilbertson, and families in the loss of mother, Donna Gilbertson of Forest City





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Building community in the  
Name and likeness of  
Jesus Christ.

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays – 9:15am  
Wednesdays 6:30pm  
In Person & Livestream

#### Office Hours

M-F 8am – 5pm

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