

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

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Dear Friends in Christ!

"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" These Words of Proclamation never get old—they never get tired. We are Resurrection People. These words never lose their power for us as the Holy Spirit changes our lives for Christ! This early message was spoken from believer to believer. The excitement and power continued to mount as those who heard them remembered the words of Jesus and what was going to be accomplished. ***"I must go to Jerusalem, suffer and die. And in three days I will rise!"*** The tomb is empty. ***"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"***

Jesus met those two men on the road to Emmaus. The men had heard the rumors that the grave was empty—yet it was hard for them to believe—to understand. The stranger walking with them opened the Scriptures to them and explained how the prophets and the Psalms had foretold of God's plan of Salvation and that future was now the present. As they shared a meal with Jesus, their hearts burned within them as they heard those words. The excitement and power of those words spoke to them, ***"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"*** As Jesus disappeared, they leaped up and ran like the wind back to where the disciples were hiding to tell this news. Salvation comes to us as the Holy Spirit works faith in us through the Word. ***"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"*** May these powerful words continue to change your life as you work in His kingdom! In the name of Jesus, *Pastor John Grohs*

Additional notes:

- 1) ***Ruby's Pantry*** is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2017. We begin unloading at 6:45am. We need people throughout the morning: Unloading, packaging, moving tables and chairs, distributing, recycling cardboard, aiding our clients, loading vehicles, and cleaning up. Our plan is to be done by 12 noon. We have been serving about 220 clients each month. Donation is \$20 for a share and from what we experienced, this is a blessing. Thank you.
- 2) ***The Easter Cross*** will continue this year again. We are experiencing a shortage of volunteers to help the church be transformed for Resurrection Services scheduled for April 16th: 6:30, 8:30, and 10:30 am. Work begins at the conclusion of Good Friday worship around 7:30pm and continues on Saturday Morning. With Ruby's Pantry at the same time, Immanuel will need all hands on deck! Thank you.
- 3) ***Resurrection Worship***: We begin with Maundy (Command) Thursday worship at 6:00pm; Good Friday at 1:00 and 6:00pm Worship; Easter Cross preparation Saturday Morning; Resurrection Sunday Worship 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am. See you there.
- 4) ***Prayers***: Lastly, I covet your prayers for Barb and I and Immanuel. This month (March 25th) Barb and I celebrated 10 years of service here at Immanuel. At the end of 2017, I am planning to retire. Until that time, I will continue to serve here at Immanuel. Our plans are to move back to Minnesota so we can be closer to our children and grandchildren. We are not sure the kind of ministry God has planned for us, but we are open to serving Him as He wills. Our Board of Directors will be looking and planning what has to happen and you will hear about that in the coming months. God already has a plan in place. In the meantime, we have many months yet to serve together and I plan to make the most of that with you. Our Pastoral Staff, myself, Pastor Jonathan and Tara Barrett will be working together in ministry as we seek to ***Share*** the Love of Jesus, ***Grow*** in Faith and ***Serve*** Community!

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Are you excited yet? It's right around the corner. We've been on a journey, anticipating its mid-April arrival. It's been a journey of heartache, self-reflection, and longing. But it has not been a journey without hope. Because at the end of this spiritual journey is the hope of new life, new beginnings, endless possibilities. It's what we've been waiting for; even praying about.

That's right; Tuesday, April 18 is Tax Day. And with it comes the hopes of a windfall for many. It's like playing in federally-sponsored sweepstakes. Gambling with the government. If you're anything like me and your taxes are complicated, there comes with it the added thrill of the threat of audit. Or, the realization that **you** won't be the one receiving a windfall - but Uncle Sam sure will. But if you "win," it might mean big money. If you're one of the lucky ones who are anticipating a big payout, you've probably been spending tax season dreaming about how you'll spend the cash. Until you do your taxes, you won't find out your fate. And if you're like many Americans, you'll spend the holy week of April 11-18th in the death throes of forms, items, numbers, letters, and stipulations.

Coincidentally, there's another spiritual event going on simultaneously: Holy Week. It's the culmination of a 40-day journey - no, not tax season, but similar. Just like tax season forces us to focus on the sobering reality of the human condition (you know, the whole "death and taxes" thing), Lent is a time that we take to focus on the sobering reality of our sinful condition. Humanity is in trouble. We are in trouble. And that's why Lent is spent contemplating Jesus humanity lived for us. Easter is a cosmic, reality-altering event, and just as it would not be appropriate to start on your taxes until 11:00 pm the night before their due, so also we take the time to appreciate the magnitude of Jesus death and resurrection.

Lent sobers us to the fact that we don't measure up to God's standards for us. God created man in Genesis 1 and 2 in his image, that we as his crown of creation would "image" God to the rest of Creation. In Genesis 1:28, God gives us the first Great Commission: "**And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'**" Man was made to care for God's creation just as God would, to flourish in it, to honor God by tending to it. But, we know the story. Throw in a serpent and a rotten apple, and man sorely failed. In fact, we did the exact opposite of our job. Do some simple calculations, and it's easy to see we're deep in debt. That's where Jesus comes in. He's the human we can't be.

Colossians 1: [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Jesus has the dominion over Creation that we can't. He bears the image of God that we don't. And he pays the massive debt we owe. And by the ultimate "Tax Day" - Good Friday - Jesus frees Creation from the bonds of dark tyranny and leads the way into the resurrection. You might feel weighed down by Uncle Sam. But take the time to remember that because of Jesus, there really is more to life than "death and taxes." Nor does Uncle Sam reign supreme. Because of Easter, that job new belongs to Jesus.

HE IS RISEN!

Pastor Jonathan

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Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I was very blessed to be in Lenten Worship on Wednesday March 22nd when our K-5 Immanuel students sang a beautiful song on the 10 Commandments. There were so many young children in worship that night! With more children than usual, there were some new noises throughout the service. My young child was certainly of the little ones contributing to those new noises, as she wanted to make sure EVERYONE knew she was there. (And if you're wondering who's ball that was that rolled *all the way* to the front of the church...yup, it was Maggie's, I learned really quickly why balls are NOT good church toys no matter how well she holds onto them at home...)

During the service, Pastor John took a moment to talk about how much we do indeed love children, and what a blessing it is for parents to bring them! In Matthew 19 Jesus rebukes his disciples saying "Let the little children come to me..." even with all of the sound (from them) and fury (from parents at times) that tends to happen during those one hour periods where we try to focus on being quiet and reverent.

*****The next few paragraphs speak to our families with young children, but this conversation is for our *entire church family!* So, everyone else, please check out the last two paragraphs at the very least!*****

There may be Sundays where it seems ridiculous to come and struggle through "worship" when that seems completely unattainable with small children. I know that things are going to get a lot harder for me in the next few years, but I am already so encouraged by the many families that are making a commitment to have their children in worship no matter how difficult it is. In the past few years many different groups have been doing studies trying to figure out how we can keep our teenagers and young adults connected to our churches. It's a struggle across denominations and across nations. Many of these studies are showing that a person's dedication to worshipping weekly starts long before they are taking care of their own transportation and schedules, before they are making their own choices, before they can talk back to mom and dad saying they don't want to go, even before they can walk on their own. It starts with the choices parents are making at the very beginning! That being said, no matter how old your children are, it's never too late to begin making a habit of worshipping with your family and modeling that for your children! Even when they can't understand the message (and they keep you from hearing half of it), they are learning that this intentional time with God is important to Mom and Dad, it's also for them, and it's a vital part of life. They are learning habits and attitudes long before they are learning from the words being spoken.

I think I might know what's going through some of your minds right about now: Knowing how important it is doesn't make it any easier to survive worship with my kid(s)! I get that, and the rest of the staff gets that, and we've been having many conversations lately about what we can do to better serve our children and our families during worship, as well as the rest of the week. Here comes the hard part, though, not all of these things are going to simply make things *easier* for parents, some of these things will take work, and take some intentionality.

Here's where the rest of the congregation comes in: Children thrive when they know that other adults also value them. On Sunday, greet a child near you by name. If you don't know their name, ask (and don't push too hard if they're too shy to answer). Let them know that you're happy to see them and that you look forward to seeing them next week! If there is a family that you see struggling, *THANK* the parents for choosing to worship (even when it's difficult), and ask if there is any way you can help.

We are going to be making a few changes in the coming months to help engage children in more parts of the worship service, and I pray that they offer opportunities for each of you to be a bit more engaged! Parents, we are putting together some resources to share with you this Spring to offer even more help as you worship with your children here at Immanuel, in your homes, and wherever you go!

Your Sister in Christ,
Tara Barrett, DCE

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Board of Directors Meeting – March 6, 2017

Tim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 4:57 p.m.

Pastor John opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

Brian Betts shared plans for school tuition.

Motion made by Rebekah Drewiske, seconded by Jon Lee to accept the tuition fee proposal as presented by Brian Betts from work by the school board for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried.

Tim led the board in an evaluation form. The Board will

Consent Approvals: there were no questions or corrections of last month's minutes, Ministry Reports, Staff Reports, and Official Acts. Consent approvals will be passed with one motion and vote.

Pastor John made the motion, seconded by Brian Hanson to approve minutes and reports. Motion carried.

Jon Lee shared a financial review.

The Board discussed possible options for the three-year plan to balance the budget.

Old Business

Tim shared an update on facility improvements.

Tim shared options for communicating with the congregation.

New Business

The Board discussed the North Wisconsin District meeting that was held on Feb. 27.

Motion made by Rebekah Drewiske seconded by Brian Hanson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Members Present: Jeff Conradt, Brian Hanson, Rebekah Drewiske, Pastor John, Caitlin Shuda, Tim Sullivan, Reg Chamberlin, Jon Lee
Guest: Brian Betts

Members Absent:

Respectfully Submitted,
Caitlin Shuda, Recording Secretary

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Immanuel Lutheran School April 2017

Saved to Serve-Telling

The theme for this school year is Saved to Serve using the Bible verse from Galatians 5:13. During the month of April the theme is telling. The Bible story that will be our focus with the students is the story of Jonah. The Bible verse for the month is from Psalms 96:3 Tell every nation on earth, the Lord is wonderful and does marvelous things! As we celebrate Easter this month and recall the story of seeing Jesus rising from the dead we need to tell the story. It is not always easy to share. This message is very important and we need to tell others of the amazing things that Jesus has done. In the story of Jonah God has a plan but Jonah thinks he has a better plan. Many times when we do not include God in our plans things do not turn out in our favor. Remember Jonah, so don't be like him. God has a plan for us and wants us to share this story with everyone we meet. Take time to tell the story to someone today. Join us Wednesday mornings at 8:55 to learn more about telling.

Celebration Auction

Tickets are on sale for the Celebration Auction **April 29, 2017** at the Ridges. The cost is \$25 per person and tickets can be purchased at the school office. There are many great items to bid on this year and this is a great way to support the school. Gather your friends and put a table together to support this ministry of Immanuel. Profits from this event support student scholarships, technology, and student activities.

Culver's Night

Have you had a butter burger lately? You have another opportunity for a great meal and to support Immanuel on Tuesday, April 25, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. 10% of the proceeds from our Immanuel families will be donated back to school. Thanks to your support to Immanuel Lutheran School.



Parental Choice Program

The Open Enrollment for Wisconsin Parental Choice Program window is February 1-April 20 2017. During this time parents who want to participate in this program can enroll their children at a school that is participating in this program across the state. Immanuel is a school that will be participating in this program for the 2017-2018 school year. Please let others know that they can be part of this program to be able to send a child to Immanuel for FREE as the education cost is paid for by the state if accepted in this program. The application and details about this program can be found at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications> If you need help or have more questions please call the school at 715-423-0272 and we will be willing to help schedule a time to guide you through the online application.

2017-2018 School Registration

Immanuel is now taking registration for the 2017-18 school year. If you know of a new family in our community that could benefit by a Christian Education please guide them to the Website at www.immanuelrapids.com or call the school office and provide a name and phone number contact so we may provide them with the information about the benefits of Immanuel. Immanuel has a dedicated staff that can provide a strong academic foundation and character development in a Christian learning environment.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

LAST CALL FOR ANNUAL CHOICE DOLLARS Do not miss out electing where your choice dollars go. All Thrivent members can help out Immanuel Lutheran Church and School by electing to use your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the school. Log into www.thrivent.com and designate your Choice Dollars.

March Supporters Debra Beyer, Robert Beyer, Quinn Hansen, Verna Jepson, Leland Kauth, Julie Millard, Rev John Stake, Rick Zabel.
Thanks for your support of the school.

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Stewardship Newsletter Article April 2017

Resurrection Day (Easter) is a moveable feast and isn't on the same calendar day each year the way Christmas is. Resurrection Day (Easter) always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox. And once you find the date of Easter, everything else finds its place—Good Friday and Maundy Thursday, Ash Wednesday and the Transfiguration, the Ascension of our Lord and Pentecost. All this is a long way of saying that Resurrection Day determines everything and defines everything. It orders the entire church year and our lives as well. This Day gives meaning to our lives and changes everything around us. Resurrection Day makes all things new.

Without this miracle, Jesus would not be raised from the dead—death would still reign—and we would still be trapped in our trespasses and sins—Our faith and hope would be in vain. But Jesus is raised from the dead and all things are new. Darkness is overcome with light, wrath with peace, fear with hope, angst with rest, sadness with joy, hatred with love, sin with righteousness, and death with life. We are made new with a relationship to God through faith in Jesus Christ. Yes, Everything is new.

What does this do for our attitude about giving? For if God gave us His own Son into death so that we will live, how will He not give us everything else we need? He will, and He does. He provides for us. He even gives us the gifts that we give back to Him for service in the church. Easter demonstrates that we have a God who loves us, a God who provides for us, a God who presses us into His service, a God who has made us new in the death and resurrection of His Son.

When you give support to God's mission, you are seeking to help grow the Kingdom of God. You help pass along the message of Resurrection Day to others and proclaim what God is doing in your life. This is not a burden, but pure joy. For God has given you a part in the administration of His kingdom. He provides for the needy through your hands. He ensures that the Gospel is preached, the Sacraments are given out, and the children are taught through the work of your hands and in the gifts that you give. And He honors and blesses this work and generosity as it rebounds to those around you.

So when you sit down on the first day of the week to make your offering to the place where the Gospel message is proclaimed and where the gifts of God's grace are given out, remember: Jesus' Resurrection changes everything and invites us into a new relationship. We have been forgiven and we can live generous lives for Him.

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PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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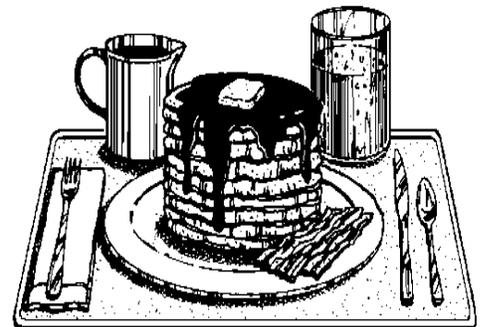
WE BEGIN SERVING AT 8:00 A.M.

**FREE WILL OFFERING
All You Can Eat!!**

MENU

**Scrambled Eggs
French Toast
Pancakes
Bacon
Sausage
Cinnamon Rolls**

**Muffins
Applesauce
Fruit Salad
Juice
Milk
Coffee**



THERE IS NOT A BETTER BRUNCH IN TOWN
(Proceeds go to support Immanuel's Youth summer trips and other activities)

Thrivent Financial is helping to support this event!

We Thank You For Your Support

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Regular Office Hours

The Church/School office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with scrip available from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. For any emergency needs:

Please call the Pastors' emergency number.

EMAIL ADDRESSES-

Thank you to everyone who has given or updated their email address to help in our effort to keep our mailing costs down. Please let us know your email so we can use this free service to send you your newsletter. You can get your email to us by updating the communication card in the church pew, or call/email Marlene at the office. Note: address corrections from the Post Office adds extra costs. We will still use postal mail to send out the newsletter to those who do not have an email. Thank you.



If you have had a change of address or phone number recently, please let us know by calling 715-423-3260, by mail to 111 11th St. N, Wis. Rapids, WI 54494, or by email to mmertens@immanuelrapids.com so we can update our records.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Please have any items for next month's newsletter handed in to the church office by the 15th of the month. Thank you.

2017 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2017 Offering Envelopes. They are at the church office. You can pick them up during regular office hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.



IMMANUEL PRAYER GROUP

The Immanuel Prayer Group meets every Sunday from 10 - 10:20 a.m. in front of the church. Come join us as we pray for our church, our community, our country, and your special needs. Come and go as you are able! God CAN do immeasurable more than all we can ask or imagine! *Ephesians 3:20.*



NWD CIRCUIT 17 FORUMS:

The NWD Circuit 17 Pastoral meeting for April will be held on Monday, April 10th at Bethlehem Lutheran with Peace Campus leading the Bible Study.

"Support the Mission"

How to support the mission of our church and school:

- 1) Bring your offering and place it in the offering plates on Sunday.
- 2) Use Joyful Response which helps you give directly from your checking or savings accounts as that debit occurs on the day or days of your choice. Please stop by the office to pick up a form.
- 3) Go to our website (using the QR code on the right or by going to <https://qoo.gl/4OGLO0> and follow the instructions.
- 4) You also "Give by Text". Text \$ and number (i.e. \$50, \$100) to 715-955-4686 and follow the instructions.
- 5) Designate your "choice dollars" from Thrivent. You need to designate this on an annual basis. Contact your Thrivent representative to learn how.
- 6) Talk to us about "legacy giving" and how your financial support can continue to support our ministry after your life here on earth.



BIBLE STUDY/CHAPEL SERVICE

Pastor John or Pastor Jonathan will have a Bible Study/Chapel Service April 13th at the Renaissance Assisted Living at 2:45 pm. And also Chapel Services at Strawberry Lane on April 13th at 10:00 am and April 27th at 10:00 am. If you or a family member is a resident at these places, we invite you to attend.

HEARING AID CLEANINGS

Hearing aid cleanings are being offered the **2nd Sunday** of every month by Kitt Belanger who is a Hearing Instrument Specialist. If you would like your hearing aids cleaned or maybe have some questions about hearing aids stop downstairs in the fellowship hall on **April 9th** and talk to Kitt. We want to thank Kitt for helping with such a worthwhile project for our members.



PREPARATION OF THE LIVING CROSS

Preparation of the Living Cross will start at 7:00 p.m. on Good Friday after the 6:00 p.m. Worship service and will continue on Saturday morning, April 15 starting around 9:00 a.m. **Volunteers are needed.** Come and enjoy fellowship and fun while decorating. Any help is welcome and appreciated.

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LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

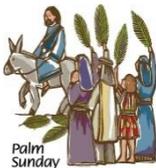
April 5 - Lenten Services - 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Meal – Trickle Family Serving Chicken
Enchiladas - 5:00 p.m.



Palm Sunday, April 9 –

8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Services
Palm Sunday Brunch served by the
Youth Group - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Maundy Thursday, April 13 –

6:00 p.m. Service (One Service)
First Communion for the "This Is
The Feast" Class. **Maundy
Thursday Offering Envelope goes
to the General Fund of the
church.**



Good Friday, April 14 –

1:00 and 6:00 p.m. Service
**Good Friday Offering Envelope
goes to the General Fund of the
church.**



The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 16 –

6:30, 8:30, & 10:30 a.m. Services
**Easter Offering Envelope goes
toward the many charities funds
that our congregation supports.**

ALL SERVICES WILL HAVE HOLY COMMUNION

EASTER FLOWERS

"Festival of the Resurrection of our LORD"



As in the past, on Easter Sunday, April 16, we will have the beautiful "LIVING CROSS" in testimony to the Good News that life triumphs over death in Jesus Christ. Plants and monetary donations are needed. You may bring your gifts or mail them to the church office at 111-11th St. North, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. Please make your checks payable to **Immanuel Lutheran Church**. If your gift is a memorial or thank offering, please note that information. A list of donations will be published in the weekly announcements the Sunday following Easter.

Evening Guild

John 11:25-56 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

The ladies will meet on **Tuesday, April 11th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a Bible Study to start the meeting. Hostesses this month are Joanne Wilhorn and Jeanette Hilgard. The Health Kit Items to bring are metal nail clippers and bars of soap. And the monthly prayer is for the Pastors of Immanuel and their families.

Ladies Aid Meeting

The Ladies Aid Spring luncheon and meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 26th** at 11:30 am at Graces restaurant with Lenora Fletcher hosting.

Casual Get-Together Lunch

The Casual Get-Together Lunch for those who have lost their spouses will meet on **Monday, April 24th** at 11:30 a.m. at Perkins. Invite friends and other members, who have lost their spouses to come and join us for a brief devotion and great time of fellowship and lunch. If you have questions please call Lenora Fletcher at 715-423-7994.

LADIES QUILTERS

The Ladies Quilters - quilting group meets every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall.

The quilters would like to thank everyone who donated material for making quilts for Orphan Grain Train and World Relief. Because of these donations the ladies were able to make 119 quilts from September, 2015 to May, 2016. The ladies appreciate these donations very much.

BATTING OR LINING IS NEEDED

The quilters are still in need of material for lining (or batting) such as mattress pads, blankets, non-working electric blankets, or quilt batting.

All Purpose or Cotton Thread is needed and they also need **VOLUNTEERS** so more quilts can be made for those in need. (Remember – you only need to know how to tie a knot.)

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SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH FOOD. We serve on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Boys & Girls Club. Our next distribution will be on **April 15th**. Immanuel Lutheran Church along with the Boys & Girls Club sponsors this event located at 501 17th Street South, here in Wisconsin Rapids. **Registration is from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.** and distribution starts at 9:00. The distribution is open to all without stipulation. We do ask for a \$20 donation which offsets the cost of transportation, materials, and supplies needed for the distribution. **Volunteers are needed and always welcome.** If you would like to volunteer for the next Ruby's distribution please call the church office to sign up at 715-423-3260 or just come to the next distribution. Work begins around 7:00 a.m. and we are typically done between 11:30 and 12:30 p.m. If you can't stay for the whole event, please come and help in the time period that you are able. We thank all who have helped for your service to the community. Without your dedication and hard work this distribution wouldn't be possible.



Help First Choice kick off the 10th anniversary fundraising season by participating in the *Walk for Life*. Participate in a four mile, or two mile optional loop.

The purpose of this fundraiser is to celebrate motherhood, families, and life! Funds raised will be used in support of the expansion of the HOPE program, which provides new parents and caregivers with the tools and education to become effective parents.

Expansions include additional curriculums and learning materials, resources for marketing and spreading awareness, and financial provision to enhance current First Choice services.

For registration and online fundraising go to www.firstchoiceprc.org/walk-for-life or mail registration forms to: First Choice PRC 101 Division St. N. Stevens Point, WI 54481

T-shirts will be guaranteed for all participants who register by **April 29th, 2017**. *Same day registration is available between 9 – 10 am. Check out the flyer insert included with the newsletter.*

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Board of Directors Meeting – April 24, 2017

Our Mission Statement

“Immanuel Lutheran Church and School exists to share the love of Jesus Christ, grow in faith and serve community.”

Our Vision Statement

“Immanuel Lutheran Church and School seeks to be a joy filled, Christ centered family, equipped, encouraged and empowered for acts of love as we honor God throughout the community.”

OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION

President, Tim Sullivan	715-347-7697
Vice-President, Jeff Conradt	715-421-4155
Treasurer, Jon Lee	715-254-1817
Recording Secretary, Caitlin Shuda	715-459-7570

LAY BOARD MEMBERS

Brian Hanson	715-423-5329
Regis Chamberlin	715-421-3793
Rebekah Drewiske	715-424-0180

The Board of Directors Minutes from the February meeting is included in this newsletter.

Board of Elders

Dick Wood, Chairman	715-459-5192
Dennis Martin, Merlyn Koopman, John Sawaska, Irv Vollert, Quinn Hansen	

Auxiliaries

Evening Guild, Joan Miller	715-421-4276
Ladies Aid, Leona Dhein	715-421-4349
MOPS, Sarah Albright	715-569-4013

Professional Staff

Rev. John K. Grohs, Senior Pastor	715-423-3260
Rev. Jonathan Petzold, Associate Pastor	715-423-3260
Tara Barrett, DCE	715-423-3260
Mr. Brian Betts, Principal	715-423-0272
Ms. Cortney Hahn, Athletic Director	715-423-0272
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School Office Number – 111 11 th St. N.	715-423-0272
Church Phone Number – 160 8 th St. N.	715-423-5190
Pastor John's Phone Number	715-410-4160
Pastor Jonathan's Phone Number	734-657-0841
(Land lines must dial "1" first for Pastors' Phone #)	
Emergency Line	715-410-4160

REMINDER NOTE TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please have your **reports** emailed or brought in to the Church Office by **Wednesday, March 1st** to be included for the Board Meeting on Monday, March 6th at 5:00 p.m.

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"QUIT THE SIT"

ASPIRING WOMEN GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Sitting ducks are an easy target for a many serious health conditions, causing a number of health experts to proclaim, "Sitting is the new smoking." Aspirus invites all ladies to the free Aspiring Women girls' night out, "Quit the Sit" on **Tuesday, April 11**, from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids. Physical Therapist Matthew Ironside and Athletic Trainer Danielle Kilps with Aspirus Riverview Therapies will discuss how to maintain your health by building activity into your day. Ladies will also sample energy-boosting appetizers and take home recipes and an Aspiring Women gift. Attendance is free; but space is limited, and advance registration is required. To register, call [1-800-847-4707](tel:1-800-847-4707) or visit aspirus.org/AspiringWomen. Attendees must register individually. Registration closes on April 4, or when filled.

L.O.S.S. - Loss of Spouse Support Group

Losing a spouse may be something one can never get over, but can learn to live with. L.O.S.S. attempts to help people realize that while life has changed dramatically, the survivor can still live a contented life. These FREE Ministry grief support groups will be held in area communities. The support group held in Wis. Rapids will run from April 19 – May 24 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Hardees (conference room) 1821 8th St. South. This is sponsored by Ministry Home Care (*Ascension at home*) Please call 800-397-4216 to register.

NEED HELP FILING YOUR INCOME TAXES?

The AARP Tax Aide Program was designed to provide free assistance for low to middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those aged 60 and older. Volunteer counselors, trained in cooperation with the IRS, will be available every Monday, Wednesday, and select Thursdays through April 14 (8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.) at the Lowell Center. Be prepared to bring copies of your 2015 tax returns, W-2 forms for 2016, Social Security benefit statement for 2016, pension statements, 1099 forms, social security card for those that are filing, a picture ID, real estate taxes paid in 2016, and any forms received in the mail from the IRS. If you are filing for Homestead credit, bring your 2016 property tax bill (whether paid or

not), OR a completed, signed rental certificate. Appointments are necessary! Call 715-422-2778 between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, Monday – Friday, to schedule your personal tax appointment.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRY

The Lutheran Hour will be on the following radio stations on Sunday: WAXX 104.5 FM at **6:30 a.m.**; WDLB 1450 AM, WDUX 92.7 FM, WDUX 800 AM are all at **8:00 a.m.**; WSAU 99.9 FM at **8:30 a.m.**; WCWI 106.1 FM & KAWZ 88.7 FM at **9:00 a.m.**; WRVM 91.3 FM & WRVM 101.3 FM at **10:00 a.m.**

April 2 - "Freedom in the Spirit"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Jesus frees you to be the person you were created, redeemed, and called to be.
(Romans 8:1-11)

April 9 - "Humble Strength for Eternal Salvation"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, not to set up an earthly kingdom but to overcome sin and death--for us.
(Philippians 2:5-11)

April 16 - "Empty Tomb Hope!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
The assurance of Christ's resurrection turns wonder into reality and gives us an eternal hope.
(Matthew 28:1-10)

April 23 - "A Living Hope for a 'Dead as Doornails' World"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
No matter how hard the world tries to shake our joy and faith, we have an inheritance in Christ that can never be taken away. (1 Peter 1:3-9)

April 30 - "Unadulterated Fact"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
The early believers knew two things to be true: Jesus performed miraculous works and He rose from the dead. (Acts 2:22-25)

SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Men of Bethany Lutheran Church, 4 miles west of Rudolph on County C, will be serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, cheese curds, applesauce, and beverages on Sunday, **April 30** from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm. The cost is \$8 for 12 yrs and older, \$3 for kids 6-11 yrs, and 5 and under are free. Funds raised will support various projects and ministries.

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Camp Luther News

CAMP LUTHER CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST:

Help share the beauty, fun, and spiritual growth of Camp Luther and Keweenaw Base Camp through your photos! We are collecting entries for our 2017/2018 Calendar. Submit your photo via email to sojo@campluther.com or place on a cd or dvd and mail to Camp Luther. **Deadline is April 15!**

WORKBEE WEEKENDS AT CAMP LUTHER:

April 28-30 and May 5-7, 2017 - Volunteers have always played a major role in keeping Camp Luther clean, beautiful, and in good condition. Today, Camp Luther continues to be blessed by hundreds of individuals who faithfully participate in Workbee Weekends. Individuals or entire families can help get Camp Luther ready for the summer by participating in various work projects. The weekend is FREE and camp provides all meals, as well as time for fellowship and devotions. Projects vary, but there is something for everyone. Register under the "Get Involved" tab at <http://campluther.com>.

MEN'S FISHING/GOLF RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHER:

May 16-19 - Fishing, Golf, Bible Study and Devotions-what more do you need for a manly get away? This schedule is packed with plenty of time for your sport of choice AND plenty of time for being in God's Word together. Gather a few friends or bring your congregation's Men's Ministry Group. Housing is in cottages as available. For more information check out www.campluther.com.

SIDE-BY-SIDE RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHER:

April 28-30 - Are you looking for a way to get your youth group involved in serving? Join us at Camp Luther for our Side-by-Side Retreat! You will participate in a variety of housekeeping and maintenance projects around camp during the day, and then have time for fun activities in the evening. Visit www.campluther.com/adultfamily to get your youth group signed up!

MEMORIAL DAY FAMILY RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHER:

May 26-29 - Start a new Memorial Day tradition and bring your family to Camp Luther this year. Join in on any or all of the staff-led favorite summer activities or do your own thing as a family in this very flexible schedule. A guest pastor leads the Adult Bible Study while staff teach the kids in age-appropriate groups. More information can be found on our website at www.campluther.com.

GUEST MEDICS NEEDED AT CAMP LUTHER:

Camp Luther is looking for licensed physicians, nurses, physician's assistants, practical nurses, certified trainers, EMT or paramedics, persons

certified in emergency response or equivalent to serve as Volunteer Medics this summer. Weeks still in need of a Medic are June 23-30 and August 4-11. More information can be found under the Get Involved tab at <https://campluther.com>.

CAMP LUTHER "CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE" CAMPS FOR 2017:

CYOA camps are weeklong programs for 6th-8th graders that focus on one specific activity by offering 3-4 hours of skill building in that particular area each day. CYOA camps run concurrently with Camp Luther's youth camp program which allow campers to participate in many of their favorite youth camp activities throughout the week as well. Here are three great camps to check out this summer...

***NEW CYOA IN 2017* Sailing Camp (July 16-21)**

Learn how to sail and ride the wind and the waves throughout the week.

Guitar Camp (June 25-30) - This is your chance to learn how to play the guitar, or to build your skills if you've already been playing for a while.

Photography Camp (July 30-August 4) - Spend the week with your camera in hand, building your photography skills and capturing awesome pictures.

SPEND A WEEK AT KEWEENAW BASE CAMP:

Two NEW cabins are being built at KBC, and reservations are being taken for summer 2017! Enjoy a week (Friday-Friday) in one of these two-bedroom cabins and relax in the beauty of the Keweenaw Peninsula. Contact Janette "Swoops" at janette@campluther.com or [715-891-4064](tel:715-891-4064) for more information and to book your stay!

Bethesda Thrift Shop:

The store has been completely restocked with spring/summer clothing, shoes, purses, and other spring items. Now is a great time to shop for best selection. Easter items will be discounted this month. A 50% off sale on almost everything in the store will be held on Friday & Saturday, April 28-29. Senior/Veteran discounts days (25% off) are on Wednesdays. Also available, NEW furniture and mattresses. We at Bethesda appreciate your business. Thank you.



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Easter is coming!

Easter is coming...so is nicer weather...we hope! Don't forget to purchase Scrip cards for all your travel, grocery, gas, entertainment, and home improvement needs. Check out ShopWishScrip.com to see a complete list of available vendors.

The school/church office will be closed Good Friday, April 14th
And will be open again on Monday, April 17th

Vendor Updates:

- Gordman's has filed for bankruptcy protection...We would like your help liquidating our stock!
- JC Penney's – As you may have heard, our local JC Penney's will be closing... Come help us liquidate our stock on this also!
- Are you using Scrip on the go with PrestoPay? Want to learn more about being able to purchase scrip on the go? Send us an email at scrip@immanuelrapids.com or stop in the office.

Scrip is available for purchase in the office at Immanuel Lutheran School Monday-Friday from 8:15am-4:15pm. Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you for using Scrip!



St. Luke's Bus trip -South Pacific at The Fireside Dinner Theatre –

St. Luke's will be taking a bus to **A Fireside Christmas on Sunday, April 30.**

South Pacific is a classic story of love, heroism, courage, and America in WWII which includes the memorable songs – Some Enchanted Evening and Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair. The Lamers coach bus will leave St. Luke's south parking lot at 11:45 a.m. for 2:30 p.m. dinner and 5:00 p.m. show, returning home by 10:00 p.m.

Cost is \$90 for the day. Mail the slip below with your \$30 deposit to St. Luke's (2011 10th St So, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494) or 715-423-5990 or bring it to St. Luke's office to place a reservation. We must have a deposit to reserve your seat. Balance of \$60 is due by April 10.

RESERVATION SHEET

South Pacific At the Fireside Theater | Sunday April 30, 2017 // \$30 to reserve your spot / \$90 total cost

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Payment amount: _____ cash _____ ck #

I agree that I am responsible for the full payment of the ticket unless someone can be found to take my place.

Signed, _____

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Registration Form Mother Daughter Retreat April 28/29, 2017

If you have not yet been on the Mother-Daughter Retreat...**GOD'S DESIGN FOR HIS DAUGHTERS**... then you are in for a wonderful experience. It's a great "girls' retreat" with ice breaker games, numerous times to talk with your daughter, extended lunch time on Saturday for you to do something special with your daughter, and experiential learning activities that you and your daughter will remember for a long, long time.

And we cover some very important topics on what it means to be a woman of God. It will be very helpful to you as you take responsibility for your daughter's sex education. (We make that part easy.) You will have a chance to speak words of blessing over your daughter that will be remembered for years to come. You'll give her two gifts – a charm bracelet to remember the key teachings of the retreat and a journal in which you and she will write notes to each other in the months ahead. Cost for the retreat is \$25 to cover the blessing items, supplies and meals.

If a daughter doesn't have a mom available for this retreat, she can have another mother figure attend with her (grandmother, aunt, older sister, etc.)

Mail this registration form to:

***God's Design for His Daughters
St. Luke's 2011 10th St. So,
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494***

Parent / Guardian Name(s): _____

Name of daughter(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

You may also register via...

Martha Strong 715-572-4324 or mastrong@stlukeslutheran.com or
Tara Barrett 715-451-3387 or tbarrett@immanuelrapids.com

This *God's Design for His Daughters* is part of our *Faith Legacy Series*, which helps families grow spiritually every two years of a child's life:
birth, age 2, age 4, age 6, age 8, etc.
Invite your neighbors and their kids to the *Faith Legacy Series*!

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Other Items of Interest

New Church Directory: Our last Church Directory is out of date (I bet you knew that already). Life Touch will be helping us put together a new updatable one, which will have both a printed copy and access online. We're excited to make this happen. You will have the opportunity to have your picture taken on the following dates: June 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th and you will receive an 8X10 color portrait or you can order addition if you choose. Signup will be coming. For now, just know this tool will help us serve ministries better here at Immanuel. Thanks for your support.

Ways to financially give and support: We continue to bring a variety of ways for all generations to be able to financially support our ministry. One new way that we will be bringing online is the opportunity to give through the use of a Kiosk (Ipads) through which you can use your debit or credit card to contribute. Some folks don't carry cash or a checkbook. This new way would let these people give. We also have Text-to-Give for smart phone users (715-955-4686). This will be a learning process for us all, so thank you for being patient.

Opportunities to Pray for our ministries: Please pray for the following ministries: Board of Directors; Board of Lay Ministry; Board of Elders; Marlene and Sue (Office Staff); School Board; MOPs; Senior Choir; Our Organists; Usher Teams; Our homebound. There are obviously more that we could list, but this is a good start. Thank you.

Camp Luther: Incredible opportunities abound for camping at Camp Luther. You own the camp as a member of our church and North Wisconsin District. Camp is a separate ministry through our North Wisconsin District. Camp is located on Three Lakes, Wisconsin. Fun and uplifting retreats for families, youth groups, adults, and summer week-long camps are available. Learn more at www.campluther.com. These fill up fast.

Pastoral Staffing: We are trying to improve with communication with congregation and our roles.

Pastor Jonathan Petzold has been with us since July 2016. In 10 months you may have gotten to know him a bit and vice versa. He has been doing preaching, teaching, confirmation and getting our Lay Ministry Team recruited/working, greeting our school children, leading a Bible Study group of couples/small families, and other Adult Bible Studies. Learning about ministry here at Immanuel often can seem like you're trying to drink from a fire hose and so this takes time. He is also participating in PALS which is a support program for seminarians in their first three years. **Next Year:** You will see Pastor begin to focus upon what Immanuel called him to do—Confirmation, discipleship, family ministry, Youth, home visits. Our two pastors split the preaching about 50/50, so preaching and "Fit for Life!"

Tara Barrett, DCE continues in family ministry, teaching, confirmation, discipleship and youth. Tara is leading a small group (Kindle) in our church through her DCE Continuing Education to help our congregation learn about and practice servant leadership and will have 2-3 Kindle groups going this summer/fall. Ask her about it and the applications for our congregation and school. Tara has been teaching 6th grade confirmation and 3rd grade religion, being a major leader/planner in fund raising for our Youth trips, setting up family classes, heading up the Cookie Bake, Palm Sunday Breakfast (which is on April 8th—see you there), district and national youth events. Please note that you may see some overlap and that is a good thing as both Pastor and Tara have gifts in these areas. They can serve as resources to our lay leaders and volunteers. We want to continue moving toward a consistent family ministry, one that will connect both our school and public school families.

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IMMANUEL VOICE MAIL
YOUR PHONE, you may press any of these extensions to leave a message.

SYSTEM - PLEASE SAVE & PLACE BY
Church Office 715-423-3260
and School Office 715-423-0272

OFFICE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

10 – Church Secretary (Marlene Mertens)	29 – Library (Cara Lee)
11 – Senior Pastor (Pastor John Grohs)	31 – 2 nd Grade (Sharon Dykstra)
12 – DCE (Tara Barrett)	32 – 6 th Grade (Melody Czarapata)
14 - Principal (Brian Betts)	33 – 1 st Grade (Jennifer Wegner)
15 - School Secretary (Sue Zolnik)	34 – Art Room (Ruth Macomber)
16 - Weight Room (Gymnasium)	35 – 7 th Grade (Lynnette Hansen)
17- Bookkeeper (Cathy Muraski)	36 – 8 th Grade (Lynnette Hansen)
20 – 4K (Dian Schlichtmann)	37 – Computer Lab
21 - 5K (Rachel Benson)	38 – 5 th Grade (Cortney Hahn)
23 – Kitchen	39 – Admissions Counselor (Susan Cour)
24 - Scrip Office	40 – Music Room (Dian Schlichtmann)
25 – Associate Pastor (Pastor Jonathan Petzold)	43 – 4 th Grade (Cara Lee)
27 – Cougar Kids - Before & After Child Care	44 – 3 rd Grade (Susan Cour)
28 – Learning Center	

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BAPTISMS:

Easton Richard Pixler - son of Justin and Amanda Pixler, January 22, 2017
Ava Rose Dye - daughter of Dominick Throop and Samantha Throop, January 29, 2017
Abram Timothy Manning - son of Curtis and Skye Manning, February 5, 2017

IN SYMPATHY

Sandra Lee Matthews –January 25, 2017
Robert Thompson –February 13, 2017



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

CORONADO, LELAND	4/1	STORLIE, KRISTA	4/1	MCDONALD, BROOKE	4/2
HAMIN, DONNA	4/1	WILHORN, LEELI	4/1	O'DAY, COLLEEN	4/2
HEWITT, NOAH	4/1	ALLAR, CHRIS	4/2	THOMPSON, DOROTHY	4/2
LEITNER, LINDA	4/1	FILLMORE, MORGAN	4/2	WORZELLA, NICHOLAS	4/2
MCLELLAN, NANCY	4/1	HANNEMAN, KRISTA	4/2	ZOLNIK-WALKER, LIAM	4/2

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BARRETT, TARA	4/3	MILLER, MARIE	4/12	KEHRBERG, RODDICK	4/22
CHAMBERLIN, MARK	4/3	RINGER, MELISSA	4/12	O'CONNOR, KATIE	4/22
OLIGNEY, Bob	4/3	SERING, AI	4/12	STOUT, ROBIN	4/22
SCHULTZ, KARA	4/3	STAMPEL, SHIRLEY	4/12	TURBIN, ROSALIE	4/22
SZELAGOWSKI, JORDAN	4/3	ZUEHLKE, LAVERE	4/12	ALBRIGHT, BRIAN	4/23
HOFER, KESHIA	4/4	BEHREND, CONNIE	4/13	BURGER, ANN	4/23
JANZ, BRITTANY	4/4	ENGELBRIGHT, CHRISTINA	4/13	GEISTER, Christy	4/23
MCDONALD, LORI	4/4	ROMANSKI, PAULINE	4/13	LORD, ROBERTA	4/23
SCHILLINGER, AVERY	4/4	BRETL, PATSY	4/14	RACE, KYLE	4/23
SICARD, SHANNON	4/4	HOFER, PAMELA	4/14	SCHOOLEY, JACOB	4/23
HABECK, Tim	4/5	SISCO, Jeff	4/14	SZELAGOWSKI, PAULINE	4/23
KOCH, DELILAH	4/5	VOIT, CARTER	4/14	SAEGER, Shirly	4/24
LEE, CHRISTOPHER	4/5	GLAMAN, Greg	4/15	SCHULZ, ROY	4/24
MARTIN, DENNIS	4/5	LINDEMAN, Denny	4/15	WEIGAND, Beth	4/24
MCELROY, REBECCA	4/5	MUESKE, DANE	4/15	WINCH, LILY	4/24
SZELAGOWSKI, TERRY	4/5	RACE, LINDA	4/15	DAVIS, Kathie	4/25
WEGNER, JENNIFER	4/5	REIMER, SHAWN	4/15	MARKWORTH, DIANE	4/25
ADAMS, LYN	4/6	RIEMER, KEITH	4/15	MILLER, JULIE	4/25
ANSORGE, ALAN	4/6	RUSTAD, DARRELL	4/15	HEINRICH, CHRYSTAL	4/26
BEHREND, JASON	4/6	WITHERS, EMILY	4/15	HOFER, ADAM	4/26
SAEGER, KIRK	4/6	COATES, COLIN	4/16	OLSON, Mare	4/26
WILHORN, SCOTT	4/6	GABER, KAREN	4/16	SAEGER, MICHAEL	4/26
DILLMAN, Bob	4/7	SANTOSKI, DANIEL	4/16	STOFLET, JACOB	4/26
PUDDER, JENNA	4/7	SCHLICHTMANN, DIAN	4/16	ZUEHLKE III, Fred	4/26
SCHREIBER, Marty	4/7	GROHS, JOHN	4/17	GELLERMAN, MARK	4/27
SICARD, KORA	4/7	GUMZ, RYAN	4/17	MROZINSKI, ROBIN	4/27
SPRANGER, SHANNON	4/7	MILLER, CHASE	4/17	SCHULTZ, ESLEY	4/27
BEHREND, SHERYL	4/8	EMERY, BAILEY	4/18	HEWITT, KEEGAN	4/28
FOTA, MATTHEW	4/8	WARD, ISABELLA	4/18	MURASKI, DILLON	4/28
HOFFMAN, BREHON	4/8	WEISS, BONNIE	4/18	WOOD, LENNA	4/28
SCHWERZEL, Nora	4/8	ALBRIGHT, ALEX	4/19	DALLMAN, DAVID	4/29
SERING, RYAN	4/8	APPEL, AMY	4/19	KIRST, WHITNEY	4/29
GUSK, SHIRLEY	4/9	KARNATZ, DEAN	4/19	MITCHELL, AMANDA	4/29
PETRICK, ROBERT	4/9	MARX, BONNIE	4/19	SCHMID, JOSHUA	4/29
VOLLERT, VICTORIA	4/9	RUNYON, ARIANNA	4/19	WALCZAK, TERRI	4/29
BEHREND, BRANDON	4/10	WILHORN, JOANNE	4/19	BRETL, MARK	4/30
GOETZ, NICHOLE	4/10	BEHREND, NANCY	4/20	DOUCETTE, CALEB	4/30
HEEG, JERRY	4/10	DILLMAN, IRENE	4/20	GERZMEHLE, GREG	4/30
HUTKOWSKI, KATHY	4/10	GROSS, RAEFE	4/20	HOFFMAN, TARREN	4/30
KROHN, DARREN	4/10	HOFER, TRAVIS	4/20		
WOOD, KOREENA	4/10	POWERS, SAMANTHA	4/20		
GUCK, SHELLIE	4/11	TODD, Shelly	4/20		
KRUGER, DOREEN	4/11	DANKEMEYER, SCOTT	4/21		
OTT, RIAN	4/11	HETZEL, LINDSEY	4/21		
POWERS, TERESA	4/11	CIRIACKS, MORGAN	4/22		
GREENEWAY, PETER	4/12	HAUSE, DELORES	4/22		
GREENWOOD, JORIAN	4/12	JEPSON, VERNA	4/22		



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<p>2 Usher Teams C, D 7:30am Bible Study-CF 8:45am Morning Worship/HC 10:00am Prayer Group-Church 10-10:15 Family Devo – FH 10:30am Prayer/Praise 5:30pm CBS – Grohs Home</p>	<p>3 HB Mrs. Barrett 6:30pm Stitch'n'Stdy BbleSt – at the school</p>	<p>4 8:30am Quilting - CF 9:00am Bible Study - LC 6:30pm Evening BS-CR</p>	<p>5 Usher Teams B, A HB Mrs. Wegner 8:50am Chapel - KH No Confirmation Class 4:30pm Lenten Worsh/HC 5:00pm Lenten Meal-CF 6:00pm Lenten Worsh/HC 7:00pm Choir Practice-ChrRm</p>	<p>6 HA Mr. & Mrs. Muraski 6:30am Breakfast Bible Study@FourStarRest.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 1:00-4:00 pm Palm Sunday Brunch Prep – Church Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>9 Usher Teams D, C PALM SUNDAY 7:30am Bible Study-CF 8:00am-Noon - Palm Sunday Brunch- Fellowship Hall 8:45am Morn Worship Hearing Aid Cleaning 10:00am Prayer Group-Church 10-10:15 Family Devo – FH 10:30am Prayer/Praise/HC 5:30pm CBS – Grohs Home</p>	<p>10 4:00pm Elder's Mtg-CR 6:30pm Min/Day Sch -CR Circuit 17 Pastoral Meeting St. Luke's</p>	<p>11 8:30am Quilting - CF 9:00am Bible Study - LC 6:30pm Evening BS-CR 7:00pm Ev. Guild - FH</p>	<p>12 8:50am Chapel - KH No Worship/Confirmation Class 7:00pm Choir Practice-ChrRm</p>	<p>13 Usher Team A MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30am Breakfast Bible Study@FourStarRest 9:00-11:00am MOPS-LC 2:45pm Renaissance Chapel 6pm(Only) Maundy Thursday Worship/HC</p>	<p>14 Usher Teams B, C GOOD FRIDAY 1pm Good Friday/HC 6pm Good Friday/HC 7pm Preparation of the Living Cross - Church Church/School Office Closed – Holiday MAY NEWSLETTER REPORTS DEADLINE</p>	<p>15 8:00–10:00am Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution - Boys & Girls Club 9:00am - Preparation of Living Cross - Church</p>
<p>16 Usher Teams D, A, B HB Ms. Schlichtmann EASTER SUNDAY 6:30am Easter Sunday/HC 8:30am Easter Sunday/HC 10:30am Nursery Open 10:30am Easter Sunday/HC</p>	<p>17 HB Pastor Grohs 6:00pm Stitch'n'Stdy BbleSt</p>	<p>18 8:30am Quilting - CF 9:00am Bible Study - LC 6:30pm Evening BS-CR</p>	<p>19 Usher Team Frater 8:50am Chapel - KH 3:45-4:45pm Confirm Class – in Pastor/DCE Offices 6:00pm Evening Worship/HC 7:00pm Choir Practice-ChrRm BOD REPORTS DUE</p>	<p>20 6:30am Breakfast Bible Study@FourStarRest</p>	<p>21 7:00 pm - Grade 6-12 Lock In - School</p>	<p>22 Grade 6-12 Lock In – School ends 7:00 am</p>
<p>23 Usher Teams C, D 7:30am Bible Study-CF 8:45am Morn Worship 10:00am Prayer Group-Church 10-10:15 Family Devo – FH 10:30am Prayer/Praise/HC 5:30pm CBS – Grohs Home</p>	<p>24 11:30am Casual Get- Together Lunch@ Perkins Restaurant 5:00pm BOD Mtg-CR</p>	<p>25 8:30am Quilting - CF 9:00am Bible Study - LC 6:30pm Evening BS-CR</p>	<p>26 Usher Team - Hanson/Chamberlin 8:50am Chapel - KH 11:30am Ladies Aid Mtg@ Graces Restaurant 3:45-4:45pm Confirm Class – in Pastor/DCE Offices 6:00pm Evening Worship/HC 7:00pm Choir Practice-ChrRm</p>	<p>27 6:30am Breakfast Bible Study@FourStarRest 9:00-11:00am MOPS-LC</p>	<p>28 Mother/Daughter Retreat</p>	<p>29 4:30 pm doors open Celebration Auction Ridges Banquet Room Mother/Daughter Retreat</p>
<p>30 Usher Teams B, A 7:30am Bible Study-CF 8:45am Morn Worship/HC 10:00am Prayer Group-Church 10-10:15 Family Devo – FH 10:30am Prayer/Praise/HC 5:30pm CBS – Grohs Home</p>						