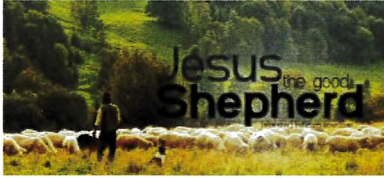




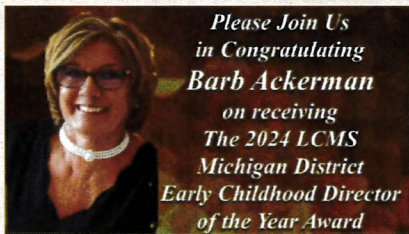
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP WEEKLY



**Sunday Worship and Learning
Schedule
Sunday, April 21, 2024**

- 9:00 am - Divine Worship with Holy Communion**
- 10:15 am – Adult Bible Class led by Chad Hettig**
- 10:30 am - Praise Worship with Holy Communion**
- 10:45 am – “The Rock” Sunday School**

*Most of our Worship Services are streamed Live on Facebook
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A weekly publication of our announcements from our church leadership, staff and Early Childhood Development Center of Bridgman

As We Gather!

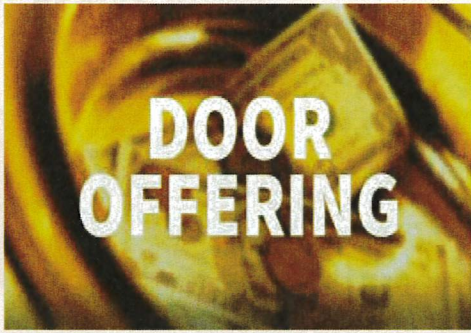
In worship this morning the Superintendent of Schools for the Michigan District, Mr. Travis Grulke, will recognize Mrs. Barb Ackerman as the “2024 Michigan District Early Childhood Director of the Year”. As Mrs. Ackerman has dedicated decades of her professional career to providing Christian education to the children of our community, we will focus on what Christian education really is. We will learn this lesson from meditating on Acts 4:13 where we discover Peter and John’s “education” being described as having been with Jesus. May we in this way be with Jesus today and forever.

CHURCH NEWS

Please welcome today Travis Grulke, Superintendent of Lutheran Schools for the LCMS Michigan District. Travis is here to award a very special honoree the LCMS Michigan District Early Childhood Development Director of the Year for 2024 to our very own Barb Ackerman. Travis will present this award at both worship services, so we will all get to watch the presentation of this well-deserved honor. Please take some time today to congratulate Barb and to introduce yourself to Travis Grulke.

Please Join Us on Sunday, April 28th at noon for a very special day when we honor our wonderful organist for the last 58 years of dedicated service and love for the Lord; Marion Winter. Marion has decided to play parttime and retire from the role of our main organist as of April 1st. We would like to honor Marion by showing our gratitude and love with a potluck in her honor. What a great way to thank her for the countless hours and selfless dedication to Immanuel’s music program and to the Lord. Please sign up for this very special event and let us know what you would like to bring to the table for everyone to enjoy! The sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

Ladies serving on the Altar Guild. We will be having a brief Bible study courtesy of Pastor Krengel and meeting on Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 pm in Room #6. We hope all of our current altar guild members will be able to attend! We will welcome the new members of the Altar Guild and look at our schedule for the remainder of this coming year. The Guild is responsible for making sure that our altar is well cared for and ready for services. What a wonderful way to serve our Lord!! Any ladies of the congregation who would like to attend are certainly welcome.



Today's Special Door Offering at both Worship Services, we will be donating to enable our teachers in the ECDC to attend the District Conference for Lutheran School Teachers in August.. The ECDC budget cannot support sending all the teachers to this inspirational and informative conference this year. Our LCMS Michigan District develops very supportive informative and uplifting conferences designed to aid teachers in every aspect of their mission to educate the children, but also to help the children grow in their faith. This conference was attended by some of the teachers two years ago and they found it very encouraging, and instructive. They were excited and inspired by the ideas that were shared by the presenters and others in the same field of work. We hope you will take this opportunity to support our fantastic teachers in their quest to gather new techniques and experiences for their classrooms. If you were unable to donate at this time, but would like to at a different date, **we will continue to collect through July for this special offering.** This church has been very blessed with loving and caring congregation members, we are grateful to God for His benevolence.

We could use your help. This year at the Office Personnel Conference, April 28-30th, they will be collecting a Compassion Ministry in-gathering for Women's Shelters around Michigan. We have submitted our request for Benton Harbor's Emergency Women's Shelter to receive some of those items. We will be collecting here at Immanuel, gently used purses, and filling them with toiletry items such as small shampoos, conditioners, soaps deodorants, combs, brushes and makeup items. These emergency shelters are used to keep safe, women who are leaving an abusive situation. Sometimes they are not able to take anything with them and they could use a little boost in moral and hope. These purses offer that to these women. There is a labeled bin on the table in the narthex to drop off the purses and toiletry items. Thank you for helping these women to stay safe and make a new start. You are a loving, caring and generous congregation which we are truly grateful for.

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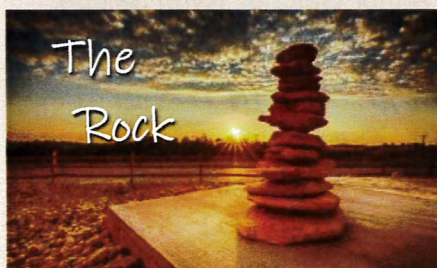
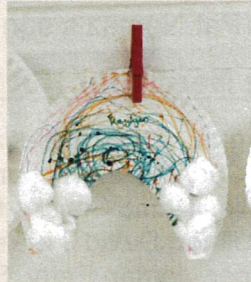
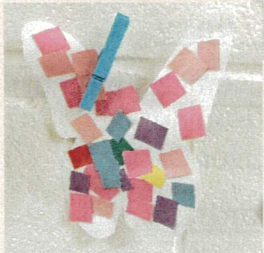
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ECDC News

Today is a very special day for our dedicated, hardworking Director of our Early Childhood Development Center when the LCMS Michigan District Superintendent of Schools, Travis Grulke, will award Barb Ackerman with the LCMS Michigan District Early Childhood Development Director of the Year for 2024. Mr. Grulke will be giving Barb this award at both of our worship services. We have been so blessed to have this very creative and talented member of our church family be honored in this manner. Barb has dedicated her working career here at Immanuel's ECDC to teaching the children about our loving God and new academic skills for their educational journey. This award is long overdue and awarded to someone who gives selflessly every day. We hope you will join us to celebrate with Barb this wonderful achievement!



A Special Reception will be held after the 10:30 am service TODAY to give us the opportunity to congratulate Barb on her award and to meet Travis Grulke, the Superintendent of Schools for the LCMS Michigan District. We pray you will take this opportunity to enjoy some fellowship, refreshments and to thank Barb for all of her hard work that she has given so selflessly to our school and the children she loves so much.

Getting Ready for Visits to Kindergarten! What an exciting time to watch our little ones grow up and start their academic journey. Our four year-olds were busy reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears and counting the buttons on their clothing and finding shapes in their clothing for their "Clothes" study. They looked at how sunflowers grow, how much rain they need and what they take from the soil. They learned about Jesus' Ascension in story time. Our Three year olds were busy learning about their eggs in the incubator in their room. They learned the difference between hens and roosters, their eggs are developing beaks, feet and legs, eyes and are starting to develop wings. They learned a group of eggs is called a "clutch" and learned some wonderful facts about Spring. They worked on the letter "U" and made an Umbrella bird. The toddlers played with toys in jello, they worked on their fine motor skills by putting glow sticks in toilet paper rolls, they worked on their blowing skills by blowing through a straw to race cotton balls across the table. They had a bunch of fun with lighted balloons doing a balloon dance. Our Infants did an insect and spider study this week, they sang songs like the "Itsy, Bitsy Spider" and the "Insect Song" they played with "snail" slime and made spiders out of chenille stems. Their Bible Story was "God is in Charge of Everything". **SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!!**

"The Rock" Sunday School

A Bride for Isaac God had promised Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sand on the beach. That would mean, Abraham would be a grandpa and a greatgrandpa many times over. There was one big problem. His son Isaac was 40 years old and had no children yet. In fact, Isaac did not even have a wife, yet! Today at The Rock, we learn how God directed Abraham's servant to find Rebekah, a very special bride for Isaac. God is sovereign and faithful.





Betty Dehring



Pat Ott



Mary Lou Svorec



Homebound and Continuing Care Facilities

Homebound: Dollie Schmaltz, Edith Weed, Edna Holt, Irwin and Margaret Poschke, Terry Graves, Harry Rock, and Elizabeth Rock

Continuing Care Facilities: Pat Ott, Bev Gast, Geraldine Wooley, Don Metzger, Skip & Norma Linn, Barry Vance (out of state), MaryLou Svorec (out of state), Rose Briggs, Betty Dehring, Karen Freehling, Dorothea Crocker, Bill Gast, Sam Gaul, Duane Vigansky and Ray Michener

For information on how to connect with our church family please call the church office at 269-465-6031

Prayers of the Church for Today

Family and Friends of David Mabry (Pat Nemitz's brother)
Family and Friends of Richard Kading
Jeffrey Nemitz (Pat Nemitz's son) Liver Cancer

Healing Needs for the Month

Larry Ott, Sarah Hogue, David Vehslage, Ray Michener, Tiffany Prosser, Leon Schmaltz, Richard Vonk, Jon Malm, Michael Dick, Louis Collins (Amie Smith's father), Harriet Fester, Ted Joachim, Laurie Ulmer, David J Zilke, Kathy Burkett, Ray Krieger, AnnaMae Yaeger, Jordan Petty, Sam Gaul, Jane Tym, Kathy Graves, Mary Lou Svorec on Hospice, Gavin Hanson, Sara Buist, Rich Schram on hospice, Carol Berndt, Harvey Burnett, Charles Boreland, Dave Kramer, Marilyn Gelesko, Beth Vigansky Ciuzio, Tom Ulmer, Brenda Cangelosi, Ralph Palmer (Nancy Gast's Son), Laura Laube, Roger Mojsiejenko, Jeff Delvaux, Ray Michener, Terry Graves, Irwin & Margaret Poschke, Dick Gorske, Taylor Joachim

Serving in the Military

Isaac Maze (Army) SFC Casey LeFever, MAJ Kenneth Stice, Nathan Anderson, MM1 Timothy Ott, Jacob Lomoro, SGT Devin Hays, Tom Shepard, Dan Woodruff, SPC David Helfman, Arthur Gatchel, Ryan Skibbe, MAJ Joe Chappel, FN Kirk Sebastian Class 2410-A

*We pray to God to grant you His grace,
thank you for serving.*

Finance News

Last week's offering and donations:
Offering Envelopes: \$13,627.00 Year to date: \$138,524.00
Parking Lot: \$285.00

*Thank you to the members of Immanuel who
continue to give their offerings when absent on
Sunday.*

Free for All

BRIDGMAN CITY HALL

National
Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 12:15

PLEASE COME TO OUR

VOTERS
MEETING



Girls of All Ages

Saturday, May 18th

A Banquet for the Ladies
In Your Life



FREE – For – All: This year's Free-For-All will be June 28th and 29th. Please start saving your donations. Your clean, gently used items such as clothing, books, hardware, toys, kitchenware, electronics and furniture, etc... will be available to our community at no cost. Donation drop-off dates and set-up times will be published soon. This is a big event for Immanuel and we thank you for your support!

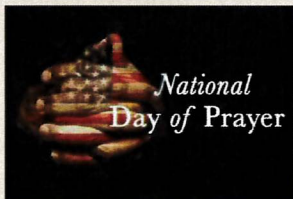
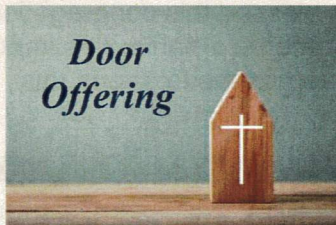
National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 2nd at 12:15 pm under the flagpole at Bridgman City Hall. Every year we join together with many concerned citizens in the community to pray to God for our country. This is an election year and we are going to be faced with some very important decisions. Please take this opportunity to pray to God, who can give us comfort and peace with all the unrest in our communities and the world. If you have a lunch hour or just a few minutes, please gather with us on **Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 12:15 pm** beneath the flagpole at Bridgman City Hall to appeal to God for His grace. Prayer is so very important, please consider joining us for this very special moment of prayer.

Semi-Annual Voters Meeting will be Sunday, May 5th at 12:00 pm in the Life Center. This year you will have available to you, two weeks before the meeting, a Voter's Packet which contains reports from all the boards concerning what they have accomplished since October 2023 and what they are looking forward to this year. Those reports will be available today on the table in the narthex. If you have any topics you would like to talk about or would like to ask questions of our church leadership, this is your opportunity. We rejoice in God's Word and grace along with the knowledge that God has blessed this congregation and that we are here to do His will. Come be a part of this important process. We hope you will take some time to attend this meeting.

LUTHERAN'S WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE NEWS

Don't forget the Spring Rally Ladies! This year the Spring Rally will be hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Glendora on Sunday April 28th. We look forward to joining the St. Joseph Zone LWML for this encouraging Spring Rally! We hope you can join us!

Girls of all ages - Doesn't a spring luncheon sound fun? A chance to relax with a friend, a sister, a daughter. Lunch is prepared for you to enjoy. An opportunity to meet Miss Michigan 2023, Maya Schuhknecht and hear her story, plus see a demonstration of her speed painting! Our LWML here at Immanuel is hosting this luncheon presenting delicious sandwiches, salads and desserts made by our members. The ticket price covers the entertainment provided by Maya Schuhknecht. Please come and join us for the Daughters of the King luncheon May 18th at 1pm. Adults \$5.00, girls under 12 are free. Tickets are available in the church office. We would love to spend some time with the women of our community! Invite your friends and neighbors.



Special Days

Birthdays: Dan Starbuck (04-21), Claudia Brister (04-22), Emma Kubsch (04-22), Hudson White (04-24), Daniel Mutz (04-25), Henry Miller (04-25), Julie Nitz (04-26), Joanne Argue (04-26), Christine Narregan-Springs (04-27)

Anniversaries: Dale & Peggy Brueck (04-25) 43

This Week at Immanuel

Today April 21st – Divine Worship Service w/HC – 9:00 am
Adult Bible Class 10:30 am
Praise Worship Service w/HC – 10:30 am
“The Rock” Sunday School – 10:45 am
Reception for Barb Ackerman – 11:30 am

Mon. April 22nd – Bible Study led by Gerry Vigansky – 10:00am
Bridge Club – 12:30 pm
Handbell Choir – 6:00 pm
AA Meeting – 7:00 pm

Tues. April 23rd – Business Council Meeting – 7 pm

Wed. April 24th – Children’s Chapel – 9:00 am
Bible Class led by Elsie Hanke – 10:00 am
Choir Practice – 7 pm

Thurs. April 25th - Breakfast with Jesus - 7:00 am
Praise Team Practice – 7:00 pm

Sun. April 28th – Divine Worship Service – 9:00 am
Adult Bible Class 10:30 am
Praise Worship Service – 10:30 am
“The Rock” Sunday School – 10:45 am
Potluck to Honor Marion Winter – 11:30 am

Noteworthy Dates in the Next Few Weeks

- ♥ **Door Offering** today, at both Worship Services to benefit the ECDC staff to send them to the LCMS Michigan District Teachers Conference in August.
- ♥ **Reception** for Barb Ackerman in the Life Center 11:30 am
- ♥ **Honorarium Potluck** for Marion Winter, Sunday, April 28th at noon.
- ♥ **LWML St. Joseph Zone Spring Rally** at Trinity Lutheran Church Glendora on Sunday, April 28th
- ♥ **Altar Guild Meeting** May 1st at 7:00 pm in Room #6
- ♥ **National Day of Prayer** on Thursday, May 2nd at 12:15 pm under the flagpole at Bridgman City Hall
- ♥ **Semi-Annual Voters Meeting** Sunday, May 5th at 12:00 PM
- ♥ **Girls of All Ages Luncheon “Daughters of the King”** Saturday, May 18th at 1:00 pm tickets are available for \$5
- ♥ **Confirmation Sunday** on June 2nd with a Unity Service at 10:00 am
- ♥ **Patriotic Worship Service** on June 23, 2024 time to be announced.
- ♥ **Free-For-All** June 28th & 29th

Those Serving in Church This Week

Greeters: Craig and Sue Ellen Klein, Ellen Yeske (9:00 am); Immanuel's Praise Team (10:30 am)

Ushers: Don Burch, Brad Hildebrandt, Dave Neal, Paul Jaeger, Joe Rydwelski, Larry Smith, Bill Gast and Ken Dickinson

Bible Study Leaders: Chad Hettig (Sunday Adult Bible Study at 10:15 am), Gerry Vigansky Monday Bible Study (10am) and Elsie Hanke Wednesday Bible Study (10am).

Lay Readers: Kim Schmitz (9:00 am), Larry Smith (10:30am)

Handbell Choir: Directed by Laurie Ulmer, Suellen Klein, Melissa Barker, Bev Barnes, Rebekah Hettig, Kathy Michener, Joyce Hamlin, Cheryl Fischer, Cheryl Music, Susan Foster, Rylie Catania, Kim and Steve Schmitz

Praise Team: Team Leader, Deb Jaeger; Rich Kubsch, Mark Heyn, Karen Kerlikowske, Pam Hoover, Lori Sukupchak, Sharon Stine, Melissa Barker, Olga Chorna, Pattie Neal, Rylie Catania and Shannah Smith

Soloist: Cyndi Pedde (10:30 am)

Altar Guild: Judy Roush, Kathy Hanke, Diane Kanous

A/V Techs: Chad Hettig, Lucas Oldenburg, Cyndi Pedde, Ron Gelesko, Steve Schmitz and Eric Kubsch

Counters: Karen Pedde, Craig Klein, Karen Oldenburg, Carol Berndt

Office Assistants: Lorraine Jasper, Melissa Barker, Suellen Klein, Judy Kubsch and Jennifer Hanson

Trustees: Brad Hildebrandt, Paul Jaeger, Art Brunke

Elders: Gerry Vigansky, Larry Kanous, Paul Jaeger, Allan Barker, Denny Barnes, Steve Schmitz

Organist: Marion Winter

Pastor: Reverend Dr. Douglas A. Krengel

Operation Christmas Child is a very special way to share the love of Christ with children all over the world. This year will be an ongoing mission this year, we are asking congregation members to bring in one item per month to fill as many boxes as possible next year. For the month of April will be collecting combs, brushes and hair accessories. Dollar Tree and Dollar General are stores are good places to look for those items. Please use the labeled box on the table in the narthex to put your hair care items into. In addition, there is a list of items for the next months which you can take with you as you shop that detail what items we are asking for in each month. Thank you to everyone who gave to make sure children in other countries can learn about our wonderful God!

Thank you to Paul Jaeger who worked determinedly to install the door locks for the new door so we can use it during the week. You are truly a blessing to this church and our congregation.

The Beyond the Walls Choir will offer a special musical selection from the musical "Worthy is the Lamb" next Sunday before the 9:00 am Service. We hope you are able to come early and hear this special choir present the music they share with people in continuing care facilities that are not able to share in worship or concerts. This brought these people the word of the Lord and the hope of the resurrection and eternal life. Thank you Pastor Tom and Beyond the Walls choir for sharing your time and talents with those who are unable to join us and

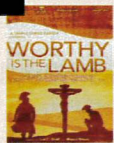


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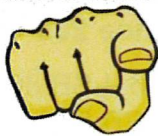


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BRIDGMAN CITY HALL

National Day of Prayer

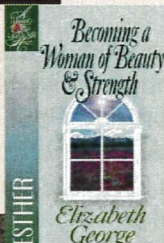
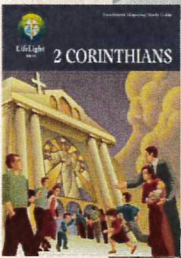
Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 12:15

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Sermon Note Sheets are available on the cabinet in the narthex. This gives you the opportunity to write down some notes that correlate to each of Pastor Krengel's slides and make notes with questions you might have. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our faith and the Word of the Lord.

Don't forget about our Bible Studies that are available for everyone, Mondays at 10:00 am led by Gerry Vigansky, Wednesdays at 10:00 am led by Elsie Hanke and every Sunday at 10:15 am led by Chad Hettig. Every Thursday Morning at 7am Breakfast with Jesus at Roma's in Bridgman. Don't forget we offer Men's Network Breakfast on the third Saturday of each month. This breakfast and fellowship are always prepared by men for men, why not join them for an hour out of your day? Come and join these wonderful learning opportunities!

Share Closet is open. Did you know, we are so blessed to have this ministry? We are looking for some small toothpastes, soaps, combs, toothbrushes, conditioners; complementary items you might pick up in a hotel stay. Please leave any items in the Share Closet for backpacks that can be handed out to people in need. Thank you to Abby Vehslage for her hard work organizing and finding homes for all of the donations. Thank you to everyone for all your donations for this great Outreach!

Reverend Doctor Douglas A. Krengel, Sole Pastor

Please call the church office for any Pastoral needs.
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Today's Hymns – LSB 866, LSB 864, LSB 809, LSB 692,
LSB 862

Third Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024
"Joy-Fill Living"

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40; **Epistle:** 1 John 4:1-11
The Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

Easter Sunday Attendance: March 31st
9:00am - 88, 10:30 am - 64

Wednesday Bible Study - 17

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."