



Friday, March 22, 2024

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP WEEKLY



Sunday Worship and Learning Schedule Sunday, March 24, 2024

10:00 am – Palm Sunday Unity
Worship Service with Holy
Communion

11:30 am – Palm Sunday Brunch

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streamed Live on Facebook
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Midweek Lenten Worship
"10 Words to Easter"

Please Join Us
Wednesdays at 12:15pm
Beginning February 14th



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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!

Reconciliation. Wisdom. Purge. Freedom. Amen. Aroma. These are the six words we have studied so far. In this sermon series, *Ten Words to Easter*, we have been processing from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week (which starts today) to the cross and finally to the empty tomb. The word we will meditate on today is the word "veil". As we wave our palm branches on this Palm Sunday, we pray that the Holy Spirit will come to us through the Means of Grace and will lift the veil of sin from our hearts that we might see the great goodness of God in the face of Christ this Holy Week.

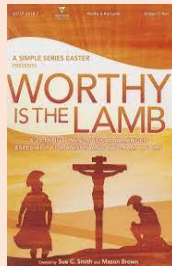
CHURCH NEWS

Our Lenten Series this year was thought provoking, instructive and very interesting! The Ten Words to Easter, made us think and contemplate how those words relate to our lives and Jesus' journey to the cross. The evening midweek Lenten worship featured *This is the Life* television videos which were very much relevant to our lives today. They did not always have happy endings, which is true for us all in our lives, but taught some very valuable lessons which God's Word tries to teach us. Thank you to Pastor Krengel for all of your hard work to bring the message of God's redeeming love to us.

Special Voters Meeting has been called for Sunday, April 7th at 12:00 pm. This meeting is to vote on approving Pastor Krengel's housing loan with Church Extension Fund. This meeting will not be lengthy but is necessary to be in compliance with our Constitution and Bylaws. We hope you will take this opportunity to join us.

Easter Sunday is next Sunday and we will have our normal worship service times. We will have our traditional Easter Service at 9:00 am and our Praise Worship service at 10:30 am. We hope that you will join us for this celebration of Jesus' victory over death and the great sacrifice He has made for us!

Look What Returned to the Chancel! Our pulpit is back! We are so grateful to everyone who helped to locate the pulpit and make it easier to move around, plus repair the pulpit. We are so blessed with so many talented and willing congregation members who give so willingly of their time. Thank you to Paul Jaeger, Rich Kubsch, Steve Schmitz Dave Neal, Joe Rydwelski, Mike Hoover, Pastor Krengel and our Elders Board. Well done, everyone working together to return this beautiful piece to our sanctuary! WE APPRECIATE YOU!



*Dear Pastor Krengel and dear Friends of Immanuel,
We would like to thank you for all the prayers, love and concern that you gave us before and during Jon's recent surgery. God does answer prayers. He is on his way to recovery! God answers prayers as we keep you in ours! Thank you!*

Jon and Suzanne Malm

Easter Cards for Shut-ins- Thank you to our Outreach Board and especially Suellen Klein who took the time to put together all of the cards that you filled out and sent to our shut-ins and members in continuing care facilities to make some fun filled Easter Baskets for them. Several members of the Outreach Board were able to deliver those very special Easter greeting cards and gifts to our congregation members who can not make it to worship with us. What a meaningful ministry and we are so grateful to the Outreach Board and Suellen Klein.

Easter Sunday is next week. This is your last opportunity to dedicate a lily to your loved ones. Order forms for Easter Lilies to decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday are available on the table in the narthex. Please consider honoring a loved one with a Lily. The plants are \$8.00 each (same as last year!) and help us to remember the resurrection of our Lord and the promise of life everlasting. The wonderful joy of Lilies is that they look beautiful, transform a space, smell wonderful at night and can be planted in your gardens or planters for your enjoyment in future years. Thank you for helping our Easter Sunday chancel area look

Pastor Fischer would like to thank everyone who joined us for practice for the Beyond the Walls Easter program. We are ready to sing to those who cannot make it out to our services. We hope you can join us in this great ministry! Audio tracks are available if you would still like to sing with this group. Our next opportunity for us to sing to is today at Pine Ridge Continuing Care. Please join us!

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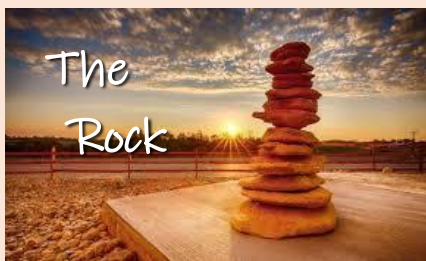


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ECDC News

CONGRATULATIONS BARB ACKERMAN ON BEING VOTED 2024 LCMS MICHIGAN DISTRICT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR! We will have an official acknowledgment of this achievement at both worship services on Sunday, April 21, 2024 we hope you can join us in congratulating Barb on this significant and well deserved achievement!



A cold week for our students not as much outdoor activities were accomplished. But with Easter one week away, the children were busy learning about Jesus's journey to the cross. Our infants got to work on a new sensory mat and danced to "Shake Your Sillies Out" by the Wiggles. They read the book "Napping House". They crawled through their tunnel and played peek-a-boo. Their Bible story was "God wants us to pray" puppets read the story to them. What fun! The toddlers worked on their numbers 1,2, and 3 they played with their baby dolls in circle time, they painted trees with broccoli, they made and played with their own playdough. Their room is always so busy and those toddlers are learning new skills everyday! Thank you for our dedicated teachers who persevere in rough waters sometimes, well done! GSRP classroom worked on the letter "K", patterning and sequencing with Peeps, Ms. Lindsey's husband made a video answering questions by the students about veterinarians and the work that they do. All the pre-school students received their vision and hearing tests this week, busy week for our wonderful teachers. Our three year-olds made "S" for Sammi the Snake. They recognized National Downs Syndrome Day by visiting the new coffee shop in Bridgman, Rising Kites. They dressed up in funky socks and the owner read a book to the students. That shop is a very special shop as it is a non-profit that gives jobs to Downs Syndrome and mentally challenged individuals and is run by the Grandholms one of our ECDC families. Why not stop by for a coffee sometime? It is right next to Hometown Flowers on Lake Street. Our four-year olds were following directions by connecting the dots by number, trying to keep them in order. They sorted shapes by sides and studied their letters and numbers by reviewing them. Their Bible story was Jesus' Resurrection and their Bible verse was John 3:16. It was a very busy week for the staff with vision and hearing being tested in the students and the State of Michigan examiner came to check out if we are in compliance. We are very blessed with a dedicated staff who work very hard to achieve excellence with the students and the ECDC. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they teach these youngest angels the Word of the Lord and the skills they will need as they grow.

"The Rock" Sunday School

Easter time is such a great time of year. We dress up in our very best, go to a special service, and spend time with our families. You might even get some candy and have an Easter egg hunt. All these are fun, but do you know why we celebrate Easter? Easter isn't about getting candy, Easter egg hunts, or getting dressed up. It's about one of the most important days in all of history. It is the day that God fulfilled his promise to us to send us a Savior.





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, Elizabeth Rock and Ray Michener

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 (out of state), Betty Dehring, Karen Freehling, Dorothea Crocker, Bill Gast, Sam Gaul

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

Richard Vonk recovering from surgery, Jon Malm recovering from surgery, Tiffany Prosser, cancer treatments;
Michael Dick, heart attack, Louis Collins (Amie Smith's father) recovering from a stroke

Healing Needs for the Month

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, Ray Michener, Gavin Hanson, Sara Buist, Rich Schram on hospice, Carol Berndt, Harvey Burnett, Charles Boreland, Dave Kramer, Marilyn Gelesko, Beth Vigansky Ciuizio, John Benke, Marilyn Krieger, 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.***

Do you know of anyone in the military who could use our prayers? We are looking to update our information of our loved ones in the military. Please provide us with the names and ranks of your family members in the military so we can pray for them in their service to our country.

Finance News

Last week's offering and donations:
Offering Envelopes: \$6,861.00 Year to date: \$95,403.00

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



Free for All

**Palm Sunday
& Brunch**



Girls of All Ages
Saturday, May 18th
A Banquet for the Ladies
In Your Life



Please Join Us on Sunday, April 28th for a very special day when we honor our favorite organist for the last 58 years, Marion Winter. Marion has decided to play parttime and not be our main organist as of April 1st. We would like to honor Marion for all of her dedicated service to Immanuel and the Lord by giving her a potluck where we all can offer our gratitude and love for her selfless giving of her awesome talents and time. 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!**

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!

Palm Sunday Worship and Brunch on Sunday, are a wonderful opportunity to worship and enjoy great food and fellowship with your church family! Don't forget to come on down to the gymnasium after worship today to enjoy some delicious food and the wonderful fellowship this congregation is so good at providing! Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and talents to setup the gym, cook, bake, prepare the food and clean up. Everyone worked together to give us this special opportunity to share our love of Christ. A special thank you to our Fellowship Board for their organization and

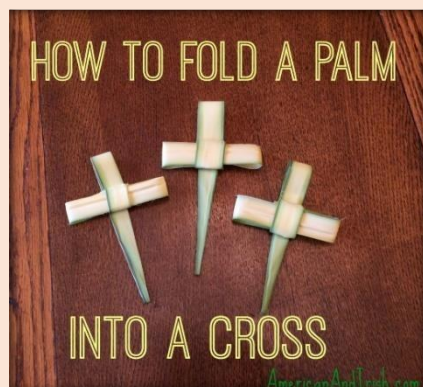
Midweek Lenten Meals Thank you to all the families and groups here at Immanuel who provided a Lenten meal for our luncheon after the 12:15 pm worship service or for the Meal, Movie and Meditation. We are grateful to our members who prepared and serve the meals, for those who made desserts and for everyone who took the time to set up and clean up after the meals. We all pulled together to make sure our Lenten Meals were available to everyone. Thank you for taking this opportunity to serve the Lord.

LUTHERAN'S WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE NEWS

The LWML has moved their meeting date, they are going to start meeting on the second **Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.** Thank you to Pastor Krengel for filling in at our last meeting, the topic was informational and inspirational, we appreciate your time and knowledge.

Girls of All Ages invites you to the Daughters of the King! Our LWML here at Immanuel invites girls of all ages to a luncheon just for them. This will be a lovely opportunity to share time with the women in your lives, whether they be mother, daughters, sisters, or friends. Maya Schuhknecht, Miss Michigan 2023, will provide an inspirational message and demonstrate her award-winning speed painting talent.

The date is Saturday, May 18th at 1pm. Tickets are available, Adults \$5.00, girls under 12 are free. Get your tickets today!



Do You Have Your Palm?

We handed out Palm fronds to you today to remind you of Jesus' triumphant entrance into the city of Jerusalem. If you would like to keep your frond for years to come, folding it into a cross is an ideal way to preserve it. Folding a palm frond into a cross can be a beautiful decoration for Easter, or all year long. Here is how to do it:

Step 1: First, hold the palm branch in your hand, pointy side of the frond facing side up.

Step 2: Fold the blade at a 90 degree angle, to the right.

Step 3: Hold the fold down, you will see it creates a triangle. Now fold that triangle down.

Step 4: Fold again. You will now see a small square where the triangle was.

Step 5: Push the pointy end around the back of the square where the triangle was.

Step 6: Take the pointy end and loop it towards you, then push the pointy end through the square until it comes out the other side.

Step 7: Pull it all the way through.

Step 8: Gently tug on both sides until it is locked into position.

Step 9: Loop the point end towards yourself, and push through the square.

Step 10: You just made the top of the cross.

Step 11: Turn your frond 45 degrees so that the pointy end is now facing downward, and the fat end is facing to the right.

Step 12: Now flip the frond so that the fat end is now on your left (pointy end is still down)

Step 13: Take the fat end of the frond and loop it towards you into the square.

Step 14: Pull it until it reaches about the same length as the head you previously made.

Step 15: Now, turn your frond over so that the straight fat end faces left once more.

Step 16: Last, take the fat end and loop it towards you back into the square, until it's about the same length as the other two parts. Tuck it into the square – and you're done!

There are many wonderful ways to display your Palm Sunday Cross, what about making an Easter centerpiece with the cross featuring predominantly? Enjoy!



Special Days

Birthdays: Norma Linn (3-26); Madison Vonk (3-26); Barb Ackerman (3-27); Ted Emery (3/27); Racheal Harrison (3/27); Brandon Hoover (3-27); Jon Crocker (3-29); Allan Hasse (3-29); Dylan Miller (3-29); Jon Malm (3-30)

Anniversaries: Craig & Marcia Hanke on March 28th 32 years ago.

This Week at Immanuel

Today, March 24th - Palm Sunday Unity Service – 10:00 am
Palm Sunday Brunch – 11:30 am
Meeting of the Chairs of the Boards –
 After the Palm Sunday Brunch and cleanup

Mon. March 25th – Bible Study led by Gerry Vigansky -
10:00 am
Bridge Club – 12:30 pm
Handbell Choir – 6:00 pm
AA Meeting – 7:00 pm

Tues. March 26th – Business Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wed. March 27th – Children's Chapel – 9:00 am
Bible Class led by Elsie Hanke – 10:00 am
Choir Practice – 7 pm

Thurs. March 28th - Breakfast with Jesus - 7:00 am
Maundy Thursday Worship Service –
6:00 pm
Praise Team Practice – 7:00 pm

Fri. March 29th – Good Friday Tenebrae Service – 6:00 pm

Sun. March 31st – Easter Sunday Worship Service – 9:00 am
Easter Praise Worship Service – 10:30 am

Noteworthy Dates in the Next Few Weeks

- ♥ **Palm Sunday** will be a unity service which will begin at 10:00 am on **Sunday, March 24th**.
- ♥ **Palm Sunday Brunch** is today in the gymnasium and begin after the Palm Sunday Unity Service at approximately 11:30 am
- ♥ **Meeting of the Chairs of the Boards** Sunday, March 24th after the Palm Sunday Brunch and clean-up
- ♥ **Maundy Thursday Service** March 28th at 6:00 pm
- ♥ **Good Friday Service** March 29th at 6:00 pm
- ♥ **Easter Sunday Worship Opportunities** Sunday March 31st at 9:00 am and 10:30 am
- ♥ **Special Voters Meeting** Sunday, April 7th at 12:00 pm in the Life Center.
- ♥ **Special Recognition** for Barb Ackerman Michigan District ECD Director of the Year, Sunday, April 21st.
- ♥ **Honorarium Potluck** for Marion Winter, Sunday, April 28th at Noon.
- ♥ **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
- ♥ **Patriotic Worship Service** on June 23, 2024 time to be announced.
- ♥ **Free-For-All** June 28th & 29th

Those Serving in Church This Week

Greeters: Renate Ottusch and The Hettig Family (10 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: Karl Hanke (10 am)
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
Guitarists: John (Mac) McElligott, acoustical; Kurt Hanke, Bass
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

More Thank you's for we are so blessed with many talented and caring congregational members who are striving to make sure our worship services are inspirational and meaningful. To that end, the lighting in the church has a lot to do with the services and our members are working hard to make sure the lighting is just right. Thank you to Paul Jaeger, Mike Hoover, Rich Kubsch, Brad Hildebrandt and Ron Gelesko for their work on the lighting!

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 not any questions you might have. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our faith and the Word of the Lord.

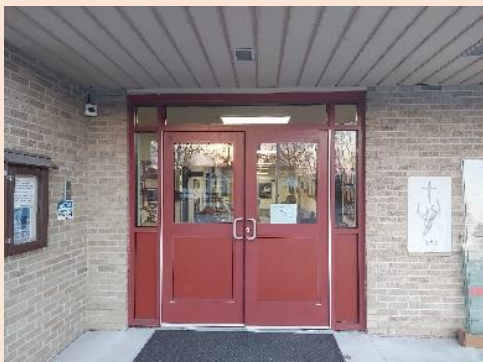
Operation Christmas Child is a very special way to share the love of Christ with children all over the world. This year will be an ongoing mission this year, we are asking congregation members to bring in one item per month to fill as many boxes as possible next year. For the month of March will be collecting small games and puzzles. Dollar Tree stores are a good place to look for those items. Please use the labeled box on the table in the narthex to put your games into. Please remember that the games and puzzles need to be small because they have to fit into shoeboxes. Thank you to everyone who gave to make sure children in other countries can learn about our wonderful God!

Our New Double Red Doors are installed! The new door let in more of the light that God provides for us daily. They are so beautiful and welcoming. We are so blessed with the many donations that helped us to replace this door and to the crew who installed the door and cleaned up after the door was replaced. Our members are wonderful, caring people, who have generosity



~Volunteers~

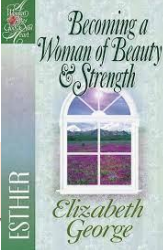
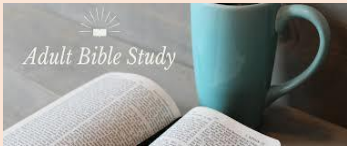
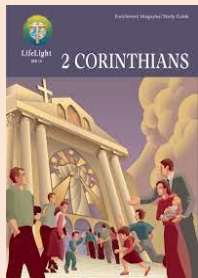
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Don't forget about our Bible Studies that are available for everyone, Mondays at 10:00 am led by Gerry Vigansky, Wednesdays at 10:00 am led by Elsie Hanke and every Sunday at 10:15 am led by Chad Hettig. Every Thursday Morning at 7am Breakfast with 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 for all your donations for this great Outreach!.

Thrivent Choice Dollars can be used for various things with all non-profit organizations. Every quarter you can use your choice dollars to help Immanuel or help other non-profit organizations to fulfill their missions. The first quarter ends on March 31st. Please consider designating your dollars to the spot where you feel it can do the most good! Thank you!



Reverend Doctor Douglas A. Krengel,
Sole Pastor

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Today's Hymns – LSB 442, LSB 637, LSB 623, LSB 643

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

"The Ten Words of Easter: Resurrection"

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6–9; **Epistle:**

1 Corinthians 15:1–11; **The Holy Gospel:** Mark 16:1–8

Attendance: March 17, 2024

94 - 9:00 am; 78 - 10:30 am

Wednesday Bible Study Attendance: 12

March 20th - 13

Midweek Lenten Worship Services 12:15 pm - 41;
5:00 pm - 41