



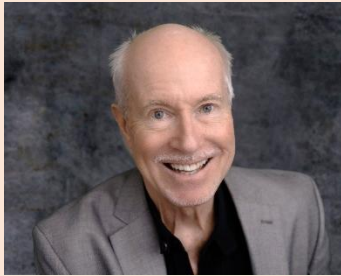
# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP WEEKLY



## Sunday Worship and Learning Schedule Sunday, April 6, 2025

- 9:00 am – Divine Worship Service  
with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am – Praise Worship Service  
with Holy Communion
- 10:45 am – “The Rock” Sunday  
School

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streamed Live on Facebook  
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or are posted on our website:  
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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

The Apostle Paul described the duties of the pastor as being a "steward of the mysteries of God." This title included the task of teaching the Bible as God intended - accurately and in an orthodox manner. Paul also described his service to the Lord as being a "fool for Christ." In addition, Paul described his work as being a father to the church in Corinth. The image of "father" is one also spoken of by Martin Luther in the Large Catechism in the explanation to the Fourth Commandment. Timothy was sent to the church in Corinth as a pastor - Paul sent Timothy to the Corinthians to continue what Paul started, namely, the orthodox teaching of the Bible. Paul also noted that he was dedicated to applying both Law (rod) and Gospel (spirit of gentleness) to the church in Corinth. Paul was prepared to apply the rod to those in the church in Corinth who were arrogant/puffed up - that is they thought they knew better than Paul, Timothy, or the Bible. Paul shared the Gospel as he taught that the church of Corinth was rich in the grace and mercy found in Christ Jesus. As the church and the Office of the Public Ministry were to serve together (like a pair of scissors, two blades, united on pivot point, for the purpose of getting a job done) in Corinth, so the church and the ministry at ILC is to serve in a highly coordinated fashion for the good of the church and for the salvation of many souls.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Lenten Worship** this week, is the last opportunity you will have to attend a midweek worship for Lent. We hope you will take the time to come and worship with us this Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm and a family-oriented Lenten Worship at 6:00 pm, as Pastor Krengel winds up his series on the Origins of the Church and Public Ministry.

**Thank you to** Pastor Krengel and the Elders for David Paul Britton's wonderful visit and the message that he shared with us this last Wednesday. His unique offering of trumpet, keyboard, guitar and song were a delight and kept us focused on the forgiveness of our Lord and the blessings that we receive every day. We appreciate the time that he spent on his way to a family gathering to share his time and talents. We were able to raise \$412 with both service door offerings to help defray his traveling expenses. Thank you, Immanuel, for your hospitality and generosity, we are indeed blessed.

**Reconciliation Process:** Pastor Joel Hoyer and Mike McCain have finished their visits with congregation members and are back at their respective churches in Coopersville and Ypsilanti. We are grateful to them both for taking the time from their callings to help our church with the reconciliation process. We are very blessed with people willing to share the light of Christ that is within them.



**Palm Sunday Unity Service** is next Sunday and will only be **ONE SERVICE at 10:00 AM**. We hope you can join us as we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where he was greeted by crowds waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna". We will each get a palm branch to remind us of the hope that God offers us in the sacrifice of His son. Please join us for this celebration.

**Palm Sunday Brunch:** Join us **April 13th** for food and fellowship at Immanuel's annual Palm Sunday Brunch. It will be held in the gymnasium at 11:30. If you're able to donate ingredients to make our famous breakfast casseroles, please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex. Please bring those items to the church kitchen (walk-in cooler if needed) by **Thursday, April 10th**. We also need donations of coffee cakes, pastries, and muffins which should be brought to the church by April 12. Thank you for your support!

**CALLING ALL LADIES** our LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) is having a meeting this **Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 pm** to consider organizing the Church Fundraiser this year possibly to defray the cost of two fiberglass doors to replace the emergency exit doors in the sanctuary. We will also be looking at all our events this year, planning the year ahead. We hope you can join us as we enjoy fellowship, love and some really delicious treats!

**Thank you to everyone** who donated Baked Goods for the fund raiser last week. You have stepped up and donated some of your delicious baked goods for a very worthy cause. You are sharing your love of the Lord with others. Thank you! People who attended the benefit event reported that there were over 500 people who came to add to this worthy cause. This fund raiser was for *Daniel, who is the nephew to Joellyn & Ryan Oldenburg. On January 17th at just 20 years old he was diagnosed with Precursor B Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia. This is a very aggressive Leukemia, but his doctors are very confident in their treatment plan, which he is responding well too. However, he will have a very long road ahead of him. The treatment he will receive will be done over the course of the next 2 years. "We are grateful for the outpouring of support and kindly ask that you continue to keep our family in your prayers as we move forward with faith and optimism" Written by Amy (Daniel's Mother)*

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## ECDC NEWS

We are back to sharing the curriculum and activities of our Early Childhood Development Center each week to keep you informed of the work our teachers are completing towards sharing the Word of the Lord with these young eager minds. Spring break was this week giving our students a much-needed break from their studies to enjoy some fun activities in their rooms. Some of our students were able to enjoy the Spring Break with their parents on a vacation, but some were able to stay here in our daycare area where our teachers devised some wonderful activities for their young learners.

The school age room had an April Fool's Day joke pulled on them by one of their teachers, Erin Riggs. She took a cake sized square of sponge and covered it with frosting and sprinkles and gave it to the children as a snack. Of course, when they tried to bite into it, they were unable to eat it. The children enjoyed the prank and learned how to take a joke in good humor. Erin did provide real cakes for the children to eat in the end. Our school age room and the younger children were able to attend a movie this last Friday, they rode the bus to go see the movie "A Minecraft Movie" a great activity for them to enjoy. With all the inclement weather we had this week the children were unable to go outside so games were developed inside to keep them busy. Craft and art projects were started and completed giving the children a sense of accomplishment. They made a cross from paper and put their handprint over the top with a red marker made the wound that Jesus had received when he was nailed to the cross, a very moving piece of art! Thank you, teachers, for teaching about our Lord!

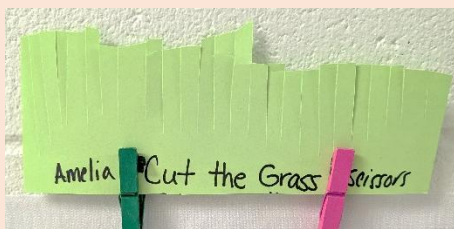
Our Toddlers have been busy learning how to operate scissors, how to place their fingers in the holes of the handle and how to open and close the scissors. Their lead teacher, Ms. Lindsey is working hard with her students working on their theme this week of gardening. They cut grass and carrot shapes and learned how to glue their carrots together. They created easter eggs out of paper and watercolor, they were very successful. Thank you to our teachers for your patience and perseverance in that very challenging room.

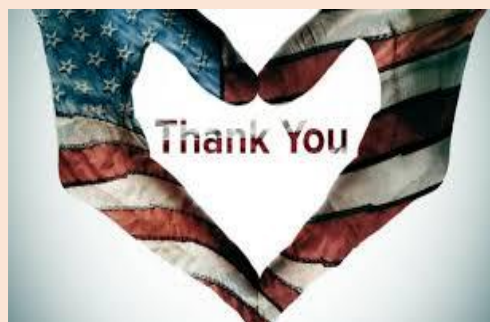
Our Infant room had an easier week this week, some of their students were on vacation. This room studied weather this week, very appropriate. They read many, many books about weather and sang some songs like "Oh, Mr. Sun" to the children. The children who were able, made clouds out of cotton balls and rainbows out of torn paper. Such wonderful keepsakes for their families to enjoy. Their Bible story this week was "God Is Good" and read to them by Zoe the Zebra puppet. Thank you to our hard-working teachers!

### "The Rock" Sunday School

Easter is a wonderful time of joy and celebration for Christians worldwide. It's more than just a holiday; it's an opportunity to reflect on the incredible significance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and to rejoice in His triumphant victory over the grave! This Easter, we are focusing on the resurrection of Jesus and its lasting impact on our lives. Today at The Rock, we invite you to join us as we explore the meaning of Easter together. We will create beautiful cross crafts that we can share with our friends and family.

*Shannon Jones, Sunday School Superintendent*





## Homebound and Continuing Care Facilities

**Homebound:** Dollie Schmaltz, Edith Weed, Edna Holt, Irwin and Margaret Poschke, Terry Graves, Kay Cornwell, Joanne Argue, Ray Michener, Harry Rock, and Elizabeth Rock

**Continuing Care Facilities:** Pat Ott, Geraldine Wooley, Don Metzger, Norma Linn, Marylou Svorec (out of state), Rose Briggs, Betty Dehring, Dorothea Crocker, Bill Gast, Duane Vigansky, Harriet Fester, Larry Reifschneider and Marion Winter

**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

Ted Joachim  
David Zilke (Cancer Diagnosis)  
Christie Ott Hartzler (Health Issues)  
Erica Anstey (ECDC Teacher with Pulmonary issues)  
Janet Lamb (Shannon Jone's Mother-in-Law on hospice)

**Visitations this week by Pastor Kregel, Elder Paul Jaeger and Betty Korcek**

**Please include in your prayers:** Ted and Lydia Joachim, Joanne Argue, Dennis & Debbie Lawrenz and Bill Gast.

## Healing Needs for the Month

Larry Ott, Karen Oldenburg, Alex Dixon, Beth Vigansky Ciuzio, Judy VanLue, Ted Joachim, Wally Mojsiejenko, Dave Kramer, Andy Benjamin, AnneMarie Mojsiejenko, Pastor Carl Bassett, Leon Schmaltz, Darrell Gast, Jared Simpson, Merry Sneed, Terry Combs, Georgia Hildebrandt, Rick Russell, Mike Dick, Mike Stine, Denny Lawrenz, Derek Davis, James Petty Sr., Scott Mulvihill, Char Schram, John Stine, Natalya Gaidukevich, Jeffrey Nemitz, Ray Michener, Tiffany Prosser, Michael Dick, Harriet Fester, Kathy Burkett, Ray Krieger, Jane Tym, Gavin Hanson, Sara Buist, Marilyn Gelesko, Tom Ulmer, Ralph Palmer (Nancy Gast's Son), Laura Laube, Roger Mojsiejenko, Jeff Delvaux, Terry Graves, Irwin & Margaret Poschke, Dick Gorske,

## 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 Sebastian Kirk MMN3

## Finance News

March 30, 2025 offerings and donations:  
Offering Envelopes \$9,030.00 Year to date: \$90,903.00  
Total Roof fund \$93,518  
HVAC: \$75

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





**Easter Lillies** – Easter is right around the corner on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and we would like to celebrate Easter Sunday and welcome spring. 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 6” plants and are \$8.50 each (an increase from last year, so sorry) 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. Orders must be turned into the church office by April 13<sup>th</sup>. Honorariums will be in our Easter weekly newsletter. Please honor your loved ones with a dedication and a lily.



**Nerf Night  
at  
Immanuel**

Families with Children 8 and up are invited

**Sat. May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
4-6 pm**

**Please come and enjoy** Immanuel’s Nerf Night, on **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-6 pm**. This first time this event will happen here in our gym. Nerf Night will give you the chance to use Nerf projectors and sponge darts to have a little fun trying to target individuals as they run from you. Outreach has developed this fun event and we hope you will come, if not to participate you can watch from the safety of the bleachers. This event is for families with children 8 years old and up. All you need is a Nerf projector (gun, no high velocity guns please), darts will be provided by our Outreach Board. Waivers are required before participating. Concessions will be available for purchase to offset the cost of the darts.



**Thank you to** our awesome Tech Team who worked with David Britton to provide such a wonderful sound for his presentation this last Wednesday. As usual you are working to make sure we can hear every note and word presented, you are a blessing!



**Thank you for the Lenten Meals**, Gerry and Sandy Vigansky, who provided some very delicious lasagna with salad and garlic bread for lunch, along with this lunch Patty Green made some very delicious desserts, lemon torte and Black Forest cake, beautiful to look at and tasted wonderful. For our evening meal, Judy Kubsch and her sister Lori Wesner created a family friendly meal of all beef hotdogs, macaroni & cheese, and delicious salads, not to mention the desserts. This is the second time these ladies have provided a meal this Lenten season, thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!



**Prayer Partners Party**

Calling All Prayer Partners for a time of Fellowship & Fun

**Thurs. April 10<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:30 pm**

**Prayer Partner Party** on **Thursday evening, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm** is your opportunity to meet, share and enjoy fellowship with your prayer partner. Come and share with your prayer partners your prayers for them and how you are reaching out in Christian love for them. Maybe bring a small memento to give, to remind them that that God loves you and is with you both. Refreshments are being provided to make this a very special event! Please try to come and connect with your prayer partner.



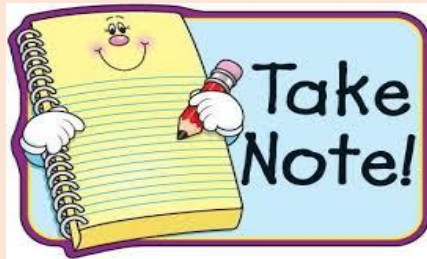
**National Day of Prayer** will be on May 1<sup>st</sup> this year. We will gather with many people here in Bridgman at 12:30 pm under the flagpole at Bridgman’s City Hall to pray for our country and our leaders. We hope you are able to take some time from your busy schedule to pray with us for this country and our leaders.

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## Special Days

**Birthdays:** Marci Wark (4-06), Matthew Foster (4-07), Rachel Scharnowske (4-07), Tim Foster (4-07), April Gelesko (4-08), Dorothea Crocker (4-08), Hudson Hays (4-08), Manfred Moneta (4-08), Wilma Scharnowske (4-08), Larry Hasse (4-09), Frank Clark (4-11), Steve Pedde (4-11)

**Anniversaries:** Ted and Lydia Joachim on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 66 Years Ago

## This Week at Immanuel

**Today, Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>** – Divine Worship with Holy Communion - 9 am  
Praise Worship with Holy Communion – 10:30am

“The Rock” Sunday School – 10:45 am

**Mon. Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>** – Bible Class led by Gerry Vigansky – 10:00 am  
Bridge Club – 12:30 pm  
Handbell Choir – 6:00 pm  
Administration Board Mtg – 7:00 pm  
AA Meeting – 7:00 pm

**Tues. Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>** – LWML Meeting – 6:30 pm

**Wed. Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Bible Class Café led by Elsie Hanke – 11am  
Lenten Midweek Worship Service – 12:15 pm  
Fellowship Luncheon – 1:00 pm  
Fellowship Supper – 5:00 pm  
Lenten Midweek Worship Service – 6:00 pm  
Elders Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
Choir Practice – 7:00 pm

**Thurs. Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>** - Breakfast with Jesus at Rochefort’s – 8am  
Praise Worship Practice – 7:00 pm

**Sat. Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>** – Setup for Palm Sunday Brunch – 9:00 am  
Memorial Service for Linda Kuhn – 12:00 pm

**Sun. Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>** – Palm Sunday Unity Worship Service - 10:00 am  
Palm Sunday Brunch – 11:30 am

## Noteworthy Dates in the Next Few Weeks

- ♥ Midweek Lenten Worship Service - on April 9<sup>th</sup> - 12:15 & 6pm
- ♥ Fellowship Luncheon –on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm
- ♥ Fellowship Supper – on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm
- ♥ Prayer Partner’s Party – on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Life Center
- ♥ Men’s Network Breakfast – on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am
- ♥ Palm Sunday Unity Worship Service – on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am
- ♥ Palm Sunday Brunch – on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in the gymnasium.
- ♥ Maundy Thursday Worship Service – on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
- ♥ Good Friday Worship Service – on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
- ♥ Easter Sunday Worship Service – on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am & Praise Worship at 10:30 am, with Holy Communion
- ♥ National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm under the flag pole at Bridgman City Hall.
- ♥ Nerf Night – On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm in the Gymnasium

**Spring Clean Up March 29<sup>th</sup>** Thank you to everyone who gave of their time to come to help with our Spring Clean-up, we appreciate everyone who came to clean windows, doors, woodwork, bathrooms, preparation areas, cluttered spaces, closets, in the church sanctuary, hallway and Life Center. We are so blessed that the Rydwelski Family took the lead on this Saturday Church clean up and even provided the meal. We are so blessed with a church family that cares so very much for our church and all the blessings we have received.



## Those Serving in Church This Week



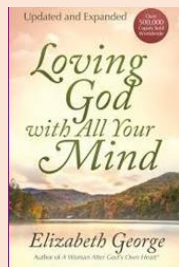
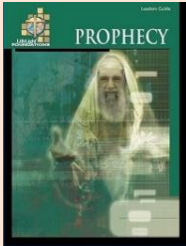
**Greeters:** Larry & Diane Kanous and Brad & Debbie Hildebrandt (9 am); Immanuel's Praise Team (10:30 am)  
**Ushers:** Don Burch, Brad Hildebrandt, Dave Neal, Paul Jaeger, Joe Rydwelski, Larry Smith, and Ken Dickinson  
**Lay readers:** Kathy Hanke (9am), Deb Jaeger (10:30 am)  
**Immanuel's Choir:** Directed by Sara Oldenburg, Elsie Hanke, Kurt Hanke, Mark Heyn, Chris Hampton, Kathy Hanke, Nancy Kirk, Karen Pedde, Jeannie Dehring, Judy Roush, Cheryl Fischer, and Kim Schmitz  
**Piano Accompanist:** Pastor Tom Fischer  
**Praise Service Speaker:** Shannah Smith  
**Praise Team:** Team Leader, Deb Jaeger; Rich Kubsch, Mark Heyn, Karen Kerlikowske, Lori Sukupchak, Sharon Stine, Melissa Barker, Pattie Neal, Amy Krengel and Shannah Smith  
**Guitarists:** John "Mac" McElligott, Kurt Hanke  
**Keyboardist/Guitarist:** Kunwarjit Singh Multani "Sid" & Constantine  
**Altar Guild:** Liz Zilke and Bev Barnes  
**A/V Techs:** Chad Hettig, Lucas Oldenburg, Cyndi Pedde, Pattie Neal, Steve Schmitz, Karl Hanke Brianna Schmitz and Eric Kubsch  
**Counters:** Karen Pedde, Craig Klein, Karen Oldenburg, Carol Berndt and Cheryl Music  
**Office Assistants:** Lorraine Jasper, Melissa Barker, Suellen Klein, Cheryl Fischer  
**Trustees:** Joe Rydwelski, Dale Marschke, Art Brunke, Brad Hildebrandt and Paul Jaeger  
**Elders:** Larry Kanous, Denny Barnes, Paul Jaeger, Mark Heyn, Eric Ott, Steve Schmitz  
**Organist:** Pastor Tom Fischer  
**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Douglas Krengel.

**FREE – For – All:** This year's Free-For-All will be June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**Operation Christmas Child 2025:** Like last year, we will be collecting each month, items to add to our boxes for November. Thank you for your support of travel sized games, and playing cards for the month of March. We want to continue to support this inspirational mission. **In April we are collecting small combs, hairbrushes and hair accessories.** As usual, Dollar Tree Stores have many things to choose from for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. We hope you will take some time to shop for the box.

**Goodlife Beyond the Walls Choir** – Thank you to our Beyond the Walls Choir for working so hard, practicing to share the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection and victory over death. The theme for this year's program is "He is Risen." They have performed their music at three different places to date with a fourth being performed today at Provision Living in St. Joseph at 2:00 pm. A special thank you goes out to Pastor Tom for arranging all the visits and to Sara Oldenburg for directing this fluctuating group. Thank you for keeping this busy group in your prayers as they share the Good News! Jesus is Alive!

*Nothing Can Separate Us From God's Love!*



**Thank you to Karen Pedde** for stepping forward and offering to lead our young people in a Bible Study time during the 10:30 am worship service each Sunday. Shannon Jones, our Education Board Chair has provided the curriculum from Answers in Genesis to provide our young eager minds with more answers to their questions on their journey through their faith.

**Don't forget about our Bible Studies** that are available for everyone, Mondays at 10:00 am led by Gerry Vigansky, and Wednesdays at 10:00 am (11am during Lent) led by Elsie Hanke. Every Thursday morning at 8am Breakfast with Jesus meet at Rochefort's in Bridgman. Don't forget about Men's Network Breakfast on the third Saturday of the month October through May. Breakfast and fellowship are always prepared and offered by men for men, why not join them for an hour out of your day? Come and join these wonderful learning opportunities!

**The Share Closet is open.** Did you know, we are so blessed to have this ministry? Again this year, Harbor Country Missions put a call out for warm clothing to give to the people in need in Bridgman. We were able to answer that call with so many coats, boots and warm blankets. If you look in the Share Closet, it is filled with plenty of items! That's just one story of many that shows how much this ministry is needed! If you have some time to spare, come and look at the closet and see the great ministry that is going on! Thank you to Cheryl Music, Susan Foster and Ellen Yeske for continuing to help organize and clean up the closet. Thank you for all your donations for this great Outreach!

**Sewing for Missions** were busy during their hiatus, as several very beautiful quilts 20 in all were assembled and then put together in the Life Center. They are creatively putting together such beautiful fabrics, in differing shapes and sizes, and all of them are so beautiful we know the recipients are going to use and treasure the quilts for a very long time. These ladies work so hard to put together these outstanding quilts, we look forward to the blessing of the quilts in the fall! Thank you for sharing your time and talents with those people who have so many needs! You all are such Blessing!

**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.

**Today's Hymns:** LSB 685 , LSB 918 , LSB 430, LSB 752, LSB 420

**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Scripture Readings:** *Deuteronomy 32:36–39*  
*Psalms 31:9–16, Philippians 2:5–11, John 12:20–43*

**Sunday Attendance: March 30, 2025**

**9:00 am – 79; 10:30 am – 59**

**Midweek Lenten Worship 12:15 pm – 35 ; 6pm - 45**  
**Wednesday Bible Study – 11**

**Rev. Dr. Douglas A. Krengel, Sole Pastor**

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*Everyday that we are not practicing godliness we're being conformed to the world of ungodliness around us.*