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# The Newsletter

of Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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## March

# Lent

Create in me  
a clean heart,  
O God, and  
renew a right  
spirit within me.

PSALM 51:10, ESV

### *Immanuel's Statement of Mission*

***"We Love Because He First Loved Us" - 1 John 4:19***

*Acknowledging with gratitude all that God has done for us in Christ Jesus, we the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School dedicate ourselves to educating, equipping (2 Timothy 3:17) and building one another up in love as part of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:16) and to the furthering of His kingdom in and around the city of Lakefield and throughout the world. (Acts 1:8)*

## JOINT BOARDS AND CHURCH COUNCIL

meet on Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. All Board Members are asked and encouraged to attend. Communication between our Boards is a vital key in helping our congregation grow. Joint Boards meets in the church basement.

Meetings prior to Joint Boards are:

- Board of Congregational Services: Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Elders: Tuesday, March 24th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Finance: Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m.
- Board of Trustees: Thursday, March 19th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Ed: Wednesday, March 25th at 5:30 p.m.—Meeting is open to anyone who wants to attend.

## IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL

**DIRECTORY!** Our dates are Friday, April 17th, Saturday, April 18th, Tuesday, April 21st, and Wednesday, April 22nd. Just for participating you will receive a complimentary 8 X 10 portrait and a church directory. You can make an appointment after church March 1st - March 15th in the back of church or you can schedule your appointment online:

- Go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)
- Click on the red box "Photography Session Sign Up"
- Put in Church Code: mn640
- Put in Church Password: 640mem
- Pick your day & time!

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Immanuel Lutheran School

### Early Childhood Open House

Preschool ~ PreK ~ Kindergarten

Monday, March 2  
4:00-6:30 p.m.

- Meet the teachers
- Check out the classrooms
- Open Gym



## Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Worship Services

### Lent Worship Services

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25  
8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Thursday, April 2  
7:00 p.m.

### Good Friday Worship Service

Friday, April 3  
7:00 p.m.

### Easter Worship Services

Sunday, April 5  
6:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.



**JOIN US FOR LENTEN SUPPERS** on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Suppers will be served prior to our Lent services which are at 7:00 p.m. Our boards at Immanuel plus our LWML will each be hosting a Lenten supper this year. A freewill donation will be taken with proceeds going to the Lunch Assistance Program here at Immanuel Lutheran School.

Here is a list of Lenten suppers for March:

- March 1: BBQs served by the Board of Elders
- March 8: Pulled Pork served by the Board of Trustees
- March 15: Walking Tacos served by the Board of Finance
- March 25: Chili served by the Board of Ed

**2025 ANNUAL REPORTS** are now ready. Please help yourself to a copy. They can be found on the welcome center in the narthex.



Dear Redeemed and Loved Saints of Immanuel!

“Eyes to the Cross”

Holy Week is my favorite time of the Church year. We solemnly gather together to hear the love that God has for His creation. Our eyes clinging to the cross. The place where Jesus bought us. He purchased us. That is the reality of Good Friday. The result of Jesus dying for our sins, means that He has purchased our life for Himself. We are His. What sweet comfort this sentence gives.

That we get to keep our eyes focused on the place where God’s love is made known.

But Holy week is also a difficult time for the life of a Christian. Because as our eyes focus on what Christ has done for us. We painstakingly realize Christ has died in our stead. But yet that is where we truly see the graciousness of God’s love.

Where the countless scripture references open up our hearts and ears to hear. That God long promised that He would send His Son to die for all creation. So that we may know the depths of His great love for us.

It is my prayer for you as we enter these weeks that lead up to Holy Week that you and your family join us. For Maundy Thursday (4/2) and Good Friday (4/3) services at 7 pm. Then of course for Easter Sunday (4/5) at either 6:30 am or 9 am.

Have a blessed rest of your Lenten Season!

In the service of Jesus

Pastor Eric

**CHALLENGE FROM THE FINANCE BOARD:**

The Christmas in July Service is always a special service for our congregation. We sing some of our favorite Christmas hymns, worship outside in our Lord’s creation, and gather together afterwards for a meal. At this service we also get the opportunity to show support for our school with gifts toward the Teacher Salary Fund. The gifts towards this crucial mission go towards providing payroll to our outstanding faculty who teach the young students of Immanuel to grow in Christ. The end of this school year marked our 126th anniversary. As a gift to ensure that the mission of the school in Immanuel is as eternal as God’s love, let us challenge ourselves to give 12.6% of our salaries and benefits of school faculty in the amount of \$69,074 as a special giving project. There has been an anonymous donor who has gifted \$25,000 to this fund leaving a remaining balance of \$44,074. Please consider making a gift above and beyond your normal offering. There will be a tracking thermometer in the Narthex to follow along with as we work towards this goal along plus this Christmas tree in the bulletin.



## YOUTH CHESS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

Immanuel Lutheran Lakefield Activity Center

Grades: Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>

Check in: 8:30-8:45 a.m.

Round 1 begins: 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$10

Pre-Register:

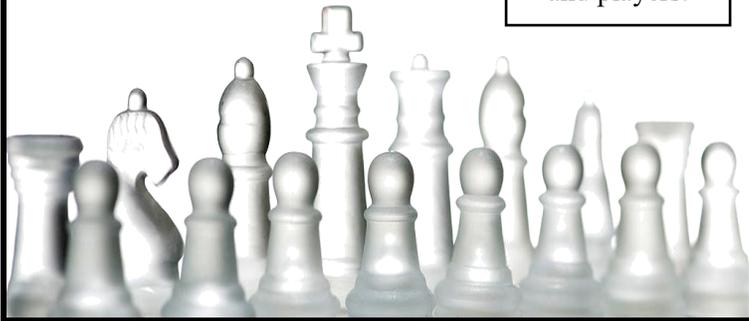
online at [immanuellakefield.com](http://immanuellakefield.com)

click on chess tournament

call 507-662-5860 (ask for Amy)

Players who do not pre-register will need to register between 8:15-8:30 that morning.

Lunch available:  
All players will receive a slice of pizza and a beverage.  
Additional pizza will be sold in our concession stand for parents and players.



**CONFIRMATION** will be held on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. This year we have 5 confirmands:

- Maddox Boogerd
- Nora Freking
- Mathias Liepold
- Jada Milbrath
- Simeon Peterson

**THE BOARD OF FINANCE** would like to celebrate and thank God for the blessings he's bestowed upon our congregation. Thank you to all who were able to give towards the challenge. This additional giving has kept us on track as we head into spring and summer. As a reminder, please take note of the weekly financial summary box in the bulletin, and use tools like Joyful Response to help the church meet our obligations. We are grateful for the partnership in our mission at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School!

**COUGAR FAMILY** - recently Immanuel Lutheran Church met a fundraising goal of nearly \$70,000 for our Teacher Salary Fund at the school. As a Board of Education, we would like to thank everyone who contributed and a special mention to our Immanuel Lutheran School Alumni near and as far away as Arizona! Your continued support for this wonderful school helps us continue the mission God gave to our church elders in 1899 to "Feed His lambs." John 21:15

**EASTER FLOWERS:** We will be decorating the sanctuary with Easter Lilies and Blooming Plants on Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase a flower to help decorate please fill out the form that is found elsewhere in the newsletter or call the church office. Orders need to be in by March 1st.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available. This year's devotions are titled "Behold Your King!". Both regular and large print copies can be found on the welcome center in the narthex. Please help yourself to a copy.

## Immanuel Lutheran School "Showcasing Your Strengths"

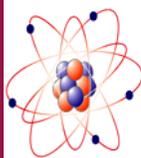
### Fine Arts Festival

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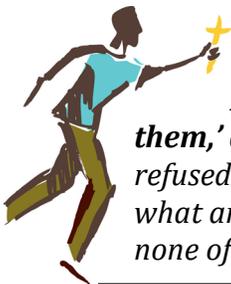
### Science Fair

Friday, March 7

6:30 p.m.



- ◆ Display of all K-8th grade Art Projects
- ◆ Public Performance of participating K-8th grade students in these categories: Vocal (individual and small group), Instrumental (individual and small group), and Public Speaking.



*Stewardship Moment...*

**Matthew 21:3 - "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."** Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, with us — the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His church.

## Lutheran Hour Ministries

The Lutheran Hour may be listened to on Sunday –

KICD – 1240 AM, Spencer, IA at 10:30 AM

WCCO – 830 AM, Minneapolis, MN at 6 AM

KSUM -- 1370 AM, Fairmont, MN at 11 AM

KJLY – 104.5, Blue Earth at 6 PM

**KDOM, 103.1 FM at 10 AM**

KDCR, 88.5 FM at 1 PM

You may also listen anytime on their website: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)

**March 1**

**"The Fifth Act"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

Through the Bible, God invites us to help Him complete the unfinished drama He's been writing for the world.

1 Corinthians 4:1

**March 8**

**"What Was the Price on That?"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

When we couldn't pay the price of our redemption, God did so completely by the life of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

**March 15**

**"No Command from the Lord"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

Jesus is the only way to God, but there are many adventures with Jesus. Which ones will you pick?

1 Corinthians 7:6-7

**March 22**

**"Meeting You Where You Are"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Manning

Jesus meets you where you are, not where you should have been.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

**March 29**

**"Dime-Sized"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

God doesn't look for valuable, desirable, beautiful people so that He can love them. God loves first, and by loving them He makes people valuable, desirable, and beautiful.

1 Corinthians 13:11

**NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER** for April through June are available on the welcome center in the narthex in both regular and large print.

**LAKEFIELD MEAL SITE** is serving in-house and home delivered meals. Meals served at 11:30. Birthday parties are held quarterly. January, February, and March birthdays were celebrated on February 26th.

Call 507-662-6714 to reserve.

New program available from Lutheran Social Services: FREE Pet food and cat litter available monthly for diners.

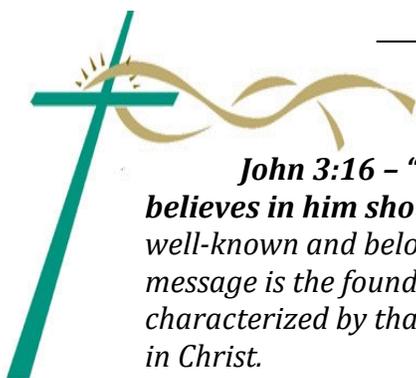
Delivered or in-house diners eligible.

Call 507-662-6174 to apply.

- Tuesday, March 3: Bingo at 12:30 with prizes provided by Thrivent.
- Tuesday, March 10: Pinochle at 12:30. Menu: chicken cordon bleu
- Wednesday, March 11: Game Day. Bring your own or play one of ours
- Wednesday, March 11: Lunch & Learn with Amy Koblegard (Farm Bureau Ins.) sharing info on Medicare, MNSure, etc... Menu: salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy
- Friday, March 13: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by Kozy Heat. Menu: cheese ravioli and fruit crumble
- Wednesday, March 18: 500 at 12:30. Menu: pork roast
- Tuesday, March 24: Frozen meals only for those already reserved
- Wednesday, March 25: Pinochle at 12:30. Menu: meatloaf
- Monday, March 30: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by Kozy Heat. Meal: spaghetti, green beans, spiced apples, vanilla wafer

Call Marless (507-662-5254) for card details and to schedule playing. All card games cost 10 cents to play.

Always looking for more card players... lessons available.



*Stewardship Moment...*

**John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."** This is perhaps the most well-known and beloved verse in the New Testament, for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our whole life, including our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by thankfulness and devotion to our Father who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ.

# Immanuel Lutheran School Highlights

*"We love because He first loved us." -1 John 4:19*



- **3RD QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS** are going to Hearts for Jesus which is a service project of the Minnesota South District. This year each school is choosing where they would like to donate to. We have chosen Jehovah Lutheran Church (an LCMS church in St. Paul) to support their mission of helping the homeless. Along with monetary donations, we are also collecting winter coats, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, and scarves. Items can be gently used or new. Keep in mind that 75% of the homeless population are adult males. There is a collection box in the school hallway for donations to be put into.
- **4TH QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS** will go to our Tuition Assistance Program.
- **EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE** is on Monday, March 2nd from 4:00-6:30. This is for incoming Preschool, PreK, and Kindergarten students for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **EARLY OUT AT 12:45—THURSDAY, MARCH 5th—JCC BUSES WILL RUN**
- **ILS FINE ARTS FESTIVAL** is Friday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m.
- **REGION IV FINE ARTS FESTIVAL** is Saturday, March 7th, at Martin Luther High School Northrop.
- **ALL SCHOOL CHOIR** sings at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 8th at 10:00 a.m.
- **WILD COMPASS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION** is here on Wednesday, March 11th from 2:15-3:45 for 3rd-6th grade students.
- **PARENT DRIVE DAYS—THURSDAY, MARCH 12th & FRIDAY, MARCH 13th—NO JCC BUS**
- **ILS CHESS TOURNAMENT** is Saturday, March 14th.
- **LAST DAY OF THE 3RD QUARTER—FRIDAY, MARCH 20th**
- **BOARD OF EDUCATION** meets on Wednesday, March 25th at 5:30 p.m. Meeting is open to anyone who wants to attend.

## *From the Principal:*

As our Lenten journey continues, a recent Daily Devotional from the Lutheran Hour Ministries made me think of when the Cross of Calvary first came into view. Forgive me if this isn't theologically accurate, but the mental image I got was the shadow of the cross appearing on the horizon the minute the serpent said, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" (Gen. 3:1) Satan (he only gets a small "s" from me) has been sowing doubt in the minds of God's children ever since. The beginning of the verse says "the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field..." Crafty he may be, but he is a defeated foe. At that Cross, Jesus defeated sin, death and the devil for all time. That Cross was necessary, but it is the sweetest tree ever fashioned. On that tree Jesus made it possible for us to spend eternity in Heaven with Him.

In the days leading up to Easter Sunday, keep reflecting, keep practicing humility, keep repenting and keep reading the Words of life. The shadow of the Cross will be canceled by the blinding light of an empty tomb!

*Dean Jennissen, Principal  
(aka Mr. J)*

*Immanuel Lutheran School  
"Let's Make a Joyful Noise"  
~ Psalm 98:4*

*Principal:  
Dean Jennissen*

*Teachers:  
Stacy Soderholm: Preschool/PreK  
Stacie Soleta: Kindergarten  
Cassie Ulbricht: 1st-2nd grade  
LaDonna Peterson: 3rd-4th grade  
Gretchen Benda: 5th-6th grade  
Sarah Mattila: 7th-8th grade  
Raeleen Grein: Computer, AR  
Phil Schult: Band through MLHS*

*Support Staff:  
Sheila Freking: Teacher Aide  
Deb Jons: Teacher Aide  
Crystal Rossow: Teacher Aide  
Pat Pohlman: Hot Lunch  
Amy Altman: Secretary  
Rev. Eric Obermann: Pastor*

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR** here at Immanuel Lutheran School will be opening soon. Current families watch fastdirect and the school newsletter to find out when it will open. Interested families, once registration opens, it will be publicized in the church bulletin, monthly newsletter, and on Facebook. Any questions please contact the school at 507-662-5860.

**FOR LIABILITY REASONS** and safety issues we need to know who is in the church and when, especially as we host benefits and other events. All building use needs to be scheduled with Amy in the church office. Many groups and individuals for whom we are very thankful use our building, but we do need to remember to schedule rooms. Please call the church office to schedule an event or meeting.  
Thank you for your consideration.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL—SUNDAY, MARCH 8th**

**VBS PLANNING MEETING** is on Sunday, March 1st, after Bible Class and Sunday School, so starting around 11:15 in the church basement. VBS is always a fun time for the kids! Come help plan it!

#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?**

- “Libraries Spark Your Imagination” Winter Reading Program for adults and teens (grades 8-12) goes through March 31st. Registration is open. Register online or at your library.
- Great Puzzle Race is on Saturday, March 21st from 10:30-12:30. Register a team of 2-4 people to see which team can finish their puzzle first to win a prize! Call 507-662-5782 to register.
- Story Time for kids is on Thursdays at 10:00
- Bedtime Story Hour is Thursday, March 26th at 6:00
- Elementary After School Program for K-4th grade is “Hanging Air Plant Chime” on Thursday, March 19th at 3:45. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Tween & Teen Scene for 5th-12th grade is “Lego Wars” on Tuesday, March 24th at 3:45 p.m. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Homeschool Connection meets weekly at the Jackson Library on Thursdays at 10:30. NO meeting on March 12th. Call the Jackson Library for more info 507-847-4748.
- NO Adult program at Lakefield this month. But plan ahead for these 2 dates in April:  
Wednesday, April 8th at 2:30:  
The Banana Bread Guys with Zeke and Nate  
Wednesday, April 22nd at 2:00:  
Kozy Heat Celebrating 50 Years! with Heather Hussong Reasoner, Jim Hussong, & Dudley Hussong
- Adult Monthly Movie Matinee is on Friday, March 20th at 2:15 p.m.
- Book Club meets on Wednesday, March 4th at 3:00 to discuss “The God of the Woods” by Liz Moore.

**HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL** is at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alpha on Sunday, March 22nd from 10:30-12:30. On the menu: Chicken Dumpling Soup, Vegetable Beef Soup, Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Chili, Ham Sandwiches, Cookies, Bars, and of course Home-made Ice Cream. A freewill offering will be accepted. The church is located at 225 Main Street South, Alpha.

**BINGO AT VALLEY VIEW:** Our LWML will be playing Bingo up at Valley View on Sunday, March 8th at 3:00 p.m. Anyone who wants to come up and play with us is welcome for fun and fellowship with our friends at Valley View!

**SCRIP ORDERS** are taken weekly. Please turn in your orders to Amy in the church office by 8:00 a.m. on Monday and it will be ready for you to pick it up the following Monday. Order forms can be found on the welcome center in the narthex (they're blue). Any questions ask Amy in the office by calling 507-662-5718 or send an email to [immanuel@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuellakefield.com).

This is a great way to support Immanuel!

## **LWML Happenings** **Lutheran Women In Mission**

Serving on Altar Guild for the month of March are Deb Burmeister, Donna Hage, and Donna Thaemlitz. We thank them for taking care of the altar duties.

LWML will be hosting Bingo at Valley View at 3:00 Sunday afternoon, March 8. Please join us!

The March monthly meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, beginning at 5:15. Also, enjoy the Lenten Supper served in the church basement by the Board of Trustees. Vicki Place, our LWML Zone President, will speak to us about the Phil's Friends mission and care packages sent to individuals with cancer.

If you have extra t-shirts received from Thrivent Action Team requests, please bring them to our monthly meeting. They are being collected for the New Freedom Store in the Twin Cities area, which helps the homeless.

Our Worthington Zone LWML Spring Get-Together will be held at Sioux Valley Trinity Lutheran Church Saturday, April 18, with registration beginning at 9:00. Watch for more details to come.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Immanuel LWML meetings and activities. During the season of Lent, let's pause, remember, and contemplate what God has done and continues to do for us.

**Serve the Lord with Gladness ~ Psalm 100:4**



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 ~ Whitney Bretzman  
Sherilyn Milbrath  
Michael Schulz
- 3 ~ Linkon Phillips  
Louise Rients
- 5 ~ Dale Dafoe  
Jada Milbrath  
Jeremy Rossow
- 7 ~ Tammy Rossow  
Shane Phillips
- 9 ~ Kason Farmer  
Delores Janssen  
Keyton Kraus  
Lori Kruger  
Lori Rossow
- 10 ~ Adrian Connell
- 11 ~ Linda Dempster  
Emily Somnis
- 12 ~ Gianna Froderman  
Brenna Moser
- 13 ~ Cheryl Grein
- 14 ~ Cooper Schmid  
Dean Schmid
- 15 ~ Lisa Jennissen
- 16 ~ Dellynn Monson  
Kenny Pederson
- 17 ~ Emerson Hendrickson
- 18 ~ Emma Bergeron  
Olivia Bretzman  
Lily Rossow  
Allan Stevens
- 19 ~ Tyler Bale  
Atticus Regnier  
Dana Schmid
- 20 ~ Ardith Westergard
- 21 ~ Kody Burmeister  
Nathen Monson  
Jean Oelke  
Jordan Scholten
- 22 ~ Daisy Gettler  
Christina Nyborg  
Travis Dominic Rossow
- 23 ~ Ami Jo Swanson
- 24 ~ Brooks Pigman
- 29 ~ Tara Boogerd
- 30 ~ Dennis Baumann  
Regan Farmer  
Kaylee Froderman  
Luke Henning
- 31 ~ Jean Hendrickson  
Jeff Luebben

## HEY YOUTH!! IT'S A CHRISTIAN CONCERT!!

Sidewalk Prophets will be performing an acoustic evening of Christian music.

- Where: Worthington Christian Church at 1501 North Douglas Ave., Worthington MN
  - For who: All ages
  - When: Saturday, March 14th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
  - Cost: \$30 (go to [sidewalkprophets.com/pages/tour](http://sidewalkprophets.com/pages/tour) then scroll down to "Sat, MAR 14" and click on "TICKETS")
- Carpooling will be available. Pizza supper may be available! After you order your tickets, let Sarah Laabs or Justin Scholten know. Any questions, call Leann Henning 507-220-4448.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:** It's that time again for those with an account through Thrivent to direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars. Your Thrivent Choice Dollars can be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran School. This can be done online at [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or by calling 800-847-4836 and when prompted saying "Thrivent Choice". Any questions can be directed to Curt Baumgard at the Lakefield Thrivent office at 507-662-5455.

**FORT BELMONT SPRING FUNDRAISER** is on Saturday, April 11th, from 11:00-1:00 at the American Legion in Jackson. Menu includes: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips, Bars, and a Beverage. Freewill donation accepted with all proceeds supporting Fort Belmont Capital Projects. The American Legion is located at 411 1st Street in Jackson

**MAN UP! MEN'S RETREAT** is at Camp Omega Friday, March 6th and Saturday, March 7th. Adult men and their sons or grandsons (age 16 and older) are invited to be challenged, encouraged, and refreshed during a 24 hour retreat where faith will be strengthened and spirits renewed by God's Word. Theme is "Biblical Friendship, Gracious Fatherhood and True Masculinity- would God like to grow you in those elements of your Christian walk?". Speaker is Dr. Scott Keith, a noted speaker and author who loves talking to men about God's design for them and family. Cost is \$131.50 to stay in the Omega Lodge (hotel style room that is double occupancy/ shared lodging), \$96 to stay Bunkhouse style shared lodging, or \$72 for Saturday only (no overnight lodging). The registration cost includes the book, "Being Dad" by Dr. Scott Keith, 3 meals and lodging in either Omega Lodge (hotel style rooms shared with one other man) or the cabins (bunkhouse style lodging). The Lodge provides linens and those staying in the cabins should bring their own. Please bring items for recreation (skiing, snow shoeing, shooting, board games/cards, and snacks) so you can fully enjoy the fellowship of other Christian men. Call the camp office at 507-685-4266 for more info. Register online at [campomega.org/retreats-rentals/programevents](http://campomega.org/retreats-rentals/programevents) or at this link: <https://www.ultracamp.com/info/upcomingsessions.aspx?idCamp=1134&campcode=ZOM&lang=en-US> Camp Omega is an LCMS camp located at 22750 Lind Avenue in Waterville.



# MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/8/69 Dwayne and Judy Milbrath  
 3/19/96 Ron and Debbi Gettler  
 3/23/19 Ken and Pat Pohlman  
 3/25/23 Colten and Carmen Flores-Stevens  
 3/27/22 Greg and Jill Sauter

### OFFICIAL ACTS FOR JANUARY 2026

Membership: Baptized: 598  
 Communicants: 430

#### ENTERING IMMANUEL...

...By Profession of Faith—  
 Renee Erdmann

...By Baptism—  
 Ruby Leslie Lunde, daughter of Cameron  
 and Leah Lunde

#### LEAVING IMMANUEL

...Entering Church Triumphant—  
 Clyde Daberkow received his crown of  
 glory on February 2nd, 2026.

### EBONY & IVORY OH! WHAT A KNIGHT! DINNER

**AUCTION** is at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop on Saturday, March 28th. Enjoy hundreds of silent and live auction items (collectibles, crafts, services, interesting items), plus fun games where guests can win big prizes throughout the evening. Valet parking for the event. There will also be a Wine Wall. CATERED Dinner of Sunrise Cashew Salad, Bacon Wrapped Chicken Breast, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, and Desserts made by Sweet Indeed of Madelia will be served. Proceeds will benefit MLHS. Gratis auctioneers are Auctioneer Alley/Land Services Unlimited. Check out auction preview pictures at martinlutherhs.com. Tickets are \$40. Purchase by March 20th to guarantee a seat. Best Dressed Contest – wear black and white! Ties will be available for rent at the door! The school is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

### COMMUNION FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP SERVICES:

Anyone who is not able to join us for worship services, but would like to receive communion please contact Pastor Obermann directly. He will schedule a time to meet you. Pastor's cell is 563-321-0032 and email is [pastor@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:pastor@immanuellakefield.com).

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** With our offering envelopes not being date specific, please continue to use them until they are gone. When you are getting low ask Amy in the church office or an elder for a new box and they will get one for you. Remember, your number will never change and we do have an extra box with your number on it

## Easter Flowers...

We will again be decorating our sanctuary with Easter Lilies and Blooming Plants on Easter Sunday. If you would like to join us in this celebration of new life by donating a flower, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the office by **March 1** with your payment. Please make the check out to Immanuel Lutheran and write Easter Flowers on the memo line.

Your plant may be picked up after the 9:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

*I would like to purchase a flower to decorate our sanctuary—*

- A 4-6 bloom Easter Lily for \$20*
- A Daisy Mum for \$20*
- A Begonia for \$20*
- A Kalanchoe for \$20*

*My plant will be given in honor and/or memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

*Given by* \_\_\_\_\_ *Amount Enclosed* \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to take part in decorating the chancel area, but choose to bring my own plant (lily, mum, tulips, etc...) I will bring it to the church no later than Friday evening, April 3rd.

*My plant will be given in honor and/or memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

*Given by* \_\_\_\_\_ **(Please return form to Church by March 1)**



IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST,  
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 507-662-5718  
OR EMAIL [immanuel@immanuelakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuelakefield.com)

We would rather hear it two or three times  
than not at all. Also because of privacy issues  
we need your permission.

**S.A.G.E.S GATHERING XXXVI** is May 4th-5th at Country Inn and Suites in Mankato. This year's presenter is Rev. Greg Finke who is the Director of Dwelling 1:14. Theme is "Living on Purpose with Jesus" focusing on this statement: Young or Old, there are three questions everyone struggles to answer - Who am I? What do I have of value to offer others? What is my purpose in this world? Participants must make their own hotel reservations by contacting Country Inn & Suites directly (507-388-8555). A limited number of rooms are available under the room block, SAGES, at a cost of \$132. The deadline for hotel reservations is April 4th. The registration fee is \$110/person for both days and \$55/person for a single day. Complimentary breakfast for hotel guests. Country Inn & Suites is located at 1900 Premier Drive in Mankato. S.A.G.E.S. (Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving) is our LCMS Minnesota South District Older Adult Ministry. To get the registration form or for answers to any questions, please email [minnesotasouthsages@gmail.com](mailto:minnesotasouthsages@gmail.com).

**WE NEED YOUR HELP:** We are looking for members to help with ushering. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the window in the narthex and write yourself in for a service if you are able to. Questions on ushering? Please ask one of our elders.

**EARLY ENROLLMENT AT MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL** opened on January 25th for new and returning students. Early Bird enrollment discount of \$100 is effective until March 1st. For more information, go to [martinlutherhs.com](http://martinlutherhs.com).

**MINNESOTA SOUTH LLL (LUTHERAN LAYMAN'S LEAGUE) DISTRICT CONVENTION** is at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1412 N Main Street in Janesville, on Saturday, April 11th from 8:30-6:00. Cost is \$20 for lunch and \$20 for the banquet. Visit [lhm.org/mnso-lll](http://lhm.org/mnso-lll) to register by April 6th Or by scanning the QR code found on the flyers on the church bulletin boards. Theme is "Faith Formation in the Household" based on Joshua 24:15. Speaker is Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies, Lutheran Hour Ministries VP and Ministry Engagement. Mercy Meals will be packaged for Orphan Grain Train. For more info, contact Doyle Benson at [oylebenson321@gmail.com](mailto:oylebenson321@gmail.com) or 320-583-7695.

#### TREASURERS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

*Current Fund needed for February.....\$41,914*  
**Current Fund received in February.....\$45,385**  
*Current Fund needed each week .....\$10,112*  
*If you have any questions, please contact*  
*Josh Swanson*

**GIVING STATEMENTS** for 2025 are ready. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet on the window in the narthex if you would like one or give Amy in the church office a call at 507-662-5718. Statements can then be picked up from the welcome center in the narthex or mailed out.

**THE DINNER DATE** is a free meal for everyone in the community. It is on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Lakefield Legion Hall. This month's date is Tuesday, March 10th, from 5:00-7:00. All are welcome! While the event is organized by St. Peter Lutheran Church, Lakefield American Legion is located at 413 Main Street.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** is Friday, March 20th, and Saturday, March 21st, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Mankato. Guest speaker is Christa Petzold who will speak on "Gathered By Christ" focusing on What is the church? What does it mean to be the church? Friday's activity is a social for women ages 21 and up from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday's retreat is for ages 15 and up from 8:30-2:30. Lunch is provided. Cost is \$15 for 1 day and \$25 for 2 days. Register online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdP9NKAeBC3kBBIQTsxDTLRtDdmSwBiSabLS3iP6PzFvVN0Ow/viewform> Or by scanning the QR code found on the flyers on the church bulletin boards. The church is located at 1103 N Broad Street in Mankato.

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE** you may contact Pastor Obermann directly ([pastor@immanuelakefield.com](mailto:pastor@immanuelakefield.com) or 563-321-0032) or speak to one of the elders. This includes visits, prayer requests, communion for home bound members, among others.

#### CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER...

*A serious illness or death in your family; a personal crisis;  
a time of major decision making; a time of great joy;  
all of these times when pastoral care is vitally important.  
If you or a family member or a friend is experiencing any  
of these, please contact the church office. We, here at  
Immanuel, welcome the opportunity to provide spiritual  
care and guidance in difficult times, as well as to rejoice  
with you in times of joy.*



Dear Church Family,  
It's time for a New Directory!

## Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

~ Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.

~ Every sitting photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!

~ Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finishes and framing options for the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to your family and friends.

Set your appointment with  
Universal today at [ucdir.com](http://ucdir.com)!

Gathering families, Connecting generations.



*Celebrating faith.*

*Connecting families.*

*Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

*Directory Committee*

**Photography Dates:**

**Friday 4/17 2:00-8:30**

**Saturday 4/18 10:00-4:00**

**Tuesday 4/21 2:00-8:30**

**Wednesday 4/22 2:00-8:30**

**Sign up in back of church 3/1, 3/8, or 3/15.**

**If we don't hear from you, you will receive a phone call to schedule your session.**

**If you have any questions, please call Dory Poppe (507-830-0577) or Beth Carlson (507-370-3107).**

# March 2026

|                                                                                                                                                                             | Sun                                                                               | Mon                                                                                                                       | Tue                                                                                                                                                             | Wed                                               | Thu                                                     | Fri                                                                                                           | Sat |
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| 1 Lent II<br>Easter Flower Orders Due<br>9:00 Worship with Communion<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study<br>11:15 VBS Planning Mtg | 2<br>4:00-6:30 Early<br>Childhood Open<br>House<br>6:10 Imm Ringers<br>7:10 Choir | 3                                                                                                                         | 4<br>8:30 Lent Worship<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>5:30-6:30 Lent Supper<br>7:00 Lent Worship                                                                       | 5<br>EARLY OUT AT<br>12:45<br>JCC BUS WILL<br>RUN | 6<br>6:30 ILS Fine<br>Arts Festival<br>MLHS<br>Northrop | 7<br>Region IV Fine<br>Arts Festival at<br>MLHS<br>Northrop                                                   |     |
| 8 Lent III<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 All School Choir stings<br>at Holy Trinity, rural<br>Lakefield<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>3:00 LWML Bingo at Valley<br>View                | 9<br>6:10 Imm Ringers<br>7:10 Choir                                               | 10                                                                                                                        | 11<br>8:30 Lent Worship<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>2:15 Wild Compass<br>Environmental Ed—<br>grades 3-6<br>5:15 LWML<br>5:30-6:30 Lent Supper<br>7:00 Lent Worship | 12<br>PARENT DRIVE<br>DAY<br>NO JCC BUS           | 13<br>PARENT DRIVE<br>DAY<br>NO JCC BUS                 | 14<br>ILS Chess<br>Tournament<br>Youth Group<br>going to<br>Sidewalk<br>Prophets<br>concert in<br>Worthington |     |
| 15 Lent IV<br>9:00 Worship with Communion<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study                                                      | 16<br>6:10 Imm Ringers<br>7:10 Choir                                              | 17                                                                                                                        | 18<br>8:30 Lent Worship<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>5:30-6:30 Lent Supper<br>7:00 Lent Worship                                                                      | 19<br>5:30 Bd Trustees<br>Mtg                     | 20<br>Last Day of the<br>3rd Quarter                    | 21                                                                                                            |     |
| 22 Lent I<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study                                                                      | 23<br>6:10 Imm Ringers<br>7:10 Choir                                              | 24<br>5:30 Bd Cong.<br>Services Mtg<br>5:30 Bd Elders Mtg<br>6:00 Bd Finance Mtg<br>7:00 Joint Boards &<br>Church Council | 25<br>8:30 Lent Worship<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>5:30 Bd Ed Mrg<br>5:30-6:30 Lent Supper<br>7:00 Lent Worship                                                    | 26                                                | 27                                                      | 28                                                                                                            |     |
| 29 Palm Sunday<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study                                                                 | 30<br>6:10 Imm Ringers<br>7:10 Choir                                              | 31                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                                                               |     |



**Hosanna**  
in the highest!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*Worship Schedule —*

Sunday Morning Services  
9:00 AM

Sunday School  
Youth Group Bible Study  
Bible Class  
10:15 AM

Communion Celebrated  
1st and 3rd Sunday

Join us on our Lenten journey

*MARCH Monthly*

