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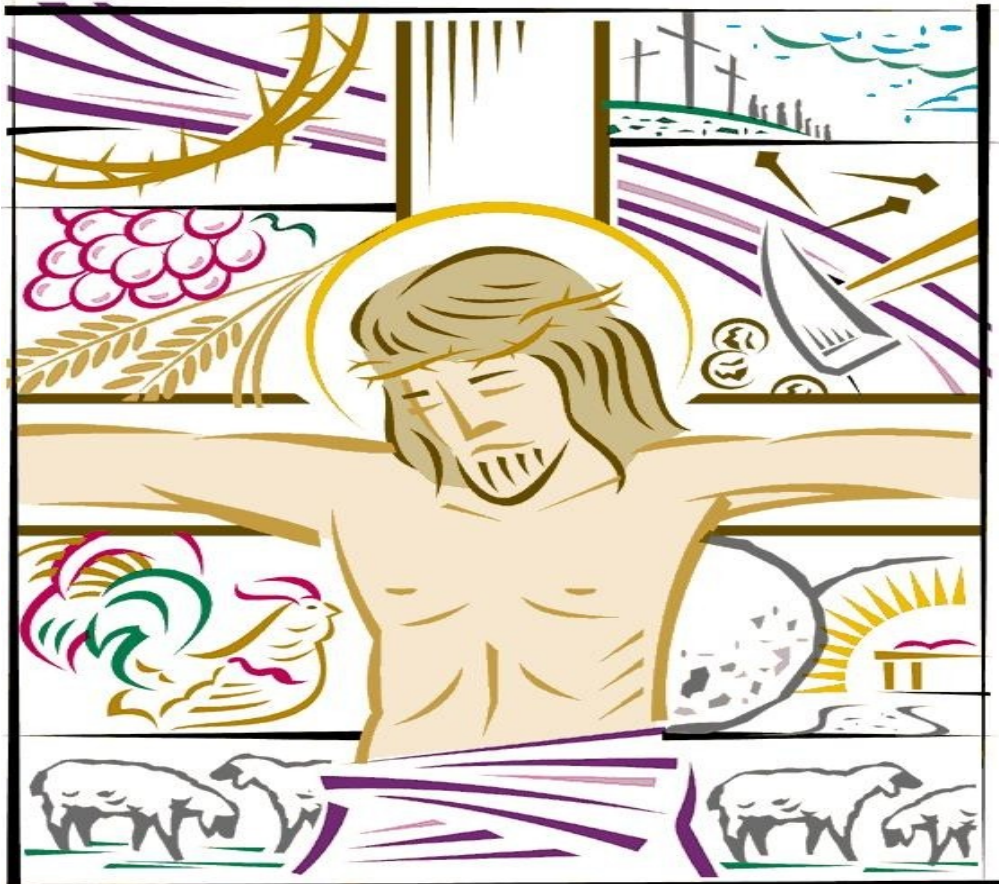
# The Newsletter

of Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Lakefield, Minnesota

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## April



### *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** meets on Wednesday, April 30th at 8:00 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: Monday, April 14th at 5:15 p.m.
- Board of Elders: Thursday, April 17th at 8:00 p.m.
- Board of Finance: Sunday, April 27th at 10:30 a.m.
- Board of Trustees: Thursday, April 17th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Ed: Wednesday, April 30th at 5:30 p.m.

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

**JOIN US FOR LENTEN SUPPERS** on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:30 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. Here is a list of Lenten suppers for April:

- April 2: Chili served by the Board of Ed
- April 9: BBQs served by the Board of Elders

The freewill donations from the Lenten suppers will go to:

- ILS Freshwater Fifties Chapel Offerings – \$150
- Sunday School Mission – \$100
- Youth Group for New Orleans Youth Group Gathering – remaining funds

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING TO CALL A PASTOR** is on Monday, April 7th, at 7:00 p.m.

## **CONFIRMATION**

will be held on Sunday, May 11th during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Pastor Schuetz has been teaching our 8th grade confirmation class and will be confirming these 4 confirmands:

- Kadence Daberkow: daughter of Tim and Sonya Daberkow
- Zadi Farmer: daughter of Justin and Tami Farmer
- Linkon Phillips: son of Amery Rossow and Shane Philips
- Kaelyn Swanson-Voight: daughter of Ashley Farley, Nick Voight, and Lee & Rhonda Swanson



**NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER** for April through June are available on the welcome center in the narthex in both regular and large print. Please help yourself to a copy.

**VOTERS MEETING** for the second quarter will be on Sunday, April 13th right after the 9:00 a.m. worship service around 10:00 a.m.

**2024 ANNUAL REPORTS** are now ready. Please help yourself to a copy. They can be found on the table behind the welcome center in the narthex.

**YOUTH GROUP LOCK-INN** for 6th-12th grade students is Friday, April 4th from 6:00-11:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Come for a fun night of volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, movies, Bible study, games, and snacks. We are joining with the youth from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for the lock inn. Please bring a snack to share if you can. Youth - Invite a friend for the fun!

## **LAKEFIELD LIONS PALM SUNDAY**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be served from 9:00-12:30 on Sunday, April 13th at the Lakefield American Legion. A freewill donation will be taken to support Lions sponsored events. Lakefield American Legion is located at 413 Main Street.

## **WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATE:**

**AFTER EASTER 4/20,  
WE WILL NO LONGER  
HAVE OUR WEDNESDAY  
EVENING SERVICES.  
SUNDAY MORNING  
SERVICES WILL CONTINUE  
TO BE AT 9:00.  
ANY QUESTIONS CHECK  
WITH THE ELDERS.**

## OFFICIAL ACTS FOR MARCH 2025

Membership:

Baptized: 585

Communicants: 428

ENTERING IMMANUEL...

LEAVING IMMANUEL...

...Release to Other Church—

Sara Henning to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakefield, Minnesota

...Entering Church Triumphant—

Melvin Grein received his crown of glory on March 9th, 2025 and was given a Christian burial on March 17th, 2025. Burial is at Immanuel Cemetery.

Linda Wagner took the hand of her Lord on March 15th, 2025 and was given a Christian burial on March 20th, 2025. Burial is at Immanuel Cemetery.

### IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE

you may contact Pastor McDonald directly (507-993-1113 or [mcdonald.david66@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdonald.david66@yahoo.com)), Amy in the church office (507-662-5718 or [immanuel@immannuellakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immannuellakefield.com)), or speak to one of the elders. This includes visits, prayer requests, communion for home bound members, among others. Pastor McDonald is our administrative vacancy Pastor.

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

#### REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026

**SCHOOL IS OPEN.** We appreciate your interest in Immanuel Lutheran School, an educational environment that promotes excellence and growth in the Lutheran Christian Faith where each child can strive to reach his or her potential. We believe that the parent is the child's first teacher. It is only through parents and teachers working together and showing mutual respect that we hope to achieve what is best for each child at Immanuel Lutheran School.

## LWML Happenings

### Lutheran Women In Mission

The April monthly meeting will be Wednesday, **April 9**, beginning at 5:30. Please come early to enjoy the Lenten Supper served in the church basement by one of the church boards. All women of the congregation are welcome to attend the Immanuel LWML meetings and activities.

Serving on Altar Guild for the month of April are Amy Altman, Crystal Dafoe, Leann Henning, and LaDonna Peterson. We thank them for taking care of the altar duties.

The LWML Spring Get-Together (Rally) for churches in our Worthington Zone will be Saturday, **April 26** at St. Paul Rost Lutheran Church. Registration will begin at 9:00 with the opening at 9:30. There is a \$5 cost, which includes morning coffee and lunch. For anyone who would like to carpool, we will meet at Immanuel at 8:45. The speaker will be Linda Medhus from the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, located in North Dakota. This is a Christ-centered residential treatment and educational center for children and their families. They serve boys and girls with challenging mental, emotional, and behavioral issues resulting from significant trauma, abuse, and neglect. **Gifts from the Heart**, consisting of toiletry and clothing items, will be collected for them and delivered to our Spring Get-Together at St. Paul Rost Church. See the separate article or check the collection box in the narthex for a detailed list of wanted items.

Plans are underway for a salad buffet supper to be held Wednesday, **May 14** at 5:30. Please watch for further details.

The 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial LWML Convention, with the theme of "Growing in God's Grace", will be held in Omaha, Nebraska **June 26-29**. Go to [lwml.org/convention](http://lwml.org/convention) to access the online registration form and read details about the schedule, costs, speakers, meals, and servant activities. Congratulations to Mary Poppe for being selected as a Young Woman Representative for our Minnesota South District!

We thank our Father in heaven for the gift of eternal life, given us in the victory won for us by Jesus. He is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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



*Stewardship Moment...*

**Luke 22:11** – “Tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ” Did Jesus really need this man's Upper Room? If the man had refused to let Jesus use it, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this room! It is the same with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor it is for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.





## LWML Spring Rally

**ST. PAUL ROST  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
38886 800TH ST., LAKEFIELD  
SATURDAY, APRIL 26  
9:30 a.m. with a 9:00 registration  
Cost is \$5**

- ⇒ Speaker Linda Medus, Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch
- ⇒ Gifts from the Heart collected for the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch"

- Dry Shampoo (regular size)
- Shampoo/Conditioner (regular size)
- Bodywash (regular size)
- Deodorant/Antiperspirant (regular size)
- Tampons/Pads
- Mouthwash
- Socks/Undergarments
- Sweatpants (all sizes)
- Lotion (regular size)
- Facewash
- Acne Cream
- Brush/Combs
- Floss Picks
- Toothpaste (regular size)
- Non-perishable Food Items

A collection box, with further info, will be located in the narthex.

- ⇒ Get-Together held in the church, coffee and lunch served in the basement which is handicap accessible with an elevator.
- ⇒ Closing with Lunch

**"For I know the plans I have for you,"  
declares the Lord.  
Plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you, plans to give  
you a hope and a future."  
~ Jeremiah 29:11**



**FRIDAY FISH FRY** is at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lakefield on Friday, April 4th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Fish, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, and dessert will be served. Cost is \$15 adults, \$10 ages 6-12, ages 5 and under are free. Event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus with proceeds benefitting youth and family organizations. The church is located at 410 Broadway Avenue in Lakefield.

**GIVING STATEMENTS** for 2024 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.

**IMMANUEL BOOKSTORE NEWS: All cards are 75 cents.** Confirmation will be here before you know it and if you wish to order Bibles, Hymnals, Prayer Books, etc. for a confirmand now is the time to do it. If you wish to get your gift imprinted, that may take extra time. Confirmation and Graduation cards are available along with birthday, get well, wedding, anniversary, baby, baptism, thank-you, and sympathy cards. Stop by the bookstore and check out the selection. You can either pay Amy in the office or leave it in the empty box by the cards.

*Now available at the Bookstore:*

- *Easter Cards*
- *Confirmation Cards*
- *Graduation Cards*

**THE 4TH ANNUAL 21 QUILT SALUTE TO JACKSON COUNTY VETERANS** will be held during the Jackson County Fair on Friday, August 1st, at 2:00 p.m. in the Blue Vender Building. This program is sponsored by the Riverbend Quilt Guild. If you would like to nominate a Jackson County past or present Veteran, man or woman please fill out a form and return to one of the persons listed. The form can be found on the welcome center in the narthex. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help make a quilt you may also send that donation to one of the persons listed on the form or contact a Guild member. All are welcome to the program to thank our Veterans for their Service to Our Country.

**BINGO** is at St. Joseph Catholic Church's Prokes Hall on Sunday, April 6th at 1:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded with proceeds benefitting youth and family organizations. The church is located at 410 Broadway Avenue in Lakefield.



## Easter Breakfast

*April 20 ~ 7:30-8:45 a.m.*

*Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes,  
Ham, and Fruit will be served.*

*Proceeds will go to our Youth Group*

## 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)

**April 6**

**"Better Than I Deserve!"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Keith Haberstok

*Jesus didn't deserve to die on a cross, but He died and rose again in order to give us better than we deserve.*

*(John 12:1-11)*

**April 13**

**"In the Middle"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

*In Jesus, God showed up smack in the middle of life with forgiveness, love, and a promise never to leave us.*

*(John 19:18)*

**April 20**

**"A Risen Christ and a Clean Room"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

*The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation.*

*(John 20:5-7)*

**April 27**

**"Through Locked Doors"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

*When Jesus shows up, it's no longer "us vs. them," because Jesus is for everyone, even if everyone is not yet for Jesus.*

*(John 20:19)*

**FUNDRAISER MEAL FOR FORT BELMONT** is at the Jackson American Legion on Sunday, April 6th from 11:00-1:30. Pork loin, beans, chips, bars and a beverage will be served for a freewill donation. Proceeds will go to church and sod house renovations at Fort Belmont. Jackson American Legion is located at 411 1st Street.

**LAKEFIELD MEAL SITE** is serving in-house and home delivered meals. Meals served at 11:30. Call 507-662-6714 to reserve. NO Half Price Meals in April.

- Tuesday, April 1st: Bingo at 12:30. Prizes awarded. Menu: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy
  - Tuesday, April 8th: Pinochle at 12:30. Menu: BBQ chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, pudding
  - Wednesday, April 9th: Game Day! Bring your own or play what's here. Menu: country pork tips, gravy, steamed rice
  - Wednesday, April 16th: 500 at 12:30. Menu: smothered chopped steak, mashed potatoes, cookie
  - Wednesday, April 23rd: Lakefield Birthday Party. Menu: scalloped potatoes/ham, broccoli, peach crisp
  - Thursday, April 24th in the evening: Volunteer Appreciation Meal
  - Tuesday, April 22nd: Frozen meals only for those already reserved
  - Wednesday, April 30: Pinochle at 12:30. Menu: Salisbury steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, mounds bar
- Call Marless (507-662-5254) for card details and to schedule playing. All card games cost 10 cents to play.

**"SET APART TO SERVE" SYNOD SURVEY:** Where do we get pastors who preach and care for us with God's Word? Where do we get teachers who teach our children about Jesus in our Lutheran schools? Where do we get our directors of Christian education, deaconesses and directors of parish music? Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is partnering with our seminaries, Concordia universities, districts and others to build a Synodwide culture of church work formation and recruitment. Will you please take a brief online survey at [lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey](http://lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey) and let us know how we can make SAS more beneficial to your congregation? We want to hear what you have to say. Deadline to submit is April 12th.

*Stewardship Moment...*

**Luke 24:6-7 – "He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."** Jesus is risen. But is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen; the Good News is that He is risen to bless us. There is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and sisters, and He means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen – He is risen indeed!

# *Immanuel Lutheran School Highlights*

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



- **CHAPEL OFFERINGS** for the 3rd quarter (ending on March 19th) were given to Hearts for Jesus—World Vision Ignite as they help provide access to clean water throughout the world. These offerings (Freshwater Fifties) totaled \$1,275.75 and helped provide fresh water to people who do not have access to it.
- **CHAPEL OFFERINGS** for the 4th quarter (beginning on March 26th) will go to our Tuition Assistance Program.
- **PTL (PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE)** meets on Thursday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.
- **SIMPLY SWEET CHEESECAKE FUNDRAISER DELIVERY DAY** is Friday, April 4th. This was a fundraiser to update some school flooring.
- **NO SCHOOL—EASTER BREAK—APRIL 17th-21st**
- **REGION IV SPELLING BEE** is at St. Paul's Truman on Saturday, April 26th.
- **ALL SCHOOL CHOIR** sings at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jackson on Sunday, April 27th, at their 9:00 a.m. service.

## *From the Principal:*

Cougar Family,

Every day is a good day at Immanuel Lutheran School, but March 21st was an especially good day as God reminded us once again, He provides. We'd been raising money this quarter in our Chapel offerings for people around the world who do not have access to freshwater. Our students learned about children in parts of the world that walk an average of 3.7 miles daily to carry water (not always fresh) back to their family homes to provide water for drinking, bathing and cleaning. Our challenge: for every \$50 we donate, a family receives fresh water. On March 17th, nearly the end of our 3rd quarter, I shared with our students and families that we had raised \$112 toward this opportunity. Well in the following days, God showed up through His givers. By the morning of 3/21 we had raised \$934.70! However, God wasn't done yet. One of our classes stepped up and chipped in another \$100.75 to put us over \$1,000. But, wait... not done yet, another \$140 cash donation showed up and by day's end \$1275.75 was raised. This was enough to provide 25 families with fresh water! If that wasn't enough provision for the day, our copy paper supply had dwindled to less than two cases and it just so happened that a donor who wished to remain anonymous pulled up by the Blue Doors on March 21st, with 14 cases of copy paper! Yes, March 21st was a good day in which God met all of our needs "according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19). I should never be surprised, and shouldn't need reminding, but He provides our "daily bread (Matt. 6:11). And, in the coming weeks, God will provide for us the ultimate reminder of His immense love for us in the Savior He provided in His Son Christ Jesus. He suffered, died and rose again conquering sin, death and the devil while providing eternal life for us. While March 21st was a good day; Easter morning is the best day ever!

*~ Dean A. Jennissen, Principal*

*Immanuel Lutheran School  
Endure ~ Hebrews 12:1-3*

### *Principal:*

*Dean Jennissen*

### *Teachers:*

*Stacy Soderholm*

*Natalie Schlager*

*Cassie Ulbricht*

*Stacie Soleta*

*Kelly Ackermann*

*Gretchen Benda*

*Sarah Mattila*

*LaDonna Peterson*

*Raeleen Grein*

*Phil Schult*

### *Support Staff:*

*Sheila Freking*

*Pat Pohlman*

*Amy Altman*

**Immanuel Lutheran School ~ est. 1899**

**Educate ~ Equip ~ Encourage**

**2024-2025 School Year Theme: Endure - based on Hebrews 12:1-3**





- 1 ~ Brenner Burmeister  
Breann Grein  
Colten Stevens
- 2 ~ Mary Pauling  
Dennis Rossow  
Dawn Rossow
- 3 ~ Linda Luebben  
Cole Monson  
Lloyd Steffen
- 4 ~ Kevin Luebben  
Daniel Schultz
- 5 ~ Brynlea Kraft
- 6 ~ Merlin Tordsen
- 7 ~ Allison Thaemlitz
- 8 ~ Kendra Connell  
Kerry Sydnes
- 9 ~ Ines Henning  
Hope Onnen  
Joel Poppe
- 11 ~ David Bass  
Kailey Espenson
- 13 ~ Beverly Hall  
Alexa Henning  
Sheila Scholten
- 14 ~ Tara Pederson
- 15 ~ Galen Gunther
- 16 ~ Timothy Baumann  
Joyce Baumann
- 17 ~ Kenneth Riets
- 18 ~ Sonya Daberkow  
Matthew Rossow  
Don Schulz
- 19 ~ Riley Henry  
Connie Rossow
- 20 ~ Ahti Lariviere  
Taylor Rossow  
Jodi Thurk
- 21 ~ Mark Freking
- 23 ~ Ross Gunther  
April Krumwiede  
Shelly Palmer
- 24 ~ Jesse Ackermann
- 25 ~ Jerrick Gentz  
Kim Riets
- 26 ~ Cameron Henning
- 27 ~ Wesley Barkeim
- 28 ~ Loretta Palmer  
Twylla Pederson

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** on the Monday after Easter. This is Monday, April 21st.

**SAGES GATHERING XXXV** is May 5th-6th at the Country Inn & Suites in Mankato. This year's presenter is Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing with a theme of "Overcoming Life's Sorrows—Learning from Jeremiah", which is a book that Rev. Lessing wrote. Copies will be available to purchase. Banquet entertainment will feature the group, Gracenotes. Closing devotion led by Sean Martens, LCMS MN South Assistant to the District President - Education and Commissioned Ministers. Cost is \$100 for 2 days including the banquet and Tuesday lunch. There will be a reduced cost for 1 day attendance. A block of rooms is reserved at the Country Inn & Suites. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel by individuals no later than Saturday, April 5th. Room rate is \$129 plus tax for Standard room (Double Queen Non-Smoking) or Studio (King/Sofa Non-Smoking). Make your hotel reservations by calling 507-388-8555 and request a room in the SAGES room block. 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.

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

- Bookmark Contest: Theme is "Level Up at Your Library". One winner will be chosen from these 4 categories (Age 5 & under, Ages 6-11, Ages 12-17, Ages 18 and up). Winning bookmarks will be printed and distributed this summer. Entry form can be found at the library or online at [jclmn.org](http://jclmn.org). Deadline to enter is Friday, April 11th.
- Story Time for kids is on Thursdays at 10:00
- Bedtime Story Hour is Thursday, April 17th at 6:30
- Elementary After School Program for K-4th graders is Thursday, April 3rd at 3:45. Activity is Ozobots. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Tween & Teen Scene for 5th-12th grade is Tuesday, April 22nd at 3:45. Activity is Button Making. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Great Puzzle Race is Saturday, April 12th from 10:30-12:30. Register a team of 2-4 people to compete and see who can finish a 750 piece puzzle first to win a prize.
- Adult Monthly Programs
  - Wednesday, April 9th at 2:00: History of the Roof Garden Ballroom with Tom Tourville
  - Friday, April 18th at 2:15: Movie Matinee
  - Wednesday, April 23rd from 1:00-3:00: Craft Café
- Book Club meets on Wednesday, April 2nd at 3:00 to discuss "Flying Angels" by Danielle Steele.

**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.

## FINE ARTS FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS:

Congratulations to these participants on being awarded these ribbons at the ILS Fine Arts Festival:

- Nora Freking: blue (superior) - vocal
- Alivia Ackermann: blue (superior) - vocal
- Natalie Jeske: blue (superior) - vocal
- Kora Olson: red (excellent) - vocal
- Zoey Grabill, Lydia Mattila, Summer Scholten, Olive Kruger: blue (superior) - vocal small group
- Lydia Mattila: blue (superior) - vocal
- Kye Jons: blue (superior) - vocal
- Lena Rossow: blue (superior) - vocal
- Jack Swanson: blue (superior) - piano
- Nick Baumann: blue (superior) - piano
- Lela Swanson: blue (superior) - piano
- Eleanor Milbrath: blue (superior) - piano
- Kaelyn Swanson-Voight: blue (superior) - piano
- Hudson Hummel: blue (superior) - alto saxophone
- Nevaeh Henning: blue (superior) - dramatic reading
- Camille Soderholm: blue (superior) - dramatic reading
- Ben Hesemann: blue (superior) - dramatic reading
- Alivia Ackermann: blue (superior) - dramatic reading
- Damien Ness, Simeon Peterson, Aidan Post: blue (superior) - dramatic reading
- Kaelyn Swanson-Voight: blue (superior) - dramatic reading
- Vivian Wassenaar: green (participation) - creative writing
- Alivia Ackermann: red (excellent) - creative writing

Congratulations to these participants on being awarded these ribbons at the Region IV Fine Arts Festival at Martin Luther High School, Northrop:

- Alivia Ackermann: blue (superior) - vocal
- Nora Freking: blue (superior) - vocal

A HUGE thank you to our volunteer judges and helpers: Rhonda Swanson, Noah Thompson, Jayson Matasovsky, Mary Hedstrom, Lisa Jennissen, Leann Henning, and Emily & Isaac Somnis. Thanks also to Mrs. Peterson for organizing the Fine Arts Festival.



**ILS CHESS TOURNAMENT** was held on March 15th. We had 32 players this year with 10 of them from ILS including: Carter Ackermann, Flynn Kruger, Jamie Hoffman, Addie Ackermann, Connor Voss, Ben Ackermann, Ben Hesemann, Aaron Ackermann, Olive Kruger, and Abby Ackermann

### ILS TROPHY WINNERS FROM ILS INCLUDED:

Addie Ackermann: 1st in K-2nd grade bracket  
Jamie Hoffman: 2nd in K-2nd grade bracket  
Flynn Kruger: 3rd in K-2nd grade bracket (tie)  
Carter Ackermann: 3rd in K-2nd grade bracket (tie)  
Aaron Ackermann: 1st in 3rd-5th grade bracket  
David Ackermann: 3rd in 3rd-5th grade bracket

**REGION IV SPELLING BEE** will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Truman on Saturday, April 26th. The following students were selected in their classroom spelling bees:

Grades 7/8: Simeon Peterson & Devyn Ness  
Alternate: Alivia Ackermann & Sofia Welp  
Grades 5/6: Shane Pavelko & Caleb Laabs  
Alternate: Kirbee Mulder & Aidan Post  
Grades 3/4: Aaron Ackermann & Ben Hesemann  
Alternate: David Ackermann & Colton Laabs  
Grades 1/2: Jack Swanson & Weston Buresch  
Alternate: Soriah Scholten & Morgan Byam

## Church Cleanup



On **Friday, April 11th** a Spring Clean-Up of the church will be held. The plan is to start at 2:00 and clean until it is done.

We will be cleaning  
the Chancel area, pews, floors,  
walls, working sacristy, and Narthex

**We need your help** — all you need to bring is a bucket and some cloths for cleaning. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

## 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.*



**"BOOTS & BLING OH! WHAT A KNIGHT! DINNER AUCTION"** is at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Saturday, April 5th. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for auction preview and appetizers. A catered dinner of Grilled Boneless Pork Chop w/ smoked bacon glaze, Sunrise Cashew Salad, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Breadstick, and Assorted Cheesecakes will be served at 6:00 p.m. The Live Auction will follow with Land Services Unlimited serving as our gratis auctioneers. Be ready for a spectacular night of fun with lots of games to win prizes. The committee is looking for donations of new items, handmade creations, unique packages, stay and plays, or gift certificates. Notification and pictures are appreciated before March 10th. Go to [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com) to see pictures of Silent and Live Items. Tickets are \$40. They are available on the website or by calling the MLHS office at 507-436-5249.

#### **SCRIP IS A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT IMMANUEL!**

What is scrip and how does it work?

- You purchase a gift card.
- That business gives back.
- The amount given back can be put towards a family's tuition or hot lunch account. It can also go directly to the school, into the Teacher Salary Fund, Tuition Assistance Program, or Hot Lunch Assistance Program.

There are over 750 gift card options available through scrip for places you already shop at (including grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, stores...) We have local scrip. Right here in Lakefield you can buy gift certificates for Maynard's, Cutting Image, SoJo, Styles on Main, or Horse Barn and Hunt Club. Amy normally has Maynard's, Cutting Image, and SoJo gift cards on hand (no wait!).

There are 3 easy ways to order scrip:

- Fill out the blue order form and turn it in by 8:00 on Monday morning. Order forms can be found in the church office or on the welcome center in the narthex. Your order will be ready to be picked up the following Monday.
- Online at [raiseright.com](http://raiseright.com) (you can even get egift cards!)
- On your mobile devices with the RaiseRight app.

Want more information?

Talk to Amy in the office at 507-662-5718 or [immanuel@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuellakefield.com).

#### **TREASURERS REPORT FOR MARCH**

*Current Fund needed for March.....\$74,016*  
**Offering Received in March.....\$47,960**  
**+ Tuition Received in March.....\$9,588**  
**= Current Fund Total March.....\$57,548**  
*Current Fund needed each week .....\$18,504*  
*Year to date Offerings/Tuition minus Expenses =*  
*- \$37,898 as of 3/19/2025*

*If you have any questions,  
 please contact Jesse Ackermann*

#### **YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS**

- **CAMP MINNEBOJI** will take place this summer from June 15-21 at Camp Okoboji. This year's theme is "Hidden & Revealed" based on 1 Corinthians 3:7. Camp Minneboji is for students who have completed grades 4-9. Cost is \$500. We have had youth go including Kristofer Altman, Izzy Grein, Alexa Henning, Aliza Liepold, and Thomas Liepold. They had a great time at camp! Check out their facebook page (Camp Minneboji) or their website ([www.minneboji.com](http://www.minneboji.com)) for information and registration.
- **CAMP OMEGA** in Waterville, Minnesota has a large selection of camps. Information may be found online at [www.CampOmega.org](http://www.CampOmega.org) or by calling 507-685-4266. Camp handouts may also be found on the welcome center in the narthex. Please help yourself to one. It is a fun camp with lots of different opportunities.
- **CAMP OKOBOJI** in Milford, Iowa also has many camps available. More information may be found online at [www.campokobji.org](http://www.campokobji.org) or by calling 712-337-3325.
- **HIGHER THINGS CONFIRMATION CAMP** will be held July 29-August 1 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, Iowa. More information can be found at [www.higherthings.org/events/confirmation-camp/](http://www.higherthings.org/events/confirmation-camp/) or by contacting Alec Deppe, Director of Programs and Retreats at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca at 319-848-4187. Many fun things to do at camp including horseback riding, rock climbing, zip lining, and canoeing.

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

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

## OUR MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES AND OUR HOLY WEEK

**SERVICES** will be led by Pastor Herr this year. He is preaching on the series “Good News of a Savior”. Here is the theme for each of these special services:

# *Good News from the Beginning:*

## THE GOSPEL IN GENESIS



### **LENTEN MIDWEEK 5 • APRIL 2** *A Savior Who Unite Heaven and Earth*

Some of the tools and implements that make our lives easier do not have very lengthy histories. Although ladders of rope, wood, and stone have been around for thousands of years, the trusty stepladder that we use in so many ways actually wasn't invented until 1862, when John Basely of Dayton, Ohio, constructed a hinged ladder, so that it could easily be put away after use. Different types of ladders have aided humans for centuries. They assist a person to reach high places safely. The ladder in Jacob's dream did that and more—it reached down to him on earth with an affirmation of God's promises.

As we worship, God reaches to us with His promises of redemption, forgiveness, and love. What a great vision that is for us to share!

### **LENTEN MIDWEEK 6 • APRIL 9** *A Savior Who Brings Good from Evil*

One of the most popular and lasting musicals of the past decades has been *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Originally written in 1968 as a fifteen-minute-long pop cantata for a performance at the Colet Court School in London, *Joseph* has grown in length and popularity. It has been presented in theaters around the world, from London's West End to Broadway and beyond, launching the lasting careers of collaborators Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. What has endeared the musical to thousands of performers and audience members is its colorful characters, catchy music, and the themes of forgiveness and new beginnings that shine through the presentation.

The story of Joseph is one in which the handiwork of God to bring good out of evil is clearly evident. The original story of Joseph from the book of Genesis is a clear preview of the Passion story, how Jesus brings good out of evil for our sakes, for us to learn from in our Lenten season.

### **HOLY THURSDAY • APRIL 17** *Jesus Has Us Covered!*

Sin gets heavy. Sin can be embarrassing. We try to ignore it, cover it up, or pretend it doesn't exist. None of those things get rid of our sin or its weight on us. God doesn't minimize, excuse, or relativize sin. He places our sin on Jesus and nails it to a cross. God forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. As we come to our Lord's Table tonight, God freely forgives us through the body and blood of Christ that comes to us in, with, and under the bread and wine.

### **GOOD FRIDAY • APRIL 18** *“He Died!”*

On Good Friday, we celebrate the day that Jesus died. This is a death He died willingly. As we remember His suffering and death, we know that is not the end of the story. And because of Jesus' death and resurrection, it is also not the end of the story for those who die in the Christian faith.

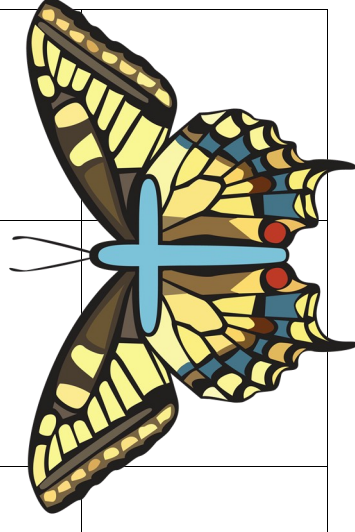
*Come to Calvary's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.  
(LSB 435:1)*

# April 2025

*I know that my Redeemer lives!*



| on                                                                                                                                                                    | Tue                                                 | Wed                                                                                                                                   | Thu                                                                                                                                       | Fri                                                                                     | Sat                                                             |
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| <p>6 <i>Lent V</i></p> <p>9:00 Worship with Communion</p> <p>10:15 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study</p> <p>10:15 Bible Class</p>                    | <p>1</p> <p>6:10 Imm Ringers</p> <p>7:10 Choir</p>  | <p>2</p> <p>8:30 Lent Worship</p> <p>2:10 Confirmation</p> <p>5:00-6:30 Lent Supper</p> <p>7:00 Lent Worship</p>                      | <p>3</p> <p>6:00 Parent Teacher League (PTL)</p>                                                                                          | <p>4</p> <p>6:00-11:00 Youth Group Lock Inn</p>                                         | <p>5</p>                                                        |
| <p>7</p> <p>9:00 Worship with Communion</p> <p>10:15 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study</p> <p>10:15 Bible Class</p>                                  | <p>8</p> <p>6:10 Imm Ringers</p> <p>7:10 Choir</p>  | <p>9</p> <p>8:30 Lent Worship</p> <p>2:10 Confirmation</p> <p>5:00-6:30 Lent Supper</p> <p>5:30 LWML Mtg</p> <p>7:00 Lent Worship</p> | <p>10</p>                                                                                                                                 | <p>11</p> <p>2:00 Church Spring Clean-Up</p>                                            | <p>12</p>                                                       |
| <p>13 <i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p>9:00 Worship</p> <p>10:00 Voters Meeting</p> <p>10:15 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study</p> <p>10:15 Bible Class</p> | <p>14</p> <p>5:15 Bd Cong. Services Mtg</p>         | <p>16</p>                                                                                                                             | <p>17 <i>Maudy Thursday</i></p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>5:30 Bd Trustees Mtg</p> <p>7:00 Worship with Communion</p> <p>8:00 Bd Elders Mtg</p> | <p>18 <i>Good Friday</i></p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>OFFICES CLOSED</p> <p>7:00 Worship</p> | <p>19</p>                                                       |
| <p>20 <i>Easter</i></p> <p>6:30 Worship with Communion</p> <p>7:30-8:45 Easter Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 Worship with Communion</p>                                       | <p>21</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>OFFICES CLOSED</p>    | <p>23</p> <p>8:20 Chapel</p> <p>2:10 Confirmation</p>                                                                                 | <p>24</p>                                                                                                                                 | <p>25</p>                                                                               | <p>26</p> <p><i>Region IV</i></p> <p>Spelling Bee at Truman</p> |
| <p>27</p> <p>9:00 Worship</p> <p>9:00 All School Choir sings at Our Redeemer Jackson</p> <p>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study</p> <p>10:15 Bible Class</p>                | <p>29</p> <p>6:10 Imm Ringers</p> <p>7:10 Choir</p> | <p>30</p> <p>8:20 Chapel</p> <p>2:10 Confirmation</p> <p>5:30 Bd Ed Mtg</p> <p>8:00 Joint Boards</p>                                  |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                         |                                                                 |





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*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

Happy Easter to:

*APRIL Monthly*

