

# The Immanuel Informer

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Immanuel Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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## *Pastor's Monthly Minute...*

We rejoice and are gladdened at the sight of the risen Christ. Alleluia! For our sins, He was buried. But on this third day He has risen from the dead. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome are seized with fear, having seen an empty crypt-one meant to entomb Jesus, the Son of God. But no sullen grave, no hellish abyss, not even Satan himself could eclipse the revelation of the risen Christ eyewitnessed, confessed, believed. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

**Sursum Corda,**

**Pastor Swyres**



Immanuel Lutheran Church is the sole supporter of The Lutheran Hour on KTTR every Sunday morning 9:30 am to 10:00 am. You can also listen on many streaming services. The sermon topics for this month are:

**April 7**

**"Raise the Flag"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world.

(Acts 1:1-11)

**April 14**

**"Breathe In, Breathe Out"**

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez](#)

The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ.

(Acts 2:42-47)

**April 21**

**"More Than He Bargained For"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small, because Jesus provides more than what we expect.

(Acts 3:6)

**April 28**

**"We Can't Stop Talking"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, endure opposition, and engage others in conversation.

(Acts 4:20)

## ***Sunday School...***

All children ages 3 through 9th grade are invited and encouraged to join us. We meet at 10 :15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center.

Perhaps you have noticed the little lambs picture on the pillar in the narthex. This serves as a welcome to the youngest members of our congregation. It is our privilege, as part of the Body of Christ, to build one another up in love. This task includes helping equip families to share the love of Jesus with their little ones from birth to age three.

Some of the materials these families receive during these three years includes information on child development and simple songs and fingerplays to help with their child's spiritual development. The children also receive colorful, simple books about baptism, Jesus, church, and Bible lessons, along with birthday and baptism birthday cards from their church family. There are six children currently enrolled on the nursery roll.

Shirley Bundschuh is the coordinator.

:15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center.

## **Congratulations**

### **Perfect attendance**

Rodrick, Roslyn & Rhett Perry had perfect attendance for the month of March.

Rodrick Perry was the winner of the attendance prize for March.

### **LWML**

LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Women in Mission) mite collection will take place Sunday, April 7. The collection box will be located in the narthex. Everyone is welcomed to contribute to the LWML national and district mission projects funded by mite offerings. For a complete list of mission projects funded by the national LWML log on to [www.lwml.org/mission-grants](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants). New mission projects will be voted upon during the LWML Missouri District convention, June 7-9, 2024.

Immanuel LWML/DORCAS continues to work on local mission projects. The goal is to contribute 100 quilts to Lutheran World Relief and/or Orphan Grain Train and we are currently half way to our goal. Please consider joining in the project of tying quilts and/or making pillowcase dresses for distribution to those affected by disaster. Activity date is Tuesday, April 16, 1-3 p.m. in the church basement. All supplies are furnished and prior experience is not required.

Thrivent members are invited to request Action Team Grants to fund supplies for the Backpack Program; diapers, wipes and formula for Pregnancy Resource Center; pillow case dresses for Orphan Grain Train; and bedding linens for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Please contact Sue Kamprath for information on the Backpack Program; Carla Roedemeier or Mary Wittmaier for Pregnancy Resource Center, Orphan Grain Train, Lutheran World Relief or Sleep In Heavenly Peace. To God be the glory.

## **LEISURE LUTHERANS**

Salad luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 12:00 noon, in the church fellowship hall. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the narthex to indicate your attendance and contribution to the potluck. Join us for a meal and warm friendship. Card and game days are every Thursday afternoon, 1:00 p.m. (following Bible study), in the church Fellowship Hall.

## **Ushers**

Ushers are needed for Sunday morning Please prayerfully consider helping out in this ministry.

## **Immanuel Book Club**

April 15 Thursday Murder club (F) by Richard Osman

May 20 America's First Daughter (NF) by Stephanie Dray, Laura Kamoie

June 17 The River We Remember (F) by William Kent Krueger

July 15 The Light We Carry (NF) by Michelle Obama

August 19 Hang the Moon (F) by Jeannette Walls

September 16 Unwise Passion (NF) by Alan Crawford

October 21 The Ladies Midnight Swimming Club (F) by Faith Hagan

November 18 The Greatest Beer Run Ever (NF) by John "Chick" Donohue

There is no meeting in December.

# *Welcome new members*

Shirley Bundschuh and her daughter, Rachel, moved to Rolla last summer to be grandma and auntie to Philip and Sarah Thiem's twins, Paul and Evelyn. Shirley is Sarah's mom. Shirley is a LCMS pastor's widow who has lived in Wyoming, Colorado, and Washington state. When her husband, Paul, retired in 2007, they moved to Riverton, Wyoming, where she taught at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. After Paul's death in 2016, she stayed in Riverton. The birth of the babies was the incentive to move to Missouri. Rachel works as an administrative assistant for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Rolla.

## **Bridal Shower**

Ladies of Immanuel are invited to a Bridal shower for Makayla Copeland. She is the fiance of Logan Gorrell. Sunday April 28th at noon in the church fellowship hall.

## **Adult Bible Study Opportunities**

On Sundays, everyone is welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15am for Bible study. We are currently studying the book of Exodus. A weekly Bible study is held every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall at noon. We are currently studying the book of Ephishians

## *Those Who Serve in April...*

### **Elders**

April 7<sup>th</sup>: Ethan Swyres      Communion Attendant: J.D. Cox  
April 14<sup>th</sup>: Jim Perry  
April 21<sup>st</sup>: Bob Gorrell      Communion Attendant: Tim Rush  
April 28<sup>th</sup>: Matt Banholzer      Communion Attendant: David Roedemeier

### **Ushers**

April 7<sup>th</sup> : Team 3: Tom Evers, Charlie Johnson, Tim Rush, & Bill Wuenscher  
April 14<sup>th</sup> : Team 4: J.D. Cox, Bob Gorrell, Jim Perry, & David Roedemeier  
April 21<sup>st</sup> : Team 1: Andy Anderson, Matt Banholzer, Alan Elsing, Bob Lemen, & Ethan Swyres.  
April 28<sup>th</sup> Team 2: Ben McWilliams, Aaron Wassilak, Dan Wassilak, Jim Wassilak, John Wassilak, & Tom Wassilak

### **Organists**

April 7<sup>th</sup>: Phil Thiem  
April 14<sup>th</sup>: Berniece Strandberg  
April 21<sup>st</sup>: Phil Thiem  
April 28<sup>th</sup>: Berniece Strandberg

### **Greeters**

April 7<sup>th</sup>: Erma Jean Haas and Bill Wuenscher  
April 14<sup>th</sup>: Sue Perry and Jim Perry  
April 21<sup>st</sup>: Carla Roedemeier and Jana Wassilak  
April 28<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Anderson and Andy Anderson

### **Money Counters**

April 7<sup>th</sup>: Don Langhoff & Terry Theiss  
April 14<sup>th</sup>: David Roedemeier & Aaron Wassilak  
April 21<sup>st</sup>: John Wassilak & Malissa Bisson  
April 28<sup>th</sup> : Sue Perry & Jean Kramme

**Altar Guild** Sue Perry

### **Sunday Bible Class Snacks**

April 7<sup>th</sup>: Mary Wittmaier  
April 14<sup>th</sup>:  
April 21<sup>th</sup> : Christy Rush  
April 28<sup>th</sup>: Eileen Theiss

### **College Refreshments**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Langhoff  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Carla Roedemeier  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> Carolyn Tilford  
April 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Altar Flowers**

April 7<sup>th</sup> Confirmation  
April 14<sup>th</sup> Tom Evers  
April 21<sup>st</sup>  
April 28<sup>th</sup>