

# The Immanuel Informer

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Immanuel Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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

Believers in Christ receive the forgiveness of sins through His name. As baptized believers, we are called to love one another, clinging to God's promises and bound by His commands. Our love for God is marked by obedience to his will. God's love for us is marked by Christ's obedience on the cross. In Christ, we have a faith that grasps, believes, and confesses Him to be the Son of God. This is our victory in overcoming the world.

**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:

**May 5**

**"Rejoicing On the Way"**

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. John Nunes](#)

God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way. (Acts 8:28-39)

**May 12**

**"Unforecastable"**

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

It's been said that God's call often comes as a surprise. In Acts 9, we meet three men who found themselves called in ways they could neither forecast nor control. (Acts 9:31)

**May 19**

**"Waiting, But Not Alone"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return but He promises they will not be left alone. (Acts 2:1-21)

**May 26**

**"Penultimate Sacrifice"**

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

Memorial Day honors those who made "the ultimate sacrifice" in service to the country, but there was one Sacrifice infinitely greater. (Acts 10:1-2)

## ***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.

May 5, Lesson 3- "The Seeing Sign".

Jesus heals the man born blind. The disciples wrongly assume the man's sin or his parents' sin is the cause of the blindness. Jesus tells his disciples that the man's blindness was so the works of God might be displayed in him.

May 12, Lesson 4- "A Resurrection Sign"

Mary & Martha's brother, Lazarus, falls seriously ill. When word of his illness comes to Jesus, He delays two days, assuring His disciples the disease would not lead to death but of God's glory. Jesus arrives 4 days after Lazarus is placed in the tomb. Jesus tells Martha that He is the resurrection & the life. She confesses "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God". Deeply moved by their grief, Jesus calls Lazarus back to life.

May 19, Lesson 5- "The Thankful one".

Encountering ten lepers on His way to Jerusalem, Jesus has mercy on them & sends them to show themselves to the priests. As they go, the lepers are healed: but only one, a Samaritan , returns to thank Jesus.

May 26, Lesson 6 "The Kingdom of Children".

The disciples try to prevent the people from bringing their children to Jesus, Jesus rebukes the disciples & draws the children near to himself, using a child as an example of how believers receive the kingdom of God.

**No Sunday School during Summer. They will resume in September.**

## **Congratulations**

### **Perfect attendance**

Rodrick, Roslyn & Rhett Perry had perfect attendance for the month of April  
Mason Roedemeier was the winner of the attendance prize for Apri.

## **LWML**

Mary Wittmaier & I will be attending the Missouri District LWML convention in Independence, Missouri June 7-9. I plan to participate in the Mission walk, a 1.25 mile walk as part of the convention to raise funds. All donations will go to support the mission goal for the 2024-2026 biennium. Donations can be cash or make checks payable to LWML Missouri District. Write MISSION WALK on the memo line. If you would like to donate to this. Please give your donation to me or Mary by June 2. I will take the donations to the convention. Thank you for your support. Carla Roedemeier

LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Women in Mission) mite collection will take place Sunday, April 5. 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 district 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 have prepared 60+ quilts toward our goal. Please consider joining in the project of tying quilts and/or making pillowcase dresses for distribution to those affected by disaster. Activity dates are Tuesday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 21, 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 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 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**

Casserole luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 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.

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

Immanuel's Life Team will be presenting flowers to ladies of the congregation and providing Sunday bulletin inserts highlighting God's plan for mothers on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12. The team is also sponsoring participation in Missouri's Largest Diaper Shower between Mother's Day and Father's Day. A "Pack N Play" will be located in the narthex from May 12 to June 16 for collecting diaper donations and the diapers will be delivered to Rolla's Pregnancy Resource Center after Father's Day. And once the number of donated diapers has been reported to Missouri Lutherans For Life a \$50 donation will be sent to Rolla PRC by the state organization.

## **THANK YOU**

Sue Kamprath would like to thank everyone who donated money to the backpack program. They were able to hand out 840 bags.

## **IMMANUEL BOOK CLUB**

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.

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

### **Elders**

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Bob Gorrell

May 12<sup>th</sup>: Jim Perry                      Communion Attendant: Tim Rush

May 19<sup>th</sup>: Ethan Swyres              Communion Attendant: David Roedemeier

May 26<sup>th</sup>: Jim Perry

### **Ushers**

May 5<sup>th</sup> : Team 3: Tom Evers, Charlie Johnson, Tim Rush, & Bill Wuenscher

May 12<sup>th</sup> : Team 4: J.D. Cox, Bob Gorrell, Jim Perry, & David Roedemeier

May 19<sup>th</sup> : Team 1: Andy Anderson, Matt Banholzer, Alan Elsing, Bob Lemen, & Ethan Swyres.

May 26<sup>th</sup> Team 2: Ben McWilliams, Aaron Wassilak, Dan Wassilak, Jim Wassilak, John Wassilak, & Tom Wassilak

### **Organists**

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Phil Thiem

May 12<sup>th</sup>: Berniece Strandberg

May 19<sup>th</sup>: Phil Thiem

May 26<sup>th</sup>: Berniece Strandberg

### **Greeters**

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Erma Jean Haas and Bill Wuenschler  
May 12<sup>th</sup>: Sue Perry and Jim Perry  
May 19<sup>th</sup>: Carla Roedemeier and Jana Wassilak  
April 26<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Anderson and Andy Anderson

### **Money Counters**

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Don Langhoff & Terry Theiss  
May 12<sup>th</sup>: David Roedemeier & Aaron Wassilak  
May 19<sup>th</sup>: John Wassilak & Malissa Bisson  
May 26<sup>th</sup> : Sue Perry & Jean Kramme

**Altar Guild** Carla Roedemeier & Sara McClland

### **Sunday Bible Class Snacks**

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Mary Wittmaier  
May 12<sup>th</sup>: Janis Waailak  
May 19<sup>th</sup> : Tracy Rosenow  
May 26<sup>th</sup>:

### **College Refreshments**

May 7<sup>th</sup>:

### **Altar Flowers**

May 5<sup>th</sup>:  
May 12<sup>th</sup>: Phil & Sarah Thiem  
May 19<sup>th</sup>: Rachel Bundschuh & Sarah Thiem  
May 26<sup>th</sup>:

## **Council Action Items for April**

A motion was made to approve the March Church Council Minutes by Christy Rush and seconded by Aaron Wassilak; motion passed.