

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

MARCH/APRIL, 2024



Worship Schedule

Sunday Lent 3	March 3	9:00 am	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
		10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
		11:30am	Choir Practice
Wednesday	March 6	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Oculi
Sunday Lent 4	March 10	9:00 am	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
		10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
		11:30 am	Choir Practice
Wednesday	March 13	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Laetare
Sunday Lent 5	March 17	9:00 am	Bible Study and Sunday School
		10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
		11:30 am	Choir Practice
Wednesday	March 20	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Judica
Palm Sunday	March 24		No Sunday School or Bible Study
		10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
		11:30 am	Choir Practice
Thursday	March 28	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday
Friday	March 29	7pm	Good Friday
Easter Sunday	March 31	8:00 am	Easter Breakfast
		8:30 am	Choir Practice
		10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
Sunday	April 7	9:00 am	Bible Study and Sunday School
		10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
		11:30 am	Choir Practice
Sunday	April 14	9:00 am	Bible Study and Sunday School
		9:00 am	Early Choir Practice
		10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
Sunday	April 21	9:00 am	Bible Study and Sunday School
		10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
		11:30 am	Choir Practice

From the Pastor's Pen

“You can’t make this stuff up!” How many times recently have you said or heard it?

So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.” *Genesis 9:1* This was after the flood, and Noah and his family were safely back on dry land. Later, these descendants of Noah decided on a different plan: **And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”** *Genesis 11:4* The people were hellbent on contradicting the purpose that God had for them. Hear His concern over them:

⁵ But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; *now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.* ⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. *Genesis 11:5–9*

By *confusing their language* and thus *scattering them over the face of the earth*, God slowed down humanity’s self-destructive rebellion considerably. But He didn’t muzzle our free will as people made in His image. Now look at what mankind has *proposed* and is *doing*! Every achievement of man has been ruined by sin.

I love skycrapers. But it’s not worth the danger to see them up close.

Scientific discoveries can be exciting, but also devastating: the nuclear bomb.

Modern medicine has saved many lives; *and* it has murdered a third of the world’s population, *and* mutilated many more, *and* waged war through germ technology.

Computers and cellphones have made some things easier; *and* easier to steal, easier to spy, easier to indulge in debauchery, easier to deem *people* to be unessential (A.I.)

How much did the Tower of Babel episode slow our demise down? No one knows. But it doesn't matter. That very peril that was a great concern to the Lord so long ago is what we see in the world right now. Unfortunately, "You can't make this stuff up."

Jesus said, **"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."** *John 16:33* (They heard the gospel in their own languages! *Acts 2:7-11*)

Jesus is our rock, our sanity, our safety, our peace, our security, our joy, and our fellowship as baptized children of God. You can't make that up either.

+*Pastor*

*Be on the lookout for the Easter Plant order form coming to a bulletin as soon as the information is delivered!
Easter is March 31. I'm anticipating the deadline for orders to be March 17th. More information will follow.
Keep an eye on the announcements for more information.*



~ Marcia Newell

From the Elders...

Simon Peter's Brother

By Ray Brown

The timing of this March/April newsletter covers the solemnities of Lent, the drama of the Triduum, and the joy of Eastertide. Many diverse themes within these two months. But how to tie them together?

Well, I will keep it simple, as I tend to be simple. I have long held something of a fascination for the Apostle Andrew. He is often overshadowed by his brother Peter, and is often identified as merely "Simon Peter's brother." Saint Andrew's feast day is November 30, and therein he is again somewhat obscured by Thanksgiving gatherings and Christmas plans. So let this Elder give Andrew a little time here.

Andrew was a fisherman. His name, meaning "*manly*" or "*brave*," is actually Greek, not Hebrew. But he left his nets to follow John the Baptist. And the Baptizer later directed Andrew to follow Jesus. One of the first things Andrew did a bit later was to tell his brother that the promised Messiah had arrived and to come along. Thereafter whenever we see Andrew in Scripture, he is leading someone to the Christ.

Andrew was the one who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes. No miracle of mass feeding without Andrew? Anon when certain Greeks wanted to see Jesus, they first came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew. And Andrew immediately took the seekers to speak to Jesus. Might one of them have been Timothy? Perhaps Luke, who by some accounts may have been Greek. Anyhow, we learn that this rather quiet disciple, who wrote no gospel or epistles, is nonetheless, whenever we read of him, leading someone to Jesus.

It would be difficult to imagine a better life or legacy for any Christian. Even you or me.

Activities Upcoming Events!



Quilt group will meet March 2nd and April 6. All levels of ability are welcome! Come lend a hand to make quilts for those in need. See Claire Flarity for more details.

Egg Dyeing and lunch after church March 24th.

Stay for lunch after service and dye some Easter eggs.

Just make sure to bring your own eggs!

See Karen Colageo for details.



**Join Us For
Breakfast**

March 31st from 8:00am – 9:30am

Easter Breakfast!! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

More items are still needed. Join us for a delicious meal.

Craft Group April 21st after church

Our dear friend Gail has shared new Christmas ornament patterns. Bring a lunch and stay for some craft fun. It is never too early to make ornaments for Caregivers at Christmas!

See Debbie Holman for details.



Potluck and Games April 14th after church

Bring your favorite dish and stay for good eats and good conversation.

See Debbie Holman for details.

Every Sunday after church, Game time!!

Bring a lunch and your favorite board or card game and stay for some fun.

See Mary or the Stanton Kids for details.



I have been hearing some wonderful ideas for some activities. If you would like to try your hand at running an event, you are welcome to do so. Just inform Debbie Holman of your event and I will help you find a date on the calendar. I've heard some want to watch a movie together. Or maybe an outing? Our activities are only limited by the dates on the calendar.



Join Us For Breakfast



Easter Breakfast

People needed to set-up, clean-up, and cook for Easter Breakfast.

Set - up

Saturday March 30th 8:30

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Making Casseroles

Cindy Grenier

Marcia Gootee (2)

Roseanne Helwig

5. _____

6. _____

Fruit _____

Potato pancakes ... Holman

Bacon Joel Applegate

Sausage ... Joel Applegate

Deviled Eggs ... Marina Kirsch

Pancakes Tom Tighe

Clean - up

Sunday March 31st 9:00

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Croissants Joel's daughter

Sweet Bread ... Wendy Wilkie

2. _____

3. _____

Your idea not listed _____

Thank you!

Immanuel's Heritage: Observing Lent 100 years ago

During October 16, 1921—January 1944, Immanuel conducted both German and English worship services. Our pastors often preached the German and English sermons on different topics. The Rev. Fred W. Thoma, who was our pastor in 1924, is shown here, along with our first church building on Conant Street.




Lent 1924

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Invitation

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WE CORDIALLY invite you to attend the services announced in this folder. Whoever and whatever you may be, you are heartily welcome. The Pastor will be pleased to meet you after any service.




English Services: Sunday Evening at 7

German Services: Sunday Morning at 10.30
 Wednesday Evening at 7.30
 during Lent only



"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—1. Timothy 1:15.

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Passionsgottesdienste

Mittwochabends 1-2 8 Uhr.
 Das Kreuz Christi

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5. März. Ein Gnadenzeichen.
 12. März. Ein Kräftiges Magnet.
 19. März. Ein Spiegel der Liebe.
 26. März. Ein Spiegel des Gehorsams.
 2. Apr. Ein Spiegel des Opfern.
 9. Apr. Ein Gerichtszeichen.
 Karfreitag: Ein Sieges zeichen.

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"Das Wort vom Kreuz ist eine Torheit denen, die verloren werden; uns aber, die wir selig werden, ist es eine Gotteskraft!"
 —I. Corinther 1:18.

Regelmässige Sonntagsgottesdienste um
 ½ 11 Uhr Vorm.

Sunday Evening Services—English

at 7 o'clock

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March 2. Judas, the Apostle Turned Traitor.
 March 9. Caiaphas, the Religious Formalist.
 March 16. Peter, the Boaster, Cured.
 March 23. Pilate, an Easy Way of Quieting one's Conscience.
 March 30. Herod, the Seeker after Religious Novelties.
 April 6. Barabbas, the World's Choice.
 April 13. Jesus, the Crucified.

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"Come with us and we will do thee good!"



Happy Birthday!

March

1 Keven Stanton
1 Jaedon Stanton
2 Sebastian Heyman
3 Steve Holman
9 Cynthia Grenier
9 Bob Schmidt
22 Beth Freshour
23 Ed Flaherty

April

5 Robert Hackerott
5 Jennifer Kazakis
7 Helgard Kirsch
9 Angela Klingler
12 John Klingler
18 Madison Blakeman
19 Linnea Holz
20 Verna Garvin
20 Debbie Holman

Happy Anniversary!

March (None)

April

6 Kevin and Renee Stanton
17 Norman and Darlene Belleville
18 Heino and Hendrika Heyman

Baptismal Birthdays

March

4 Roseann Helwig
9 Claire Flaherty
29 Angela Klingler
30 Alan Newbert

April

3 Debbie Holman
7 Maria Love
24 John Klingler

March and April

God's Servants in March and April

Date	Day	Ushers	Lector	Greeter	Communion Assistant
March 3	Sun	Howard Helwig John Coburn	Susan Kamacho	Robinson Family	Ed Flaherty
March 6	Wed	Rita Hennessy	Steve Holman	D. Buechsenschuetz	Ed Flaherty
March 10	Sun	Marina Kirsch Helwig Kirsch	Marina Kirsch	Beth Roussele	Kent Freshour
March 13	Wed	Rita Hennessey	Angela Klingler	Beth Roussele	Tom Tighe
March 17	Sun	David King Kent Freshour	Doug Gootee	Robinson Family	Ed Flaherty
March 20	Wed	John Coburn	Ken Koehlert	Beth Roussele	Ed Flaherty
March 24	Sun	Howard Helwig Donna Houle	Kent Freshour	Beth Roussele	Doug Gootee
March 28	Thurs	Rita Hennessy	Angela Klingler	Beth Roussele	Tom Tighe
March 29	Fri	Howard Helwig	Kent Freshour	Beth Roussele	Dan Muecke
March 31	Sun	John Coburn David King	Ken Koehlert	Beth Roussele	Tom Tighe
April 7	Sun	Davd King Rita Hennessy	John Klingler	Robinson Family	Kent Freshour
April 14	Sun	Helgard and Marina Kirsch	Marina Kirsch	D. Buechsenschuetz	Doug Gootee
April 21	Sun	Howard Helwig Steve Holman	Rita Hennessy	Beth Roussele	Ed Flaherty
April 28	Sun	Donna Houle, Rita Hennessy	Susan Kamacho	Ed Flaherty	Kent Freshour



Invitation to Divine Service at Immanuel

We celebrate a single Divine Service at 10am. We continue to offer audio recordings sent out by email after the service. If you'd like to be added to this list email secretary@immanuel-mnh.org

Sunday – Divine Service with Holy Communion preceded by Bible Study and Refreshments.

9:00 a.m. Bible Study Breakfast and Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

A separate area in the sanctuary (back few rows on the lefthand side) are set aside for those wishing to distance due to medical concerns. Masks are required in this section. Ask an Usher if you need Assistance.

The Divine Service will be printed in the bulletin. Songs are sung from the hymnal.

Anyone new to Immanuel should read the Communion Statement:

We joyfully celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We believe that we receive Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. As we receive this sacrament, we also give public confession to our unity in the Christian faith. We therefore invite all communicant members of any congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to commune. Guests are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. As it was with the very first disciples of Jesus, our practice is to receive instruction in the Faith leading to Holy Communion. If you would like to join our instruction class, Pastor would love to instruct you.

Divine Service Recordings

Those who request it receive the weekly Sunday bulletin and announcements through e-mail to support their worship needs at home. Immanuel members may also participate in the service with the attached bulletin and MP3 audio file sent in an email to the entire congregation. Audio recordings of the sermons will continue to be posted on Immanuel's website. Pastor and our media team members attempt to post these recordings in a timely manner for your Sunday worship at home. We hope these recordings are a blessing to you.

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