

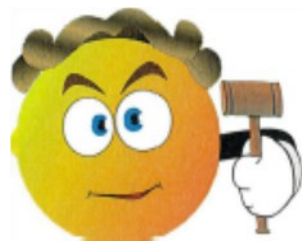
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THE TORCH
This Month at Immanuel
April 2024



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From the Desk of Your Council President

I hope that everyone had a great Easter weekend. We had a great Easter service lead by Pastor Mark, and we had over 114 people and followed it up with an Easter egg hunt for the many children in attendance.

There really is not a lot of current information that I have for you. There are a lot of important discussions going on behind the scenes. The Shared Pastor committee and the Executive committees of both churches have been working on a Memorandum of Understanding that is the document that will be the official agreement for the shared Pastor.

Another crucial step that both congregations need to undertake is the updating of our constitutions to align with the 2022 ELCA model constitution. Bob Gingras and John Strom are going to be collaborating with each other to get our constitutions aligned between each other and with the ELCA synod. Once the first updates are agreed to with the Synod the updates will be presented to the congregation at the semi-annual meeting in September. Any changes suggested from the congregation meeting will be sent back to the synod. A final vote for the new constitution will then be taken at the 2025 annual meeting in January.

If you would ever have any questions about the process of the shared pastor or the call process, please do not hesitate to call the office and ask your question. We will respond as quickly as possible.

See you in church!!!

Scott Johnson

WORD SEARCH

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- RYAN
- AIDAN
- MADDOCK
- ALEXANDER
- ABRAHAM
- NATHAN
- ELIJAH
- DAYLAN
- SILAS
- ASHER
- ANDREW
- BENNETT
- JOHN
- IAN
- FELIX
- AARON
- JUDE
- BENJAMIN
- ELLIOT
- JAMES
- ADAM
- ETHAN
- GABRIEL
- HENRY



Thank goes out to those who “adopted” a lily for Easter..you are greatly appreciated. Please take them home as soon as possible so that you can enjoy them.

- Carla Anderson In honor of our congregation
- Barb Maves In memory of Ted Maves
- Pat and Kirsten Kavanaugh For God’s blessings
- Katherine Bertly In memory of family that has passed on
- Dave and Diane Schoenholz For Mother (Jean, Norma), Father (Mick, Glenn) Sister (Wilma), brother (David)
- Carol Fisher In memory of Richard Tiejen
- Rick and Brenda Humphrey In memory of Adrian & Edna VanWeelden, and Nancy Humphrey
- Pastor Mark and Lori Juliot In memory of Lue Reinholtz, Virgil and Marilyn Juliot
- Joyce Heaton In memory of all of those who have given so much of themselves to try and keep us safe.
- Sally Piper In honor of mom and family
- Joyce Stogentin In memory of her parents
- Dianna Toms In memory of Henry “Ozzie” Toms

From the Pastor

Reverend Mark Juliot, Transition Pastor

The Physicality of New Life

Last year I planted daffodil bulbs in the landscaping along the walkway leading up to my house. They began pushing through the ground during the streak of warm weather we had in February/ March and budded into all their golden brilliance shortly after. Spring is marked by emergence of life from the cold, seemingly barren ground.



It is appropriate that we celebrate Easter while life springs forth all around us at this time of the year. In the Church calendar, Easter is not just a day, but a season that runs from Resurrection Sunday up to the Day of Pentecost, this year March 31-May 19. We hear stories of Jesus’s bodily Resurrection, how he appeared to his disciples, showed them his wounds, and ate with them. There is a physicality to New Life.

Where do you see New Life bursting forth? Certainly in creation; perhaps in your connections, a new member of the family, a reborn relationship. What about in our lives as a community of faith? What is God up to? How is God working to bring about New Life in us and, through us, to others? Jesus chose to reveal himself in very real and tangible ways. How are we called to do the same?

Pathways

In my current call, I serve not only as Transition Pastor for Immanuel, but also Pathways Discernment Coach for the Northern Illinois Synod. Pathways is a program of the NI Synod to walk with congregations during a time of discernment about their future which leads to actionable steps. We are in a time of significant change within the Church. This offers an opportunity to consider what new thing God is doing and how we can be part of it. As Pathways Discernment Coach, I have the privilege of meeting with congregations to assist them in their discernment. Thank you for partnering with the synod to make this possible. If you occasionally don’t see me during worship at Immanuel, I am likely at a Pathways congregation, but you are in good hands while I am away!

New Member Orientation

Sunday, May 19th

10:15AM-11:45AM

This is a chance to meet others as well as learn about ways to grow in faith as well as live it out. You will discover avenues for involvement at Immanuel and have an opportunity, but not an obligation, to join as a member. Refreshments will be served and childcare will be available. Please contact Joyce in the office to RSVP.



JOIN US IN APRIL 2024!
Directory of Clubs and Activities

Adult Forum	10:15am	Every Sunday
Bible Study	9:00am	Every Wednesday
Digging Deeper	6:30pm	Every Tuesday
Life Recovery	5:00pm	Every Sunday
Mary Circle	9:00am	1st Thursday of each month
Men's Lunch	12:00pm	2nd & 4th Wednesday each month @ Red Apple
Parish Ed	5:00pm	3rd Wednesday of each month
Prayer Group	8:30am	Every Wednesday
Property Meeting	5:00pm	1st Thursday of the month
Quilting	8:00am	Every Tuesday
Sunday School	9:00am	Every Sunday
Yoga	10:00am	Every Tuesday
Women's Lunch	11:30am	1st Wednesday of each month @ Galena Steak House
Women's Lunch	11:30am	2nd Wednesday @ Red Apple

Any questions on any activities, call Joyce @ 815-284-2804



Last month's altar flowers were given by:

Mar 2nd - 3rd	Carol & Chuck Fisher
Mar 9th - 10th	Glen & Bridgit Hart
Special Vase	Barb Maver
Mar 16th—17th	Richard & Doris Helander
Mar 23rd—24th	Steve Osenberg
Easter Sunday	Joyce Heaton

A Huge Thank You!

A huge thank you goes out to the following people:

Peter Schutz	Don Koch	Sally Piper
Diane Schoenholz	Don Koch	Cade Johnson
Larissa Toutant	Scott Johnson	Carol Fisher
Drew Melendrez	Mattie Melendrez	Sam Gingras
Kirsten Kavanaugh	Tim Schutz	Carol Youker
Dave Lienemann	Brenda Brown	Mason Wolf

Without all of you our Saturday and Sunday Worship would not have been complete...

For the Record



Weekly average attendance for the month of March was **82!**



The Dollars & Cents of Things

Offerings for March	\$ 23,152.50
Weekly Budget 2024	\$ 24,768.44





Worship Helpers Needed! On the table in the Narthex there is a sign-up sheet for worship helpers. It takes many hands to do God's work. Please give to your church by using your talents. Whether it be reading or greeting, we need your help.
Thank you!



Attention Please

The news letter will be put out the first weekend of each month unless otherwise noted.
If you have an article or notice that you would like to appear in the publication, please have it turned in by the 24th of the month you would like it to appear. I appreciate your cooperation.



BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

ATTENTION ANYONE WITH BOOKS!

The Adult Forum is beginning a new outreach program to our community.

We will be having an ongoing collection of all types of books — fiction, nonfiction, historical, mysteries, paperback, hardcoverd, etc., etc.— Anything you might have and think someone-else would enjoy. These books will be taken to local rehab. centers/nursing homes for those residents to read.

A collection box will be placed in the Luther Room.

Thanks to any of you who donate to this cause that will undoubtedly provide hours of enjoyment to others.



Louise Ferguson	April 05	Brigette Beckman	April 08
Jessica Friday	April 09	Kevin Humphrey	April 10
Sue Gingras	April 11	Patsy Commons	April 13
Dick McGrail	April 14	Barbara Keith	April 20
Richard Kelly	April 23	Seth Wiggins	April 30

HAPPY Anniversary

Loyce and John Wehrley
April 4th - 60 Years

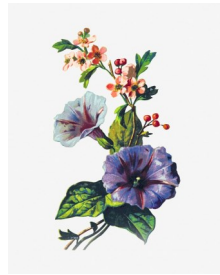
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Paula and Scott Johnson
April 19th - 27 Years





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 9:00 Worship Service Live Stream Sunday School 9:30 Radio Worship 10:15 Adult Forum 1:00 Confirmation @ Immanuel 5:00 Life Recovery	8 3:00-5:00 Youth Group	9 8:00 Quilting 10:00 YOGA 6:30 Digging Deeper	10 8:30 Prayer Team 9:00 Bible Study 11:30 Ladies Lunch @Galena Steak - House	11 9:00 Mary Circle 5:00 Property Mtg	12	13 5:30 Worship Service @ St Paul
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April announcements for Youth & Family:

April 7th: 1pm Confirmation @ Immanuel

3pm – Youth Gathering meeting for youth attending @ Immanuel.

April 10th: 5pm – VBS Team meeting @ Immanuel

April 21st: 1pm – Confirmation Class @ Immanuel

May 5th: 9am - Affirmation of Baptism

Cade Johnson, Macie Mandrel, Lee Toutant Jr.

To all Sunday School families:

On April 28th, Mrs. Somar will not be at Sunday School and the teachers for that day will be Ms. Abigail Brown and Mrs. Jillian Wolf.

Youth Gathering 2024: Created To Be

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well."

Psalm 139:14

Immanuel is teaming up with St. Paul's to take youth to New Orleans! For a week of fellowship, service, and learning.

To be able to make this happen we need to raise some funds.

Help send us to this year's Youth Gather!

Fundraiser begins April 14th: Stock Sales – Invest in the spiritual future of the youth at Immanuel.

Registration for this event is unfortunately closed. If you missed

registering for this year's event, consider joining us for the Quake event in 2025... keep watch for information to register.

For those attending, please note, your payment is due May 31st, 2024. More information will be given to your youth at our next meeting on April 7th at 3pm – following Confirmation Class.



We are in need of a Thrivent Member for an Action Team. Are you part of Thrivent and would like to help out the youth of Immanuel? This action team would help our youth go to the Youth Gathering to cover the cost of food. Let Somar know if you would like to help.



Dear Ministry Partner,

Thank you for your continued partnership with LSSI. **Good Shepherd Sunday** is an annual opportunity for congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) across the state to celebrate their shared social ministry with LSSI.

Good Shepherd Sunday is on April 21 but can also be observed on any Sunday throughout the month of May. We are grateful to our many church partners across Illinois who will be celebrating our shared ministry over the coming weeks.

[Resources to help plan your Good Shepherd Sunday are now available for download at LSSI.org/GSS.](https://LSSI.org/GSS) This includes a bulletin insert, lessons for children and youth, a video sermon by LSSI President and CEO Mark Stutrud, and a flyer. By early next week, we will post a new storytelling video about one of our programs.

Thank you for supporting the work and ministry of LSSI!



Held onsite at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL



A seasonal celebration of the beauty of creation.

EARTH DAY-EARTH CHURCH
\$7.00

Sat April 20
12:00PM-3:00PM

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center
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Please visit LOMC.org

A day of celebration together at LOMC.