

The Immanuel Echo

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HOLY COMMUNION— Saved By the Blood of the Lamb

"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect." Romans 6:4, NIV

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It was no accident that Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the same night he celebrated the Passover with his disciples. The two meals are intimately connected.

The Passover meal recalled God's dramatic rescue of the Jews from Egypt. For four centuries God's chosen people were enslaved by the Egyptians. God sent Moses to lead them out of Egypt to the Promised Land. God did this by sending ten terrible plagues on Egypt. In the final plague, God killed all the firstborn in Egypt, both people and animals.

However, the Jews were spared. God directed each family to slaughter a lamb – a year-old male *without defect* – and paint some of its blood on the doorframes of their houses. When God passed over, he saw the blood and spared those living in that house. *The people were saved by the blood of a lamb.* Each year the Passover meal of roasted lamb called all this to mind and pointed forward to "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus instituted a new meal. As the Passover meal pointed forward to his coming, this meal puts the spotlight on his saving work. Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). Each time we come to the Lord's Table we remember that Jesus suffered and died for our salvation.

But there's more. Holy Communion is not just a memorial meal in which bread and wine remind us of his body and blood. In, with and under the bread and wine we receive our Lord's true body and blood, the same body and blood that God's blameless Lamb sacrificed on the cross for our salvation.

The lesson is the same. *We are saved by the blood of the Lamb.*

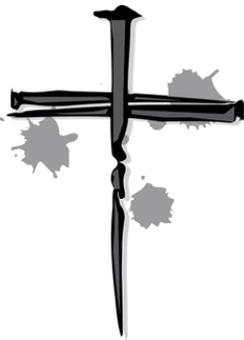
May God grant us all a healthy hunger and thirst for this meal of salvation

~ Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Daniel Sims



THE LAMB OF GOD

Three Words



of
TRUTH

Lent is the season of the church year that we focus on Jesus' Passion. We take the time to realize what Christ did for us simply because He loved us so much.

During Lent we have special midweek Lenten worship services on **Wednesdays at 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM**. There will be a light supper between the worship services beginning at 4:45 PM. A free-will offering will be taken.

The theme this year for our midweek Lenten worship is: *"Three Words of Truth"*. In the gospel accounts of Jesus' passion, there are several striking three-word phrases, such as "Love one another," "Watch and pray," and "It is finished." Join us this Lenten season as we consider these phrases and grow in our appreciation for our Savior's saving sacrifice.

† **March 6th—Ash Wednesday—*Is It I?* (Matthew 26:20-25)—**
Pastor Daniel Sims

† **March 13th—*What Is Truth* (John 18:33-40)—**Pastor Gregory Pope

† **March 20th—*Love One Another* (John 13:31-35)—**Pastor Victor Headrick

† **March 27th—*I Am He* (John 18:3-9)—**Pastor Thomas Pankow

† **April 3rd—*Watch and Pray* (Matthew 26:35-41)—**Pastor Mark Johnston

† **April 10th—*Take Him Away* (John 19:14-18)—**Pastor Daniel Sims

LENTEN MEALS

Ash Wednesday is right around the corner. The theme that we will be focusing on this year is: *"Three Words of Truth"*

Jesus will fill our minds, good food will fill our bellies, and friendship will fill our hearts. Join fellow Christians on our repentant walk toward the Easter celebration.



- ◆ **Wednesday, March 6th—Ash Wednesday—Choir—Turkey & Gravy Sandwiches**
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 13th—Ladies of Immanuel—Chili**
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 20th—**
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 27th—Handbells & Praise Team**
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 3rd—PIE Group—Brats & Hot Dogs**
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 10th —**

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY PLAN

March 2019

Angels and Demons

Society today seems fascinated with angels and demons, to the point of obsession. This Bible study leads us through Scripture and digs out what it really says about good and bad angels. The power of God over evil and his use of heavenly angels will provide comfort for every Christian.

April-May 2019

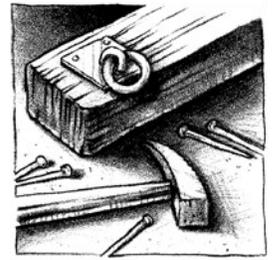
Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Philippians is often called the epistle of joy, and for good reason. In it the Apostle Paul shares the reason that believers can be joyful in every situation: We have a Savior! Our eternity is certain! Our joy in the gospel is what moves us to live in a way that glorifies our Savior.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | March 7-April 11 | 6:30-7:30 PM



Often Christians give something up for Lent. Chocolate. Alcohol. Coffee. Facebook. May we humbly suggest that this year you add something? Bible study.

On six Thursday evenings during Lent, we will gather for a study entitled *The Glory of Jesus' Suffering, Death and Resurrection*. Beginning in the upper room and following Jesus and his disciples to Gethsemane and Golgotha, this course includes a detailed study of Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation and his resurrection on the third day.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level of church at **6:30 PM** to study the following topics:

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| March 7 | Jesus and His Disciples in the Upper Room |
| March 14 | The Son Willingly Bows to the Father's Will |
| March 21 | Christ is Rejected by His Own |
| March 28 | The King Condemned for Telling the Truth |
| April 4 | Jesus on the Cross |
| April 11 | The Risen One Breaks the Power of Death |

Please join us! Bring a friend! All are welcome!

Men...Opportunities to Grow In Faith!!!

Men of Immanuel...here are opportunities just for you!
Check them out and join us!!!



Men's Bible Study

- † **Men's Prayer Group** meets on **Tuesday, March 5th and 19th at 7:00 AM** in the Gathering Room.
- † **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** meets on **Saturday, March 9th & 23rd at 8:00 AM.**

Women's Bible Study

Do you need some "recharging, refreshing" time? No matter your age, as women, we are all in need of that. **Mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, March 2nd and 16th at 8:30 AM** for a continuing study through the series entitled *Fruit of the Spirit* by Lane Burgland. Jesus has called every believer to bear fruit. Jesus said, "...I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last." John 15:16 But what fruit? This is an on-going Bible Study, you can join us at any time. No need to purchase any materials, we have copies available. We meet for one hour in the Conference Room located in the church office area. We are currently studying the fruit of Patience...Patience as Love, God's for us and ours for others.



This is a wonderful opportunity to be refreshed and to grow in faith and friendship with your fellow sisters in Christ. How will you bear fruit?

If you have any suggestions or questions regarding our Bible Study, please contact Judy Fuerbringer at 973-3355 or judynglenn@ameritech.net.

LADIES OF IMMANUEL MEETING



All women of the congregation are invited to our meeting on **March 12th at 7:00 PM**. We are the organization at Immanuel who serve funeral meals, Lenten and Advent suppers, dessert for the church picnic, May treat baskets for our shut-in members, and give our monies to church, school, and Lutheran Women's Mission Society missions and missionaries. We have committees for our monthly meetings, our church card display, MLHS, and Repeat Performance. Come and be of service to our Immanuel family! We start our meetings first with dessert. We meet in the Fellowship Hall, located in the lower level of church. If you need a ride or more information call Linda Verlinden at 683-3432. **See you on March 12th!**



Why Attend LWMS??

The Lord has blessed the expansion of his Kingdom through WELS Home and World Missions. The **Lutheran Women Missionary Society** is one method of mission support. Check your understanding about the purpose and function of LWMS, through this T/F quiz:

1. If you are a female member of a WELS congregation, you are a member of LWMS.
2. Rallies (Missionary presentations, mission needs updates, devotion and fellowship) are held two times a year.
3. Men may attend rallies but may not vote.
4. Befriend a Missionary program (sending cards, emails and prayers) is appreciated by missionaries even more than monetary donations!
5. The best way to "catch the blessings & importance" of LWMS is to take the time to attend a rally and/or National Convention.

Ask your LWMS Reporter for the answers to this quiz

SHORELINE CIRCUIT SPRING LWMS RALLY

WHEN: Saturday, April 27, 2019

WHERE: St. John-St. James Lutheran Church, Reedsville, WI.

SPEAKER: Rebecca Wendland, author of the book *Bloom Where You Are Planted*

TIME OF REGISTRATION: 8:30-9:00 A.M. A luncheon will be served after the rally

LWMS CONVENTION NEWS

All ladies of the congregation and their spouses are invited to the 2019 LWMS Convention.

Where: Des Moines, Iowa

When: June 27-June 30, 2019

Theme: "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

Registration Form & Info: Go to www.lwms.org; \$190 registration fee **before April 1, 2019**

Workshops: 1. Supporting Our Home and World Missionaries; 2. Stepping Out of My Comfort Zone; 3. Walking Together in the Great Commission; 4. Moments With Our Missionary Wives;

5. God's Grace Reaching Vietnam

Missionary Speakers, tours, and so much more!!!

ARE YOU AN EARLY SINGER?



If you would like to take part in a special choir ensemble for EASTER SUNRISE service, please contact Jen Sims at 920-210-3790 (call/text) with your contact information. You must be able to be at the **6:00 AM service on Sunday, April 21st**, and arrive early for a warm-up (5:30 AM). There will also be a practice on Saturday, April 20th (time yet to be announced).



MORNINGS WITH MOMMY & MORNINGS WITH JESUS

We had a lovely February at Mornings with Mommy. Our 12 friends made heart pinwheels, created with pink and purple play dough, played heart bullseye and decorated heart shaped cookies (thanks to Piggly Wiggly, Two Rivers).

Mornings with Jesus had 10 moms studying God's love, while 3 awesome volunteers watched the 14 children in the nursery. It was a fun morning.

Our next sessions for **Mornings with Mommy** are **Thursday, March 7th and Thursday, April 4th from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.**

Mornings with Jesus meets again on **Thursday, March 28th (updated for Spring Break) and Thursday, April 18th, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.** Hope you can make it and bring a friend!

Thank you to all the volunteers and for all your contributions so far, it all has been very helpful!

Our March theme is **"Fun with Food."** If you would like to donate, please place it in the back of church donation box **by March 1st:**

- ♣ Pasta (any shape any size)
- ♣ Brown Pom Poms
- ♣ Large White Paper Plates
- ♣ Raisins
- ♣ Multigrain Cheerios (2 boxes)
- ♣ Fruit Loops (1 box)
- ♣ Amazon and Walmart gift cards are also much appreciated.

God bless!

If you know of anyone interested in attending, please invite them or contact Jaimie at 920-242-4286, and she can send them a text invitation.

Look for more details on the **Mornings with Mommy - Manitowoc** Facebook page.



Our mission is to **assist** the families of our **congregation** and **community** in **training** their children, both **spiritually** and **academically**, through **excellence** in **Christ-centered** education.

HELLO IMMANUEL SPORTS FANS,

Here is a recap of the sports programs at Immanuel Lutheran School for the 2018-2019 sports seasons. Follow this article through the sports seasons and you'll be following our students as they've used their God given physical talents to glorify Him.

Soccer, which happens in the fall is available to any student in grades 1st-8th. We had a 1-2 grade team, a 3-4 grade team, and the 5-8 graders were teamed up with First German. Each of the teams got to play in two tournaments. Plenty of the younger students played soccer and the K-2 team tied for first in one tournament.

Also available in the fall for the girls is volleyball. We had a B Team made up of 4-6 graders and an A Team made of 6-8 graders. The B Team played about 7 matches and was involved in one tournament. The A Team had 12 matches and then played in the League Tournament at the end of the season.

Some of our students (4) joined the Jr. Lancer Cross Country team (coached by Joel Putz!) and ran regularly in practices and meets in the fall. More joined those Immanuel runners for the League Meet held in October at MLHS. We had enough girls to make an Immanuel team and enough boys to make a team of their own. As a school, we placed in the top 5.

Basketball started in November and ran into February. There are B Teams for boys and girls made of 4-6 graders and A Team for boys and girls made of 6-8 graders. Each of the teams played about 7 regular season games and then played in a tournament at the end of the season. In the A Team Girls Tournament, our Immanuel Girls (actually just made of 5,6,7 graders, a young team) started their play with a nice upset victory. They then made it into the 3rd place game but came up a little short. The Boys B Team also started their tournament with an upset victory in overtime! They, too, played in the 3rd place game but couldn't quite pull off the win. The Girls B Team made it into the championship game. This game went into overtime also, but our girls fell short by just 3 points! Wow! Tension! Excitement! The Boys A Team had a nice season as they teamed with St John/St James, Reedsville (we had only three upper grade boys playing). They won two games and lost two games in their tournament.

During the basketball season 12 of our 4th-8th grade girls made a cheerleading squad. They cheered for the B Boys throughout the season and also for the A Boys in the A Boys tournament.

We now have 8 boys involved in wrestling. It is available for any boy in K-8. They practice at MLHS with kids from other area WELS schools and then wrestle in 5 tournaments.

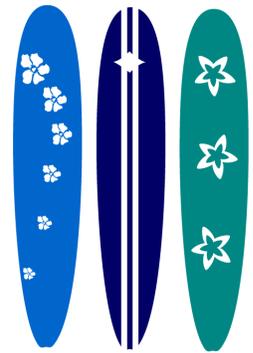
For the students in grades 5-8, track will be starting in April. We get the kids into two track meets each year. One is in Brillion, and the other is the League Meet held at Municipal Track, both in May.



- ▶ **March 18th-22nd**—Spring Break—No School
- ▶ **March 31st**—Immanuel Science & Academic Fair
- ▶ **April 5th**—Lakeshore Music Festival
- ▶ **April 6th**—MLHS Academic Fair for Grade Schools
- ▶ **April 12th**—Immanuel School Play- *“Not Your Average Joe”* - All grades

SAVE THE DATE!

April 12th at 7:00 PM. Come hear the all-school musical It's Not Your Average Joe. It's the story of Joseph with a *50's Twist*. The kindergarten through 8th graders will be telling the story of Joseph with catchy songs and a script to welcome in the summer. Come and enjoy!



PARTNERS IN EDUCATION—PIE

We are a collaboration of parents, staff, students, and members to encourage student socialization and family networking, while supporting the faculty, staff and educational environment of Immanuel through fundraisers and community outreach events. Serving this school year as officers are Dawn Welnicke, President and Becca Sweney, Vice President.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

MARCH

- ◆ **1st—LAST DAY to turn in Milk Moola**, the program is discontinuing thru Kwik Trip. Collection is in the Gathering Room, or church office.
- ◆ **6th—Donuts with Dad** - Calling all Dads of Pre-K thru 2nd grade. Join your child for donuts before school and then stay for Chapel afterwards.
- ◆ **12th—PIE Meeting** at 6:30 PM

APRIL

- ◆ **3rd—Sponsor Lent Meal**
- ◆ **16th—PIE Meeting** at 6:30 PM
- ◆ **24th—Secretary's Day**
- ◆ **28th—Amazing Race**—hosted by the 5th and 6th grade class

REMINDER...we continue to collect Box Tops. Feel free to drop them off in the collection boxes in the Gathering Room or in the Office. **Milk Moola is discontinuing. We will collect through March 1st only.**

IMMANUEL SCHOOL SIGN-HELP US PROMOTE OUR SCHOOL—Check out the poster in the Gathering Room to see the progress we have been blessed with. Please direct any questions to Mr. Wilson.

Thank you for your support!

Please join us by attending an upcoming meeting or by contacting Dawn Welnicke 901-7378 or Becca Sweney 242-7502 to see how you can assist with our events. We are looking for parent volunteers for the many events we have planned. Our events help give back to the school, create social events for students and parents and support the staff.

Manitowoc Lutheran High School Presents

JOSAPH

And the
AMAZING Technicolor DREAMCOAT

Lyrics by Tim Rice

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Friday, March 8th at 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 9th at 7:00 PM
Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 PM

Tickets will be \$14 for reserved seating. FOR THE FIRST TIME... Ticket sales will be available online starting February 1st by visiting www.mlhslancers.org/drama.
General Admissions (bleacher seats) sold at the door the day of the event for \$8.

Lancer Spring Showcase

Tasting Event Fundraiser

March 23
2019

Silent and Live Auctions

to benefit start-up of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
Program at MLHS

Wine Pull

With each cork purchased for \$20 you pick a wine to take home...
each pick is a surprise!

A variety of appetizers available...

Twin Fountains Banquet Hall

7330 English Lake Rd , Manitowoc

6:00-9:00PM

\$30/Person ([In Advance-Online or at MLHS](#)) **OR**

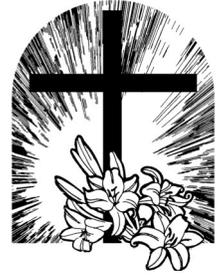
\$35/Person (at the door)

Etched Wine or Beer Glass Included with Admission
MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND

Questions? Contact Scott Reinhard
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sreinhard@mlhslancers.org

EASTER LILY SIGN-UP

With the beginning of the Lenten season upon us, we are already preparing for the celebration of our Lord's resurrection. Once again members have the opportunity to contribute Easter Lilies for our worship service. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. There will be envelopes for signing up in the Gathering Room **beginning Wednesday, March 6th**. The **deadline for ordering lilies is Sunday, March 31st**. All lilies can be taken home following the 10:30 AM Easter Sunday worship service. If you have any questions, please call Judy Fuerbringer at 973-3355.



Esther Circle Meeting

Esther Circle is the group that takes care of the altar area of church as well as setting up the special arrangements for Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Our next meeting is on **Sunday, March 3rd at 9:25 AM** between services. We will meet in the Music Room located in the lower level of church. Interested in finding out more or becoming a part of Esther Circle? Please contact Judy Fuerbringer at 973-3355, with any questions.



You may stop in at the Immanuel church library at any time. It is located in our church basement. You will find books, music, & videos. Check out is self-service.

~ Laura Rozoff, Church Librarian

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.." 2 Peter 3:18

The Lenten season and Easter are fast approaching. It is a time for reflection and renewed hope. We have a number of books in both non-fiction and fiction for you to choose from, including:



- † ***The Final Week of Jesus*** by Max Lucado. If you would know the heart of Jesus, consider his final days.
- † ***When Jesus Wept*** is a fiction book by Bodie and Brock Theone that weaves the life of Lazarus into the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.
- † ***Risen*** both in book and DVD format, an epic Biblical story of the Resurrection.
- † ***Son of God*** is a DVD that is about Pontius Pilate and the revolution that decided Jesus must die.
- † ***Triumph at the Cross*** which are Lenten devotions
- † ***Family Celebrations of Easter*** which are Easter devotions located in the non-fiction section of our library.

We also have a number of Lent/Easter related materials for children including

- † ***The Toddler's Bible Easter Book***
- † ***The Very First Easter***
- † ***The Story of the Empty Tomb*** and many more.

We also have ***The Story of Easter*** on video as well as the book.

~ Laura Rozoff

Member News



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

Gifts and Memorials

Our Immanuel Family— that we may continue to trust in the Lord and His plans for us.

♥ \$428—Endowment



Newsletter Humor



Serving Our Lord

2019 Church Council

In order that we might keep the best line of communications open between the church leaders and the rest of the congregation, we publish the names of the current Church Council in the newsletter. This will provide you with a list of people to contact if you have any questions regarding anything happening in our ministry. You may also use the following e-mail address to contact the Council as a whole: council@ilutheran.org. (One e-mail sent to that address reaches all the Council members with e-mail.)

- Larry Verlinden, President
- Reed Kabelowsky, Secretary
- Matthew Strathmann, Treasurer
- Russ Vogt, Elders
- Gary Markowski, Financial Secretary
- Mitch Geissler, Family Ministry
- Ron Nicklaus, Evangelism
- Dan Smith, Property
- Tim Lindloff, Board of Education

03/03/2019

8:00 AM – Nick & Barb Nitka

10:30 AM – Karen Kehl

03/10/2019

8:00 AM – Mark & Joanne Gaedtke

10:30 AM – Judy Fuerbringer & Karen Winter

03/17/2019

8:00 AM – Tony & Sally Dick

10:30 AM – Gary & Lynn Markowski

03/24/2019

8:00 AM – Robert & Susan Kempfert

10:30 AM – Howard Wilsmann

03/31/2019

8:00 AM – Robert & Shirley Blattler

10:30 AM – Ron & Toni Nicklaus



Greeters

THIS MONTH USHERS

3/03/19	Early—Team 2	3/20/19	LENTEN WORSHIP
3/03/19	Late—Team 5		Team 11—6:30 PM
3/06/19	LENTEN WORSHIP	3/24/19	Early—Team 2
	Team 9—6:30 PM	3/24/19	Late—Team 7
3/10/19	Early—Team 1	3/27/19	LENTEN WORSHIP
3/10/19	Late—Team 8		Team 12—6:30 PM
3/13/19	LENTEN WORSHIP	3/31/19	Early—Team 3
	Team 10—6:30 PM	3/31/19	Late—Team 8
3/17/19	Early—Team 1A		
3/17/19	Late—Team 6		



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Worship Schedule

Sundays: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Wednesdays—Lent: 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM

Jesus Cares Worship

Monday, March 11th—6:30 PM

Devotional Service

March 29th—11:00 AM

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