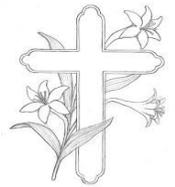


# IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS

## April 2022



### The Passion of Jesus

Immanuel Lutheran Church invites you to experience the passion of Jesus like never before. Passion plays have a long history in the Church. Many churches and groups have staged dramatic re-enactments of the Passion of Jesus. Immanuel will present a version of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday at the 7:00 Good Friday worship service. A cast of over a dozen actors assisted by a stage and tech crew will act out the events of Holy Week along with dramatic narration and powerful music. Some who have seen the presentation say that it was the most memorable experience they have ever had at church. Bring your family and friends. If you are interested in joining the cast or crew, contact Pastor Phil who is directing the production. There are only 2 rehearsals (April 9 and 13).

**Rolling Hills Ahoral Ensemble** will perform a "Salute to America" concert at Immanuel April 10th at 3:00 p.m. Come enjoy a musical tribute to our country.



### Worship in April

April 2-3 Lent 5	In the Shepherd's Hand (John 10:22-42)	Communion Organ, Handbells
April 6 Lent 5 Midweek	Justice and Creation	Handbells
April 9-10 Palm Sunday	Victim or Victor (Luke 22-23)	Children's Palm Procession Reading of the Passion
April 14 Maundy Thursday	A New Commandment (John 13:1-35)	Communion Choir
April 15 Good Friday	The Passion of Jesus	Mime Drama
April 17 Resurrection Day	Easter Faith (Luke 24:1-11)	Communion Organ, Choir, and Handbells
April 23-24 Easter 2	The Revelation (Revelation 1:1-8)	Praise Band
April 30-May 1 Easter 3	The Door into Heaven (Revelation 5:6-14)	Communion

Dear Friends in Christ,



There are two basic reasons why people get involved in church activities. Some people worship and serve because they feel they should. They get involved out a sense of duty, out of a sense of "have to" because God commands it. They want to earn a heavenly reward from God and earthly rewards from others.

Other people have been freed from that sense of obligation by the good news of the Gospel. They worship and serve because they want to, out of a sense of gratitude. They get involved because they find joy in being a blessing to others and in saying thanks to Jesus for the gift of eternal life. You can tell when people do what they do for the sheer joy of it.

April is the month for giving thanks for the volunteers who bless our lives. When I came to Immanuel 7 years ago, I noticed that there seemed to be a great number of very dedicated volunteers in this congregation. I was amazed that Immanuel actually asked all members to serve as greeters and ushers a couple of times a year. Why don't all congregations do that?

I am so grateful for all those who show up for worship week after week. Your faithful presence preaches a gospel message to people that is more powerful than anything that can be said from the pulpit. I am grateful for all those who stand up to read Scripture for us. You add a voice that helps us to hear God's Word in new ways. I am grateful for those who share music with us in choirs, bells, and other instruments. You provide groups for us to experience the joy of making music to the Lord. I am grateful for parents who bring their young children to worship with them even though it is a challenge. You add life and laughter to our Sunday morning gatherings.

I am grateful for Ken, Andrea, Jolie, and Ivy Nielsen for their commitment to JAM time for our little ones on Sunday morning. You are a blessing of God's grace both to our little ones and to their parents. I am grateful to Becky Chipman for blessing our GROW kids with her joyful presence. You are a beautiful witness of how much God loves children. I am grateful to Craig Olson and Judy and Kris and Tim Brelje for their service to our confirmation age kids. You are a powerful witness to our young people of the importance of their faith and of sharing that faith with others. I am grateful for Eric Chipman for his commitment to our high school youth. You are a gift of Christian friendship and a hope-filled sign to kids that there is real life beyond high school. I am grateful for Jared, Ania, Katie, Victoria, Christopher, Anniston, and all the youth who participate in our LYO nights. You are a gift of hope and encouragement to me and to others.

I am grateful for Sandy Nelsen for caring for our library collection of resources. I am also grateful for Sandy and the other leaders of the Women of Immanuel. You are a gift of beautiful kindness to our whole congregation as you take care of so many things that add beauty, hospitality, and joy to our gatherings. I am grateful for all you folks who delivered Meals on Wheels in all kinds of weather. I am grateful for all you folks who served at the Community Kitchen.



### *Pastor's Notes Continued...*

I am grateful for John Taggs and George Applegate and all the members of our church council and our committees who take care of the business of the church with care and vision. Your wise counsel and guidance keep Immanuel on course. I am grateful for Greg Nelson for doing the fix-it jobs and overseeing the care of our buildings and grounds. You win the first annual "Bert Hillers" award for being amazing.

I am grateful for Teri Johnson, Cheryl Nielsen, Seth and Kay Johannsen, and all the sound and camera crew members who work behind the scenes to make worship "work" for those present in fact and those present virtually. I am grateful for you who serve as an "Altar Guild" and Communion Servers to make Communion available to all of us. I am grateful for all of you who host our coffee and donut fellowship after worship. Your service helps make Immanuel a place of good conversation and fellowship. I am grateful for all you who attend the Sunday morning ABC (Adult Bible Class). Your questions and comments and conversation builds me up for a week of ministry. I am grateful for those who attend the Wednesday Women's Bible study. You provide a group of encouragement and welcome.

I am grateful for all of you who support the ministry of Immanuel with your gifts and your prayers. Your ministry of giving and praying touches more lives than any of us can know.

April would be a good month to take time to say "thank you" to someone whose service and volunteering spirit has blessed you. A simple "thanks for being here" can be powerful.

Yours in Christ,

Phil Nielsen



### **New Member Meeting**

Everyone interested in joining Immanuel as a member is invited to a New Members Gathering on Wednesday, April 20, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will talk briefly about what Immanuel is all about, about LCMC and Lutheranism, and about what membership at Immanuel involves.

**MARCH MISSION PARTNER** is Spiritual Orphan Network (SON), an LCMC-affiliated ministry in Eastern Europe including Ukraine, SON has been on the ground providing much needed supplies and transportation to people in Ukraine and to refugees in surrounding countries. If you would like to add a contribution to our \$2,000 grant to SON, you may give through our offering marking your gift "Ukraine".



### Happy Birthday to the following:

Marvel Jacobsen will be 87 on April 06.  
 Marg Olson who will be 92 on April 06.  
 Joyce Nielsen will be 91 on April 10.  
 Lois Troll who will be 89 on April 11.  
 Jeanette Kroger will be 83 on April 16.  
 Judith Juhler who will be 87 on April 23.  
 Emmert Andersen will be 84 on April 27.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to family of Charles Grabill who died March 12. Charles is survived by his wife Twyla and children Gayl Jensen and Galen Grabill.

**Thanks to folks for delivering Meals on Wheels:** Maggie Hatcher, Shelby Sisson, Jan and George Applegate, Verne and Illene Nelson, Judi Olson, Becky Brelje, Larry and Peg Haas, Sandy Nelsen and Sharon Daberkow.

**Thanks to folks who provided food and served for our Lenten Meals:** the TZ team, Maggie Hatcher, Linda Mosher, Kayla Jacobs, Cora Chapman, Shelby Sisson, Randi McEvoy, Mary Taggs, Becky Chipman, Julie Vorm, DeAnn Nielsen, Randy & Sharon Kroger, Vicki Strissel, Judi Olson, Becky Brelje, Sherry Lytle, Elaine Miller, Karen Plewes, Lavera Stern, Linda Peterson, Lois Hansen, Angel Stern, and Katie Stern.

**2022 Offering Envelopes** have arrived. The boxed sets for February 2022 through January 2023 are available for pick up in the church office.



**ON OUR PRAYER LIST:** Carolyn Hursey, Faye Jacobsen, Nancy Gessmann, Donna Hansen, Lois Troll, Connie Schwieso, Judi Pedersen, Twyla Grabill, Jeanette Kroger, Harry Priest, Nancy Christensen, Connie Benson, Sandra Farr (mother of Cora Chapman), Bonnie Mitchell (friend of Roger and Joann Christensen), Mark Sorensen (nephew of Cheryl Nielsen), Ryan Wheatly (son of Sally Nairn), Bill Broveak (brother in law of Gaige & Sherry

**Please Pray for:** Lytle).

## MARCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The Immanuel Church Council met March 8 with 10 of 12 members present. Steve Allen shared devotions from Sarah Young. Ivy Nielsen will have devotions in April.

John Taggs, Steve Allen, Vicki Strissel, Peg Haas, Greg Nelson, George Applegate, Jason Weis, and Scott Shannon volunteered for schedule of council persons on duty.

**Treasurer:** February income was \$23,610 and expenses were \$26,172 (including \$8827 for insurance) for a net loss of \$2562. \$45,105 in general fund and \$55,146 in capital savings.

**Worship/Evangelism:** Committee is planning to go hear an Allen GX-235 digital organ installed in a church in our area.

**Outreach/Stewardship:** Discussion on a March Mission Partner focused on the needs of Ukraine. Spiritual Orphan Network is affiliated with LCMC and has a network in Ukraine. They are focused on serving needy and disabled in Ukraine. \$2000 March Mission partner grant will go to them. Congregation will be invited to give additional gifts. Also, our first well this year has reached good water for the Kidugala Schools. The second well has failed to hit water twice. We are trying a third time. Both wells were funded by anonymous donations with supplemental funds from the TZ project funds.

**Property:** Trying to line up people to mow the church lawn. We have several people who can help for a few weeks. We are looking for a few more. Suggested confirmation class help with lawn pick up as a service project. Working on front door issues.

**Executive:** Council amended budget to move some of Pastor's salary to Pastor's pension contribution. No change to the budget bottom line. Put membership review/renewal on hold.

**Pastor:** Council approved Andrew and Brooke Reinert and sons, Brody and Blake for membership.

### WORSHIP & GIVING

	<u>Attendance</u>				<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>February 26-27</b>	25	+	115	=	140	\$ 3,612.00	\$ 3,612.00
<b>Mar. 2 Ash W.</b>			131	=	131	\$ 1,943.00	\$ 1,943.00
<b>March 5-6</b>	21	+	126	=	147	\$ 5,241.75	\$ 5,266.75
<b>Mar. 9 Lent</b>			67	=	67	\$ 530.00	\$ 530.00
<b>March 12-13</b>	27	+	90	=	117	\$ 2,553.00	\$ 2,628.00
<b>Mar. 16 Lent</b>			53	=	53	\$ 855.00	\$ 855.00
<b>March 19-20</b>	26	+	102	=	128	\$ 4,809.10	\$ 4,809.10

**WOMEN OF THE WORD EXEC BOARD****March 9, 2022**

The WOW Executive Board met March 9, 2022 in the All-Purpose room with Sandy Nelsen, Kathy Block, Janet Johannsen (by phone), Sharon Daberkow, Sally Nairn and Julie Vorm present. Chair Sandy called meeting to order at 9 AM.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The February 9 minutes were reviewed. There being no additions or corrections, Kathy made motion to approve the minutes. Julie Vorm seconded. Ayes all.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kathy reported no activity or bills. March balance remains at \$1571.98.

**CORRESPONDENCE & HOSPITALITY:** None

**COMMUNITY:** Sharon reported activity is still not permitted in the nursing homes. An activity in April will be getting ready for May baskets.

**KITCHEN:** A big "Thank You" to all who helped clean the kitchen Feb 9 after WOW Gathering. More wheat dishes were set out and can be picked up. These are FREE.

**MISSION QUILTERS:** Six quilts were completed Feb. 28. A Care & Concern Quilt was presented to Lorene Thede.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Easter Lilies: Sally reported sales of Easter lilies will be the next 2 Saturdays and Sundays. Cost per lily is \$10. She also reported the white cloth that's draped on the cross is tattered. An unused white polyester tablecloth might be used as a replacement or a new one would be purchased.

**WOW Meeting Time Change Trial:** An opportunity for those unable to attend WOW during the day will be available to attend on August 10 at 5:15. Comments will be welcome on preferences of meeting times later.

**Heartland District LCMC Retreat:** Sandy received more information on the Sept 17 meeting. Plans can now be made regarding program, entertainment and food. **Mark the date on your calendars- September 17 at Immanuel.**

**WOW GATHERING**

Women of the Word met with 11 attending. Sandy shared humor from the book "Laughter from Heaven." Kathy served 2 delicious desserts. Cheryl Nielsen presented the program on ladybugs—she has been a collector of everything ladybug for years. A table with only 1% of her collection was displayed. Her license plate says L Bug that her husband gave her. There are 5000 species worldwide with 450 species in the US. It is said the black spots symbolize seven joys and sorrows in the Bible and the red is a symbol of Mary's cloak. Cheryl shared folklore from many countries that is believed about ladybugs. It was a very interesting and entertaining program. She gave each one a ladybug magnet with message on it "To wonder at an animal is to begin to understand God." The meeting was closed with prayers for strength and health for several members, for those affected by tornadoes in the Winterset area, for the people of Ukraine and The Lord's Prayer.

Upcoming Events: Mission Quilters – last Monday of the month at 9:00 AM.

WOW Board Meeting: April 13 at 9 AM—WOW Gathering at 9:30 AM. Program by Jeanne Nelson (Julie Vorm's sister) on Bible journaling. Sally Simdorn will have refreshments.

Janet Johannsen, Secretary

## Tanzania Happenings

Immanuel's well drilling projects in Tanzania are almost complete for 2022. The first well drilled right beside the science lab at the secondary school in Kidugala is producing an abundance of good quality water. They are currently building the brick water tower that will have two 10,000 gallon poly tanks on it to service the school and surrounding area very well. It also is equipped with a solar water pump.

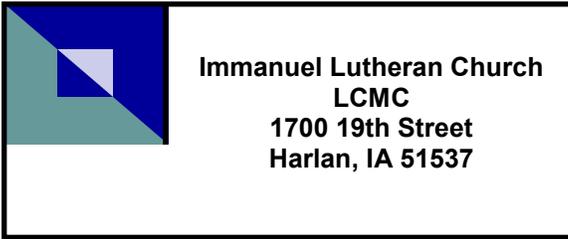
The second well presented a bit more of a challenge. After drilling two holes that produced little water at 150 meters deep beside the primary school in Dulamu, we called in another water surveyor. After the second survey we drilled a third hole which is away from the school, but beside the village and health care center at Dulamu.

This third hole produces a great quantity of quality water. Currently the intent is to put a solar water pump on the third well and a water tower by it. Then one of the two first holes drilled can produce about 2000 liters of good water per day, so since that will be helpful to the school we plan to install a small inexpensive electric pump into that well. Of the four wells that Immanuel has drilled in the past two years this last location has been the biggest challenge by far. These 2022 wells were largely donated by donations from families at Immanuel, but additional expenses incurred by the extra drilling and a solar pump has been handled by TZ committee funds. Asante Sana (thank you) goes out to all of Immanuel rather privately contributing or through your support to the TZ fundraising for supporting these vitally needed well projects in TZ.



**A HUGE Thank You** to everyone who participated in the **Soup Supper and Auction**. The funds raised will help fund the orphans of Kidugala. We hope you had a few laughs, good food and special treasures to take home with you. We will have the results for you in the next Insights.

**PIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE:** The Tanzania Team still have 10 rhubarb pies for \$12 each. They are available at the church during office hours or after church on Saturday and Sunday. All proceeds go to fund the orphans in Kidugala to attend school. Immanuel is currently funding 170 primary school orphans and over 80 secondary school orphans. Thanks for your support.



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# APRIL 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>27</b> 9:00 Worship/JAM 10:15 Adult Bible Class 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>28</b> 9:00 Mission Quilters 3:15 Girl Scouts	<b>29</b> 9:00 CF Quilters	<b>30</b> 3:30 Grow 4:00 Women's Bible Study 5:15 Confirmation 5:30 Bells 6:00 Meal 7:00 Worship	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:00 Communion
<b>3</b> 9:00 Communion/JAM 10:15 Adult Bible Class 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>4</b> 6:00 Garden Club	<b>5</b> 9:00 CF Quilters 6:00 Boy Scout Leaders	<b>6</b> 3:30 Grow 4:00 Women's Bible Study 5:15 Confirmation 5:30 Bells 6:00 Meal 7:00 Worship	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 Rolling Hills Rehearsal 5:00 Worship 6:30 Mime Rehearsal
<b>10</b> 9:00 Worship/JAM 10:15 Adult Bible Class 3:00 Rolling Hills Concert 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 3:15 Girl Scouts 4:00 4-H	<b>12</b> 9:00 CF Quilters 6:30 Executive Board 7:00 Church Council	<b>13</b> 9:00 WOW BD MTG 9:30 WOW Gathering 3:30 Grow 4:00 Women's Bible Study 5:15 Confirm. 5:30 Bells 6:30 Mime Rehearsal	<b>14</b> <b>7:00 MAUNDY THURS.</b>	<b>15</b> <b>7:00 GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>EASTER</b> 7:00 Communion 9:00 Communion/JAM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 CF Quilters	<b>20</b> 3:30 Grow 4:00 Women's Bible Study 5:15 Confirm. 5:30 Bells 6:30 LYO 7:00 New Member Mtg.	<b>21</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 3:00 4-H 6:30 Ladies Homestead	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:00 Worship
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# Worship and Fellowship Servants Schedule

	April 17 7:00 AM	April 17 9:00	April 23-24	April 30-May 1	May 7-8
Acolytes		Mikayla Jensen Aubrey Petsche	Grant Petersen Jonas Reynolds	Gavin Sisson Donovan Smith	Emeri Smith Kori Smith
Saturday Greeter/Usher	N/A	N/A	Gayl Jensen	Larry Klein	Randi McEvoy
Saturday Altar Guild	N/A	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Nielsen	N/A
Sunday Greeters/Ushers	N/A	Chad & Lisa Swanson Terry & Stacy Torneten	Dave & Angela Voge Phil & Sharyn Zimmerman	Mark & Michelle Andersen Rick & Cheryl Andersen	Jon & Jami Arkfeld Denise Barnes
Sunday Altar Guild	Kathy Block Peg Haas	Becky Brelje Vicki Strissel	N/A	Janet Johannsen Tammy Haake	N/A
Scripture Reader (Sunday)	Vickie Errett	Linda Mosher	Lois Hansen	Janet Johannsen	DeAnn Nielsen
Communion Servers (Sunday)	Larry Haas Al & Bonnie Ickes	Kayla Jacobs Gary & Nancy Jahn	N/A	Phil & Elaine Miller Sandy Nelsen	N/A
Coffee Hosts (Sunday)	N/A	N/A	Ken & Julie Vorm	Barney & Judy Ahrenholtz Stephanie Ahrenholtz	Bob & Patty Brue Vern & Linda Brue
Sound		Gaige Lytle	Gaige Lytle	Gaige Lytle	Seth Johannsen
Video		Mark Schechinger	Mark Schechinger	Mark Schechinger	Rick Chipman
Projection	Teri Johnson	Teri Johnson	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)
Council Person	Greg Nelson	George Applegate	John Taggs	Vicki Strissel	Jason Weis