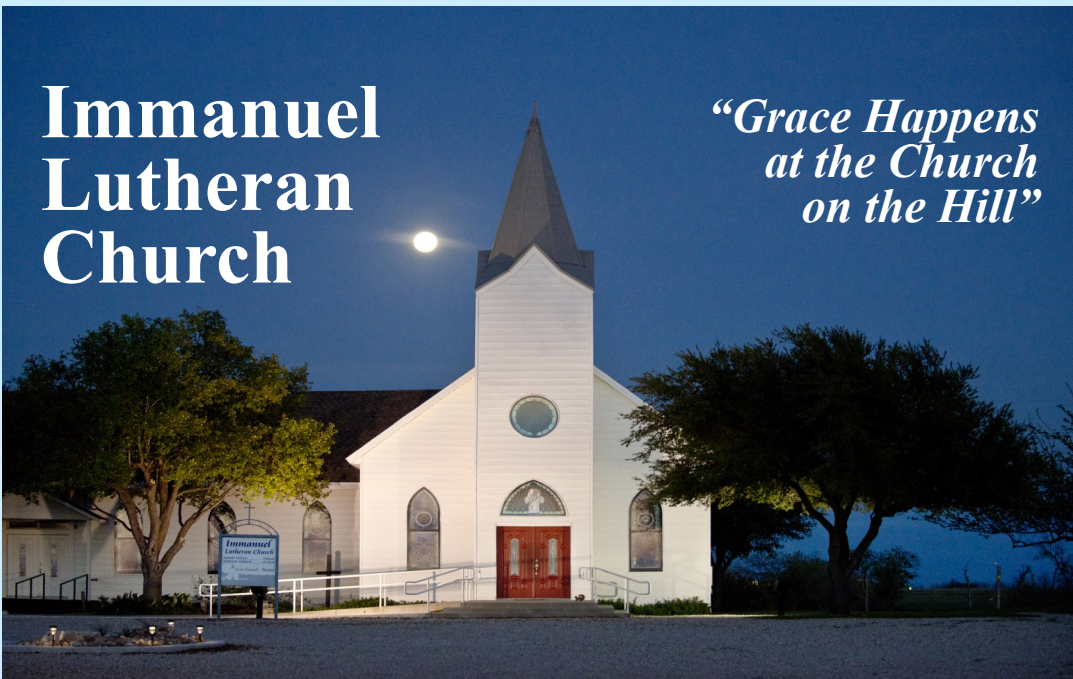


Immanuel Lutheran Church

*“Grace Happens
at the Church
on the Hill”*



Sunday Schedule Discipleship Classes 9:15 Worship 10:30
Prayer Chain: Claris (512) 627-4132 Financial Secretary: Cindy Barringer
Church Administrator / Treasurer: Claris Randlg



Pastor Caleb Bahr

⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” - Mark 16:5-7

Hello ILC!

He is Risen! As we celebrate the Resurrection, the world celebrates it right along with us. I don't mean the other people in the world. I mean the world itself. Dormant trees and shrubs are coming back to life. Flowers are sprouting and blooming from what was just empty dirt. Things that were once dead are returning to life. Each one of these is a witness to Jesus's resurrection.

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.” – Martin Luther

So, when you look around this spring and see all the new life, remember that it is all because of Jesus. Let those flowers and leaves be preachers for you. Each one is a reminder of what Jesus has done for you. Each one is a representation of what Jesus is doing in your life. And each one is a promise from the Lord God almighty that, even as Christ was raised from the dead, you too might walk in newness of life. The flowers, birds, and trees are all singing: Alleluia! I know that my Redeemer Lives! Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has Risen! He is risen, indeed! Happy Easter!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Caleb

Too Good to Keep Locked Up ~~ by Bryce Formwalt

It has been more than a decade since I pastored a church and experienced the special blessing it is to lead a community of faith in the Resurrection celebration on Easter morning. If you are a pastor, then you likely know what I mean. I remember fondly the anxious anticipation for crowds of people to gather and worship the risen Lord. As many pastors do, on Saturday night I would sit alone in an empty sanctuary and pray for God to fill the church and bring together those who needed to hear the Easter story anew. Sunday dawn would rise and with it, excitement as the church filled with all the familiar faces and many new ones, too. The greetings would ring out: "Christ is Risen! – He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" Easter lilies adorned the sanctuary and special music triumphantly proclaimed God's glory. For those of us entrusted to preach, it is a special privilege to share the greatest story ever told to a full room of eager listeners. All around the church on Easter Sunday there is a joy that is so powerful and uplifting.

But just seven days later, on the Second Sunday of Easter, I would often wonder, "What happened?" What happened to the joy and enthusiasm? What happened to the crowds and the packed sanctuary? What happened to all that was special the week before? For those who follow the lectionary, the Second Sunday in Easter centers on the story of Jesus breaking in on the disciples who gathered together on Easter evening. After the crucifixion and the discovery of the empty tomb, the disciples were confused and afraid. They had heard the reports from Mary Magdalene, but the fear had not yet become faith. So, they locked themselves in the Upper Room.

And then Jesus appeared. He stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." He showed them his hands and his side. John tells us simply that the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. But Jesus was not only there to comfort them amid their fear and confusion. And he wasn't just there to prove that he was alive. Jesus was also there to send them out. He said it again: "*Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.*" And he breathed on them: "*Receive the Holy Spirit.*"

On Jesus' word, the locked room was transformed from a place of hiding into a place of sending. The peace Jesus spoke did not only quiet their fears, it redirected them with a mission. The disciples who were paralyzed by what happened to Jesus were now mobilized to share the Good News of Jesus to the world. But this is the part of the Easter story that is so easy to miss: The resurrection is not only an event to celebrate; it is the Good News we are sent to proclaim. Just as the Father sent Jesus, Jesus sends us. And he sends us not with our own courage or confidence, but with his peace, presence, power, and purpose.

In Lent we embark on an inward journey of repentance that leads us outward – set free to witness. In Easter, we celebrate the fulfillment of our freedom in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The empty tomb confirms the Good News of sins forgiven, death defeated, and new life in Christ – news too good to keep behind locked doors.

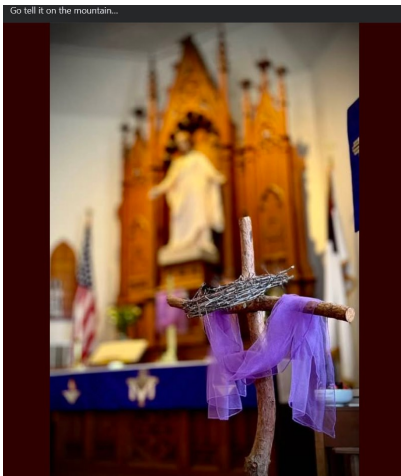


Photo shared by our visitor, Kevin Ivy.

March Memorials Report

MEMORIAL FUND

For: Sandra Krueger

By: Archie & Judy Schneider
Robert & Rebecca Borgne
Joe & Candy Vogel
Jimmie Sheppard
Morgan & Teresa Wendland

Nancy Werchan

Clarence & Carolyn Merkord
Reuben & Diana Patschke
Randy & Lois Kruger
Gary Klaus Family

Joy & Bill Stuewe, & Debbie Huffman

Evelyn Remmert
Stan & Julie Simonik
Howard & Janice Meyer
Bud & Diane Johle

For: Gerhardt Pipho

By: Joe & Candy Vogel
Morgan & Teresa Wendland

For: Joe Hagerman

By: William & Frances Albert

For: Johnny Polasek Jr.

By: William & Frances Albert

CEMETERY MEMORIALS

For: Tim Teichelman

By: Janette Wendland, Cindy Barringer, & Brian Wendland

For: Sandra Krueger

By: Janette Wendland, Cindy Barringer, & Brian Wendland
Kathleen Stanko

GENERAL FUND MEMORIAL

For: Sandra Krueger

By: Jayne Baxter

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN HILLTOP CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

April 26, 2026 following Worship & Potluck meal

Turn in registration to Phyllis or Bonnie G by April 19, 2026

Team Name: _____

Player 1 Name _____ phone _____

Adult _____ Youth (Age) _____

Player 2 Name _____ phone _____

Adult _____ Youth(Age) _____

Registration Fee: \$20/team (Date/Amt Paid) _____

First Place Prizes: Handmade Corn Hole Set for each player on team

Second Place Prizes: \$50 Gift Card for each player on team

Everyone is welcome to play or watch.....Please bring lawn chairs.



*Registration forms
are available
at church.*

Great Fellowship - Great Food - Lots of Fun

Plan to Attend

APRIL USHERS:

Robert Rinehart Council
Donna Rinehart

APRIL ALTAR GUILD:

Kristi Hoestenbach
Nancy Werchan
Rebecca Borgne
Bonnie Kaderka

APRIL LECTORS:

4/2/26 Eileen Storm
4/5/26 (Sunrise)
Wayne & Shelly Engelke
4/5/26 (10:30am)
Wayne Engelke & Cortney Koch
4/12/26 Donna Rinehart
4/19/26 Eileen Storm
4/26/26 Kristi Hoestenbach

APRIL FLOWERS:

4/5/26 Easter Lilies
4/12/26 Leonard & Iris Hoff, in honor of 46th Anniversary
4/19/26 Phyllis & Harvey Johnson, to the Glory of God
4/26/26 Donna & Robert Rinehart, to the Glory of God



APRIL Birthdays



Claire Seigmund.....2nd
Shelly Engelke.....4th
Wayne Engelke.....6th
Coupland Glass.....13th
Irene Schmidt.....20th
Archie Schneider.....21st
Barry Doering.....22nd
Pam Leschber.....27th

April 2026 Prayer Calendar



- 4/1 For Ascension Lutheran Church in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
- 4/2 For West Prairie Lutheran Church in Leland, IA seeking a new pastor
- 4/3 Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your only SON to die on the cross to save us from our sins. Help us to trust alone in you for our salvation. Amen.
- 4/4 Dear Jesus, as You rest in the tomb today, may we have eternal rest in You as we await your glorious resurrection. Amen.
- 4/5 O Risen Christ, on this Easter morning, You rose from the dead. Today, you wipe away our tears with victory over sin and death. Thank You for forgiving our sins and giving us eternal life in the breaking of bread at Your table. Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!
- 4/6 For LCMC congregations in Canada
- 4/7 For all parents caring for children and children caring for parents
- 4/8 For the Iowa District
- 4/9 For Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings, TX as they seek a new pastor
- 4/10 For Atonement Lutheran Church in Fargo, ND
- 4/11 For more prayer time to listen to what God has to say to us
- 4/12 Father, You never give up on us; let us never give up on You. Amen.
- 4/13 For strength to hold our tongues when we want to lash out
- 4/14 For Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baltimore, MD
- 4/15 For St. Timothy Lutheran Church in San Diego, CA seeking a new pastor
- 4/16 For Ascension Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac, WI
- 4/17 For Augustana Lutheran Christian Fellowship in Binghamton, NY
- 4/18 For Augustana District Men's Event
- 4/19 Lord, we give you all of the tasks that seem impossible today. Rest on us in our weakness and give us the strength we need to do what really needs to be done. Help us to say NO to the things that can wait. Amen.
- 4/20 For Our Saviors Evangelical Lutheran Church in Scandia, KS seeking a new pastor
- 4/21 For monthly fellowship meetings
- 4/22 For peace amidst chaos
- 4/23 For First Call Pastor Retreat
- 4/24 For Northwest District Annual Gathering
- 4/25 For Augustana District Convention
- 4/26 Lord Christ, in the face of struggle and crisis, grant us the faith to trust Your steadfast love. Save us from a lack of confidence, courage, and strength. Give us the wisdom we need to see the will of Your Father at work as You saw Him at work in Your passion on earth. Speak to me now by Your Spirit that we may receive strength for whatever hard times are ahead. In Your strong name. Amen.
- 4/27 For LCMC East Africa District
- 4/28 For St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kodiak, AK as they seek a new pastor and for the rebuilding of their church sanctuary roof
- 4/29 For Aurdal Lutheran Church in Portland, ND
- 4/30 For all people hospitalized

SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday,
April 21st @ 12:00 p.m. —
Lunch Get-Together
@ Lucky Duck

This invitation is open to anyone who would like to share good food and fellowship. Go ahead and place your order upon arrival and then gather in the Party Room. Hope to see you there!! **Note the time change...**

HOLY WEEK at IMMANUEL

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 2
6:00 p.m. (Holy Communion)

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GOOD FRIDAY April 3 @ 6:00 p.m.

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EASTER SUNRISE April 20
7:00 a.m. (Holy Communion)
(Service at ILC pavillion, please bring jackets, blankets)

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EASTER BRUNCH 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

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EASTER SERVICE April 20
10:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)

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*(If possible please bring flowers for the Easter Cross)*

**CHRIST IS RISEN...ALLELUIA!!!**



**FLOWERS**

**REMINDER:**  
IF YOU CAN, PLEASE BRING  
FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER  
CROSS, WHICH WILL BE  
DECORATED ON  
EASTER MORNING

# APRIL 2026



| SUNDAY                                                                                                             | MONDAY | TUESDAY                                            | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                                | FRIDAY                                      | SATURDAY |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|
|                                   |        |                                                    | 1         | 2<br>MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE<br>6:00 PM | 3<br>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE<br>6:00 PM         | 4        |
| SUNRISE 7AM 5<br>HOLY COMM.<br><i>BREAKFAST</i><br>8:00-9:30<br>SS 9:15<br>EASTER SERVICE<br>10:30AM<br>HOLY COMM. | 6      | 7                                                  | 8         | 9<br><b>FAITH CIRCLE</b><br>1:30 p.m.   | 10                                          | 11       |
| 12<br>SS 9:15<br>WORSHIP<br>10:30                                                                                  | 13     | 14<br>Council Meeting<br>6:00 p.m.                 | 15        | 16                                      | 17                                          | 18       |
| 19<br>SS 9:15<br>WORSHIP 10:30AM<br>HOLY COMM.                                                                     | 20     | 21<br><b>LUNCH @</b><br><b>Lucky Duck</b><br>12:00 | 22        | 23                                      | 24                                          | 25       |
| SS 9:15 26<br>WORSHIP<br>10:30 in Sanctuary<br><i>Potluck Meal &amp; Corn Hole Tournament</i>                      | 27     | 28                                                 | 29        | 30                                      | <b>No WOW Bake Sale or Meeting in April</b> |          |

## REMINDER—DEADLINE

**Corn Hole Tournament**  
**Forms need to be turned in by**  
**Sunday, April 19th**  
*They need to get brackets set up.*  
 (See Page 2 for details.)



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