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# Immanuel Lutheran Church

March 2024



March 24 – Palm Sunday  
Worship at 9 AM

March 28 – Maundy Thursday  
Worship at 7 PM

March 29 – Good Friday  
Worship at 1 PM & 7 PM

March 31, Easter Sunday  
Worship at 9 AM  
Breakfast and egg hunt to follow!

# Wednesdays in Lent

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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**TO BE** MYLE  
the table Young Adult Gathering

## ...Disciples 3/6

5 PM Soup  
6 PM Worship (Pr. Jamie)  
Choir & Learning follow

## ...Authentic 3/13

5 PM Soup  
6 PM Worship (Pr. Patrick)  
Choir & Learning follow

## Passion Play 3/20

5 PM Soup  
6 PM Worship - Passion Play  
presented by Immanuel youth  
Choir & Learning follow



## Soup Serving Schedule

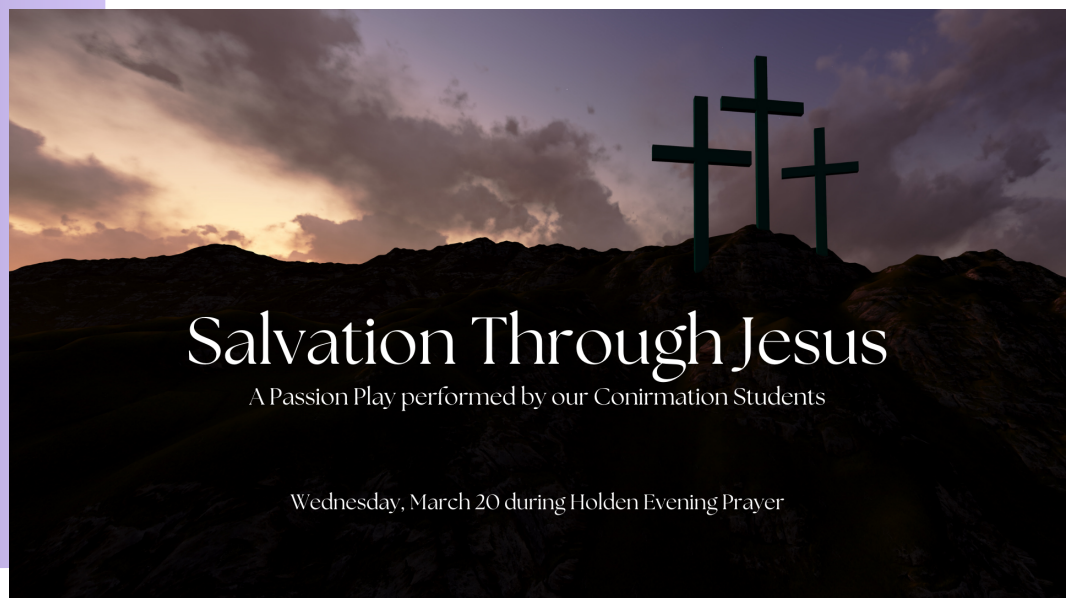
February 28 - Choir

March 6 - Council

March 13 - Create-a-World

March 20 - Please Volunteer -  
call the church office or [sign up here](#).

Thank you!



We are Created to Be: Authentic, Brave, Free, Disruptive, Disciples!

This summer all of our programming at Immanuel will connect to the Created to Be theme of the ELCA Youth Gathering. As we continue to fundraise towards our \$35,000 goal to attend the Gathering, we wanted to extend our appreciation for the support Immanuel provides.

Attending the Gathering is a big deal – for most people it is something that happens only once in a lifetime, and surveys of adults who remain in the church show it as being a significant factor in their life-long faith formation (attending camp is on the list, too!) So, why does it cost so much money? Here's a look at where our money will go (all costs are per person):

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Registration: \$375

Housing at our assigned hotel: \$500

Meals: \$300

Transportation: \$500

If you add it all up...that's \$1675 per person! And, that doesn't even include any spending or "fun" money while we're there. We will continue to host many fundraising events in the coming months, and just ask you to participate when you can or spread the word to others who may be interested! If you would prefer to give a one-time donation, those are greatly appreciated and can be given at any time.

We look forward to sharing our experience with the congregation after the Gathering!



Fundraiser!

Tuesday, March 12  
10:30 AM - 9 PM

Bring a paper flier, a picture of a flier or use our code to order online: 362748

# Sundays in March

March 3



March 10



March 17



March 24, Palm Sunday



March 31, Easter Sunday



## Altered by the Spirit

This Lenten season our Sunday worship theme is Altered by the Spirit. Here we will see how God's Spirit is constantly changing and challenging us. We begin by asking: how is the Spirit at work in my life and in the life of the church? Whether it is a wilderness time of testing, or encountering God's love for the world, we won't leave unchanged after we have encountered God's Spirit at work.

What experiences in your life have brought about the most change and transformation?

Lent began with the story of Jesus in the wilderness. "And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him." This time of wilderness tempting changed Jesus and prepared him for ministry.

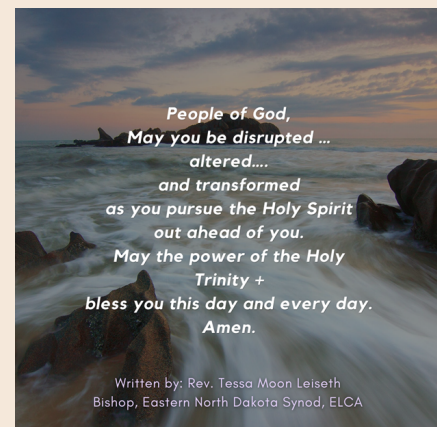
Whenever we face the wilderness, we never emerge as the same person we were when we began. In the wilderness, we grow, we are tested, and we are transformed by the Spirit. The hard things in our lives change us, and through the Spirit we are altered.

This transformation and change can also happen through other emotions and experiences too. When faced with rage over systems that abuse others- the Spirit can challenge us. When faced with the deep and abundant love of God for the world- the Spirit can expand us. When faced with everyday life lessons, the Spirit can slowly smooth out our jagged edges. Encountering people can also teach us more about ourselves and God. The stories of the Bible and the experiences of our lives, alter our lives and faith journeys.

As we journey together this Lenten season, we pray that we may be changed and transformed by God's presence in our lives. May we be altered by the Spirit.

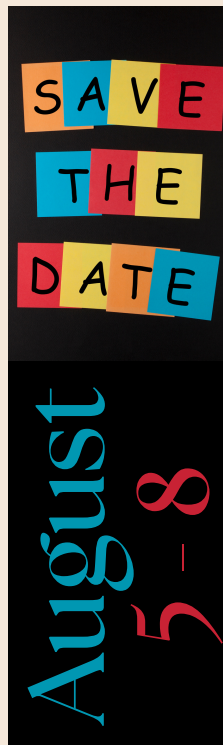
Amen.

Pr. Jamie Brieske





Immanuel loves sending kids to Luther Park Bible Camp! Our Trust Fund has, again, offered to provide a 50% scholarship to anyone who registers for camp this summer. Enter this code at registration to receive the discount rate: ILEC24. Talk to Alyssa if you have any questions about how this works, or are in need of a larger scholarship amount. Overnight camp opportunities are available for those finishing grades 1 – 12, and day camps are offered for younger kids. Camp is a fun way to grow in your faith and meet new friends!



### Middle School Ministry

All middle school kids (current 5–8 grade) are invited to participate in SUMMER STRETCH this summer! Summer Stretch will happen the week of August 5. This fun and meaningful program involves a service project each morning, and a just-for-fun event in the afternoon. Watch for more details and registration information on the table in the Narthex as well as the bulletin boards in Luther Hall. High School Youth are invited to participate as counselors (leaders) in this program.

Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 17, and will be led again this year by leaders from Immanuel. Registration materials will be available soon. VBS will be for kiddos ages 3 years old - 5th grade. Older kids can participate as helpers - talk to Alyssa to find out more!

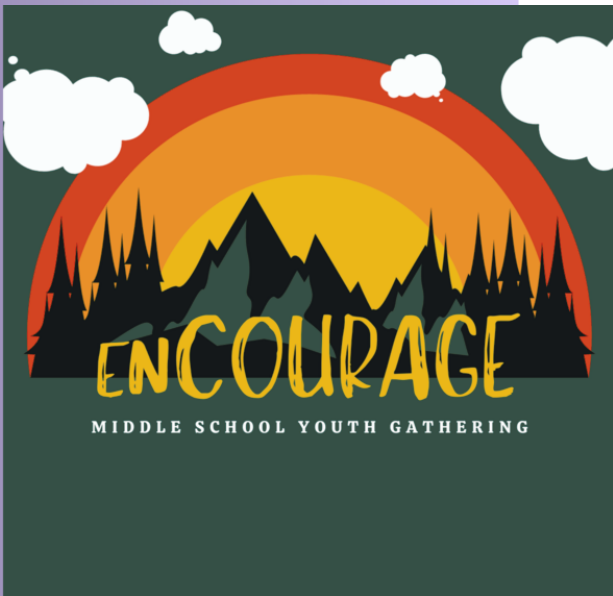




Immanuel's 2024 Youth Gathering Team will be "Egging" houses on Saturday, March 30 - with 50 candy-filled Easter eggs, that is! Cost is a donation towards our upcoming trip to the Gathering in New Orleans this summer.

Donations can be mailed to the church, given to the church office, or paid online via PayPal ([paypal.me/ImmanuelYouth](https://paypal.me/ImmanuelYouth)) or Venmo (@ilcyouth)

[Sign up here](#) or contact the church office to get added to our list.



## 2024 Immanuel Church Council

Pastor Jamie Brieske  
Sandy LaValley  
Bill Schwengel  
Ryan Stilp  
Sue Waits  
David Schaffer, President  
Marcia Bowman\*  
Janet Carlson\*, Vice President  
Chris Dean\*  
Shalyn Gagnon\*  
Karen Larson\*, Secretary

\*Congratulations to these new council members elected at the annual meeting.

Thank you to our outgoing members: Jennifer Dean, Becky Ivey, Lang Jacobson, Becky Carter and Mia Evergreen



Saturday, April 13  
Bethany Lutheran Church  
Rice Lake, WI  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
Join us for a day of worship, singing, games, fun and fellowship! Talk to Alyssa for more information.

Start that spring cleaning! The 2024 Youth Gathering Team will be partnering with the Immanuel ZIP team again this year to have a thrift sale. Drop off will be June 2-5, and the sale will happen on June 6 & 7.



The Green Team is sponsoring a metal scrap collection April 22-29. We will be raising money for the youth trip while keeping unwanted items out of the landfill.

As you start your spring cleaning, save all those unused metal items for metal scrap collection. Some examples include:

- fencing
- aluminum & tin cans
- nuts/bolts
- gutters
- shovels
- metal siding
- broken toaster or other small appliances
- garden tools
- tomato cages
- broken grills
- wire
- bed frames
- unused plumbing supplies



Watch for more information!



ZIP Chili Cookoff!  
Sunday, March 3  
following worship.  
Free will  
donations will go  
to the Malawi  
Water is Life well  
project.

**2024-25  
PRESCHOOL  
REGISTRATION**

*Our experienced teachers and engaging curriculum offer children the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, nurturing environment.*

- ✓ Play-based learning
- ✓ Outdoor play
- ✓ Developmentally appropriate curriculum

**ENROLL NOW**

**MORE INFORMATION**  
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# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 9 AM Worship  10 AM ZIP Chili Cookoff  6 PM N2N Spanish Worship	<b>4</b> 1-3 PM Knit Together  6:30 PM H3	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM H3  6 PM - JONAH Interfaith Vigil, EC Public Library	<b>6</b> 10 AM Sr Bible Study 5 PM Soup Supper 6 PM Worship Learning, Choir	<b>7</b> Noon - 4 PM Material Witness Quilting  6 PM Yoga Church, EC Public Library	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9 AM Worship	<b>11</b> 1-3 PM Knit Together  6:30 PM H3	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM H3  10:30 AM - 9 PM Panda Express Fundraiser	<b>13</b> 10 AM Sr Bible Study 5 PM Soup Supper 6 PM Worship Learning, Choir	<b>14</b> Noon - 4 PM Material Witness Quilting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9 AM Worship	<b>18</b> 1-3 PM Knit Together  6 PM Somatic Breathing  6:30 PM H3	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM H3	<b>20</b> 10 AM Sr Bible Study 5 PM Soup Supper 6 PM Worship Learning, Choir	<b>21</b> Noon - 4 PM Material Witness Quilting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9 AM Palm Sunday Worship with XYZ Milestone  10 AM Cross+Gen activity	<b>25</b> 1-3 PM Knit Together	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7 PM Maundy Thursday worship	<b>29</b> 1 PM & 7 PM Good Friday worship	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9 AM Easter worship  Breakfast & egg hunt to follow	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>