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April 2022



Holy Week Service Schedule:

Maundy Thursday, Apríl 14 - 7PM

Good Friday, April 15 - 1 PM and 7 PM

Easter Sunday, Apríl 17 - 9 AM

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"But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened." (Luke 24:12)

Easter Blessings!

Even in the season of Lent, which focuses on sacrifice, confession, and lament, we remember that in suffering we can still be joyful! As Paul said we are, "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing." On Ash Wednesday,

I shared the '5 Habits of Happy People' from Dr. Laurie Santos' Yale class, *The Science of Well-Being*. These 5 Habits were as follows:

- 1. Socializing
- 2. Helping Others
- 3. Healthy Habits (movement, eating well, sleeping well)
- 4. Practicing Gratitude
- 5. Meditating, Being present

No matter what we are enduring, and no matter what suffering exists in the world, we can find our peace and joy in Jesus. Now, in the season of Easter, we embark on a season of rejoicing! We celebrate the wonderful news that the tomb is empty, Christ is risen, and death has been defeated! We look in amazement at all God is doing in our lives and in the world.

Perhaps, this Easter season, we can continue to lean into these 5 Habits of Happy People. We can even remake the list through our Christian lens if we would like to, perhaps aiming to:

- 1. Be in community with others
- 2. Serve and love your neighbor
- 3. Take care of your bodies
- 4. Thank God for your blessings
- 5. Pray, worship, and spend time in God's presence

This Easter season we remember that we are witnesses of God's love. Through practicing these happy habits, we can become more aware of God's presence in our lives and in our world. In doing so, we will live in amazement and joy and spread happiness to others.



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Grab & Go Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt
following the service

Many have asked how they can help
Ukrainian refugees
flee from war?



The local AMMPARO* group recommends donating to Lutheran Disaster Response.

"Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need." This statement and additional information, as well as an opportunity to donate, can be found on this page of the ELCA website.

If you would prefer to write a check, please send it to: Immanuel Lutheran Church 3214 Golf Road, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The check may be written to: Immanuel Lutheran/AMMPARO and in the memo line, designate "Ukraine Relief".

*AMMPARO is the ELCA's strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO)



Food Ministry News and Needs

by Erika Albano

The Food Pantry and Blessing Box needs your help!



Donations of personal

hygiene items are needed to help restock our supply.

Items needed: Body wash, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, socks, baby wipes, and body wipes.

Monetary donations are also welcome. Supplies can be purchased with large discounts through Feed My People. Items can be dropped off at the Immanuel office or by contacting Erika Albano 517-416-8271. Thank you for your help!



Last year an incredible 100 people showed up for a day of service, joy, and preparation for summer time at Luther Park. Join in the volunteer work

on **Saturday, April 23, 2022** as we create the welcoming spaces for campers throughout the 2022 summer. To sign up for the 2022 Volunteer Day, email:

good2bike@gmail.com.



Luther Park Bible Camp hires many positions for summer camps. For more information, check out this link:

http://lutherpark.org/summer-staff

MINUTES—Immanuel Lutheran Church Council February 15th, 2022

Council Members Present: Pastor Jamie Brieske, Becky Carter, Jennifer Dean, Campbell Dean, Becky Ivey, Lang Jacobson, Molly LoRusso, Sandra LaValley, Bill Schwengel, Ryan Stilp, Bob Wilcox Absent Council Members: Olympia Evergreen and Sue Waits

Gathering, Introductions

Following introductions of Council members, Pastor Jamie shared her reflection from a recent conference she and Alyssa attended. An important message was, "give God the time you think you don't have and God will do amazing things with that time. Spending time with God – the Holy Spirit will work wonders".

Reports - review prior to meeting

Property Committee Report:

The report has been submitted to the shared drive. The sanctuary project was a large part of the previous year/budget and left the capital improvement account in deficit. Without considering any unexpected repairs, the resealing and painting of the parking lot could be an item to consider this year. The air exchange system was determined to be a good functioning system for the building.

Pastor's Report:

The report has been submitted to the shared drive.

Finance Report:

The reports are in the shared drive and were reviewed by Council during the meeting. Giving was down in the month of January. Sandy mentioned that she is stepping down from the Finance Committee and Bob indicated he would replace her as the council representative for that committee.

Motion: A motion to accept all the reports was made by Bill, seconded by Molly, and unanimously approved.

Cemetery Update

Bill will contact Leroy to help Council get more details regarding the cemetery and operations, etc. A meeting to follow a worship service is one idea to gain and share this information. This would be beneficial in the event that a congregational member is interested in assisting with this service and potentially participating in a new committee.

Cross Generational Conversations

Goal for Lent - Council volunteer greeters needed

Council will assist as greeters for the cross-gen worship services planned for Lent.

Afghan Refugee Resettlement

Afghan men are arriving at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 16th. The volunteers will welcome and assist with resources to help them attain self-sufficiency in their transition to the United States. The Immanuel e-blast has a list of items in need for anyone interested in supporting the group through donation.

Election of New Officers

A nomination for Sandy as Secretary was made by Becky I., seconded by Jennifer, and unanimously approved.

A nomination for Jennifer as President was made by Sandy and seconded by Bob.

A nomination for Becky I as Vice President was made by Jennifer and seconded by Lang.

Motion: A motion to approve the nominations for officers was made by Lang, seconded by Bill, and approved unanimously.

Youth & Family Ministry News

Alyssa Engedal - familyministry@immanuel.org



Do you want to get Egged?

Do you want to get Egged? Our 2022 Summer Trip team is offering a twist on the old prank of egging houses again this year - we'll egg you with Easter eggs! Here's how it works - contact Alyssa (or sign up via SignUpGenius) to add your name to our list, give a donation to our trip, and a member of our team will come to your house on Saturday, April 16 and hide 50 filled plastic eggs in your yard (or your neighbors yard, grandkids yard, etc!) We can't wait to EGG your house! Sign up here to Get Egged



Affirmation of Baptism

Affirmation of Baptism will be on Sunday, April 24 during the 9 am worship service. We are so excited to celebrate this faith milestone in the lives of these students, we invite you all to join us in rejoicing with them, their mentors, and their families!





Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt - In addition to our Get-Egged fundraiser, our Trip Team will also be hosting a Grab & Go Easter Breakfast after worship on Easter Sunday. Sign up using Sign Up Genius to donate food items. Breakfast will be available after the 9 AM service. Then, at about 10:30, we will have an (outdoor, we hope) egg hunt for all the kids. We can't wait to see you and celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection together! Sign up here to provide food!

WoW Resumes after Easter! As a reminder, we will return to our "regular" Wednesday night schedule following Easter, on April 20. We are also planning to bring back the WoW Meal! All are welcome to join us for a meal (5:30 pm) & worship (6 pm) on April 20 & 27. WoW will then suspend for the summer, and resume in September.



Mark your calendars for summer!

Luther Park Bible Camp -- Registration is available now, and Immanuel's Trust Fund is offering 50% Sponsorships! Use the code "ILCEC" at checkout to apply the discount. There will be several Immanuel families attending the week of July 10 - come that week if you can! Camp is even more fun with church friends.



Thrift Sale: Our thrift sale drop off will be June 5-8, and the sale will be June 9 & 10. Start that spring cleaning & save your donations!

Immanuel VBS: Immanuel will lead Vacation Bible School the week of June 27! Registration forms available in the Narthex at church or on our website: https://forms.gle/oipankCUdHE7S4Fz8

Summer Stretch: This Middle School Ministry, full of fun & service, will be offered during the week of August 8. Registration form available online: https://forms.gle/DSbzYsm7JgdwkDgT8

Youth Trip 2022: About 20 high school & young adult youth will be participating in our trip this July. We will spend part of our time at a Gathering of youth from 3 WI Synods, then head to South Dakota to spend a few days in the Black Hills area. Stay tuned for more opportunities to financially support this trip!

Youth Trip 2022 Cont.

In the November and December *Image*, we got to know some of the team members by reading their introductions. Below are the remaining youth who plan to attend:

Hi, my name is **Kailey Hanson** and I am almost 16. I have 5 cats, a mom and dad, and we can't forget about Klair, my elder sister. She is in college and turning 19 soon. I love big crowds (even though I sometimes get overwhelmed,) singing, drawing, dancing, baking & cooking.

My name is **Alizah Felling**. I am currently in 8th grade at South. I love reading and math. I want to go on this trip because I think I will have fun.

Hi! I'm **Alexis Drier**. I'm a freshman at Memorial High School. I enjoy running Cross Country and spending time with my friends. I'm excited to go on this trip because I will get to have fun with people I know.

My name is **Carter Chapman** and I am a junior at North High School. I like to play hockey and baseball. I want to go on this trip because I've had fun on the others I've gone on.

Hi, my name is **Kyelie Engedal**. I am in 8th grade at South Middle School. I enjoy playing volleyball and soccer.

Hi, my name is **Keiran Tarpenning** and I'm a freshman at Memorial High School. I enjoy playing soccer and learning about the immune system.

My name is **Kaelyn Hansen**. I'm a sophomore at North High School. This will be my second church trip, but my first Youth Gathering. I am looking forward to this trip to meet new people from different congregations, and get to know people better.

My name is **Gabe Ramlow**, and I'm a freshman at North High School. I love to sing and dance. I am in the Northernaires Show Choir group at school. I am very excited to go on this trip.



01 Marty Gullicksrud
01 Greta Gullicksrud
02 Lang Jacobson
04 Paige Hedges
04 Erik Jacobson
16 Elsie Sorvaag
18 Josie Lietzke
18 Chris Eilts
18 Sophie Fey
18 Ella Glynn

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10 Judy Wolf
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13 Barb Hokanson
27 Jerry Hanson
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BIBLE FACTS

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- Every year, the Holy Bible sells over 100 million copies.
- The Bible has been translated to over 690 languages.
- Hebrew is the original language of the Bible.

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3 9 AM Worship 10 AM Fellowship & JoF 1 PM Hannah Olson Ordination	4 4-6 PM Food Pantry open 6:30 PM - H3	5 9:30 AM—H3	6 10 AM Sr Bible Study 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6 PM Cross + Gen Activity 7 PM Holden Evening Prayer 7:30 PM Mentor Mtg	7 12 PM Quilting	8	9
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