

*Our Mission*  
**Uniting families in Christ  
to reach new generations  
for Christ.**

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**THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE.  
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!**

**THE SIGN OF JONAH!** Jonah for Lent? Sounds fishy, but it's a natural fit. When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign, he said, "I will give you only the sign of Jonah." After three days in the belly of the earth, Jesus rose with news of God's prodigal grace. This series of special services explores the meaning of "The Sign of Jonah" as we follow Jonah on his journey... and Jesus on his way to the cross. Join us for the next four **Wednesdays at either 3:45 or 6:45 p.m.** for this exciting Lenten Series. This week's theme: *Our Providing God! (Jonah 1:1-17).*

**HOLY BAPTISM** – Today we welcome David Carl Knickmeyer into God's Kingdom through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May God continue to help David grow in his faith now and forever.



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed by Brent and Robin Fletcher to the glory of God and in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. May God continue to shower His blessings on them.



**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS** for next week's worship services are: Psalm 85; Ezekiel 33:7-20; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; and Luke 13:1-9.



**FELLOWSHIP TIME** is hosted today by our *Seniors Group*. Join us after the 8:00 service and enjoy some coffee and treats. (Next week Fellowship Time will be hosted by our *Fellowship Ministry*.)

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** has been called for **Sunday, March 7, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The agenda is: 1) The sale of the Pearce campus; 2) A sabbatical for Pastor Auringer; and 3) The calling of a second full time pastor.

**A FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** will be held after the late service **March 7**. The menu is a subway luncheon with deli meats from Mannino's to make sandwiches, chips and a drink. Cost for an adult's meal is \$4 and a child's meal \$3. Since this is also the day of the **Special Voters meeting**, you won't have to worry about getting lunch before the meeting! Please RSVP (697-8183 or bcstille@centurytel.net) by **Wednesday, March 3**. *Thanks, Becky Stille*

**PRAYER VIGILS** during Lent begin at **6:15 p.m.** on Wednesdays.

### **TITHING & ATTENDANCE**

<b>February 17, 20 &amp; 21</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Communicants</b>
Church Contributions	\$10,661	\$12,692	512	362
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Ash Wednesday			203	165

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY...** Pastor Auringer would like everyone in the congregation to let him know the date of their baptism so he might include them in our Sunday morning prayers. So... Please take the time to find out your baptismal birthday and email it to [jauringer@ilcsw.net](mailto:jauringer@ilcsw.net).

**KID'S KINGDOM** – In Kid's Kingdom today, the children learned that as Jesus healed the ten men with leprosy, Jesus forgives and heals us from the sickness of sin and death (*Luke 17:11–19*). Discuss with your children how in faith we respond with thankful hearts, praising Him for His love for us. Talk about what it means to be healed of our sin-sickness. How do we thank God for His grace? As a family, consider the words of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.

**VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** of Saginaw, Michigan, brings "Born to Die," a presentation of Scripture readings and sacred musical offerings here to Immanuel, **Thursday, March 18**. This free Lenten concert begins at 7:30 p.m. The 88 musicians of the Golden Voice Choir and Symphonic Band are under the direction of Paul Eschmann and Lindsay Meyer. The groups are on a 5-day, 7-concert tour through Ohio, Missouri, Illinois and Michigan.

**HOST FAMILIES** are needed for the VLHS students, chaperones and directors! Responsibilities include providing a place for sleeping (the night of the concert, **Thursday, March 18**), breakfast the next morning (**Friday, March 19**), and returning them to Immanuel. With 88 students and approximately 8-10 adults, we will need lots of help with this! Please contact [Christa Stec](mailto:cstec@ilcsw.net) ([cstec@ilcsw.net](mailto:cstec@ilcsw.net), 327-4416) a.s.a.p. if you are available to host. It will be at least *two* students or adults; more is up to you. Thanks for your help!

**LENTEN SUPPERS** – Plan to eat out every Wednesday during Lent. Different groups will be preparing and serving a light supper between the 3:45 and 6:45 Lenten services. NO reservations required. DONATIONS appreciated. Enjoy food and fellowship. Ladies Aid is sponsoring this week's meal.

Lenten Supper donations will again benefit the Mike and Sarah Weider family who serve as LC-MS international educators at Sekolah Pelita Harapan in Jakarta, Indonesia. Immanuel has pledged \$1500 a quarter to assist in this mission. Please make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Matching funds have been requested from Thrivent Financial.

**LADIES AID PRAYER DAY SERVICE & SALAD SUPPER:** Our next Ladies Aid meeting will be the annual Prayer Day Service and Salad Supper. It will be **Thursday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall on N. Each lady who attends is asked to bring a salad of any kind to be shared with the group. Rolls and drinks will be furnished by the serving committee. All ladies of the congregation, and their friends, are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there; it's always an enjoyable evening! **NOTE:** If Immanuel School is closed that day due to bad weather, then our meeting will be cancelled.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** – The "*Book Fair Diner-All You Can Read*" runs through National Lutheran Schools Week, Sunday, March 7-Friday, March 12. Join us Sunday for a movie matinee in the CAC starting at 1:00 with the book fair from 12-3:00. There will be a free will offering for the movie with the proceeds going towards the Scholastic "One for Books." For every dollar we raise, Scholastic will send a book to a reputable charity and we get to spend the money to expand our library. Our fair will also be open during the week: Tuesday and Thursday before school 8-8:30, Monday-Thursday after school from 3-5:00, and Friday from 9:00-11:30 (Grandparents' Day). The book fair is located in the annex at the Pearce location. Thank you in advance for your support. Our fall book fair raised over \$2,400! This is a wonderful way to support your child's reading development and help our library expand. If you would like to volunteer to help or have questions, contact Kim Theilmann, 639-9887.

**SINGLE WOMEN FELLOWSHIP** will lunch at Cracker Barrel **Wednesday, March 10**. Meet at the Pearce campus to carpool at **11:15 a.m.** Call Darlene (327-8551) to reserve your spot and/or for a ride.

**DONALD HAAKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This year again, two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to college students who are pursuing a degree in Lutheran Education during the 2010-2011 school year. Applications are now available in the Fellowship Hall. If you know of anyone who is going to be a Lutheran School teacher, please pass this scholarship information on to them. Applications should be received by May 1. Winners will be announced some time after May 15.

**DO YOU LIKE PIZZA?** Do you want to help Immanuel's Youth Group raise money for their trip to the National Youth Gathering? From March 7-11 you can do both at the same time at Pizza Pro in Wentzville! You **must** take a flyer (available in the Fellowship Hall) with you! 15% of net sales will be donated to the Youth. See you there!!

**SIMPLY GIVING** – Want to stop writing a check for your contribution each week? If so, Simply Giving is for you. Simply Giving gives you the ability to make your contributions to church electronically. Getting started is very easy! Simply grab a Simply Giving form on the table in the Fellowship Hall, fill it out and include a voided check and turn it in to either Michele Miller (Business Manager) or Sue Bauer (Church Secretary) and they will make sure you are enrolled. If you have any questions about Simply Giving, please contact Wes Colbert.

**IT'S OUR TURN** to work at the Mary Martha Thrift Shop during the week of March 8! Workdays are Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00-4:00 (3.5-hour shifts), and Wednesday and Saturday from 8:30-12:00. Call Joann Palmer (561-3279) to volunteer. Please help out if you can; or drop off your used clothing/household goods at Mary Martha any time during the year.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN** the new e-update notification system, please send an email to Larry Miller at [admin@ilcsw.net](mailto:admin@ilcsw.net). Don't miss out on the latest news from Immanuel.

**SERVING AT WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK:** ***Worship Assistants*** – Wednesday-Randy Powers & Kevin Minard (Captains); Saturday-Randy Powers (Captain); 8:00-Kevin Minard (Captain), Dale Bauer, Tim Colbert, Bob Jalack, and Bob Meyer; 10:45-Vern Boehme (Captain), Matt Daugherty, Tom Herndon, Curt Stille, and Terry Stricker. ***Lay Readers*** – 8:00-Don Luedloff, 10:45-Kevin Hartley. ***Acolytes*** – Saturday-Paige Noble; 8:00-Elisabeth Siebuhr; 10:45-Katelyn Brazzle. ***Greeters*** – Saturday-Chad & Kelsey Komnick; 8:00-Carol Clark & Sharon Siebuhr; 10:45-Linda Seiller & Pat Ragsdale. ***March Ushers*** – Wednesday-3:45-Harvey Linhardt (Captain), David Agne, Doug Clark, and Forrest VanNess; 6:45-Terry Stricker (Captain), Loren Kisling, Dan Koenig, Rich Oswald, and Ralph Wolfram. Saturday-Dennis Moellering (Captain), Herman Bauer, Gary Fischer, Don Giessmann, Todd Greiwe and Brian Menscher; 8:00-Wes Colbert (Captain), Wayne Broeker, Brian Buckley, Rich Craven, David Goebel, Charles Skillman, and Orville Weber; 10:45-Kevin Hartley (Captain), Mike Keele, Rich Oswald, Mark Schlogl, Jack West, and John West.

**EASTER BASKET COLLECTION** – Last year 360 baskets and over 100 dozen plastic eggs were filled and given to the following organizations: the Seminary, St. Louis Crisis Nursery, Nurses for Newborns, the Pregnancy Resource Center and Our Ladies Inn. Our goal this year is 450 baskets! Gift items include: baby items (clothes/socks, bibs, baby food, etc.); toys (bubbles, bouncy balls, play doh, sidewalk chalk, cars, etc.); books (coloring, activity, colored pencils, crayons, etc.); baskets, Easter grass, plastic eggs; large candy crosses and bunnies; any kind of treat; lots of candy to fill the baskets; gift cards (\$5-10 each). Please place new items in the collection baskets at church or school until March 21. For more information, please call Candace Koenig (577-2134) or our contact person, Debi Demien (332-6781). Thanks for all your support in past years. And, with your help, this year will be even bigger and better!

**WE WANT TO SAY "THANK YOU"** to the Ladies Aid for serving the luncheon and to Christa Stec and the Connection Band for your musical offering for the memorial service. We want to thank Pastor Auringer for his God-inspired message of "Pure Grace." Thank you, also, for your thoughts, prayers, memorials, and memories of Ginny shared with us at the memorial service. *Ron Opferbeck and Family*

**PORK SAUSAGE DINNER** sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran Church, New Haven, will be held Sunday, February 28, from noon-6:00 p.m. Stop by and enjoy some great food!

**THE CENSUS BUREAU** is looking for part-time help with the 2010 census. Information is in the Fellowship Hall or call 866-2020 or visit [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov).

**MUSIC AT ZION** – The Kapelle from Concordia University, Chicago, IL, will perform in concert Sunday, March 14, at 4:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, St. Charles, MO. Kapelle is Concordia's premier choral performance ensemble. This select voice choir tours annually throughout the U.S. as well as internationally every four years and records regularly. A variety of music in many forms and styles will make this event a pleasure for everyone. Please join us for an evening of great music! Childcare will be provided, and a freewill offering will be received. For directions, call 441-7425 or log on to [www.zionharvester.org](http://www.zionharvester.org).

**HAS YOUR LIFE CHANGED?** I see it every day. A person who has never needed financial guidance walks through my door right after a significant life event, seeking advice for important decisions. Those events include:

**Marriage.** About two-thirds of married people say they disagree with their spouse about money.

**Birth or adoption of a child.** Adjusting your budget is important. So is evaluating your need for additional disability income and life insurance coverage, as well as considering college savings plans.

**Inheritance.** Many people plan for their deaths, but often overlook the fact that they might receive a loved one's legacy.

**Retirement.** Both financially preparing for retirement and appropriately tapping one's financial assets in retirement are key needs.

Whatever life changes you've experienced, talking with a financial professional about your values, goals and needs can help secure your financial future.

To learn more, contact Brent Stewart, financial consultant, at 493-9220 or [brent.stewart@thrivent.com](mailto:brent.stewart@thrivent.com) today.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** is approaching a May 2010 dedication of their St. Peters Habitat Build, involving 2 more Lutheran/Thrivent houses. For this project, Immanuel Wentzville has 2 Saturdays on which to help: March 6 and April 10. We need 12 people who can build or learn on-the-spot-skills to contribute to building on those dates. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. We can work with flexibility if you can't be there all day. We open with Prayer and sign necessary waivers at 7:45 and build from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. This service outreach is very rewarding. Come, be blessed with skills and satisfaction as you learn how to help families in need!

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** – Pastor Clausing, who is on staff at Lutheran High School, and Students for Life will be going to the Abortion Clinic in St. Louis every Sunday through March 28 to peacefully pray for the end of abortion. Anyone who would like to carpool is welcome. They will leave at 11:00 a.m. from the LHS parking lot. If you are interested in being part of this outreach, please contact Molissa Harms, 314-302-6212.

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION** for the Lutheran High Auction on March 13 at the St. Charles Convention Center. Get a table of friends together and enjoy an evening of fellowship while bidding on over 700 items and supporting the Lutheran High ministry. Get a glimpse of "Learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," our auction theme for 2010. Call 928-5100 to reserve your spot.

**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 6308 Hwy N, Cottleville, will host Christopher West as he presents “*A Bold Biblical Response to the Sexual Revolution*” Friday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. The seminar is free and no registration is required. Call Pastor Jason Polk (926-2955) for more information. There is a poster on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall also.

**GROWING IN CHRIST XII** (a Lutheran retreat for adults over age 50) will be held April 21-22 at Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton, IL. Information is on the bulletin board and includes registration forms, and important registration and hotel reservation deadlines. Ralph & Ginny Wolfram have attended this retreat and would be glad to answer any questions (625-6216).

**OWLS MEETING!** The Older Wiser Lutherans in Service will meet Tuesday, March 23, at 11:30 a.m. at Laclede Groves Senior Living Community. Dr. Paul Devantier from Concordia Seminary will present “KFUO Radio – Its History and Future!” Cost for the lunch is \$7. Contact Vicki Polk (314-446-2403) by March 19 to reserve your spot.

**LIBERTY TAX SERVICE** is offering free tax preparation for volunteers the week of March 29. Information is in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE “LIFE THOUGHTS”** – There is much that insults us and assaults us in our world today. It’s easy being a Christian, but it is not always easy living as one. We are challenged because we uphold the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman or because we uphold the sanctity of life from womb to tomb, and the list goes on. But our citizenship is in heaven (*Philippians 3:20*). Jesus protects His fellow citizens! We can “stand firm in the Lord” (*4:1*).

**TWB/SCRIP CARDS** are sold after the 8:00 Sunday service and they are always available at the school office on Pearce. These cards make great gift ideas or use them for your weekly shopping. All profits benefit Immanuel Lutheran Church and School. If you have any questions, contact Cee Cee Liefer in the school office (639-9887).

**PLEASE BE COURTEOUS** and turn off your cell phones/pagers before you enter church.

**DON’T FORGET** to sign the prayer cards for those on the prayer list. Cards are in the narthex.

**GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS & WHITE GRAPE JUICE** are available for those who have sensitivities. The grape juice is in the center of the communion tray. Please let Pastor know before service if you need the gluten-free wafer.