

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 three **Wednesdays at either 3:45 or 6:45 p.m.** for this exciting Lenten Series. This week's theme: *Praying from the Belly of the Great Big Fish (Jonah 2:1-10).*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS for next week's worship services are: Psalm 32; Isaiah 12:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; and Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.



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

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

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.

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!!

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.

TITHING & ATTENDANCE

February 24, 27 & 28	Actual	Needed	Attendance	Communicants
Church Contributions	\$11,562	\$12,692	487	357
3Cs Contributions	\$ 2,679	\$ 5,433		
Lenten Service			130	

FAITHFUL 4H CHILI DINNER – The Faithful 4H Club will have a chili dinner in the Fellowship Hall **Sunday, March 21**, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 10 and under. This includes refills and desserts! A freewill offering will also be taken for the earthquake victims in Chile. Come after worship services and warm up with some great tasting chili! Invite your friends and see you there.

LADIES AID TO TIE QUILTS: Ladies from our congregation will meet **Monday, March 15**, at **10:00 a.m.** to tie quilts for missions. We will meet in the Ladies Aid room on Hwy N. No experience is needed; just bring your favorite pair of scissors. Hope to see you there!

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 (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. The Deacons are providing 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.

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 **3:00** with the book fair from 3-5:00. (**NOTE: the movie start time has been changed!**) 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.

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 after May 15.

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.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 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.

ANNUAL MEETING of the South Linn Cemetery Association will be held Thursday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Trustees will be elected at this meeting. Contact Lindell Hindersman (332-1135) for more information.

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

SERVING AT WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK: Worship Assistants – Wednesday-Doug Dotson & Ray Ungemach (Captains); Saturday-Randy Powers (Captain); 8:00-Doug Dotson (Captain), Mel Heins, Ron Kersey, Art Kersting, and Mike Simms; 10:45-David Harms (Captain), John Herman, Dominic Kirkiewicz, Loren Kisling, Bill Lowery, and Tim Schlueter. **Lay Readers** – Saturday-Rick Wiese; 8:00-Ralph Wolfram, 10:45-Allison Dolak. **Acolytes** – Saturday-Will Wiese; 8:00-Jacob Auringer; 10:45-Ty Abts. **Greeters** – 8:00-Enola Gruett & Darlene Whited; 10:45-Bernice Warycha & Jackie Koenig. **March Ushers** – Wednesday-3:45-Harvey Linhardt (Captain), Doug Clark and Forrest VanNess; 6:45-Terry Stricker (Captain), Eric Abts, Loren Kisling, and Dan Koenig. 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.

IMMANUEL PTL staff is thrilled to announce that almost \$13,000 was raised during the Trivia Night/Silent Auction. We wish to say thanks, thanks and thanks again to our church members for all of the support, donations and participation they provided for this event. We cannot express enough appreciation for your help in making our reading curriculum better through your generosity. It was a FUN evening full of fellowship; and we are already looking forward to next year. A great big thanks also goes to Thrivent Financial for providing matching funds. What a wonderful organization to be associated with and what wonderful things they do for us.

THANKS TO ALL who helped at the Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity home Saturday and to the ladies who served the delicious lunch. Just a reminder: the next volunteer opportunity for a Build is April 10 from 7:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Call Cynthia (639-5188) if you have any questions.

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!

THE LUTHERAN HIGH AUCTION BOOKS are ready for preview. Watch for available copies at church or you can pick yours up in the office at Lutheran High. If you have not yet reserved your seat, please call the school office at 928-5100 as soon as possible.

TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON – A creative concert combining the voices of all who assemble in hymnody, as well as choral literature performed by the National Lutheran Choir, all knit together by reflections written and spoken by Poet/Hymnist Susan Palo Cherwien. Join the choir for an evening of inspiration and splendor at Concordia Seminary, Friday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. Call 888-747-4589 for ticket prices and more information.

A FREE CONCERT benefitting *First Step Back Home Homeless Ministry* will be held Sunday, March 28, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Wentzville Christian Church on Hwy Z. Four musical groups will perform and an auction will be held. Paul and Lana Kruse would appreciate an RSVP by March 21 (paulwkruse@centurytel.net or First Step Back Home Benefit Concert, PO Box 966, O'Fallon, MO 63366. *Homelessness Not Hopeless. All Things Are Possible with God.*

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – Pastor Clausing, who is on staff at Lutheran High School, and Students for Life will be going to an 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.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE "LIFE THOUGHTS" – "Watchman" are to call wrong things wrong (*Ezekiel 33:7-9*). Labeling a wrong thing political or controversial and not talking about it within the Church does not make it any less wrong. And why wouldn't watchmen want to call wrong things wrong? Doing so then gives opportunity to share what God, in Christ, has done about wrong things.

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.

+ THE WEEK AHEAD AT IMMANUEL +
March 7-March 14, 2010

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| THIS | - 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service | WED | - 7:30 p.m. – <i>Marriage Building Class</i> |
| SUN | - 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class | | - 7:30 p.m. – 8 th Grade Confirmation |
| | - 9:30 a.m. – Kid's Kingdom | THURS | - 4:30 p.m. – <i>Laudate Ringers</i> |
| | - 9:30 a.m. – Kingdom Beginnings | | - 6:00 p.m. – Festival Choir |
| | - 9:30 a.m. – JH & HS Bible Classes | | - 6:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study |
| | - 10:45 a.m. – <i>The Connection Service</i> | | - 7:00 p.m. – Faithful 4H Club Meeting |
| | - 12:00 noon – Fellowship Luncheon | | - 8:00 p.m. – <i>Connection Rehearsal</i> |
| | - 1:00 p.m. – Special Voters Meeting | FRI | No Preschool Classes at Hwy N or Pearce |
| | - 5:00 p.m. – <i>JH Thingy</i> | | - 8:30 a.m. – Grandparents Day (P) |
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| | | SAT | - 5:00 p.m. – Divine Service |
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| | | | - 1:00 p.m. – Cub Scouts Parents Mtg. |
| | | | - 7:00 p.m. – HS Night |
- (P) – Event held at Pearce Campus*

**National Lutheran Schools Week &
ILS Book Fair
Monday-Friday**

- TUES - 6:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Immanuel
- 9:30 a.m. – Women of the Word
- 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Mtg.
- 7:00 p.m. – Cub Scout Meeting
- WED - 11:15 a.m. – Single Women Fellowship
(meet at Pearce to carpool)
- 3:45 p.m. – Lenten Service
- 4:15-6:30 p.m. – Lenten Supper
- 6:15 p.m. – Prayer Vigil
- 6:45 p.m. – Lenten Service