

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 two **Wednesdays at either 3:45 or 6:45 p.m.** for this exciting Lenten Series. This week's theme: *The God of the Second Chance (Jonah 3:1-4)*.



HOLY BAPTISM – Today we welcome Myla Augusta Schulz into God's Kingdom through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Myla is the daughter of Kevin Schulz and Monica Bland. Her sponsors are Ed and Tina Root and Bob & Kim McKeon. May God continue to keep Myla in His loving arms now and forever.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION – Twenty-one of our youth will take another step in their faith walk Sunday, March 21. During the 8:00 service, they will answer questions from the catechism. The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated Sunday, March 28, during the 10:45 service. Please keep them and their parents in your prayers.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS for next week's worship services are: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14;  and Luke 20:9-20.



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

KID'S KINGDOM – The key point of today's lesson is that, in our sin, we are lost from God and doomed to die, but God, in His love, sought and found us and keeps us with Him forever. The Bible story was about Jesus seeking the lost as recorded by St. Luke (*Luke 15*). In your family discussions, talk about how God keeps us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Word and the Sacraments. In the catechism, review the explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed. How does this fit with the Bible story?

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

TITHING & ATTENDANCE

March 3, 6 & 7	Actual	Needed	Attendance	Communicants
Church Contributions	\$14,198	\$12,692	476	335
3Cs Contributions	\$ 2,780	\$ 5,433		
Lenten Service			126	

KID'S KINGDOM – This year we have decided to have Kid's Kingdom participate in the Palm Sunday Service at 8:00 a.m. on March 28. Please have your children to the Youth Room by 7:45 a.m. Preschool through 5th grade will be singing songs and participating with reading in the service. If your child received a speaking part and you **will not** be able to attend the service, please notify me so I can reassign the parts (these parts do not have to be memorized). Please join us as we celebrate our Savior's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. *Carla Wiese*



EASTER BREAKFAST: Immanuel Lutheran Youth will be serving the Easter Breakfast this year. Funds raised from this event will benefit the youth who are attending *The Gathering* this summer in New Orleans, and will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial. Any donations made above the ticket prices are greatly appreciated! Breakfast, consisting of eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, and French toast sticks, will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Adults – \$5.00; Children ages 6-12 – \$2.50; and Children age 5 and under, FREE with paid adult ticket. Ticket sales start **THIS** weekend.

CUB PACK 850 IS WINDOW WASHING! During the 10:45 service this week (weather permitting), Cub Pack 850 will be washing the windows of the vehicles in the parking lot. We will be taking donations for the new playground for the school after the service.

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!

COMING SOON – GREAT GIFT IDEAS! The Ladies Aid will have a fundraiser starting next weekend. We will be taking orders for **personalized** baking pans and other kitchen items! Look for us right inside the Fellowship Hall, next Saturday and Sunday.

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.



IMMANUEL'S SENIORS will meet at the home of Trudy Demien, 1411 Wilmer Road, **Wednesday, March 24**, at **12:00 noon** to enjoy a covered dish luncheon. Bring your favorite main dish, side dish or dessert to share. The afternoon will be spent in fellowship playing cards, dominos, and board games. Call Trudy (327-4474) if you need directions.

THE SON-SHINE BRINGERS will meet **Wednesday, March 24, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall (Hwy N) to pack Easter treats for shut-ins. Ladies, please bring 3 dozen cookies to the meeting. The Son-Shine Bringers visit sick and shut-in members of Immanuel Lutheran Church and deliver holiday treats for Easter and Christmas. All ladies are invited to join this ministry. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, contact Susan Craven at 314-608-6622 or secraven@charter.net.

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 Boehme Home Bible Study is 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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April-June are now available. What a great way to start your day! We also have a limited supply of large print copies; call the church office if you would like one. If you would like to contribute to their cost, please place your donation in the basket.

EASTER LILIES – If you would like to place a lily on the altar for Easter, you can pick up an order form in the Fellowship Hall. Please let us know by **Monday, March 29**.

VOTERS MEETING RECAP – We unanimously accepted the conditional offer of \$1,325,000 from the Wentzville School District for the Pearce property. This will be a cash sale with the property in an “as-is” condition. We would have to move from the property by June 30. The school district must have a formal meeting to agree to this price. A call committee will be formed for the purpose of calling a second full-time pastor. Pastor Auringer was granted a sabbatical of 8-10 weeks for the summer of 2011.

CALL LIST – If you have the name of a Pastor you would like to place on the *Call List*, please contact either Roger Huslage (327-6140) or Darwin Zimmerman (463-3019). Please include the church where they are now serving and their telephone number. Names must be submitted by **March 28**.

THE ASSEMBLY OF DEACONS met for our scheduled meeting on March 2. We continued our review and discussion of the Book of Concord and began study of the Sixth Commandment – Do not commit adultery. Pastor Sell and Pastor Auringer made presentations on their current and planned activities for Immanuel, including Next Generation Ministries, Lenten services, Bible Classes, Confirmation, providing leadership, activities outside of Immanuel, day school and various student activities. The group continued our discussion about Pastor's sabbatical, reviewed church staffing, prepared for the March Voters meeting, had initial conversations about the budget for 2010-11 plus a host of other “lively” conversations late into the evening. *In His Service, Roger Huslage, Chairman, Assembly of Deacons*

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.

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 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, 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.

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-Darwin Zimmerman & Vern Boehme (Captains); Saturday-Randy Powers (Captain); 8:00-Ray Ungemach (Captain), Dave Goebel, Marvin Maag, Ron Mottola, Eric Pitman, and Orville Weber; 10:45-Lowell Mattox (Captain), Rob Cevasco, Bill Crets, David Freise, Kevin Hartley, and Anthony Westcott. **Lay Readers** – Saturday-Rick Wiese; 8:00-Lowell Mattox, 10:45-Jackie Koenig. **Acolytes** – Saturday-Will Wiese; 8:00-Mikayla Bryan; 10:45-Reanna Cevasco. **Greeters** – Saturday-Lois Schubert; 8:00-Becky Pitman & Harriet Pitman; 10:45-Bill and Sheri Launer. **March Ushers** – Wednesday-3:45-Harvey Linhardt (Captain), Ron Mottola and Forrest VanNess; 6:45-Terry Stricker (Captain), Walter Breville, 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.

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!

MUSIC AT ZION – The Kapelle from Concordia University, Chicago, IL, will perform Sunday, March 14, at 4:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, St. Charles. 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. A variety of music in many forms and styles will make this event a pleasure for everyone. Join us for an evening of great music! Childcare will be provided, and a freewill offering will be received. Call 441-7425 if you have any questions.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL presents State Festival Concert, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Charles, at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 21. A freewill offering will be received. The repertoire includes choral and instrumental selections.

NEW MELLE COMMUNITY PASSION PLAY will be presented March 20 and March 27 (7:00 p.m.), and March 21 and March 28 (2:00 and 4:30 p.m.) at New Melle Sports & Recreation. Seating is first-come/first-seated basis and admission is free. Call 236-3251 for information.

PORK SAUSAGE/ROAST BEEF DINNER will be served at Friedens Peace UCC, New Melle, Sunday, March 21, from noon-6:00 p.m. Adult meal: \$8.50; Child 6-11: \$4.25; Child 5 and younger: free.

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). *Homeless Not Hopeless. All Things Are Possible with God.*

THE MAUNDY THURSDAY services on April 1 at Peace Lutheran Church, South County, will be a presentation of the "Living Last Supper." Come and experience through drama, how the disciples may have responded when Jesus said, "One of you will betray me." There are two services (6:00 and 8:00 p.m.). To ensure seating in the Nave, FREE tickets are available by calling the church office (314-892-5610).

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" – The joy found in Luke 15 is the joy of repentance and restoration (15:7, 10, 24). When churches whitewash sin and teach only love and joy, they have neither. They have only superficial and artificial happiness. When the Church forfeits the teaching of sin, they can no longer welcome sinners and seek the lost who need to be found. When the Church forfeits the teaching of sin, they will no longer share in the joy of angels and heaven.

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 14-March 21, 2010

THIS	- 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service	WED	- 7:15 p.m. – <i>Laudate</i> Ringers
SUN	- 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class		- 7:30 p.m. – 8 th Grade Confirmation
	- 9:30 a.m. – Kid's Kingdom	THURS	- 6:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study
	- 9:30 a.m. – Kingdom Beginnings		- 7:00 p.m. – S. Linn Cemetery Meeting
	- 9:30 a.m. – JH & HS Bible Classes		- 7:30 p.m. – Valley Lutheran High School Concert
	- 10:45 a.m. – <i>The Connection</i> Service	SAT	- 5:00 p.m. – Divine Service
	- 1:00 p.m. – Cub Scouts Parents Mtg.	NEXT	- 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service and
	- 7:00 p.m. – HS Night	SUN	8 th Grade Confirmation Questioning
MON	- 10:00 a.m. – Ladies Aid Ties Quilts		- 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class
TUES	- 6:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Immanuel		- 9:30 a.m. – Kid's Kingdom
	- 9:30 a.m. – Women of the Word		- 9:30 a.m. – Kingdom Beginnings
	- 7:00 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting		- 9:30 a.m. – JH & HS Bible Classes
WED	- 8:30 a.m. – ILS Chapel (P)		- 10:45 a.m. – <i>The Connection</i> Service
	- 3:45 p.m. – Lenten Service		- 12:00 noon – Faithful 4H Club Chili Dinner
	- 4:15-6:30 p.m. – Lenten Supper		
	- 6:15 p.m. – Prayer Vigil		
	- 6:45 p.m. – Lenten Service		

(P) – Event held at Pearce Campus