



# Immanuel

Lutheran Church

*Love. Serve. Repeat.*

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**April 2020**



**Holy Week and Easter Services  
are cancelled this month but  
“HE IS RISEN INDEED!” just the same.**

## APRIL NEWSLETTER

My home is next door to the church in the parsonage. So I hear the tower bells sounding the hours along with a hymn-- and even more music on Sunday morning, the Day of Resurrection.

I have been walking laps around the church during this time when we are to shelter at home, and on this day when I am writing I was right under the bells when they started to ring.

It brought to mind the words of the hymn "Built on the Rock."

1. Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in every land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for life everlasting.

The hymn also reminds us that the building is NOT the Church. The Church carries on when buildings cannot be used for gatherings, as difficult as that is for us.

2. Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands,  
All earthly temple excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above  
Chooses to live with us in love.  
Making our bodies His temple.
3. WE ARE GOD'S HOUSE of living stones,  
Built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.

The Rock upon which the Church is built is Jesus Christ. That He is the Rock, the solid foundation upon which the Church is built, is an Easter Theme.



“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” - Psalm 118:22

That verse is quoted by Jesus as referring to Himself in Matthew 21:42 as He was being rejected by the Jewish leaders. And He promised this about His Church:

“The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” - Matthew 16:18

Many of us have felt like the foundation of our lives have been crumbling as the pandemic takes its toll on our daily routines and finances. And even though we cannot meet together for a time, we continue to need the support of one another like building blocks in an earthly temple. Thankfully, we can give that support even in these days, especially through modern communications.

We continue to be the Church, together. Christ our faithful Savior has not abandoned us, but is truly with us still as He has promised-- and wherever we may be.

“... for He has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’” - Hebrews 13:5

And I hope you will be looking forward with me to the day we can come together again in God’s earthly house to continue our regular Sunday celebrations of the Resurrection with a deepened joy in its reality and its meaning for all of life-- here and in eternity!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Bauman".

## **FAMILY IN CRITICAL NEED**

Pastor Bauman is aware of a recently unemployed member family with children in great need of our support in this difficult time. Circumstances are very unique and require that they remain anonymous. If you are able and willing to help, please send a donation in any amount to Immanuel marked Special Needs Family. They have never had to ask for help before and are deeply grateful to us for trying to bring some aid.

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” - Galatians 6:9-10

Our mailing address for this and regular donations is:

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Thank you!

## Treasurer's Report

April 2020

Where does the time go? Brenda and I have missed all of you while we spent our last two months on winter vacation in sunny, warm Florida. Meanwhile many events have taken place in all of our lives. On February 9<sup>th</sup>, you celebrated Pastor's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a pastor followed by a great celebratory luncheon. Following this event, Immanuel had a service for Second Wednesday of Lent which was the last service before the lockdown due to COVID-19. We all look forward to again being able to worship together at Immanuel which now looks to be delayed until, at best, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Finances

Here are some financial highlights for the first three months of 2020:

Monthly Income Need    \$11,185 X 3 months = \$33,555

Actual Income Received	\$11,916 – January	Expenses - \$13,231
	\$10,077 – February	Expenses - \$10,603
	\$ 9,284 – March	Expenses- \$10,128

Due to fewer contributions in February and anticipating lesser contributions in March due to the COVID-19 lockdown in mid-March, I elected to make an emergency transfer of \$5,000 from Immanuel's LCEF Savings Account to our bank checking account.

Perhaps this transfer may not have been necessary as Immanuel would have otherwise had a Balance Forward of \$4,134 at the end of March. However, it now appears the transfer was financially prudent in light of the lockdown continuing through April and bills will continue to arrive. Immanuel's known expenses to date for April total \$7,000.

Some of our members and friends have inquired of Pastor how they could mail contributions to Immanuel since the church would not be open and would there be someone to handle the checks. Yes, our mail is taken in each day and frequent deposits will continue to be made.

We do have some members who automatically direct contributions to Immanuel from their bank that are delivered to Immanuel via mail. So contributions can be safely mailed to Immanuel. Hopefully this addresses concerns of sending contributions during the continued governmental lockdown. In the meantime, Pastor and I are working with LCEF on a resource to consider for making contributions as you wish called Joyful Response. We should have more information on this in the near future.

I pray that each and every one of our people remain healthy and safe from COVID-19 until we can safely meet again.

While Immanuel will not be able to hold our Easter service on April 12<sup>th</sup>, have no fear. Immanuel WILL have an Easter service and an Easter Breakfast at a time when it will be prudent and safe for all of us to meet again.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you, so pray that this COVID-19 is overcome soon and to never return.

Let me leave with this thought for you to contemplate:

Some people say, "Give until it hurts." But God says we give until it feels good. God loves a cheerful giver.

Blessings to all.

**Bob Brinkman**

**Treasurer**



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Greetings Everyone,  
During these uncertain times, I have discovered that rather than being confined and separated I have reached out to more long missed friends, family, and neighbors. This enforced slower paced time has allowed me the time to reflect on what is important in life and what is trivial and meaningless. You my Brothers and Sisters in Christ are precious to me. I value the time we've shared and the peace that we

bring to one another. It's funny how we often have to lose something to truly understand how important it is or was.

Due to our "Covidcation" we are unable to have our Breakfast Brunch Bunch unless you would like to eat breakfast and visit virtually? If you would like me plan such a meeting please let me know via email and I will set it up. [Shover2004@yahoo.com](mailto:Shover2004@yahoo.com). And walk you through it if you have never met virtually on line.

*Sally Hoyer*



## **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Are you

homebound, bored, and have nothing to do? Walk down memory lane and reminisce through the years of Immanuel. Please take this

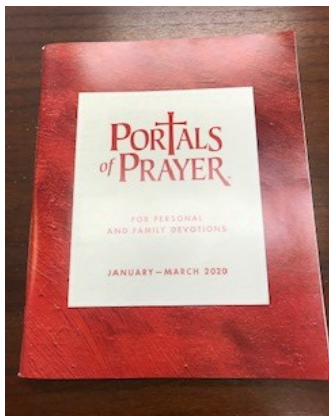
time to clean out some boxes or drawers and share your treasures with us as we plan for our anniversary in a very special way. For this to happen we need all of you to pull your heads and resources together. Take a few moments to call old Immanualites and family and ask them to dig through their memories and mementoes to share with us. Please drop them off at the church after we reopen.

**Easter Breakfast is Cancelled**  
but we will have a Celebration Breakfast when  
this virus is over.

**GOD IS GOOD!**







## ***Portals of Prayer***

*Portals of Prayer* has been a favorite devotional of generations of Concordia Publishing House readers, a timeless daily source of strength and comfort since 1937. In addition to the *Portals of Prayer* quarterly print publication, CPH also offers it as a digital app. A new resource CPH is introducing this fall is the *Portals of Prayer Devotional Bible*, which weaves more than 700 devotions into the entire ESV translation of Scripture. Learn more

at [cph.org/portalsbible](http://cph.org/portalsbible). We have the latest edition of *Portals of Prayer* (April-June), also available in large print. If you would like a copy of this or *Hope-Full Living* mailed to you, please call the church office at (630) 837-1166. Please indicate if you would need the large print copy.



## **Relay For Life**

**Friday, June 12, 2020**

**6:00 PM Lake Park High School East  
600 Medinah Rd  
Roselle, IL**

**Relay For Life** is a community-based fundraising event for the American Cancer Society and many other Cancer related institutions, societies and associations. As the American Cancer Society's most successful fundraiser and the organization's signature event, the mission of Relay For Life is to raise funds to improve cancer survival, decrease the incidence of cancer, and improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their caretakers. Volunteers raise funds by getting sponsors to donate money for laps walked the night of the event. No minimum donation amount is required. You can register on-line at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), or over the phone at (800) 227-2345.

## **Save the Date for the LWML NID Convention,**

September 11 & 12, 2020 –

Holiday Inn Gurnee Convention Center

Theme is “Joyfully Led by The Spirit” Psalm 143:10 NIV

Keynote speaker and Bible Study leader is Deb Burma, author of  
*Joy, A Study of Philipppians*  
and *Extravagant Grace*.



**Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission**



## Virtual Bible Study

While you are unable to meet with your church family and Pastor in person; you are still able to join us virtually, if you have a home computer, iPad, or laptop. Some have joined also with only their voice over their phone. Immanuel's Bible Study is being held virtually at 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. At

this point we are meeting on Google Meet or Hangout and that platform needs a Google account to join. It's easy and free. Just set up a Google account and email Sally Hover your e-address to join us on Sunday. We are studying the book of Genesis and enjoying one another's company.

If you would like to participate please contact Sally at: [shover@einsteinacademy.us](mailto:shover@einsteinacademy.us).



**God doesn't call  
the qualified,  
He qualifies  
the called.**

## April Birthdays

Heather Murray 04/01  
Brielle Thilk 04/05  
Dan Verley 04/05  
Yvonne Guerra 04/07  
Matthew Wachter 04/10

Michael Mulligan 04/11  
Jeremy Thilk 04/16  
Jade Giddins 04/26  
Alisa Kuehn 04/30

# April 2020

All meetings and services are cancelled at least until 4/30/2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<del>1</del> <i>Iglesia Apostolica Cristo La Rosa (CTR)- Every Sunday 12-5 Every Tuesday 7-9 Every Friday 7-9</i>	1	2	3	<del>4</del> 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
<del>5</del> <i>Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 5-7 pm Kids of Christ</i>	6	7	8	<del>9</del> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<del>10</del> Good Friday	<del>11</del> 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
<del>12</del> <i>Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Breakfast Brunch Bunch No Kids of Christ</i>	13	14	15	16	17	<del>18</del> 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
<del>19</del> <i>Second Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class No Kids of Christ</i>	20	21	22	23	24	<del>25</del> 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
<del>26</del> <i>Third Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 5-7 pm Kids of Christ</i>	27	28	29	30		