



Immanuel

Lutheran Church

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March 2026



Holy Week

Palm Sunday Service
Maundy Thursday Service
Good Friday Service
Easter Breakfast
Easter Sunday Service

March 29 9:30 a.m.
April 2, 7:00 p.m.
April 3 7:00 p.m.
April 5, 8:00 a.m. — 8:50 a.m.
April 5, 9:30 a.m.



WINNING THE GOLD

Surprisingly, we find much in the Bible which compares competing in Olympic-style games to the Christian life-- to the discipline, struggle and the victory.

Do you recall ever having a goal in mind and then giving your all to attain it?

St. Paul contrasts the “perishable wreath” (often made of laurel or celery in the Greek games) with the “imperishable crown” given to believers. He also mentions boxing, emphasizing how the boxer disciplines his body in order to avoid disqualification.

Using the imagery of a runner leaning forward and focusing only on the finish line, Paul speaks of “forgetting what is behind” and “straining toward what is ahead” to win the prize of God’s heavenly call.

At the end of his life, Paul uses these words: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

Similarly, in the Letter to the Hebrews a stadium with a “great cloud of witnesses” (previous winners) is pictured cheering on current “runners”. We believers are being loudly urged to “run with endurance” the race set before us, “laying aside any weight or sin that might slow us down”.

Think of the unrestrained joy of the American Hockey players when, representing us all, they won the gold medals. Every American citizen could experience the tingle of that same joy. It truly felt like “WE won”.

The Holy Scriptures clearly teach that the joy of such a victory-- and, in fact, a joy far, far, greater-- and lasting forever-- is ours as Christians to celebrate.

But there is something more. While Paul emphasizes the need for our having a solid goal in mind, and determined purpose in our choices and how we live, he knows that we have all been badly damaged by Satan and his team. Too damaged for us to make it to the goal in winners’ time.

Yet as turns out, the One who does win the race has been noticing us. He has seen how when we have remembered what is behind, it has been very discouraging. He sees how our past damage has handicapped us and slowed us down, so that in the words of St. Paul,

“I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.... Who will deliver me from this body of death?”

He answers his own question:

“Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (Romans 7:18b-25).

Jesus Christ has deeply, personally felt our pain and taken it upon Himself.

And Paul concludes,

“WE are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.....” (8:27)

Right here in our stadium it is announced before the cheering crowds that the Winner is also the Supreme Friend of Sinners. And He is gifting the coveted, shining gold medal which He won to us-- in reality, with all its accompanying recognition and privileges.

It all seems dizzying, and certainly almost impossible to believe. Yet as it turns out, the Friend of Sinners is bigger not only than our limited abilities but also bigger than our earthbound realities. What He says goes. Period.

Because of Him, we win anyway.

Let that knowledge float around in your soul like the echoes of a canon fired in a huge cavern - with a volume that, in comparison, dwarfs the cheers of the crowds in the Olympic Stadium.

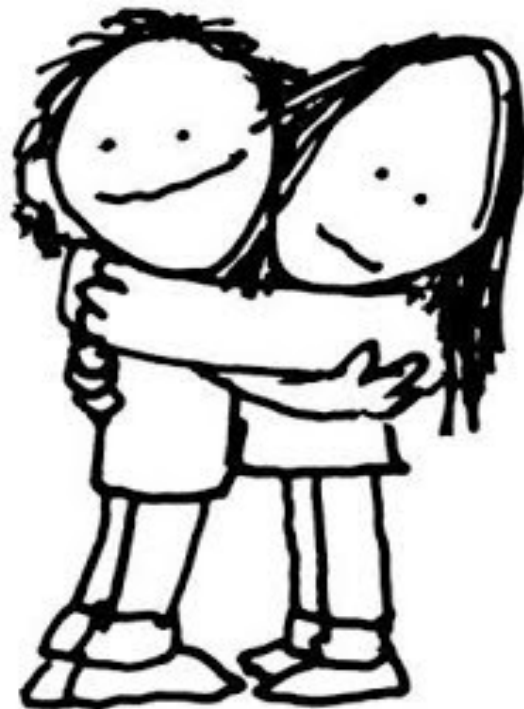
Because of Him, the earth-shaking victory cheers are now for you-- and it is absolutely true.

Pastor Bauman

HUG O' WAR

I will not play at tug o' war.
I'd rather play at hug o'war,
Where everyone hugs
instead of tugs,
Where everyone giggles
And rolls on the rug,
Where everyone kisses,
And everyone grins,
And everyone cuddles,
And everyone wins.

Read more poems in
Where the Sidewalk Ends
by Shel Silverstein!
Submitted by Jan Christiansen



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NEED YOUR HELP

We will be doing a clean-up for Easter! If you can take a few hours out of your schedule to beautify the church, it would be very appreciated. A list of items to be completed will be on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Church Properties have washed and waxed the floors. Carpet has been done. Cleaning times will be on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please call the office and we will get you in touch with John Moninger for any additional times and details. Thank you!



A REMINDER to those who have Thrivent life insurance or annuities: It's time to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars. Call 800-847-4836, Option 6. Please consider naming Immanuel as a recipient.

Our address is 1116 Devon Avenue, Bartlett 60103.

Thank you!



ALTAR GUILD - Bev Bayes

Don't forget the altar flowers when you have a blessing or special occasion or someone you want to honor.

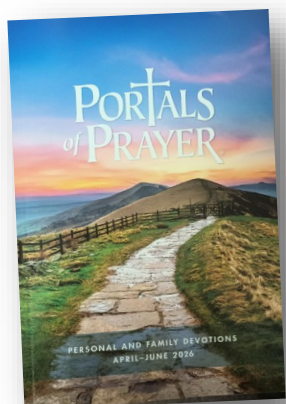
Order forms: Hanging on the office door.

Two vases - \$30

Also, we want to remind you these are your flowers and you may take them with you following the service.

Lilies will be available for Easter! Buy a plant in honor of or as a memorial to a friend or family member.

Lilies will be \$18.00 a plant. Money is due at time of order placement.



Portals of Prayer/ Hope-Full Living

The latest Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living are now available.

The latest editions of Portals of Prayer comes in small booklet, digest and big print.

They are available in the church narthex or to be mailed to you by calling the church office at (630) 837-1166.



Easter Breakfast

Come and join us for Easter Breakfast! Food will be available from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Please sign up to help us know how much food to prepare. Sign up is available in the Narthex or by calling the office at (630) 837-1166. A free will offering will be collected.



March Birthdays

Bradley Engler	03/02
Ursula Hodges	03/04
Shannon Wachter	03/23
Jacqueline Conrad	03/30

Just a reminder!

Daylight Savings Time begins on
March 8, 2026 at 2 a.m.

Don't forget to spring
forward one hour!





**A BIG THANK YOU THE
CLEAN UP CREW ON
SATURDAY MORNINGS!
ALSO A THANK YOU TO
CAROL TRESNAK. FOR
PROVIDING SNACKS FOR THE
SATURDAY CREW!**



Breakfast Brunch Bunch

Breakfast Brunch Bunch is coming. Mark your calendars for March 8th and please join us for a short bible study, breakfast and fellowship right after Sunday service. The place for the Breakfast/Brunch Bunch for this month is Walker Brothers 18 S Roselle Rd Schaumburg, IL

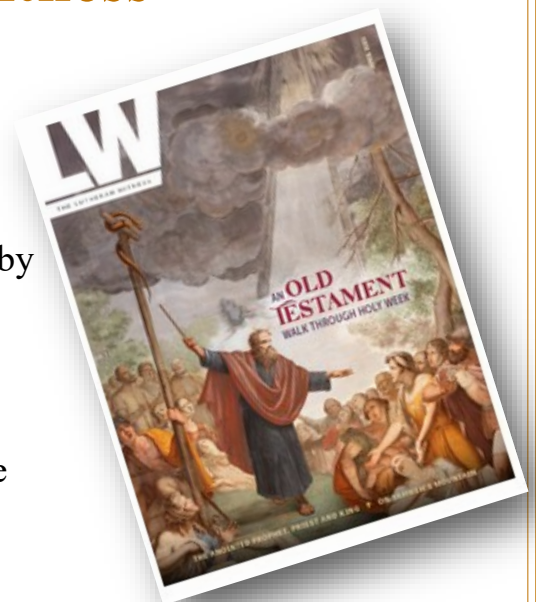
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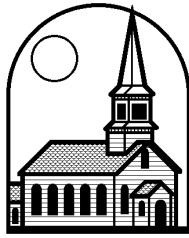
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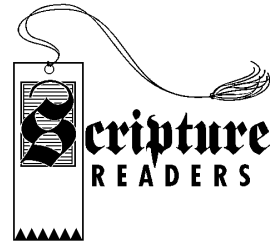


March 2026 Schedules



Lay Minister Schedule

March 1 - Gary Luper & Marty Sterrett
March 4 - Gary Luper
March 8 - Dave Schroeder
March 11 - Gary Luper
March 15 - Dave Schroeder
March 18 - Gary Luper
March 22 - Gary Luper
March 25 - Dave Schroeder
March 29 - Dave Schroeder



Reader Schedule

March 1 - Adele Pikora
March 8 - Dave Schroeder
March 15 - Sally Hover
March 22 - Sally Hover
March 29 - Dave Schroeder

If you would like to volunteer to serve please call the office.

If unable to serve when scheduled, please try to find a substitute. Also notify the church office as soon as possible (630 837-1166 or immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net) Thank you!



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Hispanic Ministry Church

Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00:p.m.

Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight

The last Sunday of every month

1:00 p.m. - 6:30:p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Second Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Worship Service(HC) 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class,	2	3	4 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service	5	6	7 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
8 Third Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class,	9	10 Board of Lay Ministry 7 p.m.	11 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service	12 Board of Lay Directors 7 p.m.	13	14 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
15 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class,	16	17	18 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service	19 Hearthwood Service 1:30 p.m.	20	21 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
22 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class,	23	24	25 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service	26	27	28 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
29 Palm Sunday Sunday of the Passion 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class, Surge 5-7 p.m.	30	31				