



# Immanuel

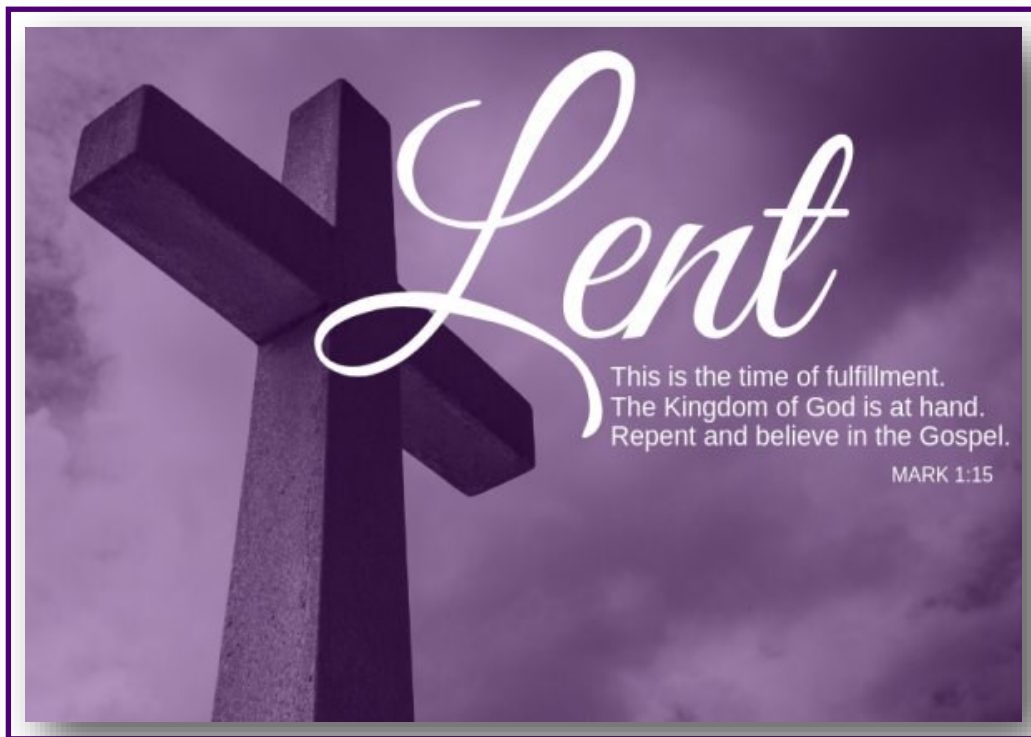
Lutheran Church

*Love. Serve. Repeat.*

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## March 2023



### Holy Week:

Palm Sunday Service	April 2nd 9:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Service	April 6th 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service	April 7th 12:00 noon
Easter Sunday Service/Breakfast	April 9th 9:30 a.m.



Lent calls us to spiritual discipline. In some ways, it is an unusual sounding call to Lutherans. We emphasize salvation by grace alone, not as the result of what we can do.

But it can be a fatal mistake for us to assume that means we should spend our lives as spiritual “do-nothings”. The same apostle Paul

who writes so clearly that our salvation is by grace, for Christ’s sake, and not by our doing the deeds of the Law, also has much to say about the need for discipline.

In writing to young Timothy,

“TRAIN YOURSELF for godliness. For while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. For to this end we TOIL and STRIVE, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.” - 1 Timothy 4:7b-10

We regularly are immersed with advertising about the latest diet or pill that will at last be the answer to our getting into good physical shape. Yet we know that if it sounds too easy to be true, it will most likely NOT be true.

To be physically healthy, there are two absolute essentials: 1) A healthy diet. 2) Sufficient exercise.

For a healthy spiritual life, we certainly need a regular diet of healthy spiritual food. As a Church, we have historically done well in TEACHING that our needed food is Word and Sacrament-- Christ Himself as the bread of life and living water we must have. But more recently, IN PRACTICE, along with many other Christians, we seem in danger of minimizing the importance of that healthy, life-giving diet. Word and Sacrament have not been provided for us to be an occasional snack.

We also need healthy spiritual exercise. Certainly the top priority is staying close to the Word and its Good News which gives and sustains our life. That involves commitment to worship, personal Bible reading, Scripture-based devotional readings. Other spiritual exercise is that of regular prayer, not just sporadic, emergency cries for help, Isn’t it strange that even though Christ Himself teaches us that we are to talk with almighty God as OUR heavenly Father-- yet we so often think we do not have time! Might not Satan be very happy about that?

Spiritual exercise also involves taking stewardship seriously-- recognizing by our actions that all that we call our own is really God’s own, and that have been entrusted with the privilege of managing it.

Other exercise is found in helping others-- loving as we have been loved-- loving back Christ Himself in those who have great needs.

And certainly we exercise our faith when we openly and unashamedly witness to Christ and our relationship to Him, especially when we are in circumstances which pressure us to deny that we know Him.

I intend to reflect more on these disciplines myself in this season-- and hopefully to make some self-improvements. And I plan to write in more detail about spiritual disciplines in Lenten letters.

In the words of the Ash Wednesday Liturgy,

“From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

“Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us, so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and in truth.”

*Pastor Bauman*



## **Just a reminder!**

Daylight Savings Time begins on  
March 12, 2023 at 2 a.m.  
Don't forget to spring forward one hour!



## **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 table in the Narthex. Church Properties will wash and wax the floors. Carpet will be done professionally. Cleaning times will be on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please see Bev Bayes or Barb Platter 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.

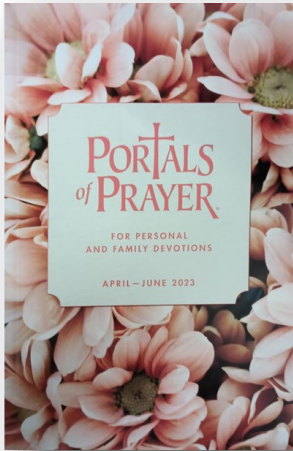
Two vases - \$40 or single rose \$8

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.

Each plant is \$13 due at the time of the order.

(Price subject to change)



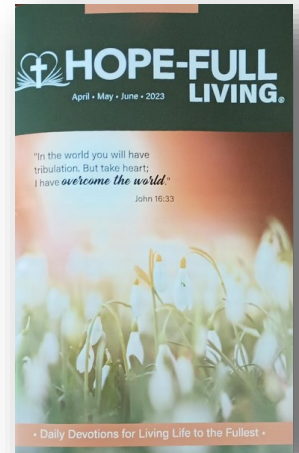
## *Portals of Prayer/ Hope-Full Living*

The latest Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living are now available. Hope-Full Living is a newer devotional booklet with daily devotions and especially written for older adults.

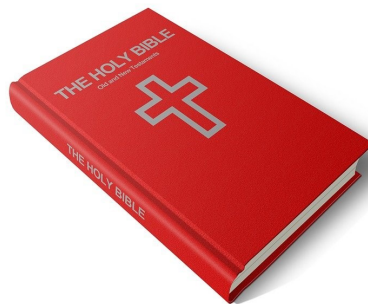
It has become quite popular.

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.



**PLEASE JOIN THE NEW WOMEN'S GUILD  
THE SECOND SATURDAY  
OF EACH MONTH.  
OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON  
MARCH. 11TH AT 11:00 AM IN THE  
CONFERENCE ROOM.  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



**I wait for the  
Lord, my soul  
does wait, and in  
His word do I  
hope.**

**Psalm 130:5**



## **ALL ABOARD!**

We are so excited to announce that we are planning to hold Vacation Bible School (Rocky Railway) this summer from July 31st-Aug. 4th here at Immanuel for kids ages 4 -to 14. We have so many fun things planned for the kids this summer and would love for you to be a part of it!

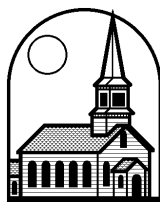
If you could even help a single day over the week or could help with getting crafts together or working to set up or clean up for the kids it would be very appreciated!

To volunteer or if you would like to register kids you know, please call the office Mon-Thur. mornings from  
9 am - 12 noon (630) 837-1166.

Space will be limited so register early!

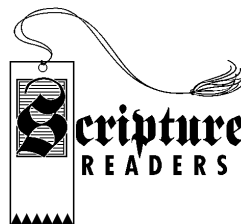
If you want to work directly with the children, we are requiring a background check and an on-line child safety class if you did not have one in the past 3 years. The class is free and takes about 40 min.

# March 2023 Schedules



## Lay Minister Schedule

March 5 - Dave Schroeder & Mike Tellin  
March 12 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk  
March 19 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk  
March 26 - Al Thilk & Dave Schroeder



## Reader Schedule

March 5 - Dave Schroeder  
March 12 - Sally Hover  
March 19 - Adele Pikora  
March 26 - Al Thilk

***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](mailto:immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net)) Thank you!***



## **March Birthdays**

Ursula Hodges	03/04
Shannon Wachter	03/23
Jacqueline Conrad	03/30

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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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
5 9:30 a.m. Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class, Surge 5 p.m.- 7 p.m.	6	7 Lay Min. Meeting 7 p.m.	8	9 Board of Dir. Meeting 7 p.m.	10	11 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties Woman's Guild 11 a.m.
12 9:30 a.m. Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class,	13	14 Board of Evangelism Meeting 7 p.m.	15	16 The Oaks Worship Service 1:30 p.m.	17	18 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
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