

Immanuel

Lutheran Church

Love. Serve. Repeat.

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Each holiday we celebrate as a congregation reminds me of how we are a congregation dependent on wonderful **volunteer workers**.

We have only one paid part-time staff member besides myself, our Secretary Lynn Zillmer, and she is also among those doing volunteer work-- easily as much as she is paid for doing.

So much is done regularly and quietly that it is beyond listing accurately. But, for example, I think of those who keep up our property, including the mowing of our nearly 5 acres on which the church sits and our cemetery. The lawn is always well-trimmed. If it was not, we would certainly notice. Flowers are planted and watered too, and bushes and trees cut back or even cut down as needed, pews and carpets are cleaned and floors are waxed. There are meetings with village officials for inspections. And bills to pay and budgets to make and church meetings to discuss how to deal with special property needs.

We have an adult Bible class leader, and Vacation Bible School and youth workers, and those who plan and work to make possible fellowship events, those who assist in our Services, those who give rides to church, some who on their own check on others' well-being and keep me informed. Important volunteer assistance has also been given by members of other churches. And after I finish this article, I will think of many other things I might have mentioned.

Please realize how important it is for **all of us** to do what we can for our life together, just because of our size-- and, more and more, because many of our long-time dependable volunteers are-- to no one's surprise-- aging. We no longer have elected boards, only board chairs-- and the plan is to use special committees for specified projects. Our prayerful hope is that from such special committees fresh leadership will also soon emerge.

Church attendance itself is every Christian's responsibility, and it is of increased importance for a church of our size. Of course, there are always legitimate reasons to miss a Service. But no reading of the Holy Scriptures supports the idea of lone Christians separated from the other members of the worshipping community. Instead, our presence for one another is as necessary as our hand is for our fingers. All of us know the difference it makes when a Service is well-attended, and when it is not. We need one another. We were made that way. The first Christians show us the way as their life together is recorded already in New Testament days.

On another matter, **our church magazine, The Lutheran Witness**, has been considerably upgraded in recent years-- with very helpful, informative articles. In

the past, some churches I have served have subscribed to it for every member. We have individual subscriptions in this congregation. I strongly encourage you to subscribe. It is especially important in these days of spiritual confusion to make use of such resources to help us to be found faithful when our Lord returns.

This is the information needed to subscribe:

The Lutheran Witness at cph.org/witness. Learn more, and find more content at witness.lcms.org. \$24.99 for One Year Subscription.

A final note.... If you are anything like I am, you are finding the world and national news very discouraging these day. Sometimes I just have to turn it off. That does not feel right to me, but there is just so much bad news, often endlessly repeated, that is bearable.

Let's all keep in mind that our God has not died. In fact, our Savior conquered what was the most disastrous time in history. He rose from the dead and promised His own continuing presence with us.

He taught His first disciples to pray-- and not to worry, which goes hand in hand with prayer. **Our God has promised to hear and answer prayer**-- and especially prayers of the righteous who are in trouble. We are among the righteous by the grace of our victorious Savior, washed by our Baptism, joined to Him there, given a whole new birth and identity as God's beloved children-- a gift received by faith.

Let's be sure we show we believe that by our personal prayer lives. Especially in these times, LET US PRAY for our nation and all the nations of our troubled world-- with confidence that God does hear and answer His own. Because He does!

May that faithful God continue to bless our life together here with His own gracious provision and guide us into paths that will bring Him glory, and others to the Savior who love is for all.



Pastor Bauman





Looking for VBS Volunteers!

We are looking for people who love to have some fun and spread the gospel of Jesus to our local children. We are planning to learn, sing, do crafts and outdoor games and let's not forget snack time!

Our VBS will be from

Aug. 5th - 9th

9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Our first meeting of volunteers will be May 1st at 4 p.m. in the church conference room. (Next to the nursery) Hope to see you there!!

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.

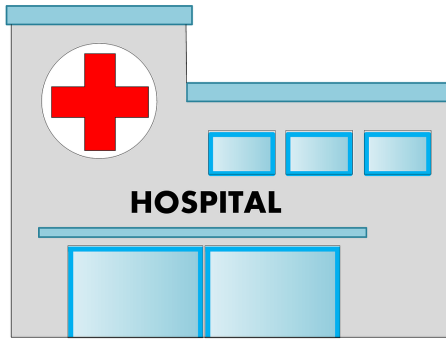
Two vases - \$30 or single rose \$8

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



April Birthdays

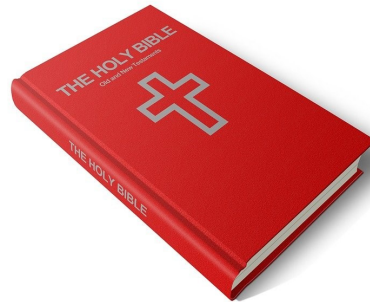
Heather Murray-Verley	04/01	Matthew Wachter	04/10
Brielle Thilk	04//05	Jeremy Thilk	04/16
Dan Verley	04/05	Delores Roti	04/27
		Alisa Kuehn	04/30



LET US KNOW....

Is there someone in your household who is hospitalized or homebound and in need of a pastoral visit?

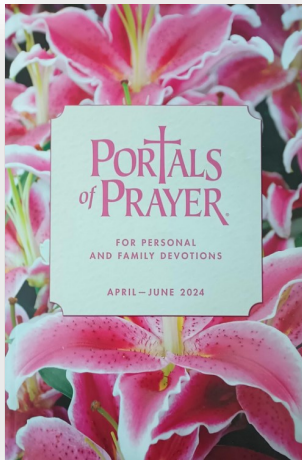
Please call the church office at (630) 837-1166 and leave your name and number, and Pastor Bauman will contact you to set up a visit.



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

Psalm 130:5

Portals of Prayer/ Hope-Full Living

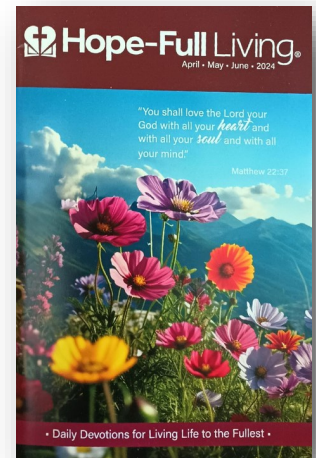


The latest Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living are now available.

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.





Can you lend a hand on Saturday mornings?

The Committee of Church Properties that meets on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. is looking for help to do basic cleaning at the church.

Vacuum
Dusting
Garbage removal
Window spot cleaning
Restroom fixture cleaning

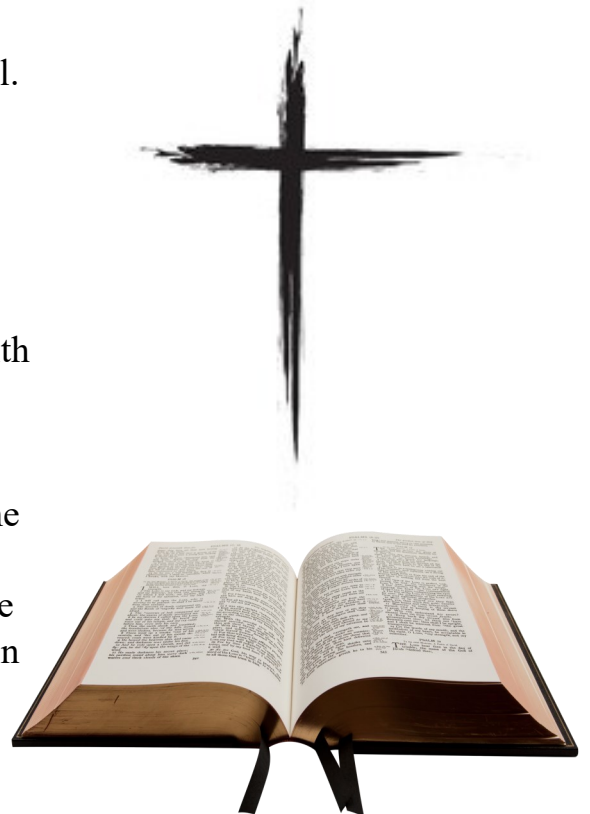
If you could help, please contact John Moninger or Bev Bayes or call the church office at (630) 837-1166.

Thank You!

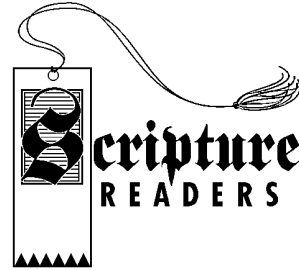
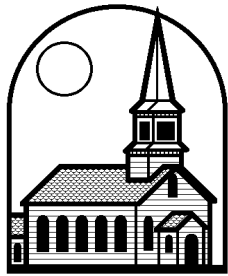
SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study- We just completed the Books of Samuel. It was great to delve deeper into scripture and let the Lord help us to grow in knowledge and understanding. We welcome you all to join us in the conference room after enjoying "Coffee And..." usually about 10:45. We also run a Google Meet program for those who are at home or away and cannot join us personally. If you share your email with Sally Hover, she will send you a Google Invitation and reminder.

Meeting in person, our new class began March 17th. We are studying a course entitled, "Understanding the Old Testament" by: Robert D. Miller We are exploring the basic story of ancient Israel through the biblical books of the Old Testament. Please come join us and enjoy the fellowship and friendship of fellow Christians! It will begin your week with a fun and meaningful experience. No experience necessary.



April 2024 Schedules



Lay Minister Schedule

April 7 - Dave Schroeder & Marty Sterrett
April 14 - Al Thilk
April 21 - Marty Sterrett & Al Thilk
April 28 - Al Thilk

Reader Schedule

April 7 - Dave Schroeder
April 14 - Sally Hover
April 21 - Al Thilk
April 28 - Adele Pikora

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	2	3	4	5	6 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
7 9:30 a.m. Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	8	9 Board of Lay Ministry 7:00 p.m.	10 Board of Directors 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
14 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	15	16	17	18	19	20 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
21 9:30 a.m. Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 5:00 p.m. Surge	22	23	24	25	26	27 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
28 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	29	30	31			