



# Immanuel

Lutheran Church

*Love. Serve. Repeat.*

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**April 2022**



## **Holy Week and Easter Services:**

Palm Sunday April 10, 9:30 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday April 14, 7:00 p.m.  
Good Friday April 15, 12 noon  
Easter Sunday April 17, 9:30 a.m.



Christians are Easter people. The reason we regularly meet on Sunday morning is to remember the Resurrection, the first Easter morning. So when we count the forty days of Lent, we do not include Sundays. That's a special day. Its joy can never be diminished for anything or by anything-- anything in all creation.

The first Easter morning came as quite a surprise. The Lord Jesus had been cruelly, brutally tortured and nailed to a cross to finish Him off. Those who loved Him were feeling absolutely defeated and completely exhausted. In a word, they were hopeless as far as any more following of Jesus was concerned. He was a failed Messiah. Now he was dead.

And then... He came alive again-- alive and well and caring, in spite of it all! Continuing to bring His unfailing love then and through the ages, also to us. Alive for us. Our EVER-LIVING Lord and Savior.

The Church is identified as the "body of Christ" in Holy Scripture. And in the past few years it has gone through a lot, especially in our Western world. Many have abandoned the Church, just as the crowds on Palm Sunday abandoned the Lord Jesus. Many in our once largely Christian country now sneer at Christian teaching, mocking the body of Christ.

Many congregations have suffered massively lower attendance due to Covid, and to the new habits developed by Christians who used to be faithful attenders but are now staying home-- at best, watching a religious program on TV, if it is convenient. Yet the New Testament could not be clearer that those who celebrate the resurrection do not stop meeting together. They gather regularly to hear the teaching of the Apostles and to break the Bread and to pray. And they will continue that witness "until He comes".

The wonderful thing to know is that in spite of how in our time the body of Christ is more and more treated and dismissed as being "as good as dead," Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is alive and well, ready to be for us the faithful Lord and Savior He has been to every generation. His life and faithfulness

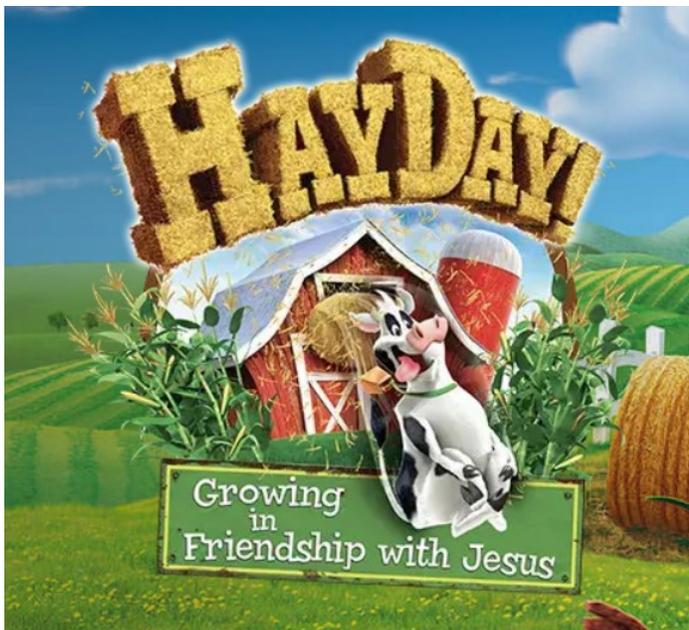
are not affected in the least by the faithlessness and mockery, and not even by outright persecution of believers.

Please join us as we in spirit walk through the last week of our Savior's earthly life, culminating in the celebration of His Resurrection. We do that through the special Services on Palm/Passion Sunday (*April 10, 9:30 a.m.*), Maundy Thursday (*April 14, 7:00 p.m.*), Good Friday (*April 15, Noon*), and Easter Sunday (*April 17, 9:30 a.m.*).

Even at the most sober moments of Holy Week, we will know and share indestructible joy. That is because our Lord IS risen. He is risen indeed!-- also for us. Do come to help share the joy of our Living Savior. Your presence will do just that.

With prayers for a Blessed Easter-- for you!

*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 run from Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>. from 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Our first meeting of the season is April 6th at 7 p.m. in the church meeting room. (Near the nursery)  
Hope to see you there!!

## A NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS IS BEGINNING



A Confirmation Class is starting up. If you know anyone that might be interested please contact Pastor Bauman or the church office at (630) 837-1166. It is for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older.

## EASTER COFFEE AND...



Come and join us for Easter Worship on April 17th at 9:30 am to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection! After the service please join us for some refreshments like coffee, donuts, danishes and fruit. We look forward to seeing you there!

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### 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  
Delores Roti 04/27  
Alisa Kuehn 04/30

# Nicea Ruling on Easter Day - 325 A.D.

Diane Severance, Ph.D. and Dan Graves, MSL



What is the most important day in the Christian year? Ask the average person in the United States and chances are you will hear "Christmas." But in the early centuries of the church, the day of the resurrection was more important.

From its earliest days, the church annually celebrated the anniversary of Jesus' resurrection, often calling the holiday the Christian Passover. (The Greek name for Passover was Pasch, so Easter is sometimes called Paschal; Easter is an English word.) Even while the apostles were alive, Christians moved their day of worship to Sunday because Christ had risen from the grave on the first day of the week. Christians were often baptized at Easter.

In the second century, however, a debate arose over when to celebrate the resurrection. Most churches held the festival on the Sunday closest to the Jewish Passover. Sometimes there was doubt as to which of the two nearest Sundays should be observed. The churches in Asia Minor frequently observed the resurrection on the date of the Jewish Passover, even when it was not on a Sunday. In Rome, different congregations observed different days!

During the first three centuries of the church, it was frequently under persecution and there was no attempt to standardize the Christian festivals. However, when Constantine became emperor and Christianity was no longer illegal, it was possible to consider more carefully the date of Easter. One of the purposes of the Council of Nicea in 325 was to settle that date.

Constantine did not want Easter to be celebrated on the Jewish Passover. He said it was a Christian "duty to have nothing in

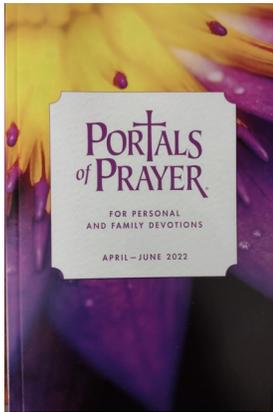
common with the murderers of our Lord" (ignoring the fact that Christ's execution was a joint effort of Jews and Gentiles).

The Council of Nicea accordingly required the feast of the resurrection to be celebrated on a Sunday and never on the day of the Jewish Passover. Easter was to be on the Sunday after the first full moon following the Spring equinox. This meant the date of Easter would always fall between March 22nd and April 25th. Today, March 22, is the earliest date on which Easter can fall. Since there is seldom a full moon on March 21st, Easter does not often fall on the 22nd. The last time it did was in 1818. In the twentieth century, it never fell on this day.

The ruling of the Council was not immediately accepted everywhere. It did not sit well with those who had been celebrating the resurrection on Passover to suddenly learn they were being called heretics. Confusion was also caused because Rome and Alexandria fixed the Spring equinox (the day in the Spring when day and night are equal) by different methods. Eventually, however, the ruling of the Council of Nicea was accepted by all of the western church.

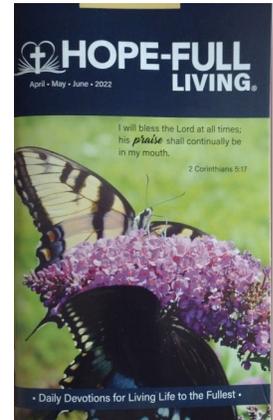
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## *Portals of Prayer/ Hope-Full Living*

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.

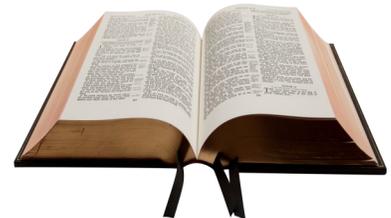


It has become quite popular.

The latest edition of Portals of Prayer, also in large print and Hope-Full Living are available in the church narthex or to be mailed to you by calling the church office at (630) 837-1166.

## **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**JOYFULLY AGING** is the title of a book written by popular author Rich Bimler. Our Bible class has been using it for the basis of discussions. Extra copies are available at no charge in the narthex. Take one and browse. You may even want to join our class after you do!



## **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 - \$35 or single rose \$8

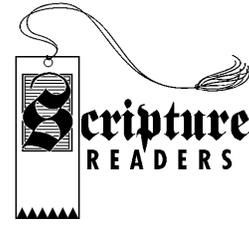
Also, we want to remind you these are your flowers and you may take them with you following the service.

# April 2022 Schedules



## Lay Minister Schedule

April 3 - Mike Tellin & Brad Kuehn  
April 10 - Brad Kuehn & Al Thilk  
April 14 - Mike Tellin & Dave Schroeder  
April 15 - Mike Tellin & Dave Schroeder  
April 17 - Mike Tellin & Dave Schroeder  
April 24 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk  
May 1 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk



## Reader Schedule

April 3 - Sally Hover  
April 10 - Brad Kuehn  
April 14 - Dave Schroeder  
April 15 - Dave Schroeder & Pastor Bauman  
April 17 - Dave Schroeder  
April 24 - Mike Tellin  
May 1 - Mike Tellin

*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!*



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## Asamblea Apostolica Church

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

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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	4 Board of Lay Ministry 7:00 p.m.	5	6 YBS Volunteer meeting 7:00 p.m.	7 Oaks of Bartlett Service 1:30 p.m.	8	9 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
10 Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	11	12	13	14 Maundy Thursday (HC) Service 7:00 p.m.	15 Good Friday Service 12 noon.	16 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
17 Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Easter Coffee and...	18	19	20	21	22	23 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
24 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class Pastor Perry guest pastor	25	26	27	28	29	30 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties