

Immanuel

Lutheran Church

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As Christians we tend to use a vocabulary of some special terms. But not only are they like a foreign language to non-Christians, but also they are so often used that we tune out or even forget what their meaning is for us.

One such word is “Gospel”. It literally means “Good News”. The first four books of the New Testament are called “gospels”. They contain the record of Jesus’ birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension.

But they are more than biographies. In the words of St. John (20:31):

“These things are written that **you** may believe, and that believing **you** may have life in His name.”

Unlike normal biographies over one-third of the gospels focus on the very last week of Jesus’ time among us-- His death, resurrection and ascension.

The word “Gospel” is also used in a theological way. I came upon an Artificial Intelligence summary of the biblical understanding of the word.

“The Gospel **is** the active, divine power of God, not merely a message **about** power, but which itself saves everyone who believes, both Jew and Gentiles.

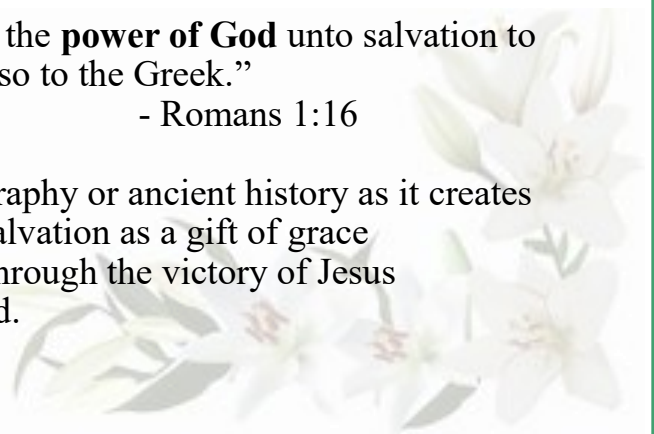
“It is the force that delivers humanity from sin, transforms lives and offers righteousness, through faith rather than works, functioning as an explosive transformative force.”

It is as St. Paul writes to the Romans,

“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the **power of God** unto salvation to everyone who believes to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

- Romans 1:16

So the Gospel becomes much more than biography or ancient history as it creates faith in us to receive what Jesus did for **our** salvation as a gift of grace (undeserved love) to **us**. It actually saves **us** through the victory of Jesus Christ-- makes us righteous in the eyes of God.



It is exactly that to which our Lord Jesus points in His Words of Institution of the Lord's Supper:

"... given and shed FOR YOU, for the forgiveness of sins."

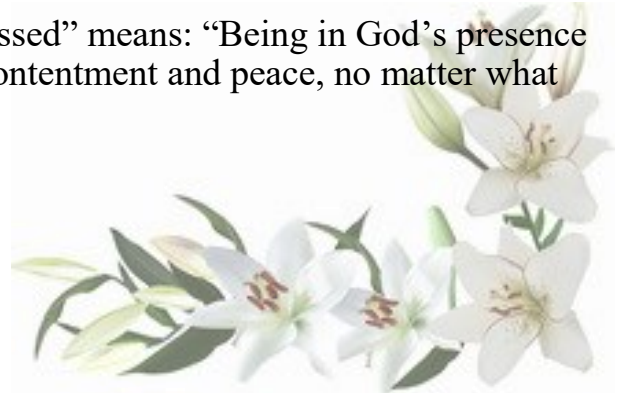
Those two little words turn history into Good News-- in fact, the Best News Ever-- for us personally in our present time.

In these summary words of St. Paul,

"God made Him to be sin who knew no sin so that WE might become the righteousness of God." - 2 Corinthians 5:21

The intent of this note is to send you that powerful word of Gospel.

So "A BLESSED EASTER TO YOU!"-- "Blessed" means: "Being in God's presence and under His divine favor, which gives full contentment and peace, no matter what life's circumstances, now and forever."

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

Easter Breakfast

The Easter Breakfast will be
enjoyed Sunday Morning,
April 5, starting
at 7:45 a.m. - ending at 8:45 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.
Breakfast seating available until 9:10 a.m.
Come join us for good food and
fellowship before we worship
our Risen Lord!

Baptism Blessings for Two!



On Sunday, March 1st, two children were brought to the waters of Baptism. We were so happy to welcome Sienna Lynn Kennedy and Landon Scott Hauser into the family of God. Their parents (Kristin Hauser and Scott Johnson) along with Sienna's godparents (Andrew Hauser and Lisa Slater) and Landon's godparents (Matthew Hauser and Andreana Hauser) were there to participate in the wonderful occasion! Our most sincere congratulations to the families! We pray for God's blessings for both children as they grow in understanding and in faith in their welcoming and loving Savior, Jesus Christ.



Current Prayer List



Birthdays – Jackie Conrad, Heather Murray-Verley, Dan Verley

Baptism Anniversaries – Marty Sterrett, Siloah Dreher

Members – Bill Bayes, Eileen Havelka, Carol Tresnak, Kristin Crager, Sal Dreher, Al Thilk

Family & Friends – Barbara Gardner – sister of Carol Tresnak, Delores Roti – Bible Class member, Peter Phillips – English friend of Pastor Bauman, Kristopher Harper – Kathy Sorenson's grandson, Carol DiDominicif and John Kramer – friends of Kristin Crager, Sandy Lesniak – sister-in-law to Terry Kainz, Donna Dean – Aunt of Kristin Crager, Charles Landwer – Acolyte, Elaine Elsner – sister of David Schroeder, Andrea – friend of Adele Pikora, Cyrus, Solomon, John - sons of Sunil and Jessica Bhatti, Angela Garcia – mother of Iris Reyes, Kristi Dove – cousin of Gayle Sterrett, Isabella Consiglio – granddaughter of Bill and Bev Bayes, Pastor Charles McClean - long-time friend of Pastor Bauman in Baltimore, Paul Lindblad – musician friend of the congregation, Shirley Burk – Sister of Jan Christiansen

April Birthdays

Heather Murray-Verley	04/01	Craig Gustafson	04/16
Dan Verley	04/05	Delores Roti	04/27
Matthew Wachter	04/10	Alisa Kuehn	04/30

From the Treasurer's Desk

Attached to this month's newsletter is the February 2026 income & Expense Report. As you can see, we are presently keeping even the income versus the expenses, even though the unanticipated boiler repair cost is included in this month's expenses. Fortunately, the verbal estimate of over \$5,000 discussed in the Voters Assembly meeting was way higher than the actual bill shown here of \$2,339. Otherwise, it's been a normal month.

While still some time away, the election of Board Members in June is coming up fast. For anyone that is willing to serve, please express your interest to Pastor or any Board Member.

Enjoy the upcoming Spring and Easter time.

David Schroeder
Treasurer



IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
INCOME & EXPENSES

February, 2026

INCOME		Amount
Item	Date	
CONTRIB		\$ 8,720.00
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Bartlett		\$ 150.00
IGLESIA APOSTOLICA CHURCH		\$ 1,000.00
THRIVENT		\$ 561.00
	0	\$ -
CAP IMPROV		\$ -
MEMORIALS		\$ -
1)		\$ -
2)		\$ -
3)		\$ -
TRANSFERS FROM ACCT to G/L		\$ -
LLF- LCEF - PPP (Assoc Bank)		\$ -
Parking Fees (LIST)		\$ -
Gonzalez		\$ 100.00
Aquivera		\$ -
Garcia		\$ 25.00
Hernandez		\$ 300.00
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIVABLES		\$ -
1) Special Bioller Maint Contribution		\$ 5,000.00
2)		\$ -
3)		\$ -
4)		\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	0	\$ 15,856.00

Previous Month's Balance Forward \$ 55,684.37

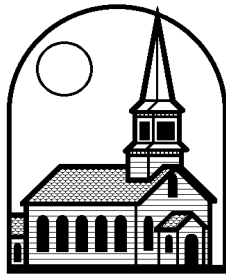
Monthly Income Balance \$ 71,540.37

Total Monthly Expenses \$ 15,197.35

End of Month Balance F/W \$ 56,343.02

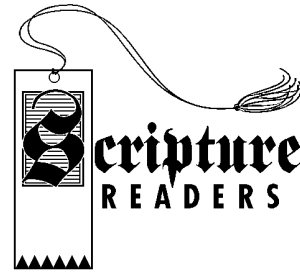
EXPENSES		Amount
Item		
MORT		\$ 703.21
NID		\$ 2,000.00
PAYROLL		\$ 4,741.42
GUEST MUSICIAN/PASTOR		\$ 950.00
NICOR		\$ 1,113.23
AT&T		\$ 152.72
COM ED		\$ 363.23
WATER/SEWER (Bartlett)		\$ 73.32
TRASH (Groot)		\$ 157.03
INSURANCE		\$ -
	0	\$ -
IRS		\$ 772.20
IDOR		\$ 177.48
JOHNSON CONTROLS - FIRE SECURITY		\$ -
CANON Financial Services Inc		\$ 244.43
SNOW PLOW		\$ 500.00
	0	\$ -
	0	\$ -
	0	\$ -
	0	\$ -
BMO Checking Paper Stmt Fee		\$ 3.00
OTHER EXPENSES		
CCLI annual renewal		\$ 170.00
CPH - Lent & Nicene Creed Info		\$ 59.38
CPH - Spanish books, palm ash, baptism pamphlets		\$ 172.31
C. Acitelli - Boiler tank replacement		\$ 1,563.28
John Moninger - Misc. Maintenance Mat'l. Reimb.		\$ 371.97
CPH - Baptism & Catechism books		\$ 54.58
Lynn Zillmer - Postage Reimb.		\$ 78.00
C. Acitelli - Boiler controls repair		\$ 776.56
	0	\$ -
	0	\$ -
	0	\$ -
	0	\$ -
	0	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 15,197.35

April 2026 Schedules



Lay Minister Schedule

April 2 - Marty Sterrett
April 3 - Dave Schroeder
April 5 - Dave Schroeder & Gary Luper
April 12 - Dave Schroeder
April 19 - Gary Luper
April 26 - Marty Sterrett



Reader Schedule

April 2 - Dave Schroeder
April 3 - Dave Schroeder
April 5 - Dave Schroeder
April 12 - Dave Schroeder
April 19 - Sally Hover
April 26 - Sally Hover

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 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion	3 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service	4 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
5 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Festival Communion Service	6	7	8	9	10	11 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
12 Second Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Service of the Word	13	14 Board of Lay Ministry Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15	16 Hearthwood Senior Living Service 1:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17	18 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
19 Third Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) Surge 4 p.m.-6 p.m.	20	21	22	23	24	25 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
26 Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Service of the Word	27	28	29	30		