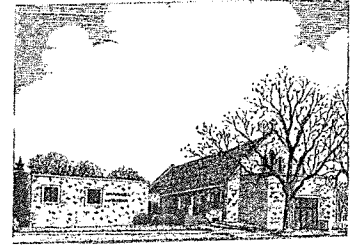




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Newsletter Article

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

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How can something so bad be so good? Usually we ask, how can so many seemingly good things be so bad—things such as rich food and the like? But at this time of the year, in this month is Lent, Holy Week and Easter, we can ask that question in a different way.

The bad, I'm asking about, is the cross. How can a disgustingly horrible instrument of death be such a symbol of good for us? So good, in fact, that the hymn writer has been inspired to write, "In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time."

The answer is given in those very words. That terrible instrument of death is a symbol of the greatest good because it "towers over the wrecks of time." We are the "wrecks of time" until God comes to rescue us. He does so through Christ and His cross. There on the cross, Christ cleanses us as Scripture says, "The blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

During Lent we remember the cross, but with our eyes and ears wide open. For Christians, the victory of Christ's cross does not lull us to sleep about the seriousness of our rebellious natures nor about the easy temptations that can lure us away from Him.

In Lent we remember, and want to remember, the cause of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We want to sharpen our consciousness of rebellion and faithlessness in our lives. In order that we, in repentance, despair of any hope of salvation from within ourselves and claim Christ only as our Savior.

When we recognize the terrible cause of Christ's death on the cross and trust the complete victory He won for us, the cross is glorious. We can join the hymn writer in singing, "in the cross of Christ I glory."

As the season of Lent continues, I encourage all of you to come and worship, to reflect upon your sins and seek God's forgiveness at the foot of the cross of Jesus. And as Easter approaches, Easter Sunday is April 4th, we will rejoice at the victory of Christ on the Cross. Jesus who died and rose from the dead is alive and because He is alive, we will also be alive with Him, for our sins are forgiven and we have eternal life with our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Holy Week is a time that we do focus on the gifts that God has given us. Holy (Maundy) Thursday, April 1st, (service at 6 PM), Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper

Stewardship Corner

Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, "God's work, done in God's way, will not lack God's supply." To know God's way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible. St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor 10:5). Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God's Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord's Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord's teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for

for us. Christ is giving us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Good Friday, April 2nd, (services at 12 Noon and 6 PM), the day that Jesus died on the cross, was forsaken by His Father for us and earned for us our forgiveness. Here on the cross we see the love that God our Father and His Son, Jesus, has for us sinners. Because of the cross our sins are forgiven. The cross that is seen as bad is good for us.

My prayer is that through listening to God's Word, the power of sin within you will be exposed, like St. Paul, you will be led to despair, and by the enlightening of the Holy Spirit you claim Christ alone as your salvation. When Easter comes the victory that you hail with joyous song will be Christ's victory and it results for you, eternal life.

Pastor Mueller

His daily provision of it. God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned on the mount of the Lord it will be provided. The Lord's generosity forms our generosity in return.

Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord's provision is the working out of our faith in Him. When budgetary discussions pop up our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance. It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts have been taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chron 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.

ONGOING MISSION PROJECTS: Used bedding is needed by the quilters. Canceled postage stamps are needed for mission projects. Old eye glasses and outdated hearing aids are useful to others. Bedding may be left in the quilting room. Other items can be left in the cupboard under the guest book.

GREETING CARDS: If you plan to send greeting cards for any occasion, please consider purchasing them from LWML. Our great selection includes birthday for both adult and children, anniversary, wedding, get well, thinking of you, encouragement, congratulations, thank you, sympathy and other cards to let someone know you're thinking about them. Be watching for individual Easter cards that will be available soon. If you have any suggestions for a certain selection of cards please call Becky Herian at 762-2417.

Larry & Mary Ring
Lue Nerland
Kenton Dietrich
Wiletta Dye
Don Banks
Pierce Sanchez
Maxine Fox
Merlin Ring
Patty Seidler
Dean Tucker
Ian Gomez
Loralee Young
Shane Dye



Daniel & Wanda Morrison
03/08/1975
Chris & Leslie Romick
03/09/2002
Tom & Sharon Ditsch
3/11/1986
Dan & Sara Leisy
3/23/2012
Dwayne & Grace Rose
3/28/1951



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES...

Adult Bible Study - Sundays, 9 am Fellowship Hall.
Bible Break - Thursdays, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

MONTHLY LWML BIBLE STUDIES:

Lydia – This will be planned on a month to month basis due to the ongoing virus.

Martha – Monday, March 8th at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Deb Grant will lead devotion. Pastor Mueller will lead the Bible study.

Tabitha – Monday March 22nd at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Pastor Mueller will lead the Bible Study.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We are looking for someone to be the coordinator for VBS this following June. We are also starting to look for teachers for VBS. VBS is the first full week of June, June 7th thru the 11th. VBS week is so fun for the children! **We cannot do this without volunteers to help teach.** Please think about volunteering to help! Thank you. Any questions, please contact Samantha Steinman (760-2833) or Jennifer Foster.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are beginning to plan the 2021-2022 Children's Sunday School year and we are in need of teachers. The Board of Parish Education is seeking help with the Sunday School program as one teacher is retiring and will be moving. We would also like to add an additional teacher to keep the groups smaller. Please contact Samantha Steinman or Jennifer Foster if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

March Duty Roster

Ushers:

Saturday: Mr. Brian Grant & Mr. Justin Grant

Sunday: Mr. John Lore

Elders:

Saturday: Mr. Tom DeVoogd

Sunday: Dr. R Craig Dietrich

Date	Acolytes	Coffee Duty	Counters
March 3 rd March 6 th March 7 th	Miss Ayla Foster Mr Josh Aguallo Mr Jett Herian	Nancy Scherbarth Samantha Steinman	March 1 st Karen Kelly
March 10 th March 13 th March 14 th	Mr. Zach Childers Miss Keera Stanec Mr Logan Vogel	Kara Aguallo	March 8 th Deb Grant
March 17 th March 20 th March 21 st	Mr Banyn Stark Miss Rozlyn Wills Miss Avenell Soriano	Deb Grant Lori Swedeen	March 15 Deb Moore
March 24 th March 27 th March 28 th	Miss Paige Jensen Mr. Josh Aguallo Miss Ayla Foster	Deb Moore Virginia Dennison	March 22 nd Starla Endsley March 29 th Starla Endsley

Stewardship of the Word Daily Bible readings for the month of March:

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| 1. Deuteronomy 5-7 | 8. Deuteronomy 28-29 | 15. Joshua 16-18 | 22. Judges 10-12 | 29. 1 Samuel 9-12 |
| 2. Deuteronomy 8-10 | 9. Deuteronomy 30-31 | 16. Joshua 19-21 | 23. Judges 13-15 | 30. 1 Samuel 13-14 |
| 3. Deuteronomy 11-13 | 10. Deuteronomy 32-34 | 17. Joshua 22-24 | 24. Judges 16-18 | 31. 1 Samuel 15-17 |
| 4. Deuteronomy 14-16 | 11. Joshua 1-4 | 18. Judges 1-2 | 25. Judges 19-21 | April |
| 5. Deuteronomy 17-20 | 12. Joshua 5-8 | 19. Judges 3-5 | 26. Ruth | 1. 1 Samuel 18-20 |
| 6. Deuteronomy 21-23 | 13. Joshua 9-11 | 20. Judges 6-7 | 27. 1 Samuel 1-3 | 2. 1 Samuel 21-24 |
| 7. Deuteronomy 24-27 | 14. Joshua 12-15 | 21. Judges 8-9 | 28. 1 Samuel 4-8 | 3. 1 Samuel 25-27 |

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
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Treasurer's Report

	8/1/20 through 2/9/21		8/1/19 through 2/10/20		07/31/20
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	TOTAL
General Fund Account--January 1		\$ 29,487.26		\$ 2,819.43	\$ 2,819.43
Receipts:					
Current Offerings		102,253.54		104,903.12	220,448.39
Mission Offerings		11,135.00		12,345.00	21,130.00
Other receipts		14,537.84		34,813.48	81,226.31
Total Accountable Funds		\$ 157,413.64		\$ 154,881.03	\$ 325,624.13
Disbursements:					
I. Board of Elders	\$ 185,787.00	\$ 56,357.64	\$ 155,957.00	\$ 83,564.19	\$ 170,661.30
II. Board of Parish Ed	11,300.00	1,717.56	11,300.00	2,539.82	3,199.85
III. Board of Missions:					
Missions	20,000.00	10,265.00	20,000.00	5,097.00	26,227.00
Other Mission Board	6,260.00	1,930.00	6,260.00	2,054.20	2,716.34
IV. Board of Trustees	73,197.00	26,629.49	70,197.00	28,710.07	50,714.72
V. Board of Stewardship	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	263.49	263.49
VI. Administration	18,500.00	8,113.32	18,500.00	8,448.21	13,377.80
Non-budget disbursements	0.00	9,540.00	0.00	23,967.38	15,215.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 316,544.00	\$ 114,553.01	\$ 283,714.00	\$ 154,644.36	\$ 282,375.50
General Fund Account Balance--		\$ 42,860.63		\$ 236.67	\$ 43,248.63
Less Accountable Funds		0.00		0.00	
Less Pending Checks		0.00		0.00	
Net Checkbook Balance		\$ 42,860.63		\$ 236.67	
New School Fund--January 1		\$ 27,226.22		\$ 163.49	\$ 163.49
Receipts		316,118.06		332,592.11	607,687.30
Disbursements		(322,109.53)		(332,174.56)	(581,674.57)
School Operations funds		\$ 21,234.75		\$ 581.04	\$ 26,176.22
Raising Disciples Campaign Offerings		\$ 100.00		\$ 650.00	\$ 1,050.00
Raising Disciples Offerings Disbursed		0.00		0.00	0.00
Raising Disciples funds		\$ 100.00		\$ 650.00	\$ 1,050.00
New School Fund Account Balance--		\$ 21,334.75		\$ 1,231.04	\$ 27,226.22
Less Raising Disciples funds to be disbursed		0.00		2,250.00	
Less Pending Checks		0.00		9,840.00	
Net Checkbook Balance		\$ 21,334.75		\$ (10,858.96)	
School Building Payment Account--January 1		\$ 48,479.41		\$ 71,946.47	\$ 71,946.47
Receipts		49,050.74		334.01	540.19
Disbursements		(14,000.00)		(14,000.00)	(24,007.25)
School Building Payment Account--		\$ 83,530.15		\$ 58,280.48	\$ 48,479.41
Building Fund--January 1		\$ 13,851.71		\$ 15,935.54	
Receipts		3,236.27		1,767.48	
Disbursements		(14,415.63)		(4,400.00)	
Building Fund--		\$ 2,672.35		\$ 13,303.02	
Memorial Fund Bank Account		\$ 14,438.55		\$ 22,730.31	
Endowment Fund		\$ 285,147.73		\$ 241,212.03	
Debts Owed					
Internal debt (Net checkbook balance - General Fund)		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00	
District/Synod Support owed		870.00		12,345.00	
Internal debt (Net checkbook balance - School Fund)		0.00		10,858.96	
District/Synod Support owed prior year		0.00		0.00	
Owed to Special Funds Account		0.00		43,400.00	
First National Bank - Operating loan		0.00		4,941.33	
First National Bank - PPP loan (thru SBA)		Forgiven		0.00	
Ralph Hoxworth - Skateland Building (School)		32,000.00		56,000.00	
Total debt		\$ 32,870.00		\$ 127,545.29	



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3-1 - Harper Boness
 3-1 - Michael Thies
 3-1 - Pastor Daugherty
 3-2 - Dustin Thies
 3-2 - Tara Stanec
 3-2 - Sydney Klinkerman
 3-3 - Deborah Galyen
 3-4- Jady Aguallo
 3-4 - Bart Endsley
 3-4 - Nel Furley
 3-4 - Marlene Stewart
 3-6 - Kendyl Oestman
 3-8 - Cheryl Kaman-Gantz
 3-10 - John Nielsen
 3-10 - Trista Rose
 3-10 - Brenda Schnell
 3-11 - Sandi Cassell
 3-11 - Couric Bartek
 3-12 - McKenzie Cassel

3-12 - Melanee Veach
 3-12 - Jessica Garcia
 3-12 - Aaron Meier
 3-13 - Rozlyn Wills
 3-13 - McKenzie Pfeiffer
 3-13 - Ryan Schledewitz
 3-15 - Blythe Boness
 3-16 - Kayla Kulas
 3-17 - Louise Fritzler
 3-17 - Vickie Smith
 3-18 - Cameron Garcia

3-18 - Doyle Conroy
 3-18 - Brooke Shoemaker
 3-20 - Nathan Grant
 3-20 - Jose Ramirez
 3-21 - Jodi Freeze
 3-21 - Wayne Schledewitz
 3-23 - Steven Gerth
 3-24 - Jerry Iossi
 3-24 - Janene Odell
 3-25 - Tad Drabbels
 3-25 - Connie Underwood
 3-26 - Michel Kollé
 3-26 - Matthew Luce
 3-27 - Steve Schnell
 3-28 - Lawrence Kaiser
 3-29 - Christian Soriano
 3-30 - Grant Freeze
 3-31 - Lee Walker




BAPTISMS

3-1 - Craig Iossi
 3-1 - George McFall
 3-1 - Sandra Peterson
 3-1 - Joan Schnell
 3-4 - Jared Fero
 3-6 - Sean Stewart
 3-7 - Violet Colson
 3-7 - Bev Schnell
 3-8 - Ayla Foster
 3-9 - Brent Behm
 3-10 - Kim Wills
 3-11 - Jayla Grant
 3-12 - Mindi Foster
 3-13 - Alexa Minich
 3-16 - Remmi Anders
 3-16 - Tuff Dubs

3-17 - Aaron Meier
 3-17 - Gerald Seidler
 3-17 - Bryce Vaughn
 3-19 - Makayla Luce
 3-19 - Denise Koozer
 3-20 - Louise Fritzler
 3-20 - Colton Wilson
 3-20 - Neldagene Furley
 3-21 - Mary Ring
 3-22 - Kellon Hall
 3-22 - Paige Jensen
 3-22 - Lawson Korth

3-24 - Diane Mitchell
 3-25 - Tammy Lore
 3-25 - Payton Gomez
 3-25 - Marlene Rose
 3-25 - Nancy Scherbarth
 3-26 - Patricia Seidler
 3-26 - Cindy Stone
 3-26 - Chelsea Thompson
 3-27 - Chris Romick
 3-28 - George Koester
 3-29 - Tad Prella
 3-31 - Cheryl Kaman-Gantz
 3-31 - Jessica Grant
 3-31 - Lori Folk
 3-31 - Ariel Thompson
 3-31 - Kaiden Thompson



Education News

Artwork on display at the church in the narthex this month is from Mrs. Scherbarth's 5th and 6th grade.

Greetings from IELS!! We are SO excited to turn the calendar to March and to still be in school! The staff feels confident that this will continue, and things can head in a "normal" direction! We are thankful each day for the provisions that God provides richly for us! We just completed Parent/Teacher conferences and are always amazed at the support our teachers receive from our parents. What a great team we make!

The school will have Spring break from March 10-12, for a much-needed break. The classrooms will be hosting their annual Easter Basket auction at the Easter breakfast. They are also designing several art projects that will be available for purchase as well.

The basket themes are as follows:

- Preschool #1-Go Big Red
- Preschool #2- A day at the beach
- Kindergarten-Camping and fishing
- 1st grade-Family movie night
- 2nd grade- Coffee/Tea/Succulents
- 3rd grade- Road trip Basket
- 4th grade- Oreo basket
- 5th/6th grades- Scrip card basket
- 7th/ 8th grades- Pet lover basket

The Board of Christian Day School will once again provide Easter Breakfast at 8 a.m. Easter morning. If you would be willing to help with this, please let Jill know.

We will once again be hosting a Greenhouse fundraiser about mid-March. We will have order forms, etc. at the church for reference. Call Stephany for any more information.

March is the last month to send in Grocery Kart receipts. A big thank you to Teresa and Judy Dye for taking care of these for us.

We are very excited to have Pastor Daugherty join our staff and have enjoyed having in our building, observing our classrooms. We have also enjoyed getting to know their wonderful children in our classes. We look forward to a very long ministry with Pastor Daugherty and his family.

Please continue to keep our school and staff in your prayers as we move in to the busy 4th quarter. God's richest blessings! Miss Jill

Hello! Miss Horn report for kindergarten. I hope you enjoyed the heart artwork on the church doors in February!

We have learned 65 phonograms this year and we only have 5 more left to learn from the kindergarten curriculum. My reading groups are working on informative books! So far, they have read about horses and dogs. We memorized all the books of the New Testament!

The students are so thankful to the people who fixed up our playground after that wind storm! Recently they have enjoyed playing in the giant snow drifts by making slides and caves.

First Grade Flash

The first grade class has been diving deep into the miracles of Jesus and his love for us. The students are working hard on their math facts and know all of their additions doubles 0-10! Our reading has really taken off and we are excited to start reading Charlotte's Web soon. Science and geography are the students favorite subjects. It is hard to believe that we have already been in school for 115 days!

Thank you for all of the prayers and support for our classroom.

Miss Gilliland

3rd Grade

February has gone by quickly for 3rd grade. We are working hard to learn to write in cursive and most have even qualified for their official cursive license, allowing them to do homework in cursive.

In history, we are studying the Renaissance and Reformation. We sharpen our math skills daily. Recent postcards include greetings from Texas and Northern Ireland.

A new class project has us learning many skills as we work together to make a quilt for the Easter auction. We are learning that there are many processes involved in many a quilt, including design decisions, art and math!! Each student chose a scripture verse to be included. Everyone has helped with the sewing and we can't wait to see the finished quilt!

Miss Dye

5th-8th Grade

The middle school has been bustling with lots of projects and activities. In the Language Arts classes, the students have been practicing lots of grammar and writing exercises. One such exercise is our "Article Review" assignment. The students are asked to read a newspaper article, and then write a paragraph explaining the contents of the article. This activity has many purposes. First, it will prepare them for their higher education in anticipation of future work they will be asked to do. In addition, it is important for students to learn how to look for information. Finally, the students are staying informed as to current events.

In History, the 5th through 8th graders are researching for an essay they will be writing. Our students will travel to the Library to learn how to research the "old fashioned" way. We learn about appropriate, credible sources. It is a lot of work, but a really wonderful, and its a really wonderful and enriching project.

Mr.Lanik and Mrs. Willard came from the High School to our school on February 24th to speak to our 8th graders. It is hard to believe that we will soon have our third graduating class of 8th graders!

As always, we feel very blessed to have our school, and the freedom to worship and learn about Jesus every day. We thank God for the support of our wonderful congregation. Thank you!

Mrs. Soriano