



Immanuel Lutheran News and Notes

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Apr. 8 Sunday	8:00am – Church Service 9:15am – Sunday Breakfast for all 9:45am – Sunday School and Bible Class for all ages 10:45am – Church Service
9 Monday	7:00pm – Men’s Bible Study
10 Tuesday	10:30am – Tuesday Morning Bible Study at Bradford Place 7:00pm – Board of Education Meeting
11 Wednesday	5:30pm – Catechism Class
12 Thursday	6:00pm – Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Apr. 15 Sunday	8:00am – Church Service 9:15am – Sunday Breakfast for all 9:45am – Sunday School and Bible Class for all ages 10:45am – Church Service

TODAY’S FLOWERS were given to the glory of God by Sue & Jeff Martin for Cole’s 19th Birthday.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Mon. 4/9	Kathy Bonar, Breanna Crooke
Tues. 4/10	Matthew Dawson, Timothy Spoerl
Fri. 4/13	Dick Tendam
Sat. 4/14	Brittany Hess, Ethel Jasbring, Daxton Jones, Matthew Keller, Natalie Reder

Anniversaries

Sun. 4/8	Carl & Andrea Benson	(51 years)
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Attendance: Last Sunday, 8:00 –151; 10:45 - 196

Offerings Last Sunday Offering \$7,597.00+ \$1,828.57 Simply Giving = \$9,425.57
(budget \$9,200.00 per week)

ALTAR FLOWERS The cost of altar flowers is \$15.00 per vase. Please make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and put in the payment box on the side of the cabinet in the Narthex. You may also mail a check to the church. Do not put checks in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact: Chris Hilbert at (513) 895-1531, or Chris in the church office (513) 893-6792. Thank you. Our new altar flower provider is The Fig Tree, 1003 Eaton Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45013. 513-892-0002.

Please sign up for flowers in the Narthex.

THE GIVING GLOBE OFFERING is sent to the Liberian Children’s Ministry. Below is some information from their web site (<http://www.nl4u.org/ministries/l.c.m>). **What is the Liberian Children’s Ministry?** The mission of the Liberian Children's Ministry is to help meet the educational and spiritual needs of the children of Liberia in order to give them the real hope that is found only in Christ Jesus. The vision of The Liberian Children’s Ministry is to help share the love of God through Christ-Centered education in an environment where children can grow to their full potential to become leaders who carry the ministry of the local church in the world. The Liberian Children’s Ministry is serving as an extension of the ministering arm of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia by providing a quality education for God's children to develop spiritually, physically.

Tuesday Bible class taught by Pastor Lyle Rasch is at 10:30 am. Class is held at Bradford Place, 1302 Millville Ave., Hamilton, Plenty of parking. It will be held in the old gift shop on the left as you enter through the main entrance. Topic this Tues.: “Events of Jesus’ Life and Ministry” All are welcome.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY All men are invited to attend Mondays at 7pm.

NEW INFORMATION

The Lutheran Hour Radio (Dates and times subject to change):

<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WAUZ	Greensburg, IN	89.1	FM	Sun	7:00 PM
WKBV	Richmond, IN	1490	AM	Sun	6:00 AM
WREW	Cincinnati, OH	94.9	FM	Sun	7:00 AM
WMVR	Sidney, OH	105.5	FM	Sun	10:30 AM
WLW	Cincinnati, OH	700	AM	Sun	7:00 AM

YOUR DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Proverbs 31 Woman, 2 Kings, Abraham's Visitors from Heaven, Confession & Satisfaction and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Altar Guild help needed. We are in need of a few people to volunteer to be part of our altar guild. There is one opening for someone to set up the altar before the 8:00 services in June. We are also in need of people who can clean up the altar after the 10:45 service in the months of March, September, and November. If you would be interested in being part of our altar guild, please contact the parish administrator.

Don't Forget! The Food Pantry is an everyday all year service that is provided by you. In case you're never sure what to get, here is a list of what we try to put in each bag: canned vegetables, fruit, soup, spaghetti sauce, meat/tuna. Mac & cheese, pasta, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal (the instant works best because it can be made with water), and toilet paper goes in every bag. If available we put a bar of soap, deodorant, toothpaste and shampoo in them. Brown grocery bags are always needed. Thank you for your continued support!

Anne Flohr and Linda Peters

Giving Made Easy

Have you ever forgotten your offering envelope on Sunday? Have you ever been tired of writing a new check each week to give to the church? Have you ever wished that you could give money to the church while watching your favorite show on Netflix? Have you ever wished that you could just text your donations to the church while standing in line at the BMV? Have you ever wished that you could put donations on your credit card, so that you can get cash back on your charitable donations, thus allowing you to donate even more than ever before? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then congratulations! You are a modern day American.

In an effort to make your lives easier, Immanuel has made it possible to make donations online or by text. Go to www.immanuelhamiltonchurch.com/giving and you will be presented with FOUR additional ways to donate. There is an online giving option, an app you can download on your smartphone, a text messaging option, and a form you can download and give to the parish administrator. All of these options have been created for your convenience so please use them to make me feel better.

Are you reading this during the sermon? Great! Me too. Let's try donating to the church via text messaging. First, put your phone on silent. I cannot stress this step enough because you will receive a confirmation text and email. Then, send a text to 513-666-5966 with the amount of money that you wish to donate. Only type the numerical value. For instance, if you wish to donate \$3 then just type 3. You will then receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process." After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically. Just remember to look up occasionally to make pastor think that you are paying attention. Don't worry; this will be our little secret.

We now have a QR code to help with giving. When you scan this barcode-like QR code with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of our web page. Try it yourself! To individuals who are familiar with QR codes, it will provide a quick and easy way to access your web page without having to type out a long web address and locate your link.



Lectionary Summary

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(8 April 2018)

Acts 4:32–35

1 John 1:1—2:2

John 20:19–31

The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He *“came and stood among them,”* and with His Word and the wounds in *“his hands and his side,”* He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He *“is the Christ, the Son of God,”* so that by such faith we *“may have life in his name”* (John 20:31). The apostles *“have seen and heard”* this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we *“too may have fellowship”* with the risen Christ, with the apostles and *“with one another”* (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by *“their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,”* and all who believe this Word are *“of one heart and soul,”* because in Him they truly have *“everything in common”* (Acts 4:32–33).

Why is a Christian education a wise choice for people of faith?

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 School Year!

All Immanuel members may apply to receive a generous discount on tuition for K-8. In addition, many kindergarten through fifth grade students qualify for full tuition through Ohio EdChoice (Deadline April 30).

Preschool – 8th grade & onsite Childcare
transportation provided by Hamilton & Talawanda

- ❖ With as much time as students spend at school, it's vital to be sure your values are well aligned.
- ❖ Christian values and Biblical truths are taught and rewarded.
- ❖ Students participate in weekly chapel services.
- ❖ Prayers are spoken openly during announcements, at lunch, in classrooms, and at dismissal.
- ❖ All subjects integrate the faith and are approached from a Biblical perspective.
- ❖ Discipline led with a law/gospel approach.

While Immanuel may be a different denomination than your own, we share with you the belief that God, the Father, created all things, Jesus, His son, is the answer to the problem of sin, and the Holy Spirit strengthens us in faith and love for one another. If you would like to schedule a tour, call 895-9212. Tuition may be more affordable than you think and some scholarships are available for those who apply early!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

We are starting one of my favorite weeks, as we contemplate our Lord's sacrifice on the cross to purchase our redemption. What a blessed remembrance! I love that our church makes so much of Easter with the extra services, dramatic readings, the beautiful symbolic dressings on the altar and the special music.

Over half of Immanuel students do not attend church anywhere. Half of the children only hear God's word in a chapel service. They consider Pastor Jud their pastor and they consider this their church. It is here they learn the name of Jesus; here they learn about His sacrifice; here so many of them are baptized.

Just this week a mother mentioned to me of listening to her kindergartener singing "Jesus loves me" in the shower and how precious that was to her. Daily I hear stories like that and it warms and encourages me when I feel weary or bowed down with the responsibilities that go with my job.

Jesus last command was to "go out and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit." Rather than going out, they are coming in, through our doors Monday through Friday. The mission field is here and we are the workers, strengthened by you to do the work. We couldn't do it without your support through your offerings, encouragement, and volunteerism.

We are so careful in how we spend the money you entrust to us; we take seriously that responsibility. The last few years we have been so happy to be able to find ways to receive much of that money through state and community scholarships.

You will find an insert inside your bulletin this week that tells more about our school. You will also find fliers on the table outside Pastor's office that talk about scholarships available through the state of Ohio. These scholarships have an April deadline, so time is of the essence in getting them into the right hands! These scholarships allow families to redirect the tax dollars here and lessen the financial burden on the church. Take a flier to spread the word! Help us expand the work as we fulfill Jesus' great commission here at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School!

Beth Fleming

Serving in Today's Worship:

Pastor: Rev. Hilbert Kamps
Organist: Randy Runyon
Elder: 8:00 Mark Morgan, Jeff Martin
10:45 Tim Rasch, Tim Stumpf
Ushers: 8:00 Phil Howard, Bob D'Angora, Nick Jud
10:45 Garry Gillie, Doug & Ruby Erbeck, Mark & Joy Begley
Readers: 8:00 Mark Plunkett
10:45 Shaun & Beth Fleming
Acolyte: 8:00 Ethan Flohr
10:45 Desiree Downing
Greeters 8:00 Dennis & Virgie Rutledge
10:45 Carolyn Ott
Crucifer Wendy Malinak
Altar Guild: Sue Martin, Paula Allen
Children's Message
Nursery:

Planning Ahead for Next Week's Worship:

Pastor: Rev. Kevin Jud
Organist: Pam Stumpf
Elder: 8:00 Jeff Martin, Eric Schlade
10:45 Tim Stumpf, Tim Rasch
Ushers: 8:00 Phil Howard, Bob D'Angora, Nick Jud
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