

ITEMS



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King of kings



During Jesus' earthly life, colored cloth was very expensive. Only royalty and wealthy people could afford it. When Jesus was arrested and sentenced to die, the soldiers set about humiliating him (see Mark 15:16-20, NRSV). They found a purple cloak — the color of royalty — and put it on him. Then they placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head. "Hail, King of the Jews!" they mockingly cried. The soldiers hit Jesus with a reed and spat on him. They taunted him and knelt before him, pretending to honor him.

Despite what he endured, our Lord did end up a King — King of kings and Lord of lords.

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Living Lord at Immanuel



Mission Statement: "Caring and sharing since 1850, the mission of the family of God at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mokena is to effectively teach the Word of God, promote the spiritual growth of the Christian family, and continuously reach out with love and service."

Connecting people in loving relationship with God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, with each other in contagious Christian community, and with our calling of servanthood in the world.

Official Acts

Funeral: Ralph Pohrte, February 7, 2018

Baptism: Raiden Moffitt February 3, 2018



Weekly Attendance January 21-February 21, 2018

	5:00 pm	9:00 am	7:00pm	Total
January 27-28	54	90		144
February 3-4	63	132		195
February 10-11	34	48		82
February 14			74	74
February 17-18	66	54		120
February 21			38	38



Baptized Membership 784 Confirmed Membership 711 Households 364

Immanuel has elders who assist the pastor during the worship service and outside of worship. Their job is to be of service to you in any cares/concerns you may have with the congregation and within your family. Here are your elders:

Elder 1: Marty Olsen 815-464-4373

Elder 2: Jim Bowlds 708-479-3757

Elder 3: Jim Bubeck 815-469-7573

Elder 4: Bruce Bechtel 815-485-5455

Elder 5: Nick Whittier 815-485-9269

Elder 6: Jerry Vrshek 815-469-5059 (Director)



Elders in Service

Please contact these Elders should you have any needs/concerns/questions.

Management of life's resources for God's purposes

February 2018 (Three Weeks)

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD: \$ 21,065.00

OUR MINISTRY AT A GLANCE:

Mortgage ~ \$817.96

Mortgage Balance ~ \$ 259,030.99

Outreach ~ \$YTD \$

Mission ~ \$1000 YTD \$2000

Personnel ~\$10,729.54

Utilities ~ Electric \$708.64; Water \$74.99;

Gas \$849.88 ;Phone \$166.81;

Garbage \$115.90

Total Expenses: \$21,967.00

Bulletin & Items Publishing

Bulletin articles are due on Thursday by 12 p.m.

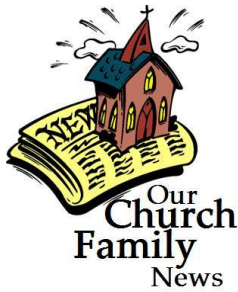
Articles for the April Items are due **March 23rd** and will be on our website-mailed and in narthex after **March 30th**.

We post Items Newsletter on the Website!

www.immanuelmokena.org

If you plan to move or have already moved **PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE** with your new address!!





The Board of Fellowship would like to thank everyone that worked so hard to make the spaghetti dinner a fabulous evening that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone that came and supported the event. God Bless you!



Remember to spring forward and change your clocks ahead one hour the weekend of March 10-11. Daylight savings time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday March 11.

Lutheran Bible Translators – Missionary Visit on March 3rd and 4th: Last February we introduced Lutheran Bible Translators as our global mission focus for 2017. We are going to continue our focus on and support of LBT in 2018 and are excited to announce that the Rev. David Federwitz will be at Immanuel the weekend of March 3rd and 4th. He will lead the services on both Saturday and Sunday and speak about the experiences of his family -- he and his wife, Valerie, have been serving as LBT missionaries in Africa since 2003, and they have four children.

Time & Talent Forms and Commitment Cards were collected the weekend of January 27/28 but please still turn them in if you have not already. Forms can be found in the narthex. They may be placed in the offering plate or turned into the church office or to Sarah Bechtel's mailbox (C12). Thank you for your prayerful participation in this process.

"This Is The Life" Classic Movies from Lutheran Hour Ministries: Here are stories of faith-healing gone awry; a married couple's loss of their daughter; a pastor whose legalism was driving his members away; the bitter animosity of a father against his daughter's suitor; and more. In the end, each episode has one thing in common: God reigns through every event in our lives, and it is by faith in

His Son-following and honoring Him-that our lives find their fullest meaning. Watch stars like Jack Nicholson, Leonard Nimoy, Angie Dickinson, and Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs cut their teeth on their craft-long before they hit the "big time."

Monday, March 5 6:30-8pm will be the third video and **Monday March 19th** will be the fourth video with Leonard Nimoy from 6:30-8pm.

Please call Leslie Cosich at 708-642-1012 if you would like to see the videos. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex also.

Candy donations needed: Immanuel Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 31 at 11:00 a.m. An event for outreach and connection to community and Immanuel families. We will need enough candy to stuff about 2,000 plastic eggs for this event. Donations of **wrapped** candy from our Immanuel members would be greatly appreciated (**no peanuts or peanut butter, please**). The following wrapped candy is suggested due to its size: Hershey miniatures, Hershey kisses, Milky Way minis, Nestle Nest Eggs (small foil wrapped chocolate eggs). There will be a box in the narthex to place the candy. Thank you very much for your donations.



FLOWER ORDERS are beginning. Spring is almost here and so are the Easter Lilies, Hyacinths, Tulips. Help us beautify our church on Easter morning with the aroma of Spring. Price per plant is \$12.00 and last day to order is March 11. The order forms are on the table in the narthex. Make checkout to Ruth Society and put the order in the envelope on the bulletin board in the narthex.



- 1 Paul Dillberg, Melissa Liscomb, Nolan Marnul,
- 3 Richard Belanski
- 4 Marty Olsen
- 6 Rachel Greenspan
- 8 Lisa Bartnik, Millie Shepich,
Michael Sneideraitis,
- 9 Randy Besse, Marlene Cupp, Jill Strilich
- 10 Ted Fuka, Blake Lopez
- 11 Barbara Malm
- 13 Keith Maranto, Susan Schuh,
- 14 LeRoy Habel
- 16 Ronald Berger, Samuel Eble, Julia Welzen
- 17 Susan Olsen
- 18 Mandy Baker, Ashley Pomykala
- 19 Jodi Klode, Douglas Kocur
- 20 Lucas Wojno
- 21 , Hannah Nilsen
- 23 Barbara Belanski, Hannah Eble,
Lou Dawn Howard
- 24 Nicholas Halvorsen, Kathryn Strejcek
- 25 Becky Bouck, Gail Compagnoni,
Ruth Welzen
- 26 Cynthia Grebic
- 30 Carol Garcia
- 31 Jacqueline Hansen

+Christian Symbol+

Torch

The torch primarily represents the Passion of Christ, perhaps because he was arrested and tried during the night, when the Temple guard would have used torches for light. The torch also can symbolize spiritual enlightenment, or martyrdom for the sake of the gospel.



- 2 David and Marcia Proskan 28 Yrs.
- 11 Kathleen and Wayne Temple 45 Yrs
- 15 John and Leslie Cosich 42 Yrs.
- 17 Gary and Judy Smith 55 Yrs.

Bible Quiz



According to Matthew’s account, what was torn when Jesus died?

- A. Mary’s headdress — she tore it as a traditional Jewish sign of grief
- B. A Roman guard’s sash — Peter grabbed and ripped it in anger
- C. Jesus’ robe — the soldiers divided it among themselves
- D. The temple curtain — torn in two from top to bottom

Answer: D (See Matthew 27:51.)



The Church's hymns are filled with rich and beautiful texts that provide congregations the opportunity to put words of Scripture to song. This Lenten season, we invite you to join us in our 2018 Lenten reading plan. Each day, we'll focus on a new hymn stanza and the associated Scripture reading that inspired it.

SECOND WEEK IN LENT: "Christ, the Life of All the Living" (LSB 420) SUN, FEB 25: Stanza 1, Isaiah 53:4-6
Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe, Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe: Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

MON, FEB 26: Stanza 2, Mark 15:22-32
Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod; Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God! Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

TUE, FEB 27: Stanza 3, Galatians 3:10-14
Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole; Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul; Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

WED, FEB 28: Stanza 4, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

THU, MAR 1: Stanza 5, Psalm 27
Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free; Falsely did Thy foes accuse The: Thence I gain security; Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

FRI, MAR 2: Stanza 6, Matthew 27:33-46
Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently, Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me; Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

SAT, MAR 3: Stanza 7, Matthew 26:36-45
Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore, For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore, Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy

bleeding and Thy dying, For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

THIRD WEEK IN LENT: "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" (LSB 609)

SUN, MAR 4: Stanza 1, 1 Thessalonians 4:13
Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander! Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

MON, MAR 5: Stanza 2, Luke 5:29-32
We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing, Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here our ills have perfect healing. Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

TUE, MAR 6: Stanza 3, Luke 15:4-7
Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e'er forsaketh; Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh In His arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.

WED, MAR 7: Stanza 4, 1 Timothy 1:15-16
I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession. Savior, mercy show to me; Grant for all my sins remission. Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

THU, MAR 8: Stanza 5, Isaiah 1:18
Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression, It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion; For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

FRI, MAR 9: Stanza 6, Revelation 7:9-17
Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted. Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted. Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

SAT, MAR 10: Stanza 7, Matthew 9:13b
Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven; And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

FOURTH WEEK IN LENT: "Salvation unto Us Has Come" (LSB 555)

SUN, MAR 11: Stanza 1, Romans 3:21-26
Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor; Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never. Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone; He is our one Redeemer.

MON, MAR 12: Stanza 2, Psalm 51
What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender. Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires, And lost is our condition.

TUE, MAR 13: Stanza 5, Romans 3:11–20

Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature
sharing. He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's
vengeance stayed Which over us impended.

WED, MAR 14: Stanza 6, 1 John 2:1–2

Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us
salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad And build
on this foundation. Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your
death is now my life indeed, For You have paid my ransom.

THU, MAR 15: Stanza 7, Matthew 11:28–30

Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be
broken; Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood
have You spoken. Baptized into Your precious name, My faith
cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.

FRI, MAR 16: Stanza 9, Ephesians 2:8–10

Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him
unceasing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With love
and hope increasing. For faith alone can justify; Works serve
our neighbor and supply The proof that faith is living.

SAT, MAR 17: Stanza 10, Hebrews 4:16

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and
Spirit, The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His
merit. O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your
saving love; Your blessed name we hallow.

FIFTH WEEK IN LENT: "My Song Is Love Unknown" (LSB 430)

SUN, MAR 18: Stanza 1, Romans 5:6–10

My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me, Love to
the loveless shown That they might lovely be. Oh, who am I
That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

MON, MAR 19: Stanza 2, Psalm 22

He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow; But
men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my
need His life did spend!

TUE, MAR 20: Stanza 3, Matthew 21:8–9

Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King. Then
"Crucify!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst
and cry.

WED, MAR 21: Stanza 4, Isaiah 35:4–6

Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their
sight. Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves
displease And 'gainst Him rise.

THU, MAR 22: Stanza 5, John 10:17–18

They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away; A
murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay. Yet
cheerful He To suff'ring goes That He His foes From
thence might free.

FRI, MAR 23: Stanza 6, Mark 15:43–46

In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In
death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave. What may
I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein
He lay.

SAT, MAR 24: Stanza 7, Revelation 5:11–14

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was
love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my
friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly
spend!

PALM SUNDAY: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (LSB 443)

SUN, MAR 25: Stanza 3, Luke 18:15–17

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing; For
Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King. Oh,
may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice And
in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK: "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"
(LSB 434)

MON, MAR 26: Stanza 1, John 1:29, 35–36

Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer. All sins
Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us: Have
mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK: "Lamb of God, Pure and
Holy" (LSB 434)

TUE, MAR 27: Stanza 2, Isaiah 53:6–7

Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer. All sins
Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us: Have
mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK: "Lamb of God, Pure and
Holy" (LSB 434)

WED, MAR 28: Stanza 3, 1 Peter 1:18–19

Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer. All sins
Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us: Thy
peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

HOLY THURSDAY: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
(LSB 621)

THU, MAR 29: Stanza 2, 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly
food.

GOOD FRIDAY: "Upon the Cross Extended" (LSB 453)

FRI, MAR 30: Stanza 1, 1 Peter 2:21–24

Upon the cross extended See, world, your Lord suspended.
Your Savior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heaven
Himself has freely given To shame and blows and bitter
death.

HOLY SATURDAY: "O Perfect Life of Love" (LSB 452)

SAT, MAR 31: Stanza 2, Luke 18:31–33

No work is left undone Of all the Father willed; His toil, His
sorrows, one by one, The Scriptures have fulfilled.

Special Dates


- World Day of Prayer, *March 2, 2018*
- Third Sunday in Lent, *March 4, 2018*
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, *March 11, 2018*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 11, 2018*
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, *March 18, 2018*
- First day of spring, *March 20, 2018*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 25, 2018*
- Holy Week, *March 25-31, 2018*
- Maundy Thursday, *March 29, 2018*
- Good Friday, *March 30, 2018*

Day by day

Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close. Then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourself.

—John Ruskin










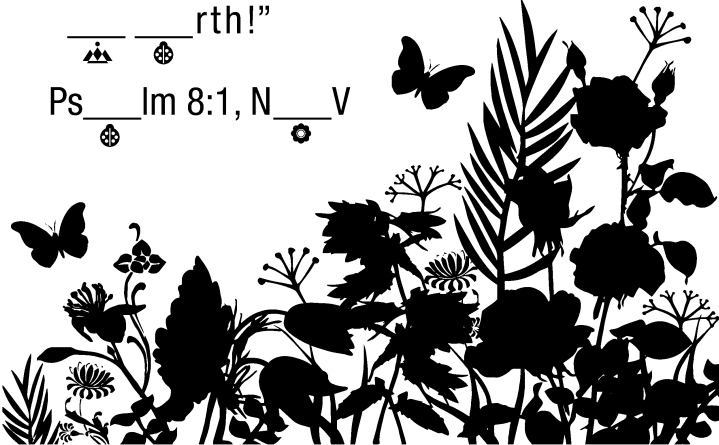
Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A =  E =  I =  O =  U = 

“L__RD, __r L__rd, h__w
 m__j__st__c __s y__r
 n__m__n__ll th__
 __rth!”
 Ps__lm 8:1, N__V



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"
 Psalm 8:1, NIV



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March 4, 2018 – Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 69; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25;

Gospel: John 2:13-22

“The Son of the Father” - Sermon Text: John

2:13-22 - *Rev. James Elsner*

Children so often live up to their parents’ expectations. Jesus, the Son of the Father, had the zeal of the Lord! Are you being shaped and formed anew into a Son of God in Christ Jesus?

March 11, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 107:1-9; Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-

9; Gospel: John 3:14-21

“When Snakebit, Do What?” - Sermon Text:

Numbers 21:4-9 - *Rev. William Mueller*

Numbers 21 records a rather unsavory episode from God’s Old Testament people. They grumble and complain – yet again! In order to refine their faith, and to point the way to the ultimate Savior, God sends fiery serpents among them. Their method of salvation is much the same as the method of our salvation. Look to the cross! Look to Christ!

March 18, 2018 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 57:1-3; Old Testament: Hebrews 5:5-10;

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

“Jesus Foretold His Death” - Sermon Text:

Mark 10:32-34 - *Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III*

Jesus foretold his death. He knew exactly what would happen to him in Jerusalem. This has great meaning for our life and brings us much comfort.

March 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

Psalm: 118:19-29; Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11;

Gospel: John 12:20-43

“A Terrifying Task” - Sermon Text: John

12:20-43 - *Rev. Paul Shoemaker*

Have you ever been confronted with a task that was terrifying? Jesus was. On Palm Sunday He entered Jerusalem knowing His fate was death on a cross. Please join us on Worship Anew as we consider A Terrifying Task.

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