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# INTEGRATE

A newsletter for the family and friends of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church



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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday with communion - April 2, 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday with communion - April 6, 7:00 pm

Good Friday - April 7, 7:00 pm

NO SATURDAY WORSHIP

Easter Sunday with communion - April 9, 8:00 am & 10:30 am

NO GOD'S KIDS CLUB OR ADULT BIBLE STUDY ON EASTER

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## EASTER LILIES

The Ruth Society is taking orders for Easter lilies. Orders are due **April 2**. Cost is \$9 each. Please place your order in the green bag on the counter or in D1. Thank you in advance!



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## SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, April 29, 4 – 7 p.m. Dinner will be served and there will also be takeouts. Tickets are on sale now before and after Saturday & Sunday services. Adults \$10; Children 5-12 \$5; ages under 5 are Free.

Ruth Society is hosting a delicious spaghetti & meatballs, sausage, salad, bread, & dessert dinner. Please tell your family and friends.

A sign-up sheet is in the lobby on the Opportunity bulletin board. We need volunteers from the congregation for workers, spaghetti sauce, and desserts. The spaghetti sauce can be homemade or store-bought.

Any questions, please contact Mary Oesterreich at 708-479-7745.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Food Pantry Collection

Preschool Flower Sale

Women/Word Dinner Out

Spaghetti Dinner

Spring Women's Tea

Church Picnic

March 18 – April 2 (see page 4 for more details!)

Orders due Monday, April 17

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Saturday, April 29, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 21

Saturday, June 3 (see page 5 for more details!)

At Immanuel Mokena, our tagline is “following Jesus, finding family.” To us this means in the process of striving to be like Jesus, we grow together as Christians and followers and develop strong relationships as part of the family of Christ.

As we grow together, we are focusing on a key 1-2-3 here at Immanuel:

**1 Mission:** making disciples.

**2 Places where it happens:** temple spaces and table spaces.

**3 Key Relationships:** with God (UP), with people who know and love Jesus (IN), and with those who don't yet know how much He loves them (OUT).

We want all people to know that they are very-much-loved children of God, and we want to walk beside them as they discover their place in His Kingdom.

## Financial Summary

YOY Comparison	FEB 2023	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	YOY Change	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
Offering	25,995	57,774	53,717	4,057	8
Interest	75	155	34	121	345
Facility	2235	2535	500	2,035	407
Expense	27,855	56,049	54,206	1,843	3
<b>Balance</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>4,415</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4,370</b>	<b>99</b>

> Pastor's Scholarship Fund Balance \$17,200

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary Saturdays at 5:00 pm  
Traditional Sundays at 9:00 am

God's Kids Club (Sunday School) and Adult Bible Study - Sundays at 10:15 am (September through May)

### ARE YOU IN NEED OF FINANCIAL, PASTORAL OR OFFICE SUPPORT?

Please Contact Us:

Pastoral Support: 708-479-5600 x2

Office Support: 708-479-5600 x1

## Live-Streamed Weekly Worship

Tune in to Facebook, YouTube Channel or [immanuelmokena.org](http://immanuelmokena.org) (click connect, live stream) to view the services live from the comfort of your home. Service times are listed above.

## Announcement & Integrate Publishing

Announcements are due on Wednesdays by 9 a.m. Articles for the May *Integrate* are due by April 26 and will be on our website, emailed, and mailed after May 1st. The *Integrate* Newsletter is also available online at [immanuelmokena.org](http://immanuelmokena.org)

## Official Acts

March 12, 2023 – Baptism – Harlan Graves, son of Timothy & Samantha Graves



## Elders

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 Bubeck 312-952-1727

Elder 3: Bruce Bechtel 815-485-5455

Elder 4: Jerry Vrshek 815-469-5059 (Director)

Elder 5: Lynn Gilmore 815-600-6855

Elder 6: Fred Eassa 708-275-9907

Elder 7: Harold Oesterreich 708-479-7745

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

## Donations To Special Groups

Please follow the below instructions for submitting donations via check to any of the following groups.

### GROUP

**Rays of HOPE**

**God's Kids Club**

*Include on Memo: God's Kids Club*

**Ruth Society**

**LWML**

**Pastor's Scholarship Fund** *Include on Memo: Pastor's Scholarship Fund*

\* For Special Group Donations: Clearly write on the outside of your offering envelope where the funds should be designated.

### MAKE CHECK PAYABLE

**Rays Of Hope**

**Immanuel Lutheran**

**Ruth Society**

**LWML NID**

**Immanuel Lutheran**



## Women's Ministry Corner

Ladies' Day April 22  
9am-3pm at Olivet  
If you signed up- we  
will meet in the  
Immanuel parking lot  
to carpool. Check your  
email!

### Spring Women's Tea

Freshen up your Easter bonnet or create one of your own for the Spring Tea, Sunday, May 21st – 1:00 till 3:30 – hosted by the Board of Fellowship and Ruth Society. Hear all about the new Redeeming Life Maternity Home in East Dundee supported in part by LWML and our Northern Illinois District. Pick up a baby bottle beginning April 15th/16th and return it with your offering on the day of the Tea – you will be making it possible for women to hear about and experience the love of God that is ours in Christ Jesus.



### WOMEN OF THE WORD

Dinner Out – Monday, April 17  
Monday, April 24 at 7 pm – We are wrapping up  
studying the book of Colossians.



### MEN OF THE WORD

All men are  
invited to join us  
on the 1st & 3rd  
Mondays at 7 pm.  
We will be  
meeting in the  
library.

## RUTH SOCIETY

Our April meeting will be Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. **NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!** Date has been changed due to Maundy Thursday. Hope to see you there!



We have been waiting for this moment and Spring break is finally here!! Just need a chance to recharge our batteries for the final push to wrap up the school year. Hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the school year. There is still lots to do. The children will be celebrating donuts with dad, muffins with mom, having a Resurrection Party, finishing up the alphabet, hearing and Vision testing. Still so much to do in a short period of time. **WE CAN DO IT!!**

We will be doing the gift card fundraiser, plant sale and pizza set-ups from S & T Too will be starting April 11th. Lots of opportunities to enjoy some quality items.

We are now accepting registration for the 2023-2024 school year. Classes are filling up fast.

### Spring Flower & Plant Sale

Are you ready for spring? Do you like to plant? If you said yes, then the preschool has something for you. We are selling plants that come from a Michigan farm. They are amazing, and I enjoy the plants at my house well into the fall season.

We do have to place our order in full cases except for flats, hanging baskets, and patio pots. The order form in the Lobby is for full case orders and the preschool will order plants to be sold individually. Colors cannot be guaranteed.

**All orders are due by Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** and the plants will be delivered Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact Tracy Miranda if you have any questions.



## FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP



### Food Drive

The Board of Stewardship will collect non-perishable food items and paper products for the Frankfort Township Food Pantry. Items can be donated from March 18th through April 2nd. Bins for collection of your donations will be in the lobby — thank you!! Suggested donations:

1. Bags (garbage & kitchen) 13 & 30 gallon
2. Storage plastic bags (gallon & sandwich)
3. Canned meats (beef stew, hash, Spam)
4. Cleaning products
5. Cookies
6. Deodorant (men's/women's)
7. Dish soap
8. Foil & plastic wraps
9. Ketchup
10. BBQ sauce
11. Mustard
12. Kleenex
13. Laundry products
14. Cooking oil
15. Mayonnaise
16. Paper towels
17. Razors
18. Rice mixes (Knorr's)
19. Salad dressings
20. Salt & pepper set
21. Soap (liquid & bar)
22. Toilet paper
23. Taco shells and seasonings
24. Chunky soups & Progresso soups
25. Tomatoes (canned – whole, diced, etc.)
26. Granola bars
27. Fruit snacks

### A Collection for Aid for Women Pregnancy Care Center & Maternity Homes

Barb and Marsha delivered over 100 baby outfits (102), 3 boxes and 11 packages of diapers, 9 containers of baby wipes, 48 baby spoons, 21 pacifiers, 21 pairs of socks, 8 containers of snacks for babies, 6 baby blankets, 4 burp cloths, 3 pairs of mittens, 3 hats (not attached to outfits), 1 rattle, 1 teething toy, and 1 pack and play. We also donated 15 pairs of socks and 5



pairs of mittens as well as 42 special small items for women including lip balms, lotions, files, and shampoos.



We received a tour of their facility and they had five women come in earlier that morning. They said they average about 30-35 women weekly. They have a boutique room where mothers are able to choose items for their babies. This is very helpful for women in choosing life for their child as they see they have support to help them with their financial as well as emotional needs.



### Do You Knit or Crochet?

Looking for a place to donate your projects? Aid for Women, Morningstar Missions and Phil's Friends are a few organizations accepting hats, scarves and blankets. If you would like to donate your projects, place them on the wire shelving in the hallway across from the ladies restroom. The Stewardship Board will distribute them. Thank you!





## SHINE NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT SERVANT EVENT

Jesus tells us in Matthew 5: 16, "...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

The LCMS Northern Illinois District is shining a spotlight on service from April 14-23, 2023. Throughout the district, groups of 2 or more people are asked to give witness to the love of Jesus through acts of service to their neighbors and communities. Simply join with some people from your church, school, small group, ministry group, family, etc., and serve together in a project of your own choosing.

Here is a [list of 40 ideas](#) you could choose from but feel free to choose your own project!

How is God calling you to serve your neighbors and SHINE His light?

We would love to see photos of your acts of service — please send photos to [office@immanuelmokena.org](mailto:office@immanuelmokena.org) — thanks!

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## LWML

**LWML NID Zone 16 Spring Rally – hosted at our church by our Immanuel ladies!!**

"God of Hope" Romans 15:13

Saturday, May 6th

Registration: 8:30 – Meeting: 9:00 till Noon

Morning Refreshments

Bible Study

Fellowship

Ingathering

Watch the April announcement slides for more information!!

## CELEBRATE THE LORD OF THE NATIONS WITH LWML IN MILWAUKEE – June 22-25, 2023

Convention attendees' objectives are to "Celebrate our Lord through Word and Sacrament," "Honor God by serving our neighbors," and "Proclaim His message to the nations." Celebrating our salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection is at the heart of who we are as Lutheran Women in Mission. Guided by the Holy Spirit we will "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations." Registration information is in the Winter Quarterly on the LWML table in the narthex. Come and join us for a day, two days or for the entire convention time – you will return home inspired and uplifted by the thousands of women and men joining together to celebrate the Lord of the nations!!




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## FROM THE BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP

*By Lyn Thorne*

### Church Picnic

Coming Soon....The Church Picnic Reimagined

**What's new?** It will be on Saturday, June 3rd immediately following the 5pm service.

**What's the same:** It will be held out in the Picnic Pavillion. The main dish will be provided by the Board of Fellowship. The members will bring a dish to pass and their own beverages. There will also be an inflatable house and games for all.

**What to look forward to?** A great night of fun and Fellowship and a sing along bonfire.

**How can I help?** Setup, cleanup of the outdoor area, and planning. Look for a sign up sheet on the opportunity board.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 3rd for our annual church picnic. This year, the picnic will begin immediately following the Saturday night service. It will still include great food, games, and fellowship, but this year it will conclude with a bonfire. Stay tuned for opportunities to help make this the best picnic ever!!

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## **In the Community**

### **Ascension Lutheran Christian School 312 Mile Fundraiser**

Pastor Bryan Reeves, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Richton Park, IL, will once again walk 312 miles in order to bring attention to the work God is doing at Ascension Lutheran Christian School in Gary, IN. He will walk from Cleveland to Gary in 13 days. Donations will support the school's current operation as well as provide upgrades to educational opportunities and facilities. Please pray for the success of Ascension and this fundraising effort at 3:12AM or 3:12PM. For more info, visit

[www.walk312.com](http://www.walk312.com)

### **Trent Bartolomucci Foundation Fundraiser**

The Trent Barolomucci Foundation raises funds to provide educational scholarships, promote restoration, and to combat the opioid and fentanyl crisis in our area. To date they have funded 18 educational scholarships in the field of Addiction Studies. These scholarships help build the workforce through education to combat drug addiction.

Their next fundraiser is the same time as our church picnic, but if you are interested in their mission, you can visit their website at

[www.trentbartolomuccifoundation.org](http://www.trentbartolomuccifoundation.org)



# APRIL

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

1 Barb LaRocco  
2 Patrick Lydic  
2 Jessica Malley  
3 Jim Bubeck  
3 Amy Greenspan  
4 Kimberly Perrin  
5 Virginia Miller  
5 Sarah Smith  
6 Edith Albers  
6 Bruce Bechtel  
6 Hayley Grebic  
7 Kalie DeVivo  
7 Lauren Smith  
8 Maddie Roberts  
10 Nick Whittier  
17 Lisa Baker  
17 Linda Jeffrey  
17 Jessie Nykrin  
19 Laurie Fuka  
20 Jameson Suski  
21 Solomon Fargo  
21 Tim Malm  
22 Nathan Eassa  
24 Tracy Miranda  
28 Marsha Flesch  
30 Rebecca Keen  
30 Phyllis Seno

### Anniversaries

4 Marty & Susan Olsen	36 years
4 Kimberly & Mike Perrin	28 years
13 Richard & Barbara Belanski	16 years
17 Emma & Karl Wohler	41 years
20 Ted & Laura Fenn	32 years
24 Tim & Lisa Baker	38 years
25 Ray & Linda Steinbrenner	37 years
28 Tom & Delynn Flannery	11 years

*We wish God's blessings on all these people celebrating a birthday or anniversary. If we have forgotten anyone's special day or it is in error, please contact the church office.*

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### Ways to Submit an Offering

- **Drop off** a check (or cash in sealed envelope with your name) in the secure black lockbox by the church office entrance door.
- **Mail** a check to the office: 10731 W La Porte Rd, Mokena, IL 60448
- **Electronic Giving** – go to the website, [www.immanuelmokena.org](http://www.immanuelmokena.org), and click on Electronic Giving under the Giving menu. Fill in the secure form with either credit card or checking account information to submit offering.
- **Joyful Response:** many members already use this service which automatically debits their checking account at a specified interval (weekly, monthly, bi-monthly, etc.) for a specified amount. The form can be found on the Electronic Giving page on the website – just fill it out and drop off or mail to the church office.

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### How to find the Live Streaming Worship Services...

- [www.immanuelmokena.org](http://www.immanuelmokena.org) – Go to Connect, select Live Stream
- Facebook – Follow us @ImmanuelMokena
- YouTube – Our channel is Immanuel Lutheran Mokena (you can subscribe to the channel to be notified when new videos are posted)