

# The Image

"The MISSION of Immanuel is to glorify God, build the Christian Church, foster Christian fellowship and concern, and join in the worldwide work of winning souls for Christ."



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – MARCH 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

*The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength eighty;  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.  
Who considers the power of your anger,  
and your wrath according to the fear of you?  
So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90:10-12).*

Why am I here? Yes, it's a deep and, perhaps, weird question. I assure you I'm not wandering into a discussion of existentialism. Cue the yawn. What I want you to think about is this: What do I do as a pastor—your pastor? What is, essentially, my vocation as I stand before you each Sunday?

We'll come back to this in a bit.

Many years ago, while serving the church in Michigan, I was also a chaplain at a Lutheran nursing home. It had just over one hundred beds. I was there to share the love of Christ with everyone, but especially with those who had no

connection with the Christian Church. As part of my duties there, I also planned and presided at a memorial service held each quarter. Every twelve weeks, the residents, the families of those lost, the staff, and I would gather in the chapel to be reminded of God's promises in Christ. Remarkable it was that the number of names read at each memorial service was about the same: fifteen, with more names added in winter as we were reminded of the terrible toll the flu season exacted that past fall. You can do the math.

Each week at that nursing home, I also had the pleasant task of organizing the Friday afternoon Lutheran Vespers. Usually, I would preside and preach at one of these services each month. The others were assigned to fellow pastors or vicars who volunteered to assist in bringing Christ to these people. One particular Friday, we gathered in that little stone and stained-glass chapel, complete with altar and organ (the little pews had long ago been removed to allow the necessary room for wheelchairs). I was observing a vicar from a sister parish leading the service and preaching on a reading from Hebrews. This poor young man (I say poor as he was about to experience my ire), with many words, was exhorting the residents to try a little harder and work more to make the Lord happy and win souls for Christ. Remember the math I asked you to do above. That math gives you the reason for my ire. More likely than not, at least one of those souls seated in one of those wheelchairs would be called from this life before the following Friday dawned. It was, perhaps, the last time they would hear the Word of God proclaimed to them. A point I made certain the preacher, and his supervisor, understood. Missing from the sermon was any pronouncement of forgiveness, justification, and the promise of eternal life in Christ.

Of course, that reminded me of my own training and a similar episode when my \*ahem\* backside was handed to me. I went into a hospital room and proceeded to talk to a person—a person who had only hours to live—about the nice weather outside. (Why is it that we revert to superficial small talk in such times? Is it because we've forgotten how, or have become afraid, to speak what needs to be spoken?) Future pastor speaks of weather to dying woman. It's almost comical it's so ridiculously tragic. I thank God my supervisor—a wonderful role-model, teacher, and man of God—was there to clean up the mess I made. And I thank God that he also used my mess as a profound teaching moment. The lesson I learned? Simple:

Don't waste a dying man's time.

And there's a second lesson too: We are all that dying man.<sup>1</sup>

I pray, fervently pray, each week before I ascend into that frightful pulpit, that the Lord would bless me with His Spirit, His words, that I might not make a mess of things. I pray that as I stand in that pulpit, surrounded by so many physical and flesh-and-blood reminders of those who came before me, that I would resolve to know nothing among us but Christ and Him crucified.<sup>2</sup> More than anything else in our short lives, this is what we need. We need the Christ crucified for our sin—the cause of our death—and risen for our life. We need to hear of that forgiveness and

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<sup>1</sup> A few years ago, while attending a Higher Things youth conference, I watched a video clip that powerfully captures this point. The clip can be accessed here: <https://youtu.be/MzhaiYqcIt0>

<sup>2</sup> 1 Corinthians 2:2.

promise of life that He graciously and freely showers upon us. We need to hear of the promise that death's dread word is not final. Christ is the final word. And He has conquered death.

Who knows what tomorrow will bring? Maybe good things. Maybe bad news and disappointment. Maybe very bad news that carries with it the reality of our own mortality.

Don't waste a dying man's time.

How well do you know the people sitting around you as we gather each Sunday? Our modern lives are so compartmentalized and lived in such self-imposed isolation. What do we really know about the lives of those brought to that one place each Sunday? Maybe some great sin, their own or those close to them, has rocked their lives. Maybe they are struggling with addiction. Maybe they must return, after receiving the Good News and gifts of our Lord and hearing the joyous hymns we sing together, to a home, a life, filled with the darkness of abuse and neglect. And maybe they are dying. Only the Lord knows which one of us will be taken in the weeks and months ahead.

When you think of these things, about what you *don't* know about your neighbor's life and what profound issues might be confronting them, sermons and teachings of your best life now, pseudo-pop psychology, and how to try harder and do better; these seem grossly out of place. Don't they? Imagine sitting there in deep emotional, physical, or spiritual pain, and then hearing me preach about the steps you need to take to have a better life—to be more blessed! Or image me accusing you of not smiling and being happy enough. (Sadly, these two examples I have heard from Lutheran pulpits!) And I'm quite certain that we've all had those experiences when, upon burying someone we love, we see the world paying no attention and laughing at the trite things it typically finds amusing. It hits us as great blasphemy. Now, imagine that happening in church.

Don't waste a dying man's time. And remember, we are all dying.

Years ago now, not long after our Lord called me here, I was visiting a member at one of our local assisted living facilities. After the visit, while walking to my car, a man approached me (I, as always, was arrayed in my clericals—a visual reminder for myself and those around me of what I represent and what I am called to do). The man asked if I would be willing to visit his father. His father had lost everything to the sin of substance abuse. The man had lost his wife, his ability to work, and now his health. He had nothing. So, of course, I visited the man. It was one of those moments that, looking back, I can say was arranged by our Lord. So, I visited. I visited carrying the gift of Christ with me—something we all do as Christians. After hearing the man's long, sad story, I had nothing to say or give except the words of Christ. The Word of forgiveness. The Word of Life. And truly, what else was needed? What else, in those moments, could be more important than that? After several more visits, the man said something to me that, obviously, remains with me to this day. He said to me: "You've done more for me than you know and more than I could have ever hoped for." That, my brothers and sisters, is the power of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. After those few visits, I never saw him again. We were parted by death as the living inevitably are.

Don't waste a dying man's time.

That, my dear friends in Christ, is my job. That is why I, as those who came before me, am here. I am here to proclaim Christ and Him crucified. I am here to prepare you, and myself, for that moment we take our last breath in this life.

Once again, we find ourselves in the holy season of Lent. And soon, as Lent draws to a close, on Good Friday we will sing that great hymn written by Bernard of Clairvaux (d. 1153). The hymn, *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (LSB 450), has as its last stanza these words:

*Be Thou my consolation,  
My shield, when I must die;  
Remind me of thy passion  
When my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,  
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfold Thee,  
Who dieth thus dies well.*

That is why I'm here. That is why we gather every Sunday.

Don't waste a dying man's time. And we are all dying.

But in the cross of Christ, we die well.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski Jr., Pastor



*All adults and youth are invited to participate in any or all Bible studies offered at Immanuel. We are thankful we can gather together around God's Word. You are welcome to attend anytime.*

- **Sunday morning Adult Bible class** – 8:00 am and 10:15 am in the Luther Room or on Zoom.
- **Adult Bible study** – Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Library or on Zoom.
- **Intergenerational Studies:** 6 pm each Tuesday evening.
- **For the older youth**, there is a Rock Island Circuit Youth Group – see the schedule below.
- **And of course for the younger ones, there is Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings.**



## Immanuel Youth Group News – Rock Island Circuit Youth Group

Spring 2023

### Spring Youth Group Meeting Schedule

<b>Mar 5th</b>	at Immanuel 5:30-7:30 pm
<b>Mar 19th</b>	Bible Bowl at Zion Taylor Ridge 2:00-5:00 pm
<b>April 16th</b>	Hiking or Bowling (activity to be determined by weather) location TBD
<b>April 23rd</b>	at Mt. Calvary in Galesburg 5-7:30 pm
<b>May 7th</b>	at Immanuel 5:30-7:30 pm
<b>May 21st</b>	End of School Year Event - TBD

***If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Welch at 309-714-5491.***

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

The Board of Education is making plans for Vacation Bible School this summer for children entering Pre-K thru 5th grade. We are considering changing to a 5 day format with meetings in the evenings. Dates will be determined soon. First we would like to gather names of children interested in attending and adults willing to assist with VBS. Please use the VBS sign-up sheet in the narthex to provide your name, contact telephone number, email.

Thank you,

#### **The Board of Education:**

Burnie Eckardt  
Leigh Ann Nixon

Helen Vogel  
Kathy Welch

Carrie Werke  
Pastor Astrowski

## Membership Changes:

### Additions:

*None this month.*

### Deletions:

*None this month.*

## Changes/Additions to current directory:

### Address Changes:

*Ardo & Carolyn Holmgren  
1209 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. Apt. 313  
Rock Island, IL 61201-7916*

*Emily Hazen  
29 Main Ave., PO Box 7  
Matherville, IL 61263*

### Additions:

*None this month.*

### Deletions:

*None this month.*

## Memorials Received in February:

*In Memory of Russell Klavon to the General Treasury*



**Asleep in Jesus ...** Russell Klavon was called to his eternal rest on Monday, February 6, 2023 at the age of 78. Funeral Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at Concordia Lutheran Church in Geneseo. Visitation was from 3-7 p.m. at Vandemore Funeral Homes & Crematory – Geneseo Chapel. Memorials may be directed to Concordia Lutheran Academy, 316 S. Oakwood Avenue, Geneseo, IL 61254 and Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3300 24<sup>th</sup> St., Rock Island, IL 61201. ***May God comfort the survivors with the sure hope that those who die in the Lord are with Him in Heaven.***

**Below are the total offering and expenses for the last three months.**

We thank you for your continued generosity through this difficult time.

Nov. Offerings - \$25,260.00    Nov. Expenses - \$20,749.00

Dec. Offerings - \$17,866.00    Dec. Expenses - \$23,866.00

Jan. Offerings - \$12,430.20    Jan. Expenses - \$14,009.12

**Reminder... each time you enter the hospital,** be sure to say you are a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island so that the hospital can call the office. ***If you would like the pastor to know immediately, please have a family member or friend call the office and/or Pastor—otherwise we may not be aware of your hospitalization.***

Please call the office when someone is ill, hospitalized, or homebound **(309-786-3391).**

Please use this email to contact the office:

**[ilchurch@mchsi.com](mailto:ilchurch@mchsi.com)**



The flooring in the cafeteria has been installed as well as the carpeting in the south hallway. ***The flooring project in the cafeteria is still ongoing but the cafeteria is usable until further notice.*** Thank you for your patience during this time! If you have any questions, please contact Clayton Weisenborn.

**Thank You,**

**– Clayton Weisenborn, Property Committee**



***The Chancel of our church will be decorated with lilies on Easter Sunday, April 9th.***

We invite you to donate towards the cost of the lilies. Your name and what you would like to have written (as a memorial, in thanks to God for something, in honor of someone, etc.) will be in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Call Tammy at the office (786-3391) or e-mail the information to [ilchurch@mchsi.com](mailto:ilchurch@mchsi.com). Place your donation in an envelope with "lilies" written on it along with your name, amount, & envelope number. Drop it in the offering plate at a service or mail it to the office.

***The deadline for the names is Monday, April 3<sup>d</sup>.***



CONTINUING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AFTER EACH MIDWEEK SERVICE, THE IMMANUEL CHOIR WILL BE PRACTICING FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY. EVERYONE HIGH SCHOOL AGE OR OLDER ARE WELCOME TO JOIN! PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTINE ROTH OR KATHERINE COBERT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

***We ask God for His blessing upon all our members, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month including:***



March 2 – Mick Esparza  
March 4 – Rob Mau  
March 5 – Emily Hazen  
March 7 – Bevy Eckardt (10)  
March 9 – Corbin Ayers  
March 10 – Jordan Stockwell  
March 11 – Gretchen Gerard, Carrie Titus  
March 14 – Bryan Cobert, Judy Klockau  
March 15 – Hannah Allison, Melody Pool,  
Karen Soeken

March 17 – Alison Boisvert, Mayson Davis, Jr. (5), Rachel Spragg  
March 18 – Mona Meyer, Samantha Peterson  
March 19 – AJ Cortez (9)  
March 23 – Mikey DePaepe (5)  
March 24 – Milo Boisvert (2), Mikey Eckardt (6)  
March 26 – Doug Campbell  
March 29 – Rob Henke



***Mick & Margi Esparza – March 25, 1983***

***Brett & Jennifer Long – March 25, 2002***

***Andrew & Amanda Ferguson – March 27, 2010***

***\*NOTE – Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed to the best of our records. If you find a mistake or any missing information, please notify the office. Thank You!***



### **Mark Your Calendars:**

Feb 23 - LWML meeting 6pm in Luther Room

March 8 – serve Lenten meal

March 30 – serve at Christian Care

April 27 – LWML meeting

May 25 – Out to eat and Election of Officers



**Date:** June 22–25, 2023

**Location:** Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Theme:** Celebrate the Lord of the Nations

**Scripture Verse:** *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man* (Psalm 33:12–13).

**Goal Statement:** As His children, we celebrate the Lord of the nations.

**Objectives:** Convention attendees, understanding that we are all His children, will:

- Celebrate our Lord through Word and Sacrament.
- Honor God by serving our neighbors.
- Proclaim His message to the nations.

**Convention documents and special events information can be found by going to the following link:**

<https://www.lwml.org/2023-convention>



### **OUR CURRENT NEEDS:**

- **Paper Towels**
- **Cleaning Supplies**
- **Laundry Detergent**
- **Bottled Water**
- **Butter**
- **Sugar**
- **Onions**
- **Hats & Gloves**
- **Ziplock Bags**
- **Men's Winter Coats**
- **Men's white undershirts – S - XL**
- **Trash Bags (39 Gal/13 Gal)**
- **Hygiene Products**
  - **I.E.:**  
**Shampoo/Conditioner, razors, body wash, deodorant, foot powder, shaving cream)**
- **Shower Shoes/Flip Flops (sizes 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)**
- **Thermal Underwear**
- **Perishables and Non-Perishable Goods**
- **Men's Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Jeans**

*Please drop off items to the designated box in the narthex and they will be taken to Christian Care by one of our members. Contact the office if you have any questions.*





## Lenten Discipline: Denying the Self

We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts — the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God which pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh, but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

Fasting is a good example of this outward training. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. But you have learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above to discipline the desires of your body.

Another example is almsgiving. An increase in giving to the church and its mission during Lent is also a form of outward training. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is — it leads you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. (1 Tim. 6:6–10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)

# Christ the King (Cristo Rey) Lutheran Church



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## Newsletter March 2023

### Lent.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. On this day, as forgiven sinners, we receive ashes in the sign of a cross on our foreheads as the pastor says: *"for dust you are and to dust you will return."* (Genesis 3:19)



Do you ponder Jesus' sacrifice and death during Lent? We can imagine that Jesus knew His mission to save the human race was drawing closer and closer. He can see the punishment, suffering, and death He will experience. It was not easy for Him, but He willingly obeyed His Heavenly Father. He spent time in meditation and prayer for this imminent event.

Usually when we talk about death, people, even Christians, become frightened. It's not easy when your doctor tells you bad news like "you have diabetes, cancer, heart disease, etc." It's not easy to assimilate. How long will I live? Will I suffer a lot? These are just a few questions that come into our minds. It is not easy for us to deal with the fact that someday we will leave this world. It takes time for reflection.

To us, as Christians, Lent is a time of spiritual preparation and prayer. In this season, we need to look, in a seriously and respectful way, at the act of Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross. We need to realize that it is our sins that nailed Him to the cross. It is a penitential season of the church year. He hangs there suffering on our behalf. And He does it all out of love for us miserable sinners. And we also pray to God asking Him to help us accept our own inevitable death trusting that He will deliver our souls into His presence where we will await with hope our resurrection on the Last Day.

Realizing all that Jesus has done for us we can sing or say the words of this beautiful Lenten hymn:

Christ the life of all the living,

Christ the death of death our foe,

Christ Yourself for me once giving

To the darkest depths of woe

Through Your suffering, death and merit

Life eternal I inherit.

**Thousand, thousand thanks are due,**

**Dearest Jesus unto You. Amen and Amen!**

Lord, have mercy upon us! Christ, have mercy upon us! Lord, have mercy upon us!



Beardstown Latino Ministry.

Attendance: Hispanics at worship: three new families, Mr. Freeze, Pastor Kettner and myself. Pastor Kettner mentioned that some of these same Hispanic families attended the Sunday English Service at St. John's.

Also, Pastor Kettner distributed Spanish Bibles and other Christian material among the attendees.

I will be traveling to Beardstown twice a month on Saturdays and hopefully broadcasting a Spanish

radio program from station KALA twice a month also on Saturdays. Arrangements with KALA are pending.

With respect to the time and schedule at the KALA Radio Station, and considering opinions from CR members, the schedule that was used in the past is preferred: Saturdays from 7-8 am. Mr. Lara, Spanish programmer, told me that after our live Spanish programs ended, he received telephone calls asking that the broadcasts be resumed. So, with this information, we believe that this is the best day and time to return to the radio.

Mr. Lara is on vacation, but when he returns, I will be in communication with him and then contact the radio station director, Mr. Baker, about the direction we would like to take.



**Choice Dollars.** We are pleased to inform you that Christ the King Lutheran Church (Cristo Rey) has been approved and enrolled as a participating organization in Thrivent Choice which is a charitable grant program of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. You are able to direct your Choice Dollars now to our Hispanic mission.

FB Live continues on Mondays and Fridays at 4:00 pm.

*We continue to thank God for your faithful prayers and loving support  
of this Hispanic ministry!*

## Basic LERT Training Events

**Saturday, March 11**

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
200 Cole St.  
East Peoria, IL 61611**

***Register [HERE](#)***

**Please join us for the Lutheran Early Response Team volunteer training program. Together we will walk through a simple training program designed to help you serve as a trained Christian volunteer when a disaster strikes and to help your family and congregation to be prepared for disasters. This training is part of a Synod-wide disaster response program, facilitated by a network of District Disaster Response Coordinators and Teams, under the direction of LCMS Disaster Response. After the program, you will receive a completion card credential and a T-shirt.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Registrations must be received by two weeks prior to the training day to ensure a shirt at the time of the class photo. Registrations received after that date will have shirts sent with the credential card.**

**In the chaos of disaster, it's important to stay focused on the task at hand. This training will help you focus on the most important thing to remember as you prepare for or to respond to a disaster in your community or beyond. At the center of our LERT Volunteer training is one thing: MERCY! Christ's mercy is the basis for everything we say and do. This 6-hour training event will equip you to be an effective volunteer should a disaster strike your community. After a brief introduction regarding the goals and theological rationale of LCM Disaster Response, the LERT volunteer training will address the following:**

- **Christian care in times of disaster**
- **A Ministry of presence**
- **The LERT Program and how it works with other responders**
- **Introduction to Disaster Response**
- **At the work site: Debris clean up, tarp and patch, flood and mud clean up, chainsaw safety, and necessary paperwork.**


**Cost for the day is \$35, which includes light breakfast, lunch, book/materials, t-shirt, and credential card. If you are repeating the session we ask that you contribute \$15 if you need a new book and t-shirt to help defray the costs.**



You are invited to a **FREE** Pancake Dinner at Camp CILCA on **Saturday, March 4** from 10am-1pm. This is a "THANK YOU" to all those who have prayed for, volunteered for, and donated money to Camp CILCA. Please come and enjoy a lunch among friends in thanksgiving to our God.

Men, Camp CILCA needs you! **The Act Like Men Woodcutters Retreat is March 10-11.** Cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God's Word are all great ways to grow your soul. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. The suggested donation for overnight is **\$25 (\$10 for Saturday only)**. To register, contact the camp office at 217-487-7497 or email [director@cilca.org](mailto:director@cilca.org). ***Please let us know you are coming so we can prepare the meals.***

**Camp CILCA's Annual Banquet is Sunday, March 26, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.** at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall! ***Tickets are \$40 each. Call the camp office (217-487-7497) or email (camp@cilca.org) to reserve your tickets today!*** The Annual Banquet is an evening celebrating God's work of *Creation* and *Redemption*, especially as those works are enjoyed, proclaimed, and taught at Camp CILCA. Join us for an evening of music, food, great speakers, and friends. This year, Mrs. Katie Schuermann will speak about why Christians should read and write.



## CAMP CILCA SCHEDULE 2023

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

January 20-22	ACT LIKE MEN Retreat (For any man 16 and up)
March 4	Pancake Dinner
March 10-11	ACT LIKE MEN Woodcutters' Retreat (Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)
March 26	Annual Banquet - Contact the camp office to reserve your tickets
April 1	Spring Workday
TBD	Spring Women's Scrapbooking Retreat
May 27	Men's Field Day Competition
May 28	Annual Hog Roast
May 30	Junior Counselor Training
May 31-August 3	SUMMER PROGRAM
August 5	Homecoming - Food, music, games, more!
September 3	Chicken Fry & Auction
September 16	ACT LIKE MEN Shooting Retreat (Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)
September 22	Whippoorwill Golf Outing
October 7	GRIT Run!
November 4	ACT LIKE MEN Workday

**ACT LIKE MEN EVENTS**

For men of all ages to make connections across generations, learn and sharpen new skills, and grow strong in the Lord.

**"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."**  
- 1 Corinthians 16:13



# Lenten Schedules

March 1, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Lenten Midweek I
March 5, 2023	Sunday	9:00 AM	Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Lenten Midweek II
March 12, 2023	Sunday	9:00 AM	Third Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Lenten Midweek III
March 19, 2023	Sunday	9:00 AM	Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Lenten Midweek IV
March 26, 2023	Sunday	9:00 AM	Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 29, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Lenten Midweek V
April 2, 2023	Sunday	9:00 AM	Palm Sunday
April 6, 2023	Thursday	6:30 PM	Holy (Maundy) Thursday
April 7, 2023	Friday	12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Good Friday Chief Service Good Friday, Tenebrae
April 8, 2023	Saturday	7:00 PM	The Vigil of Easter
April 9, 2023	Sunday	6:30 AM 7:30 am 9:00 AM	Easter Sunday Sunrise Easter Potluck Breakfast The Resurrection of Our Lord



A meal will be served in the cafeteria each Wednesday prior to the midweek services.

*Join us for a potluck breakfast on Easter morning after the Sunrise Service. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for items to bring and/or set up and clean-up duties.*





# March 2023

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9-11 CHALK  5:30 pm - Supper 6:30 pm – Lenten Midweek I	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9 am Lenten Time of Prayer
<b>5</b> Bd. Of Elders 7:15 9:00 am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS 5:30-7:30 pm Youth Group @ Immanuel	<b>6</b> 8 am – 4 pm RICC 6:00 pm Book Club	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Bible Study 6 pm Interagen. Bible Study	<b>8</b> 9-11 CHALK  5:30 pm - Supper 6:30 pm – Lenten Midweek II	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b> 9 am Lenten Time of Prayer
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### **Sunday Schedule**

Bible Study at 8:00 AM

Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM

Bible Study at 10:15 AM – Sunday School at 10:15 AM

We invite you to join us for worship and Bible Study and the fellowship of Christians who share in the joy of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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*Additionally, you can tune in to Pastor’s nightly devotion each evening at 9 pm “live” on Facebook or find it on the church’s YouTube page later.*