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"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 – MAY 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

When we confess our belief using the Nicene Creed, we speak the following words: “And I believe in one holy Christian¹ and apostolic Church.” When we confess that we believe in the apostolic church, what we are saying is that we are members of the Church that is built on what was handed down to us by the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our faith is built on what those men experienced—what they witnessed.

That’s very important. It’s important for us to understand that our church stands upon the confession of those who saw it happen. We do not follow cleverly devised myths, nor are we each allowed to invent our own god. We have been called into life in the apostolic church. This church has a real history that can be verified both true and false. Yes, it can be verified false. This also is important. Since the Faith—the Faith we confess—is based on actual historic events, that this history can be proven, or disproven (falsified). Now that probably sounds strange but allow me to explain why this is important.

I will often ask people if anything would ever cause them to lose faith—to stop believing. Many a pious person will answer with a hearty “No!” It’s a nice sentiment but it takes the person’s belief out of the realm of actual history and places it squarely in the category of myth. In a sense, those people are saying that *nothing*, not evidence, nor reason, nor bare facts, would allow them to call the truth to which they cling a lie. You see, hopefully, that the reality of our Faith must have the possibility of being declared a lie by reason of evidence and fact. And the skeptics indeed are looking. And the more they look the more they discover actual evidence for the Truth to which we cling and which we proclaim. How many Easter seasons have you heard of

¹ The ancient text has the word “catholic” instead of “Christian.” The word catholic does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church—in fact it predates that church. The word is a transliteration of the Greek word καθολικὴν (katholikay). The Latin rendering is *catholicam*. It simply means according to (kath) the whole (olikay). What is confessed is what the true Church of all times and places confesses. That is why the Nicene Creed is known as an ecumenical creed. Anyone who cannot or does not confess the articles of faith put forth in the creed is outside the Church. And this: there is a distinct difference between reciting the creeds and confessing them.

how the tomb of Jesus has been found (remember, Jesus was a *very* common name in ancient Israel—as it is today)? Their claims are typically and quickly debunked by their peers (often secular) using the tools they should be using and the tools we use: evidence, fact, and reason. The evidence we have is too great and numerous to discuss now, but I'll list a few. Of course, there is Scripture. Scripture, especially the Gospel narratives are built on eye-witness testimony. Then there is the physical evidence: Biblical names found etched in stone, tombs discovered of those recorded in Scripture, and extra-biblical accounts attesting to the claims of the Church. Simply put, our Faith is built on history and fact. It happened!

So, the fact that it can be falsified demonstrates, once again, that our faith is founded on real events that can be examined using reason. Think about our view of archeology. We are not afraid of it. Why? We are not afraid of its findings precisely because our faith is rooted in history—real places, people, and events. As noted, archeology helps illuminate and often verify the claims of Scripture.

So yes, when we confess the one holy Christian and apostolic church, we are aligning ourselves with the historical reality of our faith: that God in Christ once walked among us, died, and rose again. It is a historic reality. Now, because of this reality and the care and fidelity with which the Apostles handed the historic faith down to us, we submit to it. We submit to what God taught them and they gave to us. That is doctrine.

If you spend time with me and you begin to confess what you believe, be assured, I'll be listening. If you share a belief (say, like one can be saved apart from Christ) that is not drawn from what was handed down to us—doctrine—I will ask you a simple question: “What is the authority behind your belief?” Is your belief built on what was handed down to us? That is, is it based on Scripture? And let me add this: There is a difference, often, between what you want to believe Scripture says and what it actually teaches.

To counter this, enter the preacher.

Why have so many churches and so many often-prominent pastors (like Rick Warren²) changed their teachings—what they call doctrine? Often it is claimed that these organizations and individuals have evolved in their interpretation of Scripture—what the Apostles handed down to us. They have abandoned apostolic teaching for what is appealing to the culture. They know what's good for business. To such I ask the same question: “By what authority?”

You see, when we confess that we are called to be part of the one holy Christian and apostolic church, we are also noting that we submit to what they gave us. We submit to the doctrine handed down to us. And we hand it over as it has been handed to us. Period! That is the job of the preacher. It is my duty to hand Christ over to you—all that He said and did and was recorded for us—as it was handed over to me. This is why I tell people to be very wary of new and novel teachings in the church. Rest assured, there is nothing I am going to say to you that has not been said by those who came before me in the two-thousand-year history of the Christian Church. And if I say something that you have not heard before, I better darn well be able to demonstrate to you how what I've taught is faithful to what has been handed over to us. My teaching had better be apostolic.

Do you see what this does? How wonderful this is? This prevents me from teaching whatever I want—whatever would make our lives more comfortable. And it keeps you from twisting Scripture to fit your own personal interpretation. It keeps us part of the apostolic church.

² Rick Warren, the famous pastor of Saddleback Church in Orange County, California, just changed his stance on women's ordination, claiming now to see Scripture in a different way.

And what does the apostolic church hand down generation after generation? Christ and Him crucified. “*This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*”³

I close with the words of St. Paul to the young pastor Timothy. It’s a good word—God’s Word—for all of us.

*I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*⁴

A blessed Eastertide to all of you.

Christ is Risen!

Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski Jr., Pastor

³ Acts 4:11-12.

⁴ 2 Timothy 4:1-5.



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

May 7th At Immanuel 5:30-7:30 pm

May 21st End of School Year Event at St. Matthew - TBD

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Welch at [309-714-5491](tel:309-714-5491).



VBS at Immanuel

July 10 -14 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

For Children 4 years old through 5th grade.

Monday thru Thursday we will start with a light meal followed by music, Bible Lessons, crafts, Bible challenges and games. We will wrap up the week on Friday with a closing program, cookout and a Fun Night filled with activities.

More details to follow regarding registration. Thank you to all who have expressed interest in volunteering. We will be contacting you soon. If you have not signed up to help, please consider participating. We will need help with the kitchen, crafts, registration table, music and overall helpers.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Welch [309-714-5491](tel:309-714-5491).



Riley Andrew Nixon will be confirmed in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island, Illinois on May 7, 2022.

Membership Changes:

Additions: None

Deletions: None

Changes/Additions to current directory:

Address Changes:

Barb Soyke – remove home telephone number

Additions:

Deletions:

Memorials Received in April:

In Memory of Russell Klavon to General Memorials

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

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

Jan. Offerings - \$12,430.20	Jan. Expenses - \$14,009.12
Feb. Offerings – \$26,375.00	Feb. Expenses - \$18,972.00
March Offerings - \$23,927.00	March Expenses - \$38,128.55

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. The hospitals do not regularly call the churches as they once did.***

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

OFFICERS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming an officer or member of a committee at Immanuel, there are several positions that will be open including but not limited to:

Corporate Secretary (1); Treasurer/Board of Finance Chairman (1); Property Committee Chairman(1); Foundation (1); Call Committee (3); Board of Elders (4).



This requires attending the council meetings which are *generally* held on the 3rd Thursday of every other month. The date of the next council meeting has not yet been determined but at that time a nomination list will be put together for the June Voter's Meeting to elect new officers. If you are interested, please contact Mel Vogel, Ron Mau or call the church office at 309-786-3391.

Special VOTERS' MEETING

There will be a Special Voter's meeting on Sunday, May 7, 2023 after church in the cafeteria. There is one item on the agenda and that is to approve funds for tree removal at the Immanuel Cemetery.

Mark Your Calendars:

May 25 – Out to eat and Election of Officers



CHRISTIAN CARE

Current Needs:



Both shelters are in need of the following:
Coffee, toilet paper & bottled water.

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.

NEWS FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE:



It's that time of year – mowers are needed!

There will be a calendar/sign-up sheet in the Narthex for people to sign-up to help mow the church property throughout the summer. Duties will be for one week at a time, Sunday through Saturday. The property will be divided by "Hill" and "Flats". Sign up for one or both as you feel comfortable. A person should only have to mow once per week but more (or less) may be required. And you can sign up for multiple weeks (please!) You will be notified if there are any special events (i.e. funerals, etc) happening each week. The church does have a riding mower to use.

Please contact Clayton or call the office if you can help or if you have any questions.

Thank You, – Clayton Weisenborn, Property Committee

Cemetery Clean-Up Fund



Many of you may be aware that the Immanuel Lutheran Church cemetery here in Rock Island sustained substantial, major damage from the tornado that blew through on Tuesday morning, April 4, 2023.

The damage is so extensive that it will take a work crew with large equipment to remove trees and re-set toppled stones. Unfortunately, the insurance does not cover the cost to clean up trees, so we are setting up a ***cemetery clean-up fund*** to help offset the costs. At some point down the road, we will be looking for some volunteers to assist with a final clean-up of small debris before Memorial Day. We will keep you informed of such a workday.

If you wish to donate towards this fund, please make checks out to Immanuel Lutheran Church and note in the "memo" line of your check that it is for the cemetery clean-up.

If you have any questions or would be interested in assisting with clean-up, please contact Ron Mau or Clayton Weisenborn – or you can call the office.

Thank You –

Ron Mau, Clayton Weisenborn

Thank You, – Clayton Weisenborn, Property Committee

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



May 2	<i>Jerry Poole</i>
May 6	<i>Linnea Triage</i>
May 9	<i>Jake Nixon (15)</i>
May 10	<i>Leigh Ann Nixon</i>
May 12	<i>Kevin Klavon</i>
May 15	<i>Betty Farrier</i>
May 16	<i>Taylor Schelfaut (14)</i>
May 17	<i>Dani Stevens</i>
May 24	<i>Eric Campbell, Tony Ruiz</i>
May 26	<i>Matthew Kramer</i>
May 28	<i>Kathy Daack, Mary Ann Pedigo</i>
May 31	<i>Dylan Mills (8), Brayden Ripple (11), Haley Walker</i>

Jack & Jane Copeland – May 4, 1991

Steve & Kathy Daack – May 8, 1971

Alex & Linnea Triage – May 16, 2015

Rob & Christy Henke – May 17, 2015

Wayne & Linda Haake – May 28, 1994

Dave & Sandy Schumaker – May 29, 1971



****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!***

The Easter acclamation **“Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!”** are welcome words of joy and comfort in concert with Jesus’ promise, **“Because I live, you also will live.”** (Jn. 14:19)

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church’s Mission Dollars to the District. “Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored.” Please remember in your prayers the outreach of Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf and Pastor Tom Phillips. Pastor Phillips is our CID missionary to the deaf. He serves in Jacksonville but also spans the District to bring the Good News about Jesus to the hearing-impaired.

Items of Interest to Share

Lutheran Heritage Foundation

FREE RESOURCES: Do you know someone who doesn’t speak English as a first language, and you want to introduce them to the Savior? Check out the Lutheran Heritage Foundation’s database of free Lutheran books, translated into more than 140 languages worldwide! Resources include children’s Bible storybooks (often also suitable for adults with lower literacy levels), Luther’s *Small Catechism*, and devotion booklets in languages like Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, and Swahili – all available at no cost to the ministries, short-term mission teams, and individuals who need them. Search the LHF Publication List at www.LHFmissions.org/Publications.

Prison Ministry Materials: Consider donating printed Gospel-centered materials to a nearby state or federal prison or county jail. Thanks to Central Illinois LWML, you or your CID congregation can make such a donation and receive up to \$400 reimbursement from the District. (This reimbursement amount has been *raised* from \$200.) See the voucher, guidelines, and list of approved materials at <http://www.cidlcms.org/resources/outreach/Vouchers%20and%20Guidelines.pdf>

Keeping Christ on Campus: Lutheran Legacy Foundation of Paris, Illinois, has announced that it will make additional financial gifts to match YOUR monetary contributions to endowments funds that support CID’s four established campus ministries: at U. of I., ISU, EIU, and WIU. Lutheran Legacy is now providing a 20% match. If you contribute five dollars to one of these endowment funds, your gift will amount to six dollars! For additional information, see <http://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-campus.html>

Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday- May 7, 2023

Fifteen students (10 seminarians, one deaconess, and four undergraduate students) were given grants by our CID Scholarship Committee this year. Thanks to substantial gifts given by the Seider Scholarship Endowment, the CID LWML, and our CID Scholarship Endowment Fund, as well as many generous gifts given by faithful Lutherans like you, \$105,500 was awarded to help offset \$327,347 worth of unmet financial needs. Unmet needs are the student’s responsibility after scholarships, grants, parental assistance, expected congregational gifts, and the like are subtracted from the total cost of education.

You can help ease their burden with your gift to the Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday appeal. By indicating on your, “Will They Always Be There?” envelope or on your check, you can direct all or part of your gift to go toward helping our 2023-2024 students by designating “CID Scholarship Fund,” or you may choose to make a gift to the “CID Scholarship Endowment Fund.” The income from the CID Endowment Fund will be used to make need-based grants to our students for years to come.

The special “Will They Always Be There?” envelopes are available at your church, or you may send your gift directly to the Central Illinois District Scholarship Fund, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626.

Once again, I want to stress the importance of providing these need-based grants to our CID students attending our seminaries and Concordia Universities as they prepare for careers in full-time church work. The ever-increasing cost of education is creating enormous education debt for many of these servants of God. Together, our generosity may be the difference that allows some of them to continue their studies and helps relieve the burden of their educational debt.

If you are considering a major gift, a gift of appreciated assets, or a gift through your estate, you may contact CID Planned Gift Counselor. Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or by email at c-olander@msn.com for assistance. Thank you.

LERT Chainsaw Training Event

To be held at: St. Peter's Lutheran Church

200 Cole Street

East Peoria, Illinois 61611

Saturday, May 20, 2023. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

The registration fee (\$35.00) will include breakfast and lunch.

You must be a certified LERT member to attend this class.

If you are already LERT chainsaw certified, the event is considered continuing education (no charge).

Chainsaw Training Registration Online Link:

Please click on the link below or copy and paste and complete the entire registration form .https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=785803



The Camp CILCA Lowdown

May, 2023

217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org
4124 Camp Cilca Rd.
Cantrall, IL 62625

SAVE THE DATE:

- **May 28 – Hog Roast**
 - Adults \$10, Children \$8.
 - 11:30am-2:30pm
 - Pulled Pork, sides, drinks, & desserts!
- **May 27-29 – Great CID Campout!**
 - **Outdoor recreation:** hiking, fishing, boating, swimming, disc golf, squishy ball, campfire devotions, Sunday worship for campers (10:30am) and Christian fellowship.
 - **Beach:** open daily from 1pm-4pm
 - Campsites, cabins, and hotel-style rooms in the Christian Growth Center are available. *Contact the camp office (217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org) for reservations.*
- **Anytime: Register for Summer Camp!**
 - **Preschool-4th grade:** Generations
 - **1st-4th Grades:** Pathfinders
 - **4th-6th Grades:** Bold Spirits, Aqua Week
 - **6th-8th Grades:** Art, Drama & Athletics; Night Owl; Dauntless Souls
 - **High School:** Intrepid Hearts, Junior Counselor, Joyful Hearts Volunteer

Find out more at www.cilca.org

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2023

The Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association (CILCA) exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and fellowship with others in a unique outdoor setting. CILCA strives to reconnect Christians to Christ and Creation.

JOYFUL HEARTS

Campers of all ages with developmental disabilities experience the joys of the outdoors during a 4- or 2-night stay.

\$350/*\$175
• Full Week: June 5-9
• Half Week: June 5-7* or 7-9*

BOLD SPIRITS

4th- thru 6th-grade campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. **\$350**

• Session: June 18-23

DAUNTLESS SOULS

6th- thru 8th-grade campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. **\$350**

• Session I: June 11-16
• Session II: June 25-30

GENERATIONS

Campers age 4 thru 4th grade are introduced to camp with a 1-night stay with a parent or other adult. **\$65 per person**

• Session I: June 16-17
• Session II: June 30-July 1
• Session III: July 28-29

AQUA WEEK

4th- thru 6th-grade water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. **\$350**

• Session: July 9-14

NIGHT OWL

6th- thru 8th-graders experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! **\$350**

• Session: June 25-30

PATHFINDERS

1st- thru 4th-grade campers break out on their own with a 2- or 3-night stay. **\$150/*\$175**

• Session I: May 31-June 2
• Session II: July 5-7
• Session III: July 31-August 3*

ART, DRAMA & ATHLETICS

5th- thru 8th-grade campers choose one track: Art, Drama or Athletics for the week & are led by experienced instructors. **\$350**

• Session: July 16-21

INTREPID HEARTS

High-School students enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation in a laid-back week before school starts. **\$350**

• Session: July 23-28

WE NEED YOU!

9th-graders and up, serve as a Junior Counselor or Joyful Hearts volunteer absolutely free!
• Joyful Hearts Volunteer - June 4-9
• J.C. Training - May 30

REGISTER TODAY!

Find in-depth details on each camp & register* at:

WWW.CILCA.ORG

*\$75 deposit due at time of registration. Registration is according to the grade most recently completed.





Follow Him in Generosity

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job’s already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

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Rev. Pablo G. Domínguez



Newsletter May 2023



The Monday after Easter I had a chiropractic appointment. During the time I have been visiting this chiropractor, the nurse and I have talked about our church affiliations and our responsibility to be witnesses to our neighbors. She always asks me about the Bible texts I use for my sermons, and I usually share a short message with her. She is always kind and happy. But that day she was different. I noticed it in her facial expression. She was sad. She had been asking a patient about her Easter celebration, but the patient didn't believe in the Resurrection. The patient said to her that Easter Sunday was

just a regular Sunday, like any other Sunday with nothing to celebrate. The nurse had thought that this person believed in Jesus' Resurrection. She was wrong. This person was nice and kind but didn't believe in Jesus. Discovering this about her friend discouraged this Christian nurse. I tried to encourage her and give her comfort.

The tomb is empty! Christ is risen! Yes, indeed!

This is a familiar situation among unbelievers, isn't it? Do you feel sad when a relative or friend tells you that he doesn't believe in Jesus? Are you really sad or do you just brush it aside and say, "It's okay!"?

- God gave the command to all Christians to be His witnesses in a world which doesn't believe in Him. We need to share the Good News. With His help, we can bring people to Jesus' feet and thus change their eternal destination.
- We can give our support, help and prayers to pastors, missionaries, deacons and fellow church members who share the Gospel with unbelievers in order that the Holy Spirit can open their hearts and minds so that they will trust in God. This includes our relatives and friends. We don't want condemnation for them.
- As Christians, we know where our hope is, in Jesus. By God's grace, we have been transformed and we are His children. We celebrate Easter, because our Savior is alive. We join with Peter and say, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice". (1Peter 1:3-6a)

Bible Studies East Moline Correctional Center:

Bible studies continue at the correctional center. For several months the attendance was 2-3 inmates, but this month, attendance increased to 10. A musical band of inmates which has formed and played at a Christmas celebration at the center will perform again on April 20th to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. Fellow Hispanics were invited again.

Back Parking Lot

Plans for resurfacing the back parking lot at CR are currently on hold while a means of financing is found. Mr. Robert Dalton, CID BOD member, will provide technical support and suggestions in accordance with Mr. Don Freeman, RI Circuit Hispanic Council member. Please pray with us for direction and wise decisions.

HAPPY Mother's DAY

In Mexico Mothers' Day is always celebrated on May 10th. It is the most beloved and important festival of the year for the family. It is a tradition that the children sing songs to their mothers on this day. We call it "serenata". A serenata consists of songs sung in the early morning with live music. Some hire a group of musicians with acoustic guitars. Others employ "The Mariachi", (The Mariachi is a group of musicians who play traditional folk music with guitars, trumpets, and violins). Or friends with acoustic guitars may form a group and travel to their mothers' houses and sing two or three songs. Upon finishing the songs, the mother must leave the house and thank the children personally with a hug and a kiss.

On this day, the mothers also receive gifts: flowers, hugs, kisses, and a lot of love from their children in appreciation. It is also a custom to observe festivals for the mothers in the elementary schools, where the students carry out dance numbers, interpret some songs and perform some recitations like poems for mothers. Mothers are so pleased when they see their children doing something for them. In many schools the students do some handcrafts, like decorations for the house for their mothers. Children give it to them on Mother's Day, May 10.

Many families are accustomed to being together to celebrate with their moms. They bring a special meal or some plates while others make reservations in a restaurant. The idea is to spend major time with their moms in order to honor them on their special day. At Cristo Rey we are going to celebrate Mothers' Day and give gifts on Sunday, May 14th.



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



Easter Sunday. On April 9, CR celebrated Easter Sunday with a potluck dinner, and later, parents and children inflated helium balloons. It was great fun, and a great time was had by all.



HE IS RISEN





May 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>1 8 am – 4 pm RICC</p> <p>Pastor at Conference 6 pm Book Club</p> <p>7 7:15 – Bd. of Elders Mtg 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS 5:30 – 7:30 pm - Youth meet @ Immanuel</p>	<p>8 8 am – 4 pm RICC</p> <p>6:00 pm Book Club</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pastor at Conference</p> <p>9 9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Interger. Bible Study</p>	<p>3 9-11 CHALK</p> <p>Pastor at Conference</p> <p>10 9-11 CHALK</p>	<p>4 5 pm Confirmand Questionnaire 7 pm Youth Programming Bd.</p> <p>11</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>12</p>	<p>6 THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING TOMORROW, MAY 7TH AFTER CHURCH.</p> <p>13</p> 
<p>14 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS</p>	<p>15 9 am Winkel 6:00 pm Book Club</p>	<p>16 9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Interger. Bible Study</p>	<p>17 7 pm RI Circuit Youth Planning Mtg.</p>	<p>18 The Ascension of Our Lord – Service at 6:30 pm</p>	<p>19</p> 	<p>20</p>
<p>21 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS</p> <p>End of school year youth event @ St. Matthew, Milan</p>	<p>22 6:00 pm Book Club</p>	<p>23 9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Interger. Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 LWML – out to eat & election of officers</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS</p>	<p>29 Office Closed Memorial Day Observed</p>	<p>30 9:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p>		<p>Calendar subject to change. Any changes will be listed in weekly announcement</p>	



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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.