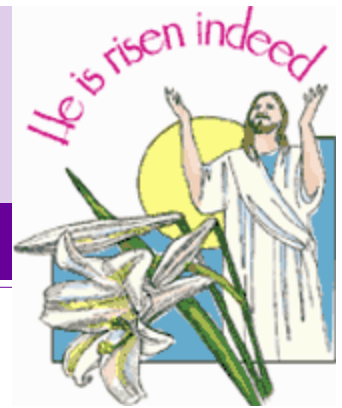


The Spirit of Immanuel

April 2018

Now there are varieties of Gifts, but the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4



Immanuel Lutheran Church

- * Worship Services
Sundays, 8:30 am
- * Sunday School
9:30 am
for Pre-school
through High
School
- * Weekly Fellowship
- * Choir and Chimes
- * Prayer Chain

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- ◇ Please join the families and friends of Immanuel Lutheran Church, (north of Colfax, for those who may not be sure) for the Easter Worship Service at 8:30 am.
- ◇ While so much of our Easter focus is on the celebrations that we share on Easter Day - egg hunts, dinners with family, and special worship services - we tend to overlook the reason we can celebrate. Jesus spent 3 days in HELL so we wouldn't have to. It's an uncomfortable concept, hell. Most of us don't have any idea what it might be like - unless ... you're waiting for the diagnosis from your doctor ... in the ER while doctors try to save your loved one ... in the midst of a major disagreement with your spouse ... watching your house burn ... picking up the pieces of your life after a tornado or flood ... looking for work to feed your family because your job was eliminated ... What's your Hell? Jesus went there so you wouldn't be alone in yours; he didn't stay there so you wouldn't have to either.

The Saint John's Bible

is a work of art and a work of theology. A team of artists coordinated by Donald Jackson in Wales and a team of scholars in Central Minnesota have brought together the ancient techniques of calligraphy and illumination with an ecumenical Christian approach to the Bible rooted in Benedictine spirituality. The result is a living document and a monumental achievement. See more about The Saint John's Bible at www.stjohnsbible.org

We hope to have a portion of The Saint John's Bible at worship on Pentecost, May 20, compliments of Illinois Wesleyan University and IWU Chaplain Pastor Elyse Nelson Winger.



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Congregation Community Calendar

GOING ON HOLIDAY 2018

A Judeo-Christian pilgrimage through the testaments.
We pilgrimage together in worship and learning!

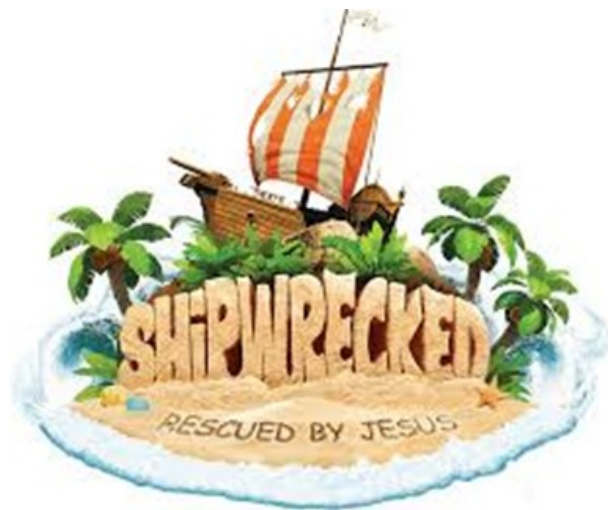
HOLY WEEK

March 29 @ Immanuel _____ **Maundy Thursday** - Feast of Unleavened Bread
Colfax **7pm** (Passover) Pesach – The freedom story

March 30 @ 1st Presbyterian ___ **Cross Walk** w/ Prairie Central Clergy Assoc.
11am starting and ending at 1st Presbyterian
This year's route walks 4th St, Hwy 24, 1st St, and Locust

March 30 @ 1st Presbyterian ___ **Good Friday** - Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)
Fairbury **7pm** We ask forgiveness. Tenebrae

April 1 @ Immanuel + TLC _____ **Easter Sunday** - Shabbat
8:30am + 10:00am respectively



X marks the spot on your calendars for
**Vacation Bible School Monday-Friday,
June 4-8, 2018**

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colfax
hosts vbs from 9-11am daily.

1st Presbyterian Church, Fairbury hosts vbs from
8:45-11am daily, **with** neighbors from **1st United
Methodist Church** and **Trinity Lutheran Church**.

Thurs-Sat, **June 7-9** is the Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly @ Champaign.
Registrations are open; May 15 deadline.
Contact Pastor Tom if you are interested in going.

Mon-Fri, **June 11-15** is Crossways Confirmation Camp (6th-8th grades).
Register at www.crosswayscamp.org by early April.

Mon-Sat, **July 23-28** is Leadership Lab (8th grade and up).
See more information at www.leadershiplab.net

Church Council Minutes

February 12, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Danny Harms, Don Brucker, Angie Kratochvil, Marcia Buchs, Tracy Harms, Elton Mau, Kolton Brucker, Pastor Tom

David Laube from Financial Design Group explained how Securian manages our investments. He presented a handout showing Immanuel's investments and their value and answered any questions we had.

Pastor Tom opened the meeting with prayer.

Don motioned, and Tracy seconded, the following officer nominations: Danny Harms, President; Don Brucker, Vice President; Angie Kratochvil, Secretary; and Marcia Buchs, Treasurer. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Angie read the January 8th minutes. Elton motioned to approve, and Don seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Marcia presented the January Balance and Profit and Loss reports. Marcia is still finding a few bills to pay and is working on paying those. She is also clearing up some confusion over paying of payroll taxes. Elton motioned to approve, and Don seconded. Motion carried.

Elton moved and Don seconded that Danny and Marcia be on the signature card for the bank account and that all other names be taken off. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor visited the Colfax shut-ins on February 12 with plans to visit the Bloomington area shut-ins this week; family illness in his home had kept him away from the shut-ins for much of January. The North-East conference Assembly is March 11 in Forrest. We also discussed church and organist fees for weddings; the church does not charge a fee for members, though usually the bride and organist work out a fee for her time. Angie motioned and Marcia seconded. Motion carried.

Kay and Terry Bose are working on a new church directory. Don motioned and Kolton seconded to move forward with scheduling the photo shoots for the new directory. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion ensued about where to send the tithing of the increase off investments from 2017, which is approximately \$9500. Angie motioned, and Kolton seconded, that the tithing be divided six ways: Ridgeview Needy Kids Fund, Prairie Central Needy Kids Fund, Colfax Food Pantry, Fairbury Food Pantry, Daelin Tolan and family, and Abundant Life Church. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Danny asked us to think this month about tornado and fire plans for the church since we will discuss these in March.

Angie motioned to adjourn, and Elton seconded. Motion carried.
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 12 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Kratochvil

Council Members

Dan Harms

Elton Mau

Don Brucker

Terry Bose

Dan Kukuck

Tracy Harms

Kolton Brucker

Marcia Buchs

Angie Kratochvil

Parish Education Committee

Yvonne Becker

Rebecca Casson

Louann Harms

Jeanie Weber

Youth Director

Briana Ray



Congregation Activities

WELCA

WELCA PROJECTS for 2018

As we journey through this year we will include a reminder of past items as well as the current kits.

January/February – Bars of soap

March – Fabric Kits –

April / May - Baby Care Kits - layette items

KNOTTING DATES: Mondays:

April 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Please consider joining us to knot quilts.

Why we knot quilts:

- no special skills are required
- conversation is great
- get to know others in the congregation
- share our abundance with others in need of warmth or protection

We are very thankful for those who sew at home to help us. We would love to have others join us in putting the quilts together.

Knotting dates in April are Mondays 4/9, 4/16, 4/23 and 4/30 from 8-11:00 am. Due to our small group, there may be a need to cancel some of these dates if conflicts arise. So if you are planning to attend, please contact Suzie, Karen or Dee so we can keep you posted on any date changes.



Mark your calendars for VBS,
June 4-8 from 9:00-11:00.

This year's theme, **Shipwrecked**,
is a venture onto an uncharted
island where kids are
rescued by Jesus!

Kids will be anchored in the truth
that Jesus carries them through
every storm in life.

They'll learn to hold onto God's
promises when they are lonely,
they worry, they struggle, do wrong,
and feel powerless.

All are welcome!

Invite your friends, neighbors,
and family!

Mark your Calendars and SMILE! It's time for a new membership directory for our church.

Photography dates at Immanuel are **Tuesday & Wednesday, May 29 & 30, 2:00 - 9:00 pm.**

Those who are not able to schedule appointments on those dates are welcome to make an appointment at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fairbury on **Friday, May 11, 2:00 - 9:00 pm** or


Saturday, May 12, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Letters to all members are being sent (or delivered to your church mailbox) with all the information needed to schedule appointments online. Visit this website- www.appt.lifetouch.com and follow the directions.

Those who would like to schedule appointments "the old-fashioned way" can do that at church beginning in April. Kay Bose and Joy Bose will be happy to assist you or answer any questions that you have until then.

Everyone who has portraits taken will receive a free 8 x10, a Directory, and will also have an opportunity to purchase more photos to share with your family and friends.

April 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:30 am Easter Service Joyce Miller Keith Winterland	2 ♥ Pastor Tom & Michelle Krieger Berkeley Jacob	3	4 ♥ Alan & Sabrina Petersen	5	6 Connie Johnson Nancy Lasser	7 ♥ Elton & Spring Mau
8 Joy Bose John Harris	9 7:00 pm Council Meeting ♥ Terry & Kay Bose Sue Coldren Ty Mosier	10	11	12 Jennifer Breeding	13 Dale Lasser Lisa Winterland	14 Elton Mau Reed Rinkenberger
15 Kelli Holton Stephanie Harper	16	17 Jean Henderson	18	19	20 ♥ Jeff & Lisa Winterland	21 Brec Hoffman Todd Kellar Naddene Pilgrim
22 Peyton Rinkenberger	23 Michael Kellar	24 Tiffany Grunloh	25 ♥ Mike & Kimberly Petersen Tommy & Naomi Wilson Erin Ifft	26	27	28 Michael Garthaus
29 Will Roark	30 Cindy Harris Betty Powell					

Worship Assistants

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Ushers / Acolytes</u>
Thurs. March 29 -	Pastors	Sue Coldren, Matt Harms	Pastors	Students
April 1				
Easter -	Dee Winterland	Sherri Ganske, Sharon Hardesty	Norman & Karen Harms	Kratochvil family
April 8 -	Lisa Winterland	Mike & Leslie Garthaus		Cale H., Annalyn H.
April 15 -	Keith Winterland	Kevin & Louann Harms	Mike & Kim Petersen	Peyton R., Ty Harms
April 22 -	Renette Althouse	Norman & Karen Harms		Kourtney, Kolton B.
April 29 -	Yvonne Becker	Danny & Tracy Harms		John & Cindy Harris

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Happy, Hoppo, Easter from the gang at Immanuel!