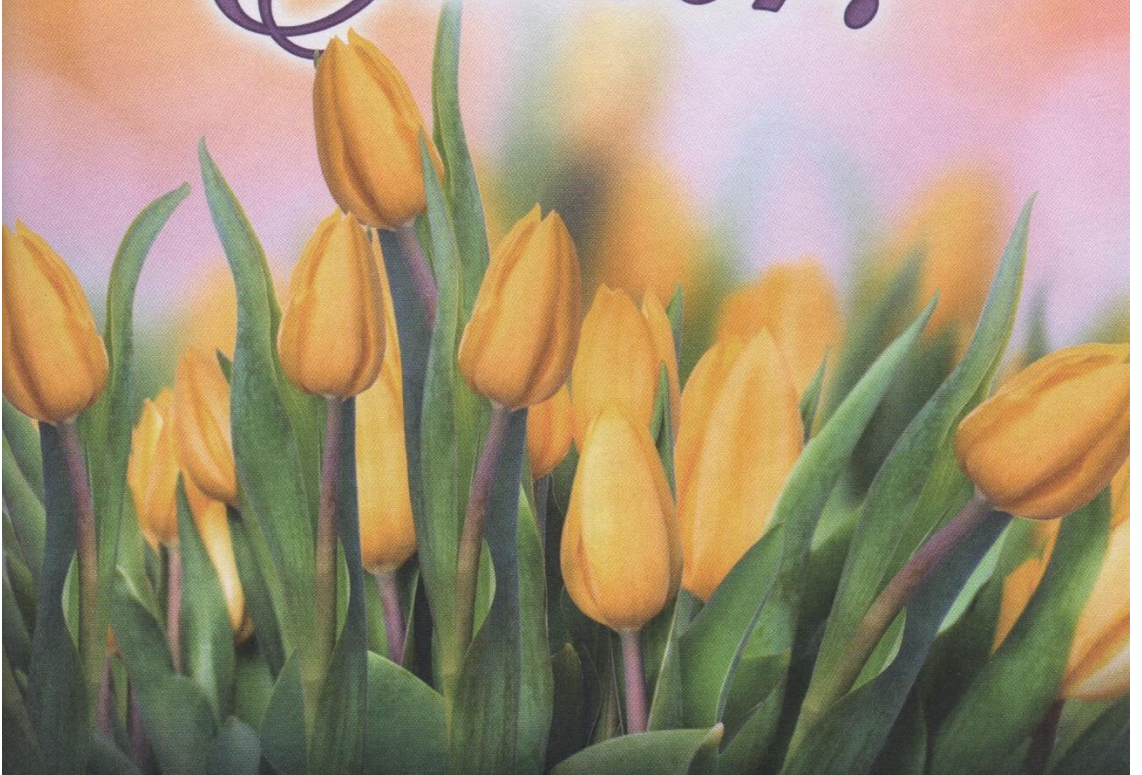


*In his great mercy he has given us...  
a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

1 PETER 1:3 (NIV)

CELEBRATE

*Easter!*



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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## Sunday Worship

9:00 am

with

LIVESTREAM –

FB & YOUTUBE

and RADIO – 103.7 FM

## Monday Worship

6:30 pm



A Stephen  
Ministry Congregation

# Easter

April 28, 2024

## Isaiah 25:1

...Lord you are my God, I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

## EXERCISE YOUR FAITH

...The Stewardship Board invites you to “Exercise Your Faith” and Read the Bible in a year! Each week a schedule of dates and verses will be listed; follow along to complete the Bible in 2024.

- April 29 – Luke 18:1-30, Deuteronomy 10-11
- April 30 – Luke 18:31-43, Deuteronomy 12-14
- May 1 – Luke 19, Deuteronomy 15-18
- May 2 – Luke 20:1-26, Deuteronomy 19-22
- May 3 – Luke 20:27-47, Deuteronomy 23-25
- May 4 – Proverbs 8:22-36, Psalm 60-63
- May 5 – Home Devotion

## MOTHER'S DAY CHICKEN BBQ

...May 12, 2024 Drive thru only. \$12.00 Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Corn, Coleslaw, & Cupcake. Starting at 10:30 AM at St. Michael's School All proceeds benefit St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

## SAVE THE DATE

...May 17, 2024 Dave Schnitker will be putting on a Spring Concert here at Immanuel at 7:00pm, sponsored by the Evangelism Board.

## ASCENSION DAY

...is Thursday, May 9. Join us for Worship at 6:30pm.

## L.W.M.L Retreat on May 11th

...The Spring Retreat is at St. Peter's Kinde from 10 AM to 4 PM with a Baby Shower theme. Planning to leave from the church parking lot at 9 AM. Bring a Onesie (any size) for Orphan Grain Train. Cost will be \$20.00 per person. Registration forms are in the L.W.M.L mailbox by the office and the deadline is May 1st. Hope to see you there!

## BULLEITN COVERS

...for today were given by Barbara Bleck in honor of all CTK faculty and staff. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our students.

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

...Sunday, April 21, 2024; 9:00 – 189; Monday, 6:30 – 43

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

+ The family of **John Heck**, who entered the Church Triumphant on April 23.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

...Ron Winter, Don Bauer, Gil & Joy Sprague, Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, Emily Smith, Donna Klaus, Sandy Gross, Shirley Sherman, LoAnn Riemann, Ernie Sbresney III, Sue McGathy, Jim & Shirley Simmet, Barb Nitz, Collin Nitz, Frank Gunsell, Randy Forbing, Ian Faist, Wayne Morris, Karen Swartzendruber, Stephen Sprague, Grayson Cohn, Scott Smith, Brenda Chambers, Rick Chambers, Carl Brandt and Pastor Phil Burkett.

## **MICHIGAN LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION**

...will be hosted at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth on Saturday, May 11. All are welcome to attend. Guest speakers are Lutheran Hour Ministries staff members Jeff Craig-Meyer, President, U.S. Ministries and Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies, Vice President, Ministry Engagement. Join in for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission. Doors open at 9:00am; convention begins at 9:30am. No cost to register – free-will offerings will be gathered during the event to assist the MI LLL District with meal costs. Please register by May 3 for meal and seat count for the day. Send you name, address and contact information to usnavy@peoplepc.com or mail to Philip Krauss, MI LLL District Treasurer, 112 Marshall St. PO Box 74, Brooklyn, MI 49230. For questions or more information you can contact Dennis Engelhard, MI LLL District President at 989-670-8028 or dennisengelhard59@gmail.com

# School News

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

...The Board of Education is pleased to share the Mr. John Markiewicz, has accepted the position as a middle school teacher at Christ the King. We welcome John to CTK and look forward to great things to come.

...Trash Bags have arrived. School families are asked to pick up their trash bag orders soon and deliver them to those who purchased. Thank you for your support.

...Buds to Bloom - Eventually, the weather will get nicer, and hopefully we are past the freeze warnings. If you are considering buying plants, please note that during the month of May, when you purchase from Buds to Blooms and mention Christ the King Lutheran School, a portion of your purchase will come back to us. Happy planting! Thank you for your support.

...Now is the time to enroll at Christ the King for the 24-25 school year. Enrolling early helps CTK plan and order supplies. Scholarships are available and applications are due to the school office by May 15. Reach out to the school office if you have any questions.

...Scholarships - Each year the Board of Education approves thousands of dollars in scholarship funds to our students to make it possible for children to attend CTK. We encourage you to prayerfully consider donating to the CTK Scholarship fund and if you have more questions, contact the office.

...Upcoming Dates to Know

- 4/30 -sports physicals
- 5/3 - mid quarter ends
- 5/9 - Unionville Muffins with mom, 7:45
- 5/17 - Unionville Duck Day
- 5/24 - No school
- 5/27 - No school
- 5/31 - K-8 Field Day
- 6/4 - Last day of Preschool and PS latchkey
- 6/5 - 10:00 Preschool graduation  
7:00 8th grade graduation

# Our Lord's Business this Week

## April 28 – May 5

SUNDAY:           **9:00 AM**    **WORSHIP/Communion**  
                      9:00 AM    CTK Grades K/1 sing at Immanuel  
                      10:15 AM   Sunday School & Bible Study

MONDAY:           5:00 PM    Finance  
                      5:30 PM    Christ's Messengers  
                      **6:30 PM**    **WORSHIP/Communion**

TUESDAY:          9:00 AM    Quilters  
                      6:00 PM    Public School Confirmation  
                      7:00 PM    Board of Education

WEDNESDAY:       7:00 AM    Men's Bible Study at Lamplighter  
  
                      7:00 PM    Adoration Choir

THURSDAY:         8:05 AM    CTK Chapel  
                      12:00 PM   Bulletin Deadline

NEXT SUNDAY:      Confirmation Sunday  
                      9:00 AM    **WORSHIP/Communion**  
                      10:15 AM   Sunday School & Bible Study

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK (MAY 5)**

Acolytes: 9:00-Annalise Harder & Madison Reithel

CRUCIFER: Jacob Boyer

Greeters: 9:00-Betty Guenther & Barb Gunsell

Scrip: 9:00-Holli Vogel

Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 9: Neil Gaeth, Bruce Bach, Nicolas Lutz, Chuck McGathy, Tim Matthews, Dalton Anderson, Peter Boyer, Bentley Bumhoffer

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# Fifth Sunday in Easter

April 28, 2024

9:00 am

## Divine Service 3

### *Announcements*

Hymn – *He's Risen, He's Risen*

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### Divine Service 3

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

### Introit

A little while, and you will see me no longer;  
and again a little while, and you will see me.  
I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.  
The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!  
My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A little while, and you will see me no longer;  
and again a little while, and you will see me.

Kyrie

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*Melodic Gloria* – James Chepponis – Adoration Choir

Salutation and Collect

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading – *Acts 8:26-40*

*This is a Joyous, Happy Day* and *God is Great* – CTK Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade choir

The Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor. He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

The Epistle – *1 John 4:1-11*

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The Gospel – *John 15:1-8*

Nicene Creed Page 192

Hymn – *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* LSB 633

Sermon

Offertory Page 192

Offering – *Holy Manna* – *Susan Geschke* – Glory Ringers

Prayer of the Church

## Communion Liturgy

**Service of the Sacrament** **Page 194**

Preface

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* LSB 469

*Trumpet Tune in C* – *Clarke/Thompson* – Glory Ringers

*Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* LSB 811

*What Is the World to Me* LSB 730

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Thanksgiving

Salutation

Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* LSB 700

## Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.<sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship<sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.<sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"<sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.<sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"<sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.<sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"<sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.<sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.<sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## 1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.<sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,<sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.<sup>4</sup> Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.<sup>5</sup> They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.<sup>6</sup> We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.<sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.<sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.<sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.<sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

## John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.<sup>2</sup> Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.<sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.<sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.<sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do

nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer  
ELDERS: Mike Zagata & Matt Bumhoffer  
ORGANIST: Barbara Bleck  
ACOLYTES: Ben Bowman & Easton Neumann  
GREETERS: Judy Gregory & Stacy Pommerenke  
SCRIP: JoAnna Matthews  
USHERS: GROUP 8: Dave Wiltse, Mark Janke, George Eurich, Noah Eurich, Joshua Eurich, Dean Kuhl, Brian Rievert, Michael Rievert, Bruce Jubar, Gary Wissner, Ben Abke

### **Who Should Commune?**

In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive, as Christ says, His true body and His true blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come to the Lord's Supper at this altar, are those who: 1 **Repent** of their sins, and earnestly seek to live according to God's will. 2 **Trust** the Word of Christ that His body and blood are truly present and received here for forgiveness. 3 **Confess** the faith of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, as a member of this congregation or a member of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.





**Our Congregation at Prayer**  
**Daily Scripture and Prayer**  
**To be Used in the Home**  
**Getting Ready for Easter 6 B**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Theme for Sunday: Jesus has Given us a Commandment: Love One Another; which is fulfilled in His Love Toward Us.

*The following short order may be used for devotions at home during the week or Daily Prayer for individuals and families may be used in the hymnal (LSB page 294 and following).*

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit

*Psalm 66.1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon Psalm 66.16*

Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
And I will tell what he has done for my soul.  
Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!  
Bless our God, O peoples;  
Let the sound of his praise be heard,  
Who has kept our soul among the living  
And has not let our feet slip.  
Blessed be God,  
Because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his  
steadfast love from me!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**And to the Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**Is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
And I will tell what he has done for my soul.



Collect

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual

*adapted from Matthew 28.7 and Hebrews 2.7 and Psalm 8.6*

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,  
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
He has put all things under his feet.

The Psalm for Easter 6 B may be read (Psalm 98) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	93	97	98	99	47	96	92
Evening	136; 117	124; 115	66; 116	8; 118	68; 113	50; 138	23; 114

Readings for next Sunday (see below) or the daily readings below be used

Sunday	Leviticus 20.1-16, 22-27	Luke 11.37-54
Monday	Leviticus 21.1-24	Luke 12.1-12
Tuesday	Leviticus 23.1-22	Luke 12.13-34
Wednesday	Leviticus 23.23-44	Luke 12.35-53
Thursday	Leviticus 24.1-23 (25.1-55)	Luke 12.54-13.17
Friday	Leviticus 26.1-20	Luke 13.18-35
Saturday	Lev 26.21-33, 39-44 (Num 1.1-2.34)	Luke 14.1-24

### **Talk About Next Sunday's First Reading: Acts 10.34-48**

How does God show no partiality?

How were the people listening to Peter saved?

Why would those people want Peter to stay with them some days?

### **Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: 1 John 5.1-8**

How do we know that we love God?

Do you love God?

How then do we overcome the world (that is sin)?

### **Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: John 15.9-17**

How does the Father love Jesus, How does He love us?

What does Jesus command you to do? Is this new?

Did you choose Jesus or did He choose you?

Catechism Selection (this may be read, recited, or spoken responsively)

## **The Lord's Prayer Continued**

### **The Seventh Petition**

But deliver us from evil.

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

### **The Conclusion**

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*What does this mean?*

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Dear St. Paul/Immanuel Congregation,

Well I wanted to give you a quick review of our preschool/latchkey year and thank you for your unending support and encouragement along the way. It truly takes a village and we are blessed beyond measure by our St. Paul/Immanuel village.

First let me introduce myself, for those of you who may not know, I, Laura Nimtz, came on to the CTK staff on July 24, 2023. It was my first year ever as a Program Director, but I came with over 13 years of teaching experience. I am married and have 3 wonderful children, Sarah, Camden, and Colt. Sarah is a junior who enjoys cross country and track, Camden is a sophomore and enjoys watching YouTube videos when not studying and the outdoors, and Colt is a 6th grader who thoroughly enjoys video games. We live in Unionville and enjoy country living.

Now for our amazing preschool program. We started preschool in September with 14 children and we have grown it to serve 20 amazing children and their families. We changed over when I came on board to follow the High Scope Curriculum and continue on with our One In Christ Bible Curriculum. Our preschoolers are a very energetic, loving bunch that keep us on our toes and offer many laughs and moments of joy throughout our days. We truly are a family. We hosted an open house in February and were very surprised to realize we have an abundance of families that desire a CTK education for their child(ren) which is great, but also trust and pray in how we grow and provide for our families and provide for the extra staff needed. We are beyond grateful for all of the families who choose our program/school.

Our latchkey program started with 4 children and has grown to providing care for 23 children throughout the year with days/times varying. We hope to continue to grow and expand as the need in our community is evident. So prayers for continued growth are appreciated.

We have had many trials and tribulations throughout the year, but God is amazing and even when I was doubtful he taught me to hang on because he has a plan and all is good.....I'm not in control, he is. Our staffing is great and we have an amazing team between our preschool and latchkey programs and are so grateful for the staff that have been placed with us as they all bring a special love/talents to our preschool/latchkey program.

I am blessed beyond measure to be here. Please know you are always welcome to come on over, check us out, have a cup of coffee, and chat to see what we are doing. I truly believe in having an open door policy and I'm always open to suggestions if you have ideas for our preschoolers or our latchkey children. I can always be contacted by email [preschool@ctkl.org](mailto:preschool@ctkl.org) or again you are welcome to stop by for a visit.

Sincerely,

Laura Nimtz

I have also been asked how the congregation, if the desire is there, can help our preschool/latchkey with the wants/needs of our students and their education. Below is a list of items that we use/need if you again feel the desire to help/support our preschool/latchkey in the way of giving:

\*Paper towel

\*Kleenex

\*Clorox wipes

\*Snack plates

\*Napkins

Twistable colored pencils

Twistable crayons

Glue

Glue sticks

Buttons

Tissue paper

Feathers

Pom poms

Washable markers

Colored straws

Construction paper

Card stock

Colored paper

Popsicle sticks (colored and plain)

Dry erase markers

Pony beads

Stickers

Ribbon

Artificial flowers

Colored masking tape

Empty paper towel rolls (toilet paper rolls not allowed per licensing requirements)

Mini character/themed erasers (used for counting and sorting activities)

\* Denotes items used by children and staff daily for snacks and cleaning

Thank you again for your continued support, encouragement, and prayers for our CTK Preschool/Latchkey Program, we are blessed beyond measure. ❤️