

INSIDE IMMANUEL



Faithful to God's Word – we receive, celebrate and share Jesus Christ.

Blessed Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday morning, Jesus rose from the dead. The women go to the tomb to anoint His body and do not find Him. Where was Jesus? Later Jesus was there in the garden with Mary. She thinks that Jesus is the gardener, but as Jesus speaks her name she realizes who it is. But what was Jesus doing before He was with Mary in the garden? He had physically rose and then descended into hell to proclaim victory before the devil.

Christ's decent into hell is mentioned in 1 Peter 3:18-22. Most important are these words, "He [Jesus] was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison." Jesus was "put to death in the body," that is, He died on the cross. He was then "made alive by the Spirit," so he was raised physically on Easter Sunday. After which, "also He went and preached to the spirits in prison."

Peter uses the events of Holy week to order what Jesus did. First Christ died (Good Friday), next He was made alive by the Spirit (rose bodily on Easter Sunday), then He went to hell to proclaim victory. Peter shows us what Jesus was doing while the women came to anoint His body, He had descended into hell.

What Peter writes on the descent into hell is backed up by the Gospels. On Easter Sunday Mary went to the tomb and found no one there; Peter and John also ran to the tomb and found it empty (John 20:1-9). Could Jesus have been in hell preaching to the souls there at this time? In Matthew, Mark, and Luke the women are greeted not by Jesus but by the angelic messenger(s) who inform them that Jesus has risen (Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-7, Luke 24:1-12). In all these accounts Jesus is not the first person whom the women see. Nor does He appear immediately to His disciples. Rather there is some time between when Jesus rose bodily and when the women and disciples first see Him. Could Jesus have been, either at this time or earlier on Easter morning, in hell preaching victory there? This seems quite certain.

Thus, we can see that Jesus went into hell bodily. Not as a mere spirit or soul, but body and soul went to hell. He went sometime that first Easter morning. Yet, why was this necessary? Christ went to hell not to suffer, but to proclaim victory in the camp of the enemy. Satan thought he had won when the Son of Man was lifted up on the cross. Creation was waiting in expectation even as the disciples were nervously waiting for the Romans to arrest them. Friday night and all Saturday of Holy week it seems, to the Devil, that he had won. He had worked up Judas to betray Jesus and the Chief Priests and the crowd to cry for Jesus' crucifixion. Now Jesus, the Son of God, was dead. Not until, on Easter, when Christ breaks the bonds of death does the Devil begin to realize what happened. Jesus was raised bodily and goes to preach victory into the camp of the serpent. Into hell He goes not to preach the Gospel or repentance, but to preach and show that He has won the victory through His death on the cross.

What does this mean for us? Jesus suffered hell for you. His suffering on the cross was literally hell as he cries out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me (Matt 27:46b)?" He suffered the full wrath of God for your sins. Then Christ went into hell for you to proclaim victory. Jesus says, "These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opened no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open (Rev 3:7b)." Jesus has opened the way to eternal life for you. He holds it open and no one can shut it. The gates of hell are shut to you because Christ has paid for your sins. Christ has paid the full price. No longer can sin and death be held over your head. The bonds of hell are broken and can not hold you any more than they held Jesus. Christ has proved this by His resurrection on Easter Sunday. The gates of heaven stand open by the blood of Christ for you.

This victory was proclaimed that first Easter in hell and on earth. Mary heard this victory as she wept in the garden. The ten disciples hear of this victory as Jesus stood among them in the locked upper room. Even the two walking to Emmaus heard of this as Jesus walked with them. The victory was proclaimed! Still that victory is proclaimed. As we gather together on Sunday we proclaim our Lord's victory, receiving what Jesus has done for us. As we live in our baptismal grace we proclaim it. Living lives of devotion to Christ and our neighbor we proclaim that Jesus has died for us and has been raised for us.

In Jesus Christ crucified, Pastor Boyer

G.L.U.E “God Loves Us Eternally”

Acts 2:46-47 *And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

Following Peter’s sermon at Pentecost to the disciples, they went to the temple together, broke bread, praised God and found favor with all the people. We are like the disciples, aren’t we, attending church regularly, taking the body and blood of Jesus each Sunday, and spreading God’s Word? As the Lord called on the disciples to spread His word and increase the numbers of those being saved, He calls on us to do the same.

And we do, through the Holy Spirit who calls on us to be generous to those in need. In doing so we spread the Word through our actions, caring and love for our neighbors and one another, showing and teaching them that Christ is the answer. We must continue to do so, day by day, to increase the number of those to be saved.

God is the answer. We all know that, and we must continue to share the Word, not only amongst ourselves, but with our friends, neighbors and people we do not know when given the opportunity.

God’s blessings to all!

It is God’s Word for us to share, knowing that

“God Loves Us Eternally!”

In Christ!
Jim Bratton

Spring Concert

The Evangelism Board of Immanuel is sponsoring a Spring Concert by David Schnitker on Friday, May 17 at 7:00pm.

Official Acts

BAPTISMS

March 31 **Grady Ray Gainforth**, son of Ethan & Brittney (McGathy) Gainforth, born August 28, 2023

April 14 **Ashlyn Klaire Pitt**, daughter of Justin & Sara (Lakie) Pitt, born November 28, 2023

Treasurer’s Report

MONTH OF MARCH 2024

Receipts	\$ -16,595.92
Less Expenses	<u>- 75,524.78</u>
Operating Income	-92,120.70
Deficit Reduction	<u>1,150.00</u>
Net Income	-90,970.70

CASH IN BANK & ON HAND

Petty Cash	100.00
Independent Checking	90,249.61
Independent Savings	56,746.67
Ind Bank 2 new CDs	150,000.00
Ind Band CD	150,000.00
Restricted Savings	<u>-217,956.39</u>
Total	\$229,139.89

Voters’ Meeting Monday, May 20 7:30pm

Council Meeting April 15

Elders: Elders are still looking for one more person for the ballot. Transfer request: Caleb Smith to Faith Lutheran in Green Bay, WI. Adult Confirmation: John Markiewicz. Affirmation of Faith: Kevin Rabideau.

Trustees: We are currently looking into bleacher options for the school to use up expiring grant money. The parsonage bathroom remodel is going well.

Stewardship: Board Members are planning to assist with the Sugar Festival float. We are looking into time and talent and thinking about classes or opportunities that can be offered.

Evangelism: Items are coming together for the Sugar Festival float including mini Frisbees to hand out and banners for the float. Make sure to look for our ad on the placemats in area restaurants.

Youth: Confirmation will be Sunday, May 5. Graduation Recognition will be Sunday, May 19. Youth group will continue to meet every other Sunday (next meeting is April 28). Seniors return to CTK on May 17.

School Board: The principal that was called has declined the position. The board is looking into options for candidates to fill the principal and teacher positions for the next school year. We currently have 28 preschool students signed up for this fall, staffing changes are being addressed to accommodate this large class.

Principal’s Report: Our 8th graders and chaperons will be in Washington DC April 17-21. The CTK track team has jumped to 30 students this year! Thank you Coach Dad (Nathan Schulz). Mrs. Brink continues to do great things with the Pollination Garden. She

also earned a Fellowship with DOW.

President's Report: We will be able to utilize school grant money to purchase new tables for the great room...approximately 25 tables and a storage cart. The Susan Gremel House money was moved into a restricted fund. Knights for a Brighter Tomorrow funds will be written out of the checkbook and the account closed. The group will be dissolved. The funds from this account will be deposited into the "auction account".

* Next council meeting will be Monday, May 13 at 7:45pm.

June/July Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, May 22



What a Joy!

On May 5, 2024 sixteen young people from our congregation will confirm their faith in Christ. They will stand before our congregation and proclaim the faith given them in their baptism. Further, they will pledge that they believe that the Bible is the Word of God. They will confess that they hold to the teachings of our Lutheran church. They will promise to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from this faith and belief.

These sixteen young people have been taught, not just in confirmation class, but by teachers, parents, sponsors, grandparents, siblings and friends. They have worked hard to learn the doctrines proclaimed by Jesus in the Word of God. What a joy to hear them proclaim their baptismal faith before the church on May 5.

We rejoice with Morgan Armbruster, Bentley Bumhoffer, Kayden Driscoll, Paige Fiebig, Molly Gremel, Lance Haag, Madison Kemp, Easton Konecny, Dustin Kuhl, Hailey Lutz, Easton Neumann, Abigail Reithel, Ally Sweetman, Willow Truemmer, Luke Vermeersch and Allison Zuzga as they confirm their faith in Christ and join us as members of Immanuel.

CTK School News

Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good: for His steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 118:1)

The Lord is steadfast and mighty and as we near the end of the school year we continue to give thanks to the Lord for His many blessings.

We are thankful for:

- Our teachers and aids who daily serve God's children and fill them with knowledge and love.
- Our school families who give us the opportunity to teach their children each school day.
- Our cooks and custodians who feed us and keep our buildings clean.
- Our office staff and administration who handle all the details, paperwork and keep things a float.
- Our pastors, church and school community who

support us and keep us in prayer.

- Our scholarship fund that helps provide an education for students who might not otherwise be able to afford one.
- Our athletic program that is strong and well equipped and has many volunteers who have stepped up to coach.
- Our many other blessings, too many to enumerate here.
- To God be the glory!!

In His Service,
Mary Eifert, Principal
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Christ the King Lutheran School,
Sebewaing/Unionville



Memorial & Gifts

IMMANUEL GENERAL FUND

IMMANUEL RADIO

IN MEMORY OF ALICE POMMERENKE

Don & Kathy Fiebig
Tammy Gremel

CTK SCHOOL

IN MEMORY OF LOREN HAAG

Mike & Lorene Zagata - scholarship
SHS Class of 1966- scholarship

IN MEMORY OF DEBBIE KHANNA

Mike & Lorene Zagata- scholarship

IN MEMORY OF MARION GREMEL

Charlene Gremel
Steve & Patti Gremel – 4th grade
Confirmation Class of 1969

IN MEMORY OF BETH SCHNITKER

Steve & Patti Gremel – 4th grade
Cindy Engelhard
Evelyn Adam – scholarship

Scrip Order Form, Christ the King Lutheran School

Has Cards Order Cards

Name: _____ Account to Apply to: _____ Phone: _____

Chain Stores	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total	Gas	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Ace Hardware	4%	\$25			Marathon	3%	\$100		
Amazon	1.7%	\$100			Marathon	3%	\$25		
Amazon	1.7%	\$50			Shell	1.5%	\$25		
Amazon	1.7%	\$25			Speedway	4%	\$25		
American Eagle	10%	\$25			Sunoco	1.5%	\$50		
Auto Zone	7%	\$25			Miscellaneous	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$25			Build a Bear	8%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$10			Dave & Busters	13%	\$25		
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$25			Delta Airlines	4%	\$250		
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$10			I Tunes	5%	\$15		
Best Buy	4%	\$25			Pet Smart	5%	\$25		
Cabelas	8%	\$100			Thirty-One A. Bell	5%	\$25		
Cabelas	8%	\$25			Visa	1.25%	\$50		
Claire's	9%	\$10			Visa	1.25%	\$100		
Dicks Sporting	8%	\$25			Restaurants	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Disney	3%	\$25			Applebees	8%	\$25		
Disney	3%	\$100			Arby's	8%	\$10		
Dunhams	8%	\$25			Bob Evans	10%	\$25		
Famous Footwear	8.0%	\$25			Bob Evans	10%	\$10		
Five Below	2.5%	\$25			Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$25		
Gap/Old Navy	14%	\$25			Burger King	4%	\$10		
Gordon's Food	4%	\$25			Happy Moments	8%	\$25		
Home Depot	4%	\$100			Chili's	11%	\$25		
Home Depot	4%	\$25			Chipotle	9%	\$10		
Jc Penny	5%	\$25			Cold Stone Creamery	11%	\$10		
Joann Fabrics	6%	\$25			Cracker Barrel	8%	\$10		
Kohls	4%	\$25			Dairy Queen	3%	\$10		
Kohls	4%	\$100			Dardens/Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Lowe's	4%	\$25			IHop	8%	\$25		
Macy's	10%	\$25			Jimmy Johns	8%	\$25		
Marshall/TJ Maxx	7%	\$25			McDonalds	2%	\$25		
Maurices	7%	\$20			Little Ceaser's	8%	\$20		
Meijer	3%	\$100			Outback Steakhouse	8%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$50			Panda Express	8%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$25			Panera Bread	8%	\$25		
Menards	3%	\$100			Panera Bread	8%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$25			Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Micheals	4%	\$25			Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Shutterfly	9%	\$25			Starbucks	4.5%	\$25		
Staples	5%	\$25			Starbucks	4.5%	\$10		
Target	2.5%	\$25			Subway	6%	\$10		
Ulta	7%	\$25			Taco Bell	5%	\$10		
Under Armour	11%	\$25			Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$100			Tim Horton's	5%	\$10		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$50			Uno Chicago Grill	12%	\$25		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$25			Wendy's	4%	\$10		

Other: _____ Amt: _____

Total: _____ \$

For a complete list, download the RaiseRight App

Cash: _____ or Check # _____

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President: Tom Williamson
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Scholarship Committee: Darlene Werschky

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 Men's Study 9:30 ABC	2 8:00 Chapel Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	3	4
Confirmation 5 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 9 10:15 SS & BC	6 10:00 OWLs 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C	7 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Messengers 7:00 YABS	8 9:30 ABC 6:00 Adoration	Ascension Day 9 8:00 Chapel Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon 4:00 Mary Martha Guild 6:30 WORSHIP/C – 1	10	11
Mother's Day 12 7:15 Elders 8:00 ELF Breakfast 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 2 9:00 K/1 sing @St. Paul 9:00 7/8 handbells @SP 10:15 SS & BC 7:30 Youth Board	13 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C 6:30 Trustees 6:30 Stewardship 7:15 Evangelism 7:45 Church Council	14 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Messengers	15 8:00 Chapel 9:30 ABC 6:00 Adoration	16 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	17 7:00 Dave Schnitker Spring Concert	Armed Forces Day 18
Pentecost Graduate Sunday 19 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 3 9:00 CTK 3-5 sing @Imm 10:15 SS & BC	20 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C 7:30 VOTERS' MEETING	21 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Messengers 7:00 YABS	22 8:00 Chapel 9:30 ABC Newsletter Deadline 4:00 6:00 Adoration	23 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	24 No School	25
26 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 4 10:15 SS & BC	Memorial Day 27 No School Church Office Closed 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C	28 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Messengers 7:00 Board of Education	29 8:00 Chapel 9:30 ABC 6:00 Adoration	30 11:30 Ladies Aid Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	31 CTK Field Day	

May Birthdays

MAY 1

Cora Driscoll
Kristi Eurich
Ryan Kuhl
Tripp Payne

MAY 2

Mark Bauer
Stephanie Boyer
Garrett Kata

MAY 3

Steven Heidt
Mark Holland
Ethan Persons
Joy Sprague

MAY 4

Dale Hornbacher
Jaxon Kuhl
Connie Reithel

MAY 5

Sarah Boyer
Rachel Kemp

MAY 6

Charles Dutcher
Thomas Eurich Jr
Gavin Ritchey
Kimberly Schulz

MAY 7

Brent Bowman
James Engelhardt
Sandra Neumann

MAY 8

Amanda Feehan
Cody Kurzer
Avery Quinn

MAY 9

No Birthdays

MAY 10

Caden Finkbeiner
James Gunsell

MAY 11

Taylyn Bill

MAY 12

Jason Emery
Gia Gremel
Judy Kunisch

MAY 13

Carmen Dressler
Dustin Kuhl

MAY 14

Wyatt Kauffold
Jan Klaus
Tara Vermeersch

MAY 15

Madison Harper
Robert Kuhl
Larry Welther
Floyd Winchell Jr

MAY 16

Kayla Eremia
Rachel Hornbacher
LoAnn Rieman

MAY 17

Craig Rieman
Kyle Sonntag

MAY 18

Mary Demo
Terri Hornbacher
Edward Kemp

MAY 19

Drew Rievert

MAY 20

Dale Ewald
Gilbert Sprague Jr
Michael Zagata

MAY 21

Lynette Ballard
Jessica Marker
Virginia Nitz
Joshua Tietz
Grace Williamson

MAY 22

Layne Carson
Preston Eurich
Seth Gangler

MAY 23

Dalton Anderson
Laurie Baur
Ann Koch

MAY 24

Jacob Boyer
Diane Strieter

MAY 25

No Birthdays

MAY 26

No Birthdays

MAY 27

Rylee Dexter
Lennox Gettel
Randy Ewald
Whitney Schulz

MAY 28

Sandra Gross
Easton Konecny
Abigail Reithel
James Reithel

MAY 29

Janet Warack

MAY 30

Christopher Gangler
Scott Millerwise
Travis Renn

MAY 31

Michael Armbruster
Addison Kramer
Katelyn McDaid
Warren Reithel
Kenneth Rink
Marel Staisil
Crystal Wightman