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**Organ Dedication April 14**

**Youth Sunday  
April 28**

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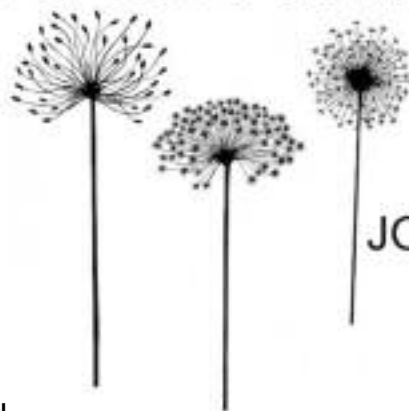
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JOHN 14:27

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**The OUTREACH**

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## April 7 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. . . . .Worship/Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. . . . .Fellowship  
10:15 a.m. . . . .Sunday School/Confirmation

## April 14 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. . . . .Worship  
**BAPTISM OF KAYDEN FUCHS**  
**ORGAN DEDICATION**  
10:00 a.m. . . . .Fellowship  
10:15 a.m. . . . .Sunday School/Confirmation

## April 21 - 4th Sunday of Easter

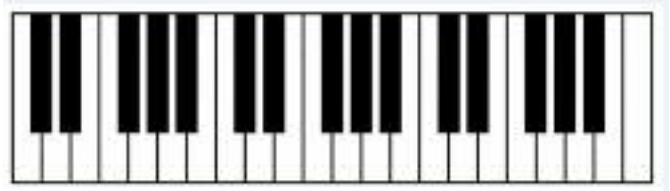
9:00 a.m. . . . .Worship  
10:00 a.m. . . . .Fellowship  
10:15 a.m. . . . .Sunday School  
**CONFIRMATION CLASS AT RETREAT**

## April 28 - 5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. . . . .Worship/Holy Communion  
**YOUTH SUNDAY - SHARING OF EXPERIENCES**  
**FROM CONFIRMATION RETREAT**  
10:00 a.m. . . . .Fellowship  
10:15 a.m. . . . .Sunday School/Confirmation

# BLUEGRASS SUNDAY

Sunday, May 5, the Green Lake Bluegrass Band will be providing our worship music as we celebrate First Communion and the end of our Sunday School year. There will be great music, food, fun, and fellowship. Please mark this date on your calendar, and invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us! Everyone welcome!



# ORGAN DEDICATION

Sunday, April 14, we will celebrate the completion of our organ project with an Organ Dedication during our morning worship service. Upgrading and repairing our organ has been a long process and we are so thankful that the work is done and we are able to enjoy the beautiful sounds as part of our weekly worship!

We are grateful to all those who have generously given memorials for this project. We still have some loan money to repay, so any additional donations and contributions to the Organ Fund are still appreciated.

# MISSION MOMENTS

Although the Mission Moment tradition has not continued since Pastor Erick's departure, there are a few people out there who received "You Are Called" envelopes with \$20 shortly before he left Immanuel. We would love to know how you felt called, and where you decided to donate your gift. If you don't feel comfortable speaking during worship, consider sending a note or email to the church. We would love to hear from you!

# OFFICE HOURS

The **church office** is typically open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - Noon. Fridays from 9-11 a.m.

**Pastor Kathy** will be in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays, however, some of these times may be used for home visits. Please call ahead if you would like to meet with her.

# MAY OUTREACH DEADLINE

May Outreach **articles are due** in the church office on **Sunday, April 14.**

We will be **folding** the May Outreach Wednesday, **April 24**, at 9:00 a.m. Helping hands are needed.

# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

## *Our Cool Confirmation Kids!*

We have a terrific group of confirmation students here at Immanuel! It has been my privilege to work with them the past five months and to get to know them. I appreciate their involvement in the program and in our church. They are fun to get to know as individual, unique personalities. I also appreciate the support and partnership of their parents.

When I met with the parents in early December, each family received a parent-student booklet which included an explanation of the program and expectations of students and parents. The booklet included the following:

*“When you were baptized, your parents and sponsors made some special promises to you and to God. Your church also promised to support you, your parents, and your sponsors in these promises. Your confirmation is the faithful fulfillment of these baptismal promises. In addition, during your confirmation years, you have the opportunity to explore what it means for you to be a baptized child of God and how faith in Jesus Christ is a life-giving gift for you, so that you can affirm (say yes to) your own baptismal faith.”*

The expectations for confirmands during the three-year program include: worship attendance, sermon notes, attendance at confirmation classes, servant events, acolyting, attending the spring confirmation retreat and meeting with mentors. We also have a number of fun fellowship events throughout the year for them to participate in such as going to the Y and a caroling/pizza party. We have three wonderful people who work with the kids in small groups on Sunday morning—Jill Bengtson, Shane Hagstrom, and Harold Eisenbacher. John Hartley also fills in as a sub. The students begin their class with a teaching session taught by me in the sanctuary and then break into the small groups for discussion.



**Confirmation Students:** Front - Gabby Lawver, Holly Hoekstra, Jeremy Nelson, Kiara Rosenquist, Alex Hovey, Emily Naber. Back - Taylor Bengtson, Jaylen Rossell, Kylie Rosenquist, Jonathan Nelson, Erica Borchert, Gabriel Eisenbacher, Kobe Holtz, Logan Krug.

We recently kicked off the Mentor Program with a meeting with each student and an adult mentor they selected. The mentors will provide encouragement to each student on their faith journey. We are grateful for the following people who have agreed to give of their time and energy to be faith mentors for our confirmation students: Robin Gronli, Lori Hutchinson, Larry Stranberg, Erick Narragon, Nick Rossell, Janelle Eisenbacher, Kim Holm, Sue Bohn, Melissa Rossell, Sandy Walsh, Donn Peterson, Brent Garberich, Julie Evenson, Lisa Naber. Mentors will meet with students about once a month to discuss faith issues (such as the worship service) and will participate in fun large group events together.

April will be a busy month for the confirmation students as they will be attending a retreat in Minneapolis on April 20 and 21. They will be volunteering at a homeless shelter and attending worship together as well as having a teaching session and a service of Holy Communion. Oh yes, there will be some fun activities, also!

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# WELCA NEWS

Happy Easter & Happy Spring,

The deadline to sign up for the Lakeland Spring gathering is April 5. April 13 theme for the spring gathering is "Bold Women Moving Forward." This is a Saturday event so hopefully some of you can attend.

We are struggling to set a date for our annual Hog Roast. The Community Center has filled up fast. We are going to need volunteers to help set up, work and clean up when the time comes. Be ready to volunteer when your service chair calls you. At this time, we are looking at a June date for the Hog Roast.

Our Love Offering was lower this year. We have taken in around \$1000. If you didn't get a chance to give your offering, you can leave it in the church office or send it in to church.

WELCA will be meeting the 1st Sunday in April during coffee hour.

*Sisters in Christ, Linda Burns  
WELCA Interim President*

## Immanuel's Website is New & Improved!

Visit the church website to view The Outreach,  
Weekly Bulletins & The Monthly Calendar.

**www.immanuelatwater.com**  
**email: imman@frontiernet.net**

**Other Helpful Internet Links:**

**Prayer Ventures:**

<http://archive.elca.org/prayerventures/>

**Synod Update:**

<http://www.swmnelca.org/html/Synod%20Update.html>

**GLLM Retreats:** [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org)

## WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST TIMES

Our Sunday Worship is broadcast on  
Channel #8 every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

If you have a special request for a church  
service broadcast, please call 320.974.3388.



## WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Morning Bible Study meets at  
Peaceful Thymes at 9:00 a.m. Thursday mornings.

## ATWATER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SUPPER

Friday, April 12, 5:30-8 p.m. at  
the Atwater Community  
Center. Serving brats, hot  
dogs, burgers, chips & beans.  
Free-will donation with pro-  
ceeds benefiting local baseball  
including; Tri-Town Black Sox,  
Atwater Chuckers &  
improvements to Kingery Field.



### **Pastor's Message - From Page 3**

With the involvement of parents, small group guides, mentors and the congregation, we have a solid program of support and care for our students. I would also like to include a thank you for the organizational support that is provided by Janelle Eisenbacher and Melissa Rossell, and the extra typing help provided for me by Liz Everson.

Please continue to support our confirmation program, students, and adult helpers with your prayers and encouraging words. Thank you!

**Pastor Kathy**

# BRIDAL SHOWER

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## **Betsy Starz**

Please join us for a Bridal Shower honoring Betsy Starz, bride-to-be of Ty Thayer and daughter of Bob & Peggy Starz, Sunday, April 14, at 2 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Betsy and Ty are registered at Macy's, Target, and Herberger's.



# BRIDAL SHOWER

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## **Crystal Garberich**

There will be a come-and-go Bridal Shower honoring Crystal Garberich, bride-to-be of Mathew Gomez and daughter of Brent & Jolene Garberich, Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

# EVENING QUILTERS

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The evening quilting group will resume meeting on Monday, April 8 at 6 p.m. to start a new project. All are welcome to attend, experienced or inexperienced sewers. We will be constructing an easy throw sized quilt, using Suzanne McNeill's technique, the 10-Minute Block. You may purchase the booklet, 10-Minute Blocks, 3-Seam Squares for Quicker Quilts or get a pattern the night of our meeting.

### **Please bring:**

- A sewing machine, cleaned and oiled, with a new needle
- Scissors, pins, thread
- 4 or more 5/8 yd cuts of fabrics cut into 10" squares--8 light, 8 medium, 8 dark,
- 7/8 yd fabric in very dark print, cut into 6-10" squares and the remainder into 1 1/2" strips
- 1 3/4 yd fabric for border 2 and binding (cut this later)

Please call Peggy with questions @ 974-3370.

# TASTE OF GRACE

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## **Wine Tasting & Silent Auction**



Benefits Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. Featuring the Green Lake Bluegrass Band and food by Regina.

Thursday, May 16 from 5-7 p.m. at the Glacial Ridge Winery, Spicer. Tickets are \$25.00 each in advance and \$30.00 at the door.

Tickets available online, at GLBC, Glacial Ridge Winery, Faith Lutheran in Spicer, Vinje Lutheran in Willmar, and Bethel Lutheran in Willmar.

# DRIVERS NEEDED

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The Living At Home Block Nurse Program is in need of drivers. We often have clients who need to get to appointments and need someone to take them. If you can help drive someone on an on-call basis, please call 974-8737 to sign up or for more information. Appointments may be in Atwater, to a surrounding town, or farther. You can decide how far and when you are willing to drive. The program also needs drivers who are willing to deliver meals to clients. Delivery takes about an hour. We have two clients out of town (one north and one south of town) which you may choose to deliver to or not. Please call 974-8737 for more information or to sign up. Thank you. Your help is greatly appreciated.

# LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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You can find our page at [Immanuel Lutheran - Atwater, MN](#). We hope to use this site as a valuable outreach tool, and to post announcements and information. There are lots of great photos to see, and it is a great way to stay in touch with church events.

# FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

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March 6, 2013

## Dear Sponsoring Congregations:

A newsletter from the Sacks is long overdue and we apologize for the delay. The beginning of each year is extremely busy with numerous entrance exams and thesis defenses for both undergraduates and graduate students, as well as graduations and ordinations. On Sunday we had an ordination service for four graduates from the Japan Lutheran Theological Seminary and we would like to share a little about that event. In America where you have so many seminary students graduating, you are having numerous ordinations. However here in Japan the Lutheran Church is very small and having 4 new pastors in the church is a very exciting event. Nationally we have 120 churches with 95 pastors and a total membership of around 22,000 people. The graduates ranged from age 24 to 59. The national church is comprised of 5 districts. The ordination of all 4 pastors took place at the same time at Tokyo Lutheran Church, the biggest church in Tokyo that acts as the location of all major meetings and events. It was a very festive event with a few hundred people in attendance. It was so uplifting to have that many voices singing with vigor the hymns for the service. An average sized congregation is only about 20-30 members, so having such a large "choir" was really inspiring to all who were in attendance.

After the ordination we had a communion service where the newly ordained pastors were involved in distributing the elements. Family members as well as members from the both the churches where the pastors are being sent and those churches that helped in their training (internship) are able to receive communion from "their new pastor." After the service all gathered in the fellowship hall where family members of the newly ordained were introduced and light snacks were served.

Many years ago in the States pastors often got married right after graduation and before starting their ministries. Two of the four pastors are getting married right away, so it kind of feels similar to the situation back in the States a number of decades ago. In fact Rev. Miyakawa got married the day before his ordination. Of course his wife was introduced and received a roaring reception by those in attendance. We think it would be interesting for you to meet some of these pastors and learn how they became Christian and decided to become pastors. In the near future we would like to interview some of these new pastors and tell you their stories. We think you will find the stories meaningful and inspiring. Please look forward to that. Please pray for the new pastors: Rev. Ito, Rev. Okamura, Rev. Nagayoshi and Rev. Miyakawa, and their families and the churches they are being sent to serve.

On a personal note, our daughter Emily will transfer to International Christian University as of September, which is just next door to us. It will be great to have her in Tokyo for her last two years of college. For those interested please go to: <http://www.jelc.or.jp/e/index.htm> (This is the English website for the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church.)

*Grace and peace to you,  
Jim and Carol Sack, Tokyo*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!

**Needed:** Volunteers to help decorate or prepare decorations.

Kitchen workers (preparing, serving, and clean-up).

Decorative pine trees and Christmas trees (undecorated!) for our forest.

Stuffed bears, moose, raccoons, skunks, ducks, or other woodland-type animals.

Large logs for our campfire area. Branches to use as forest trees. Large pieces of cardboard.

**Items can be returned...we will take good care of them!**

**Talk to Janelle or Barb or Kala if you can help!**

# PROJECT HOPE FOOD BACKPACKS

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Immanuel has volunteered to be responsible for filling the Project Hope Food Backpacks in May. These backpacks are distributed twice a month to families in need.

**We are looking for volunteers to help with this project.** The backpacks will need to be picked up at the ACGC High School Tuesday or Wednesday, April 30 or May 1 and again Tuesday or Wednesday, May 14 or 15. Backpacks will be brought to Immanuel. Food will be picked up at the Willmar Area Food Shelf. Once the backpacks are packed, they will need to be delivered to the appropriate school before 9 a.m. Friday, May 3, and Friday, May 17.

**We will plan to pack the backpacks:**  
**Wednesday, May 1** (we will start at 6 p.m.)  
**Thursday, May 16** (we will start at 1 p.m.)

If you can't be there right at our start time, come as soon as you can to help. The more hands, the quicker we can pack! There are rumors of some treats being provided, too! :-)

If you would be interested in helping, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

## The Green Lake Bluegrass Band is coming to Immanuel! Sunday, May 5

Come and enjoy a lively, upbeat service filled with great music!  
We will be celebrating 1st Communion and the end of our Sunday School year.  
*Lunch following worship. Everyone welcome!*

## PRAYER LIST

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Starting in April, we will be listing specific names on a prayer list in our worship bulletin. If you would like your name included on this list, or if you know of someone who might be in need of special prayers, please contact Pastor Kathy or the church office. We hope that this will be a step in improving our congregational care and awareness of each other's needs.

## FAITH IN ACTION IS OFF AND RUNNING!

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The Faith In Action/Evangelism Ministry Team has the calendar nearly filled for the rest of 2013! We hope that we have lots of events and opportunities planned that lots of you can participate in. Here is a quick snapshot of the events we have scheduled.

**May** - Bluegrass Sunday May 5 with food to follow.

**June** - S'mores Booth at Chuckers game during Festival Days June 14, Parade Float for Festival Days Parade June 15, Serve Coffee/Doughnuts before the Community Worship Service June 16.

**July** - Softball, Food & Fellowship Event, S'mores Booth at Chuckers game.

**August** - S'mores Night & Bonfire at Immanuel, Servant Weekend at Shores of St. Andrew

**September** - Rally Sunday Fellowship Event

**October** - Fall Fun Festival October 28 and Trunk Or Treating Event in the parking lot October 31.

**November** - Ugly Sweater Church Decorating Party

**December** - Possible trip to 'Wizard of Oz' at the Ordway

We will be looking for volunteers to help plan and implement these activities, and it would be great to get a good variety of people to help out. We are trying to plan activities that can include all ages and abilities. Let Janelle or Melissa know if there is something on the list that you would be willing to help with!

There may also be some service/outreach projects added as the year goes on. We will keep you updated!

# CORNER

Christian Education

## first Communion

First Communion instruction will be Wednesday, May 1. First Communion is offered to 5th graders, but can also include any older youth who have not previously had instruction. The May 1 meeting will include both children and parents. Those attending will share a meal and learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will be making stoles that the kids will wear for their 1st Communion. Those participating in First Communion instruction are invited to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion Sunday, May 5.

## NOISY OFFERING IS MAY 5, 9 A.M.

Let's Make Some Noise

On The Last Day of Sunday School!

## vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is June 2-6 at Immanuel. We will enjoy a week at SonRock Kids Camp!

Registration forms will be distributed in April, and copies will also be available at church. The fee is \$5/child with a maximum of \$20/family. Please return your registration form by May 12 so we can plan for food and supplies.

We will have a program Thursday, June 6 and our "closing" event will be our worship service Sunday, June 9. VBS kids will be singing during worship that morning.

See page 6 for ways you can help with VBS!

## Christian Education Ministry Team Members

Harold Eisenbacher (council rep) ♦ Jaylen Rossell (council rep)  
Barb Everson ♦ Janelle Eisenbacher ♦ Nick Rossell ♦ Shane Hagstrom

## Sunday School

Thanks for all of your food donations for the food shelf!

Sunday School kids will be singing during the 9 a.m. worship service Easter Sunday, March 31. Come early and enjoy Easter breakfast, then kids should meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8:50 a.m. to practice their song.

Sunday School kids will also be singing during worship May 5. This is our last day of Sunday School celebration!

**\*\*\*CAMP REGISTRATION REMINDER\*\*\***  
YOU MUST BE REGISTERED WITH GLLM **BY APRIL 29** IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM IMMANUEL. All you need to do is fill out your registration form and send it to GLLM with a \$50 registration fee - you can also register online.

In order for us to get our payment made in time, we need to have our final camper numbers by this date. After April 29, you will be notified of the amount being paid by the church. Any additional camp payments can be made directly to Immanuel. If you have any questions, talk to Janelle.

## bible Camp Fundraisers

The "Book Sale" Bible Camp Fundraiser continues. Anyone who has gently used books that you are finished with (including children's books) is encouraged to donate books for our sale. **Cost: \$1/hardcover, \$.50/softcover.** Thanks for supporting our campers, and thanks to all those who have donated and purchased books. Check out the selection of books regularly!

## confirmation Classes

Confirmation kids and mentors should plan to meet after worship one Sunday in May, June, July, and August. Fellowship events are also being planned and information will be sent to you when dates are announced.

9th Graders - You will be making confirmation stoles for your October confirmation. Start thinking about the kinds of things you want on your stole...things, people, verses, etc., that have inspired your faith journey. We will discuss this more in April.

## christian education Calendar of Events

(watch for monthly updates!)

DATE	TIME - PLACE	EVENT
March 31	7 a.m./Immanuel	7th-12th Grade Youth Group Serves Easter Breakfast
March 31		NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CONFIRMATION CLASSES
March 31	9 a.m./Immanuel	Sunday School Kids Sing During Worship
April 15		Early Bird Registration Deadline for GLLM Camps
April 20-21		Confirmation Retreat
April 28		Youth Sunday - Sharing About Confirmation Retreat Experience
April 29		Deadline to Notify Immanuel of GLLM Camp Registration
May 1	Evening/Immanuel	First Communion Instruction Meeting
May 5	9 a.m./Immanuel	First Communion Sunday
May 5		Last Day of Sunday School Celebration/Noisy Offering
May 5	9 a.m./Immanuel	Sunday School Kids Sing During Worship
May 12		VBS Registrations Due
May 12	9 a.m./Immanuel	Bible Camper Blessing



## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - March 13, 2013

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chuck Stranberg, Robin Johnson, Sue Bohn, Dean Nelson, Deb Mickle, Pastor Kathy Hartley, Jacklyn Frericks, John Hagstrom, Jaylen Rossell and Harold Eisenbacher

Meeting called to order by Chuck Stranberg.

Devotions led by Harold Eisenbacher.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Custodian & maintenance positions will be posted.
2. Call Committee Report given by Shane Hagstrom. Candidate search continues.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Scholarship Committee will be per existing by-laws (Memorial Fund Treasurer, President and Vice-President of Council, Pastor, and one representative from each of the 4 scholarships.)
2. Motion made by John to combine memorial scholarships. Dean seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:** Full reports, if available, can be found in the Church Office.

#### Christian Education:

1. Last day of Sunday School is May 5 - also 1st communion and Bluegrass Sunday.
2. VBS planning underway; June 2-6 at Immanuel with a camp theme.
3. Confirmation retreat in April in Twin Cities. Will share their experiences during 'Youth Sunday' in April.
4. Mentor program has been revamped and is underway.

Building/Property: Carpet estimates: \$4810.69 bid has been received. Motion made by Deb to go forward with carpet purchase and take balance of funds needed from Carley Memorial fund. Seconded by Sue. Unanimous vote.

#### Finance/Stewardship:

1. \$25,000 still needed for organ bank payment.
2. Financial reports presented for January and February 2013. 1/20/13 audit completed for Immanuel Lutheran Church of Atwater.
3. Motion made by Dean to move Carley Fund from Mission Investment to Thrivent and move Memorial Fund to Atwater State Bank. Jacklyn seconded. Unanimous vote.
4. Motion made by Dean to accept the audit report; seconded by Deb. Unanimous vote.

#### Worship & Music:

1. Organ Dedication Sunday is 4/14/13.
2. Diamond Lake worship services planned for 6/30, 7/21, 8/18 at 10 a.m. at the Park Shelter. No services those Sundays at Immanuel. Leaders of service will be determined.
3. Piano lift and cover ordered and will be delivered 3/20/13. This was approved at the 2/17/13 retreat.

#### Evangelism/Faith in Action:

1. Planning events for Festival Days; parade float, s'mores booth at baseball tournament.
2. New member packets prepared; welcomed 20 new members March 17.
3. Need volunteers to pack food backpacks for Project Hope in May.
4. Bluegrass Sunday May 5. Food to follow service. Possibly switch SS and worship times?
5. Events on the calendar thru the end of the year. Possible trip to Ordway in December.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Full report is available in the Church Office.

### OTHER COUNCIL ITEMS:

Jaylen gave youth report. Confirmation class volunteered 3/10/13 at the food shelf in Willmar and also met with their mentors for orientation and getting-to-know-you time.

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

### Council & Ministry Team Schedule

Council Meets: April 10, 7 p.m.

Devotions: Deb Mickle

Worship & Music: TBD\*

Christian Ed.: Sun. April 14, 11:30 a.m.

Finance/Stewardship: TBD\*

Property: TBD\*

Evangelism/Faith in Action:

Sun. April 21, 10:15 a.m.

\*Team Leaders, please notify the church office of your monthly meeting date and time so that information can be included in the Outreach.

# FEBRUARY OFFERING

## General Fund

First Sunday	\$3402.00
Second Sunday	278.00
Third Sunday	2118.00
Fourth Sunday	2080.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7877.00</b>

## Building Fund

First Sunday	\$140.00
Second Sunday	0.00
Third Sunday	0.00
Fourth Sunday	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>

## Organ Replacement Project

First Sunday	\$135.00
Second Sunday	0.00
Third Sunday	200.00
Fourth Sunday	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$360.00</b>

## Per Sunday

Average Attendance (per Sunday)	77
Avg. General Giving (per service)	\$1969.00
Avg. Building Fund Giving (per service)	\$45.00

## Offering Needed

Per Sunday	\$3253.00
Per Month	\$14,095.00

## Income for 2013 (excluding Organ Project)

Thru February	\$17,839.00
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**Needed for Remainder of 2013** ..\$141,509.00

**2013 Total Budget** .....\$159,348.00

*\*please note that these figures do not reflect all financial transactions*

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

**Dec. 26, 2011 - Mar. 11, 2012**

## In Memory of Russell Olson

To Sunday School	\$5.00
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## In Memory of LeRoy Everson

To Organ Fund	\$10.00
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To Sunday School	\$20.00
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## In Memory of Gloria Anderson

To Sunday School	\$15.00
To Organ Fund	\$10.00

## In Memory of Kristina Lynn Evenson

To Organ Fund	\$70.00
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## In Memory of Sheldon & Avis Hendrickson

To Organ Fund	\$35.00
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## In Memory of Muriel Madsen

To Organ Fund	\$20.00
To Organ Fund	\$5.00

## In Memory of Paul Beerman

To Organ Fund	\$500.00
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## In Memory of Robin Bredeson

To Organ Fund	\$1000.00
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# SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

The Donna Grahn Memorial Scholarship, Martin Anderson Family Memorial Scholarship, Broman Scholarship, and Marv Otto Memorial Scholarship applications are available in the church office and must be submitted to Immanuel Lutheran Church no later than July 15, 2013. Scholarships will be awarded in early August.

# 2013 GRADUATES

If you are graduating from high school this year, please submit a graduation photo to the church office for our graduation bulletin board. Also, please write a few sentences about your future plans, including the following:

- Full name
- Parents' names
- Name of college you will attend (if applicable)
- Intended major or course of study
- Place of employment (if entering the work force)
- Any other future plans you may pursue

Please submit this information before May 1.

## DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Thoughts and prayers go out to Deb Mickle and family. Deb's grandmother, Ann Ruter, passed away March 21, and her funeral was March 26 in Clara City. May God bring comfort and peace during this time of grief.

## THANK YOU

**Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members,**  
Thank you so much for your donation to John & our family! We really appreciate you thinking of us during this struggling time in our lives!

**Thank You!**  
**John, Michelle, & Finn Rierson**

Thank you to Barb, Cheryl, Elaine, Julie, Lila, Muriel, Sandy and Shirley for sewing the elegant advent table toppers.

Thank you to Barb, Cheryl, Debbie, Elaine, Lila, Sandy, and Shirley for making the colorful spring table toppers for the Fellowship Hall.

**To the lady quilters,**  
I am a WWII veteran. I heard from one of your parishioners that you were making quilts for veterans. I have just received a new hospital bed and was looking for bedding. One of the ladies in your group gave me one of your quilts. I just want to thank you. It is so light and yet it is warm. Thank you for my new quilt. I just wanted to thank you again.

**Delbert Bridge**

- In Memory of Derwood & Irene Cramlet**  
To Organ Fund .....\$35.00
- In Memory of Marion Kingery**  
To Organ Fund .....\$1000.00
- In Memory of Ron Cramlet**  
To Organ Fund .....\$35.00
- In Memory of Donna Grahn**  
To Donna Grahn Scholarship Fund .....\$140.00
- In Memory of Arlys Olson**  
To Organ Fund .....\$10.00
- In Memory of Pam Kylingstad**  
To Organ Fund .....\$10.00
- In Memory of Loved Ones**  
To Altar Guild .....\$50.00
- In Memory of John Rouser**  
To Organ Fund .....\$20.00  
To Organ Fund .....\$15.00
- In Memory of Greg Swalin**  
To Organ Fund .....\$10.00
- In Memory of Orville Martinson**  
To Organ Fund .....\$10.00
- In Memory of Cheryl Tauer**  
To Organ Fund .....\$20.00
- In Memory of Daine Shoultz**  
To Organ Fund .....\$35.00
- In Memory of Joyce Estwick**  
To Organ Fund .....\$35.00
- In Memory of Linnea Johnson**  
To Organ Fund .....\$20.00  
To Organ Fund .....\$10.00  
To Organ Fund .....\$5.00
- In Memory of Jim Johnson**  
To Organ Fund .....\$10.00  
To Organ Fund .....\$5.00

\*Please read these memorials over carefully and let the church office know if there are any additions or corrections. Please note that there may be more memorials that have not yet been received in the church office at this time.

# WELCOME TO OUR

Sunday, March 17, we were blessed to welcome 20 new members into Immanuel's faith community. Each of these families has a church council sponsor to help guide them as they learn more about Immanuel and the ways in which we worship and serve each other and God. Please take the time to introduce yourself to them and encourage them in their faith.

**SAVED**  
By Grace,  
**CALLED**  
To Serve.



**Melissa Litzau, & sons Skye Powers, & Trent & Rylan Summerlet**

Melissa and the boys started coming to Immanuel last fall. All three boys are participating in Sunday School classes. Melissa works at USDA Farm Service. Skye is into wrestling and football. Trent & Rylan enjoy any outdoor activities. As a family they love bonfires and cookouts.



**Jason & Katey Rosenquist, & daughters Jada & Cora**

Jason & Katey were married at Immanuel in February. Jada joined our Sunday School classes last fall and is a great little singer during music time! Katey is a stay-at-home mom and enjoys spending time with family. Jason is a farmer.



**Sue Bohn & daughter Holly Hoekstra**

Sue and Holly have been a part of our church for many years. Sue's older daughter, Heidi, was confirmed at Immanuel, and Holly is in our current confirmation class. Sue is a confirmation mentor and is on the church council, as well.

# NEW MEMBERS!



**Todd & Amanda Saue,  
daughters Macy & Hailey, & son Scott**

The Saue family moved to Atwater from Willmar in 2008. Todd works at Towmaster and enjoys the outdoors, hunting, and fishing. Amanda is a pharmacy technician at Thrifty White Drug in Willmar. She enjoys bowling and camping in the summer.



**Justin & Staci  
Sing, & son  
Braylon**

The Sing family came to Immanuel this past fall. Staci is a stay-at-home mom and Justin co-owns Meeker Sand & Gravel. They are expecting a new baby in May. They enjoy sports, fishing, and any outdoor activities. Their son, Braylon, was at home sick the day we welcomed new members, but we have been enjoying having him in Sunday School classes regularly!



**Kala Kaehler & daughter Grace**

Kala and Grace are becoming members after participating at Immanuel for the past several years. Kala's husband, Kyle, was already an Immanuel member, and their new baby, Emma, was recently baptized here, as well. Kala works for Arc Kandiyohi County, a non-profit advocacy group for disabled adults. She has been involved in helping plan VBS. Grace is in 1st grade and participates in dance, Girl Scouts, and softball. She is looking forward to going to Bible Camp for the first time this summer.

***We look forward to partnering with you in ministry and friendship!***

# SAVED By Grace, CALLED To Serve.

Please remember to notify the church office of any corrections that should be made to birthdays, anniversaries, names, addresses, etc., so we can keep our files updated. Thanks!



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|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|
| 4-1  | Lynne Grahn       | 4-18 | Chris Buisman     |
|      | Crystal Garberich | 4-19 | Jon Norine        |
| 4-2  | Ryan Peterson     |      | Kathy Nelson      |
| 4-5  | Joshua Bergstrom  |      | Ashley Rialson    |
|      | Hunter Narragon   |      | Kendra Bengtson   |
|      | Logan Krug        | 4-21 | Betty Sokolosky   |
| 4-6  | Michael Bolton    |      | Mikayla Holm      |
| 4-7  | Logan Straumann   | 4-22 | Shirley Wallin    |
|      | Malia Rosenquist  |      | Troy Everson      |
| 4-8  | Larry Stranberg   |      | Derek Kragenbring |
|      | Debra Mickle      |      | Elisa Burns       |
|      | Russell Peterson  | 4-24 | Grady Kragenbring |
|      | Heather Mueller   | 4-25 | Kay Bomstad       |
| 4-11 | Rebecca Nelson    |      | Jodi Tanata       |
|      | Kate Burns        |      | Scott Goehring    |
| 4-13 | Lissa Borchert    | 4-27 | Angie Koplin      |
| 4-14 | Kayla Bergstrom   | 4-29 | Mark Johnson      |
|      | Mark Pirsig       |      | Jane Hovey        |
|      | Jenna Hoekstra    |      | Holly Christensen |
| 4-15 | Gerry Passmore    | 4-30 | Jordan Tanata     |
| 4-17 | Jenna Peterson    |      |                   |

## HOMEBOUND LIST

Please remember these homebound people with a visit, a card, or a special prayer to bring a little added sunshine into their lives.



**Doris Berscheid**  
Box 266  
Atwater, MN 56209

**Mark S. Berscheid**  
Willmar Care Center  
500 Russell St. NW  
Willmar, MN 56201  
Room 5

**Lucille Carlson**  
Bethesda Heritage  
1012 3rd St. SE  
Room 360  
Willmar, MN 56201

**Glenn Grahn**  
Sunnyview  
316 Sunrise Lane  
Room 6  
P.O. Box 686  
Atwater, MN 5620

**Blanche Hoepner**  
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974-8273

**Rocile Sokolosky**  
322 Sunrise Lane  
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974-8217

## Celebrating April Anniversaries...

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|------|---------------------------------|
| 4-10 | Gayla Fontaine<br>& Dan Herdina |
| 4-15 | John & Tracey<br>Kalkbrenner    |
| 4-25 | Glenn & Betty<br>Stranberg      |
| 4-29 | Lee & Corina Burns              |
| 4-30 | Roger & Robin Johnson           |



## April Assisting Schedule

**Ushers** John Hagstrom  
Ivan Wersal, Dale Anderson

### Communion Assistants

Apr 7 Sandy Walsh  
28 Dennis Goehring

### Lectors

Apr 7 Bob Starz  
14 Veda Stockland  
21 Chuck Stranberg  
28 Pat Walsh

### Greeters

Apr 7 Ernie & Shirley Frarck  
14 Veda Stockland  
21 Sue Bohn  
28 Roger & Janet Rossell

### Acolytes

Apr 7 Jeremy Nelson  
14 Kiara Rosenquist  
21 Erica Borchert  
28 Logan Krug

### Altar Guild

Robin Johnson  
Rolayne Beerman

### Offering Counter

John Hagstrom

### Coffee Hour Servers

Apr 7 \*Harlan & Julie Madsen  
Dennis & Sharon Goehring  
14 \*Dan & Sandy Petersen  
Rolayne Beerman  
21 \*John & Carla Hagstrom  
Karla Straumann  
Dale & Bethany Ehrenberg  
28 \*Brian & Lisa Hovey  
Darleen Hovey  
Ivan Wersal

## May Assisting Schedule

**Ushers** Bob & Peggy Starz  
Jo & Roger Holm

### Communion Assistants

May 5 Roger Holm  
26 Larry Stranberg

### Lectors

May 5 Carol Hintz  
12 Julie Madsen  
19 Denise Kragenbring  
26 Elsie Potter

### Greeters

May 5 Jerrel & Carol Hintz  
12 Karen Soltis  
19 Vivian Nelson  
26 Doris Thompson

### Acolytes

May 5 Jonathan Nelson  
12 Kylie Rosenquist  
19 Taylor Bengtson  
26 Gabriel Eisenbacher

### Altar Guild

Jacklyn & Justin Frericks

### Offering Counter

Chuck Stranberg

### Coffee Hour Servers

May 5 BLUEGRASS SUNDAY EVENT  
12 \*Paul & Angela Rasmussen  
Greg & Tracy Madsen  
19 \*Dan & Cheryl Rouser  
Mark & Lori Hutchinson  
26 TBD