

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Lantern

...I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of the life." John 8:12

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Greetings from the Pastor

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed...Alleluia! The Resurrection is a fundamental issue for followers of Christ. Yet in the twenty first century, at least in America, the resurrection with its promise of eternal life is being upstaged by humanities shift away from God's promise to the promises of science and technology. Jesus says follow me and I will lead you to eternal life. The high tech world says it has nothing to do with following Jesus, who the early Church and scripture, called "The way the truth and the life," to mankind seeking its own way. We can clone or three-D print new parts, we can overcome diseases that have long plagued humanity, but is their way the better way? Even if it could be successfully done, would it really provide us with eternal life?

The people of the early Church were called the people of the way, and the way to eternal life was by following the way Jesus showed us to live, with respect for life, a world where everyone's needs are provided for. According to Jesus eternal life is obtained by, or for an individual, by their adoption of the life style that lifts up all of humanity.

The prophets told us what we must do, "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God" this is the way to eternal life. It is not a matter of preserving the body but the preservation of that illusive quality that is the very essence of life, our soul.

Let us proclaim, Christ is Risen... He is Risen indeed! And that those who follow in the way will follow Him to eternal life. Alleluia!

Pastor McKinley

BEST KEPT SECRET

Immanuel has a secret that few people know or think about. Want to know what it is?

Every Saturday night at 5:30PM you'll find Maria at the piano playing beautiful preludes; her mother, Alvira and her daughter, Alexandra listening in the front pew. Pastor is talking to John & Margaret and a few others, while waiting for Donna and her family to come rushing in. (Donna sets up the altar for Sundays) I always try to make it, sometimes with our daughter or young friend, James. Pastor opens with an Invocation, then Maria starts a hymn and Elsie and Glenn lead us with their wonderful and true voices.

The service is only a half hour long with the Word and the Sacrament. The Homily is, well, different. Leading us towards a better understanding of the Gospel, Pastor asks questions and includes comments that we make in his message. Sometimes conversations continue after the service.

We have fun, too. We all enjoyed a great potluck and film about a saint who influences us even today. I wouldn't miss Saturday night service for the world.

How about you?

Jane McKinley

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A P R I L S E R V I N G S C H E D U L E

DATE	LAY ASSISTANT	USHERS	ALTAR	ACOLYTES	LECTOR
1ST	Todd Engle	Lana Hyer & Eva LaBrozzi	Donna Palzer	TBD	Sharon Rollier
8TH	Roberta McGilvery	Carole Hepp & Sharon Rollier	Donna Palzer	TBD	Steven Lance
15TH	Kris Calabro	Roberta McGilvery & Millie Martin	Donna Palzer	TBD	Kris Calabro
22ND	Terry Stahlhut	Scott & Kim Brown	Donna Palzer	TBD	Roberta McGilvery
29TH	Karin Holldorf	TBD	Donna Palzer	TBD	Millie Martin

BIRTHDAYS

1 ~ Riley Manion
 9 ~ Antonio Clark
 14 ~ Jennifer McCaleb
 15 ~ Michael O'Donnell
 16 ~ Greta Keenan
 17 ~ Jim Wolfer
 29 ~ Philip Hepp



ANNIVERSARIES

5 ~ Dick & Terry Stahlhut
 8 ~ Tom & Jane Grogan
 22 ~ David & Tracy Curtis

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
Service Times:
Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

PENTECOST
May 20, 2018

Thank you . . .

To Jim Wolfer for building the new church office closet in the hallway. It is greatly appreciated.

To Jeff Vander Wende for the many decorative items you have given to the church, along with the beautiful banner displayed on our church sign indicating a list of the Holy week services and their times.



2018 Easter Egg Hunt!



Palm Sunday



Food Pantry

Thank you . . .

Thank you to all of you who donated candy to fill baskets for the children who come to the pantry. A big thank you to Scott Brown for assembling the baskets and all he does to help make the pantry's extra events successful. Thanks to all of you who continue to donate financially to the pantry. Thank you to the special volunteers who without each of them the pantry would not be possible.



Pantry Hours & Dates
April 12 th & 26th
10:00 AM to 12 noon

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