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A Member Congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023



LISTENING DEVICES and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available, please speak with an elder to assist you. (St. John's)

PRIOR TO SERVICE: Please be respectful of those who would like to meditate and pray before the worship service by keeping conversational voices low. Thank you for your consideration and love in Christ.

ATTENDANCE CARDS: Please fill them out and put them in the offering plate. (St. John's)

OUR WORSHIP BEGINS WITH PRAYERFUL MEDITATION

AS WE GATHER: Some of the central people in the Gospel narratives we get to know by name; others we do not. Although the man born blind is a major person in John 9, we never learn what his name might be. We meet his parents and his neighbors and we meet the Pharisees to whom he tells the story of the miraculous restoration of his sight. Although we do not learn his name, Jesus said of the man born blind that the works of God were displayed in him. As the One brightening our lives with the light of salvation, Jesus brings a new vision to our lives—an eternal vision of life with God that never ends. God knows our names. He directs the cross currents of our daily lives. In His light we see light—and that is what matters!

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN PRAYER: Faithful God, whose grace attends us all our days, look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Direct our steps into pathways of peace and lead us to discover all that is good and right and true. Preserve us in Your righteousness and at last bring us to Your eternal kingdom where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS & MINDS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, bids us to examine ourselves before taking Holy Communion. Therefore, to faithfully prepare to receive our Lord's TRUE body and blood, we

- ▶ **CONFESS** that we are sinful people- unwilling and unable to be righteous according to God's just Law.
- ▶ **BELIEVE** that Jesus shed His Blood for us on the cross for the forgiveness of our sin;
- ▶ **BELIEVE** that, in the Supper, Jesus gives us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine – that is, the bread and wine are NOT merely symbols of the body and blood of Jesus, but truly are united to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, as He said, "*Take eat; this is My BODY... Take, drink; this is My Blood.*"
- ▶ **INTEND**, by the power of the Holy Spirit, repent of our sinful lives and strive to walk according to God's will.

HOLY COMMUNION POLICY: In the Lord's Supper, we believe, teach and confess that with the bread and wine, we receive Christ's very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. We also believe that as we come to receive Christ's body and blood, we are also making a public confession of the unity of faith and doctrine that we have in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). If you are a member of a sister LCMS congregation, we invite you to commune with us today. If you are not an LCMS member but would like to come forward for a blessing, we invite you to come forward and ask that you cross your arms indicating that intention. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor prior to the service. Thank you.

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP				
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH				
March 12, 2023				
Adult Bible Study	3		Offering	\$ 5.00
Worship Attendance	54		Offering	\$ 3,067.00
Total for Orphanages			Needed for goal	\$ \$560.00/mo.
(as of 3-12-2023 \$200.00)			Monthly Average	\$ 200.00
Budget for 2023	\$172,870.00		(needed per week:	\$3,324.42)
Total Giving to Budget in 2023	\$ 26,305.25		(11 week avg:	\$2,391.39)

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP				
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH				
March 12, 2023				
Worship Attendance	45		Offering	\$ 838.00
			Mission	\$ 50.00
Lenten Service	29		Offering	\$ 165.00
Budget for 2023	\$ 65,189.00		(needed per week: \$	1,253.63)
Total Giving to Budget in 2023	\$ 12,419.00		(11 week avg. \$	1,129.00)

This week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Esther Buethe 23rd

Worship Assistants

Greeters Today: Del & Cindy Lierman (St. John's)
..... Jeff & Sarah Dean (Immanuel)

Greeters Next Sunday: Terry & Lisa Kuhl (St. John's)
..... Merlyn Saathoff (Immanuel)

Today's Acolytes: Madalyn Kohlmeyer & Andrew Kohlmeyer (St. John's)
..... Seth Dean & Sierra Goracke (Immanuel)

Next Sunday: (St. John's)
..... Seth Dean & Sierra Goracke (Immanuel)

March Elder: Kirk Bartels (402) 921-0774 (St. John's)
..... Galen Bartels (402) 866-1057 (Immanuel)
April Elder: Dave Borrenpohl (402) 429-5463 (St. John's)
..... Rick Thies (402) 866-4585 (Immanuel)

March Trustee: Aaron Kinney (402) 335-0751 (St. John's)
..... (Immanuel)
April Trustee: Del Lierman (402) 269-8004 (St. John's)
..... (Immanuel)

March Altar Guild: Amy Borrenpohl (St. John's)
April Altar Guild: Cheryl Grove (St. John's)

March Flower Committee: No flowers during Lent (Immanuel)
April Flower Committee: Heather Thies & Linda Eis (Immanuel)

Transportation: Ron Rathe (402) 335-2208 (St. John's)

Accompanianst Today: Loretta Kerchal (St. John's)
..... Laura Heiden (Immanuel)



Needing Urgent prayers: Landon Lugar (Recovery from bad car accident (Son-in-law of Sam & Elaine Kuhl)), Ken Wentz, Emma Walters, Terry Buethe (*prostate cancer*), Tammy McAuliffe (*Cancer - Mackenzie Saathoff's mother*), Brianna Podtburg (*cancer*), Gary Wilhelm (health issues), Linda Blessing (*cancer*), Amanda Baumert (*health issues*), Rev. Jason Wolter (*brain cancer/ tumor*), Tracy Wolter (*kidney issues*), Lavern Bartels (*health issues*), Sally Bartels, Josephina Schlabach, Jennifer Steele (*cancer – Duane & Betty Krause's niece*), Tony Lintz (recovery), Shirley Frey (*Cindy Lierman's sister – cancer*), and Shawn Othmer (*pancreatic & stomach cancer*) in your prayers this week. May God grant each of them His protection and peace and bless them with good health.

†**Those needing our sustaining prayers:** Jim Borrenpohl, Cliff Lacey, Rev. Dale Kaster (*cancer*), Lois Ann Bartels (health issues), Rev. Donald Cooper, Josh Wilkins (spinal cancer – Dave & Paula Carnegie's former foster child), Karen McCoy (*Cancer*), Deb Lance (*cancer – Katie Griess's mother*), Mindy Johnston (*kidney issues -Shirly Hestermann's great niece*), Eldon Bartels (*health issues*), Ron Rathe (*cancer*), Dwayne Bartels, Ray Bartels, Suzanne Hughes (*niece of Dwayne and Laverne Bartels – cancer*) and all others who look to God in their time of need.

†**We pray for the family and friends of Mary Jo Foetisch** (Amy Frye's stepmother), as they mourn her passing last week. May God's peace be with them all as they remember our Lord's resurrection and look to the future, of a heavenly reunion to come.

†**We pray for God's loving and gracious care for those homebound, assisted living and nursing home** including: Elaine Harms, Tony Lintz, Esther Buethe, Eldon Bartels, Gary Wilhelm, Evelyn Buethe, Vicki Mandrey and (*Don Cooper*).

†**We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces** including: Bailey Bohling (Kirk & Lisa Bartels nephew).

†**We lift up all missionaries**, including: Pastor Dale & Suzanne Kaster, Andrew & Noel Schaff and all other church workers. And for those served by our adopted orphanages – Smiltene & Togliatti #5.

† **We give God thanks for the gift of Baptism**, as we celebrate with **Jackie Boden, Ryly Haughton, Janene Bartels, Sarah Borrenpohl, Ashley Juilfs, Elaine Kuhl, Sharon Mandery and Harlea Thies** who celebrate their baptismal birthdays (this week). May God continue to bless them and all of us- with complete joy and confidence, through the promises He bestowed on us through His Sacrament of the Water and the Word!



Joint Announcements

Reminder: please let pastor know when you are in hospital so he can visit you.

For future Church cancellations: – Messages will be on Facebook and an email will be sent out. We will also be notifying TV Channel 10/11. Elders will also be contacting people by phone if they do not have internet access.

St. John's Preschool Hot Beef Luncheon: St. John's Preschool will be having their annual Hot Beef Luncheon today from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. We will be serving Hot beef sandwiches with mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, cole slaw, dessert and drinks. Free will offering to benefit the preschool. To-go orders available.

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Immanuel's Announcements

Meals on Wheels: Immanuel is doing Meals on Wheels in April. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the annex. Your help is appreciated.

Women of Immanuel: We will meet after church Sunday, March 26th. Donna Rathe is Hostess.

Easter Flowers: The flower committee for April (Linda Eis & Heather Thies), would like to have those bringing lilies or other flowers for Easter to have them at the Church by Saturday, April 8th at 2:00 pm. Thank you.

St. John's Announcement

Easter Cards for Inmates: "For you had compassion on those in prison..." (Hebrews 10:34). During this Lenten season as we look forward to Easter, we are spreading the hope of the Resurrection to the prisoners at the corrections facility. There are cards on the back table for you to fill out. You can put an Easter verse and a word of encouragement to the prisoners inside the cards - something to brighten their day! Please **DO NOT INCLUDE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION** - such as name, address, contact information, etc. Cards can be dropped off at the church **BY MARCH 26TH**.

Easter bags: for the shut-ins are in the back. Please consider sending a card to our people in the nursing homes, assisted living or those who can't make it to church anymore. A simple card means so much to them. A list is names are on the table – any questions please talk to Cheryl Grove. They will be delivered or mailed on April 5th.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to donate towards the purchase of an Easter Lily for the altar, there is a donation box on the back table. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily on your own, please bring to church on or before Saturday, April 8th.

Thank You: I would like to thank everyone for their generosity, love and support as I continue my education in preparation for service to the Lord. I am truly grateful. In Christ's Peace, Tyler Bartels.

Lutheran Witness: It is renewal time for your Lutheran Witness magazine. If you have received it in the past, I will put an envelope in your mailbox with the amount due. If you would like to sign up to receive it, there is a sign-up sheet on the back table. The renewal price is \$19.20 and I would need a reply back by April 23rd. Amy

This Week With God

Sunday, March 19 *(Fourth Sunday in Lent)*

- ✠ Divine Service w/ Communion (Immanuel) 8:30 am
- ✠ Sunday School (Immanuel)..... 9:30 am
- ✠ Adult Bible Study (St. John's) 9:30 am
- ✠ Divine Service w/ Communion (St. John's)..... 10:30 am
- ☉ Preschool Hot Beef Luncheon (St. John's) 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Monday, March 20

- ★ Pastor's Family Day

Tuesday, March 21

- ★ Quilting (St. John's) 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- ★ Priscilla's Meeting (St. John's) 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 22

- ✠ Preschool Chapel..... 9:00 am
- ✠ Faith Train / Midweek Class (St. John's)..... 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- ✠ Confirmation Class (Immanuel)..... 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- ✠ Lenten Service (St. John's)..... 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 23

- ★ No Activities

Friday, March 24

- ★ No Activities

Saturday, March 25

- ★ No Activities

Sunday, March 26 *(Fifth Sunday in Lent)*

- ✠ Divine Service w/o Communion (Immanuel) 8:30 am
- ✠ Sunday School (Immanuel)..... 9:30 am
- ✠ Adult Bible Study (St. John's) 9:30 am
- ✠ Divine Service w/o Communion (St. John's) 10:30 am

FAMILY WORSHIP REFLECTION

WHERE THE FAMILY SAVORS GOD'S WEEKLY FEAST

Bring Church
Home

REVIEW What was this week's sermon about? What grabbed your attention the most?
What is something new I learned from the sermon?

LAW How was the Law presented in the sermon? How does the Law that was
presented in the sermon, apply to me?

GOSPEL How was the Gospel presented in the sermon? How did the sermon deepen my
understanding of Christ & the Gospel?

RESPOND What does this mean as I live out my life as a disciple of Christ? How can I put
this into practice in my life during this coming week?

Share Stories
and
Testimonies

SEE How did you see God at work in your life this past week?

SEEK What has God been teaching you in His Word?

SHARE With whom did you share something about God this week?

Encourage

SERVE Is there something we can do for someone this week?

PRAY How can we pray for you this week?

Confirmand Sunday Worship Attendance

Name: _____

Date of Service: _____

Day of Church Year: _____

Elder Signature: _____