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The Lutheran Hour April 2023

April 2
"Hell: No One Has to Go There"
Lutheran Hour Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Hell is a serious word, meant to be taken seriously. However, hell doesn't have to be one's inevitable destination.
(Matthew 26:20-29)

April 9
"He Is Risen, Indeed"
Lutheran Hour Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Christ's resurrection affects everyone—even those who don't believe it happened.
(Matthew 28)

April 16
"Raising the Praise"
Guest Speaker:
Rev. Dr. John Nunes

Easter may be past--but it isn't over! Learn how we can bring the hope and glad good news of Christ's resurrection into the lives of those we meet.
(1 Peter 1:3)

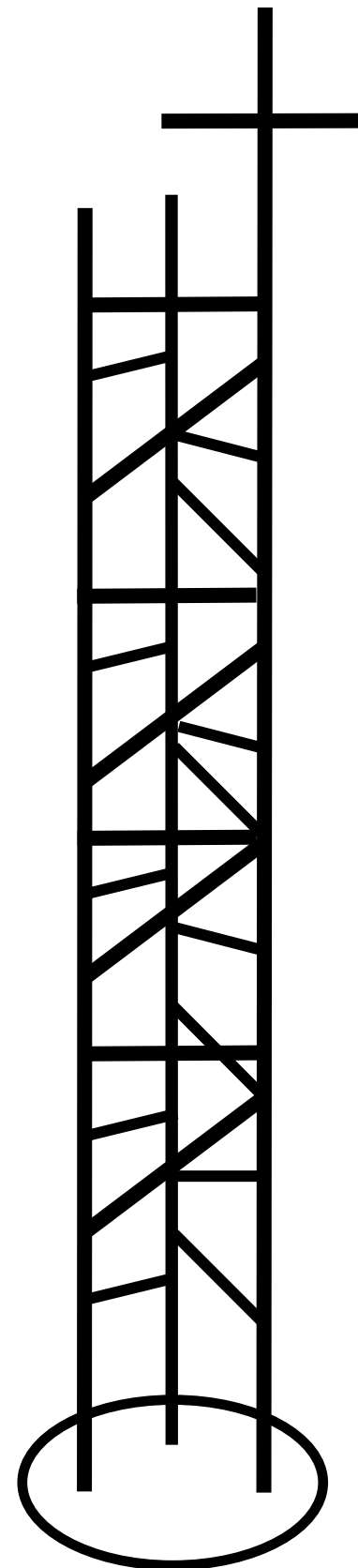
April 23
"The Man Who Will Be King"
Lutheran Hour Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Anticipation, preparation, and action are the traits that make great leaders--and great followers of Christ, the King of kings. (1 Peter 1:13)

April 30
"Bridge Builders"
Lutheran Hour Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The EXPRESSION-APRIL 2023

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL



Changes! To me that is what this time of the year is all about. Change! Just take a moment and think about the changes that have occurred recently.

We recently changed the clock ahead an hour. I know it's not on everyone's list of great changes this time of year. But with the change, our evenings are more pleasant with the added sunlight.

Which brings me to another change that most of us have been looking forward to & the change from winter to spring. When the sun gets higher in the sky, the temperature begins to climb, and the snow begins to melt. A change that this year can't come soon enough!

Changes are taking place in the church office. Many of you know we have been without a secretary for three months. Things are changing. Stacey Kranz has agreed to serve as church and school secretary. She is a great asset for the school, and I am sure she will bring the same energy to the church. For this we thank God! That means some changes will occur. Please be patient as we move forward. If I am not in the church office, you will be able to go to school and talk with her. We are working on other changes and will keep you informed how those will affect our ministry here at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School.

In the church year, big changes have already begun. We have entered the penitential season of Lent as we prepare for the greatest change of all time-- the Resurrection of Our Lord. A change that changed the world forever! A change that God had promised thousands of years before. A change that would give forgiveness, life, and salvation!

As we progress through the last weeks of Lent, the ups and downs of Holy Week, and the celebration of Easter may we remember the sacrifice it cost our Lord to give us the greatest change of all -- that through the new birth in Holy Baptism we have gone from lost to found, from sinner to Saint, and have now become children of God.

Blessings on your Easter celebrations.

Sincerely,
Rev. James T. King

Immanuel Lutheran School

At Immanuel Lutheran School, we have the privilege to pray throughout our day. Each class prays before lunch and at the close of the lunch time together and at the beginning and end of our day. This prayer has rung through my mind since the auction this past weekend

This verse was the memory work in first and second grade this morning as I was in their classroom and **Wow** did it resonate with me. First though, I had a student ask about the word circumstances meant. I explained it as, we are to give thanks to God when things are good and when things aren't going well. We know it's easy to give thanks in the good times, but it is hard when we have struggles to remember to give God thanks for those times as well.

This verse touched my heart as these children were studying and saying the verse after this past weekend at our Spring Auction. The generosity of the many donations we had was amazing and then those who braved the weather to attend and the bids blew me away. The auction gives us reason to live this verse, "Rejoice Always, Pray Continually, and Give thanks in All Circumstances!" My prayer truly was that God would bless us with what was needed for tuition assistance for next school year and that His will be done. I think we can say with a united voice, "Thank you Lord for your Many, Many Blessings!"

April 1st brings us to only 37 school days left in this year. Time has really flown by. As we look at April some of our activities are:

- Spelling Bees at Mayer Lutheran and St. Paul Truman, MN
- Spring Pictures
- Field Trip to the Children's Museum in Mankato
- Talent Night
- MLC Play to see Stone Soup
- UnHinged Pizza Sale and Making Event
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Lots of great things going on and more to come in May. I pray God will continue to bless you and your families. Our registration for this next year is going well, so if you are planning to enroll or re-enroll please get the paperwork in as some classes are getting close to full.

Mrs. King

C.O.O.L. Kids

As we watch Jesus's road to Calgary, we focus on his commitment to us...his constant love and forgiveness!

We spoke in devotion on the importance of seeing others through Jesus's eyes, how we are all God's Children, and we need to help one another by lending a helping hand, saying a prayer, sharing God's word, & giving forgiveness. We can do so much for others or the world, if we worry less about what the world thinks & focus on "What would Jesus do?"...He gives blessings, He loves, He forgives...no matter what! We also discussed Peter, and how he denied Jesus three times. ...How could Peter do that to a friend, to the Lord? Would you deny your best friend, if you felt threatened or if they made fun of you for being friends? Then could you forgive them? Peter was heartbroken to realize just how faithless & fearful he actually was. But, in God's grace, after Jesus rose, Peter was forgiven & given an amazing ministry, and many have come to saving faith in Jesus because of Peter. Though we often fail to stand strong...God is patient, merciful, and gracious. He continues to teach us new things & give us the desire to walk in His way.

We also extend a BIG Thank You to all for the continued support we received through the Lenten meal. It was a GREAT success! We wish you a blessed Easter!

Tyler & Julie



Youth Group

Spring is an exciting time for the youth...there is confirmation, prom, recitals, graduation, new seasons of sports and activities, and the anticipation of summer. During our Bible Study time, we enjoy hearing about all the activities the youth are involved in, and we also talk about the importance of keeping God at the center of all things...making time for God's Word despite busy schedules and the hustle and bustle of our daily lives. Spring is also a busy time for our youth here at Immanuel. We would like to say THANK YOU for attending our Lenten Meal this last week. We are always appreciative of the congregation's support. As we look ahead to Easter, we will be hosting our 3rd annual "Egg My Yard" event. Filled plastic eggs can be purchased and the youth will hide them in your yard. With the likelihood of soggy yards on Easter this year, we can also deliver them to you, and you can hide them for an indoor hunt. We will again host our Easter breakfast between church services on Easter morning. We hope you will join us for egg bake, fruit, muffins, and of course good fellowship on Easter morning!

In Christ,
Michelle and Jeana



IMMANUEL YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL

egg my yard

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Register by filling out a paper form located in the church office and returning with payment to Immanuel Youth. You may also fill out the Google Form located on the Church Facebook page!