

# 2024 Lent Suppers

**February 14** – ILC Youth Group  
Scalloped Potatoes and Ham

**February 21** – ILS  
Hamballs, Baked Potato, Corn, Bread, Homemade Pie

**February 28** – ILC Sunday School  
Pork Chops, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Ice Cream Sundaes

**March 6** – Open (Call the church office to sign-up)

**March 13** – Open (Call the church office to sign-up)

**March 20** – ILC altar Guild  
Scalloped Potatoes and Ham

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# The EXPRESSION–February 2024

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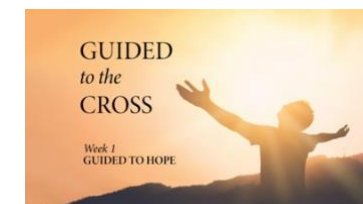
## LENT MIDWEEK SERIES GUIDED to the CROSS

Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust and perseverance. Each week, on Wednesday this Lent Season the services will reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.

**Mid-week Services at 4:00 and 6:00 pm**  
Fellowship Meal between services.



**ASH WEDNESDAY** – February 14  
**Guided to Forgiveness** • Colossians 1:13-14 When we confess our sins, we find forgiveness in the cross of Christ and are empowered to forgive others.



**WEEK ONE** – February 21  
**Guided to Hope** • 2 Corinthians 1:10 When we are uncertain about what the future holds, we discover in the cross the sure hope of heaven.



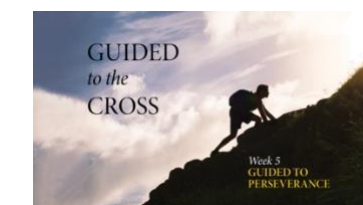
**WEEK TWO** – February 28  
**Guided to Love** • 1 Timothy 1:13-14 When we are separated from others and from God by our sin, the cross brings us together through its love.



**WEEK THREE** – March 6  
**Guided to Peace** • Colossians 1:19-20 With wars waging within and without, the cross settles them all with peace to body, mind and soul.



**WEEK FOUR** – March 13  
**Guided to Trust** • 1 Timothy 1:15 Plagued by doubt and competing voices, we turn to the cross to put our trust fully in the salvation won for us there.



**WEEK FIVE** – March 20  
**Guided to Perseverance** • Ephesians 6:18 When we are faced with hardship, we look to Christ on the cross who endured to the end so that we might carry on.

Just a week ago we celebrated the retirement of Mr. Holten from his 37 years in Lutheran Education. As he spoke to the congregation and talked about wanting to be a farmer, it is amazing that he still continued to hear and listen to God's call. What a blessing he has been to our school and congregation over the years and will continue to be for time to come.



So, I pose the question to you; Do you have the heart of a servant? Many of you will humbly say no, but the answer truly is yes. You pray for others, accept requests for help when others see your gifts and talents, you bless the church and school with time, talent, and treasure. Those are ways you are a servant. It takes many people to step forward and give of their time and ability to make the church and school run smoothly. Have you ever thought purposefully of how you can serve here and now? We have boards of the church that need willing servants, students who could use your time to just sit and read to you, a lunch program that operates with volunteers who help serve our students a hot and healthy meal each day. God will always be beside us and help us step out of our comfort area and into a way of service to Him with a happy and willing heart. I pray that you will find it in your heart to help.

Do you know a young person who has a Serving Heart? If you do, please encourage them to think of church work and/or Lutheran education. The harvest is plentiful, but sadly the workers in the kingdom are few. Also, the school is in search of a new first and second grade teacher for next year, so if you know of someone, please encourage them to contact the school office or board member to set up a time to discuss this opportunity.

Basketball season comes to a close this month, we thank Luke Kranz and Darren Carrigan for their time and service to our students coaching them this season.

The school will be "Serving" the meal for Lent on Feb. 21, and we hope you can join us for hamballs and pie that evening before or after worship.

Re-enrollment and New Registrations for the coming school year will be starting soon. Please reach out to the office if you would like information on the school or a tour. We would love to have you visit us and see what Immanuel is all about.

Mrs. King



### **Volunteers Needed!!**

Immanuel is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels for the month of February. If you, and a spouse or friend, could deliver one day or up to 5 days, or whatever your schedule allows, it would be greatly appreciated. We deliver Monday-Friday each week for the entire month of February. Please contact Avis Klukas 237-5989.

### **Immanuel Lutheran Sunday School**

Welcome back C.O.O.L Kids!

We're happy to be together again. It was wonderful to hear of all the holiday fun! We've started out the month talking about how we can spread the good news. There's some very simple ways but one very common one is the Christmas greetings that we receive or send out to family and friends. We talk about the joy & the great blessings that God's has given this year and all he's done for us by sending his son, Jesus. Next we talked about worry. How do you get rid of worry? What do you do when you're worried? A lot of times as kids we would go talk to Mom and Dad. As we get older where do we go? We go to our father in heaven, who always hears our prayers, and knows our worries. In prayer, we turn those worries over to him, and he guides us through those troubles with grace & love! Our final topic was how small we are in this universe but how big we are when we fulfill God's plan for us! God made everything in the universe from the closest star that's 4 light years away to the furthest that's 28 billion light years away. Yet he holds us in the palm of his hand and will always protect us and give us everything we need, because we are his children, his creation!

We enjoy very much, teaching your children and having great discussions in the classroom. It is great to see how they grow in their faith!

Mark your calendar Wednesday February 28th the Sunday School will serve the Lenten meal.

Blessings,  
Tyler and Julie Kranz

### **Youth Group**

The youth started the year with a busy month. We held our Christmas party with the youth in early January and decided this year to have a Progressive Meal. Big thank you to the Schultz, King, Zellman, Sell, and Wibstad families for hosting stops for our meal. We enjoyed appetizers, soup, salad, lasagna, ice cream sundaes, snacks, games, and a gift exchange! We think everyone agreed it was a fun evening - one 7th grader new to youth group made the comment, "We should do this every year!" We were also able to help the Men's Club again this year with their Pancake Breakfast. The youth (and parents) worked hard bussing tables and making sure everyone had plenty to eat. Looking ahead to February, the youth will be hosting the first Lenten meal on Wednesday, February 14th. Please join us for a scalloped potatoes and ham meal along with ice cream sundaes with toppings for dessert. Later in the month, on Friday, February 23rd, all 7th - 12th graders are invited to join us for an evening of bowling. Immanuel and St. John's, Mountville are fortunate to have wonderful youth and we feel blessed to share God's love with them.

Jeana and Michelle

### **The Lutheran Hour - February 2024**



#### **Feb 4 "Nature Abhors a Vacuum"**

w/ Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

Topic based on Ephesians 4:32.

#### **Feb 11 "What Is Evangelism?"**

w/ Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

Topic based on Mark 9:7-8.

#### **Feb 18 "To Be Determined"**

w/ Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

Topic not available at newsletter deadline.

#### **Feb 25 "To Be Determined"**

w/ Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes.

Topic information not available at newsletter deadline.

Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 9:00 am on KDUZ 1260 AM Radio.