

# Upcoming 2024 Lent Suppers

## March 6 – Mortgage Payment

Swedish Meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, glazed carrots, dinner roll and dessert.

## March 13 – Deaconess Tuition

Tater Tot Hotdish, coleslaw apple slices, bread and cupcakes.

## March 20 – ILC altar Guild

Scalloped Potatoes and Ham

### Mid-week Services at 4:00 and 6:00 pm

Fellowship Meal between services.



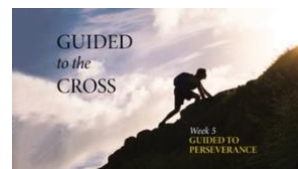
#### WEEK THREE – March 6

**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.

### Holy Week Services

#### Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday

6 pm Worship Service @ ILC

7:30 pm Worship Service @ STJ

#### Friday, March 29 Good Friday

6:00 pm Worship @ ILC

#### Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Service @ ILC

8:00 am Easter Worship @ STJ

9:30 am Easter Worship @ ILC

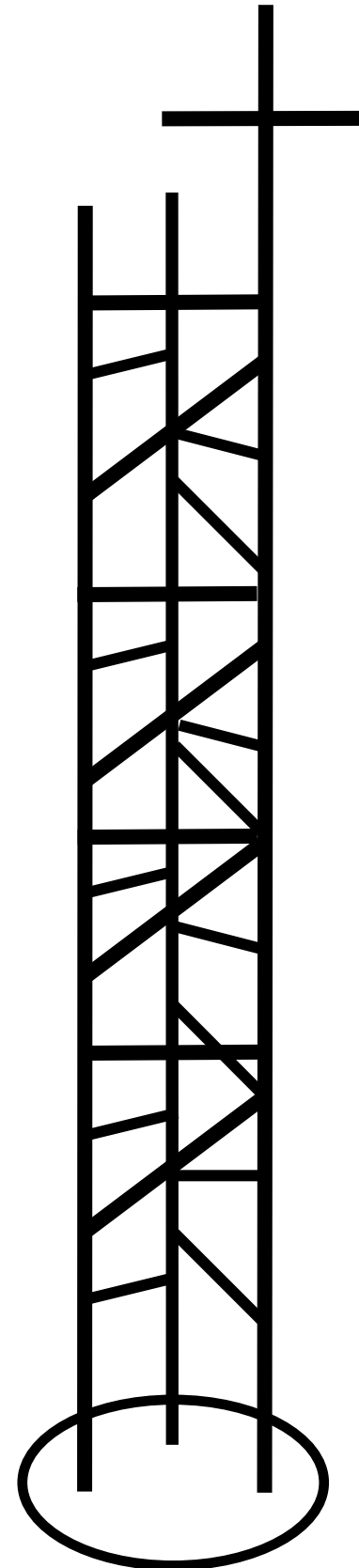
# The EXPRESSION–March 2024

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Have you ever thought about the joy in sacrifice that Lent provides? Most of us don't delight in sacrifice; in fact, in our daily lives, we often do our best to avoid challenges and practices that push us outside of our comfort zones.

In Christianity, there is a beautiful irony between joy and sacrifice, and we are presented with a wonderful opportunity to embrace this uniquely during Lent.

While giving up sweets in favor of healthy snacks for Lent is a common and noble endeavor, the goal of Lent should not only be a spiritual excuse to lose weight! In choosing acts of self-denial, we are saying "no" to things in order to get into the practice of saying "no" when inclined towards sin, ultimately deepening our faith and our relationship with the Lord.

Therein lies the joy. When we grow closer to God by denying our will, we say "yes" to a life of abundance with Him. Our God is a generous God. He does not hold back His grace. Christ even tells us Himself, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Without question, Lent is a time for penitence and spiritual preparation for Easter. And it is important to remember that God loves us whether we make Lenten changes or not. At the same time, Lent provides us an opportunity to make God a greater part of our life, and to take our faith to new levels so that when we get to Holy Week and Easter, we have a greater appreciation for the sacrifice the Lord made for us and His glorious resurrection! Talk about pure joy!

May you enjoy a holy and joyous Lenten journey.

Pastor King

Dear Friends of Immanuel Lutheran School,

The time has come that we are once again planning our spring auction. This year's auction will be held on March 15, 2024. The theme for our auction is **"Connected through Christ to ILS."** This is an extension of our school year theme from John 15: 5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."



This year's auction is being held to support families in need of tuition assistance and salary support for a teacher who helps students with unique learning needs. We would like your partnership to provide this for families and our students. There are two ways that you can help, either through attending or donating an item(s) to be sold in our live or silent auction.

This event will take place on Friday, March 15th, in our school gymnasium. Doors open at 5pm with silent auction bids beginning, a smoked pork chop dinner will begin at 6 pm (free-will offering), and the live auction starts at 7pm. We hope that you will join us.

Does your business have something that they could donate to the auction? Donations could be an item or group of items, service, or gift certificate – the possibilities are limitless. We appreciate you thinking of a donation that in turn will benefit the children of our area now and for years to come as they bring their Christian education to our community. If you are unable to make a donation for the auction and would like to make a monetary donation to help, that would also be appreciated.

Please fill out the enclosed form with information about your donation and return it to the school with the item by March 1st; or give us a call, and we will come and pick up the donation from you. (507-237-2804). The earlier we have the item the more advertising it will get on our website and Facebook page.

Thank you in advance for helping continue the education of our bright and enthusiastic students.

### Youth Group

February was a busy month for youth group! We hosted the Lenten meal on Ash Wednesday – thank you to everyone who came to eat and support us. Last Friday evening, we enjoyed an evening of bowling at El Toro in Gaylord. Many laughs and gutter balls were had. We enjoy seeing the youth have fun together. Last Sunday, the youth had the chance to sit in on the semi-annual meeting and learn a little more about church operations – they thought it was quite interesting!

Looking ahead, we'll be starting a new tradition this year. Instead of hosting an Easter breakfast, we'll be hosting a breakfast on Palm Sunday. It is challenging to have enough youth available to help on Easter and this will enable us as leaders and the youth to enjoy Easter worship with our families. We will be serving the same menu of egg bake, fruit, and muffins, and hope many can join us! God's Blessings- Michelle & Jeana

### Immanuel Lutheran Sunday School

Well February went by fast, even in a leap year!

We had a lot of good discussions in devotion this month and the biggest topic was LOVE! How many times is Love mentioned in the Bible? 541 Times! Of course, the versions vary, but the point is if you don't have the Holy Spirit in you, you don't have Love in your Heart! ~ 1 Corinthians 13:1 Without love in your heart you are only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal! ~

God summarized the 10 Commandments into two.

1. Thou shalt Love the Lord your God with all your Heart, Soul, and Mind.
2. Thou shalt Love thy neighbor as yourself!

We also talked about how we need to worship our Lord every day of the week, not just on Sundays. We can do this by reading the Bible and saying our prayers.

A lot of great things are happening with the COOL Kids! We keep our teaching about our Lord Jesus and let Him lead us!

Thank you to all who supported our Lenten Meal! It was a great success & so much fun!

Blessings Everyone!!  
Tyler & Julie Kranz

### **The Lutheran Hour - March 2024**



#### **March 10 "All Bets Are Off"**

w/ Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus engages his opponents in a battle of wits and wins for us.

Topic based on Mark 11

#### **March 17 "The Strangest Request"**

w/Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe

God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations through the gift of a son named Isaac. But then God asked Abraham to return that gift in a most shocking way.

Topic based on Genesis 22:1-14

#### **March 24 "Repurposed Joy and Junk"**

w/ Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

There are artists who can take old junk and turn it into something new and beautiful. Dr.

Michael Zeigler tells how Jesus repurposes both the junk and the joy in our lives.

Topic based on Mark 14:6

#### **March 31 "Eucatastrophe"**

w/ Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Topic based on Mark 16:6-7

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

