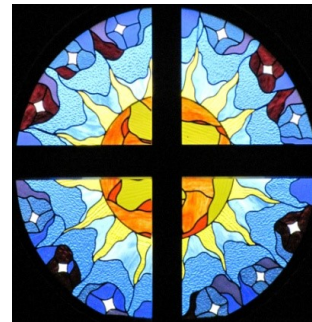


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Children of God, called to proclaim the mighty acts of Jesus
through lives of love and servanthood.

April 2018 Newsletter



Weekly Services and Communion

Sunday ~ 8am &
10:30 am

Faith Formation ~
9:15 am

Wednesday ~ 6pm

Office Hours

Weekdays

9am ~ 1pm

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“The Blood of Jesus the Son Cleanses Us From All Sin” by Peter J. Weller

The second lessons for the Sundays following Easter are from John’s first letter, and he opens with language reminiscent of his gospel: “We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. (I John 1:1-4)

John continues, “This is the message that we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus the Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But, if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” (I John 1:5-2:2)

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Holy Week Worship Highlights

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25th: 8 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. Faith Formation, and 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Worship Wednesday, March 28th: Holy Communion, Worship, 6 p.m. “Now the Feast and Celebration”

Maundy Thursday, March 29th: Foot Washing, Holy Communion, and Stripping of the Altar, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30th: Tenebrae (Service of Darkness), 7:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday, April 1st: SonRise Worship 7 a.m., Breakfast served by the Luther League 8 a.m., Worship 9 a.m.



Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, March 29th, 7:30 p.m.

With nightfall our Lenten observance ends, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days (Triduum) of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's Table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world. Join us this **Maundy Thursday, March 29th, for service 7:30 p.m.** Come, gather as a family as Pastor Howard washes the feet of pre-selected people. Come, gather as a family around the Lord's Table and feast on the meal Christ prepares for us. Come, gather as a family as we witness the stripping of the altar reminding us how Jesus was stripped of his garments during his trial. Come, gather as a family as we enter the Triduum.

Good Friday's Tenebrae Service: Friday, March 30th, 7:30 p.m.



This service commemorates the suffering and death of Christ and dates from the eighth century. It represents the darkness that fell over the earth as the Son of God was crucified. Candles symbolize Christ, who is our Light and the Light of the world. The Christ or Paschal candle is also lit this evening. The tradition of the use of the Paschal candle dates back to the fourth century. We will rehear the seven last words of Christ spoken from the cross. After each reading of scripture, a candle will be extinguished, and sanctuary lights are turned off until we are in darkness. The extinguishing of candlelight, in a darkened church on Good Friday, portrays the fading light of the world as Christ was leaving it. The Paschal candle remains lit. The glow from the Paschal candle indicates that death only seems to triumph over Christ, and points toward the coming resurrection. After the altar candles have been extinguished and the Paschal candle is removed, the strepitus is heard. (The strepitus is a loud noise representing the earth shaking and the rocks splitting at Jesus' death; Matthew 27:51. The loud noise also foreshadows the "great earthquake" at the opening of Jesus' tomb on Easter morning; Matthew 28:2. This action also acknowledges that the meaning of the cross is fulfilled.) The Paschal candle is then returned to the chancel to portray the hope of the Resurrection. Following the Lord's Prayer, the service ends and we leave in silence.



Easter Worship; Sunday, April 1st

Join Immanuel Lutheran as we proclaim the good news that Jesus is RISEN! That death could not hold Jesus in the tomb, but God's love raised him from the dead. This joyous news will be proclaimed at a "Son-Rise" Holy Communion service; 7 a.m. The Luther League will serve a delicious breakfast at 8 a.m. The second Holy Communion celebration Easter worship will begin at 9 a.m. Invite your family and friends to join us for worship and breakfast or breakfast and worship! The day promises to be fabulous ~ God's April Fool joke on Satan!

Monthly Updates (Month to date)

General Funds ~ \$15,576

Benevolence, gifts outside of church ~\$44

Monthly expenses ~ \$12,000-\$15,000

Building Fund Gifts ~ \$1,444

Monthly payment ~ \$810

Debt reduction ~ \$656 (February pymt)

Attendance

Sunday, February 25 ~ 8 am ~ 48
10:30 ~ 90

Wednesday, February 28 ~ 49

Sunday, March 4 ~ 8 am ~ 37
10:30 ~ 46

Wednesday, March 7 ~ 32

Sunday, March 11 ~ 8 am ~ 44
10:30 ~ 61

Wednesday, March 14 ~ 40

Sunday, March 18 ~ 8 am ~ 38
10:30 ~ 75

Wednesday, March 21 ~ 32

Christian Sympathy

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to the families of

+Lynn Disney (Loretta Gardner's brother)

+Virgil Kroll (Stan Kroll's Dad, Brad Kroll's Uncle)

+Vickie Moore (Tim Johnson's Mom)

+The Reverend Jim Stiles

may their families find comfort and peace in the promise of the resurrection of Christ.



March Milestones

- 1) Mariah Howard was accepted to Iowa State! She will transfer Fall 2018.**
- 2) I got to go with my Grandma & Grandpa to play!! Kenzie Quigley**
- 3) I made GOAL weight, losing 56.2 pounds!! Pastor Maureen**
- 4) New Grandbaby Reagan Nicole Keith. 3/6/18 Ron & Char Andersen**

Keep up to date with Kate!! The following link is for Kate Glinnsman's Caring Bridge page.

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kateglinnsman>

Thank you to all who came to watch the Festeburg and Ritterchor Choirs and gave so generously. It was a spectacular afternoon, and their performances were amazing!! They filled the church with wonderful, sweet sounds and praises to God.



How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! Psalm 133:1

Find us on Facebook at Immanuel Lutheran Washington Iowa or online at luthwash.org.

Email us at luthwash@hotmail.com

Come visit us at 1226 East Washington Street, Washington, Iowa 52353

Church ~ 319.653.3950

Pastor Howard ~ 319.333.7758



Birthdays for April

4- Kelly Smith
7- Bentley Striegel
8- Bonnie Taylor
12- Debbie Jewell
18- Sadie Brink
20- Kate Glinsmann
22- April Six
25- Stan Kroll
26- Grace Taylor
26- Kenzie Quigley
29- Tina Montz
29- Mark Kendall
29- Gary Fischer

Anniversaries for April



4- Randy Poos & Nancy Baker
8- Tom & Cris Gaughan
11- Lynn & Carol Woodruff
14- Kyle & Chrissy Middle
22- Marty & Joyce Westen
29- Bob & Betty Warren

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council—
Sunday, April 8, 12:00 p.m.



Beginning Wednesday, March 28th Wednesday Evening will resume to “Now the Feast and Celebration” worship. Immanuel Lutheran recognizes that not everyone is available to worship on Sunday mornings. Desiring that all people: repent and receive God’s forgiveness, hear God’s Word, receive Christ through Holy Communion, and be sent into the world to serve God through serving our neighbor, Immanuel invites you to join us for worship on Wednesday evenings. The service liturgy is “Now the Feast and Celebration” by Marty Haugen. The scripture and sermon proclaimed during the Wednesday service is what was proclaimed the previous Sunday. Can’t make it to Sunday worship? Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.

There is a DIRE need for peanut butter!! It's protein month at Immanuel!!

Please consider donating proteins to send to HACAP this month. Other items will be accepted and appreciated as always. Tuna and Peanut Butter will be our focus items. HACAP sends out 150 jars of peanut butter each month.



Thank you, truly, for your generosity!!

**Ladies Night Out will be
Tuesday, April 17 at 6:00 pm
at Unc & Neph's.
Join us!!**



**LUTHER LEAGUE
(Youth Group)
6th – 12th Graders**

When: Sunday, April 15th

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church

Why: Game Night Fun

Who: 6th – 12th Graders (friends are WELCOME!)

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Supper: Sub Sandwiches

Leadership: Katie McWhirter, Angela Taylor, and Pastor Howard

Community Cross Walk Friday, March 30th, Noon
Meet at the square.

“Now the Feast and Celebration” Worship Liturgy

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April 2018, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

National Child Abuse Prevention Month According to the Iowa Department of Human Services, 8,892 Iowa children were found to be abused in 2016. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs and sexual abuse. Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) helps combat child abuse through prevention, safety, and stability services, as well as mental and behavioral health treatment. Through regular in-home visits to families, LSI's Early Childhood Services prevent child abuse by giving parents the support, education, and resources they need to build a healthy, stable home for their children. In 2017, our Early Childhood programs provided more than 15,000 in-home visits to families. LSI's Family Safety, Risk, and Permanency Services help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable, and LSI's Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers serve many children and youth who have experienced trauma from past abuse or neglect. You make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. Thank you!

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIiowa.org and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

Building a Stronger Family Stacy's daughter, Danikah, was a happy and playful toddler. But things began to change when her baby brother, Parker, was born. She was happy to see him in the hospital at first, but she struggled to adjust to a new child at home, especially when it came to sharing a room with Parker. Stacy found LSI's New Parent Program shortly after Parker was born, and she hoped it could help her daughter adjust to the changes at home. The free, voluntary program provides support and education to families during and after pregnancy. Through the program, Stacy gets to meet other families in her community, and Danikah gets to interact with other children who have siblings. Danikah is learning how other siblings share their toys and interact. Meanwhile, Stacy is learning to adjust to her children's developmental stages. Through the program, she has learned to potty train Danikah and manage her daughter's temper tantrums. At home, Stacy and her children receive regular visits from their LSI team. Each week, the team brings creative new crafts Stacy can make from materials around the house. Danikah, now 5, is always eager to learn a new activity from her LSI worker during each visit. She's even starting to share her homemade toys with Parker. "The program is fun for the kids, but you can also do things as a family," Stacy says. "You get that time with your child, and you're building a better relationship in the process."

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It is believed that John wrote these three letters late in his life, probably somewhere between 85 and 90 A. D., nearly 60 years after Jesus' crucifixion. By now, misconceptions and heresies began to develop as to whether Jesus had actually come to earth in the flesh, or whether he was fully God and fully human. Having been probably the youngest of Jesus' disciples—very likely a young teenager at the time of Jesus' ministry—John's recollection of his teenage experiences with Jesus, even at an advanced age, would have been vivid. His language is bold, his voice confident. He declares emphatically and without hesitation that he witnessed what he has described in his writing. The underlying message in John's first letter is, "I know Jesus. I was there! We walked with Jesus, we ate with Jesus, we watched him, we listened to him, we saw him work in many different settings. We saw him heal. We heard him preach. We know his message, and we proclaim it to you."

Certainly, John knew that his audiences did not and could not experience Jesus as he had. They were not from Jerusalem or Galilee or other locations nearby, but rather, they lived elsewhere in the Roman world. Many were too young and had grown up since Jesus' crucifixion. So John wanted to set down in writing a compelling account of Jesus' ministry, his message, his importance as the Son of God, and of God's love for us, from his experiences as a disciple and a witness of Jesus' work.

But, John has a second message to get across: We cannot deny sin. We cannot say that we have no sin and have not sinned. To say we have not sinned is to make God a liar. In verse 9, John wrote, "If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (This verse found its way into the Lutheran liturgy.) If one does sin, then Jesus Christ is our advocate with the Father, and he is the atoning sacrifice not only for our sins, but for the sins of the entire world.

Make no mistake. Sin is real. Evil is real. Human beings are not divine. They are flawed. Sin is a part of their nature. They will sin again and again. They cannot free themselves from sin. They cannot will themselves to be angelic. As Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, "... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. . . ." (Romans 3:23) There are no exceptions. So, we kid ourselves when we deny sin or that we sin against God or others.

John says that if we acknowledge Jesus Christ as our savior and confess our sins to God the Father, God will forgive our sins, cleanse us from all unrighteousness, enable us to stand in God's grace, and enter into a relationship with him through his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus is our advocate. He was the sacrifice for our sins and for those of the whole world. God's love for us is so deep, so profound, and so far beyond human understanding that it is hard to comprehend. Yet, this is the message of Christianity: God's grace and his forgiveness and his love are abounding and steadfast and given freely to us.

Immanuel Lutheran-
Thank you for your gift of \$1,156.00 (advent ornaments) in support of the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts. Your generosity is making a difference! In God's grace, Christina Jackson-Skelton Executive Director, Mission Advancement

THANK YOU to **Avery, Ajay, and Aden Six** for preparing the paper to cover the sanctuary's stained-glass windows. Pre-measuring and cutting the paper will make it easy to cover the windows. Thank you also for weekly covering the windows along with **Mike Howard** and **Pastor Howard**.

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,
We are fortunate to have supporters like you who care about the less fortunate in our community. We appreciate your generosity!
Sincerely, Lyn White
Date: March 1, 2018 Donation: Misc. Food
Value: 119 lbs. equals to 99.166 meals
Program: HACAP Food Pantry

THANK YOU to Luther League, Choir, Fellowship, Council, Education, and HOPE for providing a delicious assortment of soups, relish trays, and desserts for our mid-week Lenten suppers. We are grateful for the food and the planning and work required to feed us.

THANK YOU **Deb Tisor, Jeff & Anita Tisor, DeAnn Hakert, Katie McWhirter, Karl Tisor, Mike Howard, Nancy Baker, Steve & Kathy Vetter, Angela & Jason Taylor, Mariah Howard, Ron & Linda Brown, Luther League, Carrie Lueck, Pastor Howard, our guest Leprechaun** for all of your efforts in making the Irish Fiesta a success!!



Thanks to all who came and who helped with the Irish Fiesta!! It was a great time and a huge success!!
Deb Tisor

Blast Off for Books - 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering

The Gathering has recognized the need to lift up literacy in Houston. Students who read at home become strong writers, critical thinkers, and more successful students than those who do not. Houston Independent School District estimates that 74% of the students in the district come from families who struggle to provide books for their children. This means the students begin each school year at a disadvantage. In joining the Gathering's Blast Off for Books campaign, you will help ensure bright futures for Houston's students. The books you donate will be distributed at community book fairs, camps and other events around the city as part of the Gathering's Service Learning experience. By putting books in the hands of Houston's economically disadvantaged students, you can help change lives. The goal is to collect 100,000 books through the Blast Off for Books campaign. Our partners at the Houston Independent School District identified the following books for Gathering participants to bring to Houston (please only purchase from the following selection; all books must be new or gently used). As Immanuel's generosity overflowed with diapers for Detroit during the 2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering, let's go sky high with books for Houston's children. Buy your books through AmazonSmile (with Immanuel Lutheran, Washington Iowa as your chosen charitable organization) or tell Kelly which books you would like to purchase and Kelly will order them through AmazonSmile. Lucas Kroll, Rob Taylor, Mike Howard, and Pastor Howard will deliver Immanuel's contribution when they go to Houston in June.



THANK YOU for your compassionate generosity!

- Bad Kitty (Series) by Nick Bruel •Why Am I Me by Paige Britt
- Elephant and Piggie (Series) by Mo Willems •Ghost by Raina Telgemeier
- Frog and Toad (Series) by Arnold Lobel •Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke
- It's Shoe Time by Mo Willems and Brian Collier •Dog Man (Series) by Dav Pilkey
- Little Bear (Series) by Elsa Holmelund Minarik •Mercy Watson (Series) by Kate DiCamillo
- Amulet (Series) by Kazu Kibuiji •El Deafo by Cece Bell
- The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt •Secret Coders (Series) by Gene Luen Yang
- Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson •Dragon Masters (Series) by Tracey West
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Series) by Jeff Kinney •Matilda by Ronald Dahl
- Eerie Elementary (Series) by Jack Chabert •Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- Frank Einstein (Series) by Jon Scieszka •Ghost by Jason Reynolds
- I Survived (Series) by Lauren Tarshis •Laura Line by Crystal Allen
- One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate •Wonder by Rael Palacio
- One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams Garcia •Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin
- Origami Yoda (Series) by Tom Angleberger •Mango, Abuela and Me by Meg Medina
- Some Kind of Courage by Dan Gemeinhart •The Cross Over by Kwame Alexander
- The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine •The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes
- Creepy Paid of Underwear by Aaron Reynolds •Pete the Cat (Series) by James Dean
- Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena •Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
- Martina and the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale by Carmen Agra Deedy



EWALU Day Camp at Immanuel Lutheran Church

For Kindergarten thru 5th grade

(2017-2018 school year)

June 25 - 28 9am - 3pm and June 29 9am - Noon

Registration fee is \$50/child until May 31st,
& \$75/child June 1st-June 25th (at door).

Registration forms available at church office
9am-1pm M-F or at <http://luthwash.org/>

2018 Theme: "This Changes Everything"

EWALU Volunteer Work Weekend

April 27-28 All are invited to a free weekend at Camp Ewalu. Join other volunteers, families, and church groups for outdoor activities, fun fellowship, and service projects to prepare camp for the summer season. Lodging and meals provided free of charge.

Please RSVP to camp@ewalu.org or
call 563-933-4700.

A five-gallon bucket can save lives



The Water The Witness

"The Water The Witness", the theme for the upcoming 2018 synod assembly, calls us to make the connection between the waters of our baptismal witness and the world's water-related need.

Do you know that it is predicted that by summer, Cape Town, South Africa will become the first major world city to completely run out of water? The population of 4 million people won't have access to running water. Globally, 1 in 4 people drink from contaminated water sources. Sure, they have water, but by our standards, we cannot fathom drinking it to survive.

I'm sure that none of us think about when we flush the toilet or let the water run while we brush our teeth. Turning on the washing machine or the dishwasher seem like a normal task but imagine life without those simple luxuries! Water is essential. And the waters of baptism are a reminder of what this project is all about.

We, at Immanuel Lutheran know that we need to have a ministry, not only locally, but globally. Council has purchased a blue five-gallon bucket from the Office of the Bishop. The words on the outside of it are simple: "The Water The Witness." You will see the faucet and the water droplets outside of the sanctuary. The water droplets can be purchased to add money to the bucket for our contribution to this cause. We will then take this bucket to the Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly, May 18-19.

How can you help? It's simple: You will see the droplets hanging and you can purchase them for \$1, \$10, or \$50. Every bit helps us to fill the bucket with our love and generosity.

Remember the next time you turn on your faucet at home and don't think twice about drinking the water from it that we are blessed to have this luxury and that so many around the world do not. Let's help others to have this essential part of life.

Volunteer of the Month

My life has been blessed in countless ways. Volunteering my time and serving my church is one way I can give back for my blessings. During my time at Immanuel I have served on the finance committee, education and youth committee, mutual ministry committee, fellowship committee, helped with VBS and Faith Formation, and various other events. I am also one of the organizers for Saturday Kitchen for Immanuel. It's important to myself and my family to serve and support our church and community. Giving our time to serve others is a small reward for all God has given us.

April Six



Immanuel will host a vendor/craft show on Saturday, April 7th, 9 am-12 pm. The funds raised will go to Lutheran Campus Ministry, to thank them for all they do. If you or someone you know is a crafter or vendor for: Avon, Tupperware, Scentsy, Pampered Chef, 31, Norwex, or other, have them contact Deb Tisor at crazyhistorian@hotmail.com or text to 319.653.1625 for more information. The space would be 10X10 and cost is \$25. We will rent tables for \$5 each until gone, and \$5 for electricity use.

Space is available but will go fast, please contact Deb soon!!

By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism
Pastor Howard continues leading an adult class on Luther's Small Catechism on Sunday mornings, 9:15 a.m.

We continue to use Luther's Small Catechism as our text along with the brand-new publication By Heart which is a richly illustrated, in-depth exploration of the Small Catechism.

Join us for this class and deepen your understanding of the Lutheran tradition. We are studying the Sacraments: Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. Each class is independent of the previous class ~ so jump in and join us!



Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) is a community of curious people gathered together by faith, fellowship, and friendship. LCM welcomes anyone and everyone regardless of their affiliation; from any faith or no faith at all. LCM is affiliated with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Iowa

City. LCM's main gathering is held on Thursdays at 6 p.m. when school is in session. Christus House, next to Gloria Dei, is typically where they share a delicious meal followed by a social activity. LCM activities include: worship, thought-provoking discussions, interesting movies, retreats, trips, volunteer activities, and fundraisers.

Immanuel will be blessed by and through the enthusiasm of the college students participating in Lutheran Campus Ministry at The University of Iowa. On Sunday, April 22nd Pastor Sarah Goettsch will bring students (our own Maggie Baker included!) to Immanuel to lead worship. This promises to be an uplifting experience as the college students lead us in honoring and praising God. The money raised from the Vendor/Craft Fair, on Saturday, April 7th, will be given to Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Iowa. All are welcome to come and celebrate with us.

Confirmation Servant Project

During the worship services on Sunday, April 22nd confirmands/mentors **Lucas Kroll/Steve Vetter, Quinn Wubbena/Jon Runaas, Rob Taylor/Gary Fischer, and Ryan Jones/Tom Lyons** will talk to the congregation about the servant projects they have been working on. A requirement of the confirmands was to choose a mentor; journey together on specific subjects of faith; and plan and complete a servant project that addresses a need of the church or Washington. The confirmands and their mentors have been working very hard on their projects. We look forward to hearing about their projects and what they have learned about being a servant. Don't hesitate to ask the confirmands about their servant project! The youth will affirm their Baptism (Confirmation Sunday) on Sunday, April 29th.

Confirmation Year End Celebration

All confirmation students will come together for a final celebration on Wednesday, April 25th at 7 p.m. We'll meet for dinner (location yet to be decided) and enjoy our last time together as a confirmation group. It's been a great year!

Confirmation Dinner

The confirmands, their mentors, and families will gather at Immanuel Lutheran for a dinner on Saturday, April 28th at 6 p.m. Following the dinner (prepared by Chef Steve Bay and served by Chef Steve Bay and DeAnn Hakert), we will add our handprints and Bible verses to the hallway wall (don't forget to purchase your sample paint jar in the color you want your handprint in), get our robes, and have rehearsal for the Affirmation of Baptism. Please let Pastor Howard know how many people will be attending the dinner by Sunday, April 15th.

Confirmation Sunday, April 29th, 10:30 a.m.

The following youth from our congregation have been instructed in the Christian faith, as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church, and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism: **Lucas Kroll, Quinn Wubbena, Rob Taylor, and Ryan Jones**. Please plan to attend the 10:30 a.m. worship service, April 29th, to support these confirmands as they affirm and underscore God's action in their Baptism. A cake reception will be held in their honor between services.

Washington Against Hunger

Join the Washington community for the Washington Against Hunger Food Packaging Event on Sunday, May 6th, 3 p.m., at KC Hall. This has become an annual event overseen by the Washington Area Ministerial Association. The food packaging is through Take Away Hunger a non-profit organization which packages a specialized rice-based, soy mixture which is used locally and overseas. One packaging team, consisting of 10 – 12 volunteers, will package approximately 1,728 meals in about 45 minutes at a cost of .25 cents per meal for a total of \$432.00. Since January 2018, Take Away Hunger has packaged over 941,500 meals. Mark your calendars, you will feed the hungry and show the love of Jesus.



Boxing HACAP Food

Ever wonder what happens to the assortment of food we place in Immanuel's HACAP cart? Join Immanuel on **Tuesday, May 1st, 6:30 p.m.** at the HACAP office (Orchard Hill Complex Building 1, 2175 Lexington Blvd) and find out first hand. Immanuel will be boxing food which HACAP will distribute through the month of May to families in need. Your eyes will be opened to the great need Washington has in feeding the hungry of our community. This activity is open to upper elementary students through adults of our congregation (the ability to stand and place cans in a box is a requirement of this volunteer job). This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in the body of Christ.





Service Date	Greeters	Ushers	Readers	Acolyte	Communion Setup/Clean up
April 1 <i>Easter</i>	7 am- 9 am- Bev Crandall and Mary Gail Lyons	7 am- Stephen Bay 9 am- Brad Kroll	7 am- Linda Brown 9 am- Tricia Kroll	7 am- Claire Wubbena Crucifer- 9 am- Quinn Wubbena Crucifer- Lucas Kroll	Set up- Tricia Kroll Clean up/Set up- Mary Gail Lyons Clean up- Judy Venzke
April 8	8 am- Matt & Katie McWhirter and family 10:30- DeAnn Hakert and Sherry Ives	8 am- Rich & Deidra Baker and family 10:30- Aaron & April Six and family	8 am- Linda Brown 10:30- Margie Runaas	8 am- Lucas Kroll 10:30- Avery Six	Set up- Bev Bailey Clean up/Set up- Mary Gail Lyons Clean up- Naomi Erickson
April 15	8 am- Tom Gaughan and Don McAvoy 10:30- Mike & Virginia Jorgensen	8 am- Tom Gaughan, Michael Howard, and Ray Poe 10:30- Bob Coker and John & Peg Harris	8 am- Ray Poe 10:30- John Harris	8 am- Emma Taylor 10:30- Quinn Wubbena	Set up- Bev Bailey Clean up/Set up- Mary Gail Lyons Clean up- Corrine Martin
April 22	8 am- Craig & Tina Montz and family 10:30- Phyllis Hagensick and Vi Kruse	8 am- Ryan & Kristin Jones and family 10:30- Stephen Bay, Ben Striegel, and Marty Westen	8 am- Kristin Jones 10:30- Peter Weller	8 am- Ryan Jones 10:30- Mikaila Matheson	Set up- Tricia Kroll Clean up/Set up- Kristin Jones Clean up- Naomi Erickson
April 29	8 am- Steve & Kathy Vetter 10:30- Alan, Vicki, and Allison Rebling	8 am- Gary Fischer, Brad Kroll, and Katie McWhirter 10:30- Stephen Bay and Brian & Carrie Lueck	8 am- Katie McWhirter 10:30- Mary Gail Lyons	8 am- Caitlin Kroll 10:30- Emma Lueck	Set up- Tricia Kroll Clean up/Set up- Mary Gail Lyons Clean up- Mary Gail Lyons



Know of a Graduation?

If you are graduating this year, or know someone who is graduating, please let the church know (luthwash@hotmail.com or 653-3950). We will share in the May newsletter the graduate's: name, high school, school/college (will be attending in fall), degree, major (or plan on majoring in), and any honors bestowed. We will honor our 2018 High School Graduates on Sunday, May 27th.