

**IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Pastor - Jeff Schlesinger Director of Music - Sarah Goetz

4th Sunday of Easter April 22, 2018

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Ushers: Christa Edwards

Lector: Jill Hoelzer Acolyte: Olivia Ross

Communion Assistants: Harlan & Karla Earnes

Altar Committee: Connie Ganz & Charlene Zimmerman

**Order of Worship**

Gathering

Call to Worship

Gathering Song - ELW #385

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

Song of Praise - ELW #380 (v. 1, 5)

Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading - Acts 4:5-12

Psalms 23

Second Reading - 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Reading - John 10:11-18

Children's Time

Mission Message

Song of the Day - ELW #314

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

Meal

Offering

Offering Song & Prayer

Communion

Great Thanksgiving/Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Sending

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Song - ELW #536

Dismissal

**LAST WEEK IN OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

Offering: \$2824.00

Attendance: 72

The benevolence offering this month is for World Mission. Please use the envelope found in your newsletter.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

TODAY: 9:30 Pancake Breakfast

9:45 Sunday School

FRIDAY: 9:00 Bible Study

SUNDAY: 9:45 Sunday School

10:30 Joint Worship Service at Immanuel

11:30 Taco & Sundae Bar

**WELCOME, EVERYONE!** We invite you to sign the Friendship Pad as a way to get others to know your name and for Immanuel to keep accurate records of the numbers of congregants who receive Holy Communion each Sunday. After the pad has been passed to the sides of the sanctuary, we would ask you to pass them back so others will know those names they did not see and that the pads can easily be collected at the end of the service.

**HOLY COMMUNION** – We practice open communion at Immanuel. We believe that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is truly present, "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. All are welcomed at this table. Children may accompany their parents for a blessing. **Communion is by "intinction". The silver chalice has wine and the stoneware chalice has grape juice.**

Today we welcome Tim Olofson, founder and executive director of Another Child Foundation.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The **16th annual 5K WALK for N.I.C.E.** will be held on Sunday, May 6, 2018 beginning with registration at the Indian Creek High School cafeteria in Shabbona at 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. **Step off** will be at 1:30 p.m. from the high school parking lot.

Our church has a tradition of participation and contribution for this annual N.I.C.E. fundraiser. This annual WALK has provided over 15% of the yearly funding that has helped us to meet our expenses and purchase food for the pantry.

We want you to enjoy a leisurely stroll through beautiful Shabbona State Park with family, friends and neighbors. There is no time limit. There will be food and drink rest stops along the way, port-a-johnnys, courtesy cars and plenty of emergency staff available. If you get tired and want a ride back to the school, all you have to do is flag a courtesy car which will take you back.

**Walker envelopes can be picked up today from our church N.I.C.E. WALK recruiter, Brad Ehlers.** Let's help out by getting signed up and getting started on asking friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, etc. for their support. Or, we can donate at the church any Sunday. The funds will be collected and turned in the day of the WALK. If you take a walker envelope, it needs to be turned in at the time of registration.

Let's make this a great Sunday afternoon family event and show support for the walk that is being done at N.I.C.E.

PASTORAL NEEDS - Please call Pastor Jeff Schlesinger at 815/878-4503 or e-mail him at photo.pastor1965@gmail.com for emergencies, hospital visits, or other concerns or call the church office (815/539-6567).

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Members - Family of Don Schultz, Donna Albers, Gene Williams, Fountain Neal. Friends & Family - Brandi Bailey (Jean Albert's granddaughter), Ron Yenerich (Connie Williams' brother), Robert Hornung (LuAnn Kromm's brother), Hannah York (LuAnn Kromm's niece). Our Leaders - ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, NIS Bishop Jeffrey Clements; Immanuel/First Pastor Jeff Schlesinger.

NIGHT ON THE TOWN 2018 sign up sheet is in the overflow. Please sign up if you would like to be a host. **We are looking for someone to host Night On The Town, Saturday, May 5.** Sign up in the overflow or call the church office.

Sign up in the overflow or call the church office if you would like to usher in 2018. Individuals, couples, or families are welcome to be ushers.

**We are looking for clean (washed) gallon milk jugs with lids (our goal is 400! We have over 100 now.) to be used for Vacation Bible Camp. Please leave milk jugs in the southeast room in the basement.**

"Season of Creation" will be coming up again this fall. It's not too early to start taking photos: *Earth Sunday, Humanity Sunday, Sky Sunday, and Mountain & Hill Sunday.*

During the month of April we will continue collecting items for Personal Care Kits (*light or medium weight, dark color bath towels, sturdy combs (no fine tooth combs or picks), 4-5 oz. bars of soap in individual wrappers*) and items for PADS. Totes for these items are in the room next to the church office.

"**Where in the World is this Cross?**" Our assignment this year is to look for crosses as you go about your journeys. When you see one, snap a picture of it. Print a 4x6 picture of it, tell us where you found it and post it at church on the bulletin boards on Pastor Jeff's office door. We will show everyone these pictures in future newsletters.

*Check out the bulletin board in the overflow for community and other area church events.*

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** is held every Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. We discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Come as you are and bring a friend.

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**5th Sunday Joint Worship Service**  
**April 29 - 10:30 a.m. at Immanuel**

Join us for a Taco Bar & Sundae Bar following worship.

**Members from Immanuel & First will provide sundae bar food items. Sign up in the overflow!**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

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The meal board for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, June 27-July 1, is in the overflow. We are budgeting \$40/day per person for food and have included a variety of donation amounts to help us reach our goal.

- 1. Select donation amount (colored sticky note)**
- 2. Place sticky, along with your donation, in envelope marked LYO\***
- 3. Place envelope in basket or offering plate**
- 4. Enjoy the fun facts from our LYO members as they are revealed!**

\*If you wish to include your name with your donation, we will add you to our mealtime prayer while at The Gathering.

We appreciate your support!

## Vacation Bible Camp

**"Polar Blast Where Jesus' Love Is Cool!"**  
**Sunday, June 10 - Wednesday, June 13**  
**Dinner: 5:30 p.m. VBC: 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Registration begins May 1st!**

**We are currently looking for volunteers to help with VBC.**  
**Sign up in the overflow today and fill out a**  
**volunteer registration form and return it to Debbie in**  
**the church office.**

**Items needed:**

- \* Heavy paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, cups, pre-sweetened drink mix
- \* Watermelon, grapes, bananas, carrots, chips, cookies
- \* Clean, plastic gallon milk jugs with lids, boxes of all sizes