



# THE PLOWSHARE

The newsletter of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Compton, Illinois

*April 2018*

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

March 29

First Lutheran, 6:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran, 8:00 p.m.

Good Friday

March 30

Immanuel Lutheran, 1:00 p.m.

First Lutheran, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 1

Immanuel Lutheran - Sunrise Worship, 7:00 a.m.

Immanuel Easter Breakfast, 8:15 a.m.

First Easter Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.

First Lutheran - Resurrection Worship, 10:30 a.m.



5th Sunday Joint Worship Service

April 29 - 10:30 a.m.

at Immanuel



Join us for a Taco Bar & Sundae Bar following.

Members from Immanuel & First will provide  
sundae bar food items. Start signing up April 8.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

## GENERAL TREASURY FOR FEBRUARY 2018

RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY	\$12,962.57
EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY	\$18,361.62
NET/(LOSS)	(\$5,399.05)
RECEIPTS YTD	\$29,109.57
EXPENDITURES YTD	\$34,913.23
NET/(LOSS)	(\$5,803.66)

*TO MEET OUR BUDGET FOR 2018 OUR GOAL IS \$3509.00 A WEEK. WE HAD 4WEEKLY OFFERINGS OF \$2303.00 THIS MONTH.*

*LET'S KEEP UP THE GOOD WORKS HERE AT IMMANUEL.*

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.*

**Avg. Sunday Worship Attendance - Feb. 58**

**Harlan G. Eames**  
**Financial Officer**

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FOR MORE CURRENT NEWS & PHOTOS  
(click on photo album & then click on a picture)  
[www.immanuel.lutheran.compton.org](http://www.immanuel.lutheran.compton.org)

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FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is held on Friday mornings 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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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
**APRIL 16!**

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For those who use weekly offering envelopes, please note that there are special envelopes inserted for Easter (along with the regular Sunday envelope), Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

## BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

### **World Mission**

World Mission assists in meeting the critical needs of people all over the world through the World Hunger Program and International Disaster Response, as well as assisting with the promotion of sustainable development to meet ongoing needs.

Following a major disaster in some area of the world, the ELCA's international companions seek to minister to the urgent needs of those who have suffered disasters such as floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, famine, and political and/or military conflict. Contacts are made and the situation is assessed to determine the needs.

Relief activities are geared to meet the overwhelming concerns for safety, life and health. Funds are made available for desperately needed materials and supplies, such as food, medicine, drinking water, and emergency shelter.

ELCA members understand and support God's mission through education and resources. Your contributions will enable World Mission members to work side by side with other people of faith to serve people in need.

Thank you for your response for the sake of Christ's World Mission. Please use the enclosed envelope.

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**Night On The Town**  
**Saturday, April 7 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**at Ziggy's in Mendota**  
**Hosted by: Christa Edwards**  
**Call the church office if you would**  
**like to join us!**

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Night On The Town 2018 sign up sheet is on the table in the overflow. Please sign up if you would like to be a host.

## Jeff's Jottings

*For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

It is a bit odd for me to write an article for the April newsletter as I sit here today. You see, April 1<sup>st</sup> is Easter and my article ought to be focused on the resurrection. But as I sit here, just days before Holy Week, I am mired in preparations of focusing on the passion of Christ – that is, on the journey of Jesus to the cross. My mind is on death rather than resurrection.

So, driving to work this morning, I realized that as my thoughts live in this tension between death and resurrection, there is nothing better to reflect on than the cross. For there is no symbol that more appropriately encapsulates both death and resurrection than the cross.

The cross, of course, is the primary symbol for Christianity. It can be seen not only in church buildings throughout the world, but also on hillsides and monuments across the country. It hangs from chains around people's necks and is tattooed on arms and legs and even faces. It has certainly become ubiquitous as Christianity attempts to proclaim the good news throughout the world.

The cross pictured here is the one that will be brought forward on Good Friday and placed before us. It is draped with black linen to remind us that it is on a cross that Jesus was executed. The incarnate God died here as an enemy to the state and a heretic in the eyes of the religious establishment. On the cross, God fully embraced humanity, breathing a final breath, and joining us in death.

But the thing is, this tool of death, has now become a symbol of life. Which is precisely why Paul says that it appears to be foolishness. But this is what God does – God takes things and turns them upside down. God takes what humanity intends as evil and makes it good.

This is why I prefer to have an empty cross, rather than a crucifix (or cruciform) as our most prominent symbol. The empty cross conveys the dual meaning of both death and life. We can never escape the fact that a cross was created as a tool of torture and death. But the empty cross proclaims the Easter message – that Jesus does not remain on the cross, but has been raised and lives!

The crucifix does have its proper place and is a powerful symbol. It indeed reminds us of the great sacrifice that God has made on our behalf. It is a very real reminder of the passion of Christ. And it is most appropriate for Holy Week as we journey through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. But the crucifix carries with it only the symbolism of sacrifice and death. The empty cross adds the power of God who takes this symbol of death and makes it a symbol of life.

The cross has become a pervasive symbol throughout the world. So, I am going to give you all a new assignment for the remainder of this year. I want you to look for crosses as you go about your journeys. And when you see one that catches your attention, snap a picture of it. We are going to play, "Where in the World is this Cross." As you snap your pictures, print a 4x6 of it and bring it on in and post it at church. At Immanuel, you can post it on the bulletin boards on my office door. At First, we'll tape them to the window between the nursery and the sanctuary. If you send in a digital copy, we'll make a newsletter page showing where we find the various crosses. Let's celebrate with the rest of Christianity this marvelous symbol that is foolishness to those on the outside, but for those of us who know God, it is the very hope of our salvation.

See you in church on Sunday!

PS







Congrats to our March winner of the "Golden Spatula" award!

Meghan Crumpton

"Rainbow Night"  
Fruity Pebbles Treats



PANCAKE BREAKFASTS:

4/22, 5/27, 6/24



#### APRIL ACTIVITIES

We are planning a roadside cleanup followed by a lock-in on April 7th; beginning at 3pm.

No meeting Apr. 8

Watch for further details!



Our Meal Board is up! We thank the entire congregation for their generous support in getting us to Houston this year. We can't wait to share our experiences with you later this summer.

*Thank you to everyone for the cards, gifts and sharing our 40th anniversary celebration with us. Special thanks to our three daughters and their families for giving us a beautiful week-end. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful family and friends.*

*— Roger and Carol Kern*

*The family of Robert "Buck" Kellen wishes to thank our church family for its offers of condolence, cards, calls, visits, prayers and memorials. Your kindness and support will always be cherished.*

*Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Mendota Lutheran Home Auxiliary. We collected \$250.*

*—Eunice Rogers*

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, COMPTON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
February 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p by Council President, Bob Kromm. Council members in attendance were Brad Ehlers, Bob Kromm, Kayla McCormick, Jill Ross, Pastor Jeff Schlesinger, Scott Schlesinger, Charlene Zimmerman and Sarah Goetz. Diane Englehart was absent.

Bob Kromm opened the meeting with a prayer. Each member introduced themselves, since this was the first council meeting for Brad Ehlers and Kayla McCormick. Bob Kromm led Encountering Scripture by reading Genesis 12 – the call of Abram. The book of Genesis focuses on families. The chosen family is dysfunctional, but God works with their flaws and weaknesses. Charlene Zimmerman also shared a scripture - 1 Timothy 1:12. When we have an opportunity, we are to live out our service to Christ. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to lead Encountering Scripture at the rest of our meetings this year.

A motion was made by Jill Ross and seconded by Charlene Zimmerman to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

The January minutes were presented for approval. A request was made to add "in the parsonage" to the end of the fourth bullet in the Building and Grounds team report. A motion was made by Scott Schlesinger and seconded by Pastor Jeff Schlesinger to approve the corrected minutes. The motion carried.

The minutes from the 2018 annual meeting were presented for endorsement. Two corrections were requested. The first was to change "to Christa Edwards..." to "by Christa Edwards..." in Old Business section a. The second was to change "more kids have signed up that" to "more kids have signed up than" in Old Business section b. Pastor Jeff Schlesinger made a motion that the minutes were reviewed and found accurate as amended. Charlene Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion carried. The minutes will be presented to the congregation for approval at the 2019 annual meeting.

The minutes from the council organizational meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Charlene Zimmerman and seconded by Brad Ehlers to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Pastor Jeff Schlesinger shared the summary report from the Genesis weekend held February 10-12 at Immanuel. Total expenses were \$1,669.73. That was higher than anticipated due to Catherine Malotky arriving a day early to avoid the winter weather. The Synod grant has not been received yet, but it will be at least \$500.00. If the Synod grant is \$500.00, the total income will be \$933.00. Based on that, the balance taken from the Guest Speaker Fund to cover the remainder of the expenses will be \$736.73. Pastor Jeff Schlesinger estimated about \$300.00 in income was lost due to people not able to attend due to the weather.
- Lent begins on February 14 with a joint Ash Wednesday service at First. For the rest of the midweek services this year, we are participating in a round robin with three other churches. There will be a meal beforehand each of the five weeks.

- Pastor Jeff Schlesinger asked for council members to serve as midweek hosts for the visiting pastors and also to lead the liturgy. The following volunteered - Bob Kromm for February 21, Al Ross for March 7 and Brad Ehlers for March 21.
- Pastor Jeff Schlesinger will be on vacation March 9-11 for his brother-in-law's wedding. Rev. David Nelson will be the supply pastor.
- The 19 allotted vacation days noted in the report reflect an 80% work load. Once Pastor Jeff Schlesinger moves into the parsonage and becomes full-time, which increases the number of vacation days allotted, the figure will be pro-rated. It will not be the full 24 days for 2018.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Bob Kromm shared that he and Pastor Jeff Schlesinger discussed their goals for the year. Bob Kromm said he would like us to be mindful of financial shortfalls as they occur throughout the year and discuss them in a timely manner. He also expressed that Scott Schlesinger and Harlan Eames are very good at their respective financial positions and their work is appreciated.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reports for General Treasury, AMDEX Account, Capital Improvement Fund, Memorial Fund, and Benevolence were presented.

- General Treasury ending balance on January 31, 2018 was \$12,920.73
- AMDEX Account ending balance on January 31, 2018 was \$32,417.42
- Capital Improvement Fund ending balance on January 31, 2018 was \$39,340.35
- Memorial Fund ending balance on January 31, 2018 was \$24,004.47
- Benevolence Account ending balance on January 31, 2018 was \$19,355.84

We discussed that the net gain of \$4,477.89 reflected in the January General Treasury report is not the net of the monthly income minus the monthly expenses. It is probably because the money moved to the General Treasury for the bell tower windows was not reflected as income. Scott Schlesinger will discuss with Harlan Eames and report back next month. It was also noted that the money for the bell tower windows is to come from the Memorial Fund, not Capital Improvement. Additionally, Scott Schlesinger will research with Harlan Eames the figures in the General Treasury report in the annual report.

Scott Schlesinger shared that the disbursement amount reflected in the Benevolence report to the Northern Illinois Synod – Mission Support should have been \$9,025.00, not the \$9,620.00 that was actually paid. That is the reason the Account Summary of Ending Balance section displays (\$595.00) for Northern Illinois Synod. \$595.00 is the overpaid amount that should count towards 2018.

A motion was made by Brad Ehlers and seconded by Charlene Zimmerman to approve the financial reports. The motion carried.

#### TEAM REPORTS

- Building and Grounds:
  - Ameripro confirmed the air conditioning unit downstairs in the parsonage is straight; it's the walls that are crooked. The unit needs to be as it is for water to drain.
  - Ameripro removed the drinking fountain in the church basement and capped it off.

- The maintenance agreement with Ameripro has been signed and sent off. It is a 3 year commitment for \$1260.00/year. This covers the boiler and air conditioning at both the church and the parsonage.
- The team feels the bid for the parsonage bathroom is high. The team is still working on the project and would like the remainder of the \$25,000.00 to be able to be spent on more than just the bathroom.
- The lights on the church sign at Route 251 and Church Road are now functioning on both sides of the sign.
- **Worship:**
  - The team met earlier this month and selected hymns through Palm Sunday.
- **Hospitality:**
  - This team has not been active for months, so it will be removed from the council's agenda.
  - WELCA has a Fellowship committee which hosts receptions for confirmation, etc., but since there currently aren't any teams addressing outreach or stewardship, perhaps they can be added this year.
- **Farm:**
  - Wes Englehart offered to help with the eradication of the beavers. Charlene Zimmerman will let Keith Zoeller know that Wes Englehart has volunteered.
- **Education:** No report
- **Scholarship:** No report
- **Audit:** No report
- **Parish:** No report
- **Memorial:**
  - \$2,500.00 is being transferred to the Benevolence account for the Speaker/Performer fund.

A motion was made by Jill Ross and seconded by Brad Ehlers to approve the team reports. The motion carried.

LYO REPORT – Kayla McCormick shared that the group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month and have themed food at each meeting. For February, the regular LYO meeting was replaced by their Trivia Night. Trivia Night was fun and will likely be an annual event. The LYO cleared about \$1,200.00 at Trivia Night. That amount should put them close to their fundraising goal for the major expenses for the Houston trip. Meal boards for the youth gathering will be going up in March. Kayla McCormick thanked the council, on behalf of the LYO, for their generous donations for the Houston trip.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Charlene Zimmerman is still working on making progress in the storage room in the overflow.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **Update Names on Bank Accounts**
  - With the recent changes in council members and titles, the signature cards will need to be redone. Scott Schlesinger will research who is on the signature cards currently and what needs to be updated. He will bring the signature sheets for the First State Bank accounts to next month's meeting.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 6:30p.

Sarah Goetz reminded the group that the next joint council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, at First. Bob Kromm will contact Jim Johnson to confirm that date still works for them and to suggest starting the meeting at 6:30p.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pastor Jeff Schliesinger and seconded by Charlene Zimmerman. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59p and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Sarah Goetz

#### Prayer Corner

##### Homebound

Donna Albers  
Dorothy Burkart  
Fountain Neal  
Marilyn Ward  
June Schliesinger  
Harold Schliesinger

##### Monthly Requests

Robert Horwang (LuAnn Kromm's brother)  
Ron Yenerich (Cassie Williams' brother)  
Cindy Schliesinger  
Hannah York (LuAnn Kromm's niece)  
Gene Williams  
Jessica Albert

##### Baptisms

Sophia Belle Martinez (May 7)  
Cayden Anthony & Corbin Brooks Herbert (May 14)  
Santiago Luis Delgado (July 23)  
Shayne Stephen & Caylin Marie Prodzinski (July 30)  
Axel Dean Cartwright (September 24)  
Ryan Thomas Gibertini (December 30)  
Wyatt Eugene & Amelia Ann Pinter (February 11)

##### Mourning Families

Tracy Walzer Family (April 8)  
Jann Eich Family (May 21)  
Gerry Neal Family (May 21)  
Bob Eich, Jr. (June 4)  
Byron Walter Family (July)  
Ron Schliesinger Family (July 21)  
Elaine Zimmerman Family (Sept. 19)  
Kay Kromm Family (September 30)  
Will Rappert Family (November 14)  
Dennis Rundell Family (January 30)  
Robert "Buck" Kallen Family (March 8)

##### Weddings

Ben & Alejandra Ganz (April 11)  
Rex & Katelyn Vahl (June 17)  
David & Jessica Craig (July 8)  
Daniel & Katie Ganz (August 12)

##### Affirmation of Baptism

Trysta Foster, Brooke Helman (Sept. 16)

##### Pray for

NS Bishop Jeffrey Clements  
ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton  
Immanuel/First Pastor Jeff Schliesinger

"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*  
*Mountain & Hill Sunday*

We are looking for clean (washed) gallon milk jugs with lids to be used for Vacation Bible Camp. Please leave milk jugs in the southeast room in the basement. Thank you!





## Vacation Bible Camp 2018- Polar Blast Where Jesus' Love is Cool!

Date: Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:30 p.m. Dinner served in the basement for all campers

6:00 p.m. Bible Camp begins in overflow

8:30 p.m. Dismissal

Program/Family Fun: The parents/grandparents will be asked to join the fun on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. All will enjoy a **COOL** closing celebration and snow cones!

## Come join us for a Flurry of Fun!!

Are you ready to join the VBC team and have a blast showing kids Jesus' love is cool?

We are looking for volunteers for the following areas:

- Cooking meals for children at our *Chill'n Cafe*
- Serving dinner and clean up at our *Chill'n Cafe*
- Station leaders: *Polar Blast Crafts, Projects with a Purpose, Frozen Fun & Games, Cool Bible Adventures*
- Music leaders for the *Flurry of Fun Opening/Closing Snow Show*
- Spotlight VBS leader: snap pictures of VBS and create slide show for performances
- Crew leaders: Take campers from station to station (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade or high school students are welcome)
- Decorating Crew (June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and take down June 15<sup>th</sup> )

## Do you want to donate for the Polar Blast?

We will need:

- Paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, cups, and drink mix
- Different size boxes, white wrapping paper, clean gallon size milk jugs with lids

If you are willing to help in any way, please sign up in the overflow, contact Debbie 815-539-6567 or contact Kathy Ross at 815-866-2751 (call or text) or email at [k.ross@live.com](mailto:k.ross@live.com). A volunteer registration form will then be mailed to you. Please complete and return the form to the church office by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Our goal is to reach 45 children with God's love at *Polar Blast* VBC. Please prayerfully consider how you can help!





# Sunday School

## April 2018



### Lesson Themes:

**APRIL 1—HAPPY EASTER!  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- April 8: Doubting Thomas.  
April 15: The Great Commission  
April 22: The Good Shepherd  
April 29: TBD. Sunday School is in session; dismissal at 10:20.

### Reminder:

Check your family's Sunday School folder weekly.



**For Sunday School information contact:**  
Christina Barnickel  
cbarnickel@gmail.com  
(815) 497-3862

### HAPPY EASTER!

Glorious God,  
We were sad,  
We were surprised,  
Now we are happy  
Alleluia, Jesus is alive!



Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the **Egg-stra Special Easter Event** held on March 18!

Thank you to the participants of the Palm Sunday procession.

### Offerings:

Offerings continue to be accepted each Sunday at Sunday School. The children's offering will go to helping make children feel safe and secure in their new home and country. Our offerings will help furnish a bedroom for a child refugee or immigrant. A complete Children's Room Kit includes: Mattress & box spring \$75; Lamp & light bulb \$10; Dresser \$50; Desk \$35; Bedding (includes blanket, sheet set & pillow) \$30. Total \$200. Thank you for your generosity! For more info, go to URS.org.

**MILK JUGS:** Please save your milk jugs for a Vacation Bible Camp project!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAMS UP FOR N.I.C.E.** We are gauging whether there is interest to form a team to participate in the N.I.C.E. walk on May 6. Sign up at the Sunday School desk if your family is interested.

**LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES CENTER:** located near Oregon, offers many summer camps. There are camps designed to introduce beginning campers in grades 1-2 to a half week of camp. For grades 3 through 12 there are several themed camps including "Trail Riders," "Super Hero," rock climbing, etc.—great opportunities so close to home!

## APRIL EVENTS:

April Bible Study: **MULTIPLE MEANINGS: LEARNING FROM OTHER INTERPRETATIONS**

"The Prodigal Son"

Theme Verse: Luke 15:11-32

Tuesday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m. - **QUARTERLY MEETING**

Hostess: Charlene Zimmerman



Wednesday, April 4 at 9:00 a.m. - **WELCA Bible Study** (note time change)

Leader: Charlene Zimmerman Hostess: Eunice Rogers

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17 at 12:30 p.m. - Sewing & Tying Quilts (NOTE TIME CHANGE)**

Anyone who can come to help for an hour or two would be welcomed. We can ALWAYS use extra hands.

Sewing Day is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. We have lots of fun and NO EXPERIENCE is necessary.

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### JUSTICE (MISSION ACTION) - Charlene Zimmerman

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

*Micah 6:8*

We are continuing to collect items for:

**PERSONAL CARE KITS:** light or medium weight, dark color, bath towels, sturdy combs (no fine tooth combs or picks), 4-5 oz. size bars of bath soap in individual wrappers.

**PADS:** paper plates, napkins, coffee cups, brown lunch bags, sandwich bags, paper towels, toilet paper, plastic wrap, shampoo, conditioner, solid deodorant, toothpaste, combs, brushes, asst. socks & underwear, toilet cleaner, laundry soap, bleach, dish soap, juice boxes, coffee, creamer, dry cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soups, powdered drink mix.

Anything you can donate is greatly appreciated. The tubs for donations are now in the room next to Debbie's office.

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### WELCA PRESIDENT'S DESK - Sarah Pfeiffer

Our Quarterly WELCA meeting is on Tuesday, April 3. We will be planning Ladies Night Out in July. The location will be announced closer to the event, so pay attention to the bulletin and newsletter. The Spring Retreat is at LOMC on Saturday, April 28, and the deadline to register is April 10. The program is "HERstory - A String of Pearls", led by Susan Ekstrom. The day starts with registration at 8:15 a.m. and continues through 3:15 p.m. Cost is \$35.00 and registration materials are on the table in the overflow. The Central Conference Spring Brunch will be on Thursday, May 3, at Immanuel, Dixon and cost will be \$5.00. Registration information is on the table in the overflow and the deadline is April 25. This is a morning event. The program is by SAFE HAVEN of Sterling. We will take a collection of soap, shampoo, toothpaste and feminine products. Hopefully the warm weather is here to stay this time and I wish you all a Happy Easter. See you in church!



## Volunteers are needed for the following

Look in the 2018 Committee Yearbook for more details & call the church office

**Funeral Lunch Committee:** (1 person needed)

**N.I.C.E. Food Pantry Workers:** 8:00-11:00 a.m. every Saturday in September  
Sept. 1, Sept. 8, Sept. 15, Sept. 22, Sept. 29 - (4 people needed each Saturday)  
(sign up on the schedule in the overflow)

**Volunteers at Mendota Lutheran Home:** (2 people needed - contact Eunice Rogers)

**Ushers:** We are also looking for Sunday morning ushers at 8:30 a.m. worship. Individuals, couples, or families are welcome to be ushers. Sign up in the overflow and pick which week or month you would like, or call the church office.

### WELCA BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, June 6, 9:00 a.m.: (need a Leader)

Tuesday, July 3, 9:00 a.m.: (need a Hostess)

Wednesday, July 11, 6:00 p.m. - Ladies Night Out at El Zarape: (need hostess & program)

Wednesday, November 7, 1:30 p.m.: (need a Leader)

Wednesday, December 5, 1:30 p.m.: (need a Leader)

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*4th Sunday*  
**Pancake  
Breakfast**



Sunday, April 22

after 8:30 a.m. worship.

All donations will go towards  
the ELCA Youth Gathering trip  
to Houston this summer. --LYO

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9-12 & 12:30-3:30

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# April 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Easter 7:00 Worship, here 8:15 Easter Breakfast, here 9:00 Easter Breakfast, see 10:30 Worship, here	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1:30 WELCA Quarterly Mtg.	<b>4</b> 9:00 WELCA Bible Study	<b>5</b> 6:30 CHURCH COUNCIL	<b>6</b> 9:00 Bible Study	<b>7</b> 3:00 LYD Road Cleanup & Lock-In 6:00 MOTT meets at Zigler's, Mendota
<b>8</b> 8:30 Worship, here 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Worship @ Lee	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00 Bible Study	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30 Worship, here 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Worship @ Lee 6:30 Conf. Class	<b>16</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>17</b> 12:30 Sewing & Tying Quilts	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00 Bible Study	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30 Worship, here 9:30 Pancake Breakfast 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Worship @ Lee	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00 Bible Study	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:30 Joint Worship @ Immanuel, Taco & Sundae Bar following	<b>30</b>		<u>RENEWAL</u> World Mission			



# LAY PARTICIPANTS

## USHERS

## LECTORS

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

## ACOLYTES

### APRIL 1 (Easter)

7:00 - Christa Edwards/John Diefinger

Buddy Schlemmer

Rhonda & Alyssa McCormick

Kody Huedy & Olivia Buss

### APRIL 8

8:30 - Christa Edwards/John Diefinger

Jill Buss

Carol Kurn & Fran Seifert

Fachal McCormick

### APRIL 15

8:30 - Christa Edwards/John Diefinger

Sarah Boetz

Shirley Huetzler & Christa Edwards

Alden Zimmerman

### APRIL 22

8:30 - Christa Edwards/Weed 1 volunteer

Jill Huetzler

Hertie & Kuria Egan

Shayne Prodzinski

### APRIL 29

8:30 - Christa Edwards/Weed 1 volunteer

Jill Buss

Mary Wochertin & Kayla McCormick

Kody Huedy

### ALTAR COMMITTEE - Grace Gura (815/519-3062) Charlene Zimmerman (815/497-3033)

FELLOWSHIP HOUR - 9:30 a.m. Sunday (coffee, juice, sweet rolls)

April 8 - Elaine Bogers/Christa Edwards

April 15 - Mary Ellen Schneider/Cornie Willows

April 22 - Luton Egan

April 29 - Just Worship, here (10:30)

## BIRTHDAYS

1 - Nathan Eich

6 - Rebecca Gund

7 - Tom Eub/Stephanie Bauer

8 - Norman Bogers

9 - Trystis Foster/Alex Schlemmer

20 - Dylan Sweet

22 - David Schlemmer/Fran Winkler/Janet McCormick

Loften Bostrom/Rachelyn Albert

23 - Craig Gura/Tim Menzel/Dore Wulzer/Jacob Johnson

25 - Madeline Wulzer

26 - Dawn Myers

27 - Karen Sherck/Berley Malus

28 - Mary Jo Rosenmund/Janet Nancy

29 - Becca Winkler

20 - Malissa Blum

23 - Dorey Bostrom/Theresa Taylor

24 - Justin Skell

25 - Jennifer Schaefer

29 - Jacob Gude

30 - Dorey Menzel/Tony Schaefer/Randy Wulzer

## ANNIVERSARIES

4 - Mark & Jill Buss

28 - Vernon & Sarah Pfeifer

Loften & Mary Jo Bostrom

We still need 1 more usher for Sunday, April 22 & 29. Sign-up in the overflow or call the church office.

