



THE Lamplighter



"THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE
DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS
HAS NOT OVERCOME IT."
JOHN 1:5

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LOOKING AHEAD

April

- 3rd Trustee/Board/Council Meetings
- 9th AARP
- 13th Palm Sunday
- 16th WIS
- 17th Maundy Thursday
- 18th Good Friday
- 20th Easter Sunday
- 22nd Earth Day
- 23rd Tall Cedars

May

- 1st Trustee/Board/Council Meetings
- 11th Mother's Day
- 14th AARP
- 21st WIS
- 26th Memorial Day
- 28th Tall Cedars
- 29th Ascension Thursday



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Pastor's Letter

To All Who Have Been United to Him by His Resurrection,

If someone were to ask, “what do you believe to be the single most important event in history”, what would come to mind? The splitting of the atom? The first walk on the moon? The tearing down of the iron curtain? The Pilgrim’s landing on Plymouth Rock? How many of us would even consider the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

How many of us consider Jesus’ resurrection to be an item of faith rather than historical? A mere story rather than history?

We might be hesitant to give such an answer, lest we be viewed as some religious zealot. Perhaps we want to avoid the controversy that such an answer might launch. But unlike many other historical events that come to mind, the resurrection of Jesus the Christ still has relevance over daily existence.

Most people do not realize that the theme of the Resurrection is actually one of three resurrections that affect believers:

The first is the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. His body that was beaten, crucified, and finally placed lifeless in a tomb is the same body that God raised from the dead on the third day.

The second resurrection is the one we experience when we come to faith in Jesus Christ. Paul wrote that **God “made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”** Eph. 2:5b,6. It is this resurrection that transformed Paul. Paul was one of the most knowledgeable men of his day. He was a member of the highly regarded sect of the Pharisees, a Roman citizen and a man who had no equal with regard to his zeal as an effective persecutor of the Church of Jesus Christ. While Paul was on his way to Damascus, he was interrupted by Jesus with a heavenly flash of light and this question, **“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”** Not long after his arrival in Damascus, this persecutor of the Church was now its greatest defender. This same Saul became Paul, the one who so confidently defended the fact that Jesus was the legitimate risen Messiah. Later in Paul’s ministry, he would write that, **“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.”** 1 Cor. 15:3-5. The atoning death and subsequent resurrection of Jesus is the fact deemed by Paul as being **“of first importance”** because in it, Paul himself had been transformed into a new creation.

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The third resurrection is the one to come. In the Apostle's Creed, we affirm that we believe in "...*the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*" Do you just say that by rote or do you really believe that one day your body will rise again?

In the Heidelberg Catechism, the 45th question asks how does Christ's resurrection benefit us? The answer is a summary of what is written above: "*First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. And third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.*"

It is because of God's gracious hand that Paul was changed, and it is because of God's gracious hand that you and I are changed and brought to new life. This Easter, take delight in the historical truth of the Resurrection. He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

May God bless those who are partakers of His great mercy and know the living hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Charlie

Sunday Worship & Bible Studies



Sunday Church Service is will be via zoom at 10:00 AM. Check IUC's Facebook page for current topics. Like us on Facebook.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 AM.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study will be held via zoom at 6:30 PM.

How to connect to Bible Study or the Sunday Service:

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<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8280501006>

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Milestones



Birthdays

13 th	Helen Latella
20 th	Bonnie Rogers
25 th	Cynthia Wambold
26 th	Samantha Myers

Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2025 are available.
- Bonnie Rogers will be mailing the Upper Room daily devotional booklets to those who are interested. If you would like to receive a copy, please call the church office.
- Electronic tithing is now available. Please visit the church's website at immanuelunion.org and click on the donate now button. You can send your donation through PayPal or use your debit/credit card. You can also donate using Venmo our user name is @ImmanuelUnion-Church.
- Information for the May Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, April 25th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

Zoom & Social Media Instructions

Please check out our Website as well as our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. We ask that you share the information, especially to your Facebook friends, by Liking and Reposting on Facebook. This is a great way to publicize our worship services, Bible Study and any special events coming up. We can all make a difference!

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Order Your Geraniums



The color of Pentecost is red. This year, we would like to have a profusion of red geraniums on the Altar to make Pentecost Sunday even more special. If you normally plant red geraniums in your garden, could you wait? The Worship & Music Committee would like to pick yours up at the nursery and put them on the altar for June 8th. You would then take your plants home after the Service. It is your responsibility to take your plants home! The cost would be \$5 per plant. Please let the Church Office know if you might be willing to participate in the red geranium altar flow display this year. Mention how many you would like to order then submit payment for the cost. Order must be received by May 25th.

Mark Your Calendars



Easter Happenings

- April 13th Palm Sunday Service 10 AM in person & via Zoom
- April 17th Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM in person & via Zoom
- April 20th Easter Sunday Service 10 AM in person & via Zoom



June 28th We will be hosting a Garage Sale indoor and outdoor. Contact the church office if you are interested in getting a table.



September 27th We will be hosting a Vendor Craft and Flea Market. Contact the church office if you are interested in getting a table.

April 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Council Trustee/Board Meetings	4	5
6 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service via zoom 10:00	7	8 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	9 AARP	10	11	12
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Sunday Prayer List

New

- ✝ Rebekah - Pastor Charlie & Leslie's oldest daughter- has been in the hospital since 3/30- is expected to be discharged. Pray for a full recovery.
- ✝ Naomi- having headaches again and other medical problems- pray for healing.



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- ✝ Baby Hazel- has neuroblastoma. Pray for her family- and doctors as far as treatment.
- ✝ Warren- Ann Haakonsen's brother- was at Clove Lakes now he's home.
- ✝ Gerd- Lyn's friend- was in severe car accident- after multiple surgeries and is in rehab. Pray for him as he recovers and pushes his body. Pray for strength for his ankles as well as his swallowing as his esophagus was damaged from being intubated.
- ✝ Michael- Dorothy's son having medical problems.
- ✝ Matthius family in the loss of Barbara.
- ✝ Colucci family in the loss of Sam.
- ✝ Dorothy & the Coffey family in the loss of James.
- ✝ Roland- his health.
- ✝ Mauro- Roland's friend in ICU with heart problems. Pray that he has opportunities to talk about Jesus.
- ✝ Tom- cancer is growing again. Pray for the treatment change and that his body can tolerate it.
- ✝ Eric- Roland's best friend- has only 1 kidney and now it's not working. It's only working at 25%.
- ✝ Jennifer & Omar- pray that God reveals to them the "what's next".
- ✝ Donnamaries mom (Mary) put in palliative care. Cardiologist says it won't be long in her medical condition. Pray God opens her heart and doesn't allow her to suffer.
- ✝ Marilyn Pederson- cancer in her ankle.
- ✝ Jimmy- Dorothy's grandson. Living with her (and Michael) but needs an apartment.
- ✝ Czarina- we prayed for Czarinas sister in law Caroline who carried a baby for Czarina & her husband Andrew. The baby Madison is now over a year old and Czarina had a stroke- her right arm is severely affected and she is unable to carry or care for Madison with that arm. Please pray for her healing!
- ✝ Caroline's (from above) Dad was just diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer
- ✝ Charlie Buchanan- Katie Myers FIL- had surgery, is positive for cancer.
- ✝ Sonja's cousins - Michael Johnson and Ron Mazzaeo both have cancer. Pray for them, their families and the doctors for wisdom in treatments.
- ✝ Don- Eugene's Cousin has stage 4 pancreatic cancer that has spread to his liver. Pray for the treatment, doctors and he and his family as they go through this.
- ✝ Fred- Sonja & Bills friend in his recovery.
- ✝ RJ (lives in Taiwan). In a scooter accident, is recovering
- ✝ Liz Iken- at Eger. Pray for her health
- ✝ Rosemary- Genes sister, pray for complete recovery.
- ✝ Anne Haakonsen's mom- for health and strength.