

INSIDE IMMANUEL



Faithful to God's Word – we receive, celebrate and share Jesus Christ.

Just Dust

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” Is that it? There’s nothing more? The curse given to Adam and Eve in the garden is repeated to us on Ash Wednesday. We trace that ashen cross on our forehead with those words from Genesis 3.19. Their sin plunged all creation into sin and meant their physical deaths. The wages of sin is death, and they died.

They were reminded of this promise with every sickness, hurt and grief. They knew that creation was no longer perfect. They sinned. They were just dust. God was serious about their sin and the curse He imposed upon them. No amount of hiding, groveling or blaming could remove this curse from them. They were just dust.

The curse of sin continued through the successive generations. Sinners were born to sinners. Sin was inherited from parents to children. They were just dust. Is that it? Nothing more? For the wicked angels this was it. They sinned and were cursed. No hope. But for mankind more was given than the curse.

God promised to come. He would redeem sinners by striking the head of the evil one. He would rescue sinners and give them new life. That promise was passed down through successive generations. Faithful parents taught their children about how God would redeem sinners. It was their hope and desire.

Into dust God was born. God took on flesh for sinners. He lived among sinners and suffered their ridicule and unbelief. He worked miracles, but they refused to see. He spoke parables, but they refused to understand. He forgave sins, but they refused to believe. Sinners knew that He was just dust. He could be killed, even crucified. They cried out for His death, “Crucify Him!”

God came and died. Here was the plan even before Adam and Eve sinned in the garden. God knew they would sin and He knew He would come to seek and save the lost. He was raised from the dust of death on the third day as proof that your sins are forgiven. Do you see His miracles? Do you understand His parables? Do you believe in the forgiveness of your sins?

This is what Lent is all about. It is about who we are and what God has done for us. We are sinners through and through. We sin in thought, word and deed. We sin against God and man. God knows all our sins and gives us the law that we would know also. Examine yourself in light of His law and see your sins. You cannot save yourself. This is what Lent is about.

God saves you. He enters your frail humanity and dies in your place. He takes all your sins on Himself; suffering and dying in your stead. He gives you the benefits of His death through the Sacraments; those things which He began to tie you to Himself. Through Baptism and the Supper you are joined to Jesus and forgiven. By His Word you are made clean. This is what Lent is all about.

You receive more than the ashen cross on your forehead. You receive more than law and condemnation. You receive Jesus- just Jesus. He rescues you from the dust of death. You are more than dust, more than death. You are His own dear child. You are precious in His sight. So come and receive Jesus with us this Lent at Immanuel.

In the Name of Jesus,
Pastor Boyer

G.L.U.E **“God Loves Us Eternally”**

Matthew 6:16-18 (ESV)

[16] “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. [17] But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, [18] that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

Note: Make sure that fasting is done to God’s glory, not like hypocrites. (Lutheran Study Bible, pg.1590)

I’m a big sports fan. Sports have been in my life since I was a child...baseball, football, basketball, hockey, swimming and a little bit of skiing & calisthenics. Well, it’s sports time again isn’t it, even though I’m beyond my playing days. “March Madness”...when college basketball takes precedence over all other sports. Many of us look forward to watching our favorite teams as they compete for the college championship trophies. The big one, of course, is the NCAA championship.

However, for Christians, an even BIGGER event beginning in early March is Lent...the penitential season in preparation for the observance of Easter. It is the Christian’s time of atonement—reconciliation with God through repentance and confession of their sins. Ash Wednesday is March 5th...the beginning of our repentance lasting 40 days for fasting and praying in relationship to Jesus’ spending 40 days in the wilderness without

water and food and being tempted by Satan. Lent leads up to Holy Week (April 13th). Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and is the final leg of Jesus’ journey to the Cross, being nailed mercilessly by His hands and feet on Good Friday, forgiving us our sins and saving us from eternal damnation! How wonderful it will be on that glorious Easter Morning (April 20th) when we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ!

Jesus’ dying on the Cross is the only way we could be saved proving to us that “God Loves Us Eternally!”

God’s blessings to all during this Lenten Season!
Jim Bratton

Treasurer’s Report

MONTH OF January 2024

Receipts	\$ 52,157.67
Less Expenses	- 66,494.48
Operating Income	- 14,336.81
Deficit Reduction	<u>1,100.00</u>
Net Income	-13,236.81

CASH IN BANK & ON HAND

Petty Cash	100.00
Independent Checking	59,829.62
Independent Savings	56,966.42
Ind Bank 2 new CDs	78,071.15
Ind Bank CD	75,000.00
Restricted Savings	<u>-218,499.80</u>
Total	\$218,442.39

**April Newsletter
Deadline:
Wednesday,
March 19**

SYMBOLS

As previously stated our chancel is the focal point of our church for several reasons. Our sermons are preached at the pulpit; our epistle, Old Testament and gospel are read at the lectern; baptisms are done at the font; and the Lord’s Supper is received at the communion rail.

A reredos is located behind the altar. It can be made of wood, stone, ivory, metal or any combination. The reredos function is to draw the attention to the altar. In our church, the reredos is wood with carved grapes and wheat across the top and side panels. The grapes symbolize the wine, Jesus blood, and the wheat, Jesus’ body. Next to the reredos are two candelabras which symbolize that Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12 & John 1:6-18). The candles consuming themselves shows how Jesus spent himself serving mankind. The altar represents where Jesus sacrificed himself (Hebrews 10:10-14). Our altar is where the bread and wine and two communion candlesticks are placed.

Another symbol of where our sins are washed away and forgive in the baptismal font located at the front of the chancel floor. Jesus willingly died on the cross to defeat sin, death and the devil. A single candle called the Christ candle or Paschal candle, is a symbol of Christ’s resurrection. It is lit from Easter Sunday to Ascension Day. A processional cross is used to both start and conclude a service. The lectern where the epistle, Old Testament and gospels are read at each service shows grapes and wheat, also a crown and cross symbolizing Jesus who died on the cross to rid the world of sin, death and the devil.

Thank You For Your Support!

We would like to thank everyone who gave so GENEROUSLY to the Jimmy Jam Fund this year!! We are overwhelmed by all of the support. It sure made our hearts happy and the children down at Mott's will be very happy to have a new coloring book, crayons and Legos to enjoy while they are a patient.

Thank you to Chuck who had this wonderful dream, and to all who helped to put a smile on a child's face!

God's Blessings to all,
Carol, Ursula, Rebecca & David

Cemetery Decorations

Spring cleanup of the cemetery has begun. Please remove all decorations you want to save by Tuesday, April 1. After that date anything left on the cemetery will be disposed of. Thank you!

Council Meeting February 10

Elders: Elders are asking teachers to post the acolyte schedule in the classrooms. Ballot names: all that are up for re-election are going back on the ballot.

Trustees: Working on a sound system still, new estimate is coming. Ballot name: Garret Adam. We are expecting a 4% increase in health insurance and are working that into the budget.

Stewardship: Ballot names: Kris Koch and Tina Adam.

Evangelism: The next greeters list went out. We plan to host

Crossroads Counseling in March. A spring prayer vigil is being planned. Ken Walz will be helping with the Sugar Festival float this year. We are still looking for 3 names for the upcoming ballot.

Youth: Super Bowl sup sales – 250 subs were made and we sold out! Family sledding Sunday at Sherwood on the Hill was postponed. A sloppy joe meager meal is scheduled for March 26. Collide is donating 3 hours of fall yard work and a Collide themed basket to the upcoming CTK Auction. Ballot name: Joanna Matthews.

Principal's Report: Lutheran Schools Week is planned for February 23 – March 2. Jennifer attended the Snow Tire Principals Conference. Grades 1-2 brought back the apple pie fundraiser. March 2 we will be celebrating Mr. Deneen's 10 year teaching ministry anniversary (hosted at St Paul). The Christ the King Auction Luau is March 15 – get your tickets now!

Pastor's Report: Tom Williamson will attend the Circuit Forum with Pastor. District convention will be June 22-24 at Concordia Ann Arbor, 2 delegates from Immanuel are needed.

President's Report: The new church and school credit cards are up and running. Reminder to have all financials at Voters meeting since the previous Voters meeting.

Vice President's Report: Reminder to begin budget discussions. An informational packet was passed out regarding changing by laws and making amendments in regards to the number of members on boards, voters meeting per year, etc.

* Next council meeting will be Monday, March 10 at 7:45pm.

* Next Voters' Meeting will be Monday, April 21, 2025 at 7:30pm.

Easter Flowers



It's time to order your Easter plants.

Lilies - \$14.50

Daffodils (Yellow jonquil) - \$14.50

Hyacinths, Mums & Tulips - \$14.50

Azaleas & Hydrangeas - \$25.00

They can be ordered until Friday, April 4 by calling Carol Truemner at 883-2391. Please make checks payable to Carol.

The plants can be picked up after the 10:30am service on Easter Sunday until Tuesday, April 22. Look for your name on the back of the plant.

CTK School News

Greetings from CTK!

The Regional Lutheran Spelling Bee took place Feb. 20 at St. Paul, Saginaw. Gunnar Deeg, Kennedy Kemp, Hazel Scharf, Emily Sattelberg, and Charlotte Schulz represented Christ the King, and did a wonderful job! Hazel Scharf was the top speller for grade 6! Congratulations Hazel!

Lutheran Schools Week was celebrated February 23-March 2. The students enjoyed fun dress up days, a science assembly, treats, and they worked on a couple service projects. We are so blessed to have our Lutheran school, and thank you to all who help support it!

Preschool/Kindergarten Munch and Mingle will be March

4 from 4-7 at the Unionville Campus.

CTK's Bi-annual Auction-The Luau event will take place on March 15, 2025. Tickets are \$40 each and are available in the church offices of St. Paul and Immanuel, as well as the school office. We would love to have you join us for a fun night out while supporting the school!

Spring Break is March 31-April 4.

We still have about 10 used Chromebooks that we are selling. They are \$40 each. Contact Mr. Deneen if you would like to purchase one at deneenm@ctkl.org.

Blessings,
Jen Yoder
Interim Principal

Memorial & Gifts

IMMANUEL GENERAL FUND

IN MEMORY OF JOHN WILLIAMSON

Nancy Layher
Dan & Gloria Beringer
Mark & Deb Krauss – boiler project
Tom & Jan Sting – boiler project

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM KUNISCH

Nancy Layher
Evelyn Adam

IN MEMORY OF LARRY VAN HOOST

Jim & Marilyn Calopisis

IMMANUEL RADIO MISSION

IN MEMORY OF JOHN WILLIAMSON

Mike & Lorene Zagata

IN MEMORY OF JEANIE SCHULTZ

June Gunsell
Geri Loncar
Janet Loncar

CHRIST THE KING

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM KUNISCH

Betty Guenther

IN MEMORY OF JOHN WILLIAMSON

Betty Guenther – scholarship

IN HONOR OF ARLENE & ROGER

BACHMAN'S 60TH WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY ON FEBRUARY 27, 2025

From their family – scholarship



Ash Wednesday - March 5 - Worship at 6:30pm
Soup Meager Meal by Mary Martha Guild beginning at 5:00pm

Scrip Order Form, Christ the King Lutheran School

Has Cards Order Cards

Name: _____ Account to Apply to: _____ Phone: _____

Chain Stores	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total	Gas	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Ace Hardware	4%	\$25			Marathon	3%	\$100		
Amazon	1.7%	\$100			Marathon	3%	\$25		
Amazon	1.7%	\$50			Shell	1.5%	\$25		
Amazon	1.7%	\$25			Speedway	4%	\$25		
American Eagle	10%	\$25			Sunoco	1.5%	\$50		
Auto Zone	7%	\$25			Miscellaneous	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$25			Best Western	10%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$10			Build a Bear	8%	\$25		
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$25			Delta Airlines	4%	\$250		
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$10			I Tunes	5%	\$15		
Best Buy	4%	\$25			Pet Smart	5%	\$25		
Cabelas	8%	\$100			Visa	1.25%	\$50		
Cabelas	8%	\$25			Visa	1.25%	\$100		
Claire's	9%	\$10			Restaurants	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Dicks Sporting	8%	\$25			Applebees	8%	\$25		
Disney	3%	\$25			Arby's	8%	\$10		
Disney	3%	\$100			Bob Evans	10%	\$25		
Dunhams	8%	\$25			Bob Evans	10%	\$10		
Famous Footwear	8.0%	\$25			Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$25		
Five Below	2.5%	\$25			Burger King	4%	\$10		
Gap/Old Navy	14%	\$25			Happy Moments	8%	\$25		
Gordon's Food	4%	\$25			Chili's	11%	\$25		
Home Depot	4%	\$100			Chipotle	9%	\$10		
Home Depot	4%	\$25			Cold Stone Creamery	11%	\$10		
Kohls	7%	\$25			Cracker Barrel	8%	\$10		
Kohls	7%	\$100			Dairy Queen	3%	\$10		
Lowe's	4%	\$25			Dardens/Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Macy's	10%	\$25			IHop	8%	\$25		
Marshall/TJ Maxx	7%	\$25			Jimmy Johns	8%	\$25		
Maurices	7%	\$20			KFC	6%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$100			McDonalds	2%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$50			Little Ceaser's	8%	\$20		
Meijer	3%	\$25			Omaha Steaks	11%	\$25		
Menards	3%	\$100			Outback Steakhouse	8%	\$25		
Menards	3%	\$25			Panda Express	8%	\$25		
Micheals	4%	\$25			Panera Bread	8%	\$25		
Sephora	6.5%	\$25			Panera Bread	8%	\$10		
Shutterfly	9%	\$25			Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Staples	5%	\$25			Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Target	2.5%	\$25			Starbucks	4.5%	\$25		
Tractor Supply	4.5%	\$25			Starbucks	4.5%	\$10		
Ulta	7%	\$25			Subway	6%	\$10		
Under Armour	11%	\$25			Taco Bell	5%	\$10		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$100			Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$50			Uno Chicago Grill	12%	\$25		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$25			Wendy's	4%	\$10		

Other: _____ Amt: _____

Total: _____ \$

For a complete list, download the RaiseRight App

Cash: _____ or Check # _____

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Below Are Our Lenten Services and some readings are given that may prepare you for worship.

March 5 – Ash Wednesday – Genesis 4.1-16 Cain Receives the Cross on His Forehead
 March 9 – Lent 1 – Luke 4.1-13 Jesus is Tempted
 March 12 - Midweek 1 – Passion Narrative I, The Lord’s Supper (Wednesday at 6.30 pm)
 March 16 – Lent 2 – Luke 13.31-35 Jesus Will Not Be Deterred from Going to Jerusalem
 March 19 – Midweek 2 – Passion Narrative II, Gethsemane (Wednesday at 6.30 pm)
 March 23 – Lent 3 – Luke 13.1-9 Unless You Repent
 March 26 – Midweek 3-Passion Narrative III, The Palace of the High Priest (Wednesday at 6.30 pm)
 March 30 – Lent 4 – Luke 15.1-3, 11-32 Parable of the Forgiving Father
 April 2 – Midweek 4 – Passion Narrative IV, The Praetorium (Wednesday at 6.30 pm)
 April 6 – Lent 5 – Luke 20.9-20 Wicked Vineyard Workers
 April 9 – Midweek 5 – Passion Narrative V, Calvary (Wednesday at 6.30 pm)
 April 13 – Palm Sunday – Luke 19.28-40 Jesus Rides into Jerusalem to Die
 April 17 – Maundy Thursday (Divine Service at 6.30 pm)
 April 18 – Good Friday (Worship at 1.30 pm and 6.30 pm)
 April 20 – Easter Day (Sunrise at 6.00 am; Divine service at 8.00 am and 10.30 am)

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Flower Chairman Virginia Nitz						1
2 7:15 Elders 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 8 9:00 K-8 sing at St Paul 10:15 SS & BC 2:00 OWLS Game Day	3 10:00 OWLS 5:00 Finance 5:00 Glory Ringers 6:30 WORSHIP/C	4 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Public Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 Adoration Choir	Ash Wednesday 5 7:00 Men's Study 8:05 Chapel 9:30 ABC 5:30 Meager Meal 6:30 WORSHIP/C – 9	6 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	7 CTK 11:30 release	8
Daylight Savings 9 8:00 ELF Breakfast 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 1 10:15 SS & BC 10:30 Glory Ringers 7:30 Youth	10 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C 6:30 Trustees 6:30 Stewardship 7:15 Evangelism 7:45 Council	11 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Public Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 Adoration Choir	12 8:05 Chapel 9:30 ABC 5:30 Meager Meal 6:30 WORSHIP – 2	13 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 4:00 Mary Martha Guild	14	15 6:00 CTK Auction Luau At Sherwood on the Hill
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23 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 5 9:00 CTK 7/8 at Imm 10:15 SS & BC	24 5:00 Finance 5:00 Glory Ringers 6:30 WORSHIP/C	25 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Public Sch Confirm 6:00 Messengers 7:00 Adoration Choir	26 8:05 Chapel 9:30 ABC 5:30 Meager Meal 6:30 WORSHIP – 6	27 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	28	29
30 9:00 WORSHIP/C – 7 10:15 SS & BC	No School 31 5:00 Finance 6:30 WORSHIP/C					

March Birthdays

MARCH 1

Walter Gremel
Thomas Haag
Brandon Kundinger

MARCH 2

Allison Dickson
Ken Engelhardt
Jayda Geiger
Amanda Roggenbuck
Valerie Zuzga

MARCH 3

Lance Beringer
Christine Engelhardt
Nancy Stecker

MARCH 4

Jim Bratton
Louis LaPrairie
Emily Meek
Emma Shantz

MARCH 5

Debra Krauss
Isabella Mammel
John Volz

MARCH 6

Caleb Brink
Gweneth Hahn
Kennedy Kemp
Amber Kranz

MARCH 7

Melinda Driscoll
Bentley Fritz
Grayson Heckroth
Carol Heidt

MARCH 8

No Birthdays

MARCH 9

Chloe Smith

MARCH 10

Jason Haag
Wendy Schwartz
Jacob Sting

MARCH 11

Evan Kata

MARCH 12

Warren Beers
Annette Carson
Jo Jubar
Christine Walz

MARCH 13

Kayden Driscoll
Tara Hofmeister

MARCH 14

No Birthdays

MARCH 15

Steven Millerwise
Luke Ruppert
Carol Truemner
Raelynn Vermeersch
Terry Werschky
Lorene Zagata

MARCH 16

Mary Bauer
Janice Holland

MARCH 17

Seth Hofmeister
Shirley Sherman
Kristy Williamson

MARCH 18

Marci Rievert

MARCH 19

Bailey Fritz
Donnel Holland
Todd Lutz

MARCH 20

Craig Engelhardt
Macklin Gangler
Norma Kemp
Cyriel Reige
Madison Reithel
Bennett Weber

MARCH 21

Barbara Gunsell
Leann Holland
Eugene Kata
Owen Kauffold
Kirk Payne
Breanna Polega
Matthew Rievert
Paul Strieter
Olivia Williamson

MARCH 22

Paul Crumm

MARCH 23

Howard Fiebig
Cooper Smith

MARCH 24

Hailey Eremia
Maxine Kauffold
Gail Wilson
Peg Wissner

MARCH 25

Katie Krauss
Patricia Seabrook
Ronald Winter

MARCH 26

Sharon Bauer

MARCH 27

LeEtta Bohn

MARCH 28

Marc'L Neumann
Cameron Teeples

MARCH 29

Shaun Gremel
Madeleine Royster

MARCH 30

Patrick Gregory
Karissa McKellar
Nashia Roberts

MARCH 31

Kenneth Walz