

INSIDE IMMANUEL



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

Resurrected Life

The prophet Ezekiel had some unusual experiences. He had to lie on one side and the other for over a year to symbolize the siege of Jerusalem. Ezekiel saw that unusual vision of creatures and wheels at the beginning of his book and at the end of his book he spends chapters on that Temple with water flowing out of it. And then there was that time he saw the valley of dry bones.

God brought Ezekiel out and set him in the middle of this valley of dry bones. What must have Ezekiel been thinking? Who are these people? How did they die? Was there some huge battle here? Why am I here? Why me! Thankfully God tells Ezekiel what's going on with this valley.

God asks Ezekiel if the bones can live? Ezekiel's reply, "O Lord God, you know." That sounds better than, "God, I have no idea!" Ezekiel had no idea if the bones could live again, but the way things usually work is that dry bones don't come back to life. God tells Ezekiel to prophecy to the bones. That is, speak God's Word. And Ezekiel does. Can you imagine the sound? Bones coming together? There were sinews on the bones and flesh covered them. Ezekiel must have been astounded. Where there had only been death now there was hope for life.

God told Ezekiel to prophecy to the breath. Ezekiel did and breath came into the dead and they were alive! Could Ezekiel have guessed that this would happen when he first laid eyes on the dry bones? Could Ezekiel have imagined that there would be life amid death? But there is a lesson here for Ezekiel and the people of God. The people of God were dead. They had rejected God and they thought they had no hope. The Babylonian army had marched to Jerusalem and destroyed the city. The Babylonians had captured the city and taken many Israelites back to Babylon (like Daniel). What hope did they have? City gone, Temple destroyed, and people dispersed.

Ezekiel's valley of dry bones is a reminder that there is hope. Hope in what? Hope In the Word of God. God's promise of a Savior to the Israelites still holds true. God promise to save His people and bring them back from exile is still enforce. There is hope in God and what He would do. Ezekiel's valley is a reminder that there is always hope in God!

God would bring the people back from exile. They would rebuild the city and the Temple. But it wouldn't be the Temple Ezekiel wrote about. There would be another Temple, not built with human hands. This Temple would be the dwelling place of God among men. He would come to His own, but His own would reject Him. They would despise Him and crucify Him. This Temple would be torn down in death but raised on the third day. Isn't this what Jesus said- "Destroy this Temple and I will rebuild it in three days."

In this Jesus is where our hope is placed. We know that because of His death we are saved from the sting of death. Because He was torn down to death we shall not die but live! But it isn't quite that simple, is it?

You were dead in your sins and trespasses in which you once walked. You were as dead as the dry, dead, valley that Ezekiel saw. You would be cut off forever from God and from life, if it was not for your Savior. Jesus took on flesh and offered Himself on the tree for you. In your place Jesus died under the wrath of the Father. He suffered it all for you. He did it all for you. And through your Baptism into Him you receive it. You are made alive as the Word of God is spoken over you and you are washed with Word and water. The victory Jesus won was given to you through your Baptism. It is yours then and yours now. You live in the reality of your Baptism!

Now what? You are saved. You live in Christ. You were brought into His kingdom; you belong to Him. So, live like it. Rejoice to worship your Savior who died to save you. Rejoice to help and serve your neighbors as yourself. Live your life as a witness to everyone of all that God has done for you and through you and to you. Can your dry bones live? Yes! They live now through Christ your Lord who has died for you. This is our Easter joy and confidence!

In Jesus Christ,
Pastor Boyer

G.L.U.E **“God Loves Us** **Eternally”**

1 Peter 1:3-9

Born Again to a Living Hope

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (ESV)

What more can be said? These passages say it all, don't they? God, in His mercy, saved us, didn't He? Jesus came down to earth for only one purpose: to save us from our sins! Can you save yourself? Can another man save you? Can you be saved by your good works? Can anyone but Jesus, save you from your sins? The answer, absolutely, is, “No!” Not you, not your wife or husband, not your children, not your parents. Nobody, but Jesus! And He did! He died on the cross, “for you!”

Through Jesus' death on the Cross, we know that God Loves Us Eternally!

God's blessings to all! Happy Easter! “He is risen; He is risen indeed!”

Jim Bratton

May Newsletter **Deadline:** **Wednesday,** **April 22, 2026**

Treasurer's Report

MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

Receipts	\$ 64,790.86
Less Expenses	- 65,235.65
Operating Income	- 444.79
Deficit Reduction	<u>1,100.00</u>
Net Income	655.21

CASH IN BANK & ON HAND

Petty Cash	100.00
Independent Checking	82,096.54
Independent Savings	30,076.69
Ind Bank CD	167,355.31
Ind Bank CD	50,000.00
Ind Bank CD	25,000.00
Ind Bank CD	81,723.18
Restricted Savings	<u>-205,882.13</u>
Total	\$230,469.59

Official Acts

BAPTISM

March 7 **Declan James Smith**, son born to Jordan Varney and Travis Smith on October 26, 2024.

Voters' Meeting **Sunday, April 19**

immediately following 9am worship

Donate to **Operation Hope and** **Care!**

The Evangelism Board plans to join with the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission in Bay City in Operation Hope and Care. This program ensures that everyone (adults and children) who enter the shelter is given a tote bag filled with necessities. It is our hope that we as a congregation can donate to this worthy cause. The dates for donating are April 11-May 9. There will be boxes for donations in the great room. Please consider as we help those in need. Items needed include shampoo and conditioner, hand and body lotion, shaving cream and razors (men and women), liquid hand soap, hairbrushes and combs, and deodorant (men and women).

Council Meeting **March 9**

Elders: The doors to the church will remain locked daily, a doorbell has been added by the office entrance for guests to be let in. No change in the budget. There are 114 inactive members on the list receiving a letter of encouragement to return to church.

Trustees: The cemetery report was shared by Larry Kuhl. Budget work is in progress.

Stewardship: All 20 of the Red Letter Challenge books for Lent were sold. Julie Burgess is coming in June. Meager Meal funds of \$394 were raised and will be given to the decorating committee. Budget will remain the same as last year.

Evangelism: Funds are needed for the Radio Mission, please help if you can. Evangelism is collecting hygiene items for the Good Samaritan Mission. Budget will remain the same as last year.

Youth: Our Meager Meal served 70 people and raised \$515. Friday, March 13 is the Jr High lock-out. We are still looking for one of our missing

outdoor benches. Daryl Faber will be in to complete the stonework in the Collide Room. The Sr High District Gathering is at Mackinac this summer. An informational meeting will be held March 22 after service in the Collide Room. A projected 3% raise to the budget is planned.

School Board: We are working on calendar revisions, schedules, personnel and classrooms. We will be having Renee Repkie stay on as support staff for non-core classes. We have been notified that the safety funding, grants, and hot lunch will officially not be offered to non-public schools. The upright freezer in the Sebewaing campus went up. We were able to use auction funds to quickly replace it, thank you to all who helped get this done.

Principal's Report: The A girls basketball team went to the State Lutheran tournament and took 4th place! Bentley Saenz, Ella Sattelberg, Norah Matthews, and Chance Bolzman represented CTK in the Saginaw Area Lutheran Spelling Bee on February 19. Our 5th graders went to the Henry Ford Museum on February 27. Ella Sattelberg won the Meemic Art contest for the second year in a row! Her art will be displayed in a special public art show gallery at the 2026 AAA Auto Expo in Dearborn this September. Pre-School/Kindergarten round-up is taking place March 10. We are hosting the Academic Fair March 18. CTK will host a rummage sale March 20-21. Funds raised will go to the Scholarship Fund.

Pastor's Report: Thank you to all who have supplied Meager Meals. Everything has been delicious! We will have 2 Confirmation dates this year, May 3 and May 10.

New Business: Peter Boyer has asked for scholarship funds to attend Concordia Chicago. There are people looking into this for him.

**Next Council Meeting: Monday,
April 13 at 7:45pm.*

**Next Voters' Meeting: Sunday,
April 19 after church (approx. 10:15)*

Our 175th Anniversary - February 2027

Our 175th year is a time of celebration for Immanuel. We can think of the possibility of several events on different dates during the year, or we can think of just one celebratory service. What would you like to see happen? How about a specific theme? Perhaps "gratitude" or perhaps "community outreach".

In preparation for the 175th, an anniversary committee is being formed. If you would like to be on the committee, please, let me know. I will serve as the chairperson.

Any ideas you have about a special activity for the 175th, please, let me know. If you see me in the hall or after Bible Class, feel free to speak with me, or if you'd like, write your suggestion on one of the white attendance cards and drop it into the offering plate. I've already been given a few suggestions but look forward to receiving many more.

In Christ we move forward with the planning of this special time, not only focusing on our past history, but also focusing on what role we want our church to take in the future of our community. Let your ideas and suggestions be creative and fresh.

In Christ, Barbara Bleck

CTK School News

Greetings from CTK!

Congratulations to our CTK girls basketball team for placing 4th in the State Lutheran tournament! We are proud of you! Way to go Lady Knights!

Congratulations to Mya Sweetman for making the All-State Team during the state tournament!

Bentley Saenz, Ella Sattelberg, Norah Matthews, Eleanor Matthews, and Chance Bolzman represented CTK at the Lutheran Spelling Bee. They did a great job!

Thank you to everyone who came out to look at our Academic Fair projects! We also appreciate everyone who supported our students by attending the different Meager Meals that they hosted!

Thank you to everyone who donated for the first CTK Rummage Sale! We had an abundance of items! We are grateful to have the support from the congregations and community to make this event a success!

Our Kindergarten and first graders went to Weiss Centennial Farm, in Frankenmuth, where they made pretzels and were able to check out the farm animals.

Our Unionville campus will have a Spring Concert on April 22 at 8:30 am, followed by their 9:00 chapel.

Our 7th & 8th graders will be on their Washington, D.C. trip from April 14-18. We pray they have a wonderful trip and safe travels while they are there.

CTK Lunch Program: Are you interested in being a part of our Adopt Our Salad Bar for a Day program, but aren't sure what to do next? Pick up a brochure at the back of the church.

We are truly blessed here at CTK, to have all the continued prayers and support for the staff and students! We greatly appreciate all that our congregations do for our school! Thank you!

God's Blessings,
Jen Yoder
Principal



Memorial & Gifts

IMMANUEL GENERAL FUND

IN MEMORY OF SUSAN REED

Don & Pat Holland
Pat & Kari Stecker

MUSIC FUND

IN MEMORY OF CAROLINE ENGELHARD SMITH

Kathleen Engelhard

CHRIST THE KING

IN MEMORY OF SUSAN REED

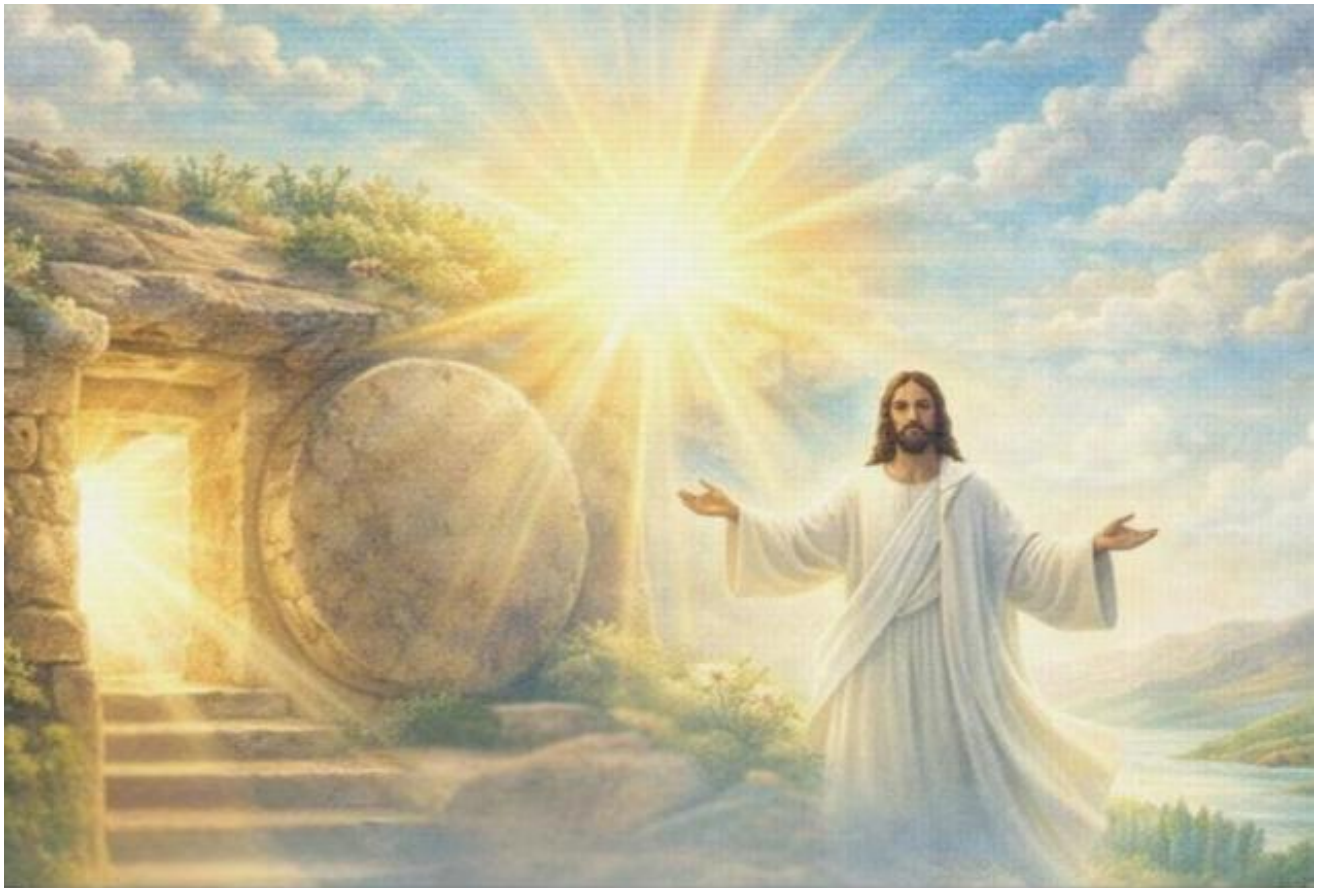
Jim & Connie Bunke
Rich & Vera Wrobleski - scholarship

IN MEMORY OF ELSON BAUR

Don & Brenda Hofmeister
Brian & Tara Hofmeister
Jim & Kathy Hofmeister - athletics



He is Risen!



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	6%	\$25			Marathon	3%	\$100		
Amazon	1.5%	\$100			Marathon	3%	\$25		
Amazon	1.5%	\$50			Shell	1.5%	\$25		
Amazon	1.5%	\$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			Delta Airlines	4%	\$250		
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$25			I Tunes	5%	\$15		
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$10			Pet Smart	6%	\$25		
Best Buy	4%	\$25			Restaurants	Profit	Amt	Quantity	Total
Cabelas	9%	\$100			Applebees	8%	\$25		
Cabelas	9%	\$25			Arby's	8%	\$10		
Dicks Sporting	8%	\$25			Biggby Coffee	7%	\$25		
Disney	3%	\$100			Bob Evans	10%	\$25		
Disney	3%	\$25			Bob Evans	10%	\$10		
Dunhams	8%	\$25			Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$25		
Famous Footwear	8%	\$25			Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$10		
Gap/Old Navy	14%	\$25			Burger King	7%	\$10		
Gordon's Food	4%	\$25			Happy Moments	8%	\$25		
Home Depot	4%	\$100			Chili's	10%	\$25		
Home Depot	4%	\$25			Chipotle	9%	\$10		
Kohls	7%	\$100			Cracker Barrel	8%	\$10		
Kohls	7%	\$25			Crumbl	7%	\$25		
Lowe's	4%	\$25			Crumbl	7%	\$10		
Macy's	10%	\$25			Dairy Queen	6.5%	\$10		
Marshall/TJ Maxx	6%	\$25			Dardens/Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Maurices	7%	\$20			IHop	8%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$100			Jimmy Johns	8%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$50			KFC	6%	\$25		
Meijer	3%	\$25			McDonalds	3%	\$25		
Menards	3%	\$100			McDonalds	3%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$25			Little Ceaser's	8%	\$20		
Micheals	7.5%	\$25			Omaha Steaks	11%	\$25		
Sephora	6.5%	\$25			Outback Steakhouse	10%	\$25		
Staples	5%	\$25			Panda Express	8%	\$25		
Target	2.5%	\$25			Panera Bread	8%	\$25		
Tractor Supply	4.5%	\$25			Panera Bread	8%	\$10		
Tractor Supply	4.5%	\$100			Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Ulta	7%	\$25			Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Under Armour	11%	\$25			Starbucks	4.5%	\$25		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$100			Starbucks	4.5%	\$10		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$50			Subway	6%	\$10		
Wal-mart	2.5%	\$25			Taco Bell	5%	\$10		
Visa	1.25%	\$100			Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25		
Visa	1.25%	\$50			Uno Chicago Grill	12%	\$25		
Visa	1.25%	\$25			Wendy's	6%	\$25		

Other: _____ Amt: _____

Total: _____ \$ _____

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Palm
Sunday**
March 29



Worship with
Communion
9:00am

**Maundy
Thursday**
April 2



Worship with
Communion
6:30pm

**Good
Friday**
April 3



Worship
1:30pm & 6:30pm

**Easter
Sunday**
April 5



Worship with
Communion
6:00am, 8:00am
& 10:30am

Hallelujah!
HE IS **Risen**

April 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 CTK No School 4:30 Evangelism	Maundy Thursday 2 CTK No School 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Worship/C – 2	Good Friday 3 CTK No School Church Office Closed 1:30 Worship – 3 6:30 Worship – 4	4
Easter 5 6:00 Worship/C – 5 8:00 Worship/C – 6 10:30 Worship/C – 7	6 CTK No School 5:00 Finance No Monday evening Worship	7 10:30 Bay View Gardens Devotions 5:00 Confirmation pics 6:00 Pub. School Conf.	8 8:15 Chapel	9 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 4:00 Mary Martha Guild	10	11
12 7:15 Elders Meeting 9:00 Worship/C – 8 9:00 CTK 6 handbells at Immanuel 10:15 SS & BC	13 5:00 Finance 6:30 Worship/C 6:30 Trustees 6:30 Stewardship 7:45 Council	14 6:00 Pub. School Conf.	15 8:15 Chapel	16 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	17	18
19 9:00 Worship/C – 9 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Voters Meeting	20 5:00 Finance 6:30 Worship/C	21 6:00 Pub. School Conf.	22 8:15 Chapel 4:00 Newsletter Deadline	23 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	24	25
26 9:00 Worship/C – 1 9:00 CTK PS/1 -St Paul 10:15 SS & BC	27 5:00 Finance 6:30 Worship/C	28 1:00 LWML 6:00 Pub. School Conf. 7:00 Board of Ed	29 8:15 Chapel	30 12:00 Bulletin Deadline		Flower Chairman Carol Truemner

April Birthdays

APRIL 1

Brian Adam
Michael Alderson
Brady Armbruster
Lloyd Haag

APRIL 2

Jacob Fischer
Lucas Fischer
Andrew Irion
Lori Kemp
Kaci Koch
John Schulz
Daniel Wildner

APRIL 3

Yvette Brink
Katelyn Engelhardt
William Lakie
David Wiltse

APRIL 4

Daniel Crumm
Landen Eremia
Kevin Gainforth
James Hofmeister

APRIL 5

Owen Moquin
Craig Yanke

APRIL 6

Elsie Hornbacher
Mark Janke

APRIL 7

Garrison Dyer
Brian Hofmeister
Reed Werschky
Jillian Williamson

APRIL 8

Oaklynn Bumhoffer
Nathan Schulz
Lisa Stecker

APRIL 9

Owen Bills
Stacy Pommerenke

APRIL 10

Matthew Bumhoffer
Paul Geiger
Lance Haag
Katherine Welther
Jeffrey Williamson

APRIL 11

Shannon Emery
June Gunsell
Dustin McKellar
Travis McKellar
Kaleigh Schafer

APRIL 12

Annette Kata
Kinsley Miles
Megan Moquin
Amber Pillsbury

APRIL 13

Rick Ewald
Jordan Fritz
Dale Volz

APRIL 14

Duane Eden
Wayne Goebel
Teresa Rose

APRIL 15

Brian Ritchey

APRIL 16

Logan Kemp
Evan Reithel

APRIL 17

Colt Gangler
Mary Jahr

APRIL 18

Jonathan Fiebig

APRIL 19

Vaelynn Harp

APRIL 20

James Bauer
Ashley Bills

APRIL 21

Dennis Engelhardt

APRIL 22

Tina Adam
Kurt Kelly
Carl Steff

APRIL 23

Ethan Gainforth
Kyle Kemp

APRIL 24

Kyle Brink
Deann Bumhoffer
Donald Fiebig
Joyce Jahr
Ruby Kauffold

APRIL 25

Zachary Fritz
Sara Russell

APRIL 26

Kimberly Fritz
Joseph S Schwartz

APRIL 27

No Birthdays

APRIL 28

Harold Engelhardt
Brooklyn Gangler
Nicolas Lutz
Kimberly Winchell

APRIL 29

Augustus Atwell
Cody Finkbeiner
Allison Zuzga

APRIL 30

Morgan Armbruster
Ethan Engelhardt
Victoria Fritz