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Quote from Martin Luther:

**Grant that I may not pray alone with the mouth;
help me that I may pray from the depths of my
heart.**

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SPRING SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:15AM

Worship: 10:30AM

Combined Youth Group

Wednesdays at 6:00pm

See next page for Holy Week Schedule!

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21st Sunrise Service 6:18 AM

at Immanuel Park,

Pancakes & Sausage: ~7:00-~8:30AM

in the social hall

Easter Worship for Everyone at 10:30AM

From the Pastor

IT'S GOOD FRIDAY, BUT EASTER'S COMING!

Tony Campolo preached a powerful sermon: "It's Good Friday, but Easter's Coming! The gist of his message is that we live as if it's Good Friday. We have forgotten that we are an Easter people, that the victory is ours through our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, we do live in a condition of brokenness on this side of eternity. But we also live in the reality that Jesus broke the bonds of sin and death that first Easter, and because of that historic reality, we are set free to live as God's people – we have hope that springs eternal in Jesus Christ.

The political polarity and infighting that we see in our nation; the poverty and injustice that pervades our world; the abuse in families; the infanticide in the abortion industry; the ugliness of drug and alcohol addiction; doomsday prophets regarding the life of our planet; wars and rumors of wars – we live in this fallen world, which if we're not careful can draw us into a darkness that typifies Good Friday.

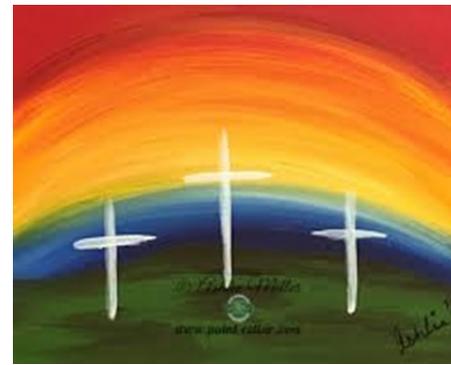
The ugliness of Good Friday was real; darkness did envelope the earth as Jesus hung on the cross from the sixth hour to the ninth. Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46) The torment was real, the suffering far greater than we can imagine, especially as Jesus took upon Himself the full-weight of the sins of the world – becoming sin. He breathed His last; the earth shook and gave up its dead. Good Friday was as dark and real, but through Jesus obedience to be the sacrifice Lamb, His blood shed on the cross, atonement was made, victory was won, the curtain in the temple was torn in two providing direct access for you and me into the Holy of Holies.

Good Friday was bleak, there's no two ways about it, but Easter came, and glory be to God! The Father's stamp of approval and verification of all that Jesus had done in His earthly ministry now brought to light: He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is the Resurrection and the Life. He is the Bread of Life, the Good Shepherd, the Door, the Living Water, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Great I Am!

We all too often live in Good Friday, and yet God has given us the gift of faith to believe in the reality of the empty tomb and the glory of Easter. We live in both worlds, but God has given us the power to see beyond the darkness into the light of hope in our Risen Lord Jesus. The reality of Easter transforms lives and moves us towards positive change, whether in politics, world affairs, education, environment, medicine, and especially the church.

It's Good Friday for many in our world. May we as Immanuel Lutheran be an Easter people, spreading the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ, and being change agents – a bright light in a dark world.
HE IS RISEN!! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

Pastor John



**April 21st Easter Sunday
Easton Sunrise Service at
6:18 AM**

Sunrise Service at Immanuel
Park on the North East corner
of Elm and Lincoln Avenue
(Across the street from Immanuel)

Easter Breakfast

In the social hall immediately following Sunrise Service until everyone is served approximately 8:30AM
(serving time may vary depending on the crowd)

Junior High & High School helpers gather at 6:15AM in the social hall.

Free will offering is taken to support Youth Programs.

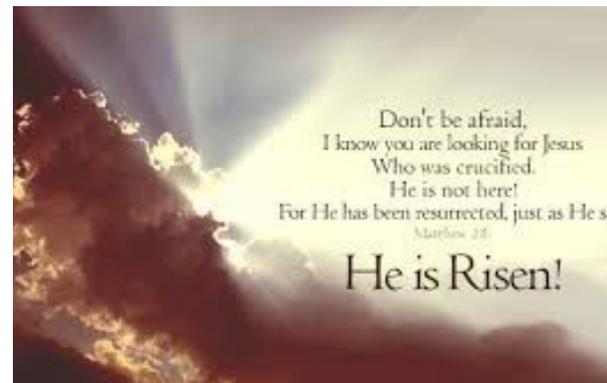


Easter Morning Worship with Communion

10:30AM in the Sanctuary at Immanuel.

Please bring fresh flowers and place them in our wood cross in front of the church.

Join us for worship and Fellowship time following the service. Immanuel will serve together during fellowship hour!
Everyone please bring a small plate of snacks to share.



Volunteers are needed for Easter Sunday,

There are many ways you can help and be a part of the celebration of our risen Savior, **please call the church office for more information if you would like more information.**

Holy Week

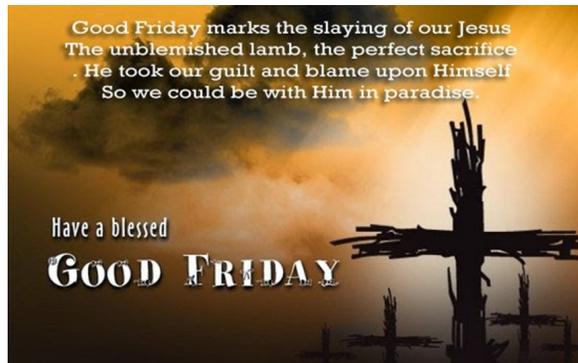


Palm Sunday, April 14th
Sunday School for every-
one at 9:15AM and
Worship for all at 10:30AM

Maundy Thursday,
April 18th at 7:00PM
Service with communion
and
First Communion served
to
Immanuel's 5th grade
Students.
(Men's Bible Study take altar duty)



Good Friday, April
19th at 7:00PM
Tenebrae Service
in the Sanctuary
Readers & Special Music
needed!
Please contact
Pastor John if you would
like to be a part of this



Lenten Worship Schedule

The highlight of the Church Year is upon us at Immanuel, and we invite you to join in the march to Good Friday and Easter as we spiritually walk where Jesus walked and celebrate the victory that is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have many worship opportunities to draw near to our Lord. "Behold The Man" Daily Lenten Devotionals are available in the narthex under the gold bulletin board. It's not too late to enjoy these daily devotions.

Our Lenten Worship continues with Pastor John's series: "Hands Around the Cross." Our Soup Supper begins at 6:30. We have been enjoying the beautiful artwork of Pete Gutierrez and his rendition of each theme:

March 27 – "Hostile Hands"
April 3 – "Guilty Hands"
April 10 – "Bleeding Hands"

Holy Week Schedule

April 14 – Palm Sunday with Procession of the Palms
April 18 – Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m., First Communion
April 19 – Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:00 p.m. We will need sixteen readers, plus acolyte and special effects people. We will have opportunities for special music throughout this service of darkness.

Easter Sunday Schedule

April 21 – Easter Sunrise Service at 6:18 a.m. at the grassy area across from the church. Pastor Steve Dominguez of the Worship Center will preach. Easter breakfast to follow in the social hall provided by our youth group.

Easter Festival Service at 10:30 a.m. – Invite family and friends to the highlight of the year for worship. The choir will sing and there will be other special music additions to this powerful service!

Journey

We have been looking at Romans in our Sunday morning class. Saint Paul is a complicated guy to say the least. Not to mention challenging. He's a whole lot deeper than I'll ever be, for sure. He makes things seem so cut and dried. I'm a whole lot more fond of shades.

Paul spends most of chapter one listing all the vile things that the Romans are doing. I'm feeling pretty good about myself, thinking, wow these guys are some first rate sinners. Feeling good that, thank goodness, I'm not that bad. But then chapter two opens with a move that most WWE stars would be proud of. He slams me to the mat! He says if you pass judgment on those people, at whatever level, you are condemning yourself. Unfortunately sin is sin. And by condemning them I slide myself into that same column, the one with the heading, sinner. I don't much like that notion. Don't get me wrong, I know I sin and fall short of the glory. But you know, I can feel pretty good about myself sometimes. Paul says God doesn't show favoritism. A price has to be paid for unrighteousness. God is just. Sin is death.

He talks about the law, the Ten Commandments and such. We are all in favor of everybody else being under the law, but for me, not so much. We have the advantage of living on this side of the cross. Jesus came along and died for you and me. So knowing that the law becomes useless to us, because, well Jesus took care of my sins. That's true. But the law is still important because, as Paul says, we can only know right from wrong because the law tells us what's right and wrong. You know the list: no other Gods, no idols, honor your father and mother, don't lie, steal, covet etc. He goes on to make the point that breaking the law, sinning, to make Jesus look good because he's able to forgive you more is just nonsense.

So then he goes on to explain that the righteousness that Jesus is holding out to us is ONLY attainable by faith. That's good. I have faith, I know that Jesus died for me. I can even say that I've moved on to that sure and certain knowledge level. I don't have any doubt that Jesus is who he said he was. God the Son. I know that my eternity is set. I will be in heaven with Jesus someday. I know that. And that is where whatever peace I have in my life comes from, directly!

Then in chapter seven he gets to what I was thinking about when I started this. He says, that is Paul says, verse nineteen, I do not do the good I want but I do the very evil I don't want to do. Boy is he right. But why is that? Well here is what I'm thinking. I'm still on this side of eternity. Being on this side means I'm still in 'ol Satan's realm. He's the villain! He's the one whispering in my ear such stupid things as, you're better than so and so,

Bethel Lutheran Home

Where tradition, faith, and value unite in caring hands...

Established in 1928, Bethel Lutheran Home is a warm, friendly, and comfortable senior living community where tradition, faith and value unite. Our philosophy is rooted in Christian values and has been attracting exceptional seniors for decades—interesting, independent thinkers, accomplished in many diverse ways. Here our lifestyle and the services we offer empower residents to have their needs met, without sacrificing the feeling of independence or the comforts of home.

Independent Living at the village: Our independent lifestyle affords our residents time to focus on their interests, talents, shared pursuits with family and friends, and the freedom to live each day as they choose. As a monthly rental community with no buy in fee, our residents are able to stay in control of their finances.

Assisted Living: Full of life, warmth, family and friends, our assisted living community brings together support and assistance in surroundings that are comfortable, inviting, and homelike. Recommended by area physicians and a popular family choice, assisted living at Bethel Lutheran Home offers individualized care in a beautiful location.

Skilled Nursing: If health needs ever change, Bethel Lutheran Home offers a full spectrum of Skilled Nursing services and long-term care with an emphasis on meeting physical, social and spiritual needs. A dedicated, interdisciplinary team provides compassionate care in a nurturing and supportive environment.

We encourage and welcome you to become part of our mission by volunteering to serve on the Board of Directors of Bethel Lutheran Home.

Please contact Board President, Phil Benner at 559-259-7780 for more information and to answer your questions.

Become a part of our Caring Hands.

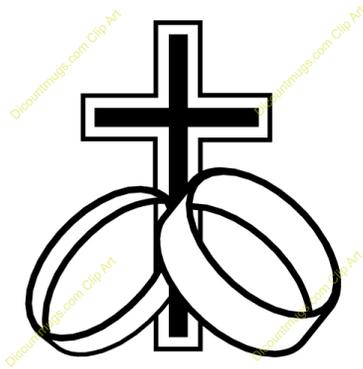
In Celebration of Our Members'

Birthdays

- 2-Betty Jensen
- 3-Linda Demant
- 5-Wayne Orum
- 7-Audra Salwasser
 - Marilyn Bell
- 9-Andrew Coelho
- 12-Carly Johnson
- 15-Elizabeth Petersen
 - Judy Hooper
 - Ronald Salwasser
- 19-Bonnie Terkelsen
 - Bruce McElhoe
- 23-Marilyn Nielsen
- 27-Kendall Anderson
 - Florence Johnston
- 29-Christian Johnson
- 30-Gaye Cissel

**April
2019**

Celebrations



Wedding Anniversaries

- 9- Don & Christie Pettitt (14)
- 13-Mike & Elaine Mehrten (23)
- 15-John & Sharon Reynolds (30)
- 17-Andrew & Liana Severin (26)
- 23-Carl & Betty Jensen (71)
 - Gary & Mary Kay Terkelsen (25)
 - Isaac & Sonya Orozco (14)
- 24-Steve & Rhonda Watkins (48)
- 25-Karl & Allyson Nielsen (4)

Baptismal Birthdays

- 1-Karl Nielsen
- 2 -Don Cathey
 - Christi Cathey
- 5-Jennifer Hartwig
- 8-Madison Gifford
- 11-Sandy Britter
- 14-Isaac Orozco, Sr.
- 16-Kaylee Hollenbeck
- 19-John Jensen
- 27-Johni Phillips

look at them. He's always looking to separate me from God. Always. He's the one who says you don't have to do the good you want, go ahead and do the evil you don't want. Jesus says he understands. He says, even while you are yet a sinner I died for you. And that's freedom! From a couple of months ago, do the best you can. Don't condemn yourself because Jesus isn't. But he also says don't condemn others. They're in the same boat. He says don't even condemn the ones that are condemning. Assume they are doing the best they can.

Jesus loves you, Satan doesn't.
Love, John.

Youth Ministry

Hello Immanuel,

Holy Week is coming up very quickly which means Breakaway will be here very soon!! If you have a 6th-12th grader that is interested in attending Breakaway or is in need of volunteer hours please let me know. I will send emails with the information and the permission forms as you request. **All permission slips are due to me on April 10th** with a \$30 deposit per child, or \$50 if you have two students attending. We hope to have your student join us for this awesome time of service and worship this April! For more information on this ministry please contact me.

We are selling Sal's vouchers for fund raising for BreakAway, See one of our Immanuel Youth after church or Soup Supper for the opportunity to purchase a voucher for one dozen Sal's Enchiladas for \$25.00. The voucher is good for one year and the enchiladas can be picked up at your convenience. They come ready or warm up or hot and ready to serve, it's your choice.

Be in prayer for our youth as they prepare for Breakaway and for our adult volunteers to have patience and relaxed spirits.

Jacob Wood,
Youth Director at Immanuel

Sunday School and Confirmation

Classes continue weekly at 9:15AM. Fifth Graders will meet on Saturday, April 13th with their parents for First Communion Class. Maundy Thursday will be the first communion celebration for our fifth grades: *Brooke Messenlehner, Julius Perez, Tayla Tarlton and Isaiah Spies.*
Special Note to remember: There will not be Sunday School Classes on Easter Sunday.

Mission to Cambodia Continues

One of the ministries in Cambodia was the 'House of Hope', a Christian home for children whose parents cannot care for them or children who do not have family. Biaki (called 'Mom B' by some) has managed this home, by faith and faithfully, for over 10 years. Biaki needs to go home (Northern India) to have needed surgery and to see her family. For months she has been praying for someone to take over the house in her absence. Make a long story short, Biaki met Holly Hathaway, a member of our team, and both Holly and Biaki felt prayers were answered. Holly will leave April 22 and spend two months being 'Mom' to these mostly teenagers in Cambodia while Biaki will spend well deserved time with her family.

Holly has been attending Immanuel Lutheran Church. She is a full time online student at Regent University majoring in International Studies. No class in International Studies will provide the experiences Holly will have in Cambodia. Holly will be able to continue her online studies while serving the 'House of Hope'. She has already been given opportunities to do some teaching at the nearby University. Her visa prevents her from officially working and being paid but she can volunteer. Although her expenses will be minimal, there will be a Tri-Tip Dinner on Sunday, March 31, after church to cover her expenses while in Cambodia.

There will be a prayer send off for Holly on Easter Sunday. Your support is very much appreciated.

The photo is a picture of Holly and of one of the girls at the orphanage.

Sharing God's Love,
Laurel Jacobsen



New Member Sunday

On March 24th Immanuel welcomed 5 new members into our church family. See future issues of the Chimes for profiles of our new members. This picture was taken by Lee Terkelsen during fellowship time after church. From left to right: Allyson and Rich Kahn, Laurel Jacobsen, Diane Laub and Pastor John Saethre.



(Not pictured: David Terrones, his toddler son Elijah was ready for nap-time so they zoomed home from church right after worship.)

Call Committee Report

Pastor David Wendel NALC Assistant to the Bishop sent advice and encouragement to Immanuel Lutheran Church as we are prayerfully waiting for God's will in our call process. He was happy to hear we were having dedicated prayer time focused on our pastoral call at Immanuel. He added that prayer is the most important thing we could be doing at this time! The call process is a spiritual process and we are waiting and watching for God to reveal His will---so, in the meantime, it is for us to be faithful, patient and prayerful! Pastor Wendel wants Immanuel to remember that God is doing something on behalf of our call committee and our congregation--He has not revealed it to us yet---but he will, in His time.

Pastor Wendel also asked our congregation to prayerfully consider these three questions while the call process is taking a bit more time than we may like. "What is God teaching us through this process? What is God showing us through the timing? What does God want us to learn as Christians trying to be faithful, as we are waiting and praying?"

The call committee asks for your continued prayers! Please plan to attend this congregational prayer time on the second Sunday of the month following Worship service.

Mark Salvasser

Prayers of the church

Members and their families serving in the military: Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Caleb Hathaway, Michael Hansen, Scott Linger, Matt Ward, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

Those unable to travel about:

Tom Britter, Olga Hansen, Elsie Hoff, Marilyn Iversen Art & Marian Olesen, Phyllis Petersen, Helen Mackersie, and Howard Nielsen.

Those in need of God's loving mercy and healing: Bobby Bell, Tom & Sandy Britter, Lori Clifford, Fred Cogan, Sr., Pastor George Demant, Esmerelda Figueroa, Shelly Grismore, Pastor Gary Gould, Al & Judy Hooper, Larry Maddox, Janet & Bill Messenlehner, Sal Navarro, Marian Olesen, Abby Pettitt, Virginia Pilegard, & Joe Wozniczka.

Sympathy Love and Prayers to the family of Marvin Stollar

Marvin Stollar passed away at the age of 95 on March 15th. He was born in Fresno on October 3, 1923 to Myrl & Jennie Stollar joining his sister, Dorothy. He attended University and Manning Elementary schools before graduating from Washington Union in 1941. He joined Immanuel in January of 2003 after attending the Easton Country Gospel Service every Sunday night along with the morning worship service. He was a regular at the Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study until he moved into San Joaquin Gardens after a fall in late 2016. He enjoyed attending Immanuel, sharing his faith always with a smile on his face. He was willing to help out whenever he was needed and loved to tell stories about farming and life as he knew it. He was great with the computer and checked his email regularly, he also enjoyed amateur radio as N6JAE. He always kept busy doing something productive.

Marvin was preceded in death by his first wife, Pat in 1983, and then by his second wife, Gloria in 2014. He is survived by his daughter, Cheryl Stollar of Fresno and his son and daughter-in-law Tom and Barbara Stollar of Santa Cruz. He is also survived by three granddaughters, Tamara (Lonnie) Glessner of Littleton, CO, Marsha Stollar (Troy Witzel) of Carmichael, CA and Sara (Lucas) Clark of Santa Cruz. Three great-grandchildren, David & Abby Glessner and Quinn Clark Marvin also leaves behind his sister Dorothy of Fowler, who is 100 years old. Grave-side services scheduled at Washington Colony Cemetery on March 30th at 10:00AM followed by a celebration of life luncheon at Immanuel.

News Notes

Birthday greetings to BETTY JENSEN on her 92nd birthday, April 2nd; to JUDY HOOPER on her 87th birthday April 15th; to BONNIE TERKELSEN on her 92nd birthday April 19th; and to BRUCE McELHOE on his 83rd birthday

Happy Anniversary to CARL & BETTY JENSEN on their 71st anniversary April 23rd.

MARCUS ORUM our crucifer every Sunday and custodian during the week also volunteered to be the leader for Work Circle E this year. On top of his busy schedule he participated in a Special Olympics Basketball Tournament on March 2nd and his team received a bronze medal. Marcus is a regular at every Fresno State Basketball Game, his seat is close enough to the team that he must hear all of the coaches pointers as he shouts them to the Bulldog Hoopsters. Congratulations Marcus, you did great! Immanuel is very proud of you and thanks you for all that you do for our church!

Thank you to the Choir Loft Cleaners CECIL HARDY, FRAN HANSEN AND CHRISTIE PETTITT! It's spiffy in there now. We found some red Immanuel T-shirts. TAKE ONE PLEASE! Find your size and wear it with pride. The t-shirts are located in the church entryway on a table. All remaining t-shirts will be donated to Holly to take to Cambodia and share with the families there.

PLATTERS AND CROCK POTS! Find yours and take it home. Some are in the kitchen and some are on the table in the church entryway. Pick them up today.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Who would like to re-do and refresh the bulletin boards in the church entryway and out front of Grace Hall. If that is your gift or talent please call the church office. It could be very fun!

CHURCH FAMILY REMINDER TO LOCK UP! Please remember to lock the church doors behind you when you leave.

SOCIAL HALL WILL BE GETTING A NEW ROOF! As soon as the rain stops for a week or two the roofers will get busy installing the new roof.

MARCH 2ND WORK DAY WILL CONTINUE ON APRIL 6TH. There were 12 folks that worked most of the day on March 2nd, if was a bit harder after the potluck lunch feast. We will gather again on April 6th in the afternoon to work on the flowerbeds around the front of the church. **Please join us on April 6th at 1:00PM to spruce up the Lord's House before Easter.**

Out to Dinner Nights

OUT TO DINNER NIGHTS! Who likes to go out to dinner? We've had a lot of fun gathering together and going out for a nice dinner. Tuesday, March 12th, fifteen folks gathered at Livingston's in the Tower District. The food was great but the restaurant was very loud. They removed the carpeting after the fire and in their remodel they just sealed the concrete floors. Let's hope we helped them earn some money for carpeting because it was just too loud for our large group to enjoy conversations. The April out to dinner will be at the new Lazy Dog Restaurant in River Park. Lazy Dog is located at 7965 N. Blackstone. They serve burgers, sandwiches, American (traditional) according to the Yelp reviews it's a great place. Pictures of the food look fun. They serve Candied Bacon????? What???? It's on deviled eggs too. This place should be interesting. If you want to bring your dog along, you will have to sit out on the patio. That's right, you can even order dinner for your dog at this place. Sign up on the blue bulletin board for out to dinner Night at the Lazy Dog Restaurant on Friday, April 12th at 5:30PM.

Easton Food Distribution

The Easton Food Distribution continues on the first Monday of every month, in April it's on the 1st day of the month, (no fooling) We need volunteers to help move tables, serve food and carry food out to cars for elderly and mothers with young children. The Neighborhood Market is free to all who attend. There are no regulations or requirements for the food the Community Food Bank just asks for some simple information for their database to assure their food is distributed.

If you have a few hours on a Monday afternoon, come out and help us. We gather at the Easton Presbyterian Church about noon and wait for the truck to arrive. Volunteers visit and enjoy each others company. Many of the volunteers come from the surrounding areas and help at other local distributions. Most are retired or not working. The volunteers bag fruits and vegetables and give to those who come through the line.

Most afternoons we are cleaned up and done by 3:00PM. The work is busy and physical but rewarding. We typically serve about 100 families each month. Immanuel has been serving Neighborhood Markets monthly since August 2013.

Women's Ministry

Immanuel's Women's planning committee met on Wednesday evening before Soup Suppers and planned some very exciting events for women at Immanuel and their friends. Every event will be on a Tuesday Night and start at 6:00PM in the Social Hall for dinner so you won't have to cook and each night will be full of The Good News, Food, and Fun!!!

April 30th: Motivation Night by Marcia Hollenbeck
"Spring Clean Your House and Heart"

Home Decorating Swap Night: You bring 1-3 home decorating items that you don't want anymore and wish to donate. For every item you bring, you can take home a replacement item. It's fun. All leftover item's will be donated to charity. Come for a baked potato bar dinner and special themed desserts: choose from: Mud Pie, Chocolate Éclair Dessert, Dump Cake, and Pineapple Upside down Cake.

May 28th Inspiration Night Speaker to be determined
"When Life Gives You Lemons...."

July 2nd Creative Night Learn to Paint a beautiful American Flag taught by Kaylee Hollenbeck
"America the Beautiful"

July 30th "Fashion with a Mission" Night with special guest speaker Pastor Ana Lopez founder of Fresno's organization: "Beauty for Ahes" Preview fall fashions with a fashion show.

August 27th Spiritual Night with Joanie Hathaway
"In the Potter's Palm"

Ideas floating out there with dates to be determined:

- Casserole/Dinner Swap led by Kristi Hollenbeck

Each attendee brings 4 of the same homemade frozen casseroles in 8X8 foil pans. Everyone trades casseroles and you get to go home with 4 different casseroles to put in your freezer ready to bake for a quick dinner when you don't have time to cook.

Do you have an idea that you would like to see happen through the Women's Ministry at our church? If you do, please call Victoria at 285-5181 or contact anyone else on the board. We would love to hear your ideas and plan some wonderful inspiring events.

Don't forget: Women's annual spring event: Blossoms in the Snow: at Trinity Lutheran on April 6th. Registration deadline: March 26th contact Nancy Newsom if you are attending cost is \$15.00. Women's September Retreat featuring Liz Harrison has Registration is due in May. See the Blue Bulletin Board for more information.

Immanuel and FCA Lunch

Immanuel began serving FCA Lunches on Thursday, **March 21st, we continue through April 25th.** The crew likes to serve cookies to the kids. If you like to bake cookies and share them please bring them to the social hall before Thursday at 9:00am. If you bring them on Sunday please have them marked FCA and packaged for the freezer and we will freeze them for Thursday.

Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive

Thank you to the March 10th Blood Donors! The crew in the blood mobile drew 18 pints of blood that Sunday morning! Hallelujah 54 people were helped by simple acts of kindness from folks from Easton. Thank you to the meatball sandwich crew, Fred Cogan and Rich Cisneros. The blood drives are so much fun when it's a 'Bleed and Feed' Sunday.

The next drive will be May 5th from 8:00-Noon. Each time you donate blood you help 3 people. Please **sign up if you plan to donate** so once we get the committed donors we will call the Blood Center and request a larger truck! Fred and Rich plan to fix a **free lunch** for all the donors. Non-donors are asked to pay \$7.00 for their lunch **Sign Up-in the church entryway blue bulletin board or email or call the church office!**

Portals of Prayer Daily Devotionals

Quarterly Devotionals are available for you! Pick up this year's second quarter edition of Portals of Prayer daily devotionals under the gold bulletin board in the church entryway.

Easton Y's Men Camp Scholarship

The Easton Y's Men Club would like to sponsor local youth (grades 3 through 8) to attend YMCA Summer Camp at Sequoia Lake. For more details please call Wayne Orum at 485-1837.

Family Camp 2019

Sign up now for Family Camp **June 5-12, 2019.** Immanuel has Logger's Flat Group Campground near Hume Lake for the annual Family Camp Outing. If you are planning to go, please sign up on the gold bulletin board in the church entryway. Everyone is welcome to enjoy some rest and relaxation in the great outdoors. Plan on fishing, hiking, crafting, cooking, reading, playing games, visiting, reading, sight seeing and what ever else you like to do in the mountains. Our campground is reserved for a whole week again this year so your options are a little wider. Come when you can! It will be interesting to see the campground so early in June. It may be a bit chillier this time of year you might want to pack an extra blanket.

Each group of campers provides their own food and shelter and enjoys the great outdoors together. Dinners are enjoyed together with a side dish potluck and each person brings their own table setting, drinks and main dish. Sign up on Sunday. The sign up sheet is up on Gold Bulletin board! Jot your name down soon. There is plenty of room!

Special Guests this year will be Pastor Paul and Linda Demant. Come and reminisce about the old days and enjoy hearing the new plans Pastor Paul has for his retirement!

St. Petersburg Choir Concert 2019

We are fortunate to have them

Performing at 6:30PM on March 30th in the sanctuary. There will be a free will cash offering taken for them.

Refreshments will be served following the concert and they will showcase items for sale from Russia.

**They will also perform special music at our worship service on March 31st
Come for great music and fellowship.**

April 2019 Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Don't Forget! Saturday, March 30th St. Petersburg Men's Choir Concert Immanuel Sanctuary 6:30PM</p>	<p>1 12:30PM Easton Food Distribution 1:30PM Tai Chi in Grace Hall 7:00PM NA Meet- ing in Social Hall</p>	<p>2 9:00AM Quilting in Social Hall 7PM Faith Bible Study at the home of Gina Cogan</p>	<p>3 8:00-10:00AM Breaking Grounds Cafe</p>	<p>4 6:00AM Men's Bible Study 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 1:00PM FCA Lunch in social hall</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 1:00PM All-Church Clean-Up ½ Day Emphasis: Flower Beds.</p>
<p>7 8:00AM Women's Board Meeting in church office 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship</p>	<p>8 1:30PM Tai Chi in Grace Hall 7:00PM NA Meet- ing in Social Hall</p>	<p>9 10:00AM Dorcas Bible Study in Church Library</p>	<p>10 8:00-10:00AM Breaking Grounds Cafe</p>	<p>11 6:00AM Men's Bible Study 10:00AM Women's Bible Study FCA Lunch in social hall</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 9:00AM- 11:00AM First Communion Class</p>
<p>14 Palm Sunday 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship</p>	<p>15 1:30PM Tai Chi in Grace Hall 7:00PM NA Meet- ing in Social Hall</p>	<p>16 12:00PM Fellowship Luncheon 7:00PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>17 11:00AM May Chimes Deadline</p>	<p>18 6:00AM Men's Bible Study 7:00PM Maundy Thursday and First Communion</p>	<p>19 7:00PM Good Friday Service</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Easter Sunday 6:18AM Sunrise Service 7:00AM Pancake Breakfast 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship</p>	<p>22 1:30PM Tai Chi in Grace Hall 7:00PM NA Meet- ing in Social Hall</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 8:00-10:00AM Breaking Grounds Cafe</p>	<p>25 6:00AM Men's Bible Study 10:00AM Women's Bible Study FCA Lunch in social hall</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship</p>	<p>29 1:30PM Tai Chi in Grace Hall 7:00PM NA Meet- ing in Social Hall</p>	<p>30 Women's Event In Social Hall 6:00PM Spring Clean Your House and Heart!</p>	<p>Alter Flowers in April 7-Mark & Victoria Salwasser 14-Marie Salwasser 21-Phyllis Sullivan 28-Mike & Carol Bennetts & John & Sharon Reynolds</p>	<p>Acolytes in April 7-Catrina Johnson 14-Emmerson Gardner 21-Aaliyah Bell 28-Kaylee Bennetts</p>	<p>Fellowship Servers in April 7-_____needed 14-Lee Terkelsen 21-All of Immanuel for Easter 28-Reynolds & Bennetts Families</p>	