

THE MESSENGER

The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa - April 2025

POTLUCK BRUNCH '2nd Sunday'

Palm Sunday, April 13, 10:15am, Fellowship Hall

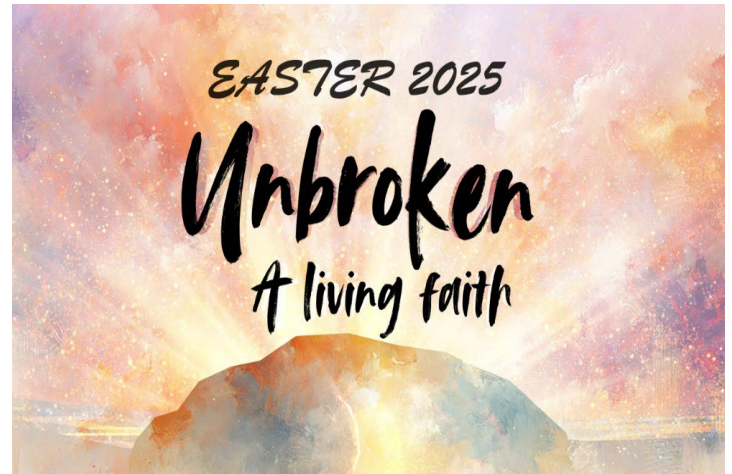


Hosted by Education Board

ALL WELCOME ~ bring your dish to share to

the kitchen before worship.

Can/bottle trailer will be parked out front



EASTER 2025

Unbroken
A living faith

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Palm Sunday Worship, communion

Procession with palms, ALL kids invited to process and sing
April 13, 9:15am

'2nd Sunday' Potluck Brunch follows worship
Can/bottle trailer available for donations

Maundy Thursday Worship, communion

Footwashing with 5th graders & parents
April 17, 6:30pm

Good Friday Worship

April 18, 6:30pm

Easter Sunday Worship, communion

April 20, 7:30am & 9:15am

Easter Breakfast (free will)

Easter Egg Hunt for the kids (outside)

April 20, 8-9am, Fellowship Hall
Hosted by High School Youth

COME JOIN US!
ILC RAGBRAI COMMITTEE
FIRST MEETING:
THURSDAY, APRIL 24 | 5 PM

We will need many volunteers to make ILC Ragbrai 2025 successful! Time commitment will be minimal, but fun will be big!

JUST WANT TO HELP?
WATCH FOR A SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTEERS JULY 21-23!

Questions?
Contact Emily Walker emilylynnwalker@gmail.com
or Elizabeth Bohl elizabethmbohl@gmail.com

Easter is Sunday, April 20

Remember or honor someone at Easter with a lily. If you would like to help beautify the sanctuary on Easter, please fill out the form and return to church by FRIDAY, April 11.

I would like to order _____ plants at \$13.00 each. Amount paid _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____



You are welcome to take the lily home following the Easter Sunday worship or share with someone!

The white lily, mentioned many times in the Bible, symbolizes purity, rebirth, new beginnings, and hope associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ as observed on Easter.

Letter from Pastor Rod

Unbroken and Unbreakable

You may have heard the phrase, "break it; you buy it." Growing up three brothers there were plenty broken items caused by our rambunctiousness. My mom said more than once, "just can't have anything nice in this house." Of course, those moments, we brothers always blamed each other. "Yes, I into it, but you pushed me!"



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It's easy to see we live in broken world. People get broken by the circumstances of life all the time. Wars, famine, family conflict, illness all add up to assaults on the life God has given. This is exactly what the Apostle Paul is talking about in Romans 8 when right in the middle of a beautiful proclamation that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of Christ he writes:

'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

Paul is acknowledging that he and his fellow missionaries are being beaten up, assaulted, and broken by the circumstances of the life they have been called into as followers of Jesus. Still, despite this reality, Paul concludes this to the question, "Who will separate us from the love of Christ?" *No, in all these things [assaults] we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:35-39)*

The cross is the crescendo of God's love for God's creation. It is the moment when God says, "I will not let evil, violence, suffering, hunger, hardship, struggle, illness, inhumanity or anything in this world break you. I will be broken to hold you and all things together."

Easter is therefore a proclamation and a declaration that we, as creatures and the creation of God are unbroken and unbreakable. Sin, evil, and the forces that oppose God will do its best, but the empty tomb tells the real story: In Christ's rising from the dead, we too have victory in him and are held together – unbroken and unbreakable – by his love. God is not and will not sell us out, give up on us, or turn away. God continues to lead us toward the abundant life found only in the one who overcame death and the grave – Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

A Blessed Holy Week and Easter to you all!

Immanuel Kids

Easter Love!

When someone raises their hand to their forehead and makes the letter "L" with their hand, they are typically telling the person on the other end of that gesture that they are a

looser. It isn't a kind thing to do.



Now look at the cross. Can you see that where the cross beams intersect there are four "Ls" One is right-side up; one is upside down; one is upside down and backwards; and one is upside down and forward.

This "L" in the cross can't mean loser because Jesus is the victor over the power of the cross. It must mean "LOVE." It symbolizes God's love for you and me and all of creation: a love that is right-side up, upside down, forward and backwards. God loves you every day, in every way, and in every direction. God loves you more than you can ever imagine.

Happy Easter!

Pastor Rod

Endowment Fund Continues Growth

Immanuel's Endowment Fund had another good year in 2024. The fund was up 21.6% for the year and total value was nearly \$1.5 million as of December 31, 2024. Returns have topped 20% for four of the past six years with only one down year (minus 14% in 2022).

The Immanuel Lutheran Endowment Fund & Memorial Trust was established in 1985 as a financial resource in the event of unforeseen emergencies. Directors of the fund may distribute income from the fund for such things as capital improvements/building expansion; religious, educational and charitable work; and contributions to the programs of the ELCA.

The Endowment Fund provides approximately 5% of the value of the fund (as of September 30) to the church's general fund for the following calendar year. At their October 2024 meeting, directors voted to provide \$68,000 to the general fund to be used in 2025 in accordance with the Endowment bylaws.

Since 2012 when the value of the fund was just over \$500,000, the Endowment Fund has received nearly \$240,000 in donations while contributing \$432,772 to the general fund.

Current directors are David Damm (chair), Steve Westerberg (vice-chair), Mark Johnson (treasurer), Jen Jenkins (secretary), Cindi Lehmann, Kathy Leuwerke and Keith Walker. Pastor Rod Hopp and Kim Severson (business administrator) also attend the quarterly meetings.

The Endowment Fund is currently invested 86 percent in a stock index fund, 9 percent in fixed income (bonds and CDs) and 5 percent in cash (money market fund). The CDs are purchased through the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA. The Mission Investment Fund provides low-interest loans to established ELCA congregations, new-start congregations and ELCA-related ministries.

If you would like to donate to Immanuel's Endowment Fund, there are several ways to do so:

1. Designate current gifts to the Endowment Fund. We ask that this is in addition to your regular church giving, as to not reduce annual giving to Immanuel.
2. Include the Endowment Fund in your will or other legacy planning. Make sure to designate the Immanuel Lutheran (Forest City, Iowa) Endowment Fund as the recipient of your gift.

3. Do a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Anyone 70.5

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Holy Week music



I love this time of year! And not for the eggs, or the chocolate bunnies. But the empty tomb! You ask my family what did Zech always say about Holy Week? It's exciting and he wanted to be at every service possible on Easter. This is most certainly true. I love hearing the Gospel read and proclaimed, but I also love to sing the music. From Go to Dark Gethsemane, Beneath the Cross of Jesus, all the way to Thine is the Glory! Maybe you like the tunes too, but there's something about

singing and the emotions these songs bring.

But growing up there were two choir songs I just loved to sing. One was called behold the lamb of God. Some of the lyrics say, "Behold the lamb of God the lamb for sinners slain. The perfect sacrifice for all, behold his hands and side." It was a powerful song that we'd sing as a choir at the end of the service and you went home emotional. But then there was Easter, and one of my favorite songs in choir was called He is Not Here. It was sung so loud and you could feel the joy with each note. Here are some of the words, "Twas at the break of day when women came with spices to announce our Lord. And going to the tomb they asked who will move the stone that guards the door. Then they found there was no stone but a man was standing there instead. Dazzling white in raiment white saying Jesus is not dead. He is not here he is Risen, see the tomb is empty where he laid. Jesus Christ is Risen from the dead." It was a song where you didn't mind your voice being tired because all you could yell out is He is not Here! He is Risen.

For some reason those songs are on my mind this month, as they are each Holy Week even though I haven't sang them in years. I hope this Holy Week season you'll listen to the words that you sing in worship, and be moved by the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in scripture and song. Because it's awesome music. What are some of your favorites that stick with you?

I look forward to seeing you soon, Interlinked in Christ.

Pastor Zech Anderson

Introducing Immanuel's Parish Nurse

Hello! I'm Rachel Holst, your new Immanuel Lutheran Church Parish nurse!

I'm excited to begin serving the congregation and community in April. I have been a Registered Nurse nearly 5 years now specializing in Pediatrics, but have a history in long term geriatric care, and intellectual disability populations as well! I am also currently finishing my Bachelor's in nursing degree at Morningside University. In my free time I enjoy hunting, fishing, nature walking, golfing, and camping. I plan to collaborate with other Parish nurses to gather ideas to serve the congregation the best way, while also organizing educational and fun activities of all ages, preform blood pressure clinics, visit those in need who are shut in or have been hospitalized, and create care kits for the congregation and community members. Stay tuned for contact information and any fun updates to add to your calendar! I am here to serve all health and well-being needs.



✝ Promiseland

Elizabeth Bohl



The weather and Spring Break have kept us from meeting for 3 weeks in a row, so we are definitely ready for spring at Promiseland! The kids have been learning about Joseph for about 3 weeks and seeing them make connections from one week to the next has been amazing. I switched the curriculum up after Christmas so we would be learning more about the people in the Bible and from what I've seen, the change has allowed the Bible stories to become more solidified in the kids' brains. They're excited to share about what they've learned!

Immanuel Lutheran Church VBS 2025

PROMISED LAND

Join us on a journey to God's Promised Lands

June 9-12, 2025 | 2:30-5:00 PM
for students 3 years old-entering 6th grade
Free Family Meal at 5:00 each night

REGISTRATION AND VOLUNTEER SIGN UP WILL BE COMING SOON!

Day on the Hill 2025



Lutheran Day on the Hill, March 11, was a powerful day at the Capitol with more than 400 participants coming together to advocate for a better Iowa. Immanuel's representation attending (pictured) Joy Newcom, Kathy McEnelly, Nancy Westerberg, Pastor Rod Hopp, Pastor

Jeniffer Tillman and Steve Westerberg. The yearly event is hosted by Lutheran Services in Iowa and the three Iowa Synods.

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years of age or older can donate a portion of a traditional IRA to Immanuel's Endowment Fund, including money from a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), up to \$100,000 per year. Your IRA administer should have a special QCD form allowing you to donate money from your traditional IRA directly to Immanuel's Endowment Fund. That way, the donation goes DIRECTLY to Immanuel and no tax is owed by the person giving the donation. Note that a QCD gift is NOT deductible as a charitable contribution on Schedule A. For more information on QCDs, see Publication 590-B at IRS.gov or speak with your tax planning professional.

If you have any question about the Endowment Fund, please direct them to Pastor Rod, Kim Severson or one of the directors listed in paragraph five above.

Board notes

Mission & Outreach

Ryan Strom

Board met on 3/3/2025 / 6:30pm / Zoom. Attendees: Ben, Ryan, Jaci, Marla, Ken, Ruth

Follow-up: Mission and Outreach Chair- Keith moved on to Education Board, so a new chair is needed.

Mission emphasis Jan.-Feb. to Good Samaritan account and Wednesday meals- \$559.65 given to each. Special Offering for March and April are going to 3 Bible Camps. Noisy offering for camps April 27 & 30.

New Business: Mission and Outreach Chair- Ryan Strom. Considering our mission funding given to Lutheran World Relief. Lent offering is going to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Notes: Ben and Ruth are working on gathering more information for our mission emphasis. They will give Ryan information to be combined before our next meeting.

Suggested Synod contributions discussed: \$400 assembly offering for the WIS Pig Project is suggested from the Synod.

Next meeting on Monday, April 7, 6:30pm, Zoom.

Trustees

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met on March 17, 2025 at the church. February finances unavailable at printing.

Endowment: \$54,000 was allowed for disbursement in 2024 and \$68,000 will be allowed in 2025. No new requests were submitted.

Property Committee: Tim Severson replaced the main bath toilet in the parsonage. Board discussed the Parsonage oven replacement options.

Personnel Committee: nothing presented

New Business: No new Business

Old Business: Discussed signage to Immanuel for out of town entrance.

Parish Council

Ben Arentson, Secretary

Members Present: Council met on March 17 with members: Ben Arentson, Jen Jenkins, Kathy McEnelly, Keith Walker, Kristene Petersen, Marla Betz, Tina Berg, Pastor Rod Hopp, Pastor Zech Anderson. Absent: Steve Westerberg.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Kathy McEnelly at 6:35 PM. Devotions were shared by Keith Walker.

Old Business: February meeting minutes were reviewed; Keith moved to approve the minutes. Motion carried. The consent agenda was reviewed. Pastor Rod discussed setting dates for outdoor worship for summer 2025. June 8th and July 13th were discussed as possible dates. Kathy motioned to cement these dates, followed with a second by Jen. Council carried the vote. Acceptance of consent agenda was moved by Marla; motion carried.

New Business: The upcoming RAGBRAI event was discussed. A RAGBRAI committee is being headed by Liz Bohl and Emily Walker. Anyone interested in joining the committee, speak with Liz and Emily. Council members had asked for more details to clarify the process a congregation goes through to become a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. There are 9 steps to work through before any vote is scheduled. It is a slow and intentional process intended to assist a congregation to grow in their ability to welcome and include a diversity of people and create safe space for all. The process typically takes two to five years from start to end. Council agreed to explore if there are non-council members willing to form a leadership team.

Council discussed picking up "Piloting Church" book and developing a manifesto. In the next few months the new Council members will be caught up reading the book so discussions on our Church manifesto can occur. Keith brought to the Council asking if Council would be willing to provide and serve a meal for VBS June 9th-12th. Council agreed to support a VBS meal.

Business Financials: (unavailable at printing).

Upcoming Events: Next Council Meeting is April 14th. The Monthly brunch is April 13th sponsored by the Board of Education. Closing Prayer offered by Keith Walker. Meeting Adjourned by Kathy at 7:52pm.

Parish Life

Mary Kingland

Board of Parish Life met on Tuesday, March 4th at 4:30 p.m. Members present: Lisa Chisholm, Pastor Zech Anderson, Mary Kingland and Kathy Leuwerke, via telephone

We discussed honoring volunteers throughout the month of May. We will finalize those plans in April and will further discuss other summer events, the Church Picnic and Waldorf Block Party.

Board of Ed

Elizabeth Bohl

Education Board met on Tuesday, March 18, 4:30pm. The Board finalized plans for the Lenten Fair for students in 3rd-5th grades on Wednesday, April 9 during Promiseland. We still need one more person to lead a group (the plans and materials will all be ready!).

We discussed the Potluck on April 13 and Elizabeth Bohl and Emily Walker presented the plans that have been made for Vacation Bible School. VBS dates are June 9-12, 2:30-5, with meal 5-5:30.

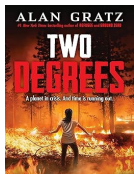
Library News April 2025



Youth Book

Two Degrees

By Alan Gratz



Fire. Ice. Flood. Three climate disasters. Four kids fighting for their lives.

Akira is riding her horse in the California woods when a wildfire sparks--and grows scarily fast. How can she make it to safety when there are flames everywhere?

Owen and his best friend, George, are used to seeing polar bears on the snowy Canadian tundra. But when one bear gets way too close for comfort, do the boys have any chance of surviving?

Natalie hunkers down at home as a massive hurricane barrels toward Miami. When the floodwaters crash into her house, Natalie is dragged out into the storm--with nowhere to hide.

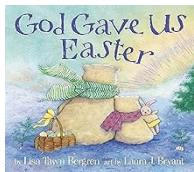
Akira, Owen, George, and Natalie are all swept up in the devastating effects of climate change. They are also connected in ways that will shock them--and could alter their destinies forever.

Bestselling author Alan Gratz is at the top of his game, shining a light on our increasingly urgent climate crisis while spinning an action-packed story that will keep readers hooked--and inspire them to act.

Children Book

God Gave Us Easter

By Lisa Tawn Bergren & Laura J. Bryant



"God loved us so much he wanted us to always be with him too. That is why God knew he would need to give us Easter."

As Little Cub celebrates Easter with Papa, Mama, and her brother and sister, she begins to ask her papa

questions about this very special day of the year. Papa lovingly explains God's plans for his children, while taking Little Cub on a memorable walk through her stunning Arctic world, and he shares how Easter came about in clear, simple terms that even the littlest cubs can understand.

(All descriptions are taken from Amazon.com)

Adult Books

The Shack

By Wm Paul Young



Mackenzie Allen Phillips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting

him back to that shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever.

In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" The answers Mack gets will astound you and perhaps transform you as much as it did him. You will want everyone you know to read this book!

The Second Half

By Lauraine Snelling



Mona and Ken Sorenson are approaching the best years of their lives. Mona's greatest concern is that Ken will learn of the surprise party she is planning for his retirement from his job as Dean of Students at Stone University. They have already been making plans to travel, spend limitless hours in the garden, and Ken is looking forward to

working on his woodworking and fishing with his grandchildren. It is what they deserve after years of careful planning.

But things begin to unravel when Ken learns that office politics are about to destroy his department. Can he really just leave, abandoning the work he spent a lifetime achieving? Mona is eager to build her event planning business with Ken's help, but rather than supporting her, he expresses concern that the stress of the work will send her back into the depression she struggles with. Then, just days before Ken's last official day of work, their son, a Special Forces officer in the Army, learns he is being immediately deployed on a six-month mission in Pakistan. Since his wife left him, the only people he trusts to care for his two young children are his parents. In an instant, everything Ken and Mona spent their lives planning changes, and they will need to find strength, both physical and mental, to become parents once more. This is not the second half they wanted, and when their son fails to contact them as planned, they struggle to trust that it is God's plan, not theirs, that matters most.

Communion Class

A two-part Communion Class, mainly for 5th graders, is scheduled for Tuesdays, April 8 & 15, 3:30-5pm. Parents are to attend on April 15, 5-5:30pm with their student. This class is also open to any older students who maybe didn't have a chance to attend in the past. Immanuel implements Communion of the Baptized, so some of the 5th graders might be communing already, this class is for these students as well.

On Maundy Thursday, April 17, the students and their parents will be a part of the foot washing ceremony and well as commune during 6:30 worship.

Bible Camps

April (& March) Mission Emphasis continues as BIBLE CAMPS. Plan for NOISY OFFERINGS during worship on Sunday, April 27 and Wednesday, April 30, or give towards 'mission emphasis' anytime. We will be sharing your gifts with Lutheran Lakeside (Okoboji), Ingham Okoboji (Milford), and Riverside (Story City).

If you are looking for a summer job or know someone who is, Camps are in the hiring process for a variety of counselor positions or support roles. Google the Camps to find their websites/applications/schedules/etc.

Whether you are a 4-year old and up, a Confirmation student, a family, someone looking for a trip opportunity, or of 'senior age' there could be something you might be interested in at camp.

Volunteer April 2025

Assisting Ministers

- April 6.....Ken Korth
- April 13.....Olivia Banta
- April 20.....7:30am Patti Stuckel
.....9:15am Kathy McEnelly
- April 27.....Kathy McEnelly

Scripture Readers

- April 6.....Steve Olmstead
- April 13.....Ray Beebe
- April 20.....Tasha Banta
- April 27.....Kay Sorensen

Song Leaders

- April 6.....Scott Bertelsen, Jaci Thorson
- April 13.....Steve Olmstead, Renae Hopp, Cindi Lehmann
- April 20.....9:15am Mark & Joy Newcom
- April 27.....Olivia Banta, Sarah Leichsenring, Pastor Zech

Altar Care

- April 6.....Colleen Schmidt
- April 13.....Kathy Leuwerke
- April 20.....Jean Yeager
- April 27.....Joan Beebe

Communion Servers

- April 6.....Matt Welp, Sarah Leichsenring
- April 13.....Kelli Welp, Michael Bohl
- April.....Leah Boyd, Carolyn Korth, Keith & Emily Walker
- April 27.....Harlan Rodberg, Ken Korth

Communion Set Up

- April 6.....Cindy Korth
- April 13.....Tasha Banta
- April 20.....Ruth Melby
- April 27.....Ruth Melby

Ushers

Jim Lund, Gary McCarthy, Tina Berg. April 20 Stross Newcom.

Offering Counters

Carol Merritt, Mary Rodberg, Ellen Olson, Mavis Hess

Laundry

Tammy Krieger

The Shepherdess Speaks



They say April showers bring May Flowers, but what comes after the snow melts? Spring! This month, I plan to explore a question as old as time itself with our Middle Schoolers, "What is the meaning of Life?" Since the meaning of life harbors so many different meanings to everyone, I am going to empower our Middle Schoolers to produce their own answers by exploring three central themes paired with the Apostle's Creed: Family on April 2nd, Mortality on April 9th, and Creativity on April 23rd after our Holy Week

hiatus. I have been given the privilege to plan Maundy Thursday this year. I have also been given the opportunity to highlight both Campus Ministry and our current Prayer Room at Waldorf during Warrior Wellness Day. Please let me know if you would like to help in any way with the new Meditation Room. Plans are being made to have this space rearranged (and potentially renamed) by the Summer. Let us look forward to the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In God's Abiding Love,

Pastor Jeniffer Tillman, Chaplain of Waldorf University

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – PERSONAL CARE KITS

For 80 years, LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF has been sharing their love and support around the world!

This time of year, we want to share our love by packing PERSONAL CARE KITS.

When homes are destroyed or families must flee for safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. These Kits provide critical germ fighting supplies and a chance to regain dignity amid fear and uncertainty.

Donate any of these items or make up your own kits:

A lightweight bath towel (darker color), 2 4oz bars bath soap, toothbrush, nail clipper, and a sturdy comb.

To make up your own kits, put all items inside the bath towel, roll and tie with string or yarn.

Please bring items to the church office. Kits will be assembled in early May. Your donations will be supplemented by a Thrivent Grant.

Cindy Korth, Coordinator

Worship on the Radio

We are fortunate to offer Sunday morning worship over the radio airwaves over KIOW 107.3FM at 11:00am on Sundays. We are thankful for Immanuel members, families, or friends who help sponsor these broadcasts each week. The cost is \$100.

Would you like to sponsor one of these available dates?

Available dates:

- May 11
- August 31
- June 8, 22
- Sept. 7, 14, 28

Call or email the office to reserve a date (585-3152, jaci@immanuelfamily.com).

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom 4:30pm- Parish Life, Lounge 6-7pm- Book Study, Lounge	2 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:25pm - Promiseland /MS ministry 6:30pm- Lenten Worship, Kids sing, comm. 7:15pm- Choir 7:15pm- HS Youth Group	3 9am -Women’s Bible Study, Lounge	4	5
6 9:15am- Worship 10:15am- Coffee, FH / Promiseland	7 2:30pm- Forest Plaza Communion Service w/pastor 6:30pm- M&O, Zoom	8 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom 3:30-5pm- 5 th gr Comm Class, Shalom 4:30pm- Ed Board, Kitchenette	9 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:25pm – 3 rd -5 th gr Lenten Fair/Promiseland/MS Ministry 6:30pm- Lenten Worship 7:15pm- Choir 7:30pm- HS Youth Group	10 9am -Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	11 Easter lily orders due	12
13 9:15am- Palm Sunday Worship, all kids sing & process 10:15am- Potluck Brunch, FH / Promiseland Bottle can donation trailer	14 5pm- Trustees, Shalom 6:30pm- Council, Shalom	15 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom 3:30pm –5 th gr Communion Class, Shalom (parents join 5-5:30)	16 7:15pm- Choir	17 9am -Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 10am – Martha Circle, Shalom 10:30am- Good Sam Comm service 1:30pm- Rachel/Sarah, Lounge 6:30pm- Maundy Thursday Worship	18 6:30pm- Good Friday Worship	19
20 7:30am- Sunrise Easter Worship 8-9am – Easter Breakfast, FH 8-9am – Easter Egg Hunt 9:15am- Easter Worship	21 Church offices closed	22 1pm- LWR Quilting Do Day, FH 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom 6:30pm- Scouts Pack Mtg, FH MAY MESSENGER DEADLINE	23 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:25pm - Promiseland /MS ministry 6:30pm- Worship, comm. 7:15pm- Choir 7:15pm- HS Youth Group	24 9am -Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 5pm- RAGBRAI Community Mtg, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	25	26
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Serving each Wednesday, 4-6pm in the dining room; take outs available. Thank you to all our dinner guests who are enjoying this free community meal and hopefully spreading the word so others feel welcome to come join us.
Kathy McEnelly, cook

April Menu:

- April 2 THRIVENT MEAL SPONSORED BY ALICE LEWELLEN (rescheduled from 3-5)
Cheesy chicken spaghetti, hot dogs, lettuce salad, dinner roll, variety of cakes
- April 9 THRIVENT MEAL SPONSORED BY CAROL MERRITT (rescheduled from 3-19)
Grilled cheese or egg salad sandwich, chili, tater tots, Jello w/whipped topping
- April 16 NO MEAL – HOLY WEEK
- April 23 THRIVENT MEAL SPONSORED BY JAN BUFFINGTON
Hamburgers, potato salad, cole slaw, brownies & ice cream
- April 30 Chicken legs, creamy noodles, peaches and cottage cheese, pudding

Blessings & Prayers

Prayers

Taylor & Sarah Nelson and family in the loss of Taylor’s grandma, Florence Nelson of Forest City (formerly of Leland)

Bernie Kofron, Rick & Cindy Kofron, Christy & Chuck Smoley, Mandi Kofron, Amy Kofron, Tanner Smoley, family & friends, in the loss of wife/mom/mother-in-law/grandma, Karen Kofron of Forest City

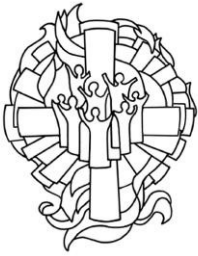
Jody Harmon, Ashley Skiye, Tyler Harmon, Mitch Bartleson, Paige Nicholas, Sandy Jenkins, Jolene Midtgaard, Jeanna Bina, Mark & Jen Jenkins, grandkids, family and friends, in the loss of husband/dad/son-in-law/brother-in-law, Kevin Harmon of Forest City

Matt Bartleson, family and friends, in the loss of mom, JoAnn L. Bartleson of Forest City

Dawn & Craig Johnson, and family, in the loss of Dawn’s dad, Lyle Borgschatz of Wanamingo, MN

Jennifer & Michael Christ and family, in the loss of Jennifer’s grandma, Linda Landheer of Buffalo Center.

Mike & Kim Mollenhauer, Abby & Matt Harriman, family and friends, in the loss of Mike’s mom/Abby’s grandma, Lila Ferguson of Marion



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