

**FEBRUARY**  
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## **Pastoral Reflections – “PRECIOUS GEMS FOUND IN THE CHURCH”**

“Pastor, there’s a white man in the church,” said Muriel Brown over the intercom. She was the church secretary at Berea Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan (an all Black LC-MS congregation until Joanne and I arrived to serve as pastor’s wife and pastor of this inner-city church).

“I know” I answered, “It’s me!”

“Pastor, stop it,” she replied. “I mean there’s another white man in the church.”

I enjoyed teasing this older black woman who had become my friend, my confidant, my mother-confessor and my tutor in avoiding cross-cultural mishaps.

So not missing an opportunity to be playful, I responded by asking, “So what are you inferring? Are you suggesting the neighborhood is going to ruin with two of us here?”

“Pastor now you really must stop! Go see what he wants,” she gently scolded.

Walking from my study into the sanctuary I saw the middle-aged stranger standing in the middle of the aisle staring at the polished wood altar.

“Hi, can I help you?” I asked as I came into view.

Of course there was surprise on his face as he saw me there in my clerical collar.

“You must be the pastor,” he said somewhat embarrassed.

“I am,” I said. “My name is Pastor Bill Yonker. Nice to meet you.”

The stranger told me his name and then he proceeded to tell me that as a young boy he had gone to this church and to the school that was attached. Back when he went to school though it was a different congregation - - it was called Tabor Lutheran Church and School. He then gave me some history.

In the late 1960’s, Detroit, like many other urban areas suffered through the race riots. Detroit more than most other cities, experienced an enormous exodus of white businesses and residences from the urban centers to suburbia and rural areas. The sociologists called this “white flight.” Churches were not exempt from these departures. The congregation and school families of Tabor Lutheran Church and School abandoned their joint building and started anew in the suburb of Redford Township.

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## Pastoral Reflections...cont'd

Berea Lutheran Church was started as an all-black mission by the sainted Rev. Norman Brandt in the late 1940's. Within 20 years it had grown to such a size that it needed a bigger building. The congregation of Berea Lutheran Church and School purchased and moved into the building once occupied by Tabor in the 1960's.

Now nearly 30 years later the stranger in the church told me he had come back to the building in which he was baptized and confirmed to both reminisce and pray. I, of course, agreed to this after enjoying his conversation.

About an hour later, I answered the knock on my office door. The stranger I had just met said he would be heading out and wanted to say goodbye. Before he left, though, he asked me if I ever heard of Ernie the janitor, who once worked at this church and school when it was still called Tabor. He then told me a fascinating account.

When the stranger was a young school boy, Ernie the janitor was everyone's favorite person at the school. He was kind and helpful although he was kind of shy. However, one day he just disappeared. After a few days of no-shows for work the pastor went over to Ernie's apartment. Sadly, he found it totally empty and abandoned. Ernie had packed up and vanished with no note or forwarding address. A few months after Ernie's disappearance the pastor was visited by two men from the FBI. They were looking for Ernie. The pastor told the men that Ernie had simply skipped town without so much as a farewell. The FBI men assured the pastor that Ernie wasn't dangerous but was instead the most notorious jewel thief in the country who had eluded capture.

As the stranger ended his story he smiled and said he wanted me to know that this (in)famous man had been a part of the history of the building in which I now served. After we exchanged warm goodbys, my mind got to thinking about Ernie the jewel thief being in the very building I was standing in. The thought then popped in my head that he probably had stashed some of his loot in the sanctuary. Then I thought: "what if he had to flee the area quickly and had left some jewels behind!" I, of course, went on a hunt.

Checking all over the altar area for hidden doors or pop-open drawers, I found nothing. But I was undeterred. I made my way into the little screened-in room next to the altar that housed the two levels of pipes for our pipe organ. Finding nothing on the ground level, I climbed the ladder to the second level. Groping my way through pitch darkness, I felt in every nook and cranny. Nearing the end of my search, my hand went between a couple of boards and I found a pocket with a shallow shelf. Reaching in, my fingers wrapped around a bag that rattled when I shook it! Nearly bursting with excitement I made my way out of the organ-pipe room ready to examine the treasure.

As I came out of the room I nearly bumped into the president and vice-president of the congregation. Mr. Henry Lewis and Mr. Melvin Shy. I was covered in dust from head to foot and these august men stared at me as they asked what I was doing. I quickly exclaimed, "I'm finding treasure!" as I shook the bag in front of them.

## Pastoral Reflections...cont'd

It was then I noticed I was holding an old McDonald's restaurant paper bag. Looking inside I saw a few nasty, petrified French fries. As I quickly explained about Ernie the Janitor, they simply (literally) laughed at me. They then told me the organ pipes had been cleaned and restored as few years ago and the McDonald's bag was probably the left over trash of one of the workmen. Still chuckling at my silly behavior, they left me to go get cleaned up.

I was crestfallen to say the least. I had hoped to find treasure but found trash. I wanted to find jewels but instead found junk. But as I cleaned up in the bathroom attached to my office, I was given a new thought. Indeed there were Jewels here at the church. Oh, they weren't left by Ernie the janitor, they were given by Jesus the Savior!

The first Gem Jesus gave was His holy precious Word that reveals the heart of God to save us poor sinners, and the very person of the One who would save us, Jesus Christ, God's very own son. But that wasn't all! He also gave us the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion that connected us to the Savior and repeatedly reminded us of our salvation. He also gave the diamonds of other Christians that support us in our faith and help us find joy in our walk. Most importantly He gave us, through His Holy Spirit, the pearl of faith in Jesus' sacrificial work of dying to take away our sins and rising to give us forgiveness, righteousness and eternity. Oh to be sure, there were indeed precious gems at Berea Lutheran Church in Detroit.

But here's good news for us here at Immanuel: all those precious gems are here as well! We need not check the nooks and crannies for stones or metals, instead think of the splash of water that was poured on you at your Baptism, listen to the Good News of Jesus' love and salvation, taste the bread and wine knowing you're receiving the very body and blood inside of you, surround yourself with fellow believers and followers of your heart's desire - Jesus the Christ.

As Lent will soon be upon us, already plan on attending often your church where you will receive these precious gems. I look forward to being with you as we are bedazzled with the love of our Savior.

I am yours in Jesus, with love,

Pastor William P. Yonker



### COMING UP!

Legacy Grand Parenting Summit  
February 22, 2025 – Luther Hall

 **FOR THIS  
PURPOSE**



#### The Legacy Grand Parenting Summit is for you if...

- You want to see your grandchildren follow Christ
- You desire to leave a lasting legacy of love
- You want to influence generations of your family for Christ



## A Lenten Message from Pastor Tanney

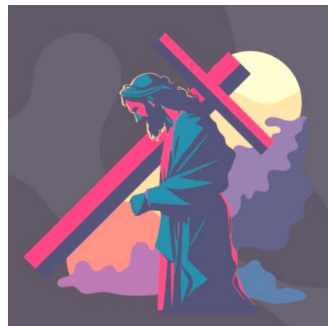


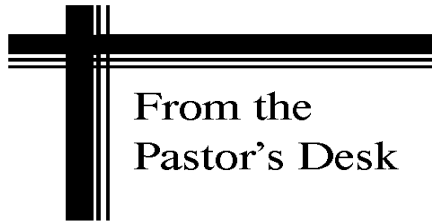
Martin Luther writes in the Heidelberg Disputation, thesis 28, *"The love of God does not find, but creates, that which is pleasing to it..."*

As we move through Lent and approach Easter this year, let this truth from Luther settle deeply in our hearts: our faith journey is not about earning God's favor or trying to prove ourselves worthy of His love. We often think love begins by finding something attractive in us. But Luther's insight challenges that notion and in fact, flips it upside down. God's love does not seek what is already righteous or impressive; rather, it comes to you and me, exactly where we stand. God's love reaches the broken, the unworthy, the sinner, the fallen, the sick, the hurting-- those in need... And so, what are we to do with this Love of God, displayed on the cross for us? There's really only one thing we can do. Embrace it.

*"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved -- and raised up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."* Ephesians 2: 4-9

May you live every day freely in God's grace and embrace His love this Lenten and Easter season.





## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brother's and Sister's in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our heavenly Father and His son Jesus Christ.

It has been over 37 years since God led me to join the family of Immanuel Lutheran Church of East Dundee. Since joining many years have passed and a lifetime of memories have been made. Baptisms, graduations, confirmations, are a few of the milestones. God is faithful! King Solomon wrote in Proverbs 22 *"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."* My sons are what they are because of Immanuel. I thank God for Immanuel Church and School!

Over the years I have served on the Board of Elders and the Board of Education. On August 29, 2020, I was installed as your Associate Pastor. I am forever thankful to God for calling me through Immanuel to be your pastor. It has been my pleasure to serve you and God at Immanuel. I will forever be indebted to Pastor Yonker for his support, guidance, and coaching.

As saint Paul writes in 1 Timothy *"I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service,"* I am truly thankful to Christ Jesus our Lord for his strength and for appointing me to His service. First at Immanuel and now at Bethlehem.

As God moves me on to shepherd and lead Bethlehem Lutheran Church in West Dundee, we don't know what the future holds, although there is a foundation poured for Immanuel, Bethlehem and Vida Y Fe to work in the Lord's vineyard together, seeking and saving the lost by the power of the Holy Spirit. My hope is for these congregations to worship, fellowship, and serve together, loving one another for Christ said in John 13 *"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

So, for now we will not see each other as often as in the past although we will be serving side by side and worshipping together from time to time. Immanuel will always have a special place in my heart. If you are in the neighborhood, stop by and say hello.

God's Blessings to You,

*Joseph J. Glombicki*

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## Celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week at Immanuel

At the end of January, Immanuel and Lutheran schools across the country joined together to celebrate **National Lutheran Schools Week**. This special week provides our network of more than 1,800 LCMS preschools, elementary schools, and high schools with the opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God’s work among us in Lutheran education.

Immanuel had many exciting activities planned for our students, making the week both fun and meaningful. From themed dress-up days to a special chapel service in the gym, bowling, and a service project, each day was packed with opportunities to learn, grow, and serve.

### Daily Highlights:

- **Monday** – Step-Up Day & Blue/Gold Dress-Up Day: Students visited the next grade level to get a taste of what’s ahead, while showing their school spirit in blue and gold attire.
- **Tuesday** – 100th Day of School & Mix/Don’t Match Dress-Up Day: Our younger students celebrated reaching 100 days of learning, while everyone had fun clashing colors and patterns.
- **Wednesday** – Chapel, Western Dress-Up Day, & Day of Service: A school-wide chapel in the gym set the tone for a day focused on serving others through various projects.
- **Thursday** – Milk and Cookies Reading Break & Pajama Dress-Up Day: A cozy day of reading and relaxation with delicious treats.
- **Friday** – Bowling & Neon Dress-Up Day: Students ended the week on a high note with a bowling outing and bright, eye-catching outfits.



### Chapel Offerings for 2024-2025:

Each quarter, Immanuel students support a different mission project through our chapel offerings. Here’s an update on our progress:

**First Quarter: Supporting Phil’s Friends** – Our goal was \$1,250, but we exceeded expectations by raising \$1,350! This was enough to pack 54 care boxes. Our 4th graders had the opportunity to visit the Phil’s Friends Hope Center to learn more about their mission.

- **Second Quarter: Day of Service Project** – Students collected \$771.47, which will be used to make blankets, cookies, and other service items for those in need.
- **Third Quarter: The Water Project** – At the time of this writing, we have raised \$895. The Water Project is a non-profit organization that helps provide clean water and sanitation to communities in sub-Saharan Africa. Through this effort, our students are learning the importance of global service and stewardship.

## Athletics Update:

Our athletics program continues to thrive! In early January, we co-hosted the **Route 31 Basketball Tournament** with Immanuel Crystal Lake, welcoming teams from Illinois, Wisconsin, and Missouri. Later in the month, we hosted a **5th and 6th Grade Basketball Tournament**, where both our JV Girls and JV Boys teams secured **2nd place finishes**.

Looking ahead, our Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys basketball teams, along with our cheerleaders, have applied to participate in the **Lutheran State Tournament**:

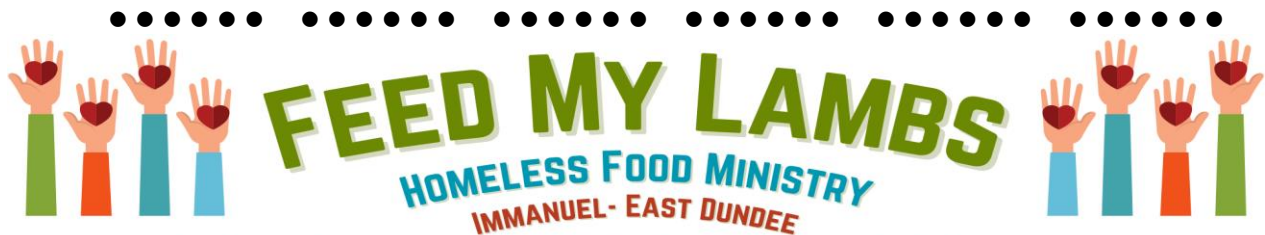
**Cheerleading:** March 1

**Basketball:** March 7-9

## Looking Forward: Enrollment for 2025-2026

Registration for the **2025-2026 school year** is now open! At Immanuel, we are blessed to share the love of Jesus with every child who walks through our doors. We encourage our church and school families to help spread the word about our wonderful school. The people of Immanuel are our best ambassadors—your support in sharing our mission helps us reach more families with Christ-centered education.

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and partnership in the ministry of Lutheran education!



Check out the many opportunities for children and adults to serve.

### COOK

Join us to cook on the following dates from 9-11am in the Immanuel church kitchen to prepare food for local homeless ministries.

Saturday, February 8th  
 Saturday, March 8th  
 Saturday, April 12th  
 Saturday, May 10th

### SERVE

Join us to serve at the Vineyard Church Homeless Breakfast at 6:45am in Elgin to serve food to local individuals in need.

Saturday, February 22nd  
 Saturday, March 22nd  
 Saturday, April 26th  
 Saturday, May 24th

### AT-HOME SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in helping with odd jobs for us, like making sweet treats, you can find those opportunities by using the QR code. You can also email Alison at the address below.

Contact Alison Lyon at [a.lyon@comcast.net](mailto:a.lyon@comcast.net).



# HSM YOUTH MINISTRY OVERVIEW | SPRING 2025

FIRST SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY
 <p><b>HSM COMMUNITY MEAL</b></p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY 12PM LUTHER HALL</p>	 <p><b>HSM SECOND SUNDAY</b></p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY 1-3PM TBA</p>	 <p><b>HSM SERVICE PROJECT</b></p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY 1-2PM LUTHER HALL</p>	 <p><b>HSM OPEN GYM</b></p> <p>FOURTH SUNDAY 6-7PM SCHOOL GYM</p>
<p>12NOON   LUTHER HALL</p> <p>MARCH 2 APRIL 6 MAY 4</p>	<p>1-3PM   TBA</p> <p>MARCH 9 (MS) APRIL 13 MAY 11 (MS)</p>	<p>1-2PM   LUTHER HALL</p> <p>MARCH 16 APRIL 20 (EASTER) MAY 18</p>	<p>6-7PM   SCHOOL GYM</p> <p>MARCH 23 APRIL 27 MAY 25</p>



**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:**  
 YOUTH GATHERING MEETINGS - FEBRUARY 25, MARCH 16, MAY 18  
 CONFIRMATION WITNESSING SERVICE - APRIL 12



## Families in Faith

### Hands-on Family Focused Fun

Mar. 9 | Apr. 13 | May. 11 - 9:15am - 10:15am

In the AARC at School

At Immanuel we love Vacation Bible School, and we know you do too! We want to bring a taste of that fun to Sunday morning with our approach to Kids ministry - Families in Faith!

Parents and children of all ages are invited to join us on the second Sunday of each month as we join in memorable, hands-on, family-focused activities. There will be some familiar faces of Bible Buddies and well known VBS songs that you've heard on repeat over the years. We hope to see you and your family there! RSVP online at: <https://immanuel-ed.org/childrens-ministry>





# Giving TREE



Here is a closer look:

- Over \$2700 in Walmart Gift Cards
- 34 large grocery tote bags filled with snacks, breakfast items & macaroni and cheese
- 17 Nativities and Devotions
- 17 Family Fun Game Night and Hot Chocolate packs including a variety of board and card games for each family
- 64 Sweatshirts/Sweaters
- 81 Handmade Hats

We would also like to thank the following groups at Immanuel for their help...

- Dorcas Society
- MomCo
- Immanuel 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish classes
- In Stitches
- Greeting Card Ministry

Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasures with the **GIVING TREE** families.

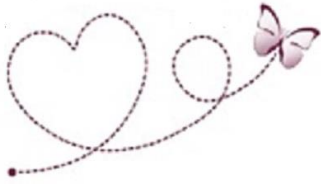


## Morning & Evening Options

**Thursday Mornings:** Meets every Thursday while school is in session from 8:30am-10:30am in Luther Hall. FREE BABYSITTING IS AVAILABLE. Enjoy coffee, snacks, and fellowship as you grow closer to your sisters in Christ through the study of God's word. Walk-ins are always welcome!

**Thursday Evenings:** Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday while school is in session from 7:00pm-8:30pm in Luther Hall. Join us as we wind down from our long days at work for fellowship, light snacks and the study of God's Word. Walk-ins welcome any time.

Contact Alison Lyon at [alison.b.lyon@gmail.com](mailto:alison.b.lyon@gmail.com) or (630)709-6546 for more details.



Calling all women to join the **Dorcas Society** on the following dates as we strive to “**Serve the Lord with gladness.**” Psalm 100:2

**February 6 – Thursday 12:30**

Bible Study using the book That’s a Good Question by BarbaraJo Tripp Bowers. Bring your Bible to this meeting. Also, women are asked to bring a box of Kleenex to donate to the Immanuel School classrooms.

**March 6 – Thursday 12:30**

Help tie fleece blankets that will be donated to “Phil’s Friends” for care packages that are sent to cancer patients.

**April 3 – Thursday 12:30**

Speaker Stephanie Keller from Lutheran Church Charities will speak about their Comfort Dog Ministry. (*She will be bringing a “furry friend” to assist her!*)



**Eye glasses needed....**If you have glasses that you no longer want, you can drop them off in the wooden box outside the church office. These will be given to Lutheran mission teams who will distribute them to those need.

**Greeting Card Ministry**

Help bring a smile to Immanuel members by helping with the card ministry. This group is supported by the Dorcas Society but anyone can join. No experience necessary. All supplies are provided and lots of fun is guaranteed as women color, stamp, cut, and assemble these cards which will be sent to shut-ins and other members of our congregation on various occasions. Please join these ladies in Luther Hall on February 27, March 27, & April 24. Questions? Call Cindy Meier at 847-269-1537

**“In Stitches”** loom/knit group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 12:30-2:30 in Luther Hall. No experience needed. Learn how to loom/knit hats for the homeless and cancer patients under the guidance of Pat Dzuiba. Knitters and crocheters are also welcome to join this group and share their craft. Questions? Call Pat Dzuiba @ 847-707-2407

**“Got Pennies?”**... or nickels, dimes, quarters, bills? Any can be placed in the **Mite Box** found on the table in the hallway of Luther Hall. The money is sent to LWML (*Lutheran Women’s Missionary League*) and then distributed to each of the 31 mission grant recipients. You can find the list and a video of the recipients by going to [LWML.org/mission-grants](http://LWML.org/mission-grants).

**Dorcas Society Bake Sale** February 8-9 Proceeds to benefit our very own Comfort Dog Ministry!

Questions? Contact Lynn Kreutzer @ 847-736-9117 or [lynk7855@yahoo.com](mailto:lynk7855@yahoo.com)





## Upcoming Worship, Music Events

& Ministry Notes... FOR FEBRUARY / MARCH & APRIL

### Lenten Services Upcoming (in March / April) ...

Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Throughout Lent we have Wednesday morning (10:30 am) and evening services (6:30 pm -- NEW TIME from previous years) ... see D-tails below. Please mark your calendars / plan to join us. (HOLY WEEK is April 12<sup>th</sup> - April 20<sup>th</sup> ... Easter is April 20<sup>th</sup>). Morning Mid-week services are followed by a light lunch served in Luther Hall.

For our Midweek Wed. Evening (6:30 pm) services, we will be providing free **COMMUNITY MEALS**, freeing up families from that "worry". Come as you are, anytime from 5:30 - 6:30 pm, for a meal, fellowship & worship!



### LENTEN WORSHIP

#### Ash Wednesday

March 5<sup>th</sup>

[Pastor Yonker]



### "CONQUERING WHAT HE MUST ENDURE"

March 12<sup>th</sup> ... [Enduring... "FLOGGING"]

March 19<sup>th</sup> ... [Enduring... "CROWN OF THORNS"]

March 26<sup>th</sup> ... [Enduring... "HUMILIATION"]

April 2<sup>nd</sup> ... [Enduring... "NAILS & SPEAR"]

April 9<sup>th</sup> ... [Enduring... "WRATH"]

Pastor Bowen's

Midweek

Messages

Each Wednesday  
in Lent:

6:30 am Eucharist  
Service with  
Pastor Yonker



We hope you will join us in our sanctuary for LIVE Worship on the weekend and for our midweek Lenten (Wednesday) services, but do know -- for Lent, our 6:30 PM worship service will also be \* **LIVESTREAMED** (AS IS OUR SAT., 5 PM + SUNDAY, 10:30 AM SERVICES - for those unable to attend - or for those who wish to worship with us from home, or afar, at a different time.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE... Week of April 12<sup>th</sup> - April 20<sup>th</sup>

**Palm Sunday** Wkend - Sat., April 12<sup>th</sup> & Sun., the 13<sup>th</sup> (Saturday services @ 5 pm \* / Sunday services at 8 + 10:30 \*)

**Maunder Thursday** - April 17<sup>th</sup> (10:30 am / 6:30 pm \*) - Communion served at both services (\* NEW TIME - evening @ 6:30)



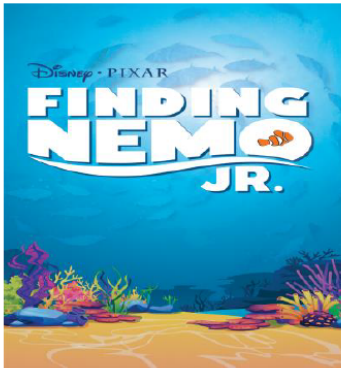
**Good Friday** - April 18<sup>th</sup> (\* 10:30 am / 6:30 pm) - SOTERIOS "Service of Contemplation" at 6:30 pm

**Easter Sunday** - April 20<sup>th</sup> (\* 6 am / 8 am / \* 10:30 am) \* no service Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

- All 3 Easter services with Holy Communion - Easter Breakfasts served between the 3 Easter services



Summer Youth theatre  
**Immanuel Lutheran**  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL



**Camp Sessions Weekdays, June 17 – June 28**  
½ day Camp runs from 9am to 12pm (PK4-2<sup>nd</sup> gr.)  
Full Day Camp runs from 9am to 3pm (3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>)

**Auditions will be Saturday, April 26th.**  
**Register by April 15<sup>th</sup> to secure your audition**

**Performances:** June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm

**ILSYT 2025 is excited to announce Finding Nemo JR.!!!**

Disney's *Finding Nemo JR.* is a musical adaptation of the beloved Pixar movie *Finding Nemo*. Marlin, an anxious and over-protective clownfish, lives in the Great Barrier Reef with his kid Nemo, who longs to explore the world beyond their anemone home. But when Nemo is captured and taken to Sydney, Marlin faces his fears and sets off on an epic adventure across the ocean. With the help of lovable characters such as optimistic Dory, laid-back sea turtle Crush, and the supportive Tank Gang, Marlin and Nemo both overcome challenges on their journey to find each other and themselves.

**ILSYT offers daily classes in acting, voice, dance, dialogue and scenery design.**  
**In addition to our professional staff, theater graduates will be returning to assist and enjoy other camp activities. Join us for an abounding summer of theatrical fun!**  
**This “camp” workshop is designed for kids who are interested in learning all aspects of theatre. Each role in every theatrical production is essential and important regardless of size.**  
**Every Camper is provided with various participation opportunities.**

**Registration is open to children in the community. Complete the attached form and get ready for another amazing adventure at our Summer Theatre! Space is limited.**

**We are looking for Camp Counselors - students entering High School and beyond to help at our Summer Theatre Camp. If you are interested, please contact: [cdougherty@immanuel-ed.org](mailto:cdougherty@immanuel-ed.org) to request a Summer Volunteer Position.**

**Registration and Tuition information is attached.**  
**Questions? Please contact: Immanuel Lutheran Church of East Dundee**  
**Producer: Courtney Dougherty (847) 428-1010 ext. 264**



**Registration Information  
Immanuel Lutheran Summer Youth Theatre 2025**

- Location:** Immanuel Lutheran School Campus
- Dates:** Weekdays: June 17 – June 28  
Hours: 9am – 12n (1/2 day campers)  
9am – 3pm (full day campers)
- Performances:** Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm
- Ages and Tuition:** **1/2 day Camp** - Students entering grades PK4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
First Child: \$150.00      Second Child: \$125.00  
**Full day Camp** - Students entering grades 3 – 8<sup>th</sup>  
First Child \$250.00      Second Child: \$220.00
- Deposit:** A \$50.00 deposit is due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. A discount of 5% can be applied to total tuition if paid in f  
by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Tuition aid is available.
- Show Tickets:** **Tickets are \$10 each**
- Admittance:** Children will be admitted by date of registration received, paid deposit,  
and acceptance by the ILSYT Board

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_ Entering Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entering Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ cell: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Small, Youth Medium, Youth Large, Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large

Tuition amount for my child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit or payment amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return registration form and payment to Immanuel Lutheran School Office:  
**5 South Van Buren St. East Dundee, IL 60118**  
 Checks should be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Summer Youth Theater

I'd like to help by: \_\_\_\_\_!

**Questions? Please call Courtney Dougherty direct: 847-428-1010 ext. 264**

## MEMBER UPDATE

Each month we will publish a "GOLDEN YEARS" listing of members who have reached the milestone of **65 years of age or over**. To all we say "**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**" & thank you, with God's help, for keeping Immanuel live for these many years!

Bell, Sharon	02/03	Bartelt, Dave	03/14	Aikawa, Jennifer	04/28
Buker, Lisa	02/24	Buhrow, Ralph	03/02	Becker, Cathy	04/22
Clark, Lori	02/06	Dickson, Lori	03/05	Bruening, Michael	04/09
Deihs, Paul	02/19	Follman, Gary	03/18	Conrad, Lea	04/22
Erickson, Bill	02/01	Gade, Dennis	03/01	Christopherson, Barb	04/28
Fischer, Kathy	02/25	Henze, Mark	03/15	Ervin, Denise	04/27
Gustitus, Bill	02/18	Hof, Linda	03/02	Gliesmann, Vivian	04/30
Kline, Debbie	02/06	Jablonski, John	03/05	Gurnett, Jessica	04/27
Mesick, JoAnn	02/09	Jensen, Paulette	03/17	Kittel, Rev. Charles	04/09
Olsen, Andy	02/10	Kelly, Stacy	03/24	Lichthardt, Mary	04/24
Olsen, Linda	02/24	Kennedy, Sue	03/16	Noe, Ellen	04/26
Rahmel, Karen	02/25	Kline, William	03/04	Segin, Christine	04/20
Reimers, Nancy	02/25	Koehlert, Marilyn	03/27	Solarte, Jaime	04/11
Smith, Ann	02/08	McMeins, Kathy	03/17	Wascher, Bill	04/01
Trebes, Robert	02/26	Meissner, Rev. Bruce	03/13	West, Jan	04/07
Uteg, John	02/26	Swanson, Dave	03/15	Zelsdorf, Bill	04/26
Watley, Miriam	02/11	Wendt, Cynthia	03/17		
		Yuscka, Andy	03/16		

## FUNERAL

*Kevin J. Bartelt - December 30*

## BAPTISMS

*Mila Gloria Rivera - November 16*

*Josie Grace Fifarek - November 17*

*Kostas William Metropulos - November 23*

*Maverick Austen Bruhn - November 30*

*Luis Thomas Coria - November 30*

*Nora Quinn Hodge - December 1*

*Mateo Miguel Montoya - January 18*

*Chloe Rose Abraham - January 22*

*Zoey Sheila Abraham - January 22*

*Teagan Rae Scola - February 23*

*Jack Cameron Schwalbe - March 16*

*Miles Ward Fifarek - November 17*

*Effie Rae Metropulos - November 23*

*David Julian Coria - November 30*

*Robin Joseph Hodge - December 1*

*Heidi Elinor Gustitus - December 22*

*Theodore Edward Pethes - January 19*

*Kelly Marie Abraham - January 22*

*Mackenzie Rae Siemers - February 22*

*Mae Nicole Manno - March 1*

*Christopher Lee Stratmin - March 22*

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## GENERAL FUND

*In Memory of Kevin Bartelt* – Jason & Erin Lash

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*& my birthday February 8* – Ann Smith

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*In Memory of Kevin Bartelt* - Ann & Jamie Bartelt, Dave & Debbie Swanson, Scott & Alison Lyon, Tom & Bonnie Russell, Dale & Gail Streeter, Dan & Judy Bartelt, Ralph & Judy Buhrow, Pat & Lyle Wilson, Ann Smith, Steve & Donna Steinberg, Val Hackman, Chad & Megan Jensen, Jon & Kris Bartelt, Jon & Judy Bierman, Jeff & Jeanine Sproule, Bill & Kay Gade, Armando, Jamie, Christian & Joshua Sanchez, Jackie & Scott Fritz, Dave & Jessica Wascher, Randl Family, Sandy Wascher, John & Jan Bonkoski & Family

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*In Memory of Kevin Bartelt* - Linda & Andy Olsen, Wiley & Bonnie Emberton, Dave Bartelt, Armond Bethke, Vicki Obrien, Connie Mooney, Chuck & Marilyn Koehlert, Ken & Martha Redeker, Rick & Tammy Burnidge, Marianne Nesler, Jeff & Linda Frost, Steven & Lynn Gruneisen

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## Nursing Notes from Jeanne Miller, RN

As February has been named “Heart Health Month,” I thought I would focus on heart attacks this quarter. I hope you learn something new, though my true hope is that you will never need to put this information to use.

Just imagine you are out to eat with your spouse when all of a sudden, you develop what feels like heartburn. Of course, you think, I just can't eat spicy food like I used to and silently mourn the days of your youth when you could eat a chili dog and chili cheese fries without having to worry about paying for it later. Being a former Girl Scout or Boy Scout, however, you are prepared and take a Pepcid or some Tums,,but to no avail.

Or imagine you are out hiking with your girlfriends or taking a walk outside with your friends after a Dorcas meeting when you notice you suddenly feel extremely tired and short of breath, whereas last month you had no issues with this level of activity. You feel like you are attempting to run a marathon on an uphill path, not trying to enjoy a leisurely, relaxing walk.

While these two scenarios may sound completely unrelated, they both reflect the symptoms one can feel when having a heart attack. The symptoms that one is more likely to experience can depend on many factors, including the presence of other illnesses such as diabetes and gender, just to name a few.

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), the most common symptom for both men and women alike is chest pain, heaviness or discomfort. It isn't uncommon to hear someone complain that it feels like there is an elephant sitting on their chest. This pain can also radiate to the jaw, neck, back, arm, or shoulder. For women, however, they are more likely

to experience symptoms that could be easily attributed to a different issue. These symptoms include anxiety, shortness of breath, stomach problems such as nausea, vomiting and stomach upset, as well as pain only in the shoulder back or arm instead of in the chest, or unusual tiredness and weakness. For folks who have diabetes, especially if they have had the illness for many years and/or have had poor control of their blood sugars, they could potentially have what is known as a silent heart attack. This is due to the fact that they are more likely to have neuropathy, or nerve damage, due to the diabetes which results in their inability to feel the pain associated with a heart attack.

You may wonder what causes a heart attack. Quite simply, it is due to the heart tissue not getting the oxygen-rich blood it needs to survive. Here is an analogy to help explain what occurs. Imagine the arteries that feed the heart muscle are like the Metra train lines and the towns they serve are the heart muscle that are fed by a given artery. Union Station, where all of the trains begin their routes is comparable to the top of the heart where all of these arteries originate. A heart attack is similar to an accident at one of the train stations. For example, imagine there is a car crash on the tracks of the Milwaukee District West Line at the Bartlett station. As a result of the Bartlett station blockage, outbound trains to the towns past Bartlett such as Elgin and Big Timber won't get any service. A worse scenario is if that same accident happened at an earlier stop, such as the River Grove station. Now, more than half of the towns will be impacted. This is why the location of a heart attack is a major factor. The closer to the top of the heart, the more damage will occur as a larger area of the heart muscle has been impacted. That is why a blockage of the left anterior descending coronary artery is known as the widow maker; the blockage is so high up that the entire front of the heart is starved for oxygen-rich blood.

Just as when one is experiencing a stroke, immediate care at a hospital is extremely important. Just as I mentioned in the column I wrote about strokes, time is tissue, a catch phrase created by the AHA to underline the importance of not delaying care. The longer you wait, the more damage is likely to occur or even the ultimate negative outcome, death. It is extremely important, as well, to call 911 so an ambulance can be dispatched with paramedics who can start running the tests such as an electrocardiogram (EKG/ECG) and start the care to treat the issue such as applying oxygen, establishing an IV and administering medications.

How can you reduce your risk of a heart attack? The AHA provides several suggestions which I have summarized below:

- If you smoke or vape, try to quit; if you are around someone else who smokes, try to limit your exposure to second-hand smoke.
- If you are being treated for high blood pressure, follow your doctor's recommendations.
- Try to eat a heart healthy diet; this means a diet that is low in saturated and trans fats, salt/sodium, and added sugar.
- Try to get at least 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity physical activity as well as move more throughout your workday. For example, if you have a desk job, make an effort to get up and walk around for 5-10 minutes every 2-3 hours.
- Reach and maintain a healthy weight; you can review options with your physician.
- If you have diabetes, control your blood sugar.
- Make sure you are getting enough sleep, at least 7-9 hours per night.
- Find healthy ways to manage your stress such as through prayer, talking with friends, yoga, taking a walk, or listening to a relaxation recording.
- Make sure you see your doctor regularly. Many folks who brag about not having seen a doctor in years and years end up not seeking treatment until they are in the late stages of an illness which could have been prevented or caught in the early stages when damage could have been reversed or at least, minimized.
- Lastly, take your medications as prescribed. If you are having troublesome side effects, discuss these with your physician or pharmacist so you can work as a team to address the issue.

Remember, God wants you to live a long, healthy life. The Bible reminds us in Proverbs 4:23, *"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the source of life."*

God bless you all and stay warm,  
Jeanne Miller, RN





Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way – “*Come back to me, with all of your heart*” and begins on ASH Wednesday, March 5 with worship at 10:30AM & 6:30PM. Pastor Yonker will be preaching on ASH Wednesday.

Pastor Gregg Bowen will be preaching on Lenten Wednesdays which are March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 & 9. *A Lenten Lunch and fellowship will follow the morning worship in Luther Hall. The evening service will have a family, friendly supper at 5:30PM to 6:30PM. We welcome all to join us!*

Beginning Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, Pastor Yonker will hold a **Eucharist service** @ 6:30AM on Wednesday mornings; **and** during Holy Week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Maundy Thursday.

“*Give me back the joy of your salvation.*” That is exactly what our loving God wants to give us, the joy of salvation. We invite you to join us this Lenten season as we praise the One who gave His life for our sins.

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# FEBRUARY 2025

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays 1:30pm

## MIDWEEK CONFIRMATION

Wednesdays 5:30pm

## WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays 8:30am

## IN STITCHES

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays  
12:30pm

## WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7:00pm

## COUPLES BIBLE STUDY

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 7:00pm

06	Dorcas Society	12:30pm
08	Feed My Lambs	9:00am
8-9	Dorcas Society Bake Sale <i>Proceeds to benefit Comfort Dog Ministry</i>	
9	<b>VOTER'S MEETING</b>	<b>9:15am</b>
12	<b>Ministry Meetings</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
12	Griefshare	7:00pm
17	<b>President's Day – Church Office Closed</b>	
18	<b>Board of Trustees</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
20	Greeting Card Ministry	1:00pm
	MomCo.	6:00pm
22	<b>LWML Zone Meeting</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
22	<b>GrandParenting Summit</b>	<b>9:00am</b>

### IMMANUEL'S WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE OFFERINGS:

- **Saturday Afternoon / Evening Worship** - 5 pm, "COME AS YOU ARE"

- *Traditional / Organ / Song-Leaderled*

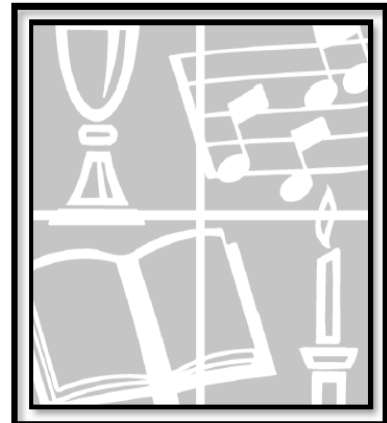
- **Sunday Morning 8 am Worship** - LITURGICAL SERVICE

- *Traditional / Organ / Song-Leader led*

- **Sunday Morning 10:30 am Worship** - PRAISE SERVICE

- *Contemporary / Praise Band / Song-Leader(s) led*

- **LIVESTREAM OFFERINGS: SATURDAY, 5 PM "COME AS YOU ARE" & SUNDAY, 10:30 AM PRAISE SERVICES**



# MARCH 2025

**DISCIPLESHIP MAKERS**  
Mondays 6:00pm

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
Tuesdays 1:30pm

**MIDWEEK CONFIRMATION**  
Wednesdays 5:30pm

**WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY**  
Thursdays 8:30am

**IN STITCHES**  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays  
12:30pm

**WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
7:00pm

**COUPLES BIBLE STUDY**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 7:00pm

**A.I.M. Class**  
Sunday's at 9:15am

05	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Eucharist Service 6:30am Lenten Worship 10:30am Morning worship followed by lunch-Luther Hall Lenten Supper 5:30pm Lenten Worship 6:30pm
06	Dorcas Society 12:30pm
09	A.I.M. Class Begins 9:15am
11	<b>Ministry Meetings 6:30pm</b>
12	Eucharist Service 6:30am Lenten Worship 10:30am Morning worship followed by lunch-Luther Hall Lenten Dinner 5:30pm Lenten Worship 6:30pm
18	<b>Board of Trustees 6:30pm</b>
19	Eucharist Service 6:30am Lenten Worship 10:30am Morning worship followed by lunch-Luther Hall Lenten Dinner 5:30pm Lenten Worship 6:30pm
20	MomCo. (Mom Community) 6:00pm
26	Eucharist Service 6:30am Lenten Worship 10:30am Morning worship followed by lunch-Luther Hall Lenten Dinner 5:30pm Lenten Worship 6:30pm



**MARCH 9**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**

**SPRING BREAK March 31-April 4**

# APRIL 2025

**DISCIPLESHIP MAKERS**  
Mondays 6:00pm

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
Tuesdays 1:30pm

**MIDWEEK CONFIRMATION**  
Wednesdays 5:30pm

**WOMEN'S MORNING  
BIBLE STUDY**  
Thursdays 8:30am

**IN STITCHES**  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays  
12:30pm

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	Lenten Worship	10:30am
	Morning worship followed by lunch-Luther Hall	
	Lenten Dinner	5:30pm
	Lenten Worship	6:30pm
12	<b>WITNESSING SERVICE</b>	5:00pm
13	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	
14	Eucharist Service	6:30am
15	Eucharist Service	6:30am
	<b>Board of Trustees</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
16	Eucharist Service	6:30am
17	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	
	Eucharist Service	6:30am
	Worship Service	10:30am & 6:30pm
18	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Church Office Closed	
	Worship Service	10:30am & 6:30pm
20	<b>EASTER WORSHIP</b>	, 8 & 10:30am
21	<b>Easter Monday</b> Church Office Closed	
24	MomCo.	6:00pm



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