

*Our mission is to introduce all people to  
Jesus Christ and the exhilarating power and  
undefeatable joy He brings to life!*

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# GOOD NEWS

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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
& EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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**HE IS RISEN!**  
Easter Services April 1st

Saturday  
6 pm

Sunday  
Sunrise 7 am  
8 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am

**Eggstravaganza!**  
Easter Morning  
10:30-Noon

## Christ is Alive!

*by Pastor Roy Stackpole*

**I**t's April! The forty days of Lent are over. We have, hopefully, grown deeper and stronger in our faith and commitment to our Lord because of our forty day time of reflection and confession. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were painful reminders of our failures and the tremendous love of Jesus for us all.

Easter morning begins a new liturgical season, a season of joy! "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!" as the hymn writer said. The grave is empty! Death is defeated! What joy this great good news brings. Because he lives, we will live too! Evil, sin, and death have done their best and have lost their ultimate power.

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**Eggstravaganza!**

**Easter Sunday, April 1st**  
**10:30 AM - Noon**

Egg Hunt • Light Breakfast • Games  
**BRING YOUR OWN BASKET!**



Pastor Roy's

MONTHLY MESSAGE

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Halleluia! Every time I think about what God has done through Jesus, I'm just filled with joy.

But it's more than joy. Because of Jesus' resurrection, I/we now live in the sure and certain hope of eternal life like his. God's promise is sure. Just as Jesus was resurrected, so will we be resurrected!

So the Easter season is just the most joyous, most hope filled season of the liturgical year for me, even better than Christmas, partly because Easter comes in the spring when our northern hemisphere is just waking from a long winter rest. Trees are budding. Plants are blooming. Grass is greening. Birds are singing joyful songs. Even here in the south, spring is such a wonderful season of new life, or anticipation, of love, and of growth.

But even this wonderful season is tinged with some sadness. Our winter visitors and friends are going north with the other migratory birds. We wish them a great summer but our hearts, minds, and sanctuary won't be the same until they migrate back in the fall and winter.

As April heats up temperature wise so too our search for a new pastor (continued on page 3...)

KEY INITIATIVES



by John McCluskey Council President

Easter on April Fool's Day makes you stop and think. The Pharisees thought they could silence Jesus by crucifying him and we are still worshiping him over 2000 years later. Seems like they made a big mistake. Bad for them but eternally good for us.

I must thank the Call Committee for all their continued work in March. I know most members do not see their progress, but the Call Committee is working very diligently for Immanuel. They met several times in March to interview and consider two candidates. I was able to attend both the interviews and the evaluation sessions. Each member of the Call Committee has a different background and perspective. This causes them to have many similar and many different concerns. Prior to the interviews, the Call Committee spent considerable effort to develop four pages of questions for each candidate. These questions were in addition to those suggested by the Florida Bahamas Synod. That makes for quite a long but very thorough interview. Their evaluation process after each interview was as in-depth. I was extremely impressed by how open and direct they were with each other during the evaluations. That could have made for very difficult meetings, but they worked through their different opinions and remained on point. The Call Committee has not completed its search and is not ready to make a recommendation. They are still reviewing each candidates' background, references, sermon style and impact on their current congregations. I wait anxiously just like everyone else in the congregation to see if they will call one of these or choose to continue their search. Whatever they choose, I know it will be the right decision for Immanuel.

Our Property Committee was hard at work behind the scenes in March also. Many of you will have noticed that our projectors have been fixed. They also are coming close to having our alarms working properly. We have been plagued with many false signals as the system is getting old. They have been testing and retesting the system with our alarm support company trying to eliminate the false signals. I think they are at the end of this arduous process or at least very close to the end. Another item they have been working on that many of you will never see has been to upgrade our internet access to cable. This will allow us to upload much better videos of our services and special events. Thanks to everyone working on these initiatives also.

On a different note, I was talking with Beth Tatem, head of Immanuel's School and she indicated that parents have already started enrolling for summer school. Please let your families and friends know to sign up early before the classes fill up. ■

# SUMMER MISSION TRIP

## Guatemala Mission Outreach

June 30-July 5

Sponsored by Outreach for World Hope and Guatemalan Evangelical Ministries, join the mission team for a life changing experience. Cost is \$1,600 and includes airfare, transportation, meals, and hotel. Work with the medical team and other outreach projects. Youth welcome under 18 if accompanied by an adult.

**For more information contact Doug Behnke.**

Fund raising forms are available. 30 slots available but they fill up fast because people from many churches across the US will be participating.

Activities will include: Medical team work, Stove project, Water systems, Planting fruit trees, Vegetable gardens, Food and goods distribution, Christian outreach. No knowledge of Spanish Language needed.



## Prayer Bear Report



Some thoughts "bear" repeating. Our little Prayer Bears are continuing to perform the HUGE service of being the messenger of your love and God's love to folks in need of that special expression of love and caring they need in times of illness, stress, or other traumatic events in their lives.

Heartwarming reports that come back to the church confirm the grateful and happy effect the Prayer Bears have on those who receive them. Perhaps you even saw one of our Prayer Bears being utilized at the 9:30 service during the children's sermon as Sara, one of our Sunday School students, hugged her bear all through the sermon.

Don't you know of someone who deserves a "spiritual dose of love" which a Prayer Bear would provide for them?

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is heating up. The Call Committee interviewed two candidates in March and they are now discerning. The process will go on until the pastor God has chosen for Immanuel at this time in her life becomes apparent. If it seems to have taken a long time, try to remember God doesn't work in the same way or with the same time constraints that we do. When the wait is over, the result will have been well worth it. ■



Don't forget that every first Sunday of the month we bring non-perishable food items and drop them off in the Narthex.



Giving made easy.  
Try e-payments on our website

Or try SIMPLY GIVING  
Forms are also available on our  
website.



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# MIRACLES DO HAPPEN



by Cheryl Gundersdorff

Deacon

In 1 Thessalonians 5:11 Paul instructs us to encourage one another in our daily Christian walk. One way we can do this is to share stories of God at work in our lives; testimonies of his love and comfort, providing for our needs, and acts of mercy and miracles.

A little over a year ago I shared our story of our youngest grandson having a life-threatening accident. By all human logic and understanding, little Emmett should not have survived. It is incredibly obvious that God transcended time and space to preserve his life for what we believe will be great things in God's kingdom. Emmett's story has touched the hearts of all those who were a part of this journey with the realization that there truly is a God who still enacts miracles. Emmett is still a topic of conversation at the hospital.

It is time to share what happened that fateful night. Emmett was at the receiving end of an accidental discharge of a firearm. The bullet shattered his right elbow and severed the nerves to two of his fingers, proceeded inside across his chest and lodged in his left arm. Now you can understand why we call him our miracle baby. His healing has been remarkable. Within two weeks his arms were out of the casts and his bones continued to strengthen. Within a few months he had full use of his fingers which the doctors had said may or may not happen. It wasn't long before Emmett was back to being a happy adventurous little boy. Praise God!



Even though you did not know the details of his accident you have been so faithful in your concern and prayers for him. Our family is so appreciative to have you as our caring Christian family. To our awesome God we can't say thank you enough for preserving Emmett's life and for all the blessings of this journey. We are confident that God has a plan for Emmett's life; that can now be the focus of prayers for Emmett. ■

## OPERATING FUND INCOME & EXPENSES

In an effort to keep the members of Immanuel informed regarding our ongoing financial status, beginning this month we are reporting our year-to-date operating income and expenses using the latest report of the treasurer.

| Through 2/28/2018 | ILC                | IELC        | Combined           |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Income            | \$92,946.46        | \$48,971.78 | \$141,918.24       |
| Expenses          | \$101,933.38       | \$44,960.30 | \$146,893.68       |
| Difference        | <b>\$-8,986.92</b> | \$4,011.48  | <b>\$-4,975.44</b> |

# THE PARENTAL CHURCH



by Tuck Aaker  
*Stewardship*

As I was going through some old papers I came across an article about how my late wife, Beverly, and I had gone to Arizona to attend a conference about "Churches Starting Churches." The article said, "I guess the part of starting a new church that had always eluded me was the similarity between giving birth to a new church and birth to a new child. All eyes are on the new arrival and little attention is paid to the parents, even though the birth of a new baby or a new congregation both have huge positive impacts on the parents as well as the child. Yes, there are new responsibilities and yes, there are new challenges to overcome and barriers to remove, but the flip side is that there are far more positive reasons than negative ones." The new church named "Living Faith" will cause the parent church to grow in their outreach to others as they accept the responsibilities of parenthood.

Living Faith has continued to inspire us at Immanuel as well as many of the ELCA churches in Florida with their solid outreach and benevolences and their steady growth as a new voice spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. We at Immanuel thank Pastor Maryanne, her husband (which is her staff), and her members for creating a growing, productive new church!

Living Faith joins the Bridge Ministry, Soup Sundays and Early Learning Center, the Children's Ranch and the Guatamalan Ministries as a partner in outreach to our communities and a partner in one of the most important missions of every church in doing Jesus' work in helping those in need.

That my fellow Immanuel members is perhaps the greatest compliment we could receive, because that's what being a Christian is all about. ■



## HELP NEEDED!

The Soup Kitchen is in desperate need of help! Our volunteer coordinator, Patty Brookshire, who has been a dedicated and loyal servant for many years, has resigned, and with her goes one of the

weekend teams from Christ Fellowship. This will leave the third Sunday of the month vacant.

**It's time for Immanuel members to step up and help out with this important outreach ministry!**

If you are willing to help coordinate the volunteers or just willing to help fill in on the third Sunday of the month, please contact John Heiti at [john\\_heiti@hotmail.com](mailto:john_heiti@hotmail.com) or 772-225-9254

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Jennifer Cyr

## YOUTH & FAMILY UPDATE

This month we were busy busy busy! Our High School and Middle School youth spent a Saturday at Discipleship Now learning about Esther 4:14 and how to take a stand as a disciple of Christ.

It was of course also Spring Break and we kept the youth busy with a variety of projects and activities. They helped organize closets for the rummage sale, volunteered at the Salvation Army, and collected over 8 bags of trash on our beach clean-up day.

At confirmation this month the students got to learn about the importance of the Temple and the Day of Atonement, and then connected that to Pastor Rebecca's sermon about how we are Temples of the Holy Spirit.

In First Communion, we had four students who learned what it means to internalize God's promises of forgiveness through the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Our children, youth and their families were also challenged during the 40 days of Lent to bring in bags of clothes, toys, books, etc. to donate to the Salvation Army. ■



# CHILDREN, YOUTH

## Discipleship Now

Discipleship Now was a fun-filled day of scavenger hunts, adventure activities, lunch, group games, speakers & live music.



## Spring Break!



Church organizing



Salvation Army



Beach Clean-up

# YOUTH & FAMILY

## Sunday School



Students made scrolls out of fruit roll ups to illustrate how we internalize God's Word & promises by taking them within ourselves.



## First Communion

## April Events

- **April 1: Eggstravaganza!**  
10:30 am - Noon
- **April 6-8: Confirmation Retreat**  
Vero Beach
- **April 22: Earth Day "Celebrate God's Creation"**  
Worship at 10 am • BBQ Picnic and games after worship



## Weekly Youth Events

### MONDAYS

Children's Choir  
12:30 pm - FDC Main Hall  
Young Life Club  
6 pm - Off-site (when there's school)

### TUESDAYS

FUSION  
(Middle & HS Youth Group)  
6:30 pm - Room 203 w/Jennifer  
High School Bible Study  
7:30 pm - Room 203 w/Pr. Rebecca

### Middle School Bible Study

7:30 pm - Room 201 w/Jennifer

### WEDNESDAYS

#### 1ST PRIORITY

8:15 am - Hidden Oaks MS Choir Rm

Playing BINGO to learn fun words like "intinction."

## VBS

# Volunteers Needed!

### June 25th-29th

It's that time of year again! We need volunteers to start signing up to help us with Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God." Sign up on our website under Education: VBS or pick up forms in the office or Narthex. [immanuelpalmcity.org](http://immanuelpalmcity.org)



# TEAM SPOTLIGHT



## Worship Team

Dave Hakala

*Each month we will be highlighting the function and needs of one of our ministry teams.*

The worship team is responsible for all things related to worship! Music, ushers, altar guild, etc. We are ready to serve all of the members of Immanuel and are always looking for people who want to help out with our weekly worship services in a variety of ways:

**Altar Guild:** The altar guild is responsible for making sure communion gets set out, that the banners and paraments are changed in keeping with the church seasons, keeping the candles filled with oil, and ordering items as needed. It continues to do a great job inspite of fewer members. They need new blood, with many opportunities for serving. Men and women are welcome to join and serve the Lord.

**Music Ministry:** Cantor Jim and his groups continue to delight us with the traditional music that is so inspiring. Whether it's bells, the chancel choir, young or old (we have both a children's choir and children's bell choir) there's a place for you! You don't need to know how to read music to participate. With Brittany and the contemporary band and Cantor Jim;  
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## THANK YOU FROM SOUTH AFRICA

*For two years a young man, PJ Hanekon, and his family from South Africa worshipped with us. PJ immersed himself in service by helping with our youth, ran worship slides, assisted with VBS and attended Bible studies. He is a devout young man with a heart on fire for God and is being called to pastoral ministry. To assist him in that endeavor, Immanuel granted him scholarship funds. He is now back in South Africa pursuing his theological degree, and unfortunately, due to new immigration laws, he and his family are banned from re-entering the United States for at least a decade. We are deeply saddened that we are losing this family and all they have contributed to the community, but we appreciated so much the time he and his family spent with us. The following is an excerpt from PJ's thank you to Immanuel.*



"I miss the church. You have been a blessed congregation. You have set an example for me of what a congregation should be like—a family, warm and peaceful. At your heart is Christ. Each of you have extended to me and my family the most warm and welcoming heart of Christian love that one cannot adequately thank you and praise you enough for it.

Thank you for opening a door for me. The contribution you have made to me for my study fund has taken off a tremendous financial burden from my shoulders. You have paid for an entire year's worth of studying for me. I thank God for all of you. I will not forget my special congregation by the sea. Many, many heartfelt thanks."—PJ

## U.S. SUGAR FARM TOUR - April 4th

You are invited to attend an exciting and informative tour of U.S. Sugar. This experience will show you how sugarcane is grown, harvested and processed. View the latest farming techniques as well as journey to the Clewiston sugar mill and sugar refinery. The tour is scheduled for 9:15 AM. Transportation is arranged to meet at the Immanuel Lutheran Church parking lot with a prompt departure time of 7:15 AM. Please arrive by 7:00 AM. We are expected to return around 2:45 pm. A complimentary lunch is included with your trip. To sign up visit our website, [imanuelpalmcity.org](http://imanuelpalmcity.org)

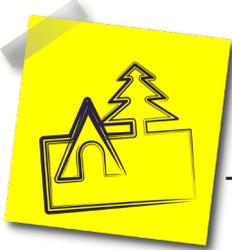
## MONTHLY GOOD NEWS DEADLINE

The deadline to submit items for the monthly newsletter is the 15th of each month. Items received after the 15th may or may not make it into the newsletter. To submit items, send an email to: [ilcmedia2655@gmail.com](mailto:ilcmedia2655@gmail.com)

# EARLY LEARNING CENTER

report by Director Beth Tatem

Spring has sprung and over here at the IELC we are getting ready for all kinds of great things. First of all, we only have seven spots left for our VPK program, so if you haven't signed up yet and intend to, do so fast! Our kids also will be performing at the "Celebrating God's Creation" Earth Day service on April 22nd at 10 am followed by the barbecue and games. Otherwise we're just gearing up for graduation and our mother's tea party in May and we're still taking registrations for summer camp.



## SUMMER CAMP JUNE 4-AUG 3

The IELC is still taking Summer Camp Registrations.  
Contact Beth Tatem to register your child.



### FROM THE CHOIR LOFT AND ORGAN BENCH

by Jim Peppers  
Cantor/Organist/Choir Director

By far the most notable and prolific Lutheran musician was J. S. Bach. His choral and organ works are challenging, inspiring, and masterful. There are even hymns by him in our hymnal that we sing. He was an interesting character. Bach, in his young life of 19, just was awarded a church job in music and he went off and studied with Buxtehude. A walk that was some 200 kilometers. He was gone for 2 weeks and the church fathers came and paid him a visit. He stayed 2 more weeks and returned and assumed his church responsibilities. As a result of that learning visit, Bach's music was very much influenced by the master Lutheran musician of his time, Dietrich Buxtehude. Bach had 20 children by 2 wives. His first wife died. He lost 9 of his children before their second birthday. He spent a night in jail for basically fighting. But, as legend has it, had to be bailed out to play church in the morning. True or not, he was always noted for his strong will and temperament. His music is inviting. Not just as a player, but as a listener. Invoking the craft he honed so well, that in his day he really was a bit of a star. Pipe organs were enjoying a revival and many were built where Bach was asked for his opinion on construction and artistry. Needless to say, he was a devoted Christian with a talent beyond explanation for music that inspires us to hear the story we love and cherish so well, of God's love and Christ's suffering for that love. ■

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music is one of the strongest ministries at Immanuel.

**Worship Service Volunteers:** We continue to have a giant need for volunteers at all services. If you can talk or shake hands, you are qualified to be a **greeter**. If you can hand out a sheet of paper, walk to the altar and pass collection plates and direct people to come forward for communion, you can serve as an **usher**. If you know how to read out loud, you can be a valued **reader** of God's word. If you can hit a button on a keyboard, you can be a **media operator**. We are also searching for someone to coordinate the media volunteers. This is currently being done by another council member who has too much on his plate already.

If you are willing and able to serve in any of these areas and are not already doing so, please contact me at 240-0910. ■

### Thank You...

Thank you to the following people who gave Thrivent Choice Dollars last month:

Bettye Aderholdt  
Richard Andreasen  
Joanne Baxter  
Robert Beckmann  
Karen Coombs  
James Dickmeyer  
H. Gordon Kimball  
Laraine Montgomery  
Elsie Panek

Your generous gifts are received with joy and thanksgiving!

#### From the Salvation Army:

Thank you so very much for your congregation's amazing donation with a total of 308 pounds of non-perishable food for our food pantry on February 7, 2018 and March 8, 2018. The need is always so great and we appreciate every donation.

#### Thank you to all the groups who helped prepare and serve the Lenten Soup Suppers:

Deborah Circle, Quilts of Valor, Sisters in Spirit, Companions in Christ, Choir, Council, Stephen Ministry & our Youth

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Companions in Christ

Tuesdays at 6 PM • Pr. Rebecca's Office

Thursdays at Noon • Rm 202

### World Religions

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm • Rm 201

### Deborah Circle

2nd Monday at 3 pm • Choir Rm

### Sisters in Spirit

3rd Tuesday at 7 pm  
Panera Bread

### Mom2Mom Bible Study

Wednesdays at 11:30 am  
Room 203

1st Thursday of the month  
6 pm • Room 203

### Adventure through the Bible

Weds & Thurs, 6:30 pm  
Conference Rm

## FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE MINISTRIES

### Quilts of Valor

Weds 6:00 pm • Room 202

Info: Jackie Koch, 772.834.8058

### Altar Guild (2nd Wednesday)

10:00 am • Choir Room

Info: Marj Smith, 772.286.8974

or Alice Windle, 772.220.1590

### Stephen Ministry

(2nd & 4th Mondays)

6:30 pm • Rm 202

### Thursday Bridge Group

1:30 pm • Choir Room

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

### Contemporary Worship Team

Thursdays, 5 pm • Sanctuary

Contact Brittany Lustig

brittanyannelustig@gmail.com

### Bell Choir

Tuesdays, 6 pm • Sanctuary

Contact Jim Peppers

pdcjimmy@hotmail.com

### Chancel Choir

Sundays, 9:30 am • Choir Rm

Contact Jim Peppers

pdcjimmy@hotmail.com

# Bible Study & Adult Ed



## WORLD RELIGIONS

with Pr. Rebecca

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm • Rm 201

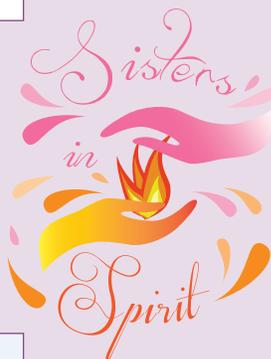
We continue beyond Lent studying and learning about religions from around the world - what we have in common, what is different and unique about our faiths.



### Deborah Circle Women's Ministry

Have you read Paul's letter to the Romans? It is jam packed with God's message of who Jesus is, how we are saved, and how to live as Christians. Join us Monday, April 9th at 3PM in the choir room as we continue our study of this informative book. We will also assemble layettes for the indigent babies of our county. Dinner out will follow for those wanting to continue the fellowship.

Contact Deacon Cheryl at 221-8939 for more information. We look forward to seeing you!



### Sisters in Spirit Women's Ministry

Looking for a ladies night out? Join us at Panera Bread in Palm City, Tuesday, April 17th at 7PM. Bring your Bible for our study of the Samaritan woman and how Jesus took her from being an outcast to an evangelist. For more info call Deacon Cheryl 221-8939.

### COMPANIONS *in Christ*

A Small Group Experience in Spiritual Formation

#### Returns in April

Tuesdays @ 6 pm in Pr. Rebecca's Office  
(Starts April 10)

Thursdays @ Noon in Rm 202  
(Starts April 5th)

### ADVENTURES THROUGH THE BIBLE

with Stephanie Irwin

Wednesdays & Thursdays  
6:30 pm  
in the Conference Room

## Altar Guild Spring Luncheon

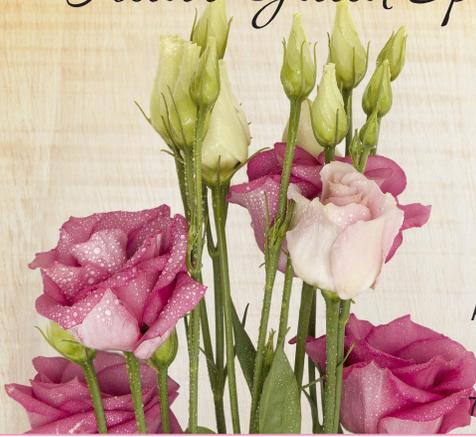
April 11th at Noon

La Forchetta's  
1624 E. Federal Hwy, Stuart

Contact Paulette Tichacek  
to sign up: 678-5153

Cost: \$24

Anyone interested in helping us care for the altar or serve communion, please call Marj Smith at 772-286-8974 or Alice Windle at 772-220-1590. We welcome ALL volunteers.



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

People do not always need advice. Sometimes what they really need is someone to hold their hand when life gets tough, someone non-judgmental with a listening ear, and someone with a compassionate heart to understand them. That someone is a Stephen Minister who can be there for you. To get you connected with a Stephen Minister contact your Stephen Ministry leaders: Deacon Cheryl 221-8939 or Dave Hakala 219-0715.



### New Member Class

Saturday, April 14th  
9:30 a.m. Room 202

Sign up in Narthex or contact Pr. Roy directly.  
Lunch provided.

### Reception of New Members

will be the weekend of April 21/22

### Prayer Chain Ministry

The daytime prayer chain needs more people willing to pray for those in need. It only takes a few minutes of your day to lift someone up in prayer. Please consider serving the Lord in this matter.



Call Deacon Cheryl for more information, 221-8939.

## CALL COMMITTEE

*update by Janelle McPartland*

We have interviewed two candidates and are in the process of discerning whether we recommend one to council or continue to search.



The Deborah Circle invites the congregation to partner with them in gathering items for newborn kits for families in developing countries around the world through Global Health Ministries (a partner with the Lutheran church). The following items are needed new or gently used:

- Regular size bath towels (48-52")
- Washcloths
- Bath size Ivory soap in original packaging
- Newborn cotton t-shirts
- Newborn small size hats
- Receiving blankets (approx. 30x30)
- Cloth diapers (flat, not ones with snaps)
- Diaper pins
- 2 gallon or larger "Ziplock" bags

Please put items in the Deborah Circle basket in the Narthex. New items only please. Thank you for loving the babies!



LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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### Regular Worship Schedule

Saturdays:

6:00 pm

Relaxed Traditional

Sundays:

9:30 Contemporary

11:15 Traditional

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## SPECIAL SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE & PICNIC: 10 AM, APRIL 22nd

Pre-school Singing

Picnic & Bar-B-Que after service

Grilling hot dogs/hamburgers &  
bring side-dishes to share!

Praise Team playing LIVE outdoors

Games • Bounce House • Planting flowers

Sign up  
in Narthex  
for food and  
volunteering

Join us for a single special worship service on Sunday, April 22nd at 10 am in celebration of God's Creation on Earth Day. IELC students will be singing during the service, followed by grilling hamburgers and hot dogs for a picnic. Just bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share with others. Children will be given flowers to plant around the church as we celebrate God's glorious creation that he has given to us to enjoy and care for.

**AND ALSO ON APRIL 22nd...**



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*Food For The Poor is one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the United States. By providing lifesaving food, secure housing, clean water, healthcare, emergency relief, micro-enterprise projects and education opportunities, they are giving the poor a chance at a better future, and showing them God's love.*

# APRIL

(Official Immanuel Events Only. To view our full calendar go to our website, [immmanelpalmcity.org](http://immmanelpalmcity.org))

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| <b>1 Easter Sunday</b><br><b>7:00 - Sunrise Service</b><br>8:00 - Traditional Worship<br>9:30 - Contemp. Worship<br>9:30 - Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30 - Eggstravaganza!<br>11:15 - Traditional Worship<br>4:30 - Souper Sunday | <b>2</b><br>10:00 - IELC Chapel<br>12:30 - Children's Choir<br>6:00 - Young Life Club  | <b>3</b><br>6:00 - Bell Choir Practice<br>6:30 - Youth FUSION<br>7:30 - HS Bible Study<br>7:30 - MS Bible Study                              | <b>4</b><br>8:15 - First Priority<br>11:30 - Mom2Mom Study<br>1:30 - Stephen Ministry Trng<br>6:00 - Quilts of Valor<br>6:30 - World Religions<br>6:30 - Bible Adventures  | <b>5</b><br>10:00 - IELC Chapel<br>12:00 - Companions in Christ<br>1:30 - Bridge Club<br>5:00 - CWT Rehearsal<br>6:00 - Mom2Mom<br>6:30 - Bible Adventures          | <b>6</b><br>4:45 - Youth Retreat - Vero Beach | <b>7</b><br>Youth Retreat - Vero Beach<br>5:15 - Cornerstone Rehearsal<br>6:00 - Traditional Worship                                       |
| <b>8</b><br>Youth Retreat - Vero Beach<br>9:30 - Contemp. Worship<br>9:30 - McClane Baptism<br>9:30 - Choir Rehearsal<br>10:00 - Sunday School<br>11:15 - Traditional Worship<br>4:30 - Souper Sunday                        | <b>9</b><br>10:00 - IELC Chapel<br>11:15 - Staff Mtg;<br>12:30 - Children's Choir<br>3:00 - Deborah Circle<br>6:00 - Young Life Club<br>6:00 - Companions in Christ<br>6:30 - Stephen Ministry | <b>10</b><br>6:00 - Bell Choir Practice<br>6:30 - Youth FUSION<br>7:30 - HS Bible Study<br>7:30 - MS Bible Study                             | <b>11</b><br>8:15 - First Priority<br>11:30 - Mom2Mom Study<br>12:00 - Altar Guild Luncheon<br>6:00 - Quilts of Valor<br>6:30 - World Religions<br>6:30 - Bible Adventures | <b>12</b><br>10:00 - IELC Chapel<br>12:00 - Companions in Christ<br>1:30 - Bridge Club<br>5:00 - CWT Rehearsal<br>6:30 - Bible Adventures                           | <b>13</b>                                     | <b>14</b><br>9:30 - New Member Class<br>5:15 - Cornerstone Rehearsal<br>6:00 - Traditional Worship<br>6:00 - Quilts of Valor Presentations |
| <b>15</b><br>9:30 - Contemp. Worship<br>9:30 - Moore Baptism<br>9:30 - Choir Rehearsal<br>10:00 - Sunday School<br>11:15 - Traditional Worship<br>4:30 - Souper Sunday   | <b>16</b><br>10:00 - IELC Chapel<br>11:15 - Staff Mtg;<br>6:00 - Companions in Christ  | <b>17</b><br>6:00 - Bell Choir Practice<br>6:30 - Youth FUSION<br>7:00 - Sisters in Spirit<br>7:30 - HS Bible Study<br>7:30 - MS Bible Study | <b>18</b><br>8:15 - First Priority<br>11:30 - Mom2Mom<br>6:00 - Quilts of Valor<br>6:30 - Bible Adventures<br>6:30 - World Religions                                       | <b>19</b><br>10:00 - IELC Chapel<br>12:00 - Companions in Christ<br>1:30 - Bridge Club<br>5:00 - CWT Rehearsal<br>6:30 - Bible Adventures                           | <b>20</b>                                     | <b>21</b><br>5:15 - Cornerstone Rehearsal<br>6:00 - Traditional Worship  |
| <b>22 Earth Day</b><br><b>10:00 Special Worship</b><br>11:00 Church Picnic/BBQ<br>4:30 - Souper Sunday   | <b>23</b><br>10:00 - IELC Chapel<br>11:15 - Staff Mtg;<br>12:30 - Children's Choir<br>6:00 - Young Life Club<br>6:00 - Companions in Christ<br>6:30 - Stephen Ministry                         | <b>24</b><br>6:00 - Bell Choir Practice<br>6:30 - Youth FUSION<br>7:00 - Sisters in Spirit<br>7:30 - HS Bible Study<br>7:30 - MS Bible Study | <b>25</b><br>8:15 - First Priority<br>11:30 - Mom2Mom<br>6:00 - Quilts of Valor<br>6:30 - Bible Adventures<br>6:30 - World Religions                                       | <b>26</b><br>10:00 - IELC Chapel<br>12:00 - Companions in Christ<br>1:30 - Bridge Club<br>5:00 - CWT Rehearsal<br>6:30 - Bible Adventures<br>7:00 - Council Meeting | <b>27</b>                                     | <b>28</b><br>5:15 - Cornerstone Rehearsal<br>6:00 - Traditional Worship  |
| <b>29</b><br>9:30 - Contemp. Worship<br>9:30 - Choir Rehearsal<br>10:00 - Sunday School<br>11:15 - Traditional Worship<br>4:30 - Souper Sunday   | <b>30</b><br>10:00 - IELC Chapel<br>11:15 - Staff Mtg;<br>12:30 - Children's Choir<br>6:00 - Young Life Club<br>6:00 - Companions in Christ  |  |  |   |   |  |



# April Worship Assistants



|   |              | Mar 31 & Apr 1   | Apr 7 & 8  | Apr 14 & 15                                 | Apr 21 & 22   | Apr 28 & 29                                      |
|---|--------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Greeters</b>   | <b>6:00</b>  | Linda Pierr  | Sandy Foley  | Judith Holley                               | Linda Pierr   | John McCluskey                                   |
|   | <b>8:00</b>  | John McCluskey   | -----  | -----                                       | -----   | -----  |
|   | <b>9:30</b>  | Amber Castro   | Bill Swift   | Cheryl Gundersdorff                         | <b>10:00</b> - Jerry Schuler<br>Harry Lerch                   | Amber Castro                                     |
|   | <b>11:15</b> | Janelle McPartland   | Ron Froehlich  | Barbara Haslage                             |   | Dot Adami  |
| <b>Ushers</b>   | <b>6:00</b>  | Jerry Pierr<br>Leroy Shank   | Les Smith<br>Barbara Smith                                       | Gary Blodgett<br>Sally Blodgett             | John Etter<br>Ruth Etter                                      | Judith Holley<br>Carol Klingelsmith              |
|   | <b>8:00</b>  | Jim Dickmeyer<br>Marlys Dickmeyer  | -----  | -----                                       | -----   | -----  |
|   | <b>9:30</b>  | Kim Neal<br>Mark Trumbauer   | John Wakeman<br>Ed Williams                                      | Doug Behnke<br>Marcie Balow                 | <b>10:00</b> - Jeff Carson<br>Jeanne Bateman<br>Ron Froehlich | Al DeLorenzo<br>Jim Hercl                        |
|   | <b>11:15</b> | Harry Lerch<br>Bob Ebbersten   | Doug Dattoma<br>Donelle Heynes                                   | Jerry Schuler<br>Dave Vanderslice           |   | Jerry Schuler<br>Dave Vanderslice                |
| <b>Readers</b>  | <b>6:00</b>  | Linda Pierr  | Sandy Foley  | Judith Holley                               | Linda Pierr   | John McCluskey                                   |
|   | <b>8:00</b>  | John McCluskey   | -----  | -----                                       | -----   | -----  |
|   | <b>9:30</b>  | Amber Castro   | Bill Swift   | Cheryl Gundersdorff                         | <b>10:00</b> - Jerry Schuler                                  | Amber Castro                                     |
|   | <b>11:15</b> | Janelle McPartland   | Ron Froehlich  | Barbara Haslage                             |   | Dot Adami  |
|  <b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b> | <b>6:00</b>  | Barbara Shank<br>Linda Pierr   | Kaija Hakala<br>Barbara Ann<br>DuBree                            | Barbara Shank<br>Linda Pierr                | Kaija Hakala<br>BarbaraAnn DuBree                             | Barbara Shank<br>Linda Pierr                     |
|   | <b>8:00</b>  | Linda Gallo<br>Joan Schappert<br>Carolyn Ries  |  |   |   |  |
|   | <b>9:30</b>  | Margie King<br>Marcie Balow<br>RuthAnn Katilius<br>Karen Holmes<br>Catherine Jankens<br>JoAnn Muller | Carolyn Ries<br>Margie King<br>Ruth Ann Katilius<br>Marcie Balow | Carol Kosman<br>Margie King<br>Carolyn Ries | <b>10:00 One Service</b><br>Jan & Karen Rades                 | Carol Kosman<br>Margie King<br>Jakie & Bob Resig |
|   | <b>11:15</b> | Gerry Schroeder<br>Marlu Gluckman<br>Martha Eckenrode<br>Marj Smtih<br>Alice Windle                  | Marlu Gluckman<br>Martha Eckenrode                               | Nancy Vanderslice<br>Jean Friedman          |   | Marlu Gluckman<br>Martha Eckenrode               |
| <b>Slide Assistants</b>   | <b>6:00</b>  | Cindy Walsh  | Gary Winslow   |   | Gary Winslow  | John & Pat McCluskey                             |
|   | <b>8:00</b>  | George Schneider   | -----  | -----                                       | -----   | -----  |
|   | <b>9:30</b>  | Kim Nicholas   | Sheri Muller   | Christopher Carnes                          | <b>10:00</b> – Tom Higgins                                    | Christopher Carnes                               |
|   | <b>11:15</b> | Cheryl Gundersdorff  | Bill Easter  | Bill Easter                                 |   | <b>VACANT</b>                                    |