



April 2025

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are a resurrection church! What do I mean by that? Well, for starters, I mean that we are a church that is alive and not dead. We are the living body of our Lord and Savior † Jesus Christ, who was murdered, buried, and rose from the dead on the first Easter for you. Because He lives, we live also. Because He lives, we will live forever. Because He lives; death, hell, and the grave have no power over us. Not now, not ever.

Being a resurrection church also means that we are active. Immanuel does a lot. We have a wonderful WinGS group that selflessly serves our church and then gives to several different missions on many different occasions. Thank God for them and for their servant hearts. We have a nursery school that thrives and has served Preston and the surrounding areas for over 40 years with fantastic teachers and a heart for Jesus. We also have ringers, singers, and chimers that are intergenerational, giving us a glimpse of heaven each and every time they share their gift of music with us. And of course, so much more. We have you, the body of Christ, who serves your neighbor as you love the Lord in various ways. You live the Great Commission. You do so without question. And you go together, boldly, and your pastor could not be prouder of you.

The resurrection church is active because Jesus commands it to be. Go, teach, baptize, preach. All action verbs. All done together as the body of Christ, with Jesus as it's head; who has gone before and who goes with it into the world.

Friends, being a resurrection church also means that we are a church that is centered on Christ in thought, word, and deed. Notice I did not say it is a perfect church. It isn't. Nor are we. We are a body of sinners who gathers around Word and Sacrament, repenting of sins and receiving God's divine gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. Martin Luther was right when he said that we as the church are simultaneously saints and sinners.

Lastly, we as the resurrection church are in the world, but not of it. The devil works hard to draw churches into the sin sick world and to engross them with all the social issues of the day. Churches are left asking the question (though they should know the answer), "where do we stand on matters of race, sexual orientation and identity, the sanctity of human life, and the like?" The church should be out front and should be bold and certain when answering this question. And on matters like this, it is best to turn to Scripture alone, trust in Christ alone, and to remain faithful no matter the cost as St. John reminds us in Revelation, "Be faithful, even unto the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life."...

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

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BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

The office is normally open Monday—Thursday from
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As Christians, we should not be afraid to serve our communities as citizens of the left-hand kingdom, that is as citizens of the world. And when we serve, we do so to the best of our ability and with Jesus at the center. Doing so allows us to live out the second part of the greatest commandment, "to love our neighbors as ourselves." As citizens, also, of the right-hand kingdom, that is the kingdom of heaven, may we ask God daily to give us the courage and strength to be the hands, feet, and voice of those most vulnerable.

Dearly beloved, we are the resurrection church. Jesus is our center and should be the very foundation upon which we do all things. With that in mind, how wonderful it is that we get to proclaim the confession that we've longed to hear this season of lent, together: Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

With a Shepherd's Heart,

Pastor David

SPECIAL FUNDS

Care & Compassion Fund

Nicole Caraballo



*Joy Comes in the Morning:
Easter Sunday*

Spring NEWSLETTER

The Blessing of Fellowship

Between the death of Christ and the Last Day it is only by gracious anticipation of the last things that Christians are privileged to live in invisible fellowship with other Christians. It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God's Word and sacrament. Not all Christians receive this blessing. The imprisoned, the sick, the scattered lonely, the proclaimers of the Gospel in heathen lands stand alone. They know that visible fellowship is a blessing.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

His Hope Ministries

His Hope Ministries will close its doors to overnight guests around the end of April and reopen in September. Therefore April 6th and 13th will be our last collection dates for single serve breakfast items for this year. Thank you to all who contributed. Watch the summer bulletins and September newsletter for when we will resume our project. If you have any questions about this project, see or call Irene Wheatley-410-310-2571.



MEETINGS

Church Council

Sunday 4/6 after worship

Board of Elders

Monday 4/7 at 7:00 PM

Voter's Meeting

Sunday 4/27 after worship

PASTOR'S VACATION

April 21 - May 4

Pastor will be on vacation Monday April 21st through Sunday May 4th. Pastor is working on Pulpit Supply for Sunday 4/27 and 5/4. While Pastor is away, please contact Raechl in the office for non-emergencies or Rex Rosebrock for emergencies. Thank you!

EASTER EGG PICK UP TIMES

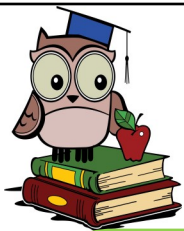
WinGS Homemade Easter Eggs will be available to be picked up in the Fellowship Hall on the following days:

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Tuesday 4/1
Wednesday 4/2
Thursday 4/3
Monday 4/7
Tuesday 4/8
Wednesday 4/9
Thursday 4/10

6:00 PM

Wednesday 4/2
Wednesday 4/9



Immanuel Lutheran Nursery School



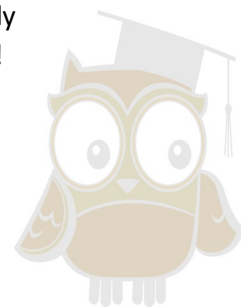
Immanuel Lutheran Nursery School students were not lucky enough to catch a leprechaun but they were delighted with the treats he left for them! Students from our pre-k and 3's classes are pictured above with their classroom traps and treats!



This school year is flying by! In April they will go on a field trip to Vintage Family farms. This is a new field trip for our school and we couldn't be more excited! The students are also looking forward to their Easter Egg hunt on April 16th!

In May the students will enjoy a presentation from the Caroline County Gardening Club and Field Day on their last day of school. ILNS's Closing Ceremony will be held on Friday May 23rd at 6:30pm.

This year 21 students will be promoted and 7 pre-k students will graduate!



REGISTER
FOR Immanuel
Lutheran
Nursery School



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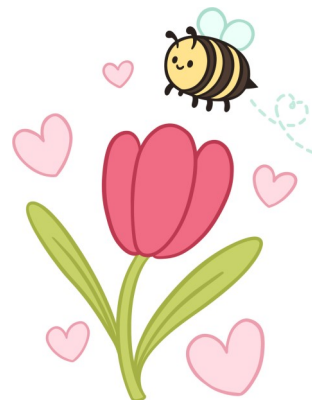
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<https://www.facebook.com/PrestonImmanuelLutheranNurserySchool/>

Open Enrollment for the 2025—2026 school year has begun and spots are filling up fast! We offer half day classes for 2's, 3's, and 4's (pre-k). Contact us today to secure a spot!



Tucker Wright
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Here is a letter from last year's
seminary student that we supported
through Concordia Seminary's
Adopt-a-Student program!

Grace peace and mercy to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God's love is truly abounding, and we have seen so much evidence of that love. I wanted to share a passage of scripture that would describe our current situation and 2 Corinthians 9:8 seems to fit perfectly. Paul is encouraging the believers that, *"God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done."* Our Lord has taken this man and his wife and is doing some amazing things.

Our church has a great propensity for community engagement. There are five Bible studies throughout the week and lots of community events on the weekends. This weekend we have a music night where members share their gifts and it just amazes me how God can use regular social events for His purpose. We have found that there are lots of people who enjoy the arts, so we try to make that available for God's purposes.

Academics are still going well, and they coincide with at least one of the weekly readings. It's keeping me in the ancient languages and helping me to preach. I never dreamed I would be doing this. I'm working really hard but I'm also living my dream and proclaiming the Gospel.

Thank you for the continued support. You are the "Pouring on" of God's blessings and we are thankful because I am being trained to lead God's people. I work a lot of hours but as a vicar, one doesn't make a lot of money. I am humbled by your generosity as you defray the tuition and lab costs. This school is wonderful and we are excited about the future. I will continue to pray for you and please know that you are blessing a lot of people, not just me and my wife but my church, and my students in the bible studies because your taking care of us allows us to take care of them.

Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

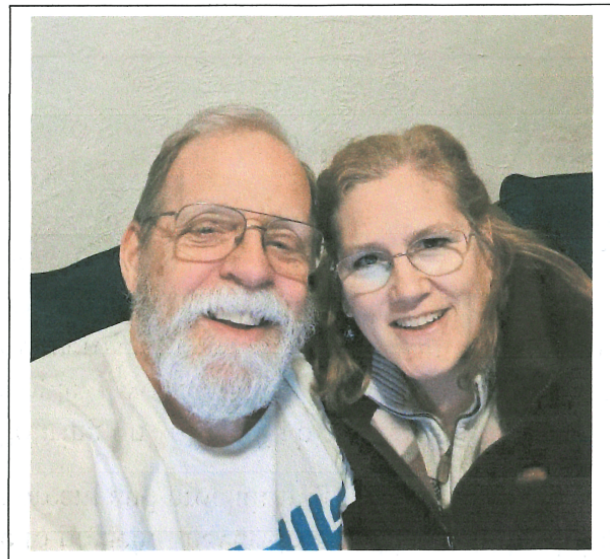
Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

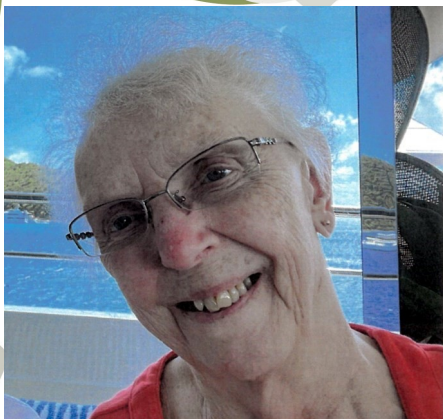


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OBITUARY

Sandra Christine Becker

FEBRUARY 27, 1945 –
MARCH 5, 2025

Sandra Christine (Hejmanowski) Becker, age 80 of New Bern, NC passed away on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at CarolinaEast Medical. She was born on February 27, 1945 in Buffalo, NY, the daughter of Conrad and Eleanor (Pietruszewski) Hejmanowski.

She grew up in the Buffalo, NY. She earned a Master's Degree from the University of Buffalo, NY. She was united in marriage to the Rev. Thomas Becker on May 3, 1980 in Buffalo, NY. She supported her husband's ministry as he served congregations in New York, North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland. She was always concerned for the welfare of others. She worked in various community organizations. A nephew recently wrote: "She was a woman of immense strength and side-splitting humor, and someone who always stood up for those in hard times -- running a battered women's shelter in Virginia Beach (Portsmouth, VA) for many years."

Preceded in death by parents: Conrad and Eleanor Hejmanowski; brothers: Conrad Jr Hejmanowski; Robert Hejmanowski, and Gregg Hejmanowski; sister-in-law: Geraldine Hejmanowski; niece: Susan Hejmanowski; infant son: Timothy Stoye; son: Jeffrey Becker.

In addition to her husband Thomas Becker, Sandi is survived by granddaughter: Mekaila Buesking; sister-in-law: Maryann Hejmanowski; brothers-in-law Mark (Joann) Becker and David (Tracie) Becker; niece: Linda Hejmanowski; nephews: Christopher (Tracy) Hejmanowski, David (Ashley) Hejmanowski, Andrew (Melissa) Becker, and Christopher Becker; many great nieces and nephews.

Cotten Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to serve the Becker family.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/new-bern-nc/sandra-becker-12273517>

ASH WEDNESDAY



Kayleigh, Katherine & Coltyn
Bowman-Pinder at our Ash
Wednesday service.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

~ PALM BRANCH ~

When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches, common symbols of victory and rejoicing. Churches still use them to remember that occasion, knowing that Jesus' crucifixion was the ultimate triumph over sin and death. As early as Leviticus 23:40, God commanded Israel to use palms in a festival of rejoicing. In Revelation 7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as they praise the Lamb before God's throne.



**OFFICE CLOSED: Thursday April
17th—Monday April 21st**

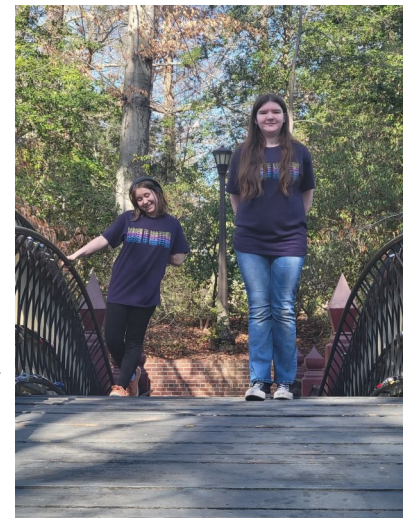
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or send an email during this time.*

**Normal office hours will resume
on Tuesday April 22nd.**

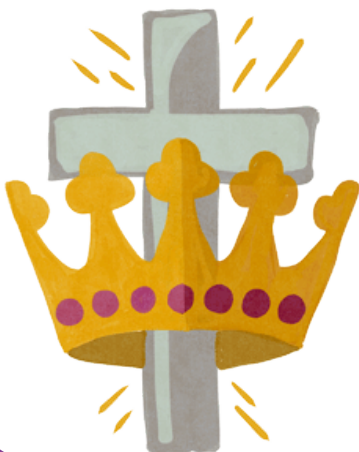
YOUTH GATHERING

In March Zoe Durando & Alicia Carder attended the "Make It Matter" SED Middle School Youth Gathering at King of Glory in Williamsburg, VA.

They both had a blast! They really enjoyed all of the sessions they went to and learned a lot!



Hope for Holy Week



As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don't lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what he has to offer because of his humble attitude and his devotion to his mission.

When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can't help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

—Peter Sulzle



APRIL birthdays



HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

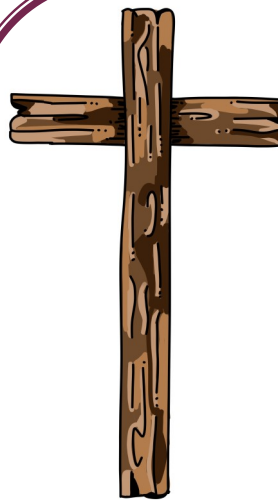
Abby Andrews	4/1	Brady Edwards	4/9	Henry Varner	4/16
Robin Bowman-Smith	4/2	William Fry	4/9	Rachel Harris	4/18
Lauren Varner	4/2	Kayleigh Bowman-Pinder	4/10	Glen Plutschak	4/18
Marsha Kenton	4/3	Camden James	4/10	David Casey-Motley	4/21
McKenzie Daniels	4/4	Jeffrey Parmer	4/14	Alison Patchett	4/21
Carl Frase	4/4	Joseph Parmer	4/15	Todd Butler	4/24
Nathan Quidas	4/4	Ryan Harris	4/16	Andrew Willey	4/24
Ava Kenton	4/6	Calvin Hopkins	4/16	J.T. Worm	4/24
Andee Harding	4/7	Dennis Janko	4/16	Barbara Headley	4/26
Myrna Roth	4/8	Dale Kenton	4/16	Corey Schmidt	4/30
Amanda Scudder	4/8	Annabelle Scudder	4/16		

HAPPY
Anniversary
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

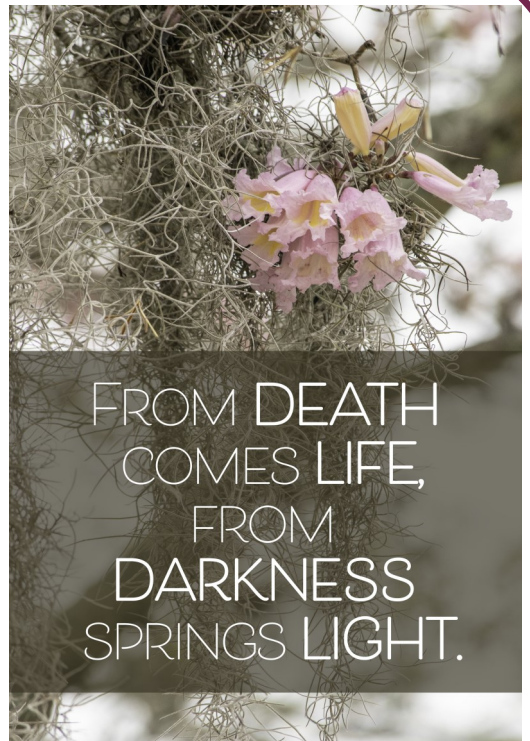


APRIL anniversaries

Jennifer & Doug Phillips	4/5
Michael & Amanda Knorr	4/6
Dale & Ruth Thomas	4/12
Jeffrey & Denise Coppage	4/23



Hope is Alive




FROM DEATH
COMES LIFE,
FROM
DARKNESS
SPRINGS LIGHT.

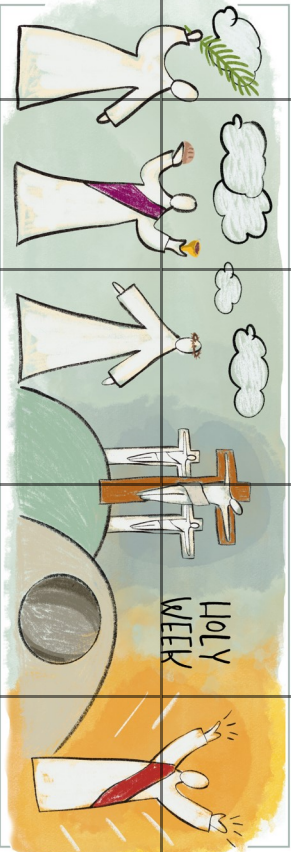


APRIL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:50am Nursery School 6p Youth Confirm. Class	2 8:50a Nursery School 12pm Lent Service w/ luncheon 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Sr. Choir	3 8:50am Nursery School 9am Elevator Inspect.	4	5 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
6 5th Sunday in Lent 9:15a Sunday School 10:30 Divine Service Church Council Mtg. Orchestra Rehearsal 7:00pm AA Meeting	7 8:50am Nursery School 7:00pm Elders Meeting	8 8:50am Nursery School 6p Youth Confirm. Class	9 8:50a Nursery School 12pm Lent Service w/ luncheon 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Sr. Choir	10 8:50am Nursery School 7:00pm WinGS	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 9:15a Sunday School 10:30am Worship Orchestra Rehearsal 7:00pm AA Meeting	14 8:50am Nursery School	15 8:50am Nursery School 6p Youth Confirm. Class	16 8:50a Nursery School 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Sr. Choir	17 Holy Thursday 7:00pm Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service with communion	18 Good Friday 7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service	19
20 Easter Day 9:00a Breakfast 9:20a Easter Skit 9:40a Breakfast 10:30 Divine Service 7:00pm AA Meeting	21	22 8:50am Nursery School 6p Youth Confirm. Class	23 8:50a Nursery School	24 8:50am Nursery School	25	26
27 9:15a Sunday School 10:30am Worship Voters' Meeting 7:00 pm AA Meeting	28 8:50am Nursery School	29 8:50am Nursery School 6p Youth Confirm. Class	30 8:50a Nursery School 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Sr. Choir			

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL APRIL 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Assisting Elder</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Camera Operator</u>	<u>Kids Worship</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Head Tellers</u>
April 6	Rex Rosebrock Mark Frase	Mark Frase	Desi Casey-Motley	Mikayla Clark	David Schmidt	Janice Isenberg	Rene Langwost	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley	Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
April 13	Rex Rosebrock Mark Frase		Cathy Baker	Grayson Jackson Crucifer: Coltyn Bowman-Pinder	David Schmidt	Jennifer Phillips	Rene Langwost	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley	Karen Lyons Jennifer Phillips
April 17	Rex Rosebrock Mark Frase	Rick Clendaniel		Shyann Gillis					
April 18	Rex Rosebrock Mark Frase			Anthony Clark					
GOOD FRIDAY									
April 20	Rex Rosebrock Mark Frase	Todd Butler	Mikayla Clark	Coltyn Bowman-Pinder	Rex Rosebrock	Shelly Kapitan	Rene Langwost	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley	Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak Linda Jefferson
EASTER SUNDAY									
April 27	Rex Rosebrock Mark Frase		David Casey-Motley	Grayson Jackson	Jim Harris	Ruth Thomas	Rene Langwost	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley	David & Kathy Schmidt Julie Farnell



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SCHEDULE FOR
HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 4/13

10:30 am Worship Service

Maundy Thursday 4/17

7:00 pm Holy Thursday Service

Good Friday 4/18

7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday 4/20

9:00 am - 9:20 am Early Easter Sunday Breakfast

9:20 - 9:40 am Youth Easter Skit

9:40 - 10:15 am Easter Sunday Breakfast

10:30 am Easter Day Worship Service

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HAPPY Easter

Immanuel Lutheran Church sends
blessings as we celebrate
the resurrection of Jesus!
Please join us as we worship
our risen Savior and rejoice in
the new life he offers.

The Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Day
Sunday April 20, 2025
10:30 AM Divine Worship
with Holy Communion

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