

## IMMANUEL CHURCH CALENDAR—A PEEK AT THE WEEK!

### Sun., March 24

8:45-Prep and Prayer meeting for those helping with the service-fireside room  
9:00-Pastor Meets with Baptism Family in the fireside room  
9:15-Church nursery is staffed  
9:30-Worship, Baptism of Levi Garbe, Sunday School  
10:30-Coffee; 10:30-WELCA quarterly meeting during coffee time.  
10:30-New Testament Study-Topic: The Historical Jesus-Solutions and Methods

### Mon., March 25

6:00-Worship & Music Committee

### Tues., March 26

10:00-Text Time Bible Study

### Wed., March 27

11:00-Mid-Week Lenten Worship, Soup & Sandwich to follow  
5:30-6:45-Soup & Sandwich - serving group C  
6:00-Choir rehearsal  
6:30-Youth Group  
7:00-Mid-week Lenten Worship

### Thurs., March 28

No Men's Study—will resume next fall with 1st & 2nd Corinthians. Plan to join Jim!

### Fri., March 29

3:15-ILC Worship Band rehearsal

### Sat. March 30

### Sun. March 31—Pick up your April newsletter in the gathering area

9:00-Prep and Prayer meeting for those helping with the service-fireside room  
9:15-Church nursery is staffed  
9:30-Worship, Sunday School  
10:30-Coffee  
10:30-New Testament Study-Topic: Jesus the Apocalyptic Prophet  
Meeting right after worship in the sanctuary basement-grab coffee and come!

**The Easter Memorial Garden** form is in this bulletin. Deadline to get donation in is Palm Sunday, April 14.  
*Thank you!*



## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Rev. Marla Amborn

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019, 9:30 A.M.

*A welcoming community rooted in Christ, growing in faith and serving with joy!*

Today's Hymnal: **ELW** - Evangelical Lutheran Worship (**Red**)

Hearing devices are available from an usher.

Children's bulletins & Worship Bags are available at the back of the church.

P: Pastor, C: Congregation, R: Reader

### Prelude

### Welcome and announcements

**Baptism of Levi William Garbe**, child of Gus & Korrin.

Sponsored by Randy & Kelly Garbe, Katelyn Keller and Luke Keller

### Call to Worship

Pastor: May we invite...

**Congregation: the poor, the hungry, the lost.**

P: May we invite...

**C: our friends, our families, ourselves.**

P: May we invite...

**C: the wonder, the mystery, the questions.**

P: May we invite...

**C: the seeking, the lost, the wandering.**

P: May we invite...

**C: the foreigner, the migrant, the refugee.**

P: May we invite...

**C: the young, the old, the forgotten.**

P: May we invite...

**ALL: everyone.**

**Entrance Hymn** ELW #443 *Dearest Jesus, vs. 1, 2 & 3*

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession

P: God, let us make our excuses. May we list the ways we find to convince us to turn from the loving way.

**Congregation: The excuses of the late night, the excuses of the busy lives, the family problems, the desire not to be hypocritical.**

P: God, let us make our excuses as to why we travel so lightly with you.

**C: We do not reject your invitation, we just leave it on the mantelpiece willing to pick it up one day and there it will wait.**

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Direct Sunday School and

Confirmation questions to

Pastor Marla Amborn.

P: God, let us make our excuses as to why we are not queuing up for the feast but finding reason to avoid.

*Pause*

P: And in every excuse, may we hear your compassion,  
**C: may we recognize your grace, ever calling, inviting, waiting, longing, for us to enjoy the gifts you have set for us.**

P: In this journey through lent, may we refine our excuses from 'No!' to 'Yes!'

**C: May we meet you in the place where you make no excuses but simply give yourself in the name of love. So be it. Amen.**

### **Forgiveness**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, any by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### **Worship begins with the liturgy booklet**

#### **NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION**

**Kyrie** page 3

**"Now the Feast"** pages 4-5

**The Salutation** page 7

**Prayer of the Day** (prayed in unison)

**God of Celebration, you have invited all people to rejoice in the goodness of your love. Help us to be hospitable to all people at your banquet, so that all might receive your blessing. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

**The Psalm 45:6-7**

Reader: <sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

**Congregation: Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;**

R: <sup>7</sup>you love righteousness and hate wickedness.

**C Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;**

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**Return to God** page 8

**The Gospel Luke 14:16-24**

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# **Easter Memorial Garden**

Please return this form to the church, along with your contribution by or before Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. Make check to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Easter Memorial Garden. Funds will be used for altar flowers & worship supplies throughout the year; or you may give to a memorial fund of your choice. Thank you.

**Note:** *Forms turned in by the deadline will be included in the Easter Sunday memorials brochure in the bulletin, those turned in after Palm Sunday will be listed on the Sunday after Easter in the bulletin. Thank You.*

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) to be remembered or honored:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Easter Memorial Garden Fund

\_\_\_ Sanctuary Flowers & Worship Supplies, including  
Candles, Communion Supplies, Linen upkeep, etc.  
\_\_\_ Other memorial fund, please note:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Known to be hospitalized:**

**Martin Strecker—The Meadows, Transitional Care**

**Alice Mortenson—Parmly Hospice**

**Financial Picture March 17**

**Attendance: 95**

Current: \$2,881.00; Building Fund: \$168.00; Benevolence: \$133.00;

Loose: \$37.00; Fellowship Dinners: \$70.85; Lent: \$432.00

Total: \$3,721.85

Benevolence: Und. \$18; Synod \$65; Itonya \$50.

**MARCH FOOD & FUND DRIVE -FEB 25 – APRIL 7, 2019**

Help re-stock the food shelves by donating to Family Pathway's

March Campaign Food & Fund Drive—Leave non perishable food in the basket in our Narthex. Thank you!

**Youth and Confirmation Upcoming dates to remember:**

Mar. 27, April 3 & 10 Youth meet at 6:30-6:55 before Lenten worship

**If you have questions about Youth Group call Youth Leaders:**

Jason & DeeAnn Fredlund, 651-465-6130

**If you have questions about Confirmation call**

Pastor Marla, 651-315-3354

**Please sign up to donate something** for the Easter Breakfast April 21, and be sure to attend! The sign up charts are on the table in the gathering area! Thanks for supporting our youth's efforts!

**CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE GATHERING AREA YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD! Due 4/30.**

**PLEASE CHECK OUT THE POSTERS ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD.**

**Generous Reflections**—Easter is the most important Christian holiday for it is on Easter that Jesus demonstrated God's power over sin and death. On Easter we share the good news of God's love and salvation, given freely for us all. Come to church on Easter and invite others to come with you. We are all commended to share the good news. Easter provides a great opportunity for each of us to share God's love as we invite others to come with us to worship. Invite friends, neighbors, and relatives to our Holy Week and Easter worship, and help spread the good news of Jesus and his love.

***Blessings on your stewardship journey!***

***Your Stewardship Committee***

**The Thursday Men's Bible Study** has completed it's study of Revelation. We are looking forward to studying 1st and 2nd Corinthians next Fall.

**LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP CATALOGS ARE OUT IN THE GATHERING AREA!** Grab one and talk about your summer camp plans with your children, grand-children or neighbor kids! Make this a summer they go to camp! Family Camps and Grandparents/Grandchildren camps are a way to go with your child!

**The Gospel Luke 14:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. <sup>17</sup>At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' <sup>18</sup>But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' <sup>19</sup>Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' <sup>20</sup>Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' <sup>21</sup>So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' <sup>22</sup>And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.'" <sup>23</sup>Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup>For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

**Special Music** "*Lord, I Hear of Showers of Blessings*" ILC Choir

**Children's Sermon** Diane Rothe

*(Sunday School begins for age 3-grade 6 following the children's sermon. Visiting Children are welcome to join us in the upper level of the new building.)*

**Sermon** Pastor Marla

**Litany**

Pastor: We'd say yes to a party, O God.

**Pulpit Side:** We'd say yes to an outing.

**Lectern Side:** We'd say yes to a show.

**All: May we say yes to you.**

Pastor: We'd say yes to a concert.

**Pulpit Side:** We'd say yes to a present.

**Lectern Side:** We'd say yes to a meal.

**ALL: May we say yes to you.**

Pastor: We'd say yes to a trip.

**Pulpit Side:** We'd say yes to a gift.

**Lectern Side:** We'd say yes to a friend.

**ALL: May we say yes to you. May we say yes to your party, your way of living and your call to love each other.**

**Hymn of the Day** *The Wedding Banquet (I Cannot Come!)*

*(see song sheet insert in the bulletin)*

**Intercessory Prayers** (after each petition respond with:)

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Offering Music** *Bridge over Troubled Waters/Let it Be Medley*  
Momoh Freeman, Piano

**Offering Prayer**

**Sending**

**Pastor:** As we have worshipped,

**Congregation: so we take our worship into the world.**

P: When we are able to respect others,

**C: we give them the honor.**

Pastor: Where we are able participate enthusiastically,

**C: we join the celebrating.**

P: When we are able to give ourselves,

**C: we give with passion.**

**ALL: God of honor, Son of unity, Spirit of passion, bless us, this day and always.**

**Benediction** page 16

**Sending Hymn** ELW #543 *Go, My Children With My Blessing*

**Dismissal** Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!**

**Visitors**, please sign our guest book located in the back of the sanctuary. If you are interested in knowing more about our congregation please speak to Pastor Marla or call the church office! Contact info is on the back of this bulletin.

**Today we welcome into the body of Christ through Holy Baptism Levi William Garbe!** God bless you and your family as you join the family of God. Let your light shine, Levi!

**Immediately following the Worship Service we welcome you to come for coffee in the fellowship hall!**

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY:**

**Pastor:** Marla Amborn

**Children's Sermon:** Diane Rothe

**Head Usher:** Deb Kregel **Ushers:** Jim & Linda Mielke

**Altar Guild:** Martha Strecker & Loraine Rue

**Organist:** Momoh Freeman **Accompanist:** Pat Remer

**Greeter:** Joanne Johnson **AV Tech:** Nancy Nadeau

**Reader:** Mary Johnson **Acolyte:** Kaitlin Carlson

**Offering Counters:** Alice Burnside, Pat Remer, Deb Kregel

**Coffee:** Youth Group **Nursery Caregiver:** Gwen Swenson

**Sunday School Teachers:** Loraine Rue and Diane Rothe

**Lent 2019**

**March 6-April 10**

**Midweek Services**

11:00 worship followed by lunch  
5:30-6:45-Supper and 7:00-worship

**Series Topics**

*March 27-Do Not Worry*

*April 3 - Judge Not*

*April 10 - Build on a Rock*

This Worship series for Lent takes us through some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 and relates them to the events surrounding Christ's life, death and resurrection. In the process, the services will powerfully reveal that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this sacred season. *Each week we will have the opportunity to light a candle in prayer during the service.*

**Lenten worship at Immanuel this week!**

Join us Wed., March 27 at 11am or 7pm for the Sermon on the Mount special service for Week 3 of Lent. In this service we recognize that so much of our lives, even in Lent, is spent worrying about what might happen or what has happened. Christ teaches us to stop being anxious, but simply to trust that he knows what is best and will take care of us to the very end.

Soup and Sandwich served at 12:00 and 5:30-6:45.

Serving group C

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, WE WELCOME The Holy Hootenanners!**

The Holy Hootenanners are a group of musicians out of Mahtowa, MN who play a mix of country gospel, country-soul, funk, folk, and rock-n-roll. Whatever they're playing, it's sure to get your toes tapping and your soul singing. We will receive an offering for special music on March 31 to pay for this special group!

Tora Carlson has a connection with this group as her niece is in the band! Don't miss the fun and inspiration!

**The Youth Group is selling Heggies Pizza** as a fundraiser for the youth group and the Mission Trip this June. Please find us after each Sunday service in the fellowship hall.

**SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

*Matthew 5-7*

