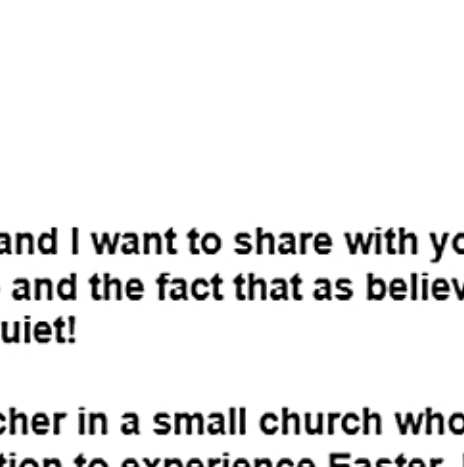




Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church

The Beacon April 2025



Pastor's Message

Dear Partners in the Gospel,

Easter will soon be upon us and I want to share with you one of my very favorite stories about Easter worship and the fact that as believers in the resurrection, you can't keep the resurrection quiet!

This is a true story of a preacher in a small church who wanted to come up with a unique way for his congregation to experience Easter. He decided he would enlist the children in the church to help him.

The week before Easter Sunday, the preacher went to a local department store and bought enough small bells for every child in the church to have two or three. He tied them together using yarn so that the children could wear the bells around their wrists. He told them that he wanted them to listen very closely to the sermon and every time they heard the word "resurrection," he wanted them to raise their arms and shake their wrists so that the bells would ring all over the congregation.

The preacher was delighted as the children entered the sanctuary for the Easter service. The bells could be heard everywhere as the children walked in, arms swinging. And during the sermon it also worked well. Every time the minister said "resurrection," a chorus of bells would ring throughout the sanctuary. It was obvious that the preacher, the children and everyone in the church thoroughly enjoyed the service. But the preacher also noticed that there was occasional unauthorized ringing. A child would forget about the bells and scratch an ear or nose. The bell would ring. A child would wave to a friend, the bell would ring. And sometimes, when the waiting became too much, when "resurrection" was not heard in a timely manner, a bell would ring.

At the end of the sermon, the preacher stopped for a moment and talked about these unauthorized bells ringing. With a broad grin he said, "I guess this proves you just can't keep the resurrection quiet."

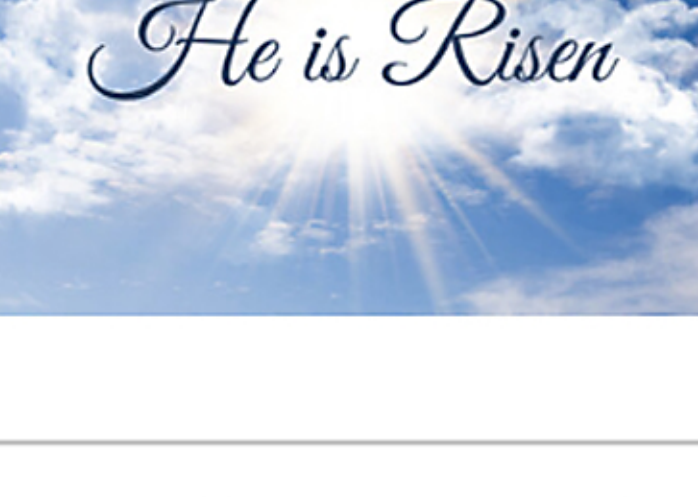
It is the prayer of my heart that as each and every one of us gathers for worship this Easter, that we too find it difficult to keep the good news of life triumphing over death quiet, because it is such good news that we just shouldn't keep it quiet! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Blessed Easter,
Pastor Tom

Holy Week Services



**Maundy Thursday
Services with
Communion
Thursday, April 17
10:30am & 6pm**

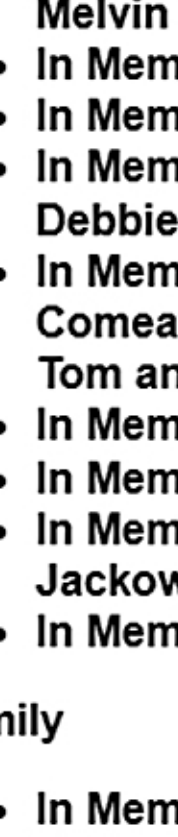


**Good Friday Services
Friday, April 18
10:30am & 6pm**



**Easter Services with
Communion
Saturday, April 19
at 5:30pm &
Sunday, April 20
at 9:30am**

Easter Lily Dedications



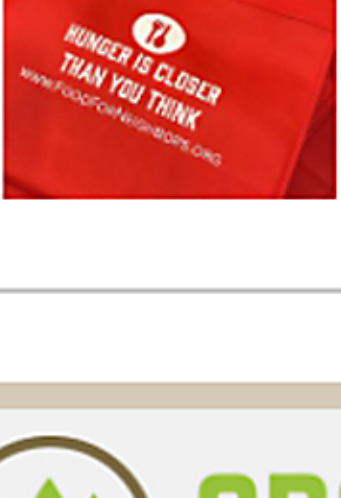
- To the Glory of God given by Sandi Kunz
- To the Glory of God given by Don and Martie Schmalz
- To the Glory of God given by Chuck and Carla Kenas
- To the Glory of God given by Dave and Nancy Hackbarth
- In Memory of our Parents given by Bob and Audrey Greenwood
- In Memory of James Gokey given by Faye Gokey
- In Memory of my loving son, Brian, given by Vicki Huth
- In Memory of Sara Kozisek given by Dana and Pam Kozisek
- In Memory of with love, Shelly Beaver & Richard Bahr and Melvin and Edythe Ollernan given by June Bahr
- In Memory of my son, Robert Swanson, given by Arlene Ward
- In Memory of Harold and Alice Veith given by Susan Giese
- In Memory of Wilmer and Bettyann Krueger given by John and Debbie Kehrmeier
- In Memory of Edward and Lorraine Miller, Galen and Joyce Comeaux, and Leon, Christopher and Kalley Groeschl given by Tom and Sandy Miller
- In Memory of Robert Kahl given by Deanna Kahl
- In Memory of RaySchwarze given by JoAnne Schwarze
- In Memory of Roger Anderson Jr given by Sharon and Steve Jackowski
- In Memory of Wayne and Dorothy Hoff given by The Christian Family

- In Memory of Leo and Irene Roehl and Ed and Clydice Fauska given by Bob and Jan Fauska
- In Memory of Jim and Florence Connell, Gary Randall, Dave and Anita Jones given by Lynn and Mary Randall
- In Memory of Robert Kahl given by Joelle, Todd, McKayla Drew



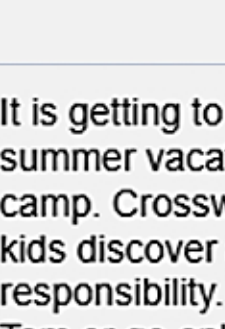
In memory of Shirley Dalka a memorial gift was given by Kevin Dalka

In memory of Audrey Nevala a memorial gift was given by Chuck and Carla Kenas



Red Bag Food Collection

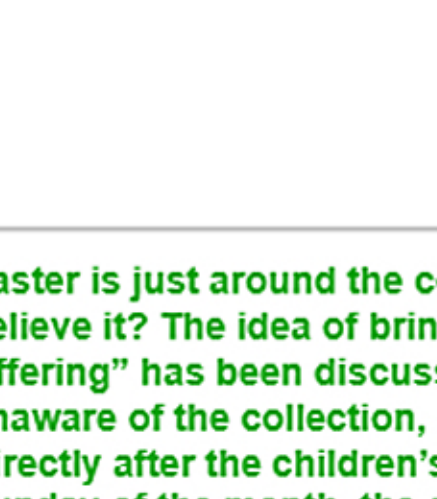
750# of groceries was collected for the Fond du Lac Food Pantry. A BIG Thank you to Ruth Auchtung who delivered the donated items to the Food Pantry. Food insecurity never takes a break. So please continue supporting this community ministry.



CROSSWAYS CAMPING MINISTRIES

Bible Camp Registration

It is getting to be that time of the year when we begin to think and make plans for summer vacation activities. One of those maybe attending Bible and/or Family camp. Crossways has three sites that offer different experiences. Help you and your kids discover and deepen their faith while learning kindness, confidence, and responsibility. If you are interested in getting more information, check with Pastor Tom or go online www.crosswayscamps.org



A Happy Spring everyone, I have had quite a few questions about Fellowship Hour lately. So here is the update. Fellowship hour with coffee and snacks is done on Communion Sundays. We started this as a way for people to get to know each other and to "catch up" with some of our church friends. We offer coffee and usually have a snack of some sort as well. If you would like to bring in something, bought or baked, please feel free to do so. I would ask that you let myself or Tess know as, we are usually the ones making or purchasing the snacks and drinks. If you would like to help with costs, you can donate monetarily as well, you can drop it off with us or in the office. As an FYI, we also have coffee available on Saturday nights and non-communion Sundays as well. The Keurig always has pods, cups, creamer and water available. Feel free to grab a cup and sit down to reacquire yourself with others. We would love to keep this fellowship going, so if you have any interest in helping or suggestions, please reach out to Tess or Becky

Easter is just around the corner; can you believe it? The idea of bringing back the "Noisy Offering" has been discussed. If you are unaware of the collection, let me explain. Directly after the children's message on the first Sunday of the month, the children (no age restrictions) can run around with tin cans to collect change or real paper money from the parishioners. The parishioners raise their hands or wave money to bring the kids over. Once everyone has deposited in the tins, then children bring them back to the front and dump it into one can. Then the money is donated. The twist this time around, the children will be picking the place where the money will be donated. So, if you have change just lying around....



April Birthdays



April 1

Pearl Bauman
Amy Mathys

April 3

Connie Hall
Marguerite Steinke

April 7

Carolyn Diedrick
Alexandra Pagel
Carolyn Zar

April 8

Richard Hegner

April 9

David Hackbarth

April 10

Kyle Kahl
Libertie Tollefson

April 11

Tim Baumhardt
Sharon Soukup

April 12

Jordan Boyke

April 13

Debra Kehrmeier
Ryley Solamita

April 14

Connie Waldschmidt

April 16

Dominic Gonzalez
Bryce Triatik

April 19

Daniel Skorik

April 20

Don Huth

April 23

Laura Kahl
Sierra Mathys

April 25

Carol Dorn
Jayla Meyer
Tyler Stobb

April 27

Christopher Dalton

April 28

Eric Jackowski

April 29

Taylor Kobe

April 30

Susan Giese
Tim Reehl
Beckham Boyke

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		No Scouting	1 Lenten Service 10:30a and 6pm 6:30pm Spark, Connect, Confirmation 6:30p Prayer Group	2 1p Deborah Circle	3	4 5:30p Worship w/Communion
6 9:30a Worship w/Communion 10:30a Adult Bible Study & Littles 3:00p Champions of FdL Fashion Show	7 9-10a Yoga w/ Kristi on the Mat 10:15a-11:15a Chair Yoga 5:45 Champions of FdL 6p Facilities Mtg 6p Brownies Mtg	8 6:45p Council Meeting 7pm Scouting	9 Lenten Service 10:30a and 6pm 6:30pm Spark, Connect, Confirmation	10	11	12 5:30p Worship
13 Palm Sunday 9:30a Worship 10:30a Adult Bible Study & Littles	14 9-10a Yoga w/ Kristi on the Mat 10:15a-11:15a Chair Yoga 5:45 Champions of FdL	15 7pm Scouting	16 8:30a Quilting No Christian Education Tonight 6:30p Prayer Group	17 Maundy Thursday Services w/Communion 10:30a & 6p	18 Good Friday Services 10:30a & 6p	19 5:30p Worship w/Communion
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