

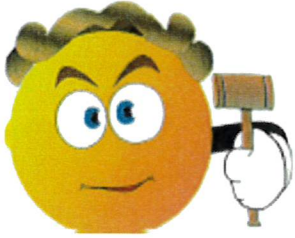
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**THE TORCH
This Month at Immanuel
May 2024**



From the Desk of Your Council President

Spring is here and all of the activities of Mother Nature awakening from the winter. Farmers are hitting the fields and new life is sprouting around us.

Not a lot of new things to report. Bob Gingras is working on updating the constitution. We continue to have discussions to finalize the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding to clearly define the shared pastoral program with St. Paul.

Immanuel is again sponsoring a baseball team at Al Morrison. Our team is in the coach pitch division which is 6- to 8-year-old kids. That division plays on Monday's, Wednesday's and Fridays at Page Park so if you have some free time please stop by and watch the kids play. I will send Joyce a schedule if anyone is interested.

See you in church!!!

Scott Johnson



**SUPPORT THE SPORT
AL MORRISON BASEBALL**

AL Morrison 2024 Coach Pitch



DATE	DAY	START	FINISH	VISITOR	HOME	VENUE	SURFACE	GAME SCORE	
05-13-24	Monday	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Dixon Autobody	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Dixon Field #2	Field 2		2 days
05-15-24	Wednesday	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Lee County Sheriff CP	Dixon Field #2	Field 2		2 days
05-20-24	Monday	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Montavon Builders AMB	Amboy Coach Pitch	Amboy Coach Pitch		2 days
05-22-24	Wednesday	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Steinmetz Trucking AFC	AFC Coach Pitch	AFC Coach Pitch		2 days
05-29-24	Wednesday	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Precision Automotive	Dixon Field #2	Field 2		2 days
05-31-24	Friday	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	Vestas Big Sky Wind AMB	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Dixon Field #1	Field 1		2 days
06-03-24	Monday	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Nagy Country Companies	Dixon Field #2	Field 2		2 days
06-05-24	Wednesday	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	Farleys Appliance CP	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Dixon Field #1	Field 1		2 days
06-12-24	Wednesday	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church	BK Digital AMB	Amboy Coach Pitch	Amboy Coach Pitch		2 days
06-14-24	Friday	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Crawford Realty	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Dixon Field #1	Field 1		2 days
06-17-24	Monday	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church	McDonalds	Dixon Field #2	Field 2		2 days
06-19-24	Wednesday	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church	ACE Hardware	Dixon Field #2	Field 2		2 days
06-24-24	Monday	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	River City Ale House	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Dixon Field #2	Field 2		2 days
06-26-24	Wednesday	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	Dixon Elks Lodge 779	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Dixon Field #1	Field 1		2 days

From the Pastor

Reverend Mark Juliot, Transition Pastor

Christian Community

Recently, I've heard a couple prominent thinkers speak, in separate conversations, about the value of Christian Community. This is not so unusual in Christian circles. However, what is surprising is that both of these thinkers are self-professed atheists. Yet, they each recognize the contribution of Christian values, traditions and community to the fabric of society and lament it's decreasing prominence. I find this fascinating.

There are also those within the Christian community who, likewise, lamenting the influence of Christianity on the society have determined that the way to combat this trend is by forcibly exerting Christian culture and values through avenues of power. This can lead to exclusionary practices and vilification of those with differing world views. This seems not only disingenuous, but dangerous and counter to Jesus' way.

Instead, what Jesus taught and demonstrated, is creating community based in radical love and acceptance and undergirded by humility and self-sacrifice—quite the opposite of forceable power. Jesus said to his disciples: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:12-13). In the letter of I John chapter 4, the writer says: "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God... Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also." Christian Community, based in love, acceptance and the giving of oneself for the sake of the neighbor is desperately needed in today's society. It caught the attention people at the time of the early church and led many to Christ. Perhaps it can do the same today?

Pentecost

Pentecost is the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It comes 50 days after Easter and, this year, will be celebrated May 19th.



One of the symbolic events on the day of Pentecost is when the disciples declare the good news in various languages.

Are you able to read in another language? If so, please let me know (mark.juliot@gmail.com). If we have enough people willing and able to do so, I'd like to do a special reading on Pentecost exemplifying the global nature of the Good News.

New Member Orientation

Sunday, May 19th

10:15AM-11:45AM

This is a chance to meet others as well as learn about ways to grow in faith as well as live it out. You will discover avenues for involvement at Immanuel and have an opportunity, but not an obligation, to join as a member. Refreshments will be served and childcare will be available. Please contact Joyce in the office to RSVP.



JOIN US IN MAY 2024!
Directory of Clubs and Activities

Adult Forum	10:15am	Every Sunday
Bible Study	9:00am	Every Wednesday
Digging Deeper	6:30pm	Every Tuesday
Life Recovery	5:00pm	Every Sunday
Mary Circle	9:00am	1st Thursday of each month
Men's Lunch	12:00pm	2nd & 4th Wednesday each month @ Red Apple
Parish Ed	5:00pm	3rd Wednesday of each month
Prayer Group	8:30am	Every Wednesday
Property Meeting	5:00pm	1st Thursday of the month
Quilting	8:00am	Every Tuesday
Sunday School	9:00am	Every Sunday
Yoga	10:00am	Every Tuesday
Women's Lunch	11:30am	1st Wednesday of each month @ Angelos
Women's Lunch	11:30am	2nd Wednesday @ China House

Any questions on any activities, call Joyce @ 815-284-2804



Last month's altar flowers were given by:

April 6th—7th	John & Joyce Wohrley
April 13th—14th	Silk
April 20th—21st	Silk
April 27th—28th	Chris Steder



Happy Birthday

Tony Brown May 3
 Chris Steder May 5
 Butch Schwitters May 21
 Nancy Lohse May 27
 Delores Volk May 28

Ted Harms May 3
 Barb Levan May 10
 Mandy Dallas May 22
 Shirley Foster May 28
 Sandy Thompson May 29







Dan and Judy Oberg 54 Years
Duane and Connie Dickison 42 Years
Mandy and Greg Dallas 16 Years
Jerome and Carole Gehrt 48 Years





IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH DIXON, ILLINOIS MAY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28		30	1 :30 Prayer Team 9:00 Bible Study 11:30 Ladies Lunch @Angelos	2 9:00 Mary Circle 5:00 Property Mtg 5:00 Grief Management	3	4 5:30 Worship Service @ Immanuel
5 9:00 Worship Service Live Stream Affirmation of Faith 9:30 Radio Worship 10:15 Adult Forum @ Immanuel 5:00 Life Recovery	6 3:00-5:00 Youth Group	7 8:00 Quilting 10:00 YOGA 5:00 Finance Mtg 5:30 Exec Mtg	8 8:30 Prayer Team 9:00 Bible Study 11:00 Ladies Lunch- China House Mendota 12:00 Men's Lunch @Red Apple	9	10	11 5:30 Worship Service @ St Paul
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	OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY					

April announcements for Youth & Family:

May 5th: 9am - Affirmation of Baptism

Cade Johnson, Macie Mandrel, Lee Toutant Jr.

Youth Gathering 2024: Created To Be

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well."

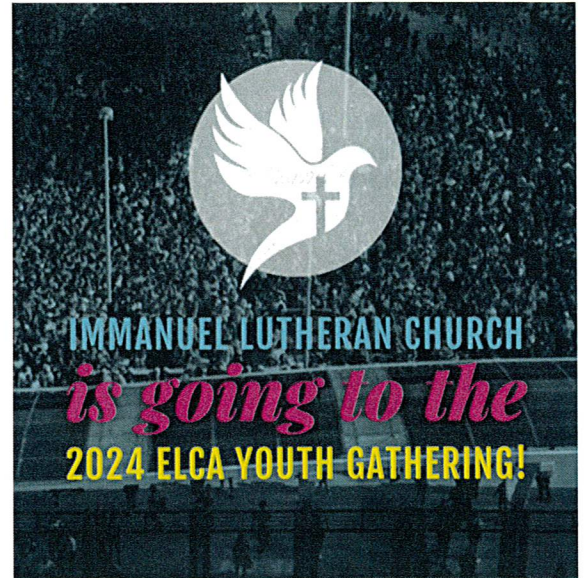
Psalm 139:14

Immanuel is teaming up with St. Paul's to take youth to New Orleans! For a week of fellowship, service, and learning.

To be able to make this happen we need to raise some funds. Help send us to this year's Youth Gather!

Fundraiser began April 14th: Stock Sales – Invest in the spiritual future of the youth at Immanuel.

Registration for this event is unfortunately closed. If you missed registering for this year's event, consider joining us for the Quake event in 2025... For those attending, please note, your payment is due May 31st, 2024.



MYSTERY DINNER MAY 19TH

Join in the fun and fellowship on May 19th @ 5pm. Mark your calendar for the

St. Paul & Immanuel Mystery Dinner!

You will be served a complete meal which you have selected from a menu. However, what you are served remains a

Mystery until your order is placed in front of you. It sounds wacky and crazy, but that's the fun. So, join in the

Fun and make your reservation. RSVP with the St Paul church office by May 15th. A free will offering will be collected to cover cost. All proceeds received after the cost of the event will go to help those attending the youth gathering in New Orleans this summer.

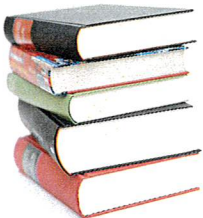


Worship Helpers Needed! On the table in the Narthex there is a sign-up sheet for worship helpers. It takes many hands to do God's work. Please give to your church by using your talents. Whether it be reading or greeting, we need your help.
Thank you



Attention Please

The news letter will be put out the first weekend of each month unless otherwise noted.
If you have an article or notice that you would like to appear in the publication, please have it turned in by the 24th of the month you would like it to appear. I appreciate your cooperation.



FANTASTIC RESPONSE!

Those of you who have donated books to the Adult Forum Book Collection are amazing! The response to fill the box with all kinds of books has been wonderful! Even the Girl Scouts who meet at Immanuel made a donation of books AND BOOKMARKS.

Our friends and neighbors in Rehab/nursing centers now have a great variety of books to choose from. Let's continue this outreach so that we can provide hours of reading entertainment for others.

Thank you so much for your sharing and caring.



Time to give and put a smile on the face of someone in need.

Volunteers are need for Meals on Wheels delivery.

June 3rd thru the 14th are the assigned dates.

A signup sheet has been placed on the Kiosk in the lobby of the church. If you have any question, call

Barb Fane @ 815-288-4341 or Kathy Lane @ 815-677-3699.

For the Record



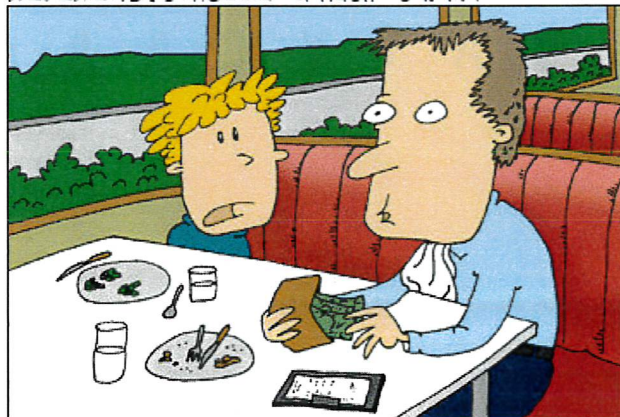
Weekly average attendance for the month of March was **69!**



The Dollars & Cents of Things

Offerings for March	\$ 29,182.00
Weekly Budget 2024	\$ 24,768.44

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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

WORD SEARCH

The New Testament World

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- ROME
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- THRACE
- APPIUS
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- RHODES
- PHRYGIA
- LIBYA
- PUTEOLI
- ANTIOCH
- PHILIPPI
- CAESAREA
- BITHYNIA
- JERUSALEM
- RHEGIUM
- MYRA
- CNIDUS
- CRETE