



# *Immanuel Lutheran*

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# *Lent*

## *Fifth Sunday*

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## *Welcome!*

We are excited to share the Good News with you! Guests, please contact us if you're interested in learning more about Immanuel.

## *Serving Us This Week*

PASTOR Neal Radichel ♦ ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish  
VIDEO Craig Stelter & Matthew Kranz

### MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

PASTOR George Dummann ♦ ORGANIST Karla Olmanson  
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## *Serving Us Next Week*

PASTOR Joe Naumann ♦ ORGANIST Karla Olmanson  
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**CANCELLED** All activities, services, and office hours at Immanuel Lutheran Church have been cancelled due to the shelter-at-home orders issued by our government. The Immanuel Deacons have cancelled all in-person services through April 10, which includes Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The Easter breakfast has been cancelled as well. We all hope and pray that the Lord would allow us to gather together again to celebrate His Resurrection on April 12. Services will still be live-streamed at Immanuel, but during this time, we ask that no one but the pastors, the organist, and the camera operator attend services. Thank you!

## *This Week*

- Sat Mar 28 6:00p No WORSHIP
- Sun Mar 29 9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*  
10:00a Online **WORSHIP** – join us live by following the link at the top of the page on our website [www.ImmanuelMankato.org](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org) OR find and watch the recording afterwards at [www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/)
- Mon Mar 30 9:30a Online **Chapel** – join us via [YouTube](#)
- Tues Mar 31 9:30a Online **Chapel** – join us via [YouTube](#)  
No Pastors' Office Hours - Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting!
- Wed Apr 1 9:30a Online **Chapel** – join us via [YouTube](#)  
12:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7  
1:00p Online **WORSHIP** – join us live by following the link at the top of the page on our website [www.ImmanuelMankato.org](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org) OR find and watch the recording afterwards at [www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/)  
5:00p Online Public School Catechism Class
- Thu Apr 2 9:30a Online **Chapel** – join us via [YouTube](#)  
5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7
- Fri Apr 3 No Pastors' Office Hours - Please call to visit or to set up an online meeting!  
9:30a Online **Chapel** – join us via [YouTube](#)
- Sat Apr 4 6:00p No WORSHIP
- Sun Apr 5 9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*  
10:00a Online **WORSHIP** – join us live by following the link at the top of the page on our website [www.ImmanuelMankato.org](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org) or find and watch the recording afterwards at [www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/)

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If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to [Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org) or contact one of the pastors by Thursday at 12 pm. Thank you!

# Last Week

## Online Gatherings

Service Lent 3/18: **487** views  
Service Sunday 3/22: **472** views  
Service Lent 3/25: **212** views

Chapel Monday 3/23: **172** views  
Chapel Tuesday 3/24: **87** views  
Chapel Wednesday 3/25: **80** views  
Chapel Thursday 3/26: **71** views  
Chapel Friday 3/27: **105** views

*Note: the number of views listed is as of 3/27/2020; "views" does not represent the number of viewers, simply the number of computers or devices that have watched*

## Fruits of Faith

### Immanuel

Current Expenses **\$5,013**  
Weekly Need **\$15,067.98**

ILS Interactive Display Fund **\$5**  
ILS Preschool Fund **\$25**  
ILS Student Aid **\$465**  
Lent **\$390**  
MPF Bleacher Fund **\$11**

### CLC

Missions (Coop. Budgeted Plan CBP) **\$365**  
Weekly Need **\$1,241.95**

ILC Building **\$45**  
Mission Development Fund (MDF) **\$50**

## THANK OFFERINGS

During this time in which our state has been ordered to shelter-at-home, it is especially important that we remember to support the work of the ministry at Immanuel with our prayers and offerings. This can be done in several ways:

1. You may mail your weekly contribution to: 421 North Second Street, Mankato, MN 56001.
2. You may drop off your contribution in the mail slot to the left of the school entrance on the south side of the building in the parking lot. Please do not use cash if you choose to use this option.
3. **\*NEW\* ELECTRONIC OPTION:** Immanuel has set up a way for you to support our ministry financially through the internet. If you wish to give your offering electronically, you can do so by downloading the CashApp on your mobile device or by going to [cash.app/login](https://cash.app/login) to sign up. Once you sign up with your email, you will have the option to pay by connecting a bank account, credit card or debit card. The debit card and bank account options are free when you transfer money; however, if you pay with your credit card, the app will take 3% of your transaction. The church's \$cashtag is "\$immanuelmankato". In the memo section, please indicate your envelope number and how you would like your offering distributed between different funds. For example: #317 General Fund: \$25 MDF: \$5.

**BONUS:** Prior to registering, if you send the email address that you plan to register with to [myoffering@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:myoffering@immanuelmankato.org) and have Mr. Douglas Schaller send you a referral email from CashApp, you will earn a BONUS \$5 for Immanuel and for yourself with your first offering. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Secretary at the above email address or at [financial.secretary@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:financial.secretary@immanuelmankato.org). Thank you for your continued support of His Work at Immanuel!

# Immanuel Announcements

## MEMORIAL PLANTS FOR THE ALTAR ON EASTER

Women's Study Guild is offering 2 types of 6-inch potted plants to adorn the altar on Easter. Lilies are available for \$8 each; tulips are available for \$13 each. **Plants will be ordered for Easter even for a live streamed service.** If interested in purchasing plants, please contact Kristen at 507-382-5257 or by emailing [StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org).

**SAVE THE DATE: Summer VBS** Due to the large number of students last summer, the Immanuel Board of Education has decided to host two separate and different sessions of Vacation Bible School this summer. The first will be held **June 8-12**. The second will be held **July 27-31**. We hope that you will be able to join us for one or both sessions!

**MISSION HELPER FUND** Immanuel is blessed to be represented on this year's CLC Mission Helper Trip by our member Nyibol Kuan. This trip is a significant expense and we generally try to support our Mission Helpers by helping them pay for part of their trip. The Mission Helper Fund is currently empty, so please consider supporting Nyibol and future Mission Helpers by giving to this fund. Thank you!

**ERC MARCH UPDATE** This past year the Expansion Relocation Committee (ERC) has been investigating three different approaches to expanding and/or relocating: 1) purchasing bare land and building new, 2) buying an existing facility and remodeling, and 3) starting a preschool. The ERC divided into groups to fabricate basic plans for how expansion/relocation phases would look for each approach. A big goal in the coming year(s) is to create unity within the congregation as to how, when, and where we will expand and/or relocate. The ERC hopes to have a variety of different presentations to the voters and congregation in the coming months. Stay tuned!

**NEEDED: Funeral Volunteers** Volunteers help setup, serve and clean up for meals at funerals. We are in need of adding additional names to the volunteer pool. If you would be willing to be contacted as needs arise, please connect with Marilyn Timm 507-387-7862 or Kristen Friedrichs 507-382-5257 to have your name added to the list.

**NEEDED: Worship Service Volunteers** We continue to need volunteers to (1) show slides for the worship services (contact: Cliff Kuehne 507-385-0696) and (2) video-record the worship services - particularly the midweek services (contact: Alan Olmanson 507-344-0328). Neither of these tasks are very complicated to do, but we would like to have a few more people to help if possible! Please contact the respective individuals above for more info.

**NEEDED: *Hand Tools*** The Board of Property is looking to acquire donated hand tools (such as hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches, etc.) to supplement the tool inventory used to take care of the church and school. If you have any tools you would like to donate, please connect with Kyle Hulke at 507-382-7335.

**ECHO FOOD SHELF** If considering a donation to ECHO Food Shelf, please make your contributions this month to ECHO be primarily dollars rather than food if possible. You may put your monetary donation in the church collection plate and make sure it is well labeled for ECHO.

ECHO Food Shelf will be participating in this year's Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign through April 7. All monetary and food donations will be proportionately matched by MN Food Share. Every donation counts! .

Monetary donations to ECHO can be made through their website or at their location, 1014 South Front Street. Every \$1 donated is equivalent to \$5. Every \$1 donated to ECHO is equivalent to \$5.

## *CLC Announcements*

**NOMINATIONS FOR CLC OFFICERS AND BOARDS** will be received until March 31. Pastors, professors, male teachers, and any voter of a CLC congregation can nominate individuals to fill the four synodical offices: President, Vice-President, Moderator, and Secretary; as well as positions on the four synodical boards: Trustees, Missions, Regents, and Education & Publications. To submit a nomination, visit [www.clclutheran.net/nominate](http://www.clclutheran.net/nominate)

**THIRD FULL-TIME MISSIONARY CALL** Over the past two years the Board of Missions has fielded a number of questions about the calling of the third full-time missionary following the 2018 Convention. According to the resolution passed at that Convention the Board of Missions was "authorized to call a third full-time missionary" and a mechanism was offered to fund the costs of this missionary. The calling did not begin right away because our second missionary was refused entry back into India and the Board had to decide where to send him before structuring the call of the third missionary. In the time since Missionary Evensen was resettled in Togo, the Board of Missions has issued several calls, but a number of factors have played a roll in the Board's decision to suspend calling for the time being, one of which was the financial situation our synod was facing at the end of the year. Another factor is the mechanism by which the third missionary was to be funded and concerns the Board of Missions has regarding that. It is hoped that these issues can be addressed at the upcoming 2020 Convention so that we can resume calling.

**RETIREMENT GIFT** Professor Paul Sullivan has announced his retirement effective the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day & Graduation festivities on May 22-23, 2020. Our custom is to present a monetary gift to Prof. Sullivan as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to a monetary gift which will be presented to him at Graduation on May 23. Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Sullivan Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

**NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT** The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of ILC: Professors Paul Naumann, Daniel Schierenbeck, and John Ude. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2022. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by **April 11** (postmarked by April 1), to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: [jeb6217@yahoo.com](mailto:jeb6217@yahoo.com).

**INVITATION: *Evangelism Workshop*** You are invited to an Evangelism Workshop at Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, on Sunday, **April 26**. The theme is "Introducing the REAL Jesus." Almost everyone in our society has at least heard of Jesus, but many people have a misinformed idea of who He really is. At this workshop, we will learn about some of these misconceptions, and discuss ways to introduce the real Jesus to people we care about. The presentations and group discussions go from 3 to 5:30 pm with a chili supper to follow. Plan now to attend!



**CLC CONVENTION** The 34th CLC Convention will be **June 25-28**, in Eau Claire, WI. A new video entitled "How Does Convention Work?" has been produced to explain the basics of Convention. If interested, please find this 14 minute video on the homepage of our synod's website [clclutheran.org](http://clclutheran.org).

**2020 MANUP! MEN'S RETREAT** The 2020 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held **September 24-27**, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register at: [www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020). For more information, pictures of previous retreats and reviews from those who have attended in the past, visit our website [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org). Questions? Contact Phil Strike at [plstrike7@aol.com](mailto:plstrike7@aol.com). We look forward to seeing you in September!

# 2020 CLC Events

YOUTH EVENTS	DATES	FOR AGES
CLC Grade School BB Tourney (ILC) <a href="http://www.clclutheran.net/tourney">www.clclutheran.net/tourney</a>	March 13-15	Grades 5-8
Girls' Basketball Camp (ILC) <a href="mailto:Ross.Rdoehl@ilc.edu">Ross.Rdoehl@ilc.edu</a>	June 11-13	Grades 5-12
CLC Youth Camp (Pillager, MN) <a href="http://www.facebook.com/clcyouthcamp">www.facebook.com/clcyouthcamp</a>	June 14-20	Grades 6-12
Black Hills Family Camp (South Dakota) <a href="mailto:AaronUde@gmail.com">AaronUde@gmail.com</a>	July 10-14	All ages
Girls' Volleyball Camp (ILC) <a href="mailto:Joe.Lau@ilc.edu">Joe.Lau@ilc.edu</a>	July 19-22	Grades 5-12
Messiah Family Camp (Wisconsin) <a href="mailto:BruceNaumann@gmail.com">BruceNaumann@gmail.com</a>	July 24-26	All ages
Lower Michigan Youth Camp <a href="mailto:Pastor316@RedeemerCLC.info">Pastor316@RedeemerCLC.info</a>	July 27-30	Grades 6-12
Pacific Northwest Youth / Family Camp <a href="mailto:DaveReim77@gmail.com">DaveReim77@gmail.com</a>	August 3-7	Grades 6 & up
Porcupine Mountains Camp Outing <a href="mailto:gnaoster@gmail.com">gnaoster@gmail.com</a>	August 8-12	Grades 8-12
Christ's Explorer Camp (Gaston, SC) <a href="http://ChristExplorersCamp.com">ChristExplorersCamp.com</a>	August 13-15	Grades 3-9
Worship in the Woods (Markesan, WI) <a href="mailto:pastor@markesanlutheran.com">pastor@markesanlutheran.com</a>	August 14-16	All ages

## EVENTS FOR ADULTS

CLC Women's Retreat (Amery, WI) <a href="http://www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com">www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com</a>	March 20-22	All women
Arise and Shine Retreat (Pillager, MN) <a href="http://www.ariseandshineretreat.com">www.ariseandshineretreat.com</a>	June 11-14	20's & 30's
CLC Convention at ILC	June 25-28	Delegates & Visitors
CLC Women's Retreat (Chadron, NE) <a href="http://www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com">www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com</a>	Sept 18-20	All women
CLC Men's Retreat (Wyalusing, WI) <a href="http://www.manup.clclutheran.org">www.manup.clclutheran.org</a>	Sept 24-27	All men
CLC Women's Retreat (Myrtle Beach, SC) <a href="http://www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com">www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com</a>	November 1-3	All women



## Baptism

***What is Baptism?* Baptism is not just plain water. It is water used by God's command and connected with God's Word.**

***What is that Word of God?* Christ says in the last chapter of Matthew. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)**

If you're anything like me, when you think about "congregational evangelism," your mind conjures up images of yard signs advertising for summer VBS programs, church floats built for local parades, or gospel tracts handed out by going door-to-door. Many of our churches continue to be quite creative when it comes to devising new ways to spread the gospel message of salvation to our neighbors and communities. One tool that might not immediately leap into our minds is Baptism.

When we read the words of Jesus' *Great Commission* as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, it's good to remember that Baptism is one of the most powerful evangelism tools that God has given us. As we confess in Luther's Small Catechism "*Baptism is not just plain water... Baptism works the forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe*". Baptism is not a merely symbolic confession of faith, it's one of the ways in which the Holy Spirit creates and sustains faith in the hearts of God's children. Baptism should always be at the forefront of our evangelism goals.

Just look at the evangelism efforts of the New Testament Christians. When Peter proclaimed Christ crucified on Pentecost, what followed? The baptism of 3000 men, women, and children (Acts 2:38-41). When Philip explained Jesus' fulfillment of Isaiah's Messianic prophecy to the Ethiopian eunuch, what followed? The man was baptized that same day (Acts 8:32-38). When Paul and



his companions “spoke the word of the Lord” to the jailer at Philippi, what followed? The jailer and his entire family were baptized “at once” (Acts 16:30-34).

In our traditionally Christian country, perhaps we often assume that most people have already been baptized. Let us flee from this assumption! Instead, let us always be leading those people with whom we have contact toward the baptismal font of God’s grace. In our church outreach efforts and in our personal evangelism efforts, let us always remember to emphasize the powerful tools of Baptism, being sure to provide proper instruction alongside this precious gift of water connected with God’s Word.

Mark 16:16 “He who believes and is baptized will be saved.” Grant this, Lord, to all. Amen.

### **Catechism Evangelism Starts at Home**

When is the last time that you read through your catechism’s explanations of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism? During your family or personal devotion time tonight, take a few minutes to read through them.

### **Read More About This Topic**

Galatians 3:26-29  
Acts 22:12-16

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## **Catechism Evangelism**

The Ten Commandments  
The First Article  
The Second Article  
The Third Article

The Lord’s Prayer  
**Baptism**  
The Lord’s Supper  
The Office of the Keys and Confession



The **Committee of Domestic Fields** is a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board. “The purpose of the Committee on Domestic Fields (CDF) is to make outreach ideas and material available to CLC congregations and to encourage them in carrying out the Great Commission of our Savior, Jesus Christ.”

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