

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

# PRINTS OF PEACE

Sioux City, Iowa

Pastor Tess Panamarow

APRIL 2015

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## A VIEW FROM THE PEW by Rachel Brophy

**“He is risen!” “He is risen indeed!”** This proclamation and response to it, followed by the echoing triumph of the hymn, “Jesus Christ is Risen Today,” is the most concrete understanding of Easter that I have, and I am glad for this. Ever since I was too young to remember, my mother would march her two little girls dressed in Easter dresses newly sewn by their grandmother into church at 7 a.m. (Dad was Catholic, but don’t worry, he wasn’t sitting home. He just went to his own church). There was an air of anticipation in the sanctuary lit only by the rising sun. The tall wooden cross at the front of the sanctuary was covered in Easter lilies. When it was time for the service to begin, the lights were thrown on, and it was announced, “He is risen!” I would then hear my mother beside me, seeming much taller than her 5’4”, saying with such confidence that you had to pay attention, “He is risen indeed!”

There was a time when I was younger, that my mother’s bold confidence in her response caused for me that, “Aw Mom! Let’s tone it down a bit and just blend in,” sort of embarrassment that seems to plague kids as they approach their teenage years. I have since outgrown that affliction. These days I look forward to Easter morning and hearing those words, because I can hear my mother’s voice just as clearly as when she stood next to me declaring, “He is Risen Indeed.”

In our daily walk through life with Christ there are times when we have to dig deep to find our faith. When children are harmed or lives are taken at the hands of evil doers or natural disasters we often find ourselves on shaky ground wondering, “Why?” Each day with which we are blessed offers the opportunity to grow in our faith, but some days are harder than others to figure out how to make that happen.

On Easter we are given a gift that is much greater than anything left in a pastel-colored basket filled with plastic green grass. God gave us his only son, so that we might have eternal life. If that was not gift enough, on this special day his gift means even more. We can rejoice in the comfort of certainty. There is no question that we are saved, and this certainty can bring us great joy and strength in a world filled with challenges and changes.



My mother radiated joy on Easter morning that I have only come to truly appreciate in adulthood. This joy was a result of the gift of certainty that Christ’s resurrection brings to an uncertain world. “He is risen!” “He is risen indeed!” These words spoken at the beginning of the Easter service are an announcement, a declaration. When it is announced, “He is risen,” there is no question that this is anything but true. On this day, we are given the opportunity to celebrate the absolute certainty of our salvation.

**“He is risen!” “He is risen indeed!”**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's VBS theme is **Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!** We will have a training session on Sunday, April 19th, following church. Please, if you are planning to help with VBS in any way this year, plan on attending!

For the second year in a row, Immanuel was chosen to host a FunShop training event for VBS. The workshop will be on May 2nd from 9-Noon in our fellowship hall. Last year's event was a huge success and an enormous amount of fun! Registration is \$20/person. Please come! If you are interested in helping with set-up and tear-down for the event, please contact Amy Bomgaars at 712-577-3902.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH K-6TH TEACHING SCHEDULE

Thank you so much for your willingness to teach Children's Church. If you are unable to teach when scheduled, please swap dates and lessons with another teacher on the list or contact substitute teacher Elaine Miller at 899-8782.

**APRIL 5, 2015 - EASTER SUNDAY** - [http://www.sermons4kids.com/easter\\_egg-citement.htm](http://www.sermons4kids.com/easter_egg-citement.htm)

Paula Damon, Tel. 605-232-4660 – K-3 - MARK 16:6 & Matthew 28:6

Peg Brinck, Tel. 223-6081 – 4-6 - MARK 16:6 & Matthew 28:6

**APRIL 12, 2015**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - [http://www.sermons4kids.com/seeing\\_is\\_believing.htm](http://www.sermons4kids.com/seeing_is_believing.htm)

Judy Sloan, Tel. 898-5564 – K-3 - JOHN 20: 19-31

Lana Dye, Tel. 490-0720 – 4-6 - JOHN 20: 19-31

**APRIL 19, 2015**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - [http://www.sermons4kids.com/road\\_to\\_emmaus.htm](http://www.sermons4kids.com/road_to_emmaus.htm)

Jody House, Tel. 204-4775 – K-3 – LUKE 24:36-48

Tracy Wilde, Tel. 574-2965 – 4-6 – LUKE 24:36-48

**APRIL 26, 2015**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <http://www.sermons4kids.com/good-shepherd.html>

Suzanne Lundgren, Tel: 899-6298 – K-3 - JOHN 10:11-18

Paula Damon, Tel. 605-232-4660 - 4-6 - JOHN 10:11-18

**MAY 3, 2015 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - [http://www.sermons4kids.com/i\\_am\\_the\\_way.htm](http://www.sermons4kids.com/i_am_the_way.htm)

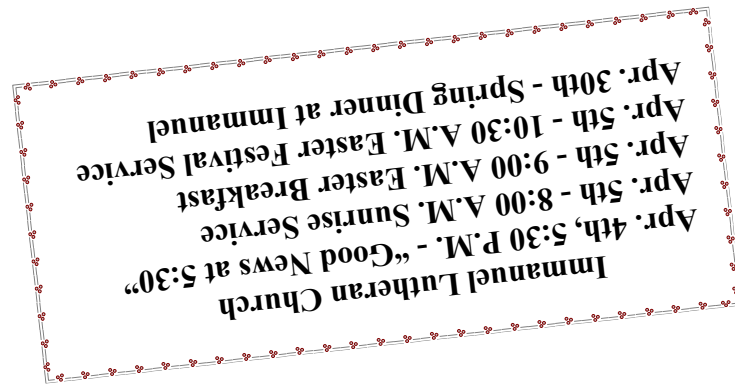
Judy Sloan, Tel. 898-5564 – K-3 - JOHN 14:6

Lana Dye, Tel. 490-0720 – 4-6 - JOHN 14:6

**MAY 10, 2015 – MOTHER'S DAY**

PAULA DAMON & VANESSA BREMER WILL DO A MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT PRE-K-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

VANESSA BREMER TEACHES A PRE-K CLASS JUNE-AUGUST.



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**OUR SYMPATHY TO...**

...the Family of **Arthur B. Olson**. Art passed away on Thursday, March 5th, 2015, in Burnville, Minnesota. His Memorial Service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sioux City. Pastor Tess Panamarow, officiated.

...the Family of **Willis Ballard**. Will died suddenly at his home in South St. Paul, Minnesota. A Memorial Service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, with burial in Logan Park Cemetery, Sioux City. Pastor Tess Panamarow, officiated.

...the Family of **Robert Henry "Bob" Quist** of Sioux City who passed away on Saturday, February 28, 2015, at his residence. His Memorial Service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Pastor Tess Panamarow officiated.

...the Family of **Jill Annette Greig** of Overland Park, KS, formerly of Sioux City, who passed away Feb. 26, 2015, at home. A Prayer Service was held at Morningside Chapel, Christy-Smith Funeral Home, Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Burial was in Graceland Park Cemetery, Sioux City. Pastor Tess Panamarow officiated.

...the Family of **Cheryl Rae Banys** of Sioux City, who passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at her daughter's residence in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A Memorial service was held at Immanuel Church on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Pastor Tess Panamarow officiated.

**PARISH REPORT**

**FUNERALS:**

- 03/06/2015** Robert Henry "Bob" Quist
- 03/07/2015** Jill Annette (Patrick) Greig
- 03/07/2015** Cheryl Rae (Robertson) Banys
- 03/13/2015** Arthur Olson
- 03/14/2015** Willis Ballard

**FOOD FOR NEEDY**

Please bring a box of cereal for the community food pantry. Please place in the basket in the Narthex. Thanks!

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Rachael Powell	2	Adam Roupe	12	Ashton Newton	23
Brittani Carlin	3	Leo Hammond	13	Aaron Schneider	23
Richard Berding	3	Debra Harris	17	Heather Reynolds	25
Jeni Lofgren	5	Reyana Crum	18	Lana Dye	26
Vanessa Bremer	6	Kyleigh Davis	21	Gracie Bremer	30
Nancy Kielhold	12				

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

Ronald and Kathie Hill	1	Steve and Violet Mann	4	Art and Deb Anderson	12
Richard and Carla Berding	2	Kelly and Karen Krueger	9	Kasey and Billie Jo Willson	14
				John and Kelsey Barner	16

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED...

...for Matt Mann, Andy Anderson, Brad and Jennifer Gamble and Family, Shandy Thompson, Shirley Hamilton, Cheryl Laier, Pat Hammond, Vonnie Langel, Bruce Gustavson, Austan Roupe, Jerry Wilde, Matt Oleson, Rachel Wright, Robert "Chuck" Newton, Kathie Hill, Betty Jaques, Douglas Coffield, Mary Ann Chesley, Dale Grondahl, Pat Ellis, Grace Walk, Laura Howard, Dee Sturgeon, Vickie Hilden, Beverly Harding, Mary Borgstahl, Deb Simon, Merry Stewart, Steve Jansen, Chuck Stewart, Suzanne Lundgren.

...those who are in sorrow– the Families of...

Arthur Olson, Willis Ballard, Robert Henry "Bob" Quist, Jill Annette Greig and Cheryl Rae (Robertson) Banys.

...for those who are serving our country in the Armed Services-

Jason Arnburg -	Navy	(San Diego, California)
Sean Arnburg -	Army	(Colorado)
Connie Miller -	Air Guard	(Sioux City)
Jim Schneider -	Air Guard	(Sioux City)
Tim Sunderman -	Navy	(Virginia)
Andy McIntosh -	Navy	(Persian Gulf)
Eric Flynn		(Ranger in Georgia)

...for those in nursing homes and shut-ins -

Luann Davis      Dorothy Humphrey      Kathy Tiller  
Betty Stewart

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### Summary of February weekly offerings received:

February 1	No church	February 15	\$2,777.12
February 1 & 8	\$2,777.12	February 22	\$1,895.00

**Operating Budget** - Needed per week: **\$2,766.40**

**Building Fund** - Needed per week: **\$ 400.00**

### FYI -

**Free Breakfast** is available in the kitchen every Sunday from 9:00-10:25 AM.

A **Free Luncheon** for everyone is served the first Sunday of the month following our Worship Service and is sponsored by the Outreach Committee. No luncheon on Easter, April 5th. Join Us!

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Western Iowa Synod Assembly to be held at the Clay County Regional Event Center, Spencer, Iowa, on Friday, May 29 - Saturday, May 30. Vanessa Bremer, Phyllis Green and Jerry Wilde have expressed an interest in attending. Immanuel Church is allowed 2 voting representatives plus the pastor.

Pastor requested finding some support for weddings and funerals. Vanessa will check with other churches to get information / job descriptions for Wedding / Funeral coordinators. Coordinators would be available to open and close the building for rehearsals, prayer services and funerals. They might also meet with families to share and collect fees for particular events. The coordinator would be paid a stipend per event.

Pastor Tess will be having surgery on her hand April 14<sup>th</sup>. She will have limited use of her right hand for up to 16 weeks. She will be asking for assistance as needed.

The council discussed Pastor's suggestion of using congregational members who are not serving on the Council to assist in serving Communion. The Council supported her in this decision.

## DECORATE FOR EASTER

On Saturday, April 4th, at 9:00 A.M. we will be decorating for Easter. Please join us. Thanks.

**A BLESSED  
EASTER TO  
EACH AND  
EVERYONE!**



## WOMEN'S CORNER

### REMEMBER THE CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE JUNE 4th thru JUNE 6TH WHILE DOING YOUR SPRING CLEANING!

The Church Rummage is scheduled for:

Thursday, June 4th, 4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.,

Friday, June 5th, 9:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

Saturday, June 6th, 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

If you are cleaning out your closets and garages this spring, please remember Immanuel's Rummage Sale. We accept **CLEAN and SLIGHTLY USED CLOTHING**, furniture, glassware, kitchen items, tools, bicycles, etc. Due to a small amount of storage space at church, we are asking you to not bring the items to the church until the week prior to the Rummage Sale, May 25 thru June 3rd.

**Please, NO Computers or TV's.**

Questions...contact Orlin Herbst at 255-9646.

Thanks, Orlin Herbst, Chair.

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## SPRING DINNER AND RAFFLE

Please mark your calendars for our Spring Dinner and Raffle which will be held on Thursday, April 30th, from 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

### MENU

The Menu will be Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Rolls, Dessert and Beverage.

Price will be \$8.50 for adults and children age 4 years to 10 years will be \$4.00 ea. Children 3 and under are free.

Tickets for both the Dinner and Raffle will go on sale after Easter Sunday. Sign-up sheets for help in different areas will circulate following Easter. Get your raffle tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Many wonderful prizes will be given away that evening at the dinner. Need not be present to win!

## VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE COFFEE ON SUNDAYS

Apr. 5 Easter Day - No coffee or luncheon following Worship today.

Apr. 12 Ciara and Karina

Apr. 19 Tracy Wilde and Deb Gallagher

Apr. 26 Phyllis Green & Gary and Orlin Herbst

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## THANK YOU!

A special "Thank You" to all who donated to the Lenten Soup Suppers. Thanks to all who cooked, baked, served and worked at the Soup Suppers. Everyone's help is very much appreciated!

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## ATTENTION WOMEN:

The Tri-Synodical Convention and Gathering will be June 19 - 20 at the Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge. Keynote speaker is Rev. Wybeta Bullock, assistant to Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Theme is "**Generations of Faith**". If interested, please contact Linda McCrory at 233-1369.

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## HOT DOG STAND

The June Hot Dog Stand will be June 4th, 5th, and 6th in conjunction with our Rummage Sale. Watch for more information. There will be a sign-up sheet closer to the date where you can sign up for a time that best fits your schedule.

*"Everyone's help makes light work for all."*

As always, your help is very much appreciated!

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Holy Week continues with the series **"RESTORED IN CHRIST"** with themes as follows:

- April 2nd** 7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion  
Sermon Theme: **BROKEN SANCTUARY**
- April 3rd** 7:00 P.M. Good Friday Tenebrae Service: Theme: **BROKEN CURTAIN**
- April 4th** 5:30 P.M. "Good News at 5:30" with Holy Communion
- April 5th** 8:00 A.M. Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion: Theme: **BROKEN SEAL.**  
9:00 A.M. Easter Breakfast featuring pancakes and eggs.  
10:30 A.M. Easter Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion
- April 6th** **Church Office closed.**

## DINE OUT APRIL 7TH AT CULVERS.

ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH BETWEEN 5 PM TO 8 PM., Immanuel Lutheran Church will be teaming up with Culvers Restaurant on Hamilton Blvd for "share night". A percentage of sales will be donated to Immanuel Lutheran Church towards the Spring Fundraiser. (Which part of these proceeds will benefit the "Back Pack" program through the food bank.) **You have to eat between 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.** for ILC to receive the credit. If any questions, contact Vonda Henry, (712) 281-6422. Thank You.

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## WELCOME

We welcome Trinity Claussen into the Family of God and the Immanuel Church family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Trinity will be baptized on Easter Saturday, April 4th, which is also the ancient church's traditional day for the Holy Baptism of those who wished to join God's family. We join in celebration with Trinity's parents, Steve and Carla Claussen and her brothers, Tyler and Jacob. Come and join this great celebration as Tiffany becomes a child of God! Trinity, WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

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## JUST A NOTE...

Pastor Tess will be having surgery on her right hand on Tuesday, April 14th. As she is able, she will return to work the following weekend. Pastor will have a recuperation time of 10 - 16 weeks before her hand is fully functional again. We ask Immanuel members to be willing to step in and help where needed. Thank You.

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## FROG RECOVERY GROUP

EVERY SATURDAY there is an **OPEN 12-STEP MEETING GROUP** in the fellowship hall of Immanuel called FROG (Forever Rely On God). Meetings will begin at 7:05 P.M. and last one hour.

Questions?? Call Kim at 402-404-9460.

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## EXERCISE AND MEDITATION

Join us on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 A.M.-9:00 A.M. Questions call Jeanne Thune at 605-232-1911.

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our Easter a true celebration of color, sound and joy! Thanks to those who decorated the Sanctuary, donated flowers for our Memorial (inside) Garden, and the choir for providing such beautiful music both on Palm Sunday when they shared the cantata, during Holy Week and the festive praise on Easter. May our Lord Jesus, who deserves all the glory and praise we can give, continue to be exalted in our worship and our lives as we live as resurrection people in the world!

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## EASTER LILIES

If you would like to give an Easter Lily or other Spring Plant to beautify our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning, you may bring it to church, preferably not before Good Friday, and put it in the kitchen.

The plants may be given “**In Memory of Loved Ones**”, “**In Honor of Loved Ones**” or “**To the Glory of God**” and names will be printed in the Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday bulletins. There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex in a couple of weeks or you may call the church at 255-4729 with the information for the bulletin.

If you would like to have Suzanne Lundgren purchase and bring your lily to church, please contact her at 560-7141 or cell phone at 899-6298.

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## PROPERTY COMMITTEE IS CALLING OUT FOR NEW MEMBERS

**The Property Committee is calling out to the congregation for HELP!**

The Property Committee will be having a meeting at church on Wednesday, April 15th, at 7:00 P.M.

**Hope all can come** and see what projects are on the agenda that need to be addressed.

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## RAGBRAI

**RAGBRAI Organizational Meeting** Sunday, April 12th, immediately after our Worship Service. We will meet to plan, organize and brainstorm the eventful weekend of Immanuel and the RAGBRAI kickoff! Plan to attend - we'll keep it short!

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## WE ARE UPDATING OUR CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY!!!

If you have not updated your information for our congregational telephone directory, as a member of Immanuel, we need your current... **ADDRESS, HOME AND CELL PHONE, MAIL ADDRESS**

The telephone directory will be printed the first part of April. Even if you think we have your current information, PLEASE CALL PAT. THANK YOU!