

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday Worship Services

9:00am Fellowship Hour
9:30am Bible Study
10:30am Worship Service



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL REPORT
FEBRUARY 2024**

RECEIPTS:

General Fund:

Offerings	\$12,173.44
Other Income	25.00
Budgeted Items	0.00
Non-Budgeted Items	151.46

TOTAL FOR MONTH \$12,349.90

EXPENDITURES:

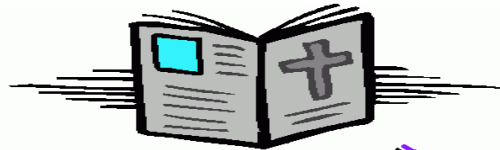
General Fund:

Non-Budget Items & Special Designated	\$31,723.51
Capital Fund	103.99
	0.00

TOTAL FOR MONTH \$31,827.50

This report shows exactly where Immanuel stands regarding budget expenses funded by weekly offerings.

Our General Fund balance through February 2024 is \$25,063.44 compared to expenditures of \$45,454.11 leaving a deficit of \$20,390.67 for the year.

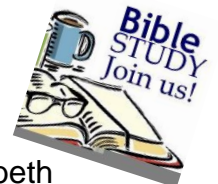


Church News

Our **Church Family Night** resumes on Wednesdays in April with Dinner at **5:30 pm**, Bible Study and Bell Choir Practice at **6:00**, and our Wednesday Worship at **6:45**. Plan to make it part of your week and spend some time with your church family!

If your eyesight makes it hard to read the hymnal, then look at the large print hymnals available (we have three around the sanctuary that are being used). If that size would be useful, then let us know and we will get one for your worship uses.

The "John Kiser" Sunday Adult Bible Study Group (often led by Ron Schaulat) is currently reading through the book of Judges. You are always welcome to come and take part. The study does not require prior attendance.



The Adult Women Study on Sundays rotate between Laura Schaulat and Elizabeth Crouch. Elizabeth is reviewing the book of Romans while Laura looks at various topics of interest. This rotation is wonderful as it provides a variety for the group.

Thoughts from Pastor April 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

Before we move to April, we review the events of Holy Week and Easter which we just finished. We remember **Maundy Thursday** which gets its name from the Latin word for "command," because Jesus gives the disciples and His Church a new command and a new covenant sealed in His blood. Then, on March 29, we observed both the "**Stations of the Cross**," and the "**Tenebrae-Behold the Lamb**." The focus of darkness is taken from Luke 23:44-46:

"It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last."

On March 31, we celebrated **Easter Sunday**. The tomb is empty, Jesus is not dead. Our Gospel text for Easter this year was from Saint Mark's account of the Resurrection:

⁵"And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."

Saint Mark tells us that Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome came to the tomb that first Easter morning. They were coming for a very sacred task; they were coming to finish the burial of Jesus and to anoint His body with oil. Sometimes the miracle of the Resurrection can cause us to lose sight of the people involved. According to Saint Luke (8:2) Mary Magdalene had been healed by Jesus when He cast out seven demons from her. She became a disciple of Jesus and had been a witness to His crucifixion (*Mark 15:40*). There was Mary, the mother of James (James, the Apostle and son of Alphaeus; *Mark 3:18*), who had been with Jesus from the very beginning and was also at the cross. There was Salome, the wife of Zebedee, and the mother of James (the other James) and John, who also was at the crucifixion and had followed to know where they had laid Jesus' body. These faithful women were the first to encounter the Resurrected Jesus.

We know from the other Gospels that the women did tell the Disciples that the tomb was empty, but at first they wouldn't believe them. Does that sound like folks to whom we have witnessed? The world says: The Gospel story is too good to be true. Why would God's Son die for our sins and the sins of all mankind? And now you say that believing in Him we can have forgiveness of sins and life eternal as a free gift from God? As a Pastor, I have been blessed to share this Good News for almost 34 years, yet, the world and those we encounter still resist. It reminds us that sin and Satan are strong enemies of the Gospel. But, we are commanded to keep telling the story; we are commanded to share the Love of God with a lost and dying world. This April, the Gospel story continues as we learn of the efforts of the early Christian Church from the Book of Acts during the Sundays of Easter. No matter how bleak or dark it may seem, always remember that the Holy Christian Church will stand through the gates of hell. The same Holy Spirit that was poured out on Pentecost is still with us and still calls men and women to faith. May you always be strengthened by that knowledge. Have a blessed April!

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor McMullin

A TIME LIKE NO OTHER TIME

According to calendars, the configuration for the present year, 2024 A.D., last occurred in the 1996 calendar year. The configuration was previously seen in 1968, and before that in the year 1940. So, the last time we had this calendar format was 2 years before our current pastor. The time before that was the year Rev. King and Robert Kennedy were murdered, and before that was when Winston Churchill became prime minister and World War 2 was waging. This unique year's calendar will not be repeated until 2052.

Not only is the year a rarer one, but we have a total solar eclipse visible in southeast Oklahoma and other states coming in April. A rare event.

But we also have other rare events soon happening. The Oklahoma District celebrates its 100th anniversary AND we have milestone dates for our Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church congregation to celebrate as well.

Sometime in 1926, a few members of Zion Lutheran (then located in downtown OKC) met together for Bible study at the house of Martin & Emma Pederson at 2424 West 36th. By 1929, meetings relocated to 2423 West 34th under the name of Immanuel Lutheran Mission. Progress was made and in 1931 the Oklahoma District recommended a student to be called to serve as a preaching station. Sem. Student Nicholas Hasz (his name is often misspelled) was reassigned from Union City to the OKC mission. He led the group into late 1932 and was replaced by Sem. Earnest Schmidtke. The congregation met at a building owned by Zion at 2144 N.W. 35th. In May of 1934, Schmidtke was ordained and Immanuel OKC was organized as a District member in January of '34, recognized in May and formally received into District May 6, 1936. The building was later moved to Indiana, south of NW 36th.

What had started small some 98 years ago was officially organized 90 years ago with 26 communicant members and grew from there. Some of us recall packed worship services, but time passed and people moved or entered their eternal place. Yet, this is all God's time regardless of how a calendar may count. Our Oklahoma City Circuit is now looking to start more satellite congregations in the metro area, and congregations look at outreach.

Our time is now. Our time to keep our Biblical stand is now. Our time to continue worship of God and seek His forgiveness offered to us is now. The world often lies to unwitting souls as to the existence of God or how we can know Him. Even some of our confirmands have fallen prey to the false accusations of the Accuser (or, in Hebrew, "Satan").

In this unique year of 2024, we look to God for guidance for our congregation. Where does God want us to minister? To whom? And, how? As you reflect upon our congregation, pray and ponder over the next days of our congregation. Voice your thoughts, your views. Let God have the glory and honor this year and every year.

----- Ron Schaulat, parish assistant minister



LWML April

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Spring is around the corner!

It's almost upon us -- our District Convention will be April 12-13, 2024. It's never too late to register; forms are on the bulletin board or online at oklwml.org. Won't you join us? There will be a pledge walk bright and early at 7am; past national president, Jan Wendorf, will lead us in Bible study; Friday's 7:00pm Communion Service is open to the public (which is a personal favorite); not to mention servant activities.

Donations of old sheets and blankets are still being accepted for both animal shelters and quilters, as well as Gifts from the Heart, (full size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste) and will be taken to the convention. Boxes are labeled and are under the coat rack.

Joint meeting at Messiah at 9:30am every 2nd Saturday.

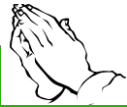
Blessings!

Genesis 12:2:

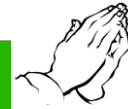
"I will bless you...And you will become a blessing."

Be A Light FOR ALL TO SEE

matthew 5:16

Those in Need of Prayer



“God is the Father Who is full of mercy and all comfort. He comforts us whenever we have trouble...” II Corinthians 1:3-4

Lon Keister

Betty Mahan

Bill Mahan

Frank Martin

TraciLee LaTour

Janine Bryant

Susan Bellas (Pastor Muenchow's sister)

Jorge Lopez (son-in-law of Scott & Kathy Kastner)

Damon Smith (six-month-old son of neighbors of Connie McCright)

Mya McCright (daughter-in-law of Connie McCright)

Leonard Mahan (son of Betty & Bill Mahan)

Luke Stockstill (father of Brad & Sara Cage's goddaughter, Katherine)

Laura Poole (mother of Joye Dittelmier)

Karen Rumsey (niece of Ruthie Gable and wife of Pastor John Rumsey of Our Savior Guthrie)

Brandon Strouder (26-Year-old grandson of Glenna Fuller)

Ernesto Zambrano (friend of Pastor Trini Castaneda)

David Niesel (Deborah Allen's brother)

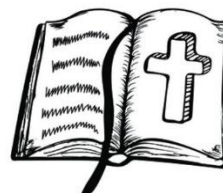
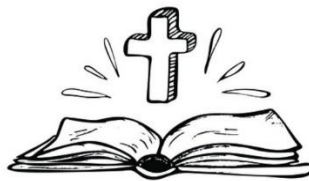


April Sunday Scriptures



If you are unable to worship in person with us, please follow along with us @ ILC-OKC.com! Below is the Scripture lessons for the month:

April 7	Acts 4:32-35	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
April 14	Acts 3:11-21	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36-49
April 21	Acts 4:1-12	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
April 28	Acts 8:26-40	1 John 4:1-11	John 15:1-8



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

6. Claire Dittelmier
Jesus Hill
10. Victoria Niesel
14. Ms. Lindsay James
20. Mrs. Joye Dittelmier
22. Olivia Jackson
24. Mrs. Kathy Kastner
30. Mac McAlister

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

2. Rev. Mark & Susan Elliott (52)
9. Albert & Holly Valouch (8)



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



Since there is no longer a sign-up sheet for altar flowers, when you would like to donate fresh flowers for a special occasion, please contact the church office at least two weeks in advance regarding the reason you are donating and whether you are donating one or two bouquets. The current price is \$25.00 per bouquet.

Wash me, dear Father, in the blood of Jesus. Wipe away the dirty stain of my sin, that I may be cleaner and whiter than snow in Your eyes, forgiven and new. In Jesus' name. Amen

WORSHIP HELPERS FOR APRIL

7. Clark Gable, Captain; Hal Hofener; Jerry Geurin; Brad Cage
14. Marcus Hulings, Captain; Chris Jackson; Thomas Vance
21. Matt Dittelmier, Captain; Jim Davidson; David Dittelmier
28. Ron Lee, Captain; Scott Kastner; Randy Stewart

Trustee: Michael Hogan



APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Church Family Night 5:30-Supper 6:45 – Worship Service	4	5	6
7 FELLOWSHIP 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM WORSHIP (W/COMM) 10:30AM	8	9	10 Church Family Night 5:30-Supper 6:45 – Worship Service	11	12	13
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