



In Word & Deed

“God With Us”



April—May 2023

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Happy Spring and Happy Easter!

It is the time of year where things start turning green, the sun starts to shine earlier in the morning and later in the evening, the temperature begins to rise, and it seems like life returns to the earth. Within our youth program here at Immanuel we too are also beginning anew (in a way). We are beginning to ramp up for the ELCA Youth Gathering taking place next year in New Orleans. With that comes a lot of planning, meetings, and most importantly, fundraisers. This trip is admittedly expensive, but entirely worth the cost. The Gathering, which normally takes place every three years, is an opportunity for youth from ELCA congregations across the US to gather in one space. It is a time for the young people of our nation to breathe new life into not just themselves but others of like faith.

It is important that the youth of our communities have strong compasses that are able to guide them in times of need. The society in which they are raised has the constant pressures of academics, friends, extra-curricular activities, and more. For many young people it is easy for them to brush off church as something that they can’t make time for. It is our task as a congregation to support our children and show them that, YES, their faith should be a priority. Church is not just worship on Sundays or Wednesdays, Confirmation and GLOW, Fall Dinners, or sending items to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Those things are important, but they also need a place where they can question their faith safely. A place where they can be perfectly imperfect through Christ and grow into the people that God created them to be. A place where they feel like life is being breathed into them instead of squeezed out of them.

Together, in this season of growth and renewal, let us remember that the young people of our community, those meant to lead us and guide us into the future, sometimes also need planting and watering to grow. Amen.

-Adam J. Nelson



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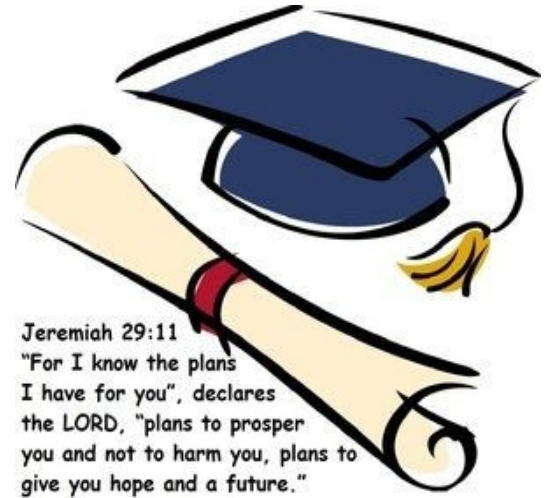
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Closed Fridays!

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Reminder that there are 2 remaining classes for Confirmation on **April 12th & 19th** to finish 8th Grade Faith Statements and all other Confirmation requirements!!! Please ensure all 7th & 8th graders are at both of these important lessons!



Jeremiah 29:11
"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



PALM SUNDAY
April 2, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.
Egg Bake & French Toast Bake Youth Breakfast!!
Saturday, April 1st ~ 10:00 - Noon
Putting the Bakes together ILC Kitchen
Asking all youth attend one or the other!

SENIOR RECOGNITION 2023
May 7th, 9:00 a.m. Worship

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEARS GRADUATES!!

Cyndal Klein *Haley Norby-Sill*
Olivia Ollendick

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- 5 April **Easter Egg Hunt!!**
Education Hall - 6:00 p.m.
- 12 April GLOW/Confirmation
Education Hall - 6:00 p.m.
- 19 April GLOW/Confirmation
Education Hall - 6:00 p.m.
- 26 April **GLOW Neon Send-Off!!**
Education Hall - 6:00 p.m.



**APRIL
2023**



Immanuel Lutheran
PRESENTS



EASTER
EGG HUNT

5 APRIL | START AT
2022 | **6:00 PM**

OPEN TO GLOW AND
CONFIRMATION FAMILIES &
YOUTH MEMBERS.





Immanuel Lutheran CHURCH

PRESENTS

YOUTH

MEETING

**SUNDAY,
APRIL 16**

11AM

Grades 7th-12th

YOUTH ONLY.

**WE WILL BE DISCUSSING OUR NEXT COUPLE OF
FUNDRAISERS FOR THE 2024 YOUTH GATHERING!**

If you have questions, please reach out to Adam at
763-486-5240 or immanuel.yfm@gmail.com

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Presents

GLOW SEND-OFF

April 26th
Wed. - 6pm

Dancing
+ Party
Games

Supper @ 5:00pm

Wear neon colors!!!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

305 2ND AVE W. CRESCO

PRESENTS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

3 NIGHT EVENT!!

TUESDAY, JULY 18 5-8PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 5-8PM

THURSDAY, JULY 20 5-8PM



**GRADES : PRE K - 8TH
FREE!!**



PLEASE TURN IN REGISTRATION FORM TO
OFFICE OR CALL 563-547-2108 TO REGISTER



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

including **MYLE** the tAble
Young Adult Gathering

JULY 16–20, 2024

What is the ELCA Youth Gathering?

Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation and fellowship known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through inspiring speakers, conversations with partners, Bible study and being immersed in the host city, young people will be inspired, challenged and called to live out their faith in their daily lives.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Reach out to Adam Nelson!
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April 2023 Worship Assistants

DATE	GREETERS & USHERS	COMM. ASSISTS	WORSHIP LEADER	LECTOR	ACOLYTES	SOUND SYSTEM	PROJECTION
April 2, 2023 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday	Lewie & Thea Perkins	Marlene Michel John Wiedeman Matt Haymann Mike Yslas	Cindy Yslas	Sharon Perry	Trenton Voyna & Austin Bina	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	Kenny Lueschow
April 6, 2023 Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday		Sonia Ollendieck Phyllis Barth Sue Easler Judi Bina	Cindy Yslas Pastor Lokker	Cindy Yslas Pastor Lokker	Matt Hemann	Al Voyna	John Wiedeman
April 9, 2023 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday!!	Kenny & Wendy Lueschow	Jim & Penny Hughes Ken & Charlotte Hebrink	Scott Wiley	Rod Bakken	Jaxson & Mitchell Barnes	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	Doug Berg
April 16, 2023 Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	Leonard Zeller Bob Omar	Rod & Nancy Bakken Gary & Sharon Johnson	Dale Vagts	Dale Vagts	Rebekah Kappes & Lindsey Johnson	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	Matt Gates
April 23, 2023 Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	Manly & Linda Bigalk	Dale & Joyce Vagts Mike & Cindy Yslas	Jim Hughes	Penny Hughes	Kaelyn Darland & Madelyn Johnson	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	Al Voyna
April 30, 2023 Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	Dave & Jenny Matt	Sonia Ollendieck Phyllis Barth Sue Easler Judi Bina	Cindy Yslas	Jenny Matt	Bryce Moellers & Ariel Steven	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	CJ Yslas



**Join the
Youth Group**

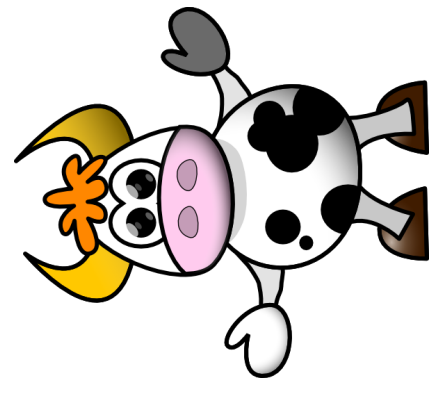
**The Youth Group will be working in the
Moo Mobile again this summer!!**

Plan to participate at the following events!!

Mighty Howard Country Fair - Friday, June 23, 2023

Art in the Park Fine Art Show - Saturday, August 6, 2023

Norman Borlaug Days - Saturday, August 26, 2023



May 2023 Worship Assistants

DATE	GREETERS	COMM. ASSISTANTS	WORSHIP LEADER	LECTOR	ACOLYTES	SOUND SYSTEM	PROJECTION
May 7, 2023 Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	Lewie & Thea Perkins	Marlene Michel John Wiedeman Matt Hemann Mike Yslas	Dale Vagts	Dale Vagts	Austin Bina Trenton Voyna	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	Al Voyna
May 14, 2023 Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	Ken & Charlotte Hebrink	Dick Franks Barb Larsen Manly & Linda Bigalk	Scott Wiley	Marlene Michel	Jaxson & Mitchell Barnes	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	Kenny Lueschow
May 21, 2023 Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	Richard & Florene Holten	Bill & Cheryl Seale Marge & Merle Sovereign	Jim Hughes	Sonia Ollendieck	Taylor & Cole Lickteig	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	CJ Yslas
May 28, 2023 Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	Steve & Wendy Johnson	Dave & Jenny Matt Judi Bina Sue Easler	Cindy Yslas	Wendy Johnson	Bryce Moellers & Ariel Steven	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	John Wiedeman

A HUGE Thank You to all our Youth who helped build Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief as well as making the Senior Recognition Blankets for our Graduates!!

Our Youth are our Future and we appreciate all they do to make things a success around Immanuel Lutheran!

It does NOT go unnoticed!!



SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 6, 2023

TREASURER’S REPORT: General Fund Ending Balance \$16,271.21, Capital Improvement \$33,727.68, Benevolence year to date sent to ELCA \$2,315.15, Checking Account balance \$69,756.55, Savings Account \$103,550.42, ILC Miller Fund \$290,436.10, Property Sales CD \$18,701.80 and Alvin Sommer CD \$12,403.43.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Adam Nelson said weather disrupted plans for snow tubing at Stewartville, Minnesota, and instead the youth went swimming at the Cresco Fitness Center and bowling in Decorah. Later they tied blankets and decorated Valentine cookies. When there is not a supply pastor for Worship On Wednesday services, Adam has been filling in as worship leader and he is encouraging Immanuel members to share their faith journey with the youth. He would like to have a Youth Sunday where the youth light the candles, usher, provide music and take responsibility for part of service. There are plans being made for Vacation Bible School.

The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans is July 16-20, 2024. Early registration already begins September 15th. Early registration gives preference on hotel location and hotel price. Cost of registration, hotel, meals and travel could be \$1,500 to \$2,000. There will fund-raising and requests for contributions to help cover the cost. Adam has been in communication with Pastor Leo Combs Lay, Pastor Jeff Jacobs, Pastor Nathan Wicks of Ridgeway and the seminary student at Maple Leaf. He has asked members of the Youth Board who are going off the board in July 2023 to volunteer to help through the summer of 2024.

NEW BUSINESS: Organists, pianists and the Worship and Music Board will work together to plan a schedule of when the musicians play—possibly a quarterly schedule. The Chicago Folk Service may be every fifth Sunday.

BOARD REPORTS:

Church Properties – Gary Ferrie was thanked for enlarging the cup-holding holes in the wooden communion trays. It should make it easier to remove the little cups of wine.

Stewardship & Finance – The materials for the new shed which is still under construction have not been paid.

Worship & Music – Palms and Easter lilies will be ordered and three people to strip the altar will be contacted. Good Friday services are at First Lutheran this year. The tomb will be set up on Friday and the flowers will be put in the front of the church on Saturday.

Christian Education – The last GLOW session is April 26th and Vacation Bible School planning has begun.

Evangelism & Social Concerns – During Lent eleven meals are being delivered on Wednesday night to shut-ins. There is a lot of stuff to be delivered to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Preparation for the Back-to-School Clothing Drive will begin in April.

ADJOURNMENT: The next council meeting is April 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The boards meet at 6:30.

*This is a summary of minutes of the March council meeting.
Full minutes will be available after formal approval by council at the next meeting.*

Feb 2023 Treasurer's Report Summary

Al Voyna,
Treasurer

GENERAL FUND	February	Year to Date	
Beginning Balance	\$25,560.92	\$40,250.27	General Fund
General Fund Income	\$9,662.03	\$24,317.39	Savings Account
Reimbursed Income	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$103,550.42
Reimbursed Expenses	\$0.00	-\$434.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$833.19	\$1,667.17	Parsonage
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	-\$16,027.70	Rent 2023
Coffee Fellowship	\$77.00	\$148.50	\$1,600.00
General Fund Expenses	-\$13,271.22	-\$17,479.12	
General Executive Committee Expenses (Payroll)	-\$6,590.71	-\$16,301.30	ILC Miller Fund
GENERAL FUND	\$16,271.21	\$16,211.21	Account Balance
Operating Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$290,436.10
Savings income	\$0.00	\$0.00	31-Jan-2023
Savings expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Debt Reduction Income / Fall Dinner	\$0.00	\$60.00	Prop Sales CD
Debt Reduction Exp /Op Loan / Savings / Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,701.80
General Fund Ending Balance	\$16,271.21	\$16,271.21	
Men's Breakfast			A Sommer CD
Beginning Balance	\$262.94	\$274.94	\$12,403.43
Men's Breakfast Income	\$125.00	\$253.00	
Men's Breakfast Expense	-\$140.00	-\$280.00	
Ending Balance	\$247.94	\$247.94	
Hands of the Master			
Beginning Balance	\$987.59	\$987.59	
Hands of the Master Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Hands of the Master Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$987.59	\$987.59	
BENEVOLENCE FUND			Sent to the ELCA
Beginning Balance	\$2,950.00	\$2,680.00	February
Income	\$1,625.00	\$3,125.00	#REF!
Expenses	-\$985.00	-\$2,215.00	2023
Ending Balance	\$3,590.00	\$3,590.00	#REF!
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND			Pledged
Beginning Balance	\$33,542.68	\$33,387.68	\$15,500.00
Income	\$185.00	\$340.00	
Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$33,727.68	\$33,727.68	
Luther League Account			
Beginning Balance	\$14,132.13	\$14,132.13	
Youth Income	\$800.00	\$800.00	
Youth Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$14,932.13	\$14,932.13	
Checking Account Balance	\$69,756.55	\$69,756.55	

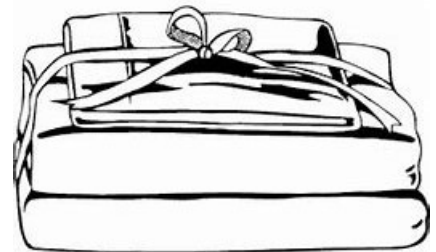
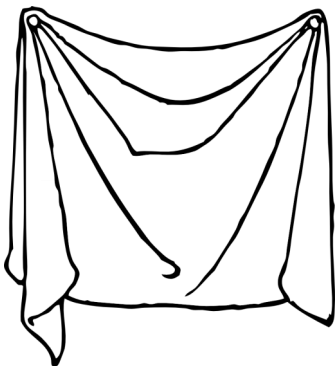
WELCA UPDATE “SHEETS FOR BANDAGES”

For the last couple of years, our church has been collecting old white sheets that are cut or torn into 3 inch strips, rolled up, taped and sent to Global Ministries in the Minneapolis area. They are then sent to 3rd world countries to be used by doctors as bandages. But since we started the project, these sheets have been used for so many other purposes.

When we get the call that a motel (one each in Cresco, Decorah and Rochester) has garbage bags of sheets, towels, washcloths, and pillowcases for us to pick up, we load up the back of a car and bring them to church. They are then sorted for various purposes.

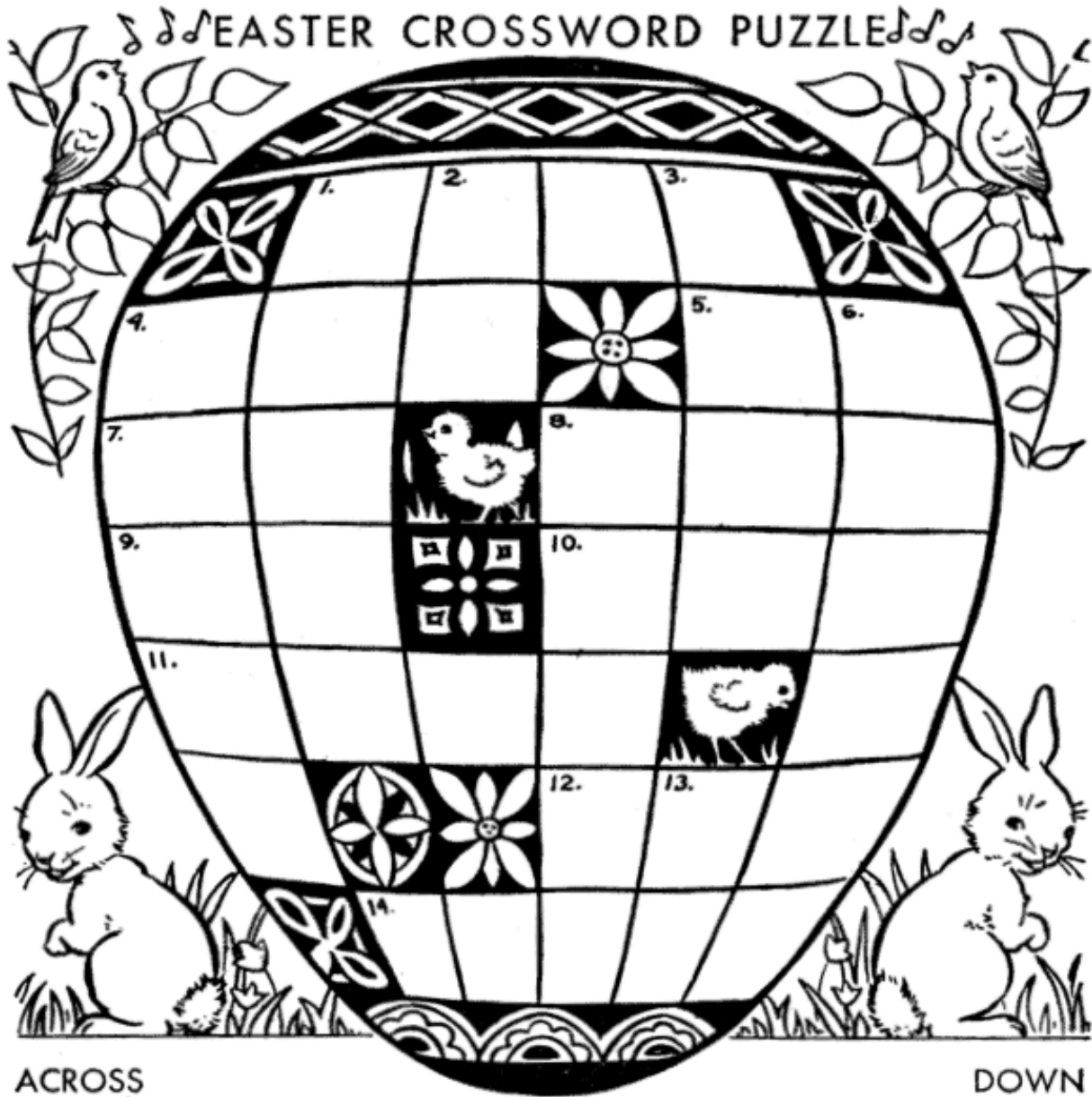
- Flat sheets are used for bandages. So far we have sent over 8,000 bandages with several more boxes of bandages ready to be taken to Minneapolis.
- Fitted sheets that are in good shape are saved for Pine Ridge, our Back to School Give-Away, or given to the County Store.
- Sheets that have stains or rips are given to a lady who uses them for making rugs.
- Pillowcases are also sent to Global Missions to be used as suitcases when fleeing their country or for people to store their belongings.
- Towels, washcloths, bath mats and bedspreads that are in good condition are saved for the Clothing Give-Away and Pine Ridge.
- This winter we have given some of our flat sheets to the Mennonites who were looking for an activity to do when the Mission ladies go to their church to work on various projects. They return them to us to be included with our bandages. (Gary Ferrie- they were impressed with the bandage rollers you made for us and they are having their husbands do the same!)
- Soiled washcloths and towels are put out for our members to take for oil rags.

As you can see, our interest in making bandages has grown into so many other projects. Once we found motels willing to give us their old items, many other possibilities opened up. Thanks to many from our congregation for donating their white sheets. We will also take any colored sheets or towels that can be used for Pine Ridge or our Give Away.





KIDZ KORNER



ACROSS

1. It's in a necklace
4. Something you travel in
5. Close to; near; by
7. Upon
8. Took in food
9. One; any
10. She lays eggs
11. To write on a typewriter
12. Lincoln's nickname
14. Beneath

DOWN

1. He brings your Easter eggs
2. Girl's nickname
3. The time of an event
4. These travel on the water
6. Gentle
8. In front
13. To exist

Adult Study Information!!



Sunday Morning Adult Study

The Adult Class continues to meet at 7:45 Sunday mornings. We use the ELCA Faith Lens materials which includes a study of the weekly lectionary and a reflection using a news story from the week. We are following the CDC guidelines and have resumed meeting in the conference/library room. Copies of the lesson are made available in the entryway along with the weekly bulletin. Feel free to join us!

A Huge Thank You to our Hands of the Master group of talented individuals who continue to make the beautiful Christmas ornaments each year, backdrops for plays and clothes racks as needed (not to mention any other idea that comes to ones mind) and a special THANK YOU to Gary Ferrie for taking the time to “fix” the wine cup holders for Communion each week. Something as simple as making the holes bigger and a crisis was averted!! We thank each of you for the little extra time you take in your day to make things extra special around Immanuel!!



Radio Broadcast Sponsorship - APRIL & MAY 2023

- April 2, 2023 In honor of the 59th Wedding Anniversary on April 4, 1964 of Yvonne & Duane Beck who were married by Reverend EC Franke. Thankful for all the blessing they have received over these many years.
- April 9, 2023 In loving memory of Adam Samec by his Mother Vicky Reicks and her family. Adam was born on December 8, 1980 and passed away on April 11, 2001
- April 16, 2023 Available for Sponsorship
April 23, 2023 Available for Sponsorship
- April 30, 2023 In loving memory of Yvonne Franks. Yvonne was born on April 30, 1936 and passed away on February 20, 2021. Sponsored today by her husband Richard Franks & the entire Franks family.
- May 7, 2023 In loving memory of her parents, Melvin & Margaret Diercks. Sponsored today by Jenny & Dave Matt and family.
- May 14, 2023 In loving memory of Shirley Lueschow. Shirley was born on this day, May 14, 1936 and passed away on January 18, 2021. Sponsored by Kenny & Wendy Lueschow and family
- May 21, 2023 In loving memory of her Gramma, Mona Huecker whos birthday was May 17th and Mona passed on May 23, 1998. Sponsored by Sarah & Brent Holten & family
- May 28, 2023 In loving memory of her parents Evelyn & Vernon Gronbach. Evelyn was born on May 30, 1922 and passed away in 1979 and Vernon was born in Oct 9, 1916 and passed away in 2000. By Sue Easler & family.¹⁸



Altar Guild: Volunteers are always needed for children's busy bags, filling alter candles, cleaning alter linens, and replacing pew cards & pencils. We continue to have tasks that need attention. Please sign up if you are interested. (Hot Pink) Sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the lobby, Any questions about any of these tasks, just ask!!



Start Planning to go!! ***PINE RIDGE RESERVATION & TRANSITION CENTER***
 A trip is being planned for May or June 2023 to South Dakota - Contact Janice Strike at 507-330-1496 with any questions or to discuss going along!! At this time - **NO FURTHER DONATIONS** are needed (nor is there room) ... but a **HUGE Thank You** to all who have donated blankets, clothes, shoes and diapers!

Prayers of Healing, Comfort and Guidance

Brad McCarroll, SueAnn Ferrie, Sammy Evenson, Stacey Anderson, Sarah Lienhard, Ron Herbison, Roger Rodden, Cindy Farmer, Blake Stevenson, Kat Zachary, Wayne Diedrich, Malvera Wohlsdorf, Nancy Schimmels, Sandra Peter & Pastor Allen Vik

Loved Ones Serving Our Country

Joshua Kappes, Brady Vrieze
 Cameron Krueger, Landon Nordby & Brandon Ludeman


Loved Ones in Long Term Care

Sandra Peter & Roger Wentworth & Everett Schacht

Friends & Family in Assisted Living

Perry Blaser, JoAnne Kratz





The WELCA "Circle of Grace" Ladies wish to Thank everyone who donated items again this year, allowing us to send 6 quilts, 25 care kits, 25 school kits, over 500 pillow cases and an amazing 10,000 bandages to Lutheran World Relief!! (Over double last years numbers) - *God is Good!!*

**Official Acts for
 February & March 2023**

Funerals: None

Baptisms: None



May & June Mid Month

During this time (without a full time pastor) we have paused our monthly Mid Month Communion activities. Our Joy Visitors are always glad to do home visits and communion distribution if anyone should wish. Simply call the office!

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May your Holy Week
be filled with the joy of
“welcoming Jesus” into
our lives with Palm
Sunday, through the
“anguish of his death”
for all our sins on
Maundy Thursday &
Good Friday & may
you take away the
“unending love”
bestowed upon all of us
this Holy Week &
Easter Sunday!!

~ ILC Staff ~

