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DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

April 2

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:1-11
John 11:1-45

Fifth Sunday in Lent

The valley of dry bones
"Through Christ the law of the Spirit of life set me free."
After the raising of Lazarus, the Pharisees begin to plot to take Jesus' life.

April 9

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:1-27:66

Palm Sunday - Confirmation

"Who is my accuser?"
"He ... became obedient to death."
The betrayal and crucifixion of Jesus Christ

April 13

Exodus 24:3-11
Hebrews 9:11-22
Matthew 26:17-30

Maundy Thursday

Moses seals the covenant between God and the Israelites.
"Christ is the mediator of a new covenant."
Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper.

April 14

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1 – 19:42

Good Friday

"Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows."
"We have a great high priest."
The crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ

April 16

Acts 10:34-43 or
Jeremiah 31:1-6
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

The Resurrection of Our Lord

"We are witnesses of everything He did."
"I have loved you with an everlasting love."
"Set your minds on things above...your life is now hidden with Christ in God."
The resurrection of Jesus Christ

April 23

Acts 5:29-42
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Second Sunday of Easter

"They never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus Christ is the Christ.
"He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."
Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas.

April 30

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-25
Luke 24:13-35

Third Sunday of Easter

"Repent and be baptized."
"You were redeemed...with the precious blood of Christ."
The road to Emmaus

Ministry Notes

CONFIRMATION ESSAYS

How I am going to live my life as a confirmed Christian **By Nsebong Adah**

Living like a Christian means to live like Christ. I plan to live like a Christian in multiple ways. I plan to forgive people, pray to God, teach people about God, and help those in need. This is how I plan to live as a Christian in my everyday life:

First I am going to forgive people. Jesus forgave many people during his time on Earth. One time coming from Mark 5:34, the story of the woman with the hemorrhage. Jesus told her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction." If I forgive people not by forgiving their sins but by forgiving them for anything they do against me, then I will be living like Christ.

Another way I am going to live like Christ is by praying. Jesus prayed whenever he could. I can do the same. For example, when I wake up, before I go to bed, before I eat, and before all my activities. He almost never prayed for himself. He always prayed for others. Even when he was nailed to the cross Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." While He was suffering, He was still praying for others and not Himself. I can pray for blessings, healing, and for all the concerns of the people close to me. If I pray for all the people close to me I will be living like Christ.

The third way I plan to live like a Christian in my everyday life is by teaching people about God. Jesus taught everyone he could about God. He told them God loved them and cared about them. I am going to do my best to teach people about Jesus so they can be saved from death. I may not be able to teach to large crowds like Jesus, but I can do it in a smaller way. One way I can do this is by sending out Christmas cards reminding or teaching people about the true meaning of Christmas. Teaching all those people about God and Jesus will help me live like Christ.

The final way I plan to live like a Christian is by helping those in need. Jesus fed the poor and healed the sick. I do not have the power yet to heal the sick but I can feed and clothe the poor. Maybe one day as I grow in faith I will. There are many things I can do to help, such as, volunteering at the Compassion Center, doing Scouting for Food at Boy Scouts, donating my old clothes and toys to charity, and helping older neighbors, friends, or relatives with tasks they cannot do themselves. There are also things I can continue doing such as holding the door for

people at school, doing chores, and helping fellow scouts with their Eagle Scout projects.

This is how I plan to live my life as a Christian. By doing all these things I hope to live a life pleasing to God. With the help of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit I will do this to the best of my ability.

How I plan to live and witness to Christ in the world **By Benjamin Pfitzinger**

I plan to live and witness to Christ in the world by telling people about Him who don't know Him and by inviting my friends to worship with me. I want to share the feeling of love and importance that the Bible provides me with people who haven't been taught God's Word. I will continue in Boy Scouts, a religious organization, and plan to become an Eagle Scout by completing a project that will help the community. I will also participate in service activities with Boy Scouts and school like cleaning up trash and cooking Thanksgiving dinner for a family in need. I have done, and will continue to perform, other service activities like spreading awareness of Autism and creating posters to make people aware of deforestation. I will do my best to live by the Ten Commandments and the laws of our country and states. I will live by the Scout Oath, Law, Outdoor Code, Motto, and slogan in my daily life. I will be nice and respectful to my family and friends, treating people the way I want to be treated, and always remembering not to judge others for I am not without sin. When I grow up, I will continue to go to church and take my children to church to teach them about Christ. I will also continue to be acolyte and crucifer and do other services for the church, like being an usher when I'm older. I will also pray for people that are sick, hungry, in poverty, and anyone else who is in need. I will pray at meals and at night before I go to sleep, to thank God for what I have, and be thankful for the life I live. I will spread the Word of the true meaning of Christmas which is Jesus' birth and not presents.

These are the ways I plan to live my life as a faithful and active disciple.

How I plan to live and witness to Christ in the world **By Julia Pfitzinger**

I plan to live and witness to Christ in the world by sharing His Word. I will tell people who don't know Him, about Christ so they could know about Him and his great sacrifices for us. When I go to Girl Scouts I will share my knowledge of Christ with my friends. I could ask a friend to go to church and Sunday school with me. Next

Christmas, when I hand cards to my friends, I will write Bible verses on them so they will learn about Jesus.

Another way I would do this is by always trying my best to obey the Ten Commandments, to live by the US laws, and to follow the rules at home, at school and at Girl Scouts. I will treat everyone with respect. At home, I will be nice to my siblings and respectful to my parents. In school, I will follow the student expectations, listen to my teachers' directions the first time they are given, and I will be very nice and caring to my friends. At Girl Scouts, I will listen to my troop leaders and cooperate with the rest of my troop.

I will continue to pray and worship God by going to Church. I will keep serving as Crucifer and Acolyte in the church and later on, I might want to join the Alter Guild. I want to volunteer at a pet rescue center to care for all the animals that need help. I will also be looking for a community center or soup kitchen where I can volunteer. I want to volunteer because I want to help all of God's creatures.

This is how I plan to live and witness to Christ in the world.

How I Plan to Live and Witness to Christ to the World by Luke Salter

I know that Jesus has taught us that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord with all our hearts and that the second greatest commandment is to love our neighbors as ourselves. I want to please God by helping others because Jesus has told us that when we help others we are also serving Him. Right now, I am helping my neighbor weed the hill on her front yard because she broke her hip and cannot do it herself. I plan to continue to help her with this and I hope to be able to start mowing her lawn soon. Being a Boy Scout also gives me the opportunity to show others the joy of knowing and serving Jesus. I am doing service work helping with food drives and plan to help when the troop works in a food pantry.

In the Book of Matthew, it says that during the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encouraged us to treat others as ourselves. Many times, Jesus showed through his words and actions that we are all children of God. In school and in my life, I plan to show this in my actions by being kind and respectful to others --- even those who are different or who might not always be kind themselves.

I plan to try to keep reading the Bible and keep praying. My mom says to see how the Word speaks to me. Soon I hope to work on the Boy Scout religious medal for Lutherans. Someday, I hope that I can work in a profession that will allow me to tell others about the wonders of God's creations.

My great-grandmother always told her family to "take the dear Lord with you" when they started something new in their lives or just when they left her to go somewhere. I will try to follow her advice and take the dear Lord with me wherever life takes me.

LENTEN WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL THE SALUTARY GIFT: THE LORD'S SUPPER

Within the solemn halls of the Lenten season, we gather around God's Word in repentance over sin, preparation for our Savior's sacrifice, and thanksgiving for the crucifixion's redemptive power. The theology of the Lord's Supper mirrors this Lenten pilgrimage in many ways.

Each weekly theme in *The Salutory Gift* reveals a host of approaches for understanding the same sacramental gift: life-giving fruit, nourishment, healing, communion with the saints, a priestly meal, the feast of victory, and more. Meditate on these beautiful, biblical images of the Lord's Supper drawn from throughout the Old and New Testament. Each distinct image brings you to your knees in recognition and gratitude for the chief blessing of this Sacrament as described again and again in Scripture: the forgiveness of sins.

Midweek 5 – Nuptial Feast

Isaiah 61:10–62:5; Matthew 22:1–14

Mandy Thursday - Covenant Meal

Exodus 24:3–11; Hebrews 9:11–22; Matthew 26:17–30

Good Friday – Sacrificial Banquet

Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9; John 18:1–19:42 or John 19:17–30

We continue to have two services: 12:10pm and 7:00pm. There is a soup lunch following the 12:10pm service and a soup supper preceding the 7:00pm service. These meals are simple soup meals and are pot luck. You may volunteer to bring a soup or side dish. A sign up sheet will be placed in the fellowship hall near the kitchen.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

New Immanuel church directories have been printed. Please pick up your copy in the Narthex. The directories have been labeled with each member's name. Please take only your copy. Thank you.

ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL CEMETERY - SUNDAY, APRIL 16 AT 7AM

On Easter Sunday, Immanuel will once again celebrate the resurrection of our Lord at a special sunrise service in the chapel at our cemetery on Grindon Avenue. We begin our service with the call to worship evidenced by the ringing

of the chapel bell and then worship our risen Lord through word and song, also celebrating the Lord's Supper. Come and join us for this celebration and the light breakfast that follows on a beautiful Easter morning. Dress warmly as needed as our chapel has no heat! See you there this Sunday at 7 AM. For directions, see immanuel.lutheran.org or call the church office.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held after church on Easter Sunday, April 16th, on the lawn. Invite your friends, neighbors and fellow members to join in the fun. Donations of small, individually wrapped candies and stickers are welcome. See you all there! Donations may be brought to the Sunday School Room marked EGG HUNT. Thank you, Emalee Smith

SHARE IN THE MISSION BRUNCH – April 9, 2017

The menu is:

Pancakes	Scrambled Eggs	Baked Ham
Turkey Sausage	Hash Browns	Baked Beans
Cereal	Fruit	Garden Salad
Milk	Juice	Coffee & Tea
Assorted desserts		

Cost: \$5 Adults, \$3 for Children 6-12, Free for Children 5 and under.

Come and enjoy a great meal, and great fellowship with your Immanuel family. Can't come that day? Consider sponsoring a meal for another so that they may attend and enjoy the meal. Want to help? See Emalee Smith.

INTRODUCING MORE WAYS TO CONNECT WITH IMMANUEL!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is on your favorite social media sites, so you can stay in touch with us on more than just Sundays. Link up with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to discover the latest news, see pictures, and learn about upcoming events.

To find us on Facebook, simply search "Immanuel Lutheran Church Baltimore" and 'Like' our page. To follow us on Twitter and Instagram here are the links to those pages: twitter.com/BmoreImmanuel and instagram.com/BmoreImmanuel

Don't have a social media account? All these pages are open to anyone, so we invite you to take a peek.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Franklin and Coreathia Davis
- Mayampu Paye, Cecelia Woah-Tee's mother, who is ill
- Carl Tresselt, who is being treated for cancer
- Col. Ret. Irvin, Lola Barnes' brother, who is very ill
- Dick Goeller, who is being treated for Lyme Disease
- Rosemarie Wilson, daughter of Phyllis James, who is ill
- Lisa Lewis, daughter of June Dennis, who is ill
- Michael Gilmore and family as he battles cancer
- Ruth Waicker
- Ken Robertson, son of Shirley Robertson, who is being treated for cancer

Birthdays:

- 3 Bruce Greensfelder
- 5 Christopher Minetree
- 10 Tom Manager
- 14 Benjamin Pfitzinger
- 15 Tonia Momo
- 18 Ellen Noel
- 19 Joan Goeller
- 20 Frieda Gustafson
- 21 Elaine Mueller
- 22 Catherine Belz
- 23 Timothy Bardzik
- 27 Jormoh BellePu
- 30 Muriel Senger

Anniversaries:

- 6 Manix & Yassah Paye
- 11 Richard & Sharon Kruelle
- 24 Samuel & Amy Elbers


CELEBRATING THE 500 ANNIVERSARY OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION!

For the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, I have several special items planned. Each month, beginning November 2016, there will be an article in the Herald on a famous "face" of the reformation. There is a bible study to complement this. I will also offer a video-based course "A Man Named Martin." This three-part course will be given at different times for each multi-week part. I will offer the first beginning in winter, the second in spring/summer of 2017 and the third will be offered next fall. Finally, the Herald calendar will include events from the reformation beginning this month and continuing into Reformation 2017. Other possible Bible Class (weekday or Sunday) topics include: The Lutheran Identity (Confessional Writings of the Lutheran Church), Lutheranism 101, The Lutheran Difference, History of the

Church from the Reformation until Today, and Lutheran Spirituality. Please indicate to me your interest in any of these courses.

FACES OF THE REFORMATION

The leader of the Roman Catholic Church who saw Luther as just another heretic to easily dismiss




POPE LEO X
(A.K.A. GIOVANNI DE' MEDICI)

Born: Dec. 11, 1475 | Florence, Italy

Died: Dec. 1, 1521 | Rome, Italy

GIOVANNI DE' MEDICI WAS A MEMBER OF THE FAMOUS MEDICI HOUSEHOLD IN FLORENCE, ITALY. His father, Lorenzo the Magnificent, raised his sons to be patrons of the arts. As the second son, Giovanni was steered to a life within the church. Due to his family's connections, he was named a cardinal at age 17 and became pope at 37, taking the name Leo X.

Leo continued the work of his predecessor in building St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and soon found himself in financial straits due to his extravagant construction spending and costly wars with France. To raise money, he approved the sale of indulgences (the practice of purchasing a document of forgiveness). This caused Martin Luther to fear for the souls of his flock in Wittenberg, Germany. If forgiveness could be bought, true contrition for sin would be lost. Luther sought a public debate on the topic when he posted his 95 Theses. Little did Leo know that his legacy would not be the building of the basilica or his political maneuverings, but his refusal to truly listen to the concerns of a little-known monk from Wittenberg.



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Community News

Special Screening of *Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World*

St. Thomas Lutheran Church is hosting a special screening of the new Luther Movie. We invite you to attend and support our Community outreaches.

ABOUT THE FILM

500 years ago, Martin Luther triggered a seismic upheaval that rocked the western world—with an impact that continues to reverberate to this day. This entertaining new film follows the great adventure story of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, secret hideouts, and life-or-death showdowns. At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life, including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?"

It's a must-see for any lifelong Lutheran, and a chance to share the message of our Lutheran heritage with others. And the only place you can see the film is in **AMC Security Square 8, 1717 Rolling Road, Baltimore, MD 21244** on the night of our church's special event **April 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** This screening is the perfect outreach opportunity—a chance to invite friends and neighbors to an entertaining event in our community. This is the first time in more than 60 years that Lutherans have made a feature-length film about Martin Luther and the Reformation. Filmed in historic locations across Europe, this movie brings Luther's story to life with exquisite attention to detail. It's a way to strengthen our faith by revisiting the birth of Protestant Reformation, and a chance to share that experience with others.

IMPORTANT: All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at a special web site set up for the screening: www.tugg.com/events/martin-luther-the-idea-that-changed-the-world-n5oa

Concordia Prep News

The Concordia Prep Drama Department will be performing William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. One of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, *Much Ado* is the story of Benedick and Beatrice who each swear off love and one another, engaging in sparkling banter, until they realize their true feelings for one another (with the help of friends!). Much of the action surrounds the wedding of Hero and Claudio, two young innocent lovers, whose plans are thwarted by the conniving and jealous Don John, brother to the honorable Don Pedro, friend and patron of Claudio. Don John's plans are uncovered by the bumbling, yet somehow effective, "Watch," led by the mildly-befuddled, but well meaning, constable Dogberry. All is righted in the end, although not without twists and turns along the way. The cast is very excited to take their first crack at their favorite Shakespeare play.

Performances take place on April 28th and 29th (7:30pm), April 30th (3:00pm) and May 5th and 6th (7:30pm). Seating is reserved; tickets cost \$15 for adults or \$10 for senior citizens or students K-12.

Ticketing will be handled through an online service. Go to: <http://our.show/concordiapreparatoryschool/m4340> and get your tickets soon before they sell out! Questions: mellisaweldon@concordiaprepschool.org

CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE				
	Altar Guild	Lay Reader	Liturgist	Communion Assistant
April 2	Mary Ruble/ Sally Hermann/ Sharon Minetree	Roland Obedekah	Rick McDonnell	Albert Lietzau V
April 9		Steve Heemann	Ted Henn	Dave Pfitzinger
April 13 <i>(Maundy Thursday)</i>			Steve Heemann	Albert Lietzau V
April 16		Mark Smith	Mark Smith	Sylvanus Ibenana
April 23		Jean Heeman/ Gwen Heemann	Steve Heemann	Steve Heemann
April 30		Jean Heemann	<i>No Communion, Fifth Sunday</i>	

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>The British Parliament orders the first printing of the English Book of Common Prayer. 1548</i>
2 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:30 am Junior Confirmation 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	3 Agape Group (<i>Ray Spitznas</i>) 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	4	5 12:10 pm - Worship followed by Soup Lunch 6 pm - Soup Dinner 6:30 pm LRIA Board of Directors 7 pm – Worship	6 <i>Reformation artist Albrecht Dürer dies. 1528</i>	7 <i>Friedrich Myconius, friend & co-worker of Luther and reformer of Thuringia, dies. 1546</i>	8 <i>Martin Chemnitz, Reformation theologian, dies. 1586</i>
9 Palm Sunday & Confirmation 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:30 am Share in the Mission Brunch 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	10 Agape Group (<i>Ray Spitznas</i>) 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	12 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	13 Maundy Thursday 12:10 pm - Worship & Holy Communion 7 pm – Worship & Holy Communion	14 Good Friday 12:10 pm - Worship & Holy Communion 7 pm – Worship & Holy Communion	15 10 am-2 pm Compassion Center
16 The Resurrection of Our Lord 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	17 OFFICE CLOSED Agape Group (<i>Ray Spitznas</i>) 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	18 6 pm Finance Committee Meeting	19 7 pm Church Council <i>Philip Melancthon dies in Wittenberg, Germany. 1560</i>	20	21	22 10 am-2 pm Compassion Center
23 Second Sunday after Easter 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	24 IMMANUEL HERALD ARTICLES DUE Agape Group (<i>Ray Spitznas</i>) 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	25 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	26 <i>Luther leaves Wittenberg having been condemned as a heretic by Emperor Charles V. 1521</i>	27	28	29 10 am-2 pm Compassion Center
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