

Immanuel Lutheran Church April 2018 Newsletter



FROM THE PASTOR – EASTER SUNDAY... APRIL FOOLS DAY?



On a field near Paris in the early 1900s, the French press was getting ready to have a good laugh. A man claimed to have made a flying machine. When he arrived he was strangely dressed, spoke very little, and his machine looked strange. There were a few smirks and quiet snorts as the man finally brought his fragile-looking thing out of a shed. He started up the engine, sat down behind the controls, and announced to the press, “Gentlemen, now I am going to fly.” And with that, Wilbur Wright did. And when he did, the laughs and snickers stopped forever.

When the apostle Paul spoke of “the message of the cross,” he admitted that the cross looked “foolish”. He knew how strange it was to talk about the Son of God becoming a human being in order to die on a Roman instrument of execution, and that the death of this man was God’s way of canceling out the sins of the whole world.

But Paul knew that this seemingly foolish message was not so foolish after all. In fact, he knew that the message of the cross delivered exactly what it promised. Paul also knew that the message had the power of God – a power that turns hearts from unbelief to faith – a power that can turn us from despair and giving up on life into the light of Jesus’ forgiveness and a sure hope.

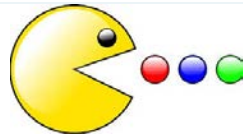
How something looks by itself is one thing. Reality is quite another. Wilbur Wright and the message of the cross are similar in that they both delivered on what they had promised. But there the similarity ends. Wilbur’s machine lifted him off the ground. The cross takes us farther.

God is with us..... Pastor Scott

**ALL AREA YOUTH (GRADES 7-12) ARE INVITED TO A
FREE YOUTH 'THROWBACK' LOCK-IN (REALLY... NO COST!)
AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

STARTING FRIDAY, APRIL 13TH AT 7 P.M.

ENDS SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH AT 8 A.M.



Here's some fun stuff we'll be doing at the 'lock in'

- Food (lots of teen approved Junk Food.... Candy, pizza, pizza rolls, etc. since we have use of the kitchen oven)
- Personal Inventory Bingo Ice Breaker
- Epic Lip Sync Battle Performance
- Throwback Trivia / Decades Jeopardy Game Show
- Human Hungry Hippos
- Life Size Rubik's Cube
- Human Tic Tac Toe



- If I Could Live In Any Decade..... Banner for attendees to fill out. To be hung in the room during the lock-in.
 - Pac Man Fever / Glow in the Dark / Life Size Pac Man Arcade Game
 - Human Foosball
- Who Said That? (guess what 70's or 80's person said it)
 - Watch This (guess what TV show it was)
 - Movie Time! - "Back to the Future"
 - Late Night Snack Time at the Kitchen Counter

We need chaperones to help with this event. If you can come for part of all of the evening and would love to spend time with youth in lots of fun, please contact Pastor Scott.

If youth (7th – 12th grade) want to attend, please call, text or e-mail Scott at 402.499.4444 or ilc.godwithus@gmail.com



IMMANUEL IS NOW ONLY A (LCMC) LUTHERAN CONGREGATION IN MISSION CHURCH

As of March 9, 2018 Immanuel's membership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) officially ended as the Nebraska Synod Council of the ELCA released our congregation from the roster of ELCA churches. This means that Immanuel is now only an LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) church. Affiliation with the LCMC is a bit different than how we related with the ELCA before. There is no bishop or Synods in the LCMC. Our congregation is free to structure itself to conduct Christian ministry in the way we believe it can best be done in the Ceresco area. As a Lutheran congregation, Immanuel will remain faithful to Lutheran doctrine and how we understand Scripture to be the guide and norm of our church life. This will be clearly stated in our church's new constitution that we approve over the next year.

As an LCMC church, Immanuel is a part of an association of about 50 churches in the Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and western Iowa area called the Heartland District of the LCMC. We are also a part of an association of almost 1,000 Lutheran churches in the United States and worldwide. Our pastor, Pastor Scott, is a member of the Heartland District Council of the LCMC which meets at Lutheran Church of the Master in Omaha once every other month. The Heartland District Council is made up of fourteen pastors and church members who care for the spiritual welfare of the churches in our District, plan District gatherings, and help LCMC churches work together in a common mission for Jesus Christ.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH

On Sunday, April 15th, we will celebrate the Confirmation of Conner Kreikemeier and Andrew Otto as they affirm their baptism during our worship service. There will be a reception for them, as well as the four fifth graders (Jace Badberg, Owen Kreikemeier, Taylor Oldfield, and Reid Otto) who received their First Communion during our Maundy Thursday

worship service on March 29th.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 13TH

Our Sunday School for children and adults comes to a close for this school year on Sunday, April 29th with an “end of the school year” celebration at 9 a.m. There will only be worship on Sunday, May 6th and no Sunday School that day. We change to our summer worship schedule on Sunday, May 13th as we worship at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

PASTOR SCOTT’S SUMMER PREACHING SERIES

Do you have a favorite book of the Bible or a topic that you would like Pastor Scott to preach on this summer? Please let him know as he plans the summer worship services for our Scripture readings and worship messages.



Prayer List

Jerry Eastin (Health - Congregation)

Barb Hanson (Health – Congregation)

Andrea Christensen (Health – J Christensen)

Jessica Creger & son Zach (Health – J Boden)

Raegan Love (Toddler cancer – Rudeen)

Heather Lucht (Health – Hanson)

Calvin Liess (Health – Fredrickson)

Jan Schmeeckle (Health – Bevington)

Bob Boens (Health – Lonnie Boens)

Julie Hart (Health – Bible)

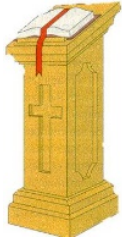
Kim Pearson (Health – L Pearson)

Dana Duffy (Health – Otto)

Russ Harms (Health – Olson)

The Ceresco Methodist & Covenant Churches

Trinity Lutheran Church in Dewitt



APRIL LECTORS

April 1 – Fran Freeman
 April 8 – Shawn Rudeen
 April 15 – Janis Bible
 April 22- Logan Black
 April 29 - Fran Freeman



APRIL USHERS

April 1 – Dean & Kathi Johnson
 April 8 – Christie Bevington
 April 15 – Jon & Janis Bible
 April 22 – Scott & Shannon Black
 April 29 – Fran Freeman



APRIL ACOLYTES FOR WORSHIP

April 1 – Andrew Otto
 April 8 – Isaak Fredrickson
 April 15 – Wyatt Hanson
 April 22 - Mason Kreikemeier
 April 29 - Conner Kreikemeier



April Food Pantry

BOXED GOODS

**Cake Mixes, Cookie Mixes Bread
 Mixes Boxed Potatoes
 Boxed Hamburger & Tuna Helpers**