



Living the Abundant Life

Some thoughts from Pastor Scott

“Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.” – Psalm 55:22

Things were going well for the Spafford family. Horatio, a prosperous Chicago lawyer was making good investments in properties along Lake Michigan. He and his wife Anna were blessed with four daughters and a son. They were living comfortably in the Lakeview neighborhood on Chicago’s north side – a wealthy part of the city.

Then a series of tragedies struck. First, the Spafford’s four-year-old son died of scarlet fever. A short time later the great Chicago fire of 1871 damaged many of the properties that the Spaffords owned. Then 1873 brought an economic downturn that dealt a blow to Horatio’s businesses.

In late 1873, needing a break, the family decided to travel to Europe. Horatio needed to stay in Chicago to take care of some business with his properties so Anna and the girls went on ahead of him by ship. Then, on November 22nd the ship that Anna and the girls was on was hit by another ship and sank.

Anna hung on to floating debris and was one of only 47 people who survived. Her four daughters drowned. When she reached Europe she sent a telegram to Horatio saying, “Saved alone”.

The grieving Horatio quickly traveled to be with his wife, Anna. As his ship passed their area where his daughters had died, he wrote the hymn “It is Well”. The first verse says, “... when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, ‘It is well, it is well with my soul.’”

How did Horatio deal with so many tragedies in his life? He put his worry and his pain, as overwhelming as they were, in Jesus’ hands.

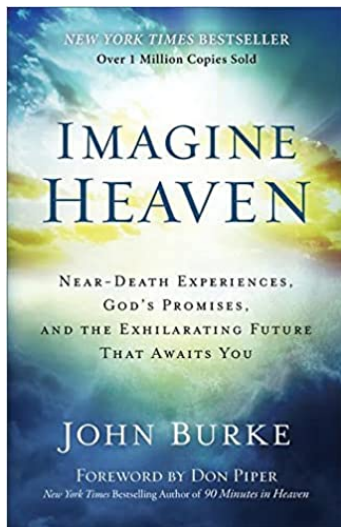
This month, we celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. It’s the time of year that reminds me that we worship a God who knows what it is to suffer and lose everything – his followers who ran away from him, almost losing hope as he called out from the cross “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” and losing his life shortly afterwards. But, thank God, the story doesn’t end there. He rose again on Easter morning and is with us through our struggles and troubles in life. Isn’t it good to know that we have a God who is with us through the good times and the bad?

God is with us... Pastor Scott



April 2022 Immanuel Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>9 am Sunday School for ALL ages 9:45 am Choir practice 10:15 am Worship 11:15 am Coffee and Fellowship time</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>2 to 8:30 pm Photos being taken at Immanuel for our new directory 6 pm – Confirmation class in Lincoln for supper and “The Case for Heaven” movie 7 pm – Women of the Word meets in Lincoln for “The Case for Heaven” movie</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>2 to 8:30 pm Photos being taken at Immanuel for our new directory</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>8 am Church Council meets at Immanuel 9 am Spring clean up day at Immanuel</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>6:44 am Community Easter Sunrise worship on the Ceresco water tower hill 7:30 am Coffee time 8 to 10 am Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 10:15 am Traditional Easter worship service EASTER SUNDAY</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>6 pm – Confirmation supper and class at Immanuel 7 pm – Women of the Word “Imagine Heaven” Bible study at Immanuel</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>
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WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word Bible Study Wednesdays, April 6th and 20th at 7 p.m.

All women of Immanuel and friends are welcome to join us on the **first** and **third** Wednesday evenings in April as we begin a new series studying heaven and life after death.

For those of you not having your photos taken at Immanuel the evening of April 6th, you are invited to join the Confirmation class and some people from Immanuel at the Grand Theatre (1101 P Street) in downtown Lincoln for a 7 p.m. movie showing of "The Case for Heaven". We will not be meeting at Immanuel the evening of April 6th.

Then, on the evening of April 20th at 7 p.m., we'll gather at Immanuel to begin our Bible study of the book "Imagine Heaven". Invite your friends for this interesting study.



Remembering Our Homebound Members

Please remember Immanuel's homebound members in your prayers:

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Dale Rexilius

c/o Tabitha GracePointe
4620 Randolph St, #203 – Lincoln NE 68510 402.484.9318

Summer Bible Camp is only a couple of months away!



Hey, parents of elementary and middle school kids... Registrations are open at Camp Carol Joy Holling (the local Lutheran Bible camp at Ashland) and will be available until a session is full (see the weeks of summer camp below). Families can register online at

www.caroljoyholling.org and you can also view the 2022 Summer Camp Schedule on their website.

Half-Off for First Time Campers:

1. First-time campers at Carol Joy Holling Camp only. Sorry - if you've been to summer camp at CJH Camp before (not counting family programs), you can't use this discount.
2. You may **ONLY** use the discount on the following sessions. Grade listed refers to the child's grade during the 2021-2022 school year.

TrailHead (Grades 1-6)

Week 1 • June 5-10
Week 2 • June 12-17
Week 3 • June 19-24
Week 4 • June 26 - July 1

The Springs (Grades 6-8)

Week 4 • June 26 - July 1
Week 6 • July 10-15
Week 7 • July 17-22

3. **Register now!** When you register, please pay the full registration fee of \$100. If you're a first time camper, use coupon code '**Half22**' when registering online. Please note, the first time camper discount will not be applied to your balance until your eligibility is verified by Camp Carol Joy Holling's Registrar Jessica Weltz.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR EASTER SUNDAY!
APRIL 17...**

Be sure to mark your calendars for Immanuel's and Ceresco's Easter Sunday morning activities. Here's what will be happening

on Sunday, April 17:

6:44 a.m. Community Easter Sunrise Service on the Ceresco water tower hill

7:30 a.m. Coffee served at Immanuel

8:00 a.m. Easter breakfast served by Immanuel's Church Council (until 10 a.m.)

10:15 a.m. Traditional Easter worship service at Immanuel

Church Directory Sign-Up **CHEESE!**



You are invited to capture memories for a lifetime!

Our **church family** album just won't be the same without **YOU!** Sign up **online** or **in person** to **be included** in our church directory and receive your complimentary **8" x 10" portrait, a**

FREE Family Directory and Mobile App.

Portraits Orders can be made.

Please be a part of the memories of our church.

Immanuel Lutheran Church--Ceresco, NE

Photography Dates: April 6-7 2:00 pm-8:30 pm

How do I register for an appointment?

Online Sign-ups: Beginning March 20

www.ucdir.com, Facebook, Church website

User Name: NE140—PW: photos

In Person Sign-ups: March 20, 27, April 3

For assistance call: Doug and Shawn Rudeen at 402-450-9248 or

LeRoy and Barb Hanson—402-665-1008

Be sure to sign-up early to get your best time!

Have current up to date Portrait Directory of Immanuel families.

Help members have up to date names phone numbers e-mails, addresses

Have 45 families in Family Directory and encourage new and existing families to participate.

Reflect on Immanuel's 100th Anniversary in 2020

We will accommodate your needs! Let us know if you would like an intergenerational family pose...You may also have special poses done for portraits of family who are not members of our church



Join us for Immanuel's Spring Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 9th at 9 a.m.

It's that time of year again to get things spruced up for Spring and the Easter season. Come join us as we clean up the church grounds and building. There will be something for everyone – dusting, washing, moving,

fixing... you name it, we've got it! They say that "many hands make for light work". So, bring your hands (and the rest of you for a fun time of getting Immanuel cleaned up for the Easter season. Pastor Scott will be bringing donuts and the coffee will be "on" ☺

Hey, youth and your families... this year's Boundary Waters Canoe Trip is coming in August!



Pastor Scott and Jamie Fredrickson were able to reserve BWCA entry permits for another canoe trip. We'll head up to Minnesota the morning of **Monday, August 1st** and return the night of **Saturday, August 6th**. Be sure to mark your calendar to save the date! We still have room for a few more youth to go with.

Please let Pastor Scott or Jamie know if you wish to go on the canoe trip. We already have eight people signed up and room for ten more youth and adults.

Be sure to check out the thank you letters on the church bulletin board in the hallway by the restrooms and kitchen area. Immanuel has been generous in giving locally and globally to help meet the needs of others. Thank you!

2022 Quilt Auction

Join in this exciting day at Carol Joy Holling Camp on July 30 for our 34th Annual Quilt Auction! The day promises good food, great fun, and lots of beautiful quilts donated by friends of Carol Joy Holling Camp. The auction and lunch will be held rain or shine. (We will use the Town Hall in case of rain.) Bring your friends and families!

Quilts will be on display by 9 a.m. **The live auction begins at 9:30 a.m.** We will continue until all quilts are sold, which is usually around 5 p.m.

The quilts will have numbered cards attached indicating the order in which they will be auctioned. This way bidders can approximate when their favorite quilts will be up for auction. The cards also include information about the quilt donor and the size, type, and design of the quilt.

Through the years, quilts have auctioned for \$25 to \$20,000. Lance Larsen, a professional auctioneer from Cordova, Neb. volunteers his time to auction the quilts. He and his associates will do their best to encourage bidding and bring a fair price for each quilt.

The silent auction will be on Qtego, a mobile bidding site, again this year. Bidding will open at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 29, and end at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30.

You won't want to miss the lunch with dessert and drink served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

You are encouraged to attend the Quilt Auction to see your quilts sold and possibly meet the buyers. If you or someone else from your congregation cannot attend, you may call the camp office at 402-944-2544 to find out how much your quilt sold for. You can also check on our website, CJHCenter.org/quilt-auction. We keep the sale prices updated throughout the day of the auction. You will receive a postcard after the auction with the results of your quilts.



Prayer List

Christie Bevington (health – member)
The Wade family (Mission family we support)
Bill Bohling (cancer/Heart - Crystal's Dad)
Makena Garrison (17 yrs old – neurofibromatosis – Bevington)
Gary & Rhonda Westendorf (Health)
Tommy & Linda Elherton (Health)
Lora Robinson (health – Fran's sister)
JoAnn Koepke (health & Safety – Janis' sister)
Andrea Christensen (health – J Christensen)
Karen Edstrom (cancer)
Heather Lucht (health – Hanson)
Ron Weltruski (bone cancer – Hedges)
Connie Hansen (cancer Kent & Teresa Hansen)
Ken Rezac (stroke)
Aaron Larson (health - Pastor Larson)
Julie Hart
Charley Soden
Taylor Hageman (liver transplant)
Jerry Jones (Bad Fall)
Remington Olson
Dawn Buss
Dorothy Abbott
Pray for all the Christian Martyrs around the world
Health, Safety & Protection for all

APRIL USHERS

April 3 Jodi Boden
April 10 Doug & Shawn Rudeen
April 14 Fran Freeman
April 15 Fran Freeman
April 17 Leroy & Barb Hanson
April 24 Jon & Janis Bible

APRIL LECTORS

April 3 Jodi Boden
April 10 Shawn Rudeen, Halley
Drhota, Marcia Tetley, Kristi
Badberg, Fran Freeman
April 14 Fran Freeman
April 17 Aaron Haake
April 24 Janis Bible

April Food Pantry

Dental Needs
Toothpaste, Toothbrush
Dental Floss, Dental Picks,
Mouth Wash