

Immanuel Messenger

May 2026



Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church Mission:

We gather as people of Christ, serving with love, hope and faith.



Happy Mother's Day to all moms and all who extend love and care to others! **THANK YOU** for sharing God's love through words and action!

Let us pray: *O God, THANK YOU for all loving mothers and all who extend care toward others. Uphold all who are caring with others. Guide relationships and bloom love in all places. Thank you for moms and all who share love! Amen.*

Pentecost is on May 24th! You are invited to wear red as a reminder of the Holy Spirit in our midst. You are welcome to sponsor geraniums to adorn our worship space for Pentecost too. The order form is available outside the church office, by email or calling the church office. Orders are due by May 17th at \$8 each. **Weather permitting, we hope to plant the geraniums at 9 a.m. on May 26th. If you are available, please come help plant the geraniums.**



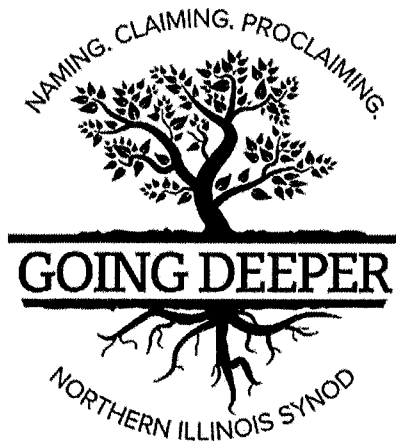
*Worship
with us
from*
HOME

You are most welcome to worship with us weekly in person or over the phone! In person worship is offered on Sundays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. You can call into worship toll free ANYTIME at **1-888-975-5536.**

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Your assistance is needed in trimming bushes, weeding, edging and so much more! **Spring Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at 8 a.m. or (as long as you can).** Come and help spruce up the grounds! Please bring your own work gloves and gardening tools. **Rain date is May 9th.** Thanks in advance for your service!

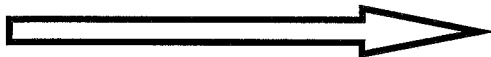




Throughout this year the Northern Illinois Synod (NIS) is focusing on **“Going Deeper: Naming, Claiming, and Proclaiming**—considering hard questions of faith and pondering what God is calling us in today's world.” Part of “Going Deeper” in our faith is taking time to dwell in God’s Word, to pray, to worship, serve and give. For the next several months I will bring forward some opportunities for you continue “Going Deeper” from materials

developed by The Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson that we explored at the NIS Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE) in March.

This month I invite you to join in the “Turning the Corner” prayer



as we seek to walk in the ways of Jesus and follow where Christ leads. In addition, please join me in dwelling in God’s Word from Psalm 63:1-4 (NRSVUE) “¹ O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land

where there is no water. ²So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. ³Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. ⁴So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.” I look forward to seeing what God can do in our hearts and lives this month! —Pastor Bree Truax

Pray the turning the corner prayer:
God of the universe, help me to trust you today. Help me to turn the corner from worry to wonder and from fear to courageous curiosity. Help me to be curious and wonder what your will is for me, for Immanuel. Help me to be curious and wonder where you will lead me and us today. Guide me; guide us, I pray. Amen.

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Council Meeting Highlights from Mtg. on April 16, 2026

1. President Nick Dirks updated council on the front steps replacement project.
2. Deb Keaschall provided an update on the constitution/by-law review project.
3. Church yard spring clean-up date was set for May 2 with a rain date of May 9th.
4. Everyone is invited to a no-host lunch on April 22 at Luxx to honor Jill on Administrative Personnel Day. Jill has served at Immanuel since 2000.
5. Council voted to designate the current Thrivent funds to the front entrance project.



Next Meeting will be on May 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel.

Respectively submitted, Ronda Borgmann Secretary



ALL are welcome to join in Bible Study the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Immanuel.

All gatherings will be down the stairs or elevator in the Luther Room. **On May 12 and May 26 at 6 p.m. we will continue our study of Genesis.** No previous Bible Study experience is needed! We have MANY Bibles on hand if you need one, you are welcome to it! God's Word has the capacity to shape and reshape our lives! Join us!

Memorial Day is the day that is set aside to remember with gratitude and pride all those who served and died for our country and our freedom. May your day be filled with memories and peace.

O God, thank you for all who serve in the Armed Forces. Thank you for all who have made the ultimate sacrifice, of giving their lives in service to others. Amen.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.





May BIRTHDAYS

We thank God for all of you, and for all who have birthdays in May! We specifically honor members who are 80 years or older.

5/4 John Reese

5/07 Betty Clementz

5/17 Sid Attig

5/28 Joyce Greenwalt

Although we have no members married 50 years or more this month we praise God for all who were married this month!

If you don't see your name on this list or there is a correction to be made, please contact the church office at 815-625-3575.

Menz Group will meet at St. John's in Sterling on **Monday, May 4, at 6:00 p.m.** This opportunity is open to all men. A hearty welcome and invitation is extended! Please contact Gerald Foskitt at 815-499-6566 with questions.



MENZ GROUP



Thanks to all for the very special Palm Sunday that you gave me for my serving God as a member of the Altar Guild for 65 years. Thank you for allowing me to do so! A special thank you to Pastor Bree for the time she put in special gifts and notes. Thank You to the Altar Guild for the sweatshirt

and flowers and to you all for the cards and notes.

Joyce Kereven

Many thanks to all who contributed to the March noisy offering. You donated \$355.00 toward Loaves & Fishes; providing food for people in need. Thank you!

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Lenten offering. You donated \$70.00 toward Sterling Buddy Bags; providing food for young people in need. Thanks!



Thank you Betty Clementz, Ashleigh Sandrock and Sharon Handel for the baking goods and treats provided after the Lenten worship services.

Please remember our Members with a prayer, visit or card:

Gerry Trieloff

Morningside of Sterling
2705 Avenue E, Apt. 233
Sterling, IL 61081

Ruth Ann Metzen

Morningside of Sterling
2705 Avenue E, Rm. 107
Sterling, IL 61081

Shirley Downey

Resthave Care
408 Maple Ave, Rm. 134
Morrison, IL 61270

Vera Stutzke

Citadel
105 E. 23rd Street
Sterling, IL 61081

Virgil Rhodes

Allure of Walnut
308 S. 2nd Street
Walnut, IL 61376

Delores Kuhlemier

1011 6th Avenue
Rock Falls, IL 61071

Joyce Greenwalt

P.O. Box 144
Polo, IL 61064

Kathryn Rowzee

2002 Riverdale Road
Rock Falls, IL 61071

Mike & Chris Wilen

1410 E. 15th St.
Sterling, IL 61081



Special THANKS to all who continue to remember our home bound through prayers, cards and visits! We are church together!

When being admitted to the hospital or nursing home, you are welcome to let the admitting clerk know that you are a member of Immanuel Lutheran, Rock Falls. **If you would like a visit or to be included in congregational prayers, please call the church office (815-625-3575).**

Please contact the church office if you have a prayer request for the congregational prayer list. **Prayer requests will remain on the list for a month and can be renewed as many times as needed.** Thank you!

**WORSHIP
at Parkway Ctr
& Morningside**

Immanuel is offering worship at two area Care Facilities monthly. In May, we are worshipping at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 10 at Parkway Center, (1801 Ave. G in Sterling) and on Tuesday, May 12 at Morningside of Sterling (2705 Ave. E). Thanks to

Nancy Strock and Virginia Schumaker for their service making it possible! If you would like to assist with these opportunities please contact Pastor Bree. We are the church together!

Immense THANKS to all who donated lilies for Easter Worship!

In Loving Memory of:

Harold, Lillian & Terry Adams
June Alber
Our Parents: Merle & Verneta Attig
Russell & Ellen (Boots) Spencer
Our Parents
Robert Cervantes
Ed Downey
Hugo & Mabel Gerken, parents
Kenneth & Myrtle Dewey
Norman & Patricia Henderson
Ross Johnson Sr.
Marvin Keaschall
Ray & Marge Pohlmann
Glen Kuhlemier
Terry Schutz
Ivan Rosenow
Norden & Mary Scanlan
Bessie Brown
Edwin "Bud" Stutzke
Henry & Freda Mennenga
Lawrence "Skip" & Lorraine Janssen
Dick & Hazel Livingston
Gale Livingston
William & Betty Wescott
Harry, Virginia & Terry Winters
James A. Sikkema

Paul & Florence Simpson

Given By:

Jerry & Betty Adams
William & Carol Alber
Sid & Shirley Attig
Sid & Shirley Attig
Kathy Burkheimer & Gary Puckett
Deb Cervantes & Family
Shirley Downey
Tom & Betty Clementz
Dan & Sharon Handel
Deb Cervantes & Family
Theresa Johnson
Kelly & Deb Keaschall
Kelly & Deb Keaschall
Delores Kuhlemier
Pat & Chris McCarty
Avis Rosenow & Kris Hill
Nim & Sally Scanlan
Nim & Sally Scanlan
Vera Stutzke
Vera Stutzke
Vera Stutzke
Bill & Linda Wescott
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Linda Wolber, Kellie & Jared Gardner,
DuWayne, Abby, Deyon, Darci, & Daniel Wolber
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DuWayne, Abby, Deyon, Darci, & Daniel Wolber



In Loving Memory of:

Marian Rhodes
Ken Strock
Harry & Evelyn Steltzer
Erick & Tilly Stutzke
Jason Stutzke

In Honor of:

Thomas & Thelma Handel
Vera Stutzke
Our Grandchildren: Owen, Eloise,
Evan & Amelia

To the Glory of God for:

Our Grandchildren
Our Children & Grandchildren
Our Children & Grandchildren
Blessing us with our children: Max, Tess & Paul

Given By:

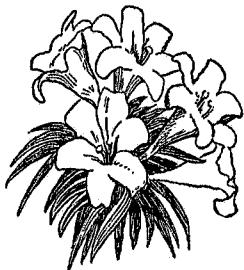
Virgil Rhodes
Nancy Strock
Jerry & Betty Adams
Vera Stutzke
Vera Stutzke

Given By:

Dan & Sharon Handel
Cheryl Stutzke
Lou & Deb Gonzalez

Given By:

Terry & Mary Andersen
Kelly & Deb Keaschall
Greg & Kris Sandrock
Marty & Kelly Schaefer



We welcome you to join in this prayer:

O God, we praise you for the lives of the loved ones who have gone before us. We thank you for wrapping all of humanity up in your love. We praise you O God of love and grace! We commend these dedications to you as we celebrate the gift of eternal life. Amen.

Thank you for your generous remembrances and gifts that adorned our worship space!

Immanuel's Trust Fund Team is meeting on May 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room. The Trust Fund Team oversees Immanuel's "Perpetual Mission/Ministry Fund" and the "Memorial Fund" for the purpose of receiving and administering gifts, bequests, estates, insurance, memorials and other assets. Visitors are welcome.



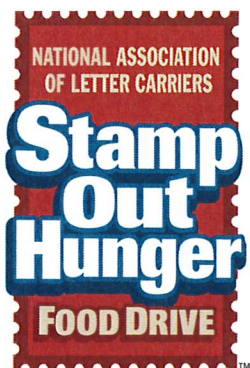
Let's Feed Our Children

Join in supporting the hunger needs of young people in our area! Individually Packed Fruit Cup are needed! Let's Feed Our Children serves grab-and-go meals at 19 sites throughout Whiteside County in Rock Falls, Sterling, Tampico, Erie, Fulton, Lyndon, Prophetstown, and Morrison) throughout the summer for young people ages 18 and younger. In the summer of 2025 they served over 46,000 free meals! **You can be a part of this vital service through your donation of Individually Packed Fruit Cups or Applesauce now - May 10th.** The most popular choices are peaches, pears, and pineapple along with any flavor of applesauce. **Immanuel's collection basket will be in the narthex now - May 10. We will bring the collection forward during the offering on Mother's Day, May 10.** Thanks in advance for donating as you are able!

THANK YOU for being a part of United Way's ministry through your giving and through yearly donations to the Let's Feed Our Children. If you would like to



make a special donation to United Way, you may do so directly by mailing it to: United Way of Whiteside County, Attn: Keri Olson, P.O. Box 806, Sterling, IL 61081 with Let's Feed Our Children on the memo line or contribute to the **Noisy Offering on May 3 and May 10 that will support Let's Feed Our Children.** Thank you for ALL of the ways that you give and serve others in need!



Letter Carriers' Food Drive will be held **May 9th.** Your letter carriers, in conjunction with rural carriers, the U.S. Postal Service and the United Way will be collecting non-perishable food and/or paper products for distribution to local food banks in the Twin Cities. Please place food and/or paper products donation by your mailbox on **Saturday, May 9th** and your mail carrier will pick it up when delivering your mail, or you may also drop it off at your local Post Office. **THANK YOU for helping us feed the hungry in our community!**

Breaking Bread Together BBT

Join us for **Breaking Bread Together (BBT)** this May!
BBT is a time of sharing life, God's love and a meal together!

These are no host gatherings for all interested parties.

Join us for **BBT this month on: Tuesday, May 5, at 11:30 a.m. at River's Edge**, (2303 W 1st St, Dixon) and

Tuesday, May 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Dunks,
(312 Locust St., Sterling).

Come and share life with God and each other at BBT!

Church Women United's May Friendship Day Event is on Saturday, May 9th from Noon -1:30 p.m. at the Rock Falls Congregational Church (905 Dixon Ave.). Program is by Renata Young of Public Relations Habitat for Humanity in Dixon, IL. Participants are requested to **RSVP** by calling Janet at 815-441-3510 or Sandra at 815-625-0187. The cost is \$8 (payable at the event) and includes a box lunch. All are welcome!



Tri Church Birthday BUDDIES

We are participating with Tri-Church serving LSSI group homes program to make birthdays a special day for some people in our community! "Birthday Buddies" gives some differently-abled people an opportunity to feel God's love through a gift on their special day. Each of the Tri Church Congregations takes a turn providing a gift and cupcakes for residents monthly.

You are welcome to make or purchase a birthday greeting for **Michael on May 7. There will be a table with a card from our congregation and a basket to receive cards in the narthex May 1 - 6.** If you would like to help deliver a gift on May 7, please contact Pam Shoffner at 815-716-0190. Please keep Michael and all who are in LSSI Group Homes in your prayers. Thanks in advance for sharing God's love through the Tri Church Birthday Buddies program!



We'd Love to Honor Our Graduates!

Do you have an 8th grader, high school, college or vocational graduate in your household? **Please let the church office know about them by May 10**; as Immanuel would like to celebrate their achievement on **Sunday, May 24, 2026** during a special youth led worship with reception to follow. Thanks!

Thanks be to God for our Sunday School & Faith Formation teachers & students! Classes are offered weekly in the Fellowship Hall (**10:15-11:00 a.m.**) **thru May 17th**. Please join us!. There is no Sunday School May 24 until September. **Come and grow in God with us!** *Please keep our S.S. youth and teachers in your prayers!*



6th-8th Grade Tri Church Confirmation is on May 3rd at Immanuel. Lunch is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Bree. Come and explore your faith with us!

**May 13, 2026; 7 p.m. 6-12th graders pack Buddy Bags at Wesley UMC*

Strong Girls 2 Women (SG2W) Registration for 2026 is open! Camp runs June 15-18, from 9 a.m. - Noon at Trinity Lutheran in Mt. Morris.

Register by May 8, 2026



SG2W is a day camp designed to empower strong girls currently in grades 3-5 to envision their potential through creativity and an affirming space. SG2W will be travelling the world to experience the diversity of our planet while meeting some legendary women. Through crafts, outdoor activities, singing and dancing, strong girls will build their self-esteem, create friendships and expand their imagination for all they can do. Every camper will reach legendary status as they discover their inner strength and brilliance. **Registration is \$20 and includes a camp shirt**

and locks in your spot. You can register using the QR code by May 8th and indicate on your registration that Immanuel is covering your fee.

NOW is the time to sign up for summer camp!

Learn more and register at <https://lomc.org/>



It is the desire of the whole LOMC community of churches and individuals that **no child is ever denied an amazing camp experience due to a family's financial constraints.** Through the help of many generous donors, LOMC has campership funds available for those in need. Please contact LOMC to learn more at 815-732-2220 or email registrations@lomc.org. LOMC wants to make sure your child has this safe, uplifting, adventurous life experience every year!



NOW is the time to make plans to join in CommUNITY VBS this summer, July 12-16! Consider having your grandkids or extended family coming to visit during that time and join us for VBS too!

CommUNITY VBS is offered for Pre-School-5th graders

July 12-16 from 5:30- 8 p.m. at Bethel Reformed Church (230 E. 23rd St., Sterling). Festivities include a free supper, Bible exploration, music, games, science and arts & crafts! Guard your calendars and plan to volunteer for this life-shaping week too! If you would like to be on the CommUNITY VBS planning team, the next meeting is on Thursday, May 7 at 4 p.m. at Bethel.

PLEASE plan to join us or volunteer for CommUNITY VBS July 12-16!

CommUNITY VBS is a multi-day opportunity to experience God through the Bible, arts & crafts, games and more! Save the dates and plan to attend or volunteer for this amazing opportunity. Please watch your email and next month's newsletter for the remigration QR code.





Relay For Life (RFL) will be held on Saturday, June 13th, from 5:30 - 9 p.m. at Westwood Fitness & Sports Center, Building 3, 1900 Westwood Drive, Sterling,

You can be a part of The Spirit of Immanuel Relay For Life

Team through walking or your sponsorship of a \$10 luminaria in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone lost to cancer. Names will be read and luminarias will be displayed at Westwood on June 13th from 5:30-9 p.m. You may pick up your luminaria as a keepsake following the event. **Survivors** are invited to be apart of the opening lap with registration from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. to record the number of years of survivorship. Cupcakes will be given to mark another birthday during this time of registration. The registration form is also posted on the relayforlife.org/saukvalleyil website or call 1-800-227-2345 to register and receive a t-shirt in the mail. For questions, about raising money for the American Cancer Society through Relay for Life please **contact Service Ministry Council member, Pam Shoffner or council members, Kelly Schaefer or Deb Cervantes. Luminaria forms and survivor forms are available outside the church office.** Please make your luminaria check payable to the American Cancer Society RFL of Sauk Valley and mail the form to the address on the form and postmarked no later than Saturday, June 6th.

**Dave's Coffee Cakes-Spirit of Immanuel Team
Relay For Life Fundraiser**



In an effort to raise money for the American Cancer Society through our Spirit of Immanuel Relay for Life Team, we are selling Dave's Coffee Cakes. There are many flavors available; Apple, Apricot, Banana, Black Raspberry, Blueberry, Cherry, Chocolate & Chocolate Chip, Cream Cheese, Cinnamon, Lemon, Nuts, Raspberry, and Strawberry. **Each Coffee Cake is \$22 with \$5.50 from each purchase supporting the Spirit of Immanuel Relay for Life Team.** Orders will be received throughout May with Coffee Cakes being available for pick up on June 7. We will be taking orders at church as well as online. You can place orders using cash, check, or credit card if ordering online. All checks are to be made payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church with Dave's Coffee Cakes in the memo line. In lieu of purchasing a coffee cake, people are welcome to make donations directly to the Spirit of Immanuel Relay for Life team in the donation box at the cake ordering table.

The Noisy Offering for May 17, 24 & 31 will support the Spirit of Immanuel Relay for Life Team that supports the American Cancer Society. Relay for Life is dedicated to **celebrate** survivorship, **remember** those lost to cancer, and **fighting back** through education, advocacy, patient services and research.



**Rock River
Hospice & Home**

Rock River Hospice and Home (RRH&H) is offering
**“Growing Through Grief” a support group the 2nd
Monday of every month from 5-6:30 p.m.**

RRH&H’s Social Worker and Bereavement Coordinator will guide this journey with care and understanding. Come and share experiences in a safe, supportive space. Come and connect with others who understand. Come and find healing and hope together. You don’t have to face grief alone. Join this monthly gathering and find support, connection and healing. For more information please contact Kaitlyn at 815-625-3858 or kaitlynk@hospicerockriver.org

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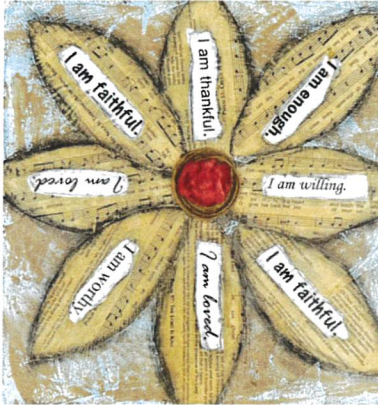
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The ELCA Lutheran Congregations of Sterling & Rock Falls
Partnering in Christ to serve our community and our congregations

May Tri Church Activities & Meetings

- 3 – 6th-8th Grade Tri Confirmation @ Immanuel, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 4 – Men’s Group @ St. John’s, 6 p.m.
- 5 – WELCA Evening Gather Bible Study @ St. John’s, 6 p.m.
- 13 – 6th-12th Graders Pack Buddy Bags @ Wesley UMC, 7 p.m.
- 18 – WELCA CLEO (Church Ladies Eating Out), 5:30 p.m.
(RSVP to Judy Bartel at 815-751-6768)
- 19 – WELCA Morning Gather Bible Study @ Immanuel, 9 a.m.
- 20 – WELCA Quilting for Lutheran World Relief @ St. Paul, 9 a.m.

Women of the ELCA

WELCA TRI-CHURCH PRESENTS: COLOR ME JOYFUL
I AM BECAUSE GOD IS



I AM KIND
I AM SMART
I AM BRAVE
I AM CONFIDENT
I AM CAPABLE
I AM GRATEFUL
I AM LOVED
I AM ENOUGH



Tuesday, June 16, 2026

St. Paul Lutheran Church

5:30PM - 7:30PM

Agenda

- Quick Meeting
- "Arthur's Garden Deli"
Supper
- Craft

FREE WILL OFFERING WILL
BE COLLECTED TO HELP
COVER FOOD COSTS &
SUPPORT WELCA

Sign up in your Church Office by June 1, 2026

A special event for Women of the ELCA

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Falls
St. John's Lutheran Church, Sterling
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sterling

Please feel free to bring a friend.



Women ^{of the} ELCA

Immanuel hosts WELCA Tri Church Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Immanuel. Please bring your Bible and “Gather” magazine. All women are members of WELCA and welcome to join WELCA for a time of fellowship and Bible Study! All are welcome!

You are welcome at a **WELCA Tri Church Evening Gather Bible Study at St. John’s** that meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at St. John’s at 6 p.m. Coordinator Karen Wolfe. First meeting is Tuesday, May 5, 2026. All are welcome!

WELCA Tri Church is offering Church Ladies Eating Out (CLEO) that meets the 4th Monday of each month at different area restaurants at 5:30 p.m. Coordinator Judy Bartel. Next meeting is Monday, May 18, 2026 at TBD. Please RSVP to July Bartel at 815-751-6768 to attend.

WELCA Tri Church is forming new groups all the time. Gabby Law is working on a mom’s group. Several areas of interest that need coordinators to help them get off the ground: Book Club, Women’s Faith Events, Service Events, Fundraising Events, and more! If you feel called to lead or help organize a new group, please let us know. You can also join a group that is already formed as well.

In Grace and Service, *WELCA Tri Church Leadership Team—Chrissy Zollinger, Dawn Zeigler, Karen Wolfe, Emily Taylor, Ronda Borgmann, and Deb Keaschall*

Please follow our Facebook page: WELCA Tri-Church



Join us on Tuesday, June 16th at 5:30 –7:30 p.m. for a special event for ALL women of Immanuel, St. John’s and St. Paul. The evening will include a light meal and *Color Me Joyful* craft activity. Free will offering will be collected to help cover food costs & support WELCA. There is sign up sheet on the table in front of office. Please feel free to bring a friend. All are welcome!



Cookbooks available!

Jane Johnson is letting go of some of her prize cookbooks. Beginning May 3, you can take home a cookbook of your choosing from the counter in the narthex. You are welcome to take as many as you want. Jane deeply hopes these cookbooks will be a blessing to your home as they have been in hers!

NEW A.E.D.

Automated External Defibrillator



As most everyone in the Church is aware, we have an AED mounted on the wall in the Narthex. An AED is a portable, easy-to-use device that saves lives during sudden cardiac arrest by analyzing heart rhythm and delivering an electric shock to restore normal heartbeat. Immediate use of an AED and CPR can double or triple survival rates, as survival chances drop by 10% each minute defibrillation is delayed.

Through the generosity of memorials we have purchased a second AED and it has been placed in the basement in our gathering area. The cost of the unit and accessories was \$1,366.70. Of the Total cost, \$1,030.00 was from the following: \$250 Ebenezer Gift, \$280 Kurtz/Jones Gift, \$500 Harms Gift. The balance of \$336.70 will be taken from the 2026 budget.

We are so blessed to have the ability to provide security and safety to our families and friends when in our Church. Take a few minutes to review the locations of the AEDs. In the near future, we will be having several classes to familiarize anyone interested in learning how to use the devices, which is very simple.

Praise be to God for all of the blessings that we receive.

Bill Wescott, Treasurer

*All are welcome to a Community Update Meeting about
Cledy's House of Hope: A Legacy Women's Sober Living Home
at Rock Falls Community Building (601 W 10th St., Rock Falls)
on May 13 at 6 p.m. The doors open at 5:30 p.m.*



Geraniums to Adorn Our Altar

Immanuel has a loving tradition of adorning our altar area with living Geraniums for Pentecost that are then planted on our grounds to be enjoyed all summer long. You are invited to participate in this ministry to beautify our Sanctuary and our grounds Geraniums may be ordered in honor or memory of a loved one or a special event. The plants cost \$8.00 ea.

Orders must be received by Sunday, May 17.

Your gift will be acknowledged in our Pentecost Sunday bulletin on May 24th. Geraniums will be planted outside in Immanuel's flower beds on Tuesday, May 26th at 9:00 a.m. (weather permitting).

Mark your calendars and plan to plant with us!

To order geraniums: Fill out the form below and enclose cash or a check made out to "Altar Guild." You may mail it to "Altar Guild" at Immanuel (501 8th Ave., Rock Falls, IL 61071)

----- GERANIUMS ORDER FORM-----

My/Our Name(s) _____

Phone _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

To the Glory of God for _____

***Cost: \$8 per geranium. Make checks out to "Altar Guild."
Be sure and order by May 17th!***

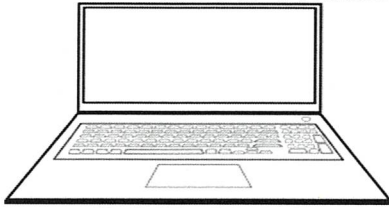
You are an important part of the body of Christ!

Each of you matter to God, to our congregation and community! Pastor Bree and the Church Council are here to serve alongside you. You are welcome to contact Pastor Bree and Church Council members as needed.

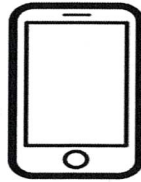
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