



Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

News for Sunday, March 17

Join us for Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship will be hosted by Lee & Nancy Eilers

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Livestream

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Eric Brown, Dawn Grell, Michelle Klinger, Barb Lenn, Lori Dewey, Shirley Graftaas, Betty Steinke, Michael Harting, Bob Cornelsen, Larry Wahler, JoDell Cruz, Harold & Sandy Julifs, Lila Edeus, and Berta Beyer.

Placing our confidence in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our loved ones, we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Daehle Reitzel. Daehle passed away on March 13. He is the grandpa to Jacob Reitzel, great-grandpa to Paige Reitzel.

May God's presence bring you comfort and peace.

Join us for Mid-Week Lenten Worship!

The final Mid-week Lenten Worship will be March 20 at 12:15 p.m. at Immanuel and at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's with Tri Church Congregations. Food is available prior to each worship beginning at 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. respectively.

We are in need of volunteers to bring soup, bread and dessert to St. John's for the evening meal on March 20. Please sign up or talk to Pastor Makayla today! Thank you in advance.

Plastic Bags Needed

The Loaves and Fishes free breakfast program needs your plastic bags to hand out their meals. Drop them off in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

Fellowship Hall Chair fundraiser

We are in process of taking donations to purchase chairs for the Fellowship Hall. We need a total of 25 in order to have seating at all the tables for large events, (funeral lunches, meetings, etc.) Each chair is \$30. If you have any questions, please talk to Nancy Eilers. You can use a pew envelope or bring your donation to the church office. Be sure to mark your donation for the chair fund.

Easter egg hunt | Candy needed: Easter Sunday is **March 31**. Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service, we will be having an Easter egg hunt for kids of all ages. We are planning for outside, but will still have the hunt inside in case of rain. Congregation, we are asking for donations of individually packed candy, stickers, little toys (needs to fit inside plastic eggs). You can pick up a bag of empty eggs at church, fill them, then bring them to the church no later than Sunday, March 17. Or, just bring your candy, etc. donation to the church and we'll fill the eggs. Thank you for your support of this fun event for the children and youth of St. Paul.

Holy Week 2023

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 24, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. worship

Dinner Plates & Passion Service – March 29, 2023 – 5:30 p.m. with a meal, feet washing, Holy Communion and a reading of Christ's passion.

Easter Baptism Sunday – March 31, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. worship with egg hunt to follow.

Mark your Calendar!

Join us at Immanuel Lutheran Church (501 8th Ave., Rock Falls, IL) on Sunday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m. for a concert by The Agape Ringers, Chicago's premier handbell ensemble. A free will offering will be received and merchandise will be available for purchase. You can learn more about the ensemble at their website www.AgapeRingers.org, and on Facebook and YouTube by searching for "The Agape Ringers." The current program encompasses a wide variety of musical styles, from classical to boogie, with arrangements of well-known pieces such as Andrea Bocelli's "Time to Say Goodbye;" "Flight of the Bumblebee," arranged as "Bumble Boogie;" "For Good" from the Broadway hit *Wicked*; and many more compositions for handbells. Join us for a wondrous afternoon! All are welcome!

Children's Offering

In March and April the children's offering will support our synod partners in Tanzania and India. The offerings will be sent directly to non-profit organizations that work with the North Central Diocese of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and the Arcot Lutheran Church (ALC) in India. The Friends of

Mwangaza supports education programs that tackle issues related to teaching, learning, public health, empowering women, and building community in Tanzania. Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry supports education through financially supporting students at the ALC boarding homes in India. Check out both organizations here: <https://lutheranpartners.org/what-we-do>
<https://www.mwangazapartnership.org/>

THIS WEEK

Monday, March 18

Church office will be closed.

Tuesday, March 19

Election Day

Wednesday, March 20

LWR Quilting – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lenten soup lunch – 11:30 a.m. at Immanuel

Lenten Worship – 12:15 p.m. at Immanuel

Lenten soup supper – 5:30 p.m. at St. John's

Lenten Worship – 6:30 p.m. at St. John's

Friday, March 22

April Newsletter article deadline

Next Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Next week – March 24

9:00 a.m. Service

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Greg Zeigler

Acolytes – *Volunteer Needed*

Greeters – Nancy Frank, Donna Kendall

Ushers – JoAnn & Ruben Garcia

Reader – JoAnn Garcia

Sound – Greg Zeigler

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*