

First Sunday in Lent



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Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMS

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Radio Broadcast - Sundays at 7:30 AM on WTCH 960 AM or 96.1 FM

We welcome you to our worship today!

Please remember to sign the fellowship pad each week. Thank you.

There are large print hymnals available in the narthex.

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The Mission Statement of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, White Clay Lake, is to provide for the Christian welfare of all God's people through the administering of the Sacraments, worship services, gatherings of Christ-centered groups, caring for the sick and needy, offering the forgiveness of sins through the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and reaching out to the unchurched, showing love and concern.

CHURCH CALENDAR & SCHEDULE

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, March 9</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:10 AM Sunday School (SP) 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School 10 AM Worship (SP) 1 PM Youth Bowling 2 PM Elders Meeting 3 PM Private Confession 4 PM Adult Education 5:45 PM Evening Prayer 6:00 PM Confirmation Class <i>Greeters - Treptow Family</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, March 16</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship w/LS 9:10 AM Sunday School (SP) 9:45 AM Youth & Adult Sunday School 10 AM Worship (SP) 3 PM Private Confession 4 PM Adult Education 5:45 PM Evening Prayer 6:00 PM Confirmation Class <i>Greeters - Wickesberg's</i> <i>Acolyte - MacKenzie Stanke</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, March 10</p> <p>9 AM Matins 6 PM Chimes 7 PM Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Upcoming Greeter Schedule</i></u> March 16 - Wickesbergs March 19 - Ann & Alyvia Boerst March 23 - Brusky's & Angie Smith</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, March 11</p> <p>8-Noon Pastor in office 6 PM Romans (SP)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Upcoming Acolyte Schedule</i></u> March 30 - Logan Brede April 6 - Cheyann Smith</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, March 12</p> <p>11 AM Worship & meal (SP) 7 PM Worship & soup dinner (Treptow's) <i>Greeter - Kathy Voelz</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Upcoming Lent Meals</i></u> March 19 - church musicians March 26 - <i>open</i> April 2 - Arvey's April - Youth Group</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, March 13</p> <p>8-Noon Pastor at SP 9 AM Matins</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Elder Steve Daskam Attendance for March 2 - 70</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, March 14</p> <p>9 AM Matins</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, March 15</p> <p>1 PM - Movie Outing in Green Bay</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Stewardship February 16 - March 2 General - 6297 Roof/Furnace - 5060 Door - 40 Mission - 147 TIM - 95 Radio Broadcast - 180</p>

We are now in the season of Lent, these 40 days where we strip away aspects of our worship in order that all that remains is Christ and the death and resurrection He underwent for our salvation. With that, our worship will look different. We will begin each week with praying the Litany, where we remind ourselves, in our prayer to God, of our need for His constant mercy. Gone will be any song of praise or thanksgiving, drawing us to reflect on the need for God's mercy. We will not take the Doxology on our lips, leading to a longing to sing of God's glory. Instead of using the ashes from last year's palms on Ash Wednesday, they will be found throughout Lent in a bowl at the entrance to the Nave. You are invited to make a cross in the bowl as you enter, allowing the dust to remain and dirty your fingers, drawing to mind your constant need to turn to your God for your forgiveness. In all these things, what is hoped is that your thoughts and prayers will be held only onto the form of our crucified Savior who laid down His life for your sake.

Today's Worship Service

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Opening Hymn	#418	<i>O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days</i>
Sermon Hymn	#657	<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>
Closing Hymn	#432	<i>In Silent Pain the Eternal Son</i>

To reflect the penitential nature of Lent, we begin each service in silence, rising as the pastor processes in, moving to the confession of sins in the Litany, followed by the opening hymn and collect.

TIME OF CONFESSION & REPENTANCE

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Litany (pew sheet)

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

Collect (sung by Pastor)

Lenten Verse (before Gospel): Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Church Prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Immanuel Members: Rebecca Bonnin, Mary Ellen Fischer, Judy Manthei, Steve Olson, Al & Tammy Manthei, Bill Voelz, Bob Hoppe, Brice Huntington, Glenn Schreiber, Betsy Stanke, Carol Brede, Ed Stanek & Ron Muck

Confirmands: Logan Brede, Dylan Keller, Cannon Kowalczyk, Grady Rosenlund, Cheyann Smith & Deanna Smith

St. Paul Members: David Korth, Dan Schutt, Judy Specht, & Lois Weisnicht

Expectant Mothers: Megan Steinke

Friends: Ernie Pelky, Pam Beilfuss, Lucille Tess, Marvin & Judy Kostka, Parker Koeppin, Bo Halla, Carissa Baker, Ginger Heller, Bryan Poirier, & Terri Kowalczyk

Those Mourning: The Family of Roy Fischer & The Family of Doug Kornaus (Travis' father)

Church Announcements

Together with the family of Roy Fischer, we mourn his passing. Roy passed away on Tuesday, March 4.

The youth of the parish (6-12 grades) are invited today at the Shawano bowling alley at 1:00 pm for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Cost is \$20 and that includes food. Speak to PC or Megan Hartlaben if you have any questions

With Lent upon us, Pastor will be offering time for **Private Confession & Absolution** as a means of pastoral care, on Sunday's from 3-3:45 pm at IM, or by appointment.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for Easter flowers.

On Saturday, March 15, everyone is invited to join us for the new movie, "**The Last Supper**" at the GB theatre. We will go to the 1 pm showing, with a supper to follow if people wish. If you would like to carpool, we'll leave IM by noon.

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5, where we will pick up our Lenten services at St Paul (11 am) & Immanuel (7 pm). This year we are participating in a round-robin with Circuit 13. Pastor will lead services on Ash Wed and one other Wednesday, with another pastor leading the worship the other weeks. The theme is "Faith in the Midst of Darkness." We will be holding a lunch/snack after worship at SP and dinner at IM. Please sign up at each congregation.

March 12-Pastor Fehrmann, St Paul, Bonduel "*Walking in Darkness*"

March 19-Pastor Craig "*Birth of Darkness*"

March 26-Pastor Kleinschmidt, St. Jakobi "*Falling into Darkness*"

April 2-Pastor Zobel/Kaiser, St. James "*Hiding in Darkness*"

April 9-Pastor Conradt, Hermansfort & Stony Hill "*Living in Darkness*"



2025 Self Denial envelopes are in your mailboxes. This year self denial is designated for the roof. Also in your mailbox you will find a **Lent & Holy Week Postcard** you can keep for yourself or mail to a friend or family member. More are available in the narthex.

At the February 23, special voters meeting the following items were discussed:

- Air Conditioning was tabled until the October meeting
- We will sponsor a 15 minute radio broadcast weekly on WTCH at 7:30 Sunday mornings starting today, Sunday, March 9. A sign-up sheet & sponsor envelopes are in the narthex if you wish to sponsor a Sunday (\$60).
- There will be **NO** Spring Potato Pancake Dinner this year.

Immanuel will be serving at **Charlie's Red Barn** August 21, 22, 23. Sign ups will be out soon. We are also on the reserved list for another spot if it opens. Thanks to Lynn Wickesberg for heading this up. Please have bulletin information turned in by Noon on Thursday. You can email the information to IMWCLsec@gmail.com or tashatreptow@gmail.com, or they can be left on my desk or in my mailbox. Thanks!

FREE RESOURCES: Check out the **Weekly Devotions** for the week for you to use at home in the narthex, produced from Around the Word Journal. There is a **monthly calendar** produced by CPH that is great for all ages. If anyone is interested in a **Lenten Devotional booklet**, let Tasha or PC know and we will get you a copy.

The Lutheran Hour for March 16 "Light of the World" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but it changes what we see. (John 8:12) The Lutheran Hour can be heard on Sundays at 10 AM on 102.7 FM WRVM.

2025-2026 SCHOOL REGISTRATION - Register your child(ren) today by visiting our website wrlhs.org or call the office for assistance 715-745-2400, Mrs. B is here to help! Financial assistance is available. School Choice opened Feb. 3, 2025.

SHEEPSHEAD CARD PARTY - This Sunday, March 9th @ Wolf River Lutheran High School doors open at 12:30 p.m. Event starts at 1 p.m.

WR TRIVIA EVENT - Sunday, March 16th @ Wolf River Lutheran High School doors open at 12:30 p.m. Event starts at 1:30 p.m.