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IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 2023 Newsletter

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April Article

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!

We still have Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday before Easter, but we can have hope that Easter is coming very soon.

The days are getting longer, the snow is almost over. And we're looking forward to spring. Things will start turning from brown to green, and we have plenty of moisture to make things grow.

Do you remember in the fall we had a "Pack 'em In" Sunday? We encouraged everyone to show up in their team colors, and we had a fun worship service. I would like to do something like that again on April 16, the Sunday after Easter. Traditionally this Sunday is called Holy Humor Sunday, where we can have some laughs and shake off the gloom of Lent and Good Friday. We are planning some jokes and fun. Please let me know if you wish to participate in some way. Our goal is to acknowledge that joy is an important part of being a Christian, possibly the most important part. Here are a couple of jokes to get you in the mood.

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"
"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.
"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.
The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

A pastor was speaking to a group of second-graders about the resurrection of Jesus when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?"
The pastor explained that the Gospels do not tell us what He said.
The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said: He said, 'Tah-dah!'"

Hope to see you in church (or online on FB Live).

—Pastor Bill Whitford



CHURCH COUNCIL

The March Church Council Meeting was held on March 15, 2023. Members Present: Roy Berrey, Fritz Hirsbrunner, Sheila Siegler, Connie Ubersox, Kerry Black, Dave Sutherland, Brandi Ruf-Wepking. Absent: Jordan

Hinderman and Nancy Slama.

Special Guests: Confirmation class of 2023 and Marjean Sutherland

The February minutes and financial report were approved as presented.

Reports:

Pastor Report – Fritz Hirsbrunner gave update from Bill Whitford. He will be absent from Sunday service on June 11th.

President Report – Roy Berrey updated council on insurance update and renewal. Marjean Sutherland presented proposal for a new remote camera for recording services complete with desk. Approx. cost would be \$700 dollars. Council approved the purchase of the new remote camera and desk for recording services.

Christian Education Committee – everything is going well

Building and Grounds Committee – Discussion of house project. They are still looking for bids to do the work needed. Brandi will put a notice in newsletter looking for committee members for the project

Stewardship Committee – will talk to Joan Blaser about this committee doing the Sunday service since pastor Bill Whitford will not be here

EF & G Committee – 80 plus Easter cards will go out, still giving lintens to families of those who pass away

Woman's Guild – meeting rescheduled for tomorrow the 16th.

Worship Committee – Maundy Thursday service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Search Committee – Zoom meeting with a candidate on Monday

Old Business:

Parsonage Renovation – already discussed in the Buildings committee

Humpty Dumpty renewal and Radon Test – no summer program. No update on the Radon test.

New Business – none

The next Council meeting will be April 19th at 6:15 p.m.



FEBRUARY 2023 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	February 2023	Budget	Year to Date 2023	Year to Date Budget
Contributions/Other Revenue	\$8,339	\$8,738	\$20,437	\$15,951
Expenses	<u>\$5,869</u>	<u>\$5,833</u>	<u>\$10,446</u>	<u>\$10,796</u>
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$2,470	\$2,905	\$ 9,990	\$ 5,155



THE LIFE OF LOIS UBERSOX

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of Lois Ubersox who passed away March 8, 2023. Our hearts go out to you, and we will always remember the happy memories we have in knowing Lois. She will be affectionately remembered and sadly missed by all who knew her.



BAPTISM

Trace and Brett Jenson, the children of Bruce and Jenny Jenson, were baptized on March 19, 2023 at Immanuel. Immanuel would like to welcome Trace and Brett and sends blessings to them and their family in their commitment to Christ.



EASTER SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENT

Easter Sunday service is April 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.



WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

It was decided at the last meeting that we are changing the day of the week the monthly meetings will be held. Starting in April the meetings will be held on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays. So, going forward the meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. This change was made because more members can attend on Wednesdays. Our meeting April 12th will be at noon with lunch being provided. Following lunch, we will have a presentation from our DHS forensics team.

We also voted to have the carpeting cleaned in the fellowship hall and down the hallway to the Sanctuary. The Women's Guild will be paying for the carpet cleaning. In the near

future I will be looking for volunteers to remove tables and chairs from the fellowship hall.

Also, if any church member has a child or grandchild who will be going to the Prom this year in a nearby school, if the prom committee submits a letter to Women's Guild asking for a donation, we will gladly give a donation.

Debbie Loken
Women's Guild President



PASTORAL CARE

If you know of any church member that would appreciate a pastoral visit, please let Janice Ruf know and she will follow up with the contact. You can contact Janice at 608-553-4182.



REMODEL PARSONAGE

The Church Council is looking for 2 or 3 people to be on the parsonage remodeling committee with Brandi Ruf Wepking to make the final remodeling decisions. Anyone that is interested, please email Brandi Ruf Wepking at

brandiruf@gmail.com, or call/text her at 608-726-1476.



BINGO

On February 15th, we had Bingo at the Manor. Thank you to Carol Glendenning, MaryLou Tuescher, Linda Colbeck, and Connie and Randy Ubersox for helping out.

The residents always enjoy winning and picking out treats. We will be back for more fun with the residents on May 17th.

Thank you again,
Kate Black

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 5 - Confirmation

Apr. 6 – Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m. with communion

Apr. 7 – Good Friday

Apr. 9 – Easter Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. with communion

Apr. 12 – Women’s Guild Meeting at noon
Confirmation

Apr. 19 – Church Council Meeting at 6:15 p.m.
Confirmation

Apr. 24 – Deadline for May newsletter articles

Apr. 26 - Confirmation



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2nd Kate Black
3rd Peggy Rolli
4th Natalie
Jenson

9th Diane Huntington
Steve Siegler
10th Jackie Ruf
12th Mariah Kendall
14th Vicki Ward
21st Wesley Buss
Madisyn Heim
Barbara Douglas
Maxwell Martin
23rd Helen Parr
25th Clinton Anderson
Nancy Ruf
27th Amy Prine



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Roy & Sheila Berrey
20th Diane & Roch Ritchie
25th Ron & Jeannie Ubersox



APRIL LITURGISTS

2nd Pam Hardt
9th Abigail Reuter
16th Roy Berrey
23rd Sheila Siegler
30th Jordan Hinderman



Deadline for the May newsletter articles is **April 24, 2023**.