

April, 2017



**Loving God. Loving Others.
Making disciples of Jesus Christ.**

From the pastor:

*But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," --
Hebrews 3:13*

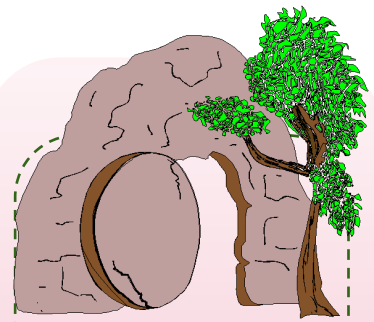
Who else is ready for it? We have had a few teases over the past month but they were just that teases. But now it seems that the weather is finally turning, Spring is here. I am sure I am not alone in my love for the Spring season. We see the wonders of nature come alive all around us. The birds return, the flowers, plants and trees start blooming, we can finally kick the kids out of the house and let them run around outside... it is a glorious time. But perhaps my favorite 'Spring' related occurrence is the celebration of Easter morning.

Of all the worship services held throughout the year it is without a doubt my favorite. The morning that we are reminded that Jesus loves us so much he went to the cross to die for our sins. The morning that we are reminded that death could not claim victory and that Jesus is alive. I find great encouragement in remembering Jesus' gift to us. Perhaps that is why the verse above from Hebrews has stood out to me lately.

Now in full disclosure this verse is on one of Everett's Scripture Memory Verse flash cards that he loves to read through at meal times. I cannot read the verse without hearing it in his voice. But along with hearing it in his voice I also hear it as a challenge. A reminder that we are all called to love, support and encourage one another, daily. It should be a part of who we are, a part of our everyday lives as followers of Jesus.

So while we do celebrate the awesome, encouraging reminder that Easter morning is I invite all of us to make it a regular, daily reminder, rather than a one off event. Jesus loves YOU, just the way you are, celebrate that this and every day.

God Bless,
Pastor Devin



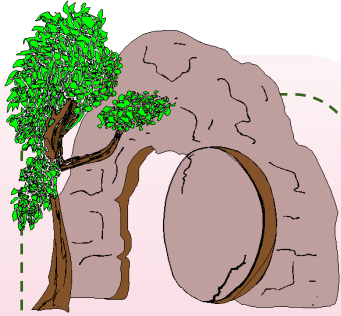
Happy Birthday!

Don Wittbrodt 4/3
Brittany Smith 4/12
Chris Hamann 4/17
Alice Goetz 4/19
Kendra Goetz 4/23
Alice Albring 4/24
Greg Gordon 4/29



**Carillon and
Chiaroscuro
Concert**

All are invited to
the next Carillon
and Chiaroscuro
Concert at the Holy
Rosary Chapel at
Adrian College on
Wednesday, April
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Baby Blankets for Tiny Purpose

Local girl scouts Katie Hight and Alex Roberts are collecting 18in. X 18 in. gender-neutral baby blankets for Tiny Purpose, an organization that supports parents through the grieving process of the loss of a child through miscarriage, still birth, or birth defects. The blankets go in a keep-sake box with the baby's handprints, and other items. If you would like to make blankets to be donated, they can be left in the church office up until the end of August. More information about this project is available on the flyer in the church entrance area.

The "You're Invited" Bags

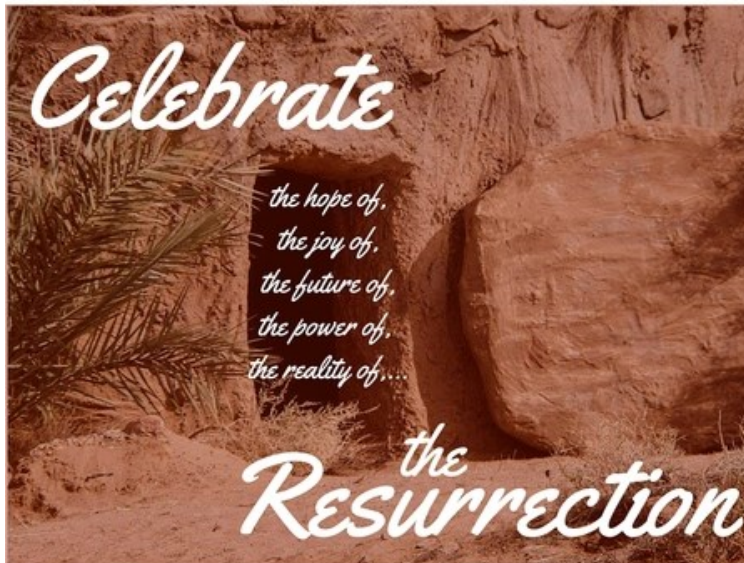
In the Narthex are bags containing a copy of the New Testament as well as an invitation card. The invitation cards contain information about the Easter service and events that will be taking place on April 16th here at Emmanuel. The Youth have stuffed all the bags and our challenge is to hand out all 100 of them before Easter. Take one home and give it to a friend, co-worker, neighbor, family member, whoever as an invitation to join us as we celebrate our risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

Haiti Mission:

During the March 19th service Maria Crane shared with us her Mission Trip experience traveling to Haiti. She presented several ways in which we can help support the ongoing efforts and we will have more information about some of those service projects in the future. If you would like to support them with financial gifts feel free to put it in the offering plate and designate it as 'Haiti' and we will make sure that the money gets to the appropriate place



Holy Week Observances



Sunday, April 9, 10:30 am—Palm Sunday Celebration

Wednesday, April 12, 5:45 pm—
Wednesday night dinner together and study for all ages

Thursday, April 13, 7:00 pm—Maundy
Thursday worship at Lambertville, UMC

Friday, April 14, 1:00 pm—Good Friday
Community Service—Immanuel Lutheran Church (Palmyra)

Sunday, April 16, 8:30 am—Potluck Breakfast

9:30 am (approx.) -Storytime and egg hunt following breakfast

10:30 am—Worship Celebration

Matthew 28:6

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

Service Opportunity

ProMedica Hospice is conducting a new two-day Volunteer Training Class to be held at the Grace Christman Medical Building (Behind Bixby Hospital) - 777 Kimole, Adrian.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of services to help support our patients and their families in the Lenawee County area. Come hear the many ways you can help.

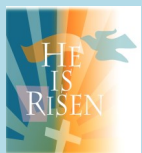
Tuesday March 29—10:00-2:00

Wednesday March 30—10:00-2:00

Please contact Jeri Dushane, Volunteer Coordinator at 734-240-8946 to answer any questions you may have on becoming a hospice volunteer and to RSVP to this training.

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Sunday School for All Ages 9:15 Worship at 10:30	3	4	5 No Wednesday Activities	6 Lenten Breakfast Trinity, Riga 9:30 am	7 Craft Day 4pm—?	8 Craft Day 10am—?
Sunday School for All Ages 9:15 Palm Sunday Worship at 10:30	10	11	12 Dinner 5:45 pm Classes for all ages: 6:30-7:30 pm	13 Maundy Thursday Observance Lambertville UMC 7:00pm	14 Good Friday Community Service at Immanuel Lutheran 1:00pm	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday School for All Ages 9:15 Worship at 10:30	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Potluck Breakfast 8:30 am

Story time and egg hunt 9:30 am

Easter morning worship celebration 10:30 am



Food Pantry Donations

For the month of April, the Blissfield Area Food Pantry is asking for donations of canned tuna, rice, macaroni noodles and egg noodles.

Donations may be left in the church entrance area. We will see to it that they get delivered to the food pantry.

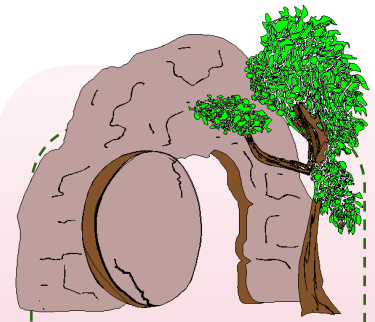
Easter Candy



On Wednesday, April 12, the youth will be packing eggs for our annual egg hunt. If you would like to donate individually wrapped candies or small trinkets that will fit in the eggs, they can be dropped off in the church office or given to Elizabeth Comiskey.

Vacation Bible School:

We are currently testing the waters to see if there is anyone who is interested in being in charge of this year's Vacation Bible School. If this is something you would like to do please let Pastor Devin know.



Ladies' Craft Day

Every month, on the first Friday and Saturday, a group of local Christian women from several churches gather together at Emmanuel to have fun crafting.

Bring your current project and a snack to share, or just come and visit and enjoy the company.

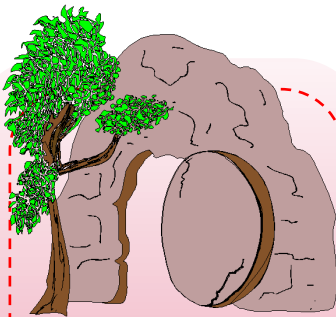
The next craft days will April 7 & 8.

Please speak with Elizabeth Comiskey if you have any questions.

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” -1 Timothy 2:1

Those needing continued healing and strength:

- MaryAnn Leader
- Wendell & Alice Goetz
- Cathy Jenkins
- Jim & Millie Tipton
- Kate Noelanders
- Lyna Mae French
- David Dexter
- Mary Roback
- Zayne Warren
- The family of Mery Witbrodt in the time of her passing
- Our covenant missionaries, Mary Gladstone-Highland and Kristen Brown
- Our nation, state and local community and those in leadership positions



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