

The Visitor

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Looking Good in Galilee

“Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome . . . went to the tomb. (and) saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. . . . he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.””
(Mark 16.1-2, 5-7 NRSV)

On Easter the women heard Jesus, who had died on the cross, was alive. Now that he was alive, they expected to see Jesus, but instead they were told to go to Galilee and see him there.

Where is Galilee? Galilee is the place where Jesus and his followers came from, where they lived out their ordinary workaday lives. It was for them a place pretty like Meriden is to us. Our Galilee is Meriden and Immanuel.

We get excited on Easter with all the people, flowers, music, and banners. And a part of us expects it to last forever. But of course, it doesn't. We see the empty tomb on Easter and expect to see Jesus next to it, but we are told instead to leave the tomb and go see Jesus in Galilee.

A lot has been going on in Galilee lately. A few things that come to mind at the moment:

- Smaller numbers, but more music than ever for Easter this year.
- Lots of property issues to take care of, but we have plans and making progress carrying them out.
- Financial challenges and a deficit, but holding our own and making up the deficit last year.
- Outreach meeting again and increasing our involvement in our community.
- Council planning several social and fund raising events in the coming year.

There's more, but I think you get the point. Not always the flowers and banners of Easter, but still the sweet fragrance and beautiful sight of Immanuel living out our life together here in Galilee.

The tomb is empty, and death no longer has its power over us. Now there is new life in our risen Lord Jesus Christ. That life is lived out in Galilee. And Galilee is looking good these days.

Peace,

Pastor Burgess

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OFFICE HOURS

9 am – 1 pm Monday – Friday

THE NEXT VISITOR

Articles for the May Visitor are due no later than April 21st.

Please submit all articles via email to both Diane Murphy and Pastor Burgess (addresses above). Alternatively, submit hard copy (ie, “paper”) to Diane Murphy. This will avoid miscommunication and make sure all articles get printed in the Visitor each month.

Another way to receive Immanuel’s Visitor

If you wish to receive Immanuel’s monthly newsletter via email, please email the office at office@immanuelmeriden.org using the email address you want the Visitor sent to. Please note “Visitor email listing” in the subject line.

Current Prayer List

Pastor Dennis Albrecht; Dawn Aliou; Carmelo Alvarez; Ginette Anziano; Gigi Balducci; Jimmy Burlison; Helene Campbell & Edwin; Samuel Campbell; Sabrina Campbell; Timothy Carmody; Joan Chasse; the family of Charlotte Gardinier; Elliott Gardner; Matthew Gerry; Anthony Grego; Adrian Hyatt; Doreen Jenkins; Carol Kania; Les Kish; Jean & Bob Kozuch; Lady Lynn; Tammy Luft; Herta Marin; Jan McGrath; Carla McLeod; Dwight McLeod; Connie Mezzio; Oliver; Ann Phipps; Katie Reeves; Jaylea Smith; Dawn Stitham; Hillary Taylor; Carolyn Ziemelis; those continuing to suffer from Covid-19; those suffering from environmental disasters; and those suffering from wars, especially the wars in Ukraine & Israel.

Prayer List Updates

Please contact the office if you would like someone added or taken off the prayer list. They need not be only people who need help – prayers of thanksgiving are also welcome.

The Word in Season

The second quarter 2024 addition of The Word in Season (April, May, & June) is now available as you enter the building. Pick up a copy for yourself and a copy to share.

Constitution Review Meeting

Constitution review meeting Monday April 29th at 6:30. This will be the last review meeting before Congregational Vote. (meeting TBD)

From the Counters

To assist the counters when processing your weekly envelopes, please be sure to write your name on your envelope. If using the green and white envelope please make sure you designate what category you want to assign the amount to. We want to be sure that we document your weekly donation properly.

Thank you for giving to Immanuel.

Bible Study and Pub Theology Resume

For the next few weeks in both Bible Study and Pub Theology we will be doing an overview of some of the basic Bible stories with the Spark Story Bible. In April we will start with some of the highlights of Genesis: Creation, Garden of Eden, Noah and the Flood, Joseph. There will not be repetition in successive weeks, so you are encouraged to attend both if possible.

As in the past we will still be alternating weeks of Bible study and Pub Theology. Bible Study will still be Monday nights online and Pub Theology will be 12:30 in the library

Tuesday, April 2	(no Tuesday night program)		
Tuesday, April 9	7:00pm	Bible Study	Zoom (see below)
Tuesday, April 16	12:30pm	Pub Theology	library – brown bag lunch
Tuesday, April 23	7:00pm	Bible Study	Zoom (see below)
Tuesday, April 30	12:30pm	Pub Theology	library – brown bag lunch

Zoom Logon Info for Tuesday Night Bible Study:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/194460329?pwd=aWFPZTQvM3NIY3BHVER4MWh6SGJLdz09>

Dial in by phone: 929 205 6099 US (New York number)

Meeting ID: 194 460 329 Password: 574509

Pub Theology is now brown bag lunch at 12:30 in Immanuel's library. Bring your own lunch and join us in the library at 12:30 pm for lunch and discussion of the week's Bible passages.

Everyone is always welcome at both Bible Study and Pub Theology, especially newcomers!

2024 Registration for Calumet

Registration has begun for Resident Camp 2024 at **Calumet**.



A summer full of faith and fun

The cost for one week at resident camp will be \$1050. Transportation is available for an additional fee. Partial camperships are available from Immanuel.

Family summer camping is also an option. To learn more about both of these camping experiences check out their website www.calumet.org

If interested in sending your child(ren) to **Calumet**, please see a member of the Scholarship Committee, prior to June 1st. In addition to children attending camp there is also money available for any Immanuel adult member to attend any church-related workshop, summer school, seminar or other learning event. See any member of the Scholarship Committee.



April Celebrations



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY Anniversary

Justin Barnes	4/04	Robert Fredericksen	4/16	Cindy & Jack Zuber	4/18
Haliyah Langner	4/09	Janet Gordon	4/20	Diana & Brian Clancy	4/22
Joyce Chrzanowski	4/13	Jim Freeman	4/25	Pam & John Adamski	4/24
Diane Gardinier	4/13	Rita Bates	4/30	Wendy & Mark Becker	4/28

Box Top Labels

Thank you to the congregation and friends for participating in the Box Tops for Education program. This is a project that my mother, Ruth Tozier, started many years ago. A collection box is attached to the bulletin board, outside Augustana Hall. Please continue to save your grocery receipts for this worthy cause. Once the receipts are scanned credit is given to the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Arizona.

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt.

Box Tops are still worth 10¢ for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

It's the easiest way to earn for your school: just use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt. It automatically finds participating products and instantly adds 10¢ Box Tops to your school's earnings online. No clipping required!



The grocery receipt needs to be scanned within 2 weeks of purchasing. This box top is useless without the receipt. Thank you for saving your grocery receipts.

If you download the app, the zip code for the Navajo School is 86545. If you do not want to or know how to download the app, you can place your receipt in the collection box and I will upload the receipt. Just a reminder, if you are collecting this box top label, please supply your grocery receipt for scanning.

Cindy McCarthy



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm Women's Area NA Mtg	2	3 7pm Pentecostal Service 7pm NA	4 6:00pm Cove	5 10am Library Group	6 10am NA 7pm NA
7 9:45am Worship 5pm Pent Serv. 5:30pm NA	8	9 7pm Bible Study	10 7pm Pentecostal Service 7pm NA	11 6:30pm Council	12 10am Library Group	13 10am NA 7pm NA
14 9:45am Worship 5pm Pent Serv 5:30pm NA	15	16 12:30 Pub Theology	17 7pm Pentecostal Service 7pm NA	18 6:00pm Cove 6:30pm Action 13 7:00 pm Finance	19 10am Library Group	20 8am Activity Swords 10am NA 7pm NA
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