



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 14, 2024, 9:30am

## Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to  
worship! Please  
complete a  
Connection Card  
and place the  
card in the  
offering plate.  
Thank you!

The gospel for the  
third Sunday of  
Easter is always  
one in which the  
risen Christ  
shares food with  
the disciples,  
meals that are  
the Easter tem-  
plate for the meal  
we share each  
Sunday. In to-  
day's gospel, Je-  
sus both shares  
the disciples' food  
and shows them  
the meaning of  
his suffering,  
death, and resur-  
rection through  
the scriptures,  
the two main  
elements of our  
Sunday worship.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

### GATHERING SONG

***Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!***

**#377**

### GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, **you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

**Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 4

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God’s promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ’s death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus’ name.*

The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

**illusions and seek after lies?"**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia**

**#142**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

The holy gospel according to...  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to

them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

## SERMON

**Pastor Tom Skrenes**

*(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

***We Walk By Faith***

**#635**

## APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who

journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

**MEAL**

## OFFERING

*(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)*

## OFFERING SONG

*He is Lord. He is Lord.  
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess.  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

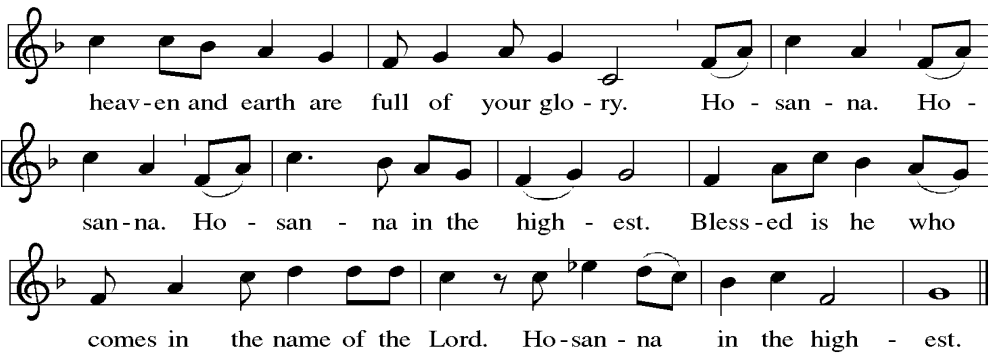
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

|                        |                                   |             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>COMMUNION HYMNS</b> | <i>As We Gather at Your Table</i> | <b>#522</b> |
|                        | <i>Around You, O Lord Jesus</i>   | <b>#468</b> |

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

**SENDING**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**Pastor Tom Skrenes**

*(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)*

## BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope  
 † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 14—April 21, 2024

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\***SYMPATHIES & GOD'S PEACE TO:** the Family and Friends of Sue Pohlman who passed away last week. She was a former organist at Immanuel.

\***CONGRATULATIONS!** to Tim & Dee Dee Larson who will celebrate their 30th Wedding Anniversary on June 11.

\***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations that are needed are bakery items, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for April is Property Committee. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for **Coffee Hour** or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact **Walter Scanlon or Marty Saari** with your date and any item you wish to bring. **THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEERING!**

\***TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** All are welcome to come to our study on **TUESDAYS** from 7:30pm-9:00pm Pasquali's in Negaunee. We welcome you to drop in as your schedule allows. Each week's discussion will be structured as a stand-alone study. **This week's Bible Study will be Exodus 11-12 Passover**. Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! If you have questions, call or text 540-435-4915.

\***WELCOME CHILDREN & FAMILIES** We don't mind the noise. We're glad you're here! The family room across the hall has toys if that would be helpful. Activity bags are also available for the children to use during the service.

\***NEW ORLEANS YOUTH TRIP** This summer, a group of youth from Immanuel is going to New Orleans for the national youth gathering. At this event, they will expand their faith through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service, and fellowship. It is a unique experience for all those involved. They would really appreciate the continued support from the congregation. The youth are extremely grateful for all the generous donations that they have received. Without the love from you, they would never be able to go! The group is on their way to hitting their goal and could use your help. If you would like to donate, there are envelopes on a white board in the fellowship hall. Please put your donation in one of the envelopes and then put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

\***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held at Immanuel from June 10-14, 2024, with classes for children Age 2 through Grade 5. **Registration forms are available on the church website**. The success of our VBS program lies in having enough staff so the children can have a safe, fun learning experience. Our exact number of classroom staff will depend on our enrollment. We have several teachers, but need more. We need teacher assistants. Snack center has some volunteers, but need more- come for the whole week- or for one day. Our BIG need is for Playground helpers! Responsibilities will be to set up equipment. Play with the kids. Take down the equipment. This will take about an hour and a half mid-morning. Snacks will be included! **Please text Paulette Patron (906)361-1562- or leave a message with the Office for more details.**



\* **CPR/AED TRAINING** will be held on **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. People from across the ministries of Immanuel are encouraged to attend including those from both Sunday worship services, the quilters, and various Bible Study and committee members, etc. Contact the church office to sign up.

\* **BEACON DEADLINE** The deadline for the May/June Beacon is **tomorrow, April 15**.

\* **COMMUNITY MEAL** The next Community Meal will be held **next Sunday, April 21** at 5:00pm. This month will be a tater tot bar with all the fixings. There will also be root beer and ice cream available to make floats.

\* **HYMN SING WORSHIP** The **Sunday, April 21, the 6:00 pm** service will be an abbreviated service (including communion) followed by time to sing favorite hymns.

\* **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Habitat for Humanity would like to ask for our help providing lunches to their volunteers in the 2024 build season. They will need anywhere between 4 and 25 lunches on any given day. There will be advanced notice to lunch donors regarding the number of lunches needed. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping out this summer!

\* **COUNTERS NEEDED** We are in need of additional captains and counters starting this summer. Please contact the church office if you are interested. Training is available.

\* **PRISON MINISTRY KERYX #53 POSTPONED** Due to a staffing shortage at Marquette Branch Prison, the Keryx weekend for April has been cancelled until further notice. Thank you to those who signed up for the prayer vigil and the Keryx team asks for your continued prayers for the inmates and staff at the prison. When staffing levels return to normal, hopefully by the fall of this year, we will try to hold a Keryx in the trustee division of the prison. Again, thank you for your support and prayers!

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## **ASSISTING IN SERVICE**

**SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Tom Skrenes***

**ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon***

**Office Hours are 8:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)**

### **VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:**

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|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>9:30am GREETERS</b>  | <i>Valerie Paulson</i> | <b>6:00pm GREETERS</b>  | <i>Carrie Villalobos</i> |
|                         | <i>Dean Patron</i>     |                         |                          |
| <b>9:30am USHERS</b>    | <i>Valerie Paulson</i> | <b>6:00pm USHERS</b>    | <i>Carrie Villalobos</i> |
|                         | <i>Dean Patron</i>     |                         |                          |
| <b>9:30am LECTOR</b>    | <i>Hayley Smith</i>    | <b>6:00pm LECTOR</b>    | <i>Kevin Crupi</i>       |
| <b>9:30am COMM ASST</b> | <i>Hayley Smith</i>    | <b>6:00pm COMM ASST</b> | <i>Connie Kemper</i>     |
|                         | <i>Toby Smith</i>      |                         |                          |
|                         | <i>Rory Smith</i>      |                         |                          |
| <b>9:30am TECH TEAM</b> | <i>Tyler Moore</i>     | <b>6:00pm TECH TEAM</b> | <i>Ben Raymond</i>       |

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## April 14—April 21, 2024

**YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...**

**[www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org)**

|                  |                                       |                                                     |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|                  | <b><i>Third Sunday of Easter</i></b>  |                                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:30am                                | Worship Service                                     |
|                  | 9:30am                                | Sunday School                                       |
|                  | 6:00pm                                | Worship Service in Fellowship Hall                  |
|                  | 7:30pm                                | AA Group Meets (men & women)                        |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 8:00-4:00pm                           | Kindergarten Registration<br><b>BEACON DEADLINE</b> |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 8:00-4:00pm                           | Kindergarten Registration                           |
|                  | 9:30am                                | Miriam Circle                                       |
|                  | 10:00am                               | Bible Study                                         |
|                  | 6:00pm                                | Executive Committee Meeting                         |
|                  | 6:30pm                                | Church Council Meeting                              |
|                  | 7:00pm                                | Bible Study @ Pasquali's                            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 8:00-4:00pm                           | Kindergarten Registration                           |
|                  | 1:30pm                                | Abigail Circle                                      |
|                  | 6:00pm                                | Choir                                               |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 8:00-4:00pm                           | Kindergarten Registration                           |
|                  | 10:00am                               | Quilting                                            |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>                  |                                                     |
|                  | 8:00-4:00pm                           | Kindergarten Registration                           |
|                  | 10:00am                               | AA                                                  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b><i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i></b> |                                                     |
|                  | 9:30am                                | Worship Service                                     |
|                  | 9:30am                                | Sunday School                                       |
|                  | 10:30am                               | Coffee & Fellowship                                 |
|                  | 5:00pm                                | Community Meal & Root Beer Floats                   |
|                  | 5:00pm                                | UPLIFT                                              |
|                  | 6:00pm                                | Hymn Sing Worship                                   |
|                  | 7:30pm                                | AA Group Meets (men & women)                        |

*(FYI: Pastor Bre can be reached at 507-993-1909 or email: [upbre3@gmail.com](mailto:upbre3@gmail.com))*

# **Hymn Sing Sunday**

## **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, April 21**

**Food and root beer floats at 5 p.m.**

**Service to follow at 6 p.m.**

**PERMISSION  
TO SING REALLY  
LOUD AND  
REALLY OFF KEY.**



**520 US Hwy 41 E  
Negaunee, Michigan  
49866**

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**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Pray For:** *Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Karen Couture, Dan Hendrickson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Marsha Lucas, Kathryn Madison, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Ezra Newman, Kathy Palomaki, Shirley Pizziola, Cindy, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Marlene Romback, Reuven Romback, Louise Spickerman, Kathy Stambaugh, Molly Taseris, Bob Walker.*

**Our Shut-ins:** *Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, June Jarvi, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Elsie Suardini, Lynne Tossava.*

**Members in the Armed Service:** *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Tanner Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*

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**IN APRIL** our **ELCA World Hunger** will be our Monthly Mission Emphases. The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed.

ELCA World Hunger is this church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, at work. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Generating unique solutions to local challenges starts by listening to our neighbors and communities. Then, together, we work and serve to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.

If you wish to give to ELCA World Hunger, use the *April Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you for giving \$1,010.69 in March to

**Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.**

The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!