

Immanuel Lutheran Church

400 N Aspen Ave
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
918-258-5506
www.immanuelba.org

Sundays at Immanuel

9am Traditional Divine Worship
10:30am Sunday School Classes
for everyone
11:30am Modern Divine Worship

Immanuel Lutheran Church Ministry Staff

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Todd Stevens, DCE
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Immanuel Lutheran Church

United in faith and empowered by the Spirit, Immanuel **embraces, educates, and engages** our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Immanuel means "God with us." Knowing this, the possibilities for Immanuel's ministries are unlimited. Immanuel's ministries focus on three pillars supported by the foundation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The pillars of **embracing, educating, and engaging** our community serve as guideposts and reflect our unity of faith. The strength of these pillars is based on three faithful relationships originated and strengthened by the Holy Spirit: First, God with us; Next, our interactions with Each Other; and Third, our outward interactions with our neighbors.

**IF YOU ARE GRIEVING A LOSS,
PLEASE JOIN US AT GRIEF SHARE**

New participants are welcome to join at any time.

When: Sundays at 10:30am, in Room #122

Hope & Healing after the death of a loved one

Topics that are covered: Your grief journey, Sadness & Loneliness, Fear & Anxiety, Anger, Regrets, and more.

Please contact Cindy Carr for more information and/or questions: cjcarr405@gmail.com

**KEEP CONNECTED WITH CHURCH NEWS**

The church website, www.immanuelba.org, has up to date information: the weekly announcement flyer, monthly newsletter, calendar events, Youth Ministry events, etc. You can also download the church app: Immanuel Broken Arrow. Also, you can watch live on Facebook, YouTube, on our app, and on our website on Sundays at 9:00am for our worship service.

May Newsletter

2026



*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." Lamentations 3:22-24*

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Something New Is Taking Shape...

Over the coming months, you may begin to hear a new phrase around church: “WIGs,” or Wildly Important Goals. Simply put, these are the few key things we believe God is calling us to focus on right now so that we can grow in faithful and meaningful ways.

Our current WIGs center on creating a culture of invitation where it feels natural and joyful to invite others into the life of our church and strengthening connection and belonging, so that every person who walks through our doors feels known, valued, and part of something bigger.

The Parish Planning Council (PPC) has been actively working behind the scenes to move these priorities forward. Rather than trying to do everything at once, we are focusing on a few intentional steps, what we call “lead measures”, that help us make real progress. This includes exploring new ways to encourage personal invitations, creating opportunities for people to connect more deeply, and supporting ministries that help build relationships across our congregation. These may seem like small steps, but over time they create momentum and lasting impact.

Most importantly, this is not just a plan for a group of leaders, it’s an invitation for all of us. Each conversation, each welcome, each act of reaching out plays a part in shaping who we are as a church. We’re excited about what God is doing among us and grateful to be on this journey together. Thank you for the ways you already help make this a place of warmth, connection, and belonging and for the ways you will continue to be part of what lies ahead.

—The Elder Board



Mark your calendar!

Sunday, May 31st we will have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00am, followed by a potluck in the gym.

More details coming soon!



LCMS Missionaries
SERVING THE LORD IN ITALY
News from the Steffenson Family
March/April 2026

<https://www.lcms.org/steffenson>

Cleansed With Christ’s Blood

I saw this red poppy in the field close to Easter. The brightness of it reminds me of how Christ Jesus’ blood shed for our forgiveness cleanses us to shine like the stars of heaven. Thanks be to God! Christ is risen! The picture at the bottom of this page is a line of turtles. It reminded me of how there are times in life where we are working to just get things in line. That is what much of the last two months has been: figuring out what the next steps will be.



Pastor Jason received news that he will not be needed to teach with Luther Academy in the near future. They were able to find a professor from Sweden to teach the Old Testament classes he was preparing to teach. He was asked to prepare a specialized course for two students on the book of Isaiah, but when he prepared it, the students decided that they were not going to take the course. Part of being a missionary is being flexible to the contextual needs. Now the need is no longer for Pastor Jason to teach, but the current need and priority for Pastor Jason is to focus on learning Italian. As we pivot to this new focus, we pray the Lord’s blessing on the students and faculty of Luther Academy as they train pastors and church workers to bring the Good News of salvation in Jesus to people in their lives. Now, for the next two years, the main goal for Pastor Jason is to learn Italian well and learn what living in Italy will look like for the long-term. After two years, current long-term goals are to plant an Italian-speaking congregation in Padova for Italian speakers and an English speaking congregation in Vicenza to serve members of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed nearby. Pastor Jason is also to explore the possibility of English-speaking congregations in Padova to serve the international and student population here and in Aviano to serve members of the U.S. Armed Forces in addition to any other Italian-speaking congregations in the northeast regions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our resident visas to arrive safely in order to stay in the country.
- Learning Italian.
- Continuing to figure out how to live and work in Padova.
- Everyone’s health during this transitional year.
- Seminarian Luiz’s study, work, and ministry here in Padova.

Thank you for partnering with us in this work of the Lord Jesus in Italy and the world.

“He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.” (Matthew 28:6a)

In the peace of Christ Jesus,

Pastor Jason, Anna Marie, Johanes, and Immanuel Steffenson





You are looking at the best-behaved three year olds in Broken Arrow! We had the best field trip last week to the Oklahoma Aquarium! These kiddos loved the bus, the frogs, the playground, and they loved doing it all with each other! Also, a huge shout out to the best teachers for helping make today SO much fun!

Immanuel Lutheran Christian Academy Preschool

Jesus said "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
All classes begin at 10:30am

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Meet in the gym; led by Pastor Spomer

CHILDREN'S CLASSES:

3-5 year olds—Room 110

2nd & 3rd grade—Room 115

K & 1st grade—Room 110

4th grade—Room 124

5th grade—Room 119

6th grade—Room 117

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES meet in Luther Hall - grades 7th-12th

YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY WINGS
(aka youth group)

All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us!

May 6:

3:00-6:00pm: Fellowship and open gym

5:30pm: Supper

6:00-7:30pm: Bible studies

May 13: SENIOR NIGHT

3:00-6:00pm: Fellowship and open gym

5:30pm: Supper

6:00-7:30pm Celebrating our Seniors!

May 20 & 27: No WINGS

SUNDAY CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes for all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders meet Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour, 10:30am.

If you would like to start Confirmation but are not in these grades, please let Todd Stevens know because we will be adding a class for those students. You can email him at tstevens@immanuelba.org.

If you know of someone who could use this information, please forward it to them.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

No Sunday School or Confirmation Classes on May 31st.

We will have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE on May 31st at 10:00am.

PLAY & PRAY GROUP
May Schedule

Bring your little ones for fellowship, fun and support as Christian parents and caregivers. This group is for children from infancy through Preschool and their Parents / Grandparents / or other Caregivers are invited to join us.

We meet at 10am – see location:

Friday, May 1—Church Nursery

Saturday, May 9—Playground at Reasor's at 121st & Aspen

Friday, May 15—Chick-Fil-A at 121st & Aspen

Saturday, May 23—Immanuel Family Fun Day at Elam Park

Contact the church office for more information, 918-258-5506.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLUB
6:00-7:30pm

Our last night of Kids Club is May 6.

JOIN US, MUSIC MADNESS, & EPIC GAMES!

This is for all kids ages 3yrs to 5th grade!

Kids Club is a time to make new friends, have a blast, and grow closer to Jesus in a super fun way!

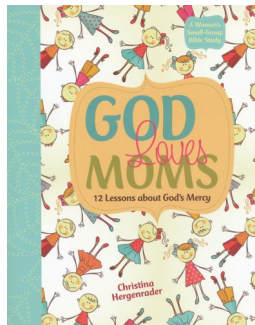
So bring your energy and your smile!

Parents: We've got a safe and welcoming space for your kids to shine!

Meet in the Gym & Multipurpose Room.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

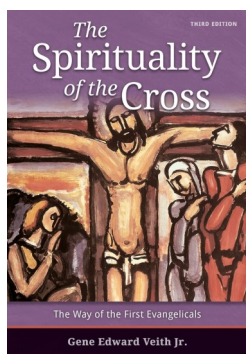
TUESDAYS



A NEW STUDY is beginning this month in WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: "God Loves Moms" by Christina Hergenrader.

The women we read about in God's Word were just regular women - like us. And they had the same insecurities and vulnerabilities that we all feel. This study digs deep into the stories of thirteen biblical women for a fresh look at how God reveals His grace through Christ for you. Written in an inviting, friendly tone, this resource is for mothers of all ages. **This study is on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in the church office conference room; hosted by Lynn Beard.**

WEDNESDAYS



New Topic starting in May for MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST: "The Spirituality of the Cross"

Dr. Veith digs deep into what it means to be Lutheran. He comments in the preface: "Indeed, the teaching that we are justified by faith in the atoning work of Christ on the cross is considered 'the chief article' —the underpinning of every aspect of Lutheran theology and, indeed, of the Christian faith as a whole." The book is available on CPH or Amazon.

Please join us, 6:30am on Wednesdays at Chick-fil-A, 71st & Garnett; hosted by Joe Kuhlmann. For more information, call the church office, 918-258-5506.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP: "Trusting in Christ", by Sarah Young.

As you push back the demands of the day, give your cares to Him, and encounter Him personally through His Word, you will discover the truth of Paul's words when he wrote, "My God will meet all of your needs according the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). You will see that God loves you, cares for you, and provides the strength you need to get through any situation. **Join us Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm, in the library. Hosted by Anna Braun.**

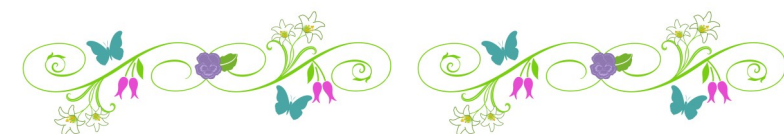
YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: *Gathered by Christ*.

Author Christa Petzold empathizes and understands how Christians outside the physical church may be hesitant to return, yet she encourages them to come back and see the gifts Jesus gives through His Church. She brings light and emphasis to the ways Jesus sees His community of believers, founded securely on Him and His Word. **We meet at the church, 6-7:30pm, in the church office conference room. Study led by Mark D'Arcy.**

THURSDAYS

BIBLE STUDY: Revelation

This study is part of the *LifeLight* Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of *LifeLight* is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ. For men & women. **Thursdays at 10:00am in the church office conference room; hosted by Dan Kois.**





Easter Sunday at Immanuel
April 5, 2026



As we approach graduation (High School & College), we would like to take the time to honor our graduates and pray for them as they prepare for the future and what God has planned for them! This will take place during the 9am service on May 17th with a cake reception in the narthex following church.

Please email Carrie Ann if you have a graduate this year at cswaim@icaba.org by Wednesday, May 13!

IT'S HAPPENING NEXT MONTH AND WE NEED YOU FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Through the dedication of our members and friends who volunteer at VBS, we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to over 270 children each year.

If you aren't part of VBS yet, why not register today? If you can help full or part time, we have many levels of involvement to suit your schedule and interests.

—Snacks, Crafts, Greeters, Class Helpers and more!—

You may register as a volunteer on our website at: www.immanuelba.org.

VBS dates: June 15-19, 9:00am-12:00pm.



Vacation Bible School at Immanuel

June 15-19 9:00am-12:00pm

VBS is for all children 3 years old - going into the 6th grade

Kids will go on a **Tropical Trek** where they will learn how Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)! As they traverse fun and exciting places, like a dormant volcano and island caves, they will discover how God finds them and helps them in every challenge they face.

Storytelling, Crafts, Snacks, Games, Music, and Bible Exploration.



Use the QR code to register for VBS!





The LCMS invites everyone to memorize a verse together each week for May:

Week of May 3, 2026

Romans 12:12

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Week of May 10, 2026

Philippians 1:6

I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Week of May 17, 2026

John 1:12

To all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

Week of May 24, 2026

Colossians 3:12

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Week of May 31, 2026

Galatians 3:26

In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it.

www.lcms.org

ILCA Events

YOU ARE INVITED:

Spring Band Concert

Tuesday, May 5th at 6:00pm, in the Gym

High School Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, May 16th at 1:00pm,
in the Sanctuary

April 27, 2026



Dear Immanuel Family,

Greetings from Immanuel Lutheran Christian Academy. As many of you are aware, we have been on a journey to Call a Principal for the Academy beginning with the 26-27 school year. We are excited to announce that Mr. Kris Schneider has accepted the Call and will join us July 1, 2026. Mr. Schneider currently serves as the Principal and School Administrator at Mountain View Lutheran in Las Vegas, NV. He and his wife Christy are dedicated to the mission of Lutheran education. We feel blessed that they are choosing to join us in ministry.

As always, we are thankful for your support, whether financially, by volunteering, or covering the Academy in prayer.

Blessings,

Twilla Berwaldt
Executive Director

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual ILCA Gala on October 3, 2026!

This year's gala will kick off a very special season for our school as we look ahead to celebrating Immanuel Lutheran Christian Academy's 25th school year and upcoming anniversary. More details coming soon!

COMMUNITY EVENTS — IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eggs, Wind, and a Whole Lot of Candy: Recapping the ILC Easter Egg Hunt

Despite a soggy morning and some very adventurous eggs, the joy of Easter showed up in full force at Immanuel.

Immanuel Lutheran Church's annual Easter egg hunt returned this year, filling the visitor parking lot and portico with color, laughter, and the kind of joyful chaos that makes this tradition one of our favorites. The weather tried its best to steal the show — but our congregation showed up anyway, and we are so grateful.

The morning started with some uninvited rain, which likely kept a few families away — attendance was a bit lighter than in years past, and we completely understand. Rainy Easter mornings and little ones in their Sunday best don't always mix! But for those who came out to celebrate, the fun was absolutely worth it.

"The wind was so strong during setup that the eggs kept blowing right over the curbs — and more than a few made a splash landing in the retention pond. Let's just call it an extreme egg hunt bonus round."

Speaking of setup — a special thank-you is in order. Our youth and adult volunteers gave their time and energy to make this event happen, braving the wind, chasing down runaway eggs, and doing it all with great attitudes and plenty of laughter. This event simply would not happen without their servant hearts, and we are so proud of each one of them.

And none of those 200 bags of candy or the eggs hidden across the parking lot would have been possible without the incredible generosity of our congregation. So many members donated Easter eggs and candy that we truly lost count — and that outpouring of giving is a beautiful reflection of the Immanuel spirit. You all made sure every child went home with something to smile about, and that means everything.

Once things got underway under the portico and throughout the parking lot, the energy was pure delight. Little hunters of all ages darted around, baskets swinging, discovering hidden eggs tucked into every corner. When the dust — and wind — finally settled, we sent home **200 bags of candy** and handed out prizes to those in attendance. Smiles all around!

To every member of the Immanuel family who came out, donated, or served — thank you. Events like this are a reminder of what a wonderful, generous, and fun-loving congregation we are blessed to be a part of. We are already looking forward to next year — hopefully with a little more sunshine and a little less pond involvement!

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

A heartfelt thank-you to the youth and adults who helped set up and run this year's Easter egg hunt, and to the many generous members who donated Easter eggs and candy. Your willingness to give and serve makes all the difference. We see you, and we appreciate you more than words can say!



Tulsa Area Lutherans Night

Sunday, June 28, 2026
6:30 pm
\$12/person

Drillers vs Amarillo Sod Poodles
Red White & Blue Fireworks show after the game

ALL AGES EVENT with a special appearance from
Hornsby during the game

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH BODY!





Immanuel members, get your ticket(s) here:



Deadline to purchase is Sunday, June 14.

If you'd like to use cash or check, see Carrie Ann in person!

Please note, you will receive a physical ticket on Sunday, June 28 and the digital ticket you receive is just a receipt (it will not get you into the game!).



Immanuel Lutheran Church's ministries focus on supporting the Gospel—the *good news* of Jesus Christ—through the guideposts of **EMBRACING**, **EDUCATING**, and **ENGAGING** our community.

You may have noticed your Elders actively practicing the **ENGAGING** pillar recently through additional contact with you or your family, increased attendance at ILC Academy and church functions, and by wearing name badges to help congregants and visitors easily identify someone who can assist. These are all intentional steps your Elders have identified to strengthen engagement within our community.

How You Can Engage

- 1) Embrace and engage our visitors**
Make a purposeful effort to identify and welcome visitors to Immanuel. Let them know we are glad they have come, invite them to return, and direct them to an Elder if they have questions you may not be able to answer.
- 2) Grow through Bible study**
Spend daily time in the Word and participate in the study opportunities offered at Immanuel—Sunday mornings as well as the various Bible studies held throughout the week.
- 3) Engage in our ministries**
Let the volunteers in our many ministries know you are willing to help. Share your strengths and interests, and they will guide you toward meaningful ways to serve and make an impact.

Our Shared Mission

We join together in Christ's call to "go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19–20). Let us continue to seek out ways of **EMBRACING**, **EDUCATING**, and **ENGAGING** our community.

—Elder Board

"United in faith and empowered by the Spirit, Immanuel **Embraces, Educates,** and **Engages** our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

March 2026 Monthly Update

		2026 YTD
Offerings Received (General Fund)	\$111,076	\$278,519
Total Income Received	\$130,951	\$351,291
Expenses	\$121,812	\$406,749
Surplus/Deficit	-\$9,139	-\$55,459

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:6

CHURCH ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, April 26, 2026
9:00am Service attendance: 210
11:30am Service attendance: 61

Offering: \$8,173.00
Online Giving: \$6,067.87

FOR YOUR OFFERING:

- Text: immanuelba to: 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)
- Church App: "Give" icon
- Website: immanuelba.org
- Mail: 400 N Aspen Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74012



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| 1 Lauren Conway | 18 Nolan Long |
| 2 Alycia Abbott | 19 John D'Arcy |
| 4 Anna Braun | Cindy Heisterberg |
| Janet D'Arcy | Todd Stevens |
| Michael O'Dell | 21 Jerry Sparling |
| 5 Lois Staton | 22 Raja Deveraj |
| 6 Bill Nessler | Chris Martin |
| 7 John Brigham | Joe Winston |
| 8 Dorothy Deveraj | 24 Maggie Pilkington |
| 9 Jon Schnitker | 25 Brandon Zwosta |
| 10 Pam Clendenning | 27 Jeff Scott |
| Linda Hieber | Woody Wicker |
| Charlotte King | 29 Peter Philippi |
| 11 Teri Ratz | 30 Loretta Herzberger |
| 14 Julia Aussieker | Jerome Karasek |
| 15 Kate O'Dell | 31 Chris Fleming |
| 16 Ezra Clark | Matthew Kinsey |
| 17 Dr. Kevin Long | |
| Jessica Martin | |
| Jennifer Stickney | |



- 3 David & Nancy Chandler, 40 years
- 5 Jody & Brittany Hoehn, 14 years
- 8 Jay & Heidi Stumbo, 44 years
- Wayne & Theresa Wild, 44 years
- 9 Rob & Joanne McIntyre, 42 years
- 10 Jackson & Gabby Elsey, 1 year
- 14 Raja & Dorothy Deveraj, 23 years
- 17 Steve & Blythe Waugh, 40 years
- 20 Mike & Antoinette Minnich, 19 years
- 23 Kyle & Ashley Seeman, 11 years
- Stephen & Elizabeth Thompson, 45 years
- 24 Dr. Kevin & Stacey Long, 23 years
- 26 Andrew & Lauren Conway, 19 years
- Joel & Cindy Heisterberg, 19 years
- 27 Les & Patricia Heisterberg, 48 years
- 30 Vince & Cindy Carr, 32 years

May these couples continue to see each other as gifts from God and their marriage as an icon of Christ and His Bride, the Church. May God implant in them His love that they might see each other with eyes of compassion and grace as they celebrate another year of blessings.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign Up Now for any Sunday in 2026

You may **pick a Sunday in advance** to sponsor altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, or baptismal birthday. Sign up on the table in the narthex or **online** for your convenience.

**\$65 Single floor arrangement or
\$75 Two wall arrangements**

If you have questions, please contact the church office at **918-258-5506**.

Online sign-up:
<https://tinyurl.com/ILCflowers>

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS

IMMANUEL YOUTH
JOIN US FOR
SENIOR
NIGHT
WED, MAY 13
 5:30-8PM IN LUTHER HALL

Join us to celebrate our seniors! They chose Cane's for supper. After devotion and prayer, we'll play Slip & Slide Kickball (bring an extra set of clothes), and end with ice cream sundaes!!

Isaiah Stevens will be signing his "Church Worker Letter of Intent"!

Bring a gift card or two for the gift card trees.

Immanuel's LWM thank you for your generous donations towards the March Mission Project! The donations were delivered and given to Officer Steve Smith for the Broken Arrow Police Department.



In Our Prayers

Cindi Hagans – she had a bronchial scope biopsy procedure for spots on the lung and lymph nodes. As of this printing, she is awaiting results from the labs. We pray no cancer is found, and for guidance and a healing touch from the Great Physician and Healer. Cindi provides care for her husband, Matt, who has End-Stage Renal Disease.

Carole Weygand – tests revealed that the brain tumor is malignant. The course of treatment will be radiation. Carole is currently residing at Franciscan Villa for rehab on her leg. Please pray for encouragement for Carole.

LaDonna Griffiths – suffered a broken right-side collar bone after falling down steps at her home. She will see the orthopedic surgeon on Monday, May 4.

Pastor Braun and family

For All Who Serve In Our Armed Forces

Immanuel's Visioning Process – pray for our Elders, Staff, our elected leaders, and for us as a congregation to know God's vision for us and that we will be inspired to pursue it.

Those with Health Concerns – Justin Bundtrock, Matt Hagans, Loretta Herzberger

Those with cancer – Allen Beard, Michelle Craig, Donna D., Jill Duran, Earl Franklin, Mike Hays, Mark Holcomb, Allen Hufford, Holly Johnson, Lyle Johnson, Shirley Kirkpatrick, Merle Kuhlmann, Jackie Oestreich, Gary Siftar, Carrie Ann Swaim, Theresa, Ellen Vester, Lois Wegner, Carole Weygand, Woody Wicker

Missionary work: Rev. Christian and Gudula Tiews serving in the Eurasia Region; Ben Helge serving in the Czech Republic; Josh Lange and family, working with CWF in Shanghai; Bob & Chris Prouty serving in Australia; Rev. Jason and Anna Marie Steffenson will be serving in Italy. Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne serving in Shinyanga, Tanzania.



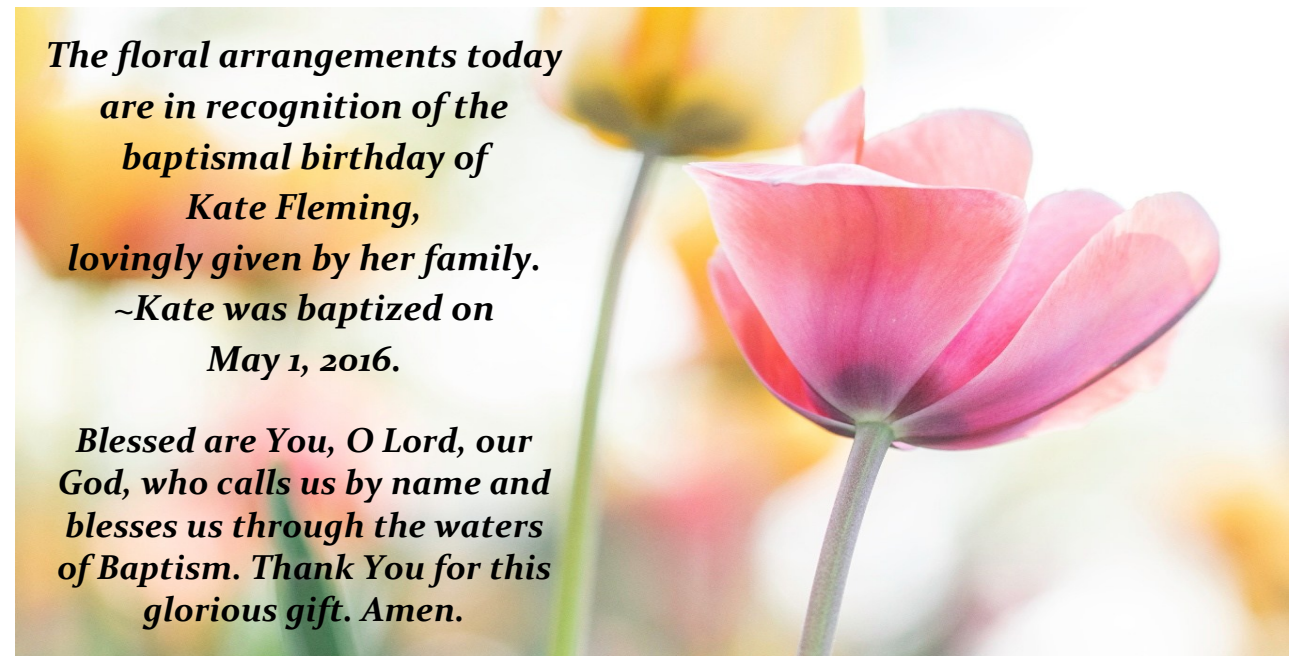
MAY 3rd is MUFFIN & MITE SUNDAY – Hosted by Immanuel's LWM

The ladies will have delicious **muffins** for everyone in the gym. (No donuts on this day.) Come and enjoy muffins and hot coffee! In kind donations appreciated! The **Mite Boxes** will be in the pews. The Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS.

Did You Know All Women of Immanuel Lutheran Church are LWM Members? We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the Multipurpose Room. We invite you to join us in Growing God's Grace. Next Meeting: May 19 at 6:00pm, here at the church.

The floral arrangements today are in recognition of the baptismal birthday of Kate Fleming, lovingly given by her family. ~Kate was baptized on May 1, 2016.

Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, who calls us by name and blesses us through the waters of Baptism. Thank You for this glorious gift. Amen.



MUSIC MINISTRY — Eastertide Reflection

First and foremost, Rebecca and I would like to thank all of the people who took part in the music for the season of Eastertide (from Lent through Easter Sunday). Each and every piece of the music ministry played a role in worship throughout the season.

For Music Ministry, the season begins well before Ash Wednesday with planning the services, listening to and playing through music, selecting and arranging music, rehearsing and ultimately performing. I'd like to highlight one piece from each of the music groups we used in the season so that you can see what led to the choices.

—*Agnus Dei*, (Healey Willan), Men's Choir. This piece of music comes from the Missa Brevis in G Minor that was commissioned by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 1955. It is a part of the complete work which includes the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus and Benedictus. The piece is not recorded, but I have sent my copy back to a friend who is the choral director of Concordia Seminary and mentioned that they ought to record and use the liturgy in the future. Hopefully they will! I felt that the *Agnus Dei*, especially in minor, was a good reflection of the more somber mood of lent.

—*Bell Peal on Lasst uns Erfreuen*, Sondra K. Tucker, Handbells. This work based on the familiar tune "Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds." It was part of the set that the Handbells learned for the clinic that we attended. It was the best choice for easter with it's festive and well known melody (there are 4 hymns in our hymnal that use it).

—*God So Loved the World*, John Stainer, Chancel Choir (1887). This is part of a much larger work that Stainer composed entitled "The Crucifixion". This section of the oratorio has become a well loved part of the repertoire of the season. It is an emotional and powerful setting of the text.

—*Hosanna to the Son of David* Carol McClure, Schola. Children just make Palm Sunday better. This newly composed piece by Carol McClure is evocative of the sounds of the near east, and the text "Shout Hosanna! To the Son of David" helps us to remember the little ones who were part of the original Palm Sunday procession.

—*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*, S. Drummond Wolff, Orchestra. Mr. Wolff was an English organist and composer who worked and traveled extensively in the US and the UK. He was associated with Concordia Publishing House for many years. This majestic version of the much loved Easter Hymn was originally written for Organ, Congregation, Brass Quartet and Timpani, and I arranged it further to accommodate our orchestra.

—*O Praise the Name (Anastasis)* Praise Band. This beautiful song (Anastasis is Greek for "resurrection") is the perfect return for the 1st Sunday of Easter. The text is "I Cast my mind to Calvary, Where Jesus bled and died for me" and builds to the chorus of "O praise the Name of the Lord our God, O Praise His Name forevermore, For endless days we will sing Your praise, Oh Lord oh Lord our God." Our praise band is not only very talented and dedicated individuals, they have to completely set up and tear down 4 times a week. When you see them, thank them for me!

Chris Winston

Panel 7



Panel 8



God's Blessing in Faceted Glass: The Windows

The faceted glass windows were first installed in the cloister of Immanuel Lutheran Church at 216 Luther Drive, Broken Arrow. When Immanuel moved from 216 Luther Drive, the windows were lovingly removed from that location and carefully brought to their present location. Many of the windows were installed and back-lighted on the back wall of the sanctuary; more windows are located in the narthex and Luther Hall Chapel.

Panel 7 The Fifth Day of Creation

From Norman and Alice Obermann

The creation of living things in the air (birds) and the fish in the sea.

Panel 8 The Sixth Day of Creation

In Memory of Howard West Feterly, Jr.
From Doreen M. Feterly and Family

Depicts the creation of Adam and Eve and the animals. God's love was truly magnificent as he blessed man and gave him dominion over every living thing on the earth.

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There are several Immanuel members that are involved in this ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, we gather monthly (the 3rd Monday of the month) to print and collate Braille books for shipment to foreign missions. The next meeting is Monday, May 18th at 9:00 a.m. at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tulsa; 2250 E 71st St.

If you have any questions, please contact the Immanuel church office, 918-258-5506. Anyone is welcome to join.