

The Image

"The MISSION of Immanuel is to glorify God, build the Christian Church, foster Christian fellowship and concern, and join in the worldwide work of winning souls for Christ."



From the Pastor's desk – April 2024



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

I raced home from wherever, whatever, to park myself firmly in front of the family television set. (Yes, my child, there was a time when houses had only one. And if you were engaged in watching with the family elders—that's the way we did it then—you, dear child, were the remote. "Adjust the antenna." "Turn it to Channel 2." "Turn it up." Kids, ask your grandparents what these vintage phrases mean.) So gripped was I by the trek of the Apollo astronauts, I raced so as not to miss a moment of those epic voyages.

If I could dig through the buried boxes of photographs of my childhood, I would find many images of me in my natural habitat—my bedroom walls festooned with what, at that moment, were the most important things of my young life. Like so many other American children of that era, I had cheap, crushed felt pennants of my favorite teams. White Sox and Blackhawks memorabilia. An autographed picture-postcard of Stan Mikita, slipped under the glass top of my little desk. And walls covered with pictures of men—human beings—standing on the surface of the moon.

Imagination sparked by those photographs and lo-fi grainy images broadcast from outer space, I set my course on becoming an astronaut (Latin for "star voyager"). Library visits and research conducted, I learned all the requirements, all the boxes to be checked on the path to star voyager. And here I am, living life as a Lutheran pastor in a small church in fly-over country. Living in a place people pass through—or over—on their way to where things really happen. The star voyager: a dream never realized. Then came the dream of becoming an airline pilot. Models of planes frozen in dogfights and rescue missions hung from my ceiling. And today I can say I've only been a passenger on commercial, or any other, flights. I think about that particular dream: flight at the control of my hands. I don't know that I'll ever learn to fly. It's expensive. It requires access to a machine capable of flight. And I'm getting old (and, of course, to anyone a decade or two younger than me, I am old).

There's the rub, right? My life, like yours, has been filled with many dreams and plans. And as an aside, I am thankful I grew up in a nation, community, and family where dreams, however large, seemed possible. Those dreams and plans... I had many. But family, work, putting food on the table, raising children, and the relentless ticking of the clock all took their toll. One day you rise, and things are different. Suddenly, time seems short. Those plans and hopes now seem out of reach. Time will not allow. And even if there is time, who can know? Even if there is time, there is the ugly truth of the curse. Age exacts an awful toll. The body can no longer do what the mind desires.

Yet, with the many, many unrealized dreams, there is joy. Joy is found in the simple, everyday fabric of life. Joy is found in the looking back. Joy is found in the learning that had some of the dreams (like rock star) been realized, the personal and spiritual toll may have been great—even deadly. Even today, I am filled with admiration for people labeled as successful by worldly standards who remain steadfast in their confession of Christ. I'm not sure I would have such strength. And had those dreams come to fruition, I would not have known the great blessings and joys of being a pastor. By God's grace, hopefully we all learn the blessing of vocation.

So yes, the clock ticks. And time seems so short. Yet, for us there is always a looking forward. As we resign ourselves to the relentless ticking of the clock, we still know that our story is eternal. It is eternal as it is bound to the Eternal One. It is bound, by virtue of our baptism, to our own empty grave.

It's interesting that I seem in less of a hurry today than I was when I was young and time was something that could be wasted without regret. You would think that I would be in a greater hurry knowing that time is short and getting shorter. I suspect the opposite is true for me for two reasons. One, I know the value of time to just sit and contemplate—time to meditate on our Lord and our life in Him. Of course, there is work to be done, mouths to feed, and bills to be paid. But to slow down and sit and think, pray, meditate—this turns out to be a benefit to my neighbor. This aids them as I take time to sit and think through complex issues. To spend time learning the nuances of issues helps me govern my speech. This helps me act in a spirit of charity and forgiveness as so many issues have no clear and perfect path. I am able to reflect on the fact that the world is fallen and our actions and solutions are soiled with sin. And until our Lord returns, there is no way for us to enact Eden on Earth. More importantly, I know that my story does not end with my last breath. That my grave is merely a resting place. That in the Lord, my story is also eternal. My days are not numbered.

That's the crux of what we celebrate this time of year. During Eastertide we are reminded of, yes, the resurrection of our Lord, but also that in Him we too will rise. Death has no dominion over us. And in that freedom, we live and love as people of great hope and joy. And we live as people who readily sacrifice ourselves in a myriad of ways for our neighbor. So what if they take our time? We have eternity. So what if they sap our resources? We know all we have is a gift to be used in service of our neighbor. By our Lord's death and resurrection, and through His bestowal of the gifts of forgiveness and life on us, we indeed have all the time in the world—all the time in eternity.

I close with the words of our Lord: *“Fear not, I am the first and the last and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades”* (Revelation 1:17-18).

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

A blessed Eastertide to you!

Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski Jr., Pastor



Confirmation Sunday is May 5, 2024. God’s richest blessings to our new Confirmand, Claire Mills. Claire is the daughter of David and Angie Mills of Milan.

Total offering and expenses for February 2024

We thank you for your continued generosity!

Feb. Offerings: \$17,818.00 Feb. Expenses (Actual): \$26,222.00



PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

officeimmanuelri@gmail.com

You may start using this email immediately.

Thanks!



THE 2024 FLOWER CHART and **THE ETERNAL LIGHT CHART** is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. The cost for Altar Flowers (two vases) is \$30.00 and for Eternal Light is \$10.00. Please be sure to check the calendar periodically for the date(s) you signed to donate.



****PLEASE WRITE OUT ON THE CHART WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE PRINTED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENTS, OR EMAIL THE INFO TO OFFICEIMMANUELRI@GMAIL.COM. YOU CAN ALSO WRITE A NOTE AND LEAVE IT FOR TAMMY IN THE OFFERING PLATE.**

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN... LUTHERAN WITNESS



It's that time again to order your Lutheran Witness. **The cost this year is \$20.65 for 11 issues. June/July are together.** If you would like to renew or start receiving a copy, please let the church office know by **April 22nd**. You may write a check payable to *Immanuel Lutheran Church* and leave it in the offering plate or mail it to the office. This subscription will start in June. Call 309-786-3391 or by email at officeimmanuelri@gmail.com if you have any questions.



NEWS FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- **Stained glass window repair in the Sanctuary** – “Glass Blast” has started work on the windows. This work will be done in stages with the first stage of work having already been completed. There are three windows left and one will be repaired each of the next three quarters. Memorial Funds have recently been distributed toward this project.
- **Audio/Visual System for Gym & Cafeteria** – Approved by the congregation to proceed with the purchase and installation of the sound system by Finn AV/IT Solutions. ***Most of the work has been completed on this project with just a few “tweaks” left to go.***
- **There has been a lot of electrical work going on around here as well.** We don’t yet have a timeline for when this work will be completed except to say that it has been an ongoing process for a while now! Thank you to Bryan Williamson of Williamson Electric for all of the work he’s done in the last couple of years!
- **We made the switch over to Metronet from Mediacom in mid-February.** We have a new email address for the church. It is active now and it is: officeimmanuelri@gmail.com. You may now start using this new email address.



It’s that time of year – mowers needed!

*We are looking for people who are willing and able to help out this mowing season to mow the church property. **Please contact Clayton or call the office if you can help out or if you have any questions.***



The Big Spring-Cleaning Project

Immanuel Lutheran Church will be hosting the LWML District Convention in April 2024. Many of the rooms in the Education wing have been “de-cluttered” but will still need deep cleaning as well as the kitchen and bathrooms. Cleaning supplies will be available and we have plenty of cleaning rags! There will be no heavy lifting, just deep cleaning! The Immanuel LWML will be hosting a cleaning day on Saturday, April 13th starting at 9 a.m. Anyone who would like to help can come any time that day and work for as long or as little as they like. All hands on deck! Thanks!

*****A big thank-you to those of you who have already signed up to help clean and who have already been cleaning!!!*****



Reminder... each time you enter the hospital, be sure to say you are a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island so that the hospital can inform the church. ***If you would like Pastor to know immediately, please have a family member or friend call the office and/or Pastor—otherwise we may not be aware of your hospitalization. The hospitals do not regularly call the churches as they once did.***

Please call the office when someone is ill, hospitalized, or homebound: **(309-786-3391)**.

Please use this email to contact the office: officeimmanuelri@gmail.com.



All adults and youth are invited to participate in any or all Bible studies offered at Immanuel. We are thankful we can gather around God's Word. You are welcome to attend anytime.

- **Sunday morning Adult Bible class** – 10:15 am in the Luther Room.
- **Adult Bible study** – Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Luther Room or on Zoom.
- **Intergenerational Studies** – 6 pm each Tuesday evening.
- **For the older youth** – there is a Rock Island Circuit Youth Group. Watch for announcements on dates and times.
- **And of course, for the younger ones, there is Sunday School at 10:15 am on Sunday mornings.**



YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Sunday, April 7th at 2 PM:** Bible Bowl at Holy Cross Lutheran, Moline
- **Sunday, April 21st:** Immanuel RI - Regular Youth Group Meeting 5:30 - 7:30 PM
- **Sunday, May 5th from 4:30 - 7:30 PM:** Cinco De Mayo - Taco Party and Games at Immanuel RI

OFFICERS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming an officer or member of a committee at Immanuel, there are several positions that will be open including but not limited to: Congregation President (1); Chairman, Board of Education (1); Foundation (1); Call Committee (3); Board of Elders (1); Board of Finance (1). This requires attending the Council meetings which are *generally* held on the 3rd Thursday of every other month. The date of the next Council meeting has not yet been determined but at that time a nomination list will be put together for the June Voter's Meeting to elect new officers. ***If you are interested, please contact Mel Vogel, Ron Mau or call the church office at 309-786-3391.***



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE



There are still plans to help with special needs throughout the year as needed when requested via the Elders or Pastor.

If you have any questions, contact Tammy at the church office (786-3391), Mel Vogel (309-781-9624), or any other member of the Social Ministry Committee.



Also this year, the Social Ministry Committee has been providing a first-year Seminarian at Fort Wayne, assistance with school related expenses. Funds will be sent directly to Concordia Ft. Wayne in his name. His name is Joshua Bieri and he was previously the Youth Director at Zion Lutheran Church in Taylor Ridge. Please include Joshua and his family (wife Chrystal and three sons) in your prayers during his tenure at Seminary). If anyone would like to send them a card or note of encouragement, their address is:

Joshua & Chrystal Bieri
2219 Abbey Dr. Apt. 5
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

We recently sent a check to CTSFW payable to Joshua’s account for school expenses of \$250.00. He sent us a Thank You note that reads:

“Thank you so much for your generous gift and continued prayers. My family and I are doing well. The Spring quarter is underway, and it will be a busy one for all of us. It is the most classes I have had at one time since I have been here. Chrystal is taking on some responsibility with the Seminary Wives Association while trying to keep up with Isaac. Jake is starting a new curriculum at home as well for his 10th grade year. We continue to keep you all in our prayers. May the Lord continue to bless you all at Immanuel through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks again!”

*In Christ,
Josh Bieri*

We ask God for His blessing upon all our members, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month including:



April 5:	Joanna Triage (4)	April 17:	Zac Leeson
April 6:	Tony England, Lucas Rusk	April 18:	Grace Mills (11)
April 7:	Jill Elder	April 24:	Liz Hazen, Paul Wilson
April 10:	Lauren Corwin	April 28:	Angie Mills
April 15:	Everett Ayers (11), Jan Brewer	April 30:	Jack Copeland



Hunter & Samantha Peterson – April 10, 2021

Thomas & Sheila Ahlgrim – April 18, 1992

Robert & Tammy Robinson – April 20, 1991

Peter & Angela Anders – April 22, 2016

Jerry & Melody Poole – April 30, 1983

****NOTE – Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed to the best of our records.***

If you find a mistake or any missing information, please notify the office. Thank You!

Membership Changes: None This Month

Changes/Additions to current directory: None This Month

Memorials Received in March:

To Social Ministry for food baskets and for Joshua Bieri; To Stained Glass Windows; To handicap bathrooms



We thank the members and friends who have donated the Easter Lilies that decorated our Chancel for Easter Sunday.

- In memory of parents Elvina and Grant O. Roti and Aunt Elverna Mueller - by Janice Roti and Grant C. Roti and family.
- To the Glory of God in Loving Memory of Arthur and Joe Williamson – by Nancy Williamson, Shgila Kiddoo and familigs.
- Given in thankfulness for the blessing of a faithful Pastor, and given in appreciation for the Elders in our church – by “A Friend of Immanuel”.
- In Memory of Loved Ones – by Steve & Kathy Daack
- In memory of our good friend, Violet Goodrich – by Nan Hasenbergl and Jon Ford
- In memory of my grandma, Virginia Novak and my mom, Frankie Ford – by Jon Ford
- Given in Memory of Loved Ones who have passed and in appreciation for Immanuel Lutheran Church – by Tammy Robinson





Our theme for this year is “Lord of the Nations” 2024

Our meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Luther Room on the 4th Thursday of the month with Bible Study, followed by a brief business meeting and then Mission Work and Fellowship.

April 11, 6:00 pm – Business meeting and final Convention preparations

April 24, 6:00 pm – Table and Room set-up for Convention

April 26 – 27 - LWML District Convention – “Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling”

May – Dinner Out and Election of Officers

LWML Information for Upcoming Events:

- If you have taken a tie quilt, please make sure to return to the church by April 5th. We will then have ladies from our congregation deliver to Phil's friends later in April.
If you and your family are doing the quilt together, could you snap a picture and send it to the church office to possibly be used on our bulletin board?
- Phil's Friends and approved LWML mission grant recipient includes these tie blankets in care boxes to those affected by Cancer. Their moto is ***Cancer is Strong, Hope is Stronger***. Phil's friends is a Christ centered support and hope organization. In each care package are things like fuzzy socks, blanket, lip balm, journal, Bible, toothbrush, unscented travel size lotion. Once someone receives a box, they also receive cards of encouragement monthly.
- Thank you in advance to all who are willing to donate their time to spruce up our Church home for our guests from across the Central Illinois District in April. ***LWML is planning a “work day” for Saturday, April 13th starting at 9 a.m.*** Come whenever you want and stay as long as you can! Please let Tammy in the church office if you have any questions. Thank you.



Website: <http://www.lwmlcid.org/>
District President: Laura Stratman
Contact this District: lwml@lwml.org

2024 DISTRICT CONVENTION

April 26–27, 2024
Immanuel Lutheran Church
3300 24th Street
Rock Island, IL
Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling
Luke 10:2
[Visit the district website for more information.](http://www.lwmlcid.org)
[Lwmlcid.org](http://www.lwmlcid.org)

This year **4 million** pairs of eyeglasses will be thrown away in the U.S. while **158 million** people worldwide suffer from uncorrected vision



PROVIDE THE GIFT OF SIGHT BY ORGANIZING AN EYEGLASS COLLECTION DRIVE AT YOUR CHURCH OR SCHOOL

Mission Opportunities Short Term

Each year, MOST Ministries provides recycled eyeglasses to people living in the developing nations around the world. Generous individuals, churches and organizations across the U.S. collect and send used eyeglasses to MOST Ministries, where they are then sorted, tested and repackaged by volunteers for distribution on the mission field by our team members.

The cost of a pair of glasses in many developing nations can exceed a month's salary. Without assistance from MOST Ministries, hundreds of thousands of people would go without the glasses they need to work, read or attend school. MOST

Ministries often provides the only pair of eyeglasses a person will ever own.

If you have an old pair of glasses or eye glass cases, could you bring them to church and place them in the box in the Narthex?

These will be donated at the upcoming LWML Convention. We will not accept any donations after April 20.

Items being collected for LWML Convention Missions:

Christian Family Care Center *(Provides shelter, support, and resources to the homeless in the QC area)*

All purpose cleaners (like Pine-sol, Mr. Clean)	Paper Towels
Toilet bowl cleaner	Toilet Paper
33 & 39 gallon and kitchen size trash bags	Sanitary products for women's shelter (Martha's House)
Coffee	Monetary Checks made to <u>Christian Family Care Center</u>
Canned fruit and vegetables	

Pregnancy Resources

Diapers - Newborn and size 5-6	Newborn clothing, boy and girl
Diaper wipes	Larger toddler clothing – 2T and 3T, boy and girl
New baby bottles	Burp cloths
New pacifiers	Receiving blankets
Baby shampoo & lotion (no powder or oil)	Small baby toys (teethers, etc.)
Baby bath towels	Monetary Checks made to <u>Pregnancy Resources</u>
Baby washcloths	

Milan Christian Food Pantry

Peanut Butter	Hamburger Helper	Shampoo
Jelly	Soup	Toothpaste
Cereal	Toilet Paper	Monetary Checks made to <u>Milan Christian Food Pantry</u>

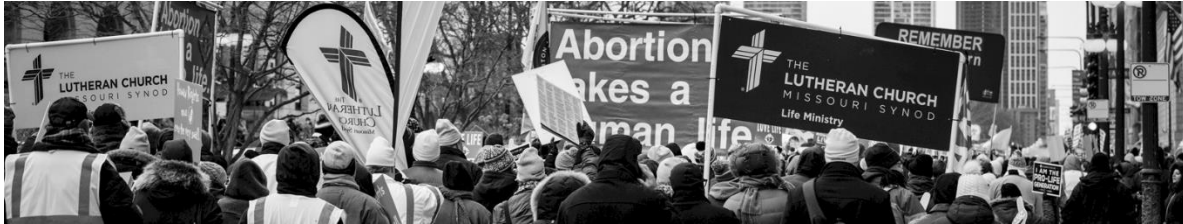
MOST Ministries *(Mission Opportunities Short Term)*

Eyeglasses
Eye glass cases

Please help us with the gathering of these items. There will be boxes set up in the Narthex to collect these items.

Thank You for your help!

Immanuel Lutheran Church LWML



2024 ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE IN SPRINGFIELD

The 2024 Illinois March for Life is **Wednesday, April 17th** in Springfield.

Schedule of Events:

12:00 P.M. – RALLY AT THE CAPITOL

1:00 P.M. – ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE

THERE ARE ALSO OTHER EXCITING AUXILIARY EVENTS THE DAY OF THE MARCH!

10:00 A.M. – MASS AT SANGAMO AUDITORIUM AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD (REGISTER [HERE](#))

10:00 A.M. – MATINS PRAYER SERVICE AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, HOSTED BY LCMS

5:15 P.M. – MASS AT CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



The Camp CILCA Lowdown

April, 2024

217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org

4124 Camp Cilca Rd.

Cantrall, IL 62625

SAVE THE DATE:

- **March 30: Spring Work Day**
 - Help get camp ready for the warmer weather. Many hands make light work. 8am-12pm. Lunch will be provided.
- **April 14: Annual Banquet** The Annual Banquet is an evening celebrating God's work of *Creation* and *Redemption*, especially as those works are enjoyed, proclaimed, and taught at Camp CILCA. Join us for an evening of music, food, great speakers, and friends.

This year, Illinois Right to Life's Executive Director, Mary Kate Zander will be our Speaker. Aly Hauser will perform live from 5:00-5:30pm.

Tickets are \$40 each. Call the camp office (217-487-7497) or email (camp@cilca.org) to reserve your tickets today!

Summer Programs 2024

The Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association (CILCA) exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and fellowship with others in a unique outdoor setting. CILCA strives to reconnect Christians to Christ and Creation.

JOYFUL HEARTS

Campers of all ages with developmental disabilities experience the joys of the outdoors during a 4- or 2-night stay. **\$360/*\$180**

- Full Week: **June 2-6**
- Half Week: **June 2-4* or 4-6***

BOLD SPIRITS

4th- thru 6th-grade campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. **\$360**

- Session I: **June 9-14**
- Session II: **July 7-12**

DAUNTLESS SOULS

6th- thru 8th-grade campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. **\$360**

- Session I: **June 16-21**
- Session II: **July 14-19**

FAMILY CAMP *New!*

Parents and children of any age are able to enjoy 4 days and 3 nights at camp with their family. **\$500** for up to 5 family members + **\$80** for each additional person.

- Session: **July 24-27**

GENERATIONS

Campers age 4 thru 4th grade are introduced to camp with a 1-night stay with a parent or other adult. **\$70 per person**

- Session I: **June 14-15**
- Session II: **July 5-6**

AQUA WEEK

4th- thru 6th-grade water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. **\$360**

- Session: **July 7-12**

ART, DRAMA, ATHLETICS & SURVIVAL

5th- thru 8th-grade campers choose one track—**Art, Drama, Athletics, or Survival***—for the week & are led by experienced instructors. **\$375**

- Session: **June 16-21**

*SURVIVAL WEEK *New!*

Grades 6-8 learn fire starting, outdoor cooking, shelter building, sleeping under the stars, and more. Each day will teach and develop a new skill useful to surviving outdoors. Limited to 10 campers. **\$375**

- Session: **June 16-21**

PATHFINDERS

1st- thru 4th-grade campers break out on their own with a 2- or 3-night stay. **\$155/*\$180**

- Session I: **May 29-31**
- Session II: **June 30-July 3***
- Session III: **July 21-23**

NIGHT OWL

6th- thru 8th-graders experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! **\$360**

- Session: **July 14-19**

INTREPID HEARTS

High school students enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation through a week or half week of camp. **\$360/\$180* (half)**

- Full Week: **June 23-28**
- Half Week: **June 26-28***

DAY CAMP *New!*

Grades 1-8 come for the day Monday – Friday. A daily lunch is provided. **\$150/week**.

- Session: **Every week June 10-July 26**

We need you!

9th-graders and up, serve as a Junior Counselor or Joyful Hearts volunteer and enjoy camp absolutely free!

- Joyful Hearts Volunteer - **June 2-6**
- J.C. Training - **May 28**

Register Today!

Find in-depth details on each camp & register* at: **WWW.CILCA.ORG**

*\$75 deposit due at time of registration
Registration is according to the grade most recently completed.



Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are his: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.



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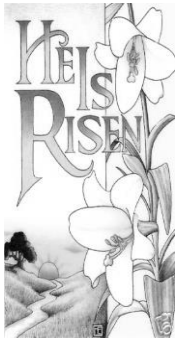
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Rev. Pablo G. Domínguez



Newsletter April 2024



Today I want to tell you about a person who was very close to Jesus. Her name is Mary Magdalene, and this is what we know about her from God's Word.

- Luke 8:2 says that she was the woman from whom seven demons had come out.
- She was one of the bystanders at Jesus' crucifixion (Mat 27:55-56, Jn. 19:25)
- With other women, she was the first witness Jesus' resurrection (Mat. 28:1-5, Jn. 20:1-18)

What things happened to her on that glorious morning?

- She saw the angels that John and Peter didn't.
- Angels spoke to her with calming words.
- She was the first person who saw our Lord after His resurrection.
 - She was the first person who heard His voice and had a conversation with the Risen Jesus. (Jn.20:11-18)
- The Lord commanded her to tell the apostles that He had risen from the dead.

As Mary Magdalene did, so should we tell others about Jesus' victory over sin, death and the devil. The Lord's resurrection is the most important event for humankind and for all Christianity.

Jesus lives and He encourages us to tell others about the salvation He offers to all. He tells why we must believe and trust in Him and invite others to have a close relationship with Him, also. Do you share your faith in Christ with others? Do you testify about Christ? Today is a good day to start talking about Him, isn't it?



Everyone at Cristo Rey wishes all of you, our faithful friends, supporters, and prayer partners, a very Blessed and Joyous Easter! Our Lord and Savior is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

On Feb 23 EMCC volunteers meeting. Experiences about how to conduct Bible studies were shared. A new book in Spanish, 100 Stories of the Bible, Bilingual Version, which has already been approved, has been ordered and is on its way to the EMCC. It will be used on Thursdays with Hispanic inmates who attend Bible study. Funding was provided by the LWML CID.



April 2024



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 am Matins 8 am – 4 pm RICC 6 pm Book Club	2 9:30am Bible Study 6:00 pm Interg. Studies 7:30 pm Confirmation	3 9-Noon CHALK	4 7 pm Youth Group Programming Board	5	6
7 7:15 am Bd. Of Elders Mtg 9:00 am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS	8 7 am Matins 8 am – 4 pm RICC 6 pm Book Club	9 9:30am Bible Study 6:00 pm Interg. Studies 7:30 pm Confirmation	10 9-Noon CHALK	11 6 pm - LWML <i>Business Mtg and Final Convention Preparations</i>	12 	13 9 am - ? <i>"Work Day" sponsored by LWML</i>
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Sunday Schedule

Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM

Bible Study at 10:15 AM – Sunday School at 10:15 AM

We invite you to join us for worship and Bible Study and the fellowship of Christians who share in the joy of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Additionally, you can tune in to Pastor’s nightly devotion each evening at 9 pm “live” on Facebook or find it on the church’s YouTube page later.