



Immanuel News

The newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greeley, Colorado

April 2025

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.

Matthew 28: 1-6

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But 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.

Mark 16: 1-6

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

Luke 24: 1-5

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰

John 20: 1-2, 6-10

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WORSHIP

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- April 2** — *Mid-week Lenten Service*
April 6 — *Fifth Sunday in Lent*
April 9 — *Mid-week Lenten Service*
April 13 — *Passion Sunday*
April 17 — *Maundy Thursday Service*
April 20 — *Easter Sunday*

EASTER SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

- 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall**
9:30 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt on the Annex lawn
10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion



Our Easter egg hunt will be on Easter Sunday, April 20!
We are asking for donations of small toys and candy to fill
our empty Easter eggs!

Please bring your goodies until Palm Sunday, April 13 and leave them in
the Easter Bunny box in the Narthex.

After Palm Sunday Service on April 13, we will have an Easter egg filling
party! Everyone is welcome to come help!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you!
Diane L. Filipe
970-576-4290

WORSHIP *(Continued)*

Time of Transition and the Call process

On March 25, the Council met by Zoom with Pr. Dominic Palacios to go over the next steps of the Transition time. The Council will meet again on April 1st to determine a list of potential members to serve on the Transition Team. This team will be comprised of 5-7 people. They will serve as leaders for listening sessions that the congregation will be asked to participate in. The strategy for the Transition Team is community building. Members and friends of the congregation will be asked to sign up for one of the listening sessions to be held in May and June. These listening sessions will mainly concentrate on questions such as:

Where have we been?

Who are we?

Where are we going?

The Transition Team will meet monthly with Pr. Dominic for about four months while they conduct the listening sessions and compile the results of those sessions.

Pr. Dominic Palacios will be in Greeley the weekend of April 26-27. Pr. Dominic will meet with the Transition Team on Saturday, the 26th for their training session. He will preach at worship on Sunday, the 27th.

Please continue to pray for our congregation during this time of transition and in preparation for the Call process.

Please continue to support our congregation with your time and your talents. There is important work to be done in the months ahead and we need all to participate!

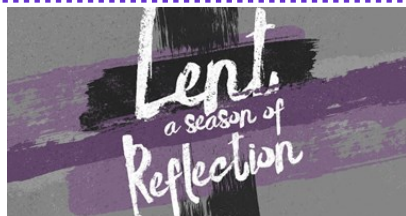
Blessings,

Immanuel Council



CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

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SEASON OF LENT

For the mid-week Lenten services, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Music Room next to the Nave. We will worship with the Holden Evening Prayer and a devotion time.

Following worship, there will be a Soup Supper. Mid-week dates for Lenten services are April 2 and 9.

Journey of Stones

A Series for Lent by Pastor Steven Molin

Midweek Lenten Services – 6:00 pm

April 2 – Upon this Rock

April 9 – Crying Stones

Lenten Offerings

This year our Lenten offerings will go to benefit the Rocky Mountain Synod Veteran Servant Corps Project (VSCP). The VSCP partners with ELCA faith communities to recognize and support veterans in numerous ways. VSCP provides no-cost retreats at ELCA camps for veterans and their families, provides training for clergy and support staff to better understand veteran issues, supports homeless veterans, and provides ideas and materials for veteran awareness and celebrations in our ELCA communities.

Spring Clean-up – 9:00 AM, April 12

It's time to spruce up the church (inside and out!) as we welcome spring. Join us as we clean out garden beds, tidy the yards, and do some deep cleaning inside the building. Questions? Contact any Church Council member.

There will be outdoor and indoor projects. Please join us to make Immanuel shine!

In case of inclement weather, cleanup will be **April 26**.



CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Council Approves Proposal for Fellowship Hall Carpeting

A committee was formed to check into the cost of replacing the carpet downstairs in Fellowship Hall and, also, replace this same "blue" carpeting and other areas around Immanuel. The old carpet has seen over 40 years of wear and tear. Bids ranged from \$24,000 - \$30,000.

If approved by the congregation, the replacement of the carpeting can be started next month or possibly in May. But sooner rather than later. Funds from garage sales, the building fund and from undesignated memorial funds can be utilized to meet most of this cost. The council could use the contingency fund for the remainder of this project. Please consider adding a few dollars this month to the building fund to help in reducing what may be needed from the contingency fund. We are currently around \$5,000 short of the lowest bid. If the congregation approves, color samples of the tile carpeting will be available for you to decide on. **A vote for this proposal will be presented shortly.**

A hearty pat on the back to the committee for giving their time for this project! This committee solicited the bids, worked with the companies to measure the areas for the proposed carpeting and asked for professional feedback to what would work best at Immanuel.

"Stewardship helps us live a life of purpose and meaning, knowing that we are using our gifts to glorify God and serve others".

Thanks for your consideration of this proposal.

Your Stewardship Committee

Any Graduates this spring?



If you know of anyone graduating from a college or university this spring, please call/contact the church office with their name and the name of their school so that we can honor them at a reception held sometime in May. Thank you!

YOUTH & FAITH FORMATION

APRIL/MAY YOUTH GROUP

April 13—Meet after worship to stuff Easter eggs.

Sunday, May 4, 2025

SCHEDULE:

9:00am – Snacks Together in Annex Youth Room

9:15am – 5th Grade & Younger (Youth Room)

9:15am – Middle School & High School
(Annex - Upstairs)

10:00am – Back Together for Fun & Games in Youth Room

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Sign up to help with Youth Group!

We need two (2) volunteers each month to sign up to help with the young group for First Sundays Youth Group, February through May. If you are available or have questions, please contact the office (970) 352-3003 or Julie Elmquist (970) 371-2734. Resources are available for lessons!

Youth Director Position Status

The Immanuel Council announces that the position of Youth Director is open for hiring.

In the meantime, there are events coming up in the near future that need immediate attention:

- Coordinator for the Easter Breakfast—Janet Crespin
- Coordinator for the Easter Egg Candy Hunt — Diane Filipe & Michelle Larson
- Coordinators for Vacation Bible School – Council has approved pay of \$500 for one coordinator or \$250 each for 2 coordinators for VBS

Anyone interested in any part of the above positions, please contact the church office at 970.352.3003 or office@immanuelgreeley.org or Julie Elmquist at 970.371.2734 or sjelmquist@msn.com

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study meets at 9:15AM in the library with exploration of Pr. Dan Erlander's *Manna and Mercy: A Brief History of God's Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe*.



GIVING & SERVICE

Free Little Red Barn Pantry

THANK YOU to everyone that has donated items for the pantry!



Let's keep up the good work! We are truly helping our neighbors in need because the barn is empty every few days! Just give what you can and donate what you would like to receive. To make it easy, try purchasing two of an item you are already buying for your household - that's one for you and one for the barn.

A Few Winter Shopping Suggestions: Peanut Butter, Boxed Cereal, Pancake Mix, Oatmeal Packets, Pretzels, Granola Bars, Breakfast Bars, Pasta, Crackers, Rice, Travel-Size Shampoo/Conditioner, Bars of Soap, Chapstick, Handwarmers, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Socks, Kleenex, Toothbrush/Toothpaste

Let's work together to FILL THE BARN!

LUTHERAN EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY

Support Campus Ministry: Bring a Meal to Sunday Dinner Church

Support campus ministry and students in Greeley for the winter/spring semester by signing up to bring a meal for our Sunday evening Dinner Church gatherings. These meals are a weekly anchor in our community, and students look forward each week to eating together. Your help providing the food for these meals makes this time together possible. Thank you! Find more details and open dates on our Meal Train page:

<https://mealtrain.com/ynk9ey>. If you are able, please plan to eat with us!



Thank you, Immanuel members for your support of the layette and onesies project.



Fifty-seven layettes/onesies were delivered to the Monfort Family Clinic on 11th Avenue to support Weld County WIC program.

WIC stands for Women-Infants-Children,
food and nutrition program.
~ Ladies Sewing Group.

PRAYER & CARE

Always Say A Prayer Team

The ASAP Team (Always Say a Prayer) is keeping you in prayer.

If you have special requests, please contact any Prayer Team member, the church office, or a Council member. Prayer request cards can be found at the back of the church along with a box where you can leave your request.



Roma Arithson Connie Deines
Sharrol Bernahl Diane Filipe
Janet Willis

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Memory Makers

Pack a lunch, gather your supplies, and let's enjoy quality time together working on scrapbooks, digital books, cards, & other paper projects.



Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025
Hours: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church –
1865 14th Avenue, Greeley
Host: Amy Herold – A Creative Memories
Independent Consultant
www.creativememories.com/user/amyherold

Need more details or have questions – call or text me at 970.978.0870.

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EFTF – Endowment Foundation Trust Fund

The Endowment Foundation Trust Fund (EFTF) uses interest earned on the donations in the trust fund to support special needs and work of the church that is not covered by the church budget. If you have a special need in mind, please submit a request for fund disbursement. The EFTF Committee considers requests quarterly. Please see an EFTF Committee member if you have questions or pick up a request form from the EFTF mailbox in the church office.

Committee members: Cindy Thompson, Jacqui Larson,
Janet Crespin, Janet Johnson, Elaine Holbrook

GIA Clothing Bank

Several Greeley-area churches are sponsors for and help operate the Greeley Interfaith Assn. Clothing Bank, located at 228 N. 9th Avenue in Greeley.

The hours open are 10:00 am—2:00 pm—Mondays, Tuesdays, some Wednesdays & Thursdays.

The Clothing Bank accepts gently used items of clothing and then sells them to the public at a reasonable cost. Proceeds of the sales cover operating expenses and then go toward community scholarships and grants.

Some Immanuel members have committed to being on duty on the
2nd and 4th Mondays of every month.

Donations can be dropped off at the Clothing Bank during the hours of operation.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information,
please contact: Julie Elmquist, Katy Sickles or Cindy Thompson.



CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

- The City of Greeley recently completed an inspection of our property. Other than some exit bulbs needing to be replaced things looked good.
- Spring clean up is scheduled for April 12th at 9:00 with a bad weather alternate day planned on April 26th
- We had a \$1,500 Thrivent Choice Disbursement in March split evenly between Tied in Faith, Youth Room Improvements, and the Veterans Service Corps Project.

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**Join us for our next meeting on
Tuesday, April 9th 11th @ 6:30 p.m.**

Tied in Faith...
Will meet on Tuesday, April 1
Thursday, April 17, and Saturday,
April 26 at 9:00 am



Women of the ELCA

Our logo—with the cross, water and a white lily—identifies women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as children of God; baptized, forgiven, adopted into God’s family, full of grace and hope in eternal life. It is a reminder of the growth, beauty, and vitality that rises out of that life-giving baptismal water. It is also a reminder of the mission of the church to “Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).

April Birthdays

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| 1 | Blake Carlson
Peggy Kuntz
Gema Padilla
Harper Ward |
| 5 | Sue Morse |
| 6 | Wes Holbrook
Baron Peterson |
| 7 | David Hoyland |
| 8 | Ila Mae Larson |
| 9 | Micayla Camacho |
| 15 | Matthew Crespin |
| 21 | Nevaeh Deines
Janet Johnson |
| 27 | Cole Peterson |
| 28 | Marvin Deines |









April Anniversaries

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| 6 | Rodger & Roma Arithson |
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If we have missed your
birthday or anniversary, please call the church office so that we
can update the records

APRIL

2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 am—Tied in Faith	2 Worship: at 6 pm with Soup Supper following 	3	4	5
6 9:15 am-Bible Study 10:00 am- Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am-Holy Communion	7 Common Sense Kleaining—Church	8 6:30 pm-Council Meeting	9 Worship: at 6 pm with Soup Supper following 	10	11 	12 9:00 am—4:00 pm Memory Makers Fellowship Hall 9:00 am 
13 PALM SUNDAY 9:15 am-Bible Study 10:00 am- Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am-Holy Communion 11:30 am-Prayer Group -Stuff Easter Eggs	14 Common Sense Kleaining—Annex 9:30 am—2:00 pm— ILC at GIA Clothing Bank	15	16	27 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 pm-Worship with communion 9:00 am—Tied in Faith	18 GOOD FRIDAY (No ILC Service)	19
20 EASTER 8:30 am-Breakfast 9:30 am-Egg Hunt 10:30 am-Holy Communion	21 EASTER MONDAY <i>Church Offices Closed</i> Common Sense Kleaining—Church	22	23	24	25 	26 9:00 am—Tied in Faith  Make-up Date
27 9:15 am-Bible Study 10:00 am- Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am-Holy Communion	28 Common Sense Kleaining—Annex 9:30 am—2:00 pm— ILC at GIA Clothing Bank	29	30			

Thanks to our Volunteers!

April 2025

April 6:	Greeter:	Julie Elmquist
	Ushers:	John Johnson & Sally Stewart
	Assisting Minister:	Cindy Budde
	Lector:	Pete Budde
	Communion Setup:	Janet Johnson
	Communion Ass't:	Janet Johnson
	Tellers:	Marvin & Connie Deines
April 13:		PALM SUNDAY
	Greeter:	Vera Sylvester
	Ushers:	Matt & Molly Ward
	Assisting Minister:	Julie Elmquist
	Lector:	Molly Ward
	Communion Setup:	Molly Ward
	Tellers:	Vera Sylvester, Brenda Turnwall
April 17:		MAUNDY THURSDAY
	Ushers:	Ron & Cindy Thompson
	Assisting Minister:	Julie Elmquist
	Lector:	Julie Elmquist
	Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson
April 20:		EASTER
	Greeter:	Vera Sylvester
	Ushers:	John Johnson & Sally Stewart
	Assisting Minister:	Janet Willis
	Lector:	Luke Larson, Jack Larson
	Communion Setup:	Sue Morse
	Communion Ass't:	Julie Elmquist
	Tellers:	Linda Sample
April 27:	Greeter:	Julie Elmquist
	Ushers:	Juan Cruz, Katy Sickles
	Assisting Minister:	Janet Willis
	Lector:	Janessa Padilla
	Communion Setup:	Linda Cruz
	Tellers:	Janet Crespín

CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Vacant
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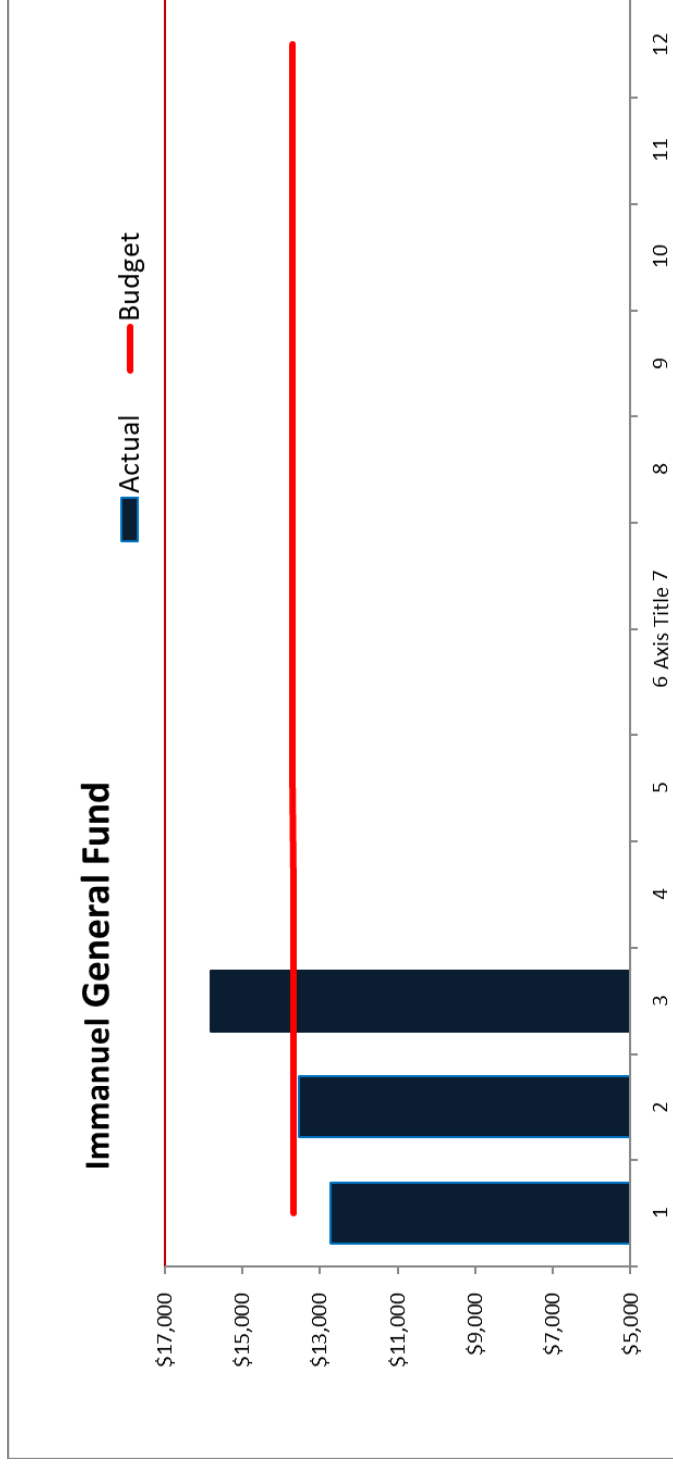
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Receipts thru MAR 2025

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

DESCRIPTION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Year to Date
Budget	13,716	13,716	13,716	13,716	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	41,148
Actual	\$12,735	\$13,532	\$15,802	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Under (Over)	981	184	(2,086)	13,716	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	(921)



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PURPOSE STATEMENT

*IMMANUEL IS CALLED TO PROCLAIM THE
LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF
CHRIST; TO PROVIDE PLACES AND
OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND
FELLOWSHIP; AND TO BE THE SPIRIT OF
CHRIST IN THE WORLD.*

We welcome and encourage submissions for our newsletter. Please make all submissions in writing. We prefer that the material be submitted in electronic form, if possible. All material is subject to editing for content, clarity and style, as needed. The deadline for the newsletter is the **15th** of every month.

Please forward your submission by mail to 1865 14th Ave., Greeley, CO 80631, by fax to 970-352-7096, or by email to office@immanuelgreeley.org

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Return Service Requested

April 2025