

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeters:  
Acolytes:  
Liturgist:  
Pianist:  
Elementary Sunday School:  
Middle School Confirmation:

Errick & Cindy Cameron  
Ayden Hendriex, Noah Penelton  
Mrs. Barb Taliana  
Mrs. Rhonda Grammer  
Mrs. Linda Potter  
Rev. Jackie Havis-Shear  
Mr. Jordan Grammer

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Greeters:  
Acolytes:  
Liturgist:  
Pianist:  
Elementary Sunday School:  
Middle School Confirmation:

Jerry & Sharon Prott  
Mr. Jerry Prott  
Mrs. Sharon Koenig  
Mrs. Rhonda Grammer  
Mrs. Kiffon Lewis  
Rev. Jackie Havis-Shear  
Mr. Jordan Grammer

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# Immanuel United Methodist Church

March 24, 2019



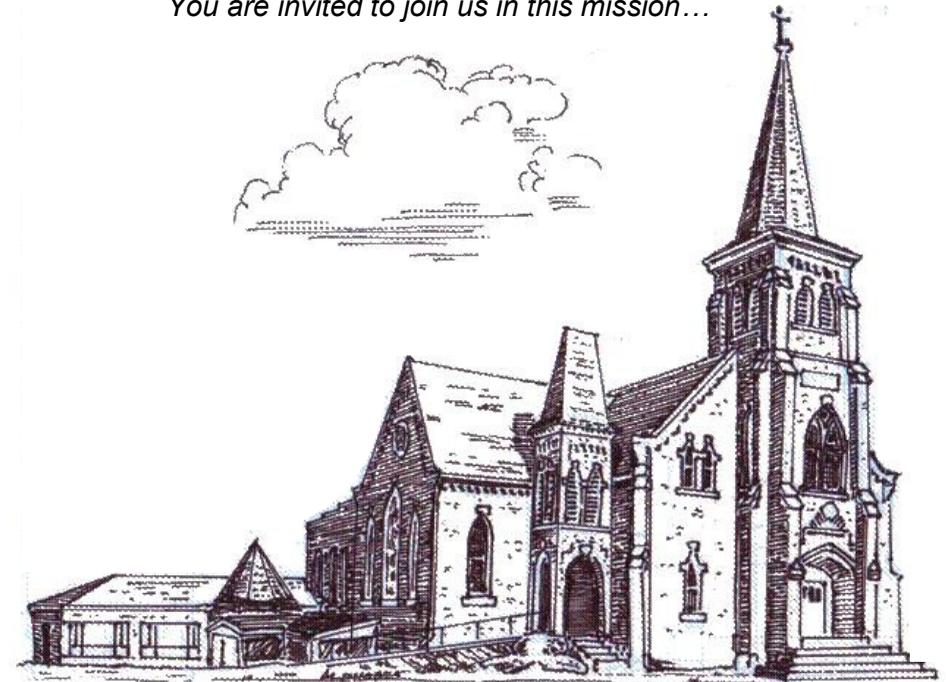
*We seek to be God's people in attitude and action as we:*

***Experience and Share*** God's grace joyfully,

***Live and Teach*** God's Word faithfully,

***Accept and Serve*** God's people lovingly.

*You are invited to join us in this mission...*



Art by Alan Rhodes

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

\*Those who are comfortably able may stand

**Ringling of the Bowl**

**Silent Prayer**

**Prelude**

*We are so glad you are here today. Please take this time to enjoy your place and breathe!*

**\*Invitation to Worship**

One: The light has brought us comfort,

**All: But the darkness brings us rest.**

One: We long to see the face of Jesus,

**All: To know God is near in the night.**

One: The hard work is not yet over,

**All: But we pause to pray and breathe.**

**\*Community Song—*Lord, I Need You***

C. Nockels, D. Carson, J. Reeves

Lord I come, I confess  
Bowling here, I find my rest  
Without you, I fall apart  
You're the one, that guides my heart

So teach my songs to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You, oh I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

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Every hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found, is where You are  
And where You are, Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

You're my one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

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**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, March 24**

- 8:45 am Worship
- 9:45 am Elementary Sunday School/Middle School  
Confirmation/Seeker's Class
- 12:00 pm Journey's Inn Room in Use until 5 pm

**Monday, March 25**

- 7:15 pm AA
- 9:30 pm Panera Pick-Up—Krieger

**Wednesday, March 27**

- 9:30 am Head Start Reading—Pat Amschler
- 6:30 pm Small Group—"Sexuality & Spirituality"
- 8:00 pm Contemplative Worship

**Thursday, March 28**

- 1:00 pm Newsletter Team
- 5:15 pm Head Start Parents in Fellowship Hall until 6:30 pm
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary in Use

**Friday, March 29**

- 11:00 am Free Lunch Friday
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall in Use—Bridge Club

**Saturday, March 30**

- 6:00 pm "HOLY TACO"! Mystery Dinner Theater

**Sunday, March 31**

**UMCOR Sunday  
Scrip Orders Taken**

- 8:45 am Worship
- 9:45 am Elementary Sunday School/Middle School  
Confirmation/Seeker's Class

**Prayer Ministry** (+ Indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)

- + Larry Taliana, having a heart procedure on April 17  
Bernice, grandmother-in-law of Sheila Page, health issues  
The Ladd and Buchta Families  
Christ Church in New Zealand  
Janet Grammer, mother of Alan, health issues  
Phyllis Marshall, sister of Gary Koenig, recovering from broken femur  
Stephanie Turbiville, cousin of Sheila Page, breast cancer  
Carrie Smith, cousin of Sheila Page, breast cancer  
Donna and Janet Hardbeck, for the continued processing of their parent’s estate
- ++ Congratulations to Blake & Kayley Kreutzberg on the birth of their daughter Paisley Ann, on Thursday, March 14, who weighed in at 7 lbs. 10 oz. Paisley Ann is the granddaughter of Bill & Kathy Kreutzberg, and great granddaughter of Eileen Kreutzberg  
Family of Erica Robertson, 38-year old great niece of Deloris Fisher,  
Carolyn Land, recovering at Rosewood Care Center. She welcomes short visits and cards!  
Rosewood Care Center, 6277 Center Grove Road, Edwardsville, IL 62025
- +++ Family and friends of Firefighter Jacob Ringer, and all first responders and their families
- ++++ Family of John Burk, friend to many at Immanuel, who passed away on February 23

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

- 3/24 Kyle Emshousen, LaVonne Timmins
- 3/25 Trisha Emshousen  
Katheryn Kreutzbrg
- 3/27 David Condrey, Peyton O’Bryan
- 3/29 Rebekah Carter

**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 3/24 Keith & LeeAnn Kane
- 3/29 Tad & Kari Roniger

**2019 Monthly Income & Expense**

**Current Expense [Operating]**

Budgeted Expense, March	\$16,940.00
Received	\$16,625.10

**Benevolence [Missions/Disaster Relief]**

Owed by 03/31/2019*	\$ 2,664.00
Received	\$ 1,773 .00
*(\$888/month)	

**SMALL GROUP BEGINS WEDNESDAY—** “Kaleidoscope: Sexuality & Spirituality”  
Kaleidoscope invites us to bring our whole selves into a safe space of exploration. In this small group, whether you are LGBTQIA+ or straight, we are excited to gather together to explore how our spirituality, our sexual orientations, and our genders are inseparable and beloved. Group meets at two times: Wednesdays, 6:30 pm beginning March 27, or Sundays, 9:45 am beginning April 7. Please sign on the sheet in the Hospitality Room.

**\*Welcome and Greetings**

*Each are invited to take time sharing blessings with each other through a hand-shake, a hug, or a smile.*

**Holy Communion**

On the night in which Jesus was arrested, he took the bread and cup, and after giving thanks, gave them both to the disciples, saying: “Take and eat, take and drink, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And when all seemed hopeless and lost, Jesus rolled the stone away from his tomb, revealing God’s work continues for the healing of the world.

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Love is stronger than death.**

**All: Gracious God, we ask you to bless these gifts of bread and cup through the power of your Holy Spirit. As we share this meal, give us confidence and hope as we journey through this season of Lent. Create in us one heart for humanity, every person, so that we create justice for the world as the body of Christ. Amen.**

**Sharing the Elements**

*Each of you are invited to join the Heavenly Banquet Meal. We serve gluten free for everyone as we eat from one loaf; one body. We serve grape juice to symbolize the wine that Jesus served as the blood of the new covenant was celebrated.*

**Creative Moment**

*This is a time for us to creatively re-imagine and play with today’s message and application. The children are invited to the front of the church, however all are invited to participate.*

**Offering of Gifts**

*Isn’t it a privilege to give to God? May each of you be blessed!*

**\*Response of Gratitude—Thank You, Lord**

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**Community Sharing**

*There are prayer cards placed in each pew for your convenience. Or, you may wish to simply share a spoken request.*

**Responsive Prayer—Psalm 139** adap. by Jordan Grammer

**Beloved One, You knit us and formed us in the womb with wonder and awe. You have searched the depths of our beings and you know us in the most intimate ways. So you know when our hearts stir with discomfort and angst in the shadows of life. The doubts that follow and the despair that creeps leave us afraid of the darkness, and we mistake your silence for your absence. But where can we go that you are not present? You are always near, setting our feet in the dark as we take our steps forward. Grant us the courage to notice our doubts and despair, knowing in all emotions, you have wisdom to share. We pray you lead us to the gifts found in the darkness, knowing somehow in the end, you are Immanuel; God with us.**

**Song of Prayer—Immanuel**

The Liturgists

*This is your prayer time. Feel free to come to the altar, sit in your pew, sing or not sing. This is your time!*

**Scripture Readings**

I Kings 8:12

p. 297 OT

Matthew 6:5-6

p. 5 NT

**Sermon—**“The Absence of Light Is Not the Absence of God”

Rev. Jackie K. Havis-Shear

**\*Song of Sending—***Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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**\*Video Clip**

**\*Benediction**

*Thank you for your presence. Together we celebrate God’s presence.*

**In This Season  
May I be Reborn  
Washed Clean  
Made New  
Forgiven  
And Spectacularly Loved!**

**Postlude**

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**MYSTERY DINNER THEATER: “HOLY TACO”** — You are invited to an interactive dinner at Immanuel this Saturday, March 30, beginning at 6:00 pm. Help solve a case that will keep you guessing (and laughing) until the end. The meal will consist of appetizers, enchiladas, taco salad and dessert, at a cost of \$15/person. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the Hospitality Room. Today Trish has prepared Sopapilla Cupcakes to get a flavor of the evening, so help yourself to treats as you sign up for the Mystery Dinner Theater.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER**—Our Senior High Youth Group is selling butter braids, cookie dough and pizza. Orders will be taken after church each Sunday through March 31, and orders will be delivered the week of April 8th.

**BATHROOM UPDATE**—We have reached our goal! Pledges given plus money received from those who did not make a pledge now total \$23,530. There is \$1,075 still outstanding from those who made pledges. The Board of Trustees will meet next on Tuesday, April 2 and will finalize plans for the new bathroom. Thank you for your support!!

**2019 WORLD VISION GLOBAL 6K FOR WATER**—Join our team Holy Walkamolies on May 4 to support a global initiative to provide water for underdeveloped countries. Why a 6K? Because that’s the average distance women and children have to walk daily to find water. Registration is \$50 for adults, \$25 for kids under 18. The money raised through *World Vision’s Global 6K Walk for Water* will help fund water projects in communities where World Vision works. Through World Vision water projects, \$50 will provide clean water for one person. Your \$50 registration fee goes directly to that! The link is [worldvision.com](http://worldvision.com)—click on 6K for water and look for Holy Walkamolies in Edwardsville. If you aren’t able to participate, you may also click on the support button to make a donation. Stay tuned for more information or see Rhonda Grammer for questions.

**UMCOR SUNDAY** (Formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing) will be celebrated next Sunday, March 31. UMCOR acts as the hands and feet of Christ’s church, moving towards the most vulnerable in their time of need. Helping people in their darkest days doesn’t have to be something “they” do, it can be something “we” do. We hope that you will consider making a donation this upcoming UMCOR Sunday.

**GLEN-ED FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**—In addition to detergent and dishwashing soap, items needed right now are white rice, cereal of all kinds, oatmeal, catsup, mustard, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and hamburger helper. You did another great job last week, in donating 67 pounds to the Pantry!!

**DO YOU FEEL CALLED** to visit people in hospice in Edwardsville for a few hours a month? There are several patients that need to have someone visit. Speak to Evelyn Schaake.