The Immanuel Echo

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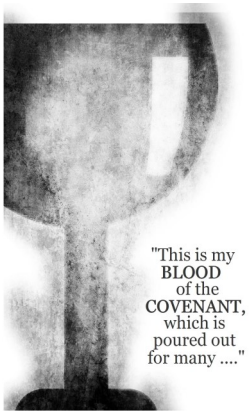
HOLY COMMUNION—
A Meal Filled with Blessings

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:28, NIV



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

You receive many good things through the food you eat. Protein, fat, carbohydrates, fiber, vitamins and minerals – your body needs all of these. Of course, doctors and nutritionists encourage us to eat these in the proper proportions. A diet low in saturated fat, high in fiber, and with a balanced amount of the other items is best for us. This means eating lean meats, whole grains, and lots of fruits and vegetables. Eating such a diet improves health, increases energy and guards against many diseases.

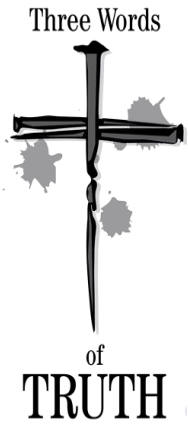
There's another kind of diet that we need. This one doesn't improve physical health or protect from diseases of the body. This diet provides nutrition for the soul. This food feeds our soul with what it needs most: forgiveness of sins. This we find in the meal instituted for us by our Savior, a meal in which he gives us his true body and blood. We sometimes call it the "Holy Supper," and that's a good name for it. For in this meal the Lord feeds our soul with forgiveness that makes us holy in God's sight.

Jesus earned forgiveness for the world by his perfect life and his sacrificial death. His victorious resurrection from the dead confirmed that what he did counts, that God accepts his holy life as if we lived it and his innocent death as the full payment for our sins. Jesus gives us the forgiveness that he won for us in Holy Communion. He himself said so. **Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins"** *(Matthew 26:27-28).*

When I was a kid I was taught that our church only offered Communion once a month because if we had it more often than that it wouldn't feel special. That's a little like saying we're only going to eat once a week so that we appreciate the food more! What makes Communion a special, life-giving, soul-satisfying meal? Jesus' promise does! He promises us that in this meal we not only receive his true body and blood, but also the forgiveness he earned by sacrificing his body and blood for us.

May God grant us all a healthy hunger and thirst for this meal filled with blessings!

~ Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Daniel Sims



Lent is the season of the church year that we focus on Jesus' Passion. We take the time to realize what Christ did for us simply because He loved us so much.

During Lent we have special midweek Lenten worship services on **Wednesdays at 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM.** There will be a light supper between the worship services beginning at 4:45 PM. A free-will offering will be taken.

The theme this year for our midweek Lenten worship is: ***'Three Words of Truth'.*** In the gospel accounts of Jesus' passion, there are several striking three-word phrases, such as "Love one another," "Watch and pray," and "It is finished." Join us this Lenten season as we consider these phrases and grow in our appreciation for our Savior's saving sacrifice.

† **April 3rd—*Watch and Pray (Matthew 26:35-41)*—**Pastor Mark Johnston
† **April 10th—*Take Him Away (John 19:14-18)*—**Pastor Daniel Sims

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

† ***PALM SUNDAY*** worship focuses on our Savior's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We worship and rejoice before our Lord at **8:00 AM and 10:30 AM** on **Sunday, April 14th**.

† ***HOLY THURSDAY*** is the day when our Savior instituted the Lord's Supper and was betrayed into the hands of his enemies. We celebrate at **4:00 PM and 6:30 PM** on **Thursday, April 18th**, with worship and the Sacrament.

† ***GOOD FRIDAY*** is the day when Jesus died on the cross as our great Substitute. On **Friday, April 19th** there will be worship services at **1:00 PM** and **7:00 PM.**

† ***EASTER*** is the day Jesus rose triumphant from the dead. We rejoice in Christ's victory over sin, death, and hell. A special Easter Sunrise worship service will take place on **Sunday, April 1st** at **6:00 AM with Holy Communion.** Easter Festival Worship will be at **8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.**

JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST!

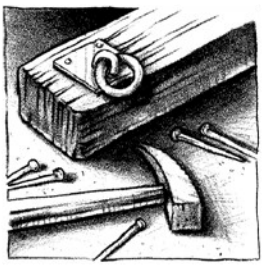
An ***EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST*** will be held **beginning at 7:00 AM** on Easter Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy some Easter fellowship. The menu includes scrambled eggs, cheese, bagels, fruit, juice, coffee, and milk.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are looking for smiling faces and eager hands to help with the Easter breakfast. **FAMILIES...come and help set up at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 20th.**

DON'T FORGET...We also need help on Easter Sunday with serving and to clean up afterwards.

If you are interested in helping, please sign up in the binder in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Kehl at 901-2281 or DeNean Stadelman at 323-2806 or dmstads@gmail.com.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



Thursdays | March 28-April 11| 6:30-7:30 PM

Often Christians give something up for Lent. Chocolate. Alcohol. Coffee. Facebook. May we humbly suggest that this year you add something? Bible study.

On Thursday evenings during Lent, we will gather for a study entitled ***The Glory of Jesus' Suffering, Death and Resurrection.*** Beginning in the upper room and following Jesus and his disciples to Gethsemane and Golgotha, this course includes a detailed study of Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation and his resurrection on the third day.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level of church at **6:30 PM** to study the following topics: **April 4** Jesus on the Cross

April 11 The Risen One Breaks the Power of Death

Please join us! Bring a friend! All are welcome!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY PLAN

† LEARN & GROW

April-May 2019 Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Philippians is often called the epistle of joy, and for good reason. In it the Apostle Paul shares the reason that believers can be joyful in every situation: We have a Savior! Our eternity is certain! Our joy in the gospel is what moves us to live in a way that glorifies our Savior.

Men...Opportunities to Grow In Faith!!!

Men's Bible Study

Men of Immanuel...here are opportunities just for you! Check them out and join us!!!

† **Men's Prayer Group** meets on **Tuesday, April 2nd and 16th at 7:00 AM** in the Gathering Room.

† **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** meets on **Saturday, April 13th & 27th at 8:00 AM.**

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Women's Bible Study

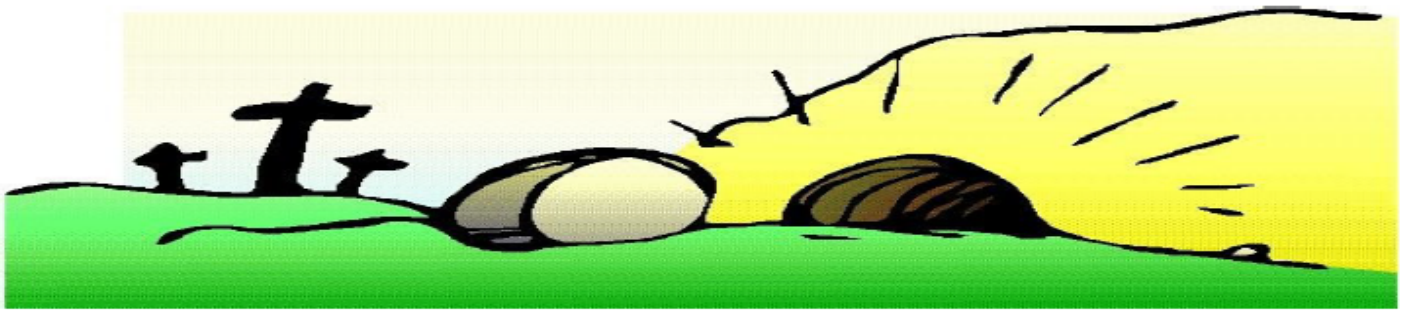
The FRUIT of the SPIRIT

Do you need some "recharging, refreshing" time? No matter your age, as women, we are all in need of that. **Mark your calendars to join us** on **Saturday, April 6th & 13th at 8:30 AM** for a continuing study through the series entitled ***Fruit of the Spirit*** by Lane Burgland. Jesus has called every believer to bear fruit. Jesus said, "...I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last." John 15:16 But what fruit? We are currently studying the fruit of Kindess...in action. We meet in the Conference Room in the church office area.

If you have any suggestions or questions regarding our Bible Study, please contact Judy Fuerbringer at 973-3355 or judynglenn@ameritech.net. ***PLAN TO JOIN US!!!*** ☺

Are You An Early Singer?

If you would like to take part in a special choir ensemble for EASTER SUNRISE service, please contact Jen Sims at 920 -210-3790 (call/text) with your contact information. You must be able to be at the **6:00 AM service on Sunday, April 21st,** and arrive early for a warm-up (5:30 AM). There will also be a practice on Saturday, April 20th



Easter 4 Kids

Children will experience the most amazing and thought provoking Easter journey as they travel through five stations at WWJ (Walk with Jesus). They will experience the excitement surrounding Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, the significance of the Last Supper, the darkness at Gethsemane, the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross, and the joy of his resurrection.

Saturday, April 13th—9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Immanuel school gymnasium

Ages 3 yrs (must be out of diapers/ training pants) to 10 years old.
RSVP Toni Nicklaus 920-901-2725 or church office.

The morning will conclude with an egg hunt. Parents, grandparents, caregivers are encouraged to stay and experience the morning with their children. A great family event.

Updating of Membership Contact Information

In a short period of time our membership can have numerous changes. Some are additions or subtractions, while other changes involve addresses or preferred contact information.

In order to stay current, the board of Elders are asking all members to participate by providing Immanuel with their current name, address, phone/ cell number, email and birthdate. Please also include your spouse and children's name and birthdates.

A bulletin insert with a form will be forthcoming for you to complete and return to the church office, usher or to a marked box in the Gathering Room, where additional forms will be available.

An on-line sign up at our website is also being developed for easy access. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Even though you are now receiving this mailing at your current location and have not made any changes in several years, we ask that you complete the form so all your information can be verified with what we have recorded. Thank you for your participation!

Head Elder, Russ Vogt
(920)-905-4650or stealthtt@sbcglobal.net

Mornings with Mommy & Mornings with Jesus

"Fun with Food" at Mornings with Mommy was well attended with 11 little chefs. They were busy making spaghetti plates and stamping with food. A couple of our friends are enrolled in our Preschool next year and they are so excited!

Mornings with Jesus was also a fun morning. The moms love taking 30 minutes to dig into God's Word and really appreciate the volunteers in the nursery.

Our next sessions for **Mornings with Mommy Thursday, April 4th and May 2nd, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.**

Mornings with Jesus meets again on **Thursday, April 18th and May 16th, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.** Hope you can make it and bring a friend!

Our April Mornings with Mommy is an Easter celebration. We would really love extra helpers for **set up on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:45 PM** and for the event on **Thursday, April 4th at 10:00 AM**. Please let Jamie know if you are able to help—920-242-4286.

Thank you to all the volunteers and for all your contributions so far, it all has been very helpful!

Please watch the bulletin for updates and requests. Amazon and Walmart gift cards are also much appreciated! God bless!

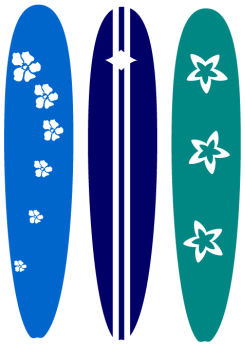
If you know of anyone interested in attending, please invite them or contact Jaimie at 920-242-4286, and she can send them a text invitation.

Look for more details on the **Mornings with Mommy - Manitowoc** Facebook page.

School News

Our mission is to **assist** the families of our **congregation** and **community** in **training** their children, both **spiritually** and **academically**, through **excellence** in **Christ-centered** education.

All School Musical!



Come enjoy the all-school musical It's Not Your Average Joe on **Friday, April 12th at 7:00 PM**. It's the story of Joseph with a **50's *Twist*.** The kindergarten through 8th graders will be telling the story of Joseph with catchy songs and a script to welcome in the summer. Be sure to come and enjoy!

Upcoming Events

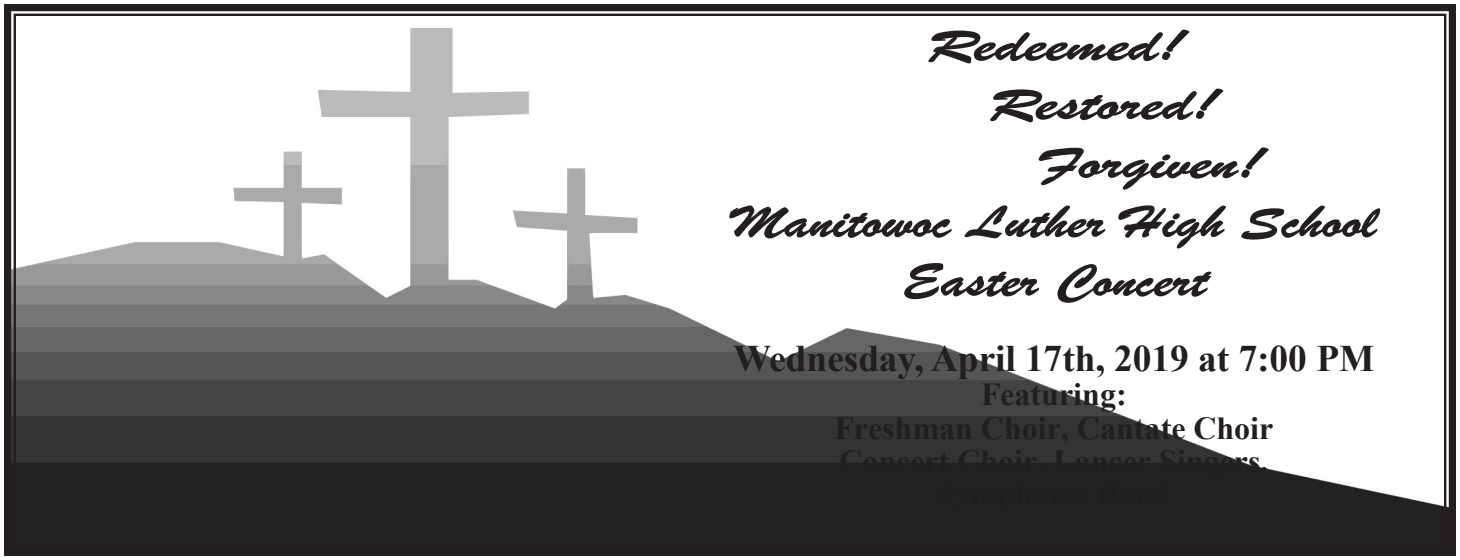
- ▶ **April 5th—**Lakeshore Music Festival
- ▶ **April 6th—**MLHS Academic Fair for Grade Schools
- ▶ **April 12th—**Immanuel School Play-"*Not Your Average Joe"* -all grades
- ▶ **April 22nd—**Spring Break—No School

Kindergarten Graduation

Immanuel's Kindergarten class will be graduating 15 students this spring. Watching the children learn and grow over the school year is exciting. From maturing social skills to reading sentences, the children have surely changed. Most humbling is witnessing their childlike faith. They may be small in stature, but their faith in our Savior could move a mountain.

Save the Date!
Hornet Hunt
Sunday, April 28th
1:00 to 4:00 PM

The Immanuel School PIE group will be hosting a scavenger hunt event for all Immanuel Church and School families and friends. More information will be coming soon on this event and registration details. Proceeds from this event will go towards gym improvements.



Partners In Education—PIE

We are a collaboration of parents, staff, students, and members to encourage student socialization and family networking, while supporting the faculty, staff and educational environment of Immanuel through fundraisers and community outreach events. Serving this school year as officers are Dawn Welnicke, President and Becca Sweney, Vice President.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

APRIL

- **3rd—Sponsor Lent Meal**
- **16th—PIE Meeting** at 6:30 PM
- **24th—Secretary's Day**
- **28th—Hornet Hunt—**hosted by the 5th and 6th grade class

MAY

- **1st—Muffins with Mom**—Calling all Moms of PreK thru 2nd grade. Join your child(ren) for muffins before school and then stay for Chapel afterwards.
- **6th-10th—Teacher Appreciation Week**
- **11th—Timber Rattlers Game**
- **23rd—8th Grade Graduation Party—**hosted by the 7th Grade class

REMINDER...we continue to collect Box Tops year round. Feel free to drop them off in the collection boxes in the Gathering Room or in the Office.

Immanuel School Sign-It's Going Up—We have reached the goal of $10,000 collected through many wonderful and thoughtful donors. Thank you all. Plans for installation are underway.

Thank you for your support!

Please join us by attending an upcoming meeting or by contacting Dawn Welnicke 901-7378 or Becca Sweney 242-7502 to see how you can assist with our events. We are looking for parent volunteers for the many events we have planned. Our events help give back to the school, create social events for students and parents and support the staff.

GOD'S BLESSINGS

June 2, 2019
Worship at 10:30
Reception to follow

KAREN KEHL'S RETIREMENT PARTY

Join us as we celebrate the teaching ministry of Mrs. Karen Kehl, with most of those years at Immanuel. After 28 years of faithful service, Immanuel will say, "Thank you" for your Godly dedication on June 2nd during a worship service and a reception banquet to follow in the church fellowship hall.

Please join us for dinner. Chicken, ham and desserts will be provided; bring a side dish to pass. Monetary donations for the gift/celebration are being collected in the office at Immanuel (ilutheran.org 920-684-3404) if you would like to contribute.

Now the hallway is empty; school is done.
Her nameplate comes down, keys get handed in.
Summer's upon us; It's time for some fun.
Plans include travel to visit her kin
Coach, Teacher, Friend. Farewell to Mrs. Kehl.
God's blessings to you. Go blaze a new trail!

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Immanuel Lutheran Endowment Fund

Immanuel Lutheran Endowment Fund (ILEF) founded in 2003

"...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done." *Psalm 78:4*

"Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls to you to be. Alleluia *CW 141, v 4*

As we again celebrate the Easter season, we want to be sure that the joy and assurance we feel in this season will be shared by generations to come. Our regular financial support of the mission of Immanuel allows us to serve this generation. Thank offerings and gifts to the Endowment Fund help support that effort for generations to come

Since the Foundation makes grants based on the investment earnings, to increase the amount of number or amount of these grants, we need to increase the principal. We need to make the members of Immanuel aware of the opportunity to support the Foundation with memorial gifts and thank offerings for the blessings the Lord has given us as we observe birthdays and anniversaries.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father..." James 1:17a

Committee Members: Greg Schmill—Chairman; Paul Kunz, Tony Dick, Jason Sweney, Howard Wilsmann

LWMS Shoreline Circuit Mission Rally
I Can Do All Things Through Christ

WHERE: St. John-St. James Lutheran, Reedsville
WHEN: Saturday, April 27th, 2019
TIME: 8:30 AM to Noon

* inspiration/encouragement
* mission happenings
* support opportunities
* light lunch

Special presentation by Rebecca Wendland, author of BLOOM WHERE GOD PLANTS YOU: Reflections of a Mission Mom living in Malawi, Africa.

For more information see LWMS Shoreline Circuit Facebook page. Contact Linda Verlinden or call Jan Ross at 242-9335. **Everyone is Welcome!**

You may stop in at the Immanuel church library at any time. It is located in our church basement. You will find books, music, & videos. Check out is self-service.

~ Laura Rozoff, Church Librarian

***"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.."* 2 Peter 3:18**

Northwestern Publishing House has some recommendations for the Lenten season.

- *The 40 Days of Lent* give us daily opportunities to remember the extraordinary sacrifice of our Savior Jesus. These Lent devotions and related resources from NPH will help you keep Christ at the front of your mind during this season of repentance and redemption as you constantly look forward to the celebration of his Easter morning victory.
- Through 47 devotions, *Triumph at the Cross*, reminds us of the tremendous weight that God lifts off of our shoulders through his endless grace and mercy.
- *Up to Jerusalem* has 55 inspirational devotions that pull from all four gospels and takes a close look at Jesus' journey up to Jerusalem.
- *Theology of the Cross* shows the salvation you have in Jesus, and the cross you carry as a disciple of Christ. Just as this symbol defines the life you will enjoy with God in heaven, the cross also represents the effects of living as a Christian.

We are blessed to have all of these books in our library. They will be on display for you to check out through the Lenten season.

I am also reading in the *Shadow of the Cross* by Chad Bird which are daily devotions for Lent. They center on the season of shadows: death, doubt, fear, sadness, guilt, and shame. Christ through his cross, lifts us out of those shadows into his glorious light. The devotions are short and easy to fit in your day. The church has these available in the Gathering Room.

If you are looking for fiction relating to Lent and Easter, we have a number of books in our library. *Mary Magdalene* and *Claudia Wife of Pontius Pilate* both by Diana Wallis Taylor; *Pontius Pilate* by Paul L. Maier; *The Centurion's Wife* by Davis Bunn and Janette Oke; *The Lord Is My Shepherd* by Debbie Viguie; *The Messiah* by Marjorie Holmes; and *The Road to Masada* by Roger Elwood. These are just a few suggestions that I will also have on display in the library.

~ Laura Rozoff

Member News

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
James 5:16

Pastoral Acts

Accept

Aaron Birkholz—Profession of Faith

Funerals

Ardis Fostvedt—January 25, 2019

Serving Our Lord

2019 Church Council

In order that we might keep the best line of communications open between the church leaders and the rest of the congregation, we publish the names of the current Church Council in the newsletter. This will provide you with a list of people to contact if you have any questions regarding anything happening in our ministry. You may also use the following e-mail address to contact the Council as a whole: **council@ilutheran.org**. (One e-mail sent to that address reaches all the Council members with e-mail.)

Larry Verlinden, President
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Russ Vogt, Elders
Gary Markowski, Financial Secretary
Mitch Geissler, Family Ministry
Ron Nicklaus, Evangelism
Dan Smith, Property
Tim Lindloff, Board of Education

04/07/2019
8:00 AM – Greg & Renee Schmill
10:30 AM – Jerome & Germaine Krueger

04/14/2019—PALM SUNDAY
8:00 AM – Jason & Amy Muench
10:30 AM – Larry & Linda Verlinden

04/21/2019—RESURRECTION SUNDAY
8:00 AM – Don Salveson
10:30 AM – Fred & Barbara Heiderich

04/28/2019
8:00 AM – Howard & Shirley Schmill
10:30 AM – Karen Kehl

USHERS THIS MONTH

4/03/19 **LENTEN WORSHIP** Team 9—6:30 PM

4/07/19 Early—Team 4
4/07/19 Late—Team 5

4/10/19 **LENTEN WORSHIP** Team 10—6:30 PM

PALM SUNDAY:
4/14/19 Early—Team 1
4/14/19 Late—Team 6

MAUNDY THURSDAY:
4/18/2018 Team 11—6:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY:
4/19/2019 Team 12—1:00 PM
4/19/2019 Team 9—7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY:
4/21/2019 6:00 AM-Team 11
4/21/2019 Early—Team 1A
4/21/2019 Late—Team 7

4/25/2019 Team 10—6:30 PM

4/28/2019 Early—Team 2
4/28/2019 Late—Team 8

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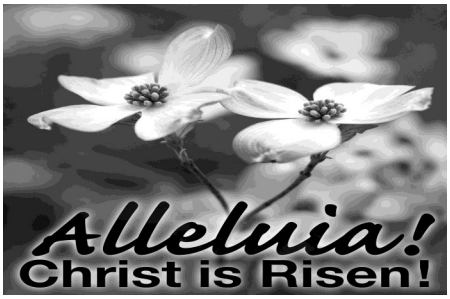

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Worship Schedule

Sundays: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Wednesdays—Lent: 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM
Thursdays: 6:30 PM-after Easter

Jesus Cares Worship

Monday, April 8th—6:30 PM

Devotional Service

April 26th—11:00 AM

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