



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN, ROCKWELL CITY, IOWA  
&  
TRINITY LUTHERAN, KNIERIM, IOWA  
CONGREGATIONS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD**

**“CHURCHES IN THE COUNTRY”**

“UNITED TOGETHER WITH CHRIST IN THE  
LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH AND HIS RESURRECTION.”  
[ROMANS 6:5]

**DUAL PARISH ESTABLISHED IN 2003**

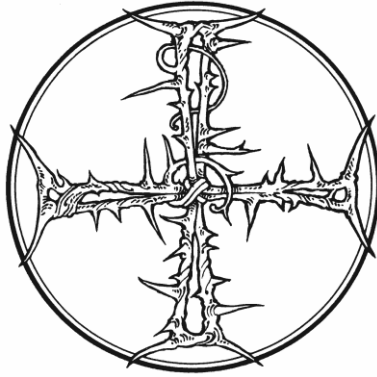
**From Pastor Chadric A. Dietrich**

I have been reading from past newsletters, put out by our two congregations, and I found this little snippet, a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. Apparently there was an important job to be done in church and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn’t do it. It ended up that Everyone blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Since Ash Wednesday we have been focusing upon the three-fold theme of Witness, Mercy and Life Together; both in our Sunday and Midweek Services. The preceding snippet is a good example of Mercy. The focus of Mercy is upon service toward our neighbor. Mercy describes what service to our neighbor delivers. The Mercy work intended here is primarily human care for the sick, the lonely, the orphaned, the widow or widower, and so on. And like the snippet says, everybody thought that somebody would do it, but nobody did it.

Our Lord Jesus came to show mercy to us, He said, “For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many” [Mark 10:45]. Jesus did not consider serving us to be beneath Him. In fact, His service is centered completely in His dying on the cross. Such service is motivated by genuine love. Jesus’ love and mercy for us, as well as His obedience to the Father, led Him to the cross. Because of His love for us, we serve our neighbor and show mercy to Him. In doing so, we serve Christ.

Every act of Mercy and service toward our neighbor flows from the cross and back again to the cross. The acts of Mercy that we do for each other, even the little things, serve as a Witness to the dying and unbelieving world, concerning the love that Jesus Christ has for us Christians and all men. As baptized children of God, we have been shown Mercy by our heavenly Father, in the sending of His only Son to die for us. As baptized children of God we have the privilege of showing that love to our neighbor. Like Jesus, we are to humble ourselves, being more concerned about their needs than our own, being more concerned about their reward than our own. For Jesus said concerning the kingdom of heaven, “In as much as you did it to the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me” [Matthew 25:40].

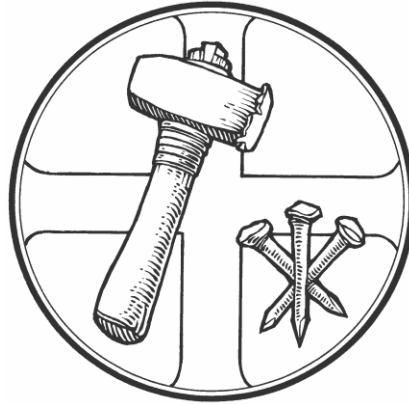


## Lenten Schedule

Midweek Services

Wednesday, April 6 and 13 At Immanuel At 7pm

Lenten Midweek Suppers At 5:30pm



## Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday / Confirmation Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Confirmands

at Trinity: Libbie Lowry at Immanuel: Sadie Swank and Taylor Reiss

Maundy Thursday, April 21, at Immanuel at 7pm

Good Friday, April 22, at Trinity at 7pm

Easter Vigil, April 23 at Immanuel at 7pm

Confirmation of Hunter Ramthun

Easter Sunrise, April 24 at Trinity at 7am

Breakfast at Trinity at 8am

Easter Service at Immanuel at 10:15am

## APRIL 2011 CALENDAR

☒☒☒We are trying a new format to make the font larger☒☒☒

**Saturday, April 2** – 5:00 p.m. Evening Service at Immanuel

**Sunday, April 3** – 8:45 a.m. Worship /Holy Communion at Immanuel

10:00 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel

10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity

**Monday, April 4** – 6:30 p.m. Working Women's Group

**Wednesday, April 6** – 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Midweek at Trinity

5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper at Immanuel

6:00 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation at Immanuel

7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Immanuel (Confirmation questioning)

**Thursday, April 7** – 12:30 p.m. Ladies Aid (Pizza Ranch)

**Sunday, April 10** - 8:45 a.m. Worship /Holy Communion at Immanuel

10:00 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel

10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity

**Wednesday – April 13** – 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Midweek at Trinity

5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper at Immanuel

6:00 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation at Immanuel

7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Immanuel (Confirmation questioning)

**Thursday – April 14** – 6:30 p.m. Elder's Meeting & 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting at Immanuel

**Sunday – April 17** – 8:45 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion and Confirmation at Immanuel

10:00 – Sunday School at Immanuel

10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion and Confirmation at Trinity

**Wednesday – April 20** – 9:00 a.m. Bible Study at Immanuel

**Thursday, April 21** – 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Immanuel

**Friday, April 22** – 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at Trinity

**Saturday, April 23** – 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at Immanuel

**Sunday – April 24** - 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Trinity

8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast at Trinity

10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Immanuel

**Wednesday – April 27** – 9:00 a.m. Bible Study at Immanuel

**Thursday – April 28** – 1:30 p.m. LWML at Immanuel

## IMMANUEL

Greeters: Al and Jan Kretlow  
Altar Guild: Sadie Swank and Courtney Andersen  
Ushers: Phil Fistler and Dave Weiss

## TRINITY

Kitchen Chairman: Joyce Vosberg Becker (April & May)  
Altar Guild: Don Rasmuson

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>1 – Deut. 5:1-33</b>     | <b>18 - Jeremiah 7:1-25</b>   |
| <b>2 – Deut. 8:1-20</b>     | <b>19 – Isaiah 50:4-11</b>    |
|                             | <b>20 – Jeremiah 11:18-23</b> |
| <b>4 – Deut. 9:1-19</b>     | <b>21 – Zech. 3:1-10</b>      |
| <b>5 – Deut. 10:1-22</b>    | <b>22 – Lam. 2:8-15</b>       |
| <b>6 – Deut. 11:1-32</b>    | <b>23 – Isaiah 52:13-15</b>   |
| <b>7 – Deut. 28:1-14</b>    |                               |
| <b>8 – Deut. 28:15-68</b>   | <b>25 – Hosea 13:14</b>       |
| <b>9 – Deut. 34:1-12</b>    | <b>26 – Ezek. 21:25-27</b>    |
|                             | <b>27 – Haggai 2:20-23</b>    |
| <b>11 – Jeremiah 2:1-19</b> | <b>28 – Zech. 6:9-15</b>      |
| <b>13 – Zeph. 3:1-8</b>     | <b>29 – Ezek. 17:22-24</b>    |
| <b>12 – Hosea 13:9-14</b>   | <b>30 – Isaiah 44:21-28</b>   |
| <b>14 – Micah 3:9-12</b>    |                               |
| <b>15 – Isaiah 66:1-9</b>   |                               |
| <b>16 – Zech. 9:1-17</b>    |                               |

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 – William Hepp  
3 – Amanda Jones  
3 – Irene Schroeder  
5 – Torie Andersen  
5 – Jason Hawkins  
7 – Brandon Griffin  
7 – Andrew Boysen  
8 – Keaton Martin  
8 – Duane Schuur  
10 – Justin Rasmuson  
11 – Drake Harman  
12 – Deb Bahls  
12 – Leonard Burmeister  
15 – Allen Kretlow  
16 – Betty Hogrefe  
17 – Amanda Backes  
18 – Joshua Hull  
18 – Neil Klocko  
20 – Nathan Jud  
20 – Donald Stelling  
22 – Kendal Martin  
23 – Meghan Dietrich  
24 – Willard Gleason  
24 – Ross Hartwig  
26 – Ricky Ramthun  
27 – Mildred Schoepke  
28 – Robin Jud

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

3 – Matt and Jeanine Lowry  
6 – Norman and Vivian Bauer  
19 – Dale and Bess Deimel  
23 – Jeremy and Lacy Hepp

## Saturday Evening Service



April 2nd At 5:00p.m.

At Immanuel, Rockwell City



*For those unable to make it Sunday morning*

“Working/Young Women’s Group”

Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Immanuel

We are reading from the book “A Woman God Can Lead”

We will discuss the chapter on Esther.

Feel free to join us at any time.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Mornings at 9am

At Immanuel, Rockwell City

**WE ARE STUDYING THE BOOK OF CONCORD**

*That we would better know what makes Lutherans “Lutheran”*

Rockwell City “Lenten Lunch”

Beginning at 11:45am at the RC Senior Citizen Center

April 6<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran

✠Celebration Choir will sing✠

April 13<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the United Methodist