

grants, scholarships, and work study. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, these other items are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms must be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2018, for the 2018-19 academic year. If any student has a potential interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at ilc.edu/resources/ under the heading Financial Assistance Forms & Info.

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CLC YOUTH CAMP: Registration is coming up! You will be able to register online on March 25 at 3:00pm CST. Camp this year will be held at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. The cost will be \$175/camper and campers entering grades 6-12 are eligible. You can check out our Facebook page for more updates.

ARISE AND SHINE RETREAT: June 14th-17th at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. If you are in your 20's or 30's (or thereabouts) and are able to make the time, please plan on joining us for this faith-building weekend. There will be delicious food, great fellowship, and plenty of activities. The theme this year is "Discipl(in)e." The premise is that as disciples of Christ, we can expect to receive discipline. This is not something to lose hope over, "For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." For more info & to register, go to our website: www.ariseandshineretreat.com. The cost is \$140 per adult (12 & up) and \$100 per child. Child care is provided at no additional charge. We ask families to try to register by May 25th, so we can arrange child care assistance. If you have any questions, please contact us:

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

Pastor Mark H. Bernthal
Organist: Ms. Pam Schulz

Pre-service Ps. 70

Liturgy, Pg. 12 Worship Supplement

Opening Hymn: 729

Before Sermon: 208 (2-8)

Offering: 189

After Prayers: 734

After Benediction: 341 (1, 4)

Scripture Readings: **I Peter 1:17-21**

Peter reminds us of the exceedingly high price Jesus paid to redeem us---His holy, innocent blood! He also reminds us that the Father chose us before creation to be His own. Praise God!

John 20:19-31

Jesus' appearance to the 10 on Easter evening was not convincing to Thomas. He must see---he must touch---he must feel---then he will believe. But "blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Sermon: Acts 5:12, 17-32

Theme: **WE MUST OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN!**

I: Men, even government officials, want to suppress the Easter message.

II: Christians obey God's command to tell people the full Easter message.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU:

We are happy to have you worshipping your resurrected Savior with us this morning. We pray the Holy Spirit gives us the strength to tell others the full Gospel message of the Easter message. Come, worship your risen Savior with us again and please also sign our guest book as you

leave.

THIS WEEK: Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Israel Enters the Promised Land
Bible Class: "Lessons from the Lives of Powerful Politicians!"
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan
7:00 p.m. Hannah's Helping Hands
Wednesday Pastor in Fond du Lac
7:00 p.m. Bible Class
Thursday 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage
Fri-Sun Women's Retreat, Winona, Mn.
Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. S. S./Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
11:15 a.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: Church---
Gerbitz School: Schaser/Schaser. Counters today: John Birkholz & John Gerbitz

LAST 2 WEEKS: Easter (7:30) Easter (10:00) 4/8 S.S. B.C.
32 45 36 1 11

OFFERINGS 4/1 & 8 for Unified Budget: \$ 4,341
\$ 2,000 Mission Helper
\$ 200 ILC SAF

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS: We will pick up our study on the Minor Prophets this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

TEACHER CALL RETURNED: Miriam Bernthal has returned our call to be teacher of our Precious Lambs Preschool. The Voters will take this up at their Quarterly Voters' Meeting, April 22nd.

SPRING WORK DAY: Our Annual Spring Work Day has been set for Saturday, May 12th beginning around 9 a. m.

INVISIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Evangelism Group has run off several copies of Bible Story coloring pages to be distributed in waiting rooms of doctors/dentists offices or wherever children gather. Please check with those in charge and ask if you can drop some off and then re-supply them in a couple of weeks. This is a simple way to spread God's Word. They are on the table in the entry-way. Take some with you.

CLC NEWS: Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac and Berea Lutheran, Inver

Grove Heights, MN have called Pastor Matt Hanel, St. Matthew, Dallas, TX. □ Professor Paul Schaller, Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire WI, has announced his retirement from the fulltime public ministry effective at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. □ Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI has called Mrs. Lisa Noeldner to serve as music teacher □ Teacher Paul Tiefel III has returned the call extended to him by St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN. □ Mrs. Erin Radichel has accepted the call from Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, to teach kindergarten part-time in the afternoons. □ Professor Steven Sippert has accepted the call to serve as ILC President for the next two years. □ The Call Committee on Graduates assigned the one graduate from the ILC teaching program, Michaela Winters, to be the lower grade school teacher for Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners WI.

ILHS VISITORS DAY: Young people grades 7 and up are invited to attend Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors Day in Eau Claire, WI on Friday, April 27. Students will have an opportunity to experience firsthand what it would be like to attend Immanuel. The Immanuel Band will perform a concert in the gym at 7:00 pm, followed by a theater performance of *Ask Any Girl* at 7:30 pm. Students and chaperones may register at www.ilc.edu by Friday, April 20.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION: Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, college and seminary

SCRIPTURE READINGS

I Peter 1:17-21

And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

John 20:19-31

Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His

side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained." 24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." 26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed." 30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

SERMON TEXT

Acts 5:12, 17-32

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. 17 Then the high priest rose up, and all those who *were* with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, 18 and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. 19 But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." 21 And when they heard *that*, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 22 But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, 23 saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" 24 Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. 25 So one came and told them, saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" 26 Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the

people, lest they should be stoned. 27 And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council. And the high priest asked them, 28 saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!" 29 But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men. 30 "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. 31 "Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 "And we are His witnesses to these things, and *so also is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."