



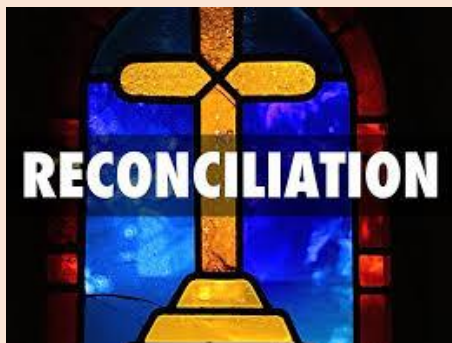
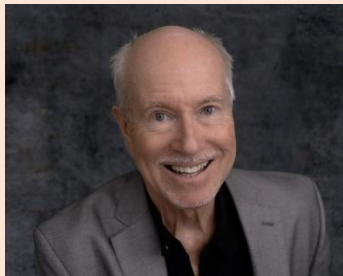
# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP WEEKLY



## Sunday Worship and Learning Schedule Sunday, March 30, 2025

- 9:00 am – Divine Worship Service  
with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am – Praise Worship Service  
with Holy Communion
- 10:45 am – “The Rock” Sunday  
School

\*Most of our Worship Services are  
streamed Live on Facebook  
[Immanuel Lutheran Church Bridgman](https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranChurchBridgman),  
or are posted on our website:  
[www.immanuelbridgman.org](http://www.immanuelbridgman.org)



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A weekly publication of our announcements from our church leadership, staff  
and Early Childhood Development Center of Bridgman

## CHURCH NEWS

**Lenten Worship** this week will deviate from the themes this week to enjoy David Paul Britton and his musical message to us, to let the Love of Christ shine through us! We will collect a door offering after each of our midweek services this week to help defray the costs of David's travel expenses. We will return to Pastor Kregel's Lenten series on how the church came to be, the "rock" on which it was built and how the office of public ministry was developed from the apostolic office, Jesus, as the risen Lord, sending out the apostles into a sinful world started the world on developing what we know today as a church. The last midweek worship service will focus on the attributes of the church and the duties of the Pastoral Office. Our Midweek Worship Services are at 12:15 pm (traditional) and 6:00 pm (family oriented). If you would like a more informal way of worshiping during the Lenten Season, please take advantage of our Midweek Lenten Evening Worship at 6:00 pm, you will hear contemporary music and enjoy some Gospel Activities geared for the entire family. We hope you will take this opportunity to come and worship with us.

**Reconciliation Process:** Mike McCain and I are coming to Immanuel today. We will be meeting individually through Tuesday with a number of key leaders and the pastor. We'll thoroughly listen to concerns, and also help teach in those sessions, what Biblical relationships – Pastor and People together - are to look like in the Body of Christ. We will also give a report to the congregation of suggestions we feel will help the congregation move toward health and healing. Please continue to pray for us and with us for Immanuel. We can't meet with everyone, but you can all help in the process by printing out the verses below and placing them somewhere in your house/wallet/purse. Ask yourself the included questions (for yourself, not for anybody else) and pray for God the Holy Spirit to use His Word to bring health and healing to the church you love. "Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to live worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:1-3 CSB) What general truths do these verses express? In what ways can these verses change my attitudes and my actions? In what specific ways can these verses impact my relationships at Immanuel? May the peace of the Lord be with you,  
*Pastor Joel Hoyer, Synod reconciler*

*God never tires of forgiving us;  
we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy.*



**Come and Enjoy** Instrumentalist, Singer and Inspirational Speaker, David Britton as he joins us **this Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** during both of our Midweek Lenten Worship. He will offer song, scripture and praise to the Lord at both midweek worship services.. Please tell your friends and family and help us fill the pews and seats for this special service. We would like to do a door offering at both services to help defray David's traveling costs. We hope you can join us for one of these special services!

## Palm Sunday Brunch

**Palm Sunday Brunch:** Join us **April 13<sup>th</sup>** for food and fellowship at Immanuel's annual Palm Sunday Brunch. It will be held in the gymnasium at 11:30. If you're able to donate ingredients to make our famous breakfast casseroles, please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex. Please bring those items to the church kitchen (walk-in cooler if needed) by **Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**. We also need donations of coffee cakes, pastries, and muffins which should be brought to the church by April 12. Thank you for your support!



**Thank you to everyone** who donated Baked Goods for the fund raiser held this Saturday. You have stepped up and donated some of your delicious baked goods for a very worthy cause. You are sharing your love of the Lord with others. Thank you! This fund raiser was for *Daniel, who is the nephew to Joellyn & Ryan Oldenburg. On January 17th at just 20 years old he was diagnosed with Precursor B Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia. This is a very aggressive Leukemia, but his doctors are very confident in their treatment plan, which he is responding well too. However, he will have a very long road ahead of him. The treatment he will receive will be done over the course of the next 2 years. In order to help him & his parents our family is doing a benefit at the Three Oaks Legion on March 30th open to all. We are hoping to be able to do a bake sale as well as food & raffles. If anybody would be willing to donate a dessert to help us make this possible our family would be extremely grateful. "We are grateful for the outpouring of support and kindly ask that you continue to keep our family in your prayers as we move forward with faith and optimism" Written by Amy (Daniel's Mother)*

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## ECDC NEWS

We would like to thank all of our teachers for allowing the church secretary to interview them for our newsletter. We hope that you have enjoyed getting to know our teachers and pray that you will take some time to come and watch these wonderful teachers prepare these eager young minds for public school and share with them the word of the Lord!

We are back to sharing the curriculum and activities of our Early Childhood Development Center each week to keep you informed of the work our teachers are completing towards the mission of this church.

We would like to congratulate Barbara Ackerman on her 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday this last Thursday. We are so very blessed that we have such a loving, caring and inspirational leader for our ECDC! God Be Praised!

This last Saturday, our staff came to their annual training on CPR and basic first aid. The picture on the left shows Barb Ackerman (ECDC Director) assisting the trainer in the correct procedure to immobilize an accident victim. Thank you, Barb, for going above and beyond to help the teachers complete their requirements for licensing!

Our four-year-olds have been busy preparing for their entrance into kindergarten practicing their letters and numbers diligently working hard and the teachers working doubly hard to help them get to their goal, kindergarten in the Fall.

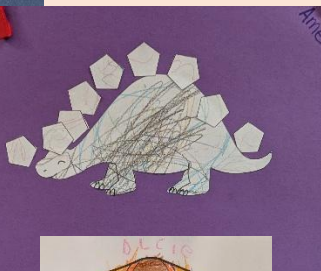
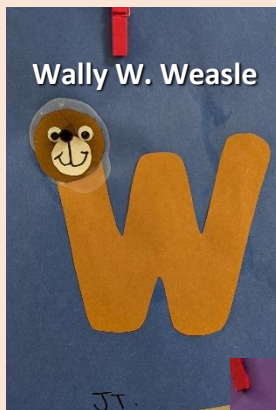
Our three-year-olds have been focusing on learning their letters and numbers, how to work with scissors and glue and how to begin to write their name. They have been creating some wonderful works of art from their practices all focusing on the Spring. They also learned in Children's Chapel about Joseph and his amazing colorful coat that his father Jacob gave to him out of love. The children then colored and embellished their own "coats" of color.

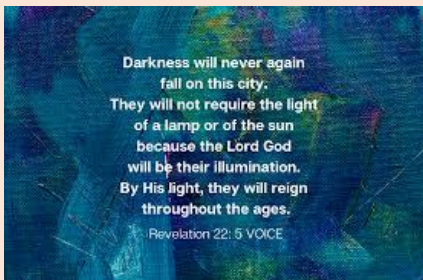
Our Toddlers have been busy learning how to express themselves with words instead of actions, how to be kind to one another, how to balance and coordinate hand and foot motions. How to begin to move small objects with purpose and glue them in place, coordinating both hand and eye movements. Thank you to our teachers for your patience and perseverance in that very challenging room.

Our Infant room is filled to the brim and those loving teachers are working hard to fill the needs of the infants and help them progress through their development stages, plus reading and singing to them, to comfort them. Thank you wonderful teachers!

### "The Rock" Sunday School

Easter is a wonderful time of joy and celebration for Christians worldwide. It's more than just a holiday; it's an opportunity to reflect on the incredible significance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and to rejoice in His triumphant victory over the grave! This Easter, we are focusing on the resurrection of Jesus and its lasting impact on our lives. Today at The Rock, we invite you to join us as we explore the meaning of Easter together. We will create beautiful cross crafts that we can share with our friends and family. *Shannon Jones, Sunday School Superintendent*





## Homebound and Continuing Care Facilities

**Homebound:** Dollie Schmaltz, Edith Weed, Edna Holt, Irwin and Margaret Poschke, Terry Graves, Kay Cornwell, Joanne Argue, Ray Michener, Harry Rock, and Elizabeth Rock

**Continuing Care Facilities:** Pat Ott, Geraldine Wooley, Don Metzger, Norma Linn, Marylou Svorec (out of state), Rose Briggs, Betty Dehring, Dorothea Crocker, Bill Gast, Duane Vigansky, Harriet Fester, Larry Reifschneider and Marion Winter

**For information on how to connect with our church family please call the church office at 269-465-6031**

### Prayers of the Church for Today

Larry Ott (heart issues)

Karen Oldenburg

Alex Dixon (glioblastoma brain cancer)

Janet Lamb (Shannon Jone's Mother-in-Law on hospice)

The Family and Friends of Maurice (Skip) Linn

The Family and Friends of Rita Kuenne (Dorothy Ott's Cousin)

**Visitations this week by Pastor Krengel, Elder Mark Heyn and Chris Damaske**

**Please include in your prayers:** Edith Weed, Dolly and son Lynn Schmaltz, Harry Rock, Terry Graves

### Healing Needs for the Month

Beth Vigansky Ciuzio, Judy VanLue, Ted Joachim, Wally Mojsiejenko, Dave Kramer, Andy Benjamin, Connie Schmidt, Cheryl Fischer, AnneMarie Mojsiejenko, Pastor Carl Bassett, Leon Schmaltz, Darrell Gast, Jared Simpson, Merry Sneed, Terry Combs, Georgia Hildebrandt, Rick Russell, Mike Dick, Mike Stine, Denny Lawrenz, Derek Davis, James Petty Sr., Scott Mulvihill, Char Schram, John Stine, Natalya Gaidukevich, Jeffrey Nemitz, Ray Michener, Tiffany Prosser, Michael Dick, Harriet Fester, Kathy Burkett, Ray Krieger, Jane Tym, Gavin Hanson, Sara Buist, Marilyn Gelesko, Tom Ulmer, Ralph Palmer (Nancy Gast's Son), Laura Laube, Roger Mojsiejenko, Jeff Delvaux, Terry Graves, Irwin & Margaret Poschke, Dick Gorske,

### Serving in the Military

Isaac Maze (Army) SFC Casey LeFever,  
MAJ Kenneth Stice, Nathan Anderson, MM1 Timothy Ott,  
Jacob Lomoro, SGT Devin Hays, Tom Shepard, Dan Woodruff,  
SPC David Helfman, Arthur Gatchel, Ryan Skibbe,  
MAJ Joe Chappel, FN Sebastian Kirk MMN3

### Finance News

March 23, 2025 offerings and donations:  
Offering Envelopes \$5,362.00 Year to date: \$81,873.00  
Roof Fund: \$20 Total Roof fund \$93,518  
HVAC: \$25

*Thank you to the members of Immanuel who continue to give their offerings when absent on Sundays*



**Easter Lillies** – Easter is right around the corner on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and we would like to celebrate Easter Sunday and welcome spring. Order forms for Easter Lilies to decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday are available on the table in the narthex. Please consider honoring a loved one with a Lily. The plants are 6” plants and are \$8.50 each (an increase from last year, so sorry) and help us to remember the resurrection of our Lord and the promise of life everlasting. The wonderful joy of Lilies is that they look beautiful, transform a space, smell wonderful at night and can be planted in your gardens or planters for your enjoyment in future years. Orders must be turned into the church office by April 13<sup>th</sup>. Honorariums will be in our Easter weekly newsletter. Please honor your loved ones with a dedication and a lily.



**Nerf Night  
at  
Immanuel**

Families with Children 8 and up are invited

**Sat. May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
4-6 pm**

**Please come and enjoy** Immanuel’s Nerf Night, on **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-6 pm**. This first time this event will happen here in our gym. Nerf Night will give you the chance to use Nerf projectors and sponge darts to have a little fun trying to target individuals as they run from you. Outreach has developed this fun event and we hope you will come, if not to participate you can watch from the safety of the bleachers. This event is for families with children 8 years old and up. All you need is a Nerf projector (gun, no high velocity guns please), darts will be provided by our Outreach Board. Waivers are required before participating. Concessions will be available for purchase to offset the cost of the darts.



**Thank you for the Lenten Meals**, the Barkers provided for us their delicious lunch of homemade beef barley vegetable soup, made by Allan Barker. The soup with the salad, rolls and dessert rounded out the meal beautifully. Thank you to Ellen Yeske who singlehandedly made the delicious sloppy joes (courtesy of a recipe Cindy Linn put in on of our cookbooks) and nacho chips and cheese for the fellowship supper portion of our midweek worship. Her donation of make your own ice cream sundaes was a clear hit with the people who came to worship with us. Thank you for signing up for our fellowship meals they are a wonderful opportunity to share your blessings with others.



**Spring Clean Up March 29<sup>th</sup>** Thank you to everyone who gave of their time to come to help with our Spring Clean-up, we appreciate everyone who came to clean windows, doors, woodwork, bathrooms, preparation areas, cluttered spaces, closets, in the church sanctuary, hallway and Life Center. We are so blessed that the Rydwelski Family took the lead on this Saturday Church clean up and even provided the meal. We are so blessed with a church family that cares so very much for our church and all the blessings we have received.



**Prayer Partner Party** on **Thursday evening, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm** is your opportunity to meet, share and enjoy fellowship with your prayer partner. Come and share with your prayer partners your prayers for them and how you are reaching out in Christian love for them. Maybe bring a small memento to give, to remind them that that God loves you and is with you both. Refreshments are being provided to make this a very special event! Please try to come and connect with your prayer partner.



**Prayer Partners Party**

Calling All Prayer Partners for a time of Fellowship & Fun

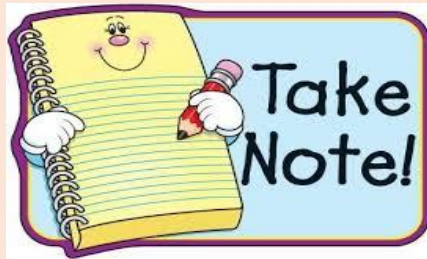
**Thurs. April 10<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:30 pm**

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*Please Join Us on  
Wed. April 2<sup>nd</sup> at  
12:15 & 6:00 pm  
Midweek Services*

**To See David Paul Britton**  
*Inspirational Musician*

*Palm Sunday Worship  
Unity Service 10:00 am  
April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Stay afterwards for Brunch!*

*Please join Us!*



*Wednesdays  
1 pm  
& 5 pm*

*Maundy Thursday  
Service  
April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm*



*Good  
Friday  
Worship  
April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm*




**Reconciliation**



**EASTER**

## Special Days

**Birthdays:** Jon Malm (3-30); Jennifer Hanson (3-31); Harper Yoder (4-02); Karter Coman (4-02); Kayla Korcek (4-03); Ty Adams (4-03); Donald Hemming (4-04); J Martin Wappler (4-05); Jennifer Clark (4-05); Michael Stine (4-05)

**Anniversaries:** David L. and Karen Oldenburg on April 1<sup>st</sup> 58 Years Ago

## This Week at Immanuel

**Today. Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>** – Divine Worship with Holy Communion - 9 am  
Praise Worship with Holy Communion – 10:30am

“The Rock” Sunday School – 10:45 am  
Meetings with Reconcilers – 3:00 pm

**Mon. Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>** – Meetings with Reconcilers – 8:00 am  
Bible Class led by Gerry Vigansky – 10:00 am  
Bridge Club – 12:30 pm  
Handbell Choir – 6:00 pm  
AA Meeting – 7:00 pm

**Tues. Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>** – Meetings with Reconcilers – 8:00 am

**Wed. Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Bible Class Café led by Elsie Hanke – 11am  
Lenten Midweek Worship Service – 12:15 pm  
Fellowship Luncheon – 1:00 pm  
Fellowship Supper – 5:00 pm  
Lenten Midweek Worship Service – 6:00 pm  
Choir Practice – 7:00 pm

**Thurs. Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Breakfast with Jesus at Rochefort’s – 8am  
Praise Worship Practice – 7:00 pm

**Sat. Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>** – Outreach Board Mtg – 9:15 am

**Sun. Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>** – Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion – 9:00 am  
Praise Worship Service with Holy Communion - 10:30 am  
“The Rock” Sunday School – 10:45 am

## Noteworthy Dates in the Next Few Weeks

- ♥ **Midweek Lenten Worship Service** led by David Paul Britton - on April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12:15pm
- ♥ **Fellowship Luncheon** –on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:15 pm
- ♥ **Fellowship Supper** – on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm
- ♥ **Midweek Evening Worship** led by David Paul Britton - on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm
- ♥ **Prayer Partner’s Party** – on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Life Center
- ♥ **Men’s Network Breakfast** – on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am
- ♥ **Palm Sunday Unity Worship Service** – on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am
- ♥ **Palm Sunday Brunch** – on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in the gymnasium.
- ♥ **Maundy Thursday Worship Service** – on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
- ♥ **Good Friday Worship Service** – on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
- ♥ **Easter Sunday Worship Service** – on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am with Holy Communion
- ♥ **Easter Sunday Praise Worship Service** – on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am
- ♥ **Nerf Night** – On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm in the Gymnasium

## Those Serving in Church This Week



**Greeters:** Renate Ottusch and the Hettig Family (9 am); Immanuel's Praise Team (10:30 am)

**Ushers:** Don Burch, Brad Hildebrandt, Dave Neal, Paul Jaeger, Joe Rydwelski, Larry Smith, and Ken Dickinson

**Lay readers:** Nancy Seldomridge (9am)

**Soloist:** Karen Pedde (9 am); Karen Kerlikowske (10:30 am)

**Piano Soloist:** Susan Foster

**Praise Service Speaker:** Kurt Hanke

**Praise Team:** Team Leader, Deb Jaeger; Rich Kubsch, Mark Heyn, Karen Kerlikowske, Lori Sukupchak, Sharon Stine, Melissa Barker, Pattie Neal, Amy Krengel and Shannah Smith

**Guitarists:** John "Mac" McElligott, Kurt Hanke

**Keyboardist/Guitarist:** Kunwarjit Singh Multani "Sid" & Constantine  
**Altar Guild:** Cheryl Fischer, Susan Foster, Cheryl Music and Karen Oldenburg

**A/V Techs:** Chad Hettig, Lucas Oldenburg, Cyndi Pedde, Pattie Neal, Steve Schmitz, Karl Hanke Brianna Schmitz and Eric Kubsch

**Counters:** Karen Pedde, Craig Klein, Karen Oldenburg, Carol Berndt and Cheryl Music

**Office Assistants:** Lorraine Jasper, Melissa Barker, Suellen Klein, Cheryl Fischer

**Trustees:** Joe Rydwelski, Dale Marschke, Art Brunke, Brad Hildebrandt and Paul Jaeger

**Elders:** Larry Kanous, Denny Barnes, Paul Jaeger, Mark Heyn, Eric Ott, Steve Schmitz

**Organist:** Pastor Tom Fischer

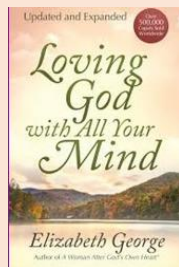
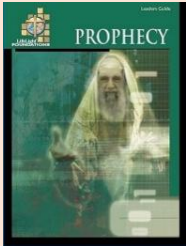
**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Douglas Krengel.

**FREE – For – All:** This year's Free-For-All will be June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Please start saving your donations. Your clean, gently used items such as clothing, books, hardware, toys, kitchenware, electronics and furniture, etc... will be available to our community at no cost. Donation drop-off dates and set-up times will be published soon. This is a big event for Immanuel and we thank you for your support!

**Operation Christmas Child 2025:** Like last year, we will be collecting each month, items to add to our boxes for November. Thank you for the tremendous outpouring of stuffed animals for the month of February. We want to continue supporting this wonderful ministry so in March we will be collecting small games, playing cards, and travel size games. Today is the last Sunday to bring in your items for March. **In April we will be collecting small combs, hairbrushes and hair accessories.** As usual, Dollar Tree Stores have many things to choose from for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. We hope you will take some time to shop for the box.

**Goodlife Beyond the Walls Choir** – Thank you to our Beyond the Walls Choir for working so hard, practicing to share the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection and victory over death. The theme for this year's program is "He is Risen." Our first time singing to others is today March 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's in Buchanan at the morning worship service. Please keep in your prayers this wonderful group as they share the Good News! Jesus is Alive! Alleluia!

**Sermon Note Sheets** are available on the cabinet in the narthex. This gives you the opportunity to write down some notes that correlate to each of Pastor Krengel's slides and not any questions you might have. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our faith and the Word of the Lord.



**We are looking for** someone who is willing to lead a Bible Study/Devotion time during the 10:30 am Worship Service for our preteens/teens in the newly decorated café/old kindergarten room. The curriculum has been set by Answers in Genesis and will need someone to spend about forty-five minutes each Sunday, leading these young eager minds to the Word of God. Please pray about this important mission and if you would consider helping with this endeavor. Please contact Shannon Jones at 419-304-3863 or email her at [jhike@me.com](mailto:jhike@me.com). Thank you for considering, sharing the Word of the Lord with our young people.

**Don't forget about our Bible Studies** that are available for everyone, Mondays at 10:00 am led by Gerry Vigansky, and Wednesdays at 10:00 am (11am during Lent) led by Elsie Hanke. Every Thursday morning at 8am Breakfast with Jesus meet at Rochefort's in Bridgman. Don't forget about Men's Network Breakfast on the third Saturday of the month October through May. Breakfast and fellowship are always prepared and offered by men for men, why not join them for an hour out of your day? Come and join these wonderful learning opportunities!

**The Share Closet is open.** Did you know, we are so blessed to have this ministry? Again this year, Harbor Country Missions put a call out for warm clothing to give to the people in need in Bridgman. We were able to answer that call with so many coats, boots and warm blankets. If you look in the Share Closet, it is filled with plenty of items! That's just one story of many that shows how much this ministry is needed! If you have some time to spare, come and look at the closet and see the great ministry that is going on! Thank you to Cheryl Music, Susan Foster and Ellen Yeske for continuing to help organize and clean up the closet. Thank you for all your donations for this great Outreach!

**Sewing for Missions** were busy during their hiatus, as several very beautiful quilts 20 in all were assembled and then put together in the Life Center. They are creatively putting together such beautiful fabrics, in differing shapes and sizes, and all of them are so beautiful we know the recipients are going to use and treasure the quilts for a very long time. These ladies work so hard to put together these outstanding quilts, we look forward to the blessing of the quilts in the fall! Thank you for sharing your time and talents with those people who have so many needs! You all are such Blessing!

**Today's Hymns:** LSB 608 , LSB 743, LSB 423, LSB 543, LSB 422

**Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Scripture Readings:** *Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:8-14; Luke 20:9-20*

**Sunday Attendance: March 23, 2025**  
9:00 am – 75; 10:30 am – 48

**Midweek Lenten Worship 12:15 pm – 37; 6pm - 35**  
**Wednesday Bible Study – 10**

**Rev. Dr. Douglas A. Krengel, Sole Pastor**

*Please call the church office for any Pastoral needs.*  
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*Everyday that we are not practicing godliness we're being conformed to the world of ungodliness around us.*

