



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP WEEKLY



## Sunday Worship and Learning Schedule Sunday, April 27, 2025

9:00 am - Traditional Service  
10:30 am – Praise Service  
10:45 am – “The Rock” Sunday School

\*Most of our Worship Services are streamed Live on Facebook *Immanuel Lutheran Church Bridgman*, 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*

### AS WE GATHER

Proof is surely what we want, but instead of the kind of proof that would remove the need for faith, God gives us His own marks of suffering to satisfy our fears. We find our refuge in the wounds of Christ. Thomas found them and the doubter became a believer. All of us find answers to the troubles and trials of this mortal life in the wounds of Christ, and from these wounds we confess to the world, “My Lord and my God!” Don’t let your doubts and fears drive you away from Jesus. Go to Him with them all, and He has promised to build us up in faith. This morning the *Beyond the Walls Choir* will proclaim Jesus as Lord and God in song.

### CHURCH NEWS

**Thank YOU!** To everyone who purchased a lily to dedicate to your loved ones. It makes our sanctuary look joyous and celebrates the resurrection of our Lord! A Special Thank You to Gerry and Sandy Vigansky for all your hard work displaying those beautiful lily plants. You are dedicated servants of the Lord. You will find your dedications on the last pages of this newsletter. You can take your lilies home after the 10:30 am worship service today.

**If you purchased an Easter Lily and wish to take it home please do so today.**

**Goodlife Beyond the Walls Choir** – Will be sharing their message today for both worship services. We hope you join us for this special presentation of “He is Risen”. Thank you to our Beyond the Walls Choir for working so hard, practicing sharing the Good News of Jesus’ Resurrection and victory over death. They are a busy group and have been many different places to sing. A special thank you goes out to Pastor Tom for arranging all the visits, to Sara Oldenburg for directing this fluctuating group and to Suellen Klein for her narration skills. Thank you for keeping this busy group in your prayers as they share the Good News! Jesus Is Alive!

**National Day of Prayer** will be on May 1<sup>st</sup> this year. We will gather with many people here in Bridgman at 12:30 pm under the flagpole at Bridgman’s City Hall to pray for our country and our leaders. We hope you are able to take some time from your busy schedule to pray with us for this country and our leaders.

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
 Sat. April 19<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm  
 All Children 2-12 yrs  
 are Invited!



**VOTERS'**  
 MEETING

**Nerf Night**  
 at  
**Immanuel**  
 Families with  
 Children 8 and  
 up are invited  
**Sat. May 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 4-6 pm

**Easter Egg Hunt** – We had so many children come out and hunt down over 500 Easter Eggs. We enjoyed the excitement and thrills the children showed when they found a hidden egg! What a blessing! Thank you to the Bridgman Royal Court for their assistance with hiding the eggs and trying to keep some order in the egg hunting process! Thank you to our wonderful Outreach Board for your initiative in creating a new event at Immanuel that is so well received. You work so very hard to show our community the love of Jesus Christ!

**Congratulations** to Ava Starbuck, who is the 2025 Miss Blossomtime Queen. Ava competed last Monday night against the area’s reigning community Queens. What an accomplishment and Bridgman has not had a Blossomtime Queen for twenty-two years! Have a wonderful year and enjoy the opportunities that are sent your way! God be with you on this very inspirational journey.

**Board Reports for Voters’ Packet** are due on **April 25, 2025**. Please have your reports to the church office along with any pictures you have of your hard-working board or council by that date. The Voters’ Packet will be out for you to read on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> so you will be prepared for the **Voters Meeting at 12:00 noon on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. As we always praise the Lord for all the time and talents you share with us!

**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.

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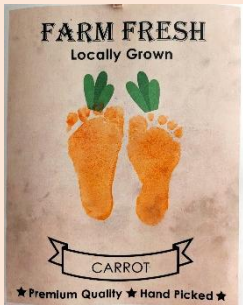
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# WE ♥ OUR TEACHERS



## ECDC NEWS

Jesus' death and resurrection were the themes in all of our preschool rooms this week. All of our preschool children and teachers climbed on two buses and went to see the movie "King of Kings" as an Easter treat. This movie was designed in computer animation fashion especially made for children. It focused on Jesus' birth, his ministry with the disciples, his death and resurrection. The children could talk about nothing else and the teachers were very impressed with the movie's message to the children. This movie does not stay long in each of the theaters that play it, but I know you should be able to stream it soon on your devices. We are blessed with Angel Studios who produce this wonderful children's movie.

Our teachers have been moving forward with preparing their students for kindergarten. The students have been learning the letter "C" by creating a caterpillar and cat face in the shape of a "C". The children have been making Easter Eggs to bring home to their families and they worked on their math skills by measuring ingredients for some delicious homemade Belgium waffles which everyone enjoyed.

Our 3 year old preschoolers enjoyed making more Easter Eggs with paper and scissors practicing their gross motor skills with cutting and glueing. They traced their names to practice spelling their names for the 4 year old room they will be in next year. Miss Barb asked the children to color the picture of the donkey and put hair on his neck and tail from their story last week of Jesus entering into Jerusalem on a donkey. They were also given paper palm leaves to attach to their picture. More practice on their skills

Our GSRP room worked with the parents of the students this week for conferences. Talking with the parents about the assessments for their student. These teachers take children who may not have all the advantages as some other students and help the children develop the skills they will need go forward in their journey through education. Our toddler room worked on their garden study, making bugs and vegetables out of paper which kept them practicing how to make scissors cut and how to get glue out of a container. This room is very challenging for so many reasons. This age group is learning so much all the time. The teachers are trying to show the children patience, understanding, flexibility, love, especially to their fellows students. They are learning to control their bodies and make their extremities do what they want them to do. Big learning skill! We are so blessed with very patient teachers!

Our infant room was blessed with many art projects this week, they made carrots out of footprints, they used paint dots to create the glowing body of a lightning bug and finger paint around the shape of a bunny. Wonderful art projects to send home as keepsakes!

## "The Rock" Sunday School

Easter is a wonderful time of year. We dress in our best clothes, attend a sunrise Easter service, and spend quality time with our families. Many of us enjoy delicious candy and participate in Easter egg hunts. While these activities are enjoyable, it's important to remember the true meaning of Easter. It is not just about candy, egg hunts, or dressing up; it's a day that marks one of the most significant events in history. On Easter Sunday, God fulfilled His promise to send us a Savior. Next Sunday at The Rock, we are exploring the Easter story.

*Easter Blessings to you and your families,  
Miss Shannon and Miss Sherry*



## 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, 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

Jeff Rodewald (Barb Ackerman's brother-in-law)(Lymphoma)

Natalya Gaidukevich (Breast Cancer)

David Harrison (Heart Attack)

Pattie Neal (Reconstructive Back Surgery on April 18<sup>th</sup>)

Family and Friends of David J. Zilke

Family and Friends Larry Reifschneider

**Visitations this week by Pastor Krengel, Chris Damaske and Betty Korcek**

**Please include in your prayers:** Myra Clark, Ray & Kathy Michener, Irwin and Margaret Poschke, Dick and Karen Gorske, Jackie and Ray Krieger, Dorothea Crocker and Don Metzger

## Healing Needs for the Month

Ted Joachim, Christie Ott Hartzler, Erica Anstey, Janet Lamb, Larry Ott, Alex Dixon, Beth Vigansky Ciuzio, Judy VanLue, Ted Joachim, Dave Kramer, Andy Benjamin, Pastor Carl Bassett, Leon Schmaltz, Darrell Gast, Denny Lawrenz, John Stine, Jeffrey Nemitz, Ray Michener, Harriet Fester, Ray Krieger, Marilyn Gelesko, Tom Ulmer, 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

**Special prayers** are still needed for Pattie Neal and her husband Dave, Pattie made it through surgery with God's healing spirit, and your prayers, however now more prayers are needed as she recovers with Dave working as her support at home. Please keep them both in your prayers as she goes through the rehabilitation process towards no pain or disability.

## Finance News

April 20, 2025 offerings and donations:  
Offering Envelopes \$.00 Year to date: \$.00  
Total Roof fund \$.00

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



**Did you know?** Worship Anew Worship Services are now broadcasted on **South Bend - WSBT 22.2 (FOX) Saturday 8:30 am**. For those of you who missed the inspirational programming we are grateful to WSBT for offering this worthy program. Why not take a peek?



**Reconciliation Process:** Pastor Joel Hoyer and Mike McCain have finished their evaluation of the meetings with congregation members and staff during the reconciliation process. Their letter of recommendations to us is available on the table in the narthex for anyone to read. We are grateful to them both for taking the time from their callings and busy Lenten schedule to help our church with the reconciliation process. We are very blessed with people willing to share the light of Christ that is within them.



**We Have New Members** if you were not able to make the Maundy Thursday evening worship service, you were not able to meet our new members. Joining our church family at Immanuel are Shelley Yuran, through affirmation of faith, her daughter and son-in-law; Ariel and Cody Womeldorf through adult confirmation, and a blessed plus, Cody was baptized as well. Ryan Hadley was a baptized member at Immanuel but was never confirmed and God led him here to us to be brought fully into His family and our church family. We are so blessed that God has led these wonderful people to Immanuel and we rejoice! Please take some time to introduce yourself to them!

**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 your support of travel sized games and playing cards for the month of March. We want to continue to support this inspirational mission. **In April we are collecting small combs, hairbrushes and hair accessories.** We hope you will take some time to shop for the box.



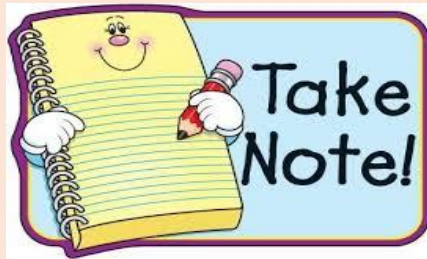
**Thank you to** the anonymous donors who gave from their hearts when they heard our organ was in need of new pedals in order to keep them working, the quote was quite costly. They stepped right up and gave the money needed to repair the pedals. Thank you for helping to keep our organ in repair so we can sing our praises to the Lord! Well done good and faithful servant!

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## Special Days

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

### This Week at Immanuel

- Sun. Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> – Divine Worship Service with Beyond the Walls – 9:00 am  
Praise Worship Service with Beyond the Walls – 10:30 am
- Mon. Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> – Bible Class led by Gerry Vigansky – 10am  
Handbell Choir – 6:00 pm  
AA Meeting – 7:00 pm
- Wed. Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> - Bible Class Café led by Elsie Hanke – 10am  
Women's Ensemble Practice - 6:30 pm  
Choir Practice – 7:00 pm
- May 1<sup>st</sup> - Breakfast with Jesus at Rochefort's – 8am  
Praise Worship Practice – 7:00 pm
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Outreach Committee Meeting 9:15 am
- Sun. May 4<sup>th</sup> – Traditional Worship Service – 9:00 am  
Contemporary Worship Service - 10:30 am  
"The Rock" Sunday School – 10:45 am

### Noteworthy Dates in the Next Few Weeks

- ♥ **National Day of Prayer** – Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm under the flagpole at Bridgman City Hall.
- ♥ **Nerf Night** – On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm in the Gymnasium
- ♥ **Semi-Annual Voters Meeting** – Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Life Center.
- ♥ **Confirmation Sunday Unity Service** – Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am ~ **Only One Service this Sunday**

*"Love One Another As I Have Loved You."*

*John 13:34*

## Those Serving in Church This Week



**Greeters:** Karen & Steve Pedde, Kathy Hanke (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

**Pianist:** Susan Foster

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

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

**Keyboardist/Guitarist:** Kunwarjit Singh Multani "Sid" & Constantine Altar Guild: Sue Berk, Judy Kubsch, Diana Prittinen and Lori Wesner

**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:** Jen Milnikel

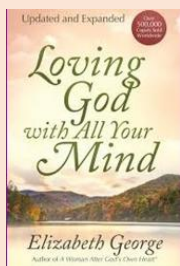
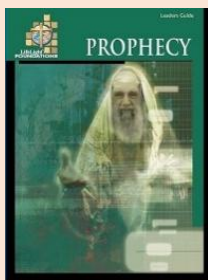
**Pastor:** Pastor Thomas Fischer

**More Thank you's** for we are so blessed with many talented and caring congregational members who are striving to make sure our worship services are inspirational and meaningful. To that end, Pastor Tom Fischer has used our congregation members and some wonderful musicians from other congregations to bring Lenten worship filled music to enhance our worship services. Thank you Pastor Fischer for your time and talent that you share so generously.

**Did you know?** Immanuel Lutheran Church will be 130 Years old on June 14, 2026! We are looking for some congregation members to head a committee which will look at ways we can celebrate our 130 years. If you would like to help with the celebration, please contact the church office at 269-465-6031 or email at [ilc@immanuelbridgman.org](mailto:ilc@immanuelbridgman.org)

**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!

## Immanuel Lutheran Church



**Thank you to Karen Pedde** for stepping forward and offering to lead our young people in a Bible Study time during the 10:30 am worship service each Sunday. Shannon Jones, our Education Board Chair has provided the curriculum from Answers in Genesis to provide our young eager minds with more answers to their questions on their journey through their faith.

**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!

**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.

**Today's Hymns:** LSB 487, LSB page 155-156, LSB 470, LSB 477

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> Scripture Readings: *Acts 9:1-22;*  
*Revelation 5:1-14; John 21:1-19*

**Palm Sunday Attendance: April 13, 2025**  
9:00 am – 172: 10:30 am - 87

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

**Please contact Pastor Krengel for any Pastoral needs.**  
**Pastor Krengel's Cell Phone: 832-257-5437**  
**email: krengeld@gmail.com**





**alleluia!**  
*Christ has Risen!*

*The Easter Lilies in the chancel area of the church are  
given in Honor and Memory of our loved ones.*

***In Memory of:***

*John & Mildred Barancin from David & Karen Oldenburg & Family  
LeRoy & Dorothy Oldenburg from David & Karen Oldenburg & Family*

*Dieter Kruger from Eva Kruger & family*

*Marion E. Rathburn, David & Marian Hadley, Walter & Freida Strefling, and Charles Hadley from their children &  
grandchildren and from Delora Rathbun*

*Our parents, Art & Irene Nemitz from Irene & Arthur Nemitz*

*Our grandparents, Henry & Bertha Nemitz and Gus & Anna Nehring, our uncle Bernard Nehring  
from Irene & Arthur Nemitz*

*Our beloved father and husband from the family of Kenneth Korcek*

*Art & Rose Scharnowske from Don & Wilma Scharnowske*

*Wes & Vi Harding from Don & Wilma Scharnowske*

*Brother Charlie Scharnowske from Don & Wilma Scharnowske*

*Gordon Nemitz, Wilma & Leslie Mabry, David Mabry, Myron & Marion Mabry from Pat Nemitz*

*Our beloved son Ralf, and loved ones from Ted & Lydia Joachim*

*June & Jacob Brueck, Erich & Ruth Warmbein from Dale & Peggy Brueck*

*All our blessed loved ones from Bill & Janet Boyd*

*All our loved ones, Barnes/Totzke Families from the Dennis Barnes Family*

*John Zilke from Nancy Seldomridge & Liz Zilke*

*Mark Seldomridge from Nancy Seldomridge*

*Jean Kaeding from their Family*

*Alan & Emily Zilke from their Family*

*Mary & Jerry Costello, Mary & Adolph Ruff, siblings of Debbie Ruff (Donna, Diane, Donald) from Richard & Debbie  
Ruff*

*In loving memory of our parents Joseph & Virginia Kamp from the Kamp & Malm Families*

*In loving memory of our parents Carl & Eileen and Paul Malm, with love from the Malm Family*

*In loving memory of Joseph G. & Susan Kamp with love from the Kamp & Malm Families*

*In loving memory of our Grandparents Walter and Anna Panzer and Michael & Theresa Kamp with love from the Kamp  
and Malm Families*

*In loving memory of Janine Totzke Schmidt, Sarah McCort Hogue, Karin Manzke Schmieskors  
from the ladies of the class of 1972, Bridgman High School*

*Richard Stelter from Patricia Stelter*

*Chris Schmidt & Darice Schmidt from Wilhelm Schmidt*

*Harold & Helen Wolske from Richard & Shirley Johnson*

*Our grandparents from the Berk Family*

*Our parents, Roy & Bernice Dehring, Frank & Olga Kramer from Jere & Jeannie Dehring*

*& Dad, Annabelle & Robert Gast, and sisters, Cindi & Annabelle from Linda & Nicole Fisher*

*Frank Music from wife Cheryl Music and Family*

*Corky Ott from the Annette Ott & Family*

*Vernon & R.J. Zordell from their Family*

*My loved ones from Renate Ottusch*

*Our loved ones from Gerald & Sandy Vigansky*

*Husband Paul & parents Art & Dorothy Pauck from Marion J. Winter*

*Sylvia & Scott Wasko from Gerald Wasko*

*Richard Vonk from the Sherry Vonk & Family*

*Adolph Hildebrandt, Margret Patzmon, Andra Stahl from Brad & Debbie Hildebrandt*

*Gary Berndt from Carol, Bart, Candy, Meg, Vince, Leo, Tricia, Scott, Kailey, Koa & Lindsey*



*Rebecca Wallis & Michelle Slavicek, Mr. & Mrs. Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Wappler from Mr. & Mrs. Martin Wappler  
Harold & Lorraine Meyer from the Barb Ackerman and Family  
Rev. Wilfred & Ruth Rittamel from the Barb Ackerman & Family  
Mike Pedde & Michael Hampton from Chris Hampton, Lauren Wheeler & Family and Caitlin Yoder & Family  
Our loved ones from the Marilyn Kreiger and Family  
Our loved ones from the Art Brunke Family  
Larry Barker & Larry Brock from the Barker Family  
Rev. Ralph & Erna Fischer from Rev. Thomas & Cheryl Fischer  
Richard & Carolyn Lorenz from Rev. Thomas & Cheryl Fischer  
Earl Schmitz Jr., Diane Schmitz, Jan Elsass, Ned Elsass & Lillian Schmitz from the Schmitz Family  
Dora Meek and Andrew Sorrentino from Nancy Akright*

***In Honor of:***

*Our Loved Ones from Eva Kruger  
Our grandchildren Taylor, Bailey, Rachel & Monica from Oma & Opa, Ted & Lydia Joachim  
Jennifer Malm Meitz & Chris, Adler & Arden, Jon Malm with love from Mom & Dad  
Our Family from Jere & Jeanie Dehring  
My prayer partner, Cheryl Petty from Karen Pedde  
Anna Mae Yaeger from the Barker Family  
Our Mothers, Barbara & Janet from the Jones Family  
Betty Elsass & Earl Schmitz from the Schmitz Family*



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JULY 7-10**

**HOWDY PARTNERS!**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**FOR OUR VBS AGAIN THIS YEAR**

**TEACHERS, CRAFTERS, KITCHEN HELP**

**AND GAME MASTER, WE NEED YOU!**

**IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYES**

**PEELED ON THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**