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Grace and peace be yours from the Most Holy Trinity!

We soon will enter into the most significant week in our church year, holy week. Holy week begins with the Sunday of our Lord's passion – Palm Sunday, and each day of the week remembers the last days of our Lord's earthly life. On Holy Thursday Jesus institutes, the Sacrament of Holy Communion /Holy Eucharist or the Lord's Supper and leaves his Church a living memorial of his presence. On Friday, we remember our Lord's suffering and death on the cross. Holy Week culminates with the Celebration of Easter, and 50 days of celebration begins. This ongoing celebration concluded with Pentecost, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

As you move into these next days, I invite you to set time aside to reflect on your Lenten journey: how do you may have drifted from living the gospel, and remember the words from the song "HOSEA" when God calls to come back to me with all your heart, don't let fear keep us apart, ... Long have I waited for you're coming home to me, and living deeply our new life. May this Easter find the joy and peace and love of God filling your heart to overflowing.

Peace,
Pastor David



Church Officers and Council

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| David Groe | Pastor |
| Duane Rigge | President |
| Jan Paulus | Recording Secretary |
| Sue Taylor | Treasurer |
| Janis Erickson | Financial Secretary |
| Claire Bareilles | Council Member |
| Kassidy Banducci | Council Member |
| Kevin Leary | Council Member |
| Ann Seemann | Council Member |
| Thomas Steenblock | Council Member |

Sanctuary Refresh Project

The sanctuary refresh project is finished. The new appearance is beautiful to the eye and comfortable to the spirit. It is job very well done for the benefit of the members and friends of Immanuel. A special acknowledgement and thank you to Kassidy Banducci for all of her hard work on the project. There are a few select pictures in the photo section page six. But nothing beats seeing it in person.

For Clean Cuts

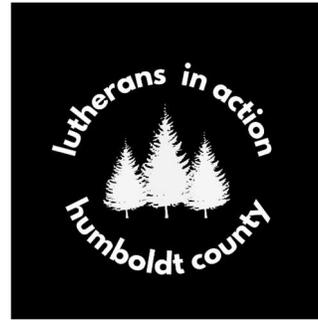
The lawn mowing contractor who was maintaining the lawns at Church retired last fall. Earl Erickson offered to take on this responsibility. However, the church did not own a lawnmower. The church received a financial gift from Elaine and Leon Warmuth to purchase a new mower and Earl has put it into service. Thank you!

Narthex News

The congregation received a generous financial gift from anonymous donors with a specific request to make the entryway (Narthex) into the church and just renovated sanctuary more welcoming and complementing the new liturgical furniture. The church council accepted the gift with thanks and decided to proceed with this project. The Council will be working to have this project completed by early September.

Lutherans in Action

Members of Humboldt Lutheran churches participated in a “Day of Service” on Saturday, March 12th.



The six congregations throughout Humboldt County collaborated for the day. We had representation from every church — Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Ferndale, Christ Lutheran Church in Fortuna, Lutheran Church of Arcata in Arcata, Calvary Lutheran Church in Eureka, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eureka and Grace Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in McKinleyville.



The Service Day was coordinated by Catherine Slabaugh, and Rev. Dr. Megan Rohrer, Bishop for the Sierra Pacific Synod. of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which is based in Millbrae. Jan Paulus and Claire Bareilles took the lead for Immanuel Lutheran in coordination of the Service Day. Over 50 people took part in the “Day of Service,” many participating in multiple projects throughout the day.

Volunteers worked with members of the PacOut Green Team to clean up along the Eureka Waterfront Trail and others went to the Eureka Rescue Mission to



clean, cook, and learn about the mission. Following brown bag lunch at Immanuel and a short message from Bishop Rohrer, the volunteers rolled up their sleeves for the next service project. That involved bagging Easter candy for children served through the Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation. There was plenty of candy to bag which resulted in over a hundred Easter bags for kids. Check out the additional pictures in the photo section, pages seven and eight.



Repeating Soon

Another Service Day is in the planning stages by the Humboldt Lutheran congregations. Look for upcoming announcements in the near future for particulars.

Learn About the Synod

For more information about the Sierra Pacific Synod, go to <https://www.spselca.net>.

Counting on You, Please

During COVID pandemic we have attempted to maintain a level of support for benevolence, community programs, and basic operations. Even without the use of the church building, operational and activity expenses do continue. Your continued support will make a difference. One can send an offering by mail to the church address or drop their offering into the exterior mail slot by the east entrance.

Forty Year Anniversary Recognition and Dedication

Sunday September 25th is the designated date when Immanuel Lutheran Church will dedicate the Refreshed Sanctuary and recognize the forty years that Pastor Groe has served the congregation. It will also mark the forty-year anniversary of Pastor Groe's ordination. More details to be announced.

Two New Books

John Brugaletta has published two new books. One of them is titled ***The Crossing Point of Our Lives: A Gathering of Christian Poems***. This book is has two sections. The first part holds a series of brief poems, while the second part is a series of stories about a fictional Christian hero named Pelegrin. This book may be bought online or from John for \$10. He will need your mailing

address of course. [707-498-1648](tel:707-498-1648) or jbrugaletta@gmail.com

The second book is titled ***Thirty Animals Who Live in Zoos***. It's a book that was designed for everyone, from children to adults. Each animal is discussed on the left-hand page and illustrated on the right-hand page. John wrote the text, and a brilliant artist drew the illustrations. The animals range from Alpaca, through Lion, and ending with Zorilla. This book is available from his son, John Travis Brugaletta, at \$8 per copy. His email address is rosecreekpens@gmail.com. (He makes pens too.)

Thoughts of Volunteering

June Knott announced that volunteers are back functioning at our hospitals. The Hospitals have expanded the roles of volunteers, to include the nursery for volunteers to just hold and soothe prenatally drug exposed babies as they go through withdrawals. She also stated, they will now be using volunteers in ER, Oncology, and a couple of other places. She emphasized there were roles for both men and women. June will have some applications for hospital volunteers at church. She's been volunteering for over 20 years which is a testament for how meaningful she's has found it.

Interested, please contact:

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Zoom a Wave



When attending church, you may pass by the Zoom camera. Give a wave to the folks on Zoom. It is a welcome gesture and will bring smiles to those unable to attend in person. And they often wave back.

We Need Updates for Church Directory

Ann Seemann is updating the Church Directory. It would help if those who have been in the directory and may have changed addresses, phone numbers, emails, or if they know there is an error, Ann would appreciate being notified. For friends/members who would like to be listed, you are welcome to send information to her. Only names, physical addresses, phone numbers (where it's best to call - either landline or cell) are noted.

You can email Ann with the information annseemann20@gmail.com or phone at [707-445-0286](tel:707-445-0286).

Print Press Paused

Probably noticed that the last edition of **Immanuel Images** was published March of 2021. Then the printing press was paused. Church news was announced with the publication of the weekly Service Bulletin and Celebrate. If events go as scheduled, the next edition of **Immanuel Images** will be published in October 2022.

Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday Service –
April 10 at 10:00am**

**Holy Thursday Service –
April 14 at 3:00 pm.**

**Good Friday Service –
April 15 at 11:00am.**

**Easter Sunday Service –
April 17 at 10:00 am.**

Zoom It

For those who access Zoom, one can join the meeting with or without video or join only by telephone.

On Sunday at 10am.

You can click on this link to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3864355892?pwd=V3FCNGdPQTE3YSthbU1Gb2tQdmlxQT09>

Meeting ID: **386 435 5892**

password: **161544**

OR

To join the service by phone please do the following:

1. Dial **669-219-2599**
2. When asked for the meeting ID enter: **386 435 5892**

If needed the password is **161544**

Sanctuary Worship Services

Keeping in mind theological understandings and public health precautions we are using small steps for returning to the sanctuary. For the time

being, Pastor and Council. ask in person worshippers to:

- Keep a social distance from one family group or another by sitting at different ends of alternate pews and wear a mask (available at the door) whether vaccinated or not.
- Sing hymns behind the mask.
- Doors will be open to maximize airflow.

The Church Council

From The Newsletter Staff

The newsletter is distributed by email and mail so sign up for a copy if you wish. Thank you to those who submitted articles and photos.

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If you would want to stop delivery of the newsletter, please contact one of us listed above. Thank you



Refreshed Sanctuary





A Lot of Easter Candy



Loading the Trunk with Easter Candy



Group of volunteers who had lunch at Immanuel



Catherine & Bishop



A very interested pup at the Waterfront



PacOut Green Team to clean up along the Eureka Waterfront



Lunch break at Immanuel for Lutheran in Action



Narthex Bulletin Board