



Immanuel Messenger

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A Word from Pastor Gregory Paul Fryer

Holy Week

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

We have an early Easter this year — March 31. This means that all of Holy Week will soon be upon us. This pinnacle week of church liturgies is a good and holy week. Try with all your might to be with us here at Immanuel.

As I mentioned last year, Organist and Music Director Zac Schurman and I get to live with the Holy Week liturgies far in advance, trying to plan things so that we can all worship with quiet and undistracted minds. That means, for example, that I have been able to work my way through every word of St. Mark's Passion story — a story we will read and sing on Palm Sunday. I think of that passage where Peter goes out and weeps. He has denied his Lord three



times. And then we all sing “Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended,” including this moving line:

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
’Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee. (LBW 123, verse 2)

Again, I think of that rugged cross I carry up the center aisle on Good Friday. I wonder whether I will be able to carry it this year. I am not as strong as I used to be.

But chiefly I think of that early morning visit of Mary Magdalene to the tomb. Our risen Jesus calls her by name, “Mary.” He calls her in a friendly way. I am eager to hear Jesus call my name someday. Easter gives us such hope in this world!

Please attend as many of these good services as you can. God bless you all.

In Christ,
Gregory Fryer

Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

Immanuel’s Sunday School Lenten Food Drive

The children are collecting food during the season of Lent. They have been encouraged to put a food item in a bag every day of Lent. With the children leading the way, we hope that members and friends of Immanuel will follow their example and also collect food items during this Lenten season. The bags of food will be collected at Easter and delivered to the NY Common Pantry located in our neighborhood.

Food Donations can either be given to Karen Bazik or Barbara Chomko or placed in the box in the narthex.

Here is this year’s list of the Pantry’s most needed items (next page):



MOST WANTED ITEMS

Donate shelf-stable items for our Pantry Programs

CANNED OR DRY BEANS

15oz or 1lb plant-based protein



CANNED FRUIT/VEGETABLES

Vegetables - Low-sodium or no salt
Fruit - In its own juice



CANNED FISH OR CHICKEN

Packed in water



GRAINS

Brown or white rice, pasta, barley, quinoa



PEANUT BUTTER

Natural with only peanuts
and oils in ingredient list



SHELF-STABLE MILK

Low-fat milk, almond, nut or oat milk



HOT/COLD CEREAL

Sugar-free oats, corn flakes,
farina or grits



LOW-SODIUM, LOW-SUGAR, HIGH-FIBER AND WHOLE GRAIN ITEMS PREFERRED

For more information about food donations email foodrescue@nycommonpantry.org
To schedule a donation drop off, visit nycommonpantry.org/food-rescue

New York Common Pantry | 8 East 109th Street, New York, NY 10029

If you have any extra Fresh Direct bags that you are not using, please donate them (they are great for delivering the collected food items to NY Common Pantry).

Easter Vigil Potluck

Holy Saturday, March 30, before and after the liturgy

One of our great Holy Week traditions is our Easter Vigil Potluck down in the undercroft. This potluck supper follows the magnificent Easter Vigil upstairs, in a church that is candlelit for much of the liturgy. You can sign up for this potluck with Karen Bazik or Barbara Chomko.

Karen and Barbara invite you down to the undercroft for a snack even before the liturgy. The Easter Vigil is a long, complex, and moving service. It would be good to have some nourishment for it.

The Bible: The Big Picture – A Class for All Ages

A Note from Pastor Lara Bhasin

From time to time, during Coffee Hour in the Martin Luther Room

Next class: March 17. The topic will be the Biblical basis for the Trinity (in honor of Saint Patrick's Day)

Easter Lilies and Special Music

Gifts for Easter lilies and special music can be given as memorials for a loved one or friend to add to the beauty of our worship at Easter. Gifts in any amount are sought for the Music Fund; lilies are \$20.00. We place an envelope for this in the Sunday worship folders. You may place your envelope in the offering plate or give it to Ester Neubacher after the liturgy.

Volunteers Are Needed

Volunteers are needed on Palm Sunday to help stuff plastic eggs for the egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Supplies will be on a table near the Godly Play room after church on Palm Sunday. Just look for Karen Bazik.

Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children during Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday.

Online Giving to Immanuel

A Note from Pastor Gregory Fryer

Nowadays we have the option of giving online. Here is our QR code.



I find that if I simply point the camera on my iPhone to this code, a link comes up leading directly to our Immanuel online giving form. It is pretty easy.

Immanuel Book Club: *The Screwtape Letters* By C.S. Lewis

Once a month. Next class: 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2024
In the Martin Luther Room and via Zoom

Please join Pastor Lara for the class discussion at 8 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room, or sign in via Zoom. There is no need to read ahead. We will read it together in class.

Here is the Zoom information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81940413904?pwd=PyJZ56im1YnRyRCVq3ur1OEDwCCR9Z.1>

Meeting ID: 819 4041 3904

Passcode: 535156

Dial by your location using the same Meeting ID and Passcode: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81940413904?pwd=PyJZ56im1YnRyRCVq3ur1OEDwCCR9Z.1>

Coffee Hours

If you can host Coffee Hour or contribute a dish to Coffee Hour, that would be great! It would be most welcome. Please let Kathy Jolowicz know: Kaj133@aol.com. Letting Kathy know will help with our planning. Also, the Board of Deacons would greatly appreciate donations of soda, iced tea or juice. We have coffee and tea, but some people (and the kids!) like to have cold beverages.

In Our Prayers

IN OUR PRAYERS IN RECENT TIMES: Edna Szmodis, Carole Smith, Diane Kinley, Davida Goldman, Clifford Rose, Susan McIntosh (Richard McIntosh's sister), Timna Rosenheimer (friend of David Kiehl), Melodee Kelly (friend of Thomas Wicks), Celia Cabrera, Minfang Cheng (friend of Louisa Laverde), Stephen and Jean Fischer, Sister Angela (friend of Pastor Carol, David Kiehl, and Maria Barbera), LyAsia Beltre and her mother, Carol Dittbrenner, Pastor Gregory Fryer, Pastor Lara Bhasin, Ann Wareham, Carlos Opio, Sally Gaudons, Luz Ortiz, Jonathan Lochrichio (nephew of Luz Ortiz), Jennifer Loughrey, Marcia Rudat (Jeff's mother), Richard Shuta (Jeff Rudat's uncle), Naomi Kinley (Jeff Rudat's friend), Karl Fritsch (Louise Laverde's brother-in-law), Alan Brook (Matt O'Donnell's father), Cayle Powell and Raymond Hernandez (Florida family members of Eric and Ester Neubacher), Tracy Leung (Priscilla's cousin), Robert Huckfeldt (David Kiehl's brother-in-law), Patricia Sanders, David Kiehl

RECENTLY DIED Fr. Larry Bailey
Bereaved Davida Goldman, Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer

RECENTLY DIED Yoleidy Perez (1/1964-2/28/2024, age 60)
Bereaved Tamares Perez (his sister)

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