

NEWS & NOTES—WEEK OF MARCH 22ND TO MARCH 28TH, 2026

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<u>Sunday 22</u>	<u>Monday 23</u>	<u>Tuesday 23</u>	<u>Wednesday 24</u>	<u>Thursday 25</u>	<u>Friday 26</u>	<u>Saturday 27</u>
-9:00 am: Worship w/Communion -9:15 am: Sunday School 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm: 5 th Grade Youth & Parents -5:00 pm: 9 th Grade Mentoring -6:00 pm: Game Night	*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE		-9:00 am: 3D -6:30 pm: Holden Evening Prayer -7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	-1:30 pm: Do Day *Bulletin Submission Deadline*		

Birthdays this Week: Lee Grippen, Genevieve Klug, Harper Reed, Lucas Mikula, Melissa Schuldt, Kathy Sullivan, and Michelle Finlayson. Happy Birthday everyone!!!

Remembering Those who Died within the Last 20 Years: Marie Ellestad, Stella Zimmerman, Julie Strabley, Elise Marnach, and Marlyn Meiners.

Please lift up in prayer: **Emily** Douglas, **Patricia** Holdmeyer (mother of Ryan Holdmeyer), **Tim** Schroeder, **Gayle** Grippen, **Karen** Meiners, **Noah and family**, **Roger** Vick, **Tom** Danielson, **Orville** Larson (Grandpa of Emily Riley), **Don** Zoubek (Uncle to Geoff Mell), **Rachel** Storlie, **Donna** Schulze, **John** Stange (cousin to Pastor), and **Gladys** Tegtmeier.

Those in Grief: Family and friends of Bob Meiners. Bob passed through the gates of death and entered eternal life on Friday, March 13. Bob's funeral was Saturday, March 21 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Caledonia, MN.

If you would like a prayer request to be added, please contact the church office.

W-ELCA Meeting Rescheduled: Due to the inclement weather last Sunday, the W-ELCA meeting has been rescheduled to **Sunday, April 12** after church.

The next blood drive: Is being held in Caledonia at Four Seasons Community Center will be held on **Tuesday, April 14 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. There is a huge need for blood donations and it only takes a short time to help save lives! Please consider donating. If you would like to schedule an appointment, you may do so online at www.redcrossblood.org or by messaging on the Facebook page "Caledonia-MN Community Blood Drive", or contacting Bonnie Giesler, Vicki Kruckow, or Donise Heiller-Becker. Thank you for your help in saving lives!

Spiritual Direction: Are you wondering what Spiritual Direction is all about? Might it help you in your spiritual journey? If interested in learning more about this, please contact: Mary Mell, Spiritual Director at 507-450-4577 or email her at mmheaventouch@gmail.com (offering a no charge introductory session).

Do You Have An Interest In Being Part Of The Synod Level Of The Women Of The Elca?

The Synod W-ELCA needs a new Treasurer, Vice President, North Conference Representative, East Conference Representative, West Conference Coordinator, North Conference Coordinator, and South Conference Representative. If you are interested and/or would like to know more about the positions, contact JoAnn Salava at jams@mwt.net or Mona Van Riper at monavanriper@gmail.com.

Our Spring Convention will be on Saturday, 04/18/2026, at Coon Valley Lutheran Church in Coon Valley, WI.

Spring Cleaning: It's that time of year again to begin Spring cleaning! Spring cleaning at Immanuel is planned to take place over the duration of about 3 weeks from **March 15 through April 1**. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex to sign up for certain cleaning jobs if you are available. Some of the main goals will be to clean the windows, throughout the building, dusting, cleaning the carpets, and more. Many hands will help to make light work. Cooperation among multiple people can make tasks easier to accomplish. There may be bot day and evening hours to sign up for. Thanks for your help in making the church looking great just in time for Easter! Any questions, please see David Erickson

Neighbors Day: April 17, 2026 is neighbors day! Do you need assistance with your yard work? Caledonia Rotary is coordinating Neighbors Day for Friday, April 17 from 3-6 pm. Tasks performed would include raking, cleaning perennial beds, sweeping out the garage, picking up yard debris, etc. Contact Sherry by calling (507) 450-6231 or emailing her at slsew333@gmail.com by Friday, April 10 to request a team to perform yard clean-up for you!

Scam: Recently our Pastor was the victim of a scammer. A number of members received emails or texts claiming to be Pastor Meyer and asking that we purchase gift certificates or cards for him to help others. We are, therefore, giving you some common tactics scammers often use:

- **Impersonating a Pastor:** Scammers will gather names and information to send emails and/or texts pretending to be your pastor or other church leader
- **Urgency & Secrecy:** Often language is used that is urgent sounding or of high emotion to indicate an urgent need or help with a medical issue.
- **Requesting Gift Cards:** It is a major red flag if the request is for a gift card because they are the most difficult to trace back to and money cannot be recovered from them.
- **Spoofing Techniques:** These are used to make the messages appear to come from the pastor's actual phone or email address, but are not.
- **Using AI:** AI is a newer tactic being used to generate audio and video to impersonate pastors.

Busy Bags: The Board of Education would love to find a person to take over replenishing, organizing and sanitizing the little kid busy bags available for use during church each week. If you are interested, please reach out to any of these Board of Education members; Stephanie Mell, Tricia Babniski, Ashley Dress, Aimee Wiebke, or contact the Church Office. We can let you know what it all entails and answer any questions you may have about it. Thank you!



LENTEN CALENDAR

Holden Evening Prayer (Immanuel and Wilmington Churches)
Every Wednesday, February 25 through March 25
6:30 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday
6:30 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Good Friday
1:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church
7:00 pm at Wilmington Lutheran Church

6:30 am Sunrise Service at Immanuel Lutheran Church
9:00 am at Immanuel Lutheran Church
10:15 am at Wilmington Lutheran Church

Easter Flower Orders

Help decorate the church for Easter with a plant or flowers in memory or in honor of someone, then take them home after Easter service to enjoy. Stop in or call Mary Ann's Floral to place order, and then **please let church office know who it is in memory or honor of**. Deadline for all orders is **Friday March 27th**.

Plants:

- Begonia \$20
- Calla Lily \$30
- Hydrangea \$40
- Tri-Colored mum \$24
- Gerbera Daisy \$24



Fresh Flowers in a Vase:

- Assorted fresh Tulips \$32
- Spring assorted flowers \$38

*these prices include tax

We cannot guarantee a specific color on some plants.
Thank you,
Aimee at Mary Ann's Floral. (507) 725-2621

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