

**NEWS & NOTES—WEEK OF MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> TO MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2026**

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<u>Sunday 15</u>	<u>Monday 16</u>	<u>Tuesday 17</u>	<u>Wednesday 18</u>	<u>Thursday 19</u>	<u>Friday 20</u>	<u>Saturday 21</u>
-9:00 am: Worship w/Communion <b>NO</b> Sunday School -1:00 pm: Spring Grove Assisted Living Worship	-Butter Braid Delivery		-9:00 am: 3D -3:00 pm: Spring Grove Nursing Home Worship -6:30 pm: Holden Evening Prayer -7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal -Chelsey working at home due to Spring break	-1:30 pm: Claddagh Worship  *Bulletin Submission Deadline*	-Chelsey planning to be in the office 12 pm to 3 pm	

**Birthdays this Week:** Mona Olson, Hazel Schiltz, Olin Twite, Amanda King, Cheryl Kuennen, Tate Meiners, and Anne Falken. Happy Birthday everyone!!!

**Remembering Those who Died within the Last 20 Years:** Leon Messner, Darrell Schroeder, Ida Kubitz, Erv Rickheim, Eleanor Bishop, Laura Scholl, Janice Dokken, and Dentri Carlson.

**Please lift up in prayer:** Emily Douglas, Patricia Holdmeyer (mother of Ryan Holdmeyer), Tim Schroeder, Bob Meiners, 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.

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

**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](http://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!

**Office:** Due to Spring Break for the school district March 16-20 and no child care, Chelsey will be working from home Wednesday this week and is planning to be in the office Friday from 12pm until 3pm. If you need anything outside this time, please reach out and we can schedule something! Thanks!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jams@mwt.net) or Mona Van Riper at [monavanriper@gmail.com](mailto: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 [ssew333@gmail.com](mailto:ssew333@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.

**Thank You:** Thank you to anyone who helped out in any way during the rummage sale this past week. Your help is always greatly appreciated!

**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 27<sup>th</sup>.**

#### 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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