

NEWS & NOTES—WEEK OF MARCH 29TH TO APRIL 4TH, 2026

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<u>Sunday 29</u>	<u>Monday 30</u>	<u>Tuesday 31</u>	<u>Wednesday 1</u>	<u>Thursday 2</u>	<u>Friday 3</u>	<u>Saturday 4</u>
-9:00 am: Worship w/Communion -9:15 am: Sunday School – Last Day!		-1:00 pm: Newsletter Folding	-9:00 am: 3D -7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	-6:30 pm: Maundy Thursday Service, 5 th Grade Communion *Bulletin Submission Deadline*	-1:00 pm: Good Friday Service @ Immanuel -7:00 pm: Good Friday Service @ Wilmington	

Birthdays this Week: Gordon Pohlman, Brayden Rask, Bonnie Tollefson, Ashley Proulx, Harley Doering, Melissa Nelson, Cory Klug, and Kerrigan Hansen. Happy Birthday everyone!!!

Remembering Those who Died within the Last 20 Years: Leland Schulze, Janice Nelson, Robert Deters, Robert Myhre Jr., Chris Bird, and Marjorie Kreuzscher.

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.

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).

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 by Friday, April 10 to request a team to perform yard clean-up for you!

Neighbors Day Cleaning Team: The Caledonia Rotary is inviting Immanuel to have a team of volunteers for Neighbors Day 2026. These teams will rake yards or trim bushes or clean perennial beds for homeowners in Caledonia who are unable to do this themselves. Pizza and beverages will be served at Elsie's once work is completed. If you would like to be part of a team from Immanuel, please sign up on the Kiosk or by contacting the church office.

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!

Chelsey's Resignation: After much thought and prayer, as of last Friday, I have made the very difficult decision to place my notice of resignation for my position as the Office Manger for Immanuel and Wilmington churches. However, I have agreed to stay on a few hours each week to help with weekly worship materials only until my position is filled. This decision did not come easy, but I feel it is what is needed for me and my family at this present time. I want to thank everyone for the last 2 years and 1 month of bringing so many blessings into my life. I truly enjoyed getting to know and working alongside many of you! I am going to miss you all and I am certainly grateful to have had this opportunity to serve both Immanuel and Wilmington churches. Thank you all for all the care, support, prayer, and friendship you have given to me and my family. God's blessings to you all! -Chelsey Kruckow

WELCA Baby Kit Donations: Are you a Kohl's shopper and have unused Kohl's Cash available? Please consider using your Kohl's Cash for essential WELCA baby kit items. Items urgently needed are socks and t-shirts size 6 months – 24 months/2T (note that NO camouflage, religious symbols, flags, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces are allowed). Lutheran World Relief now requires 2 pairs of new socks for each baby kit. Please leave the items in the WELCA containers under the church mailboxes. This is an ongoing need. Also of need are Flannel sheets and pillowcases. WELCA members are looking for gently used flannel sheets of any size (both fitted and flat) and flannel pillowcases. These linens will be made into diapers for mission baby kits, with each kit containing 4 diapers. Please leave the linens in the WELCA containers under the church mailboxes. Thank you!

Easter Breakfast Fellowship: Following the 6:30 am Easter Worship, there will be an Easter breakfast served in the Social Hall. Egg bake, butter braids, and fresh fruit will be served (and maybe some chocolate as well). There is no charge for this breakfast. It is paid for by a generous grant from Thrivent Financial, and with the work of a few members of the congregation. Plan to come for the sunrise worship and stay for breakfast!



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

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