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ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

It's an annual tradition that our Christian Day School students present a special service with hymns and passages that they've committed to memory. The service alternates between years from an Easter service in March to a Reformation service in October. The goal is the same: to proclaim the saving Gospel of Christ. This is the reason why we operate a Christian Day School. Every day, our students hear about their Savior and grow in the knowledge of His Word.

Of course, there are other blessings our students gain from a service such as this. They learn to use their voices in word and song, they gain experience in speaking before groups, they learn to utilize the gifts the Lord has given them. They are not the only beneficiaries, however. We, the people who listen and participate in the service, are given an opportunity to be strengthened in our faith as well.

There will be time for pictures after the service. Be sure to join us for dinner, as well. Serving will begin shortly after the service ends.

A special thanks to our teachers for all of the effort they put into the service. This often included adjusting their regular school day in order to allow for practice sessions, etc.

Accompanist: Kathy Lueck

Narrator: Carl Strike

Teachers: Ruth Eigenberg, Lana Strike

QUARTERLY MEETING The voting members of St. John's are encouraged to attend our April Quarterly Voter's Meeting in the auditorium on Sunday, April 21, after the noon potluck meal. Besides regular board reports, the agenda will include the following: dates for VBS/SS picnic, School Board to call VBS teachers, summer worship schedule, delegates for the spring Delegate Conference (10AM Saturday, June 8 @ Grace, Fridley), Budget Committee Meeting date/time, July Quarterly Meeting date. Any other agenda items should be given to Chairman Phil Strike as soon as possible.

LADIES AID The April meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:30. The business meeting will follow the Book Study.

CLC NEWS The funeral for former Pastor David Lau was held yesterday in Eau Claire. Cards may be sent to Joe Lau, 511 Ingram Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54701. He served at St. John's from 1973-1975.

Seminary graduate Paul Agenten has been assigned to the dual parish of Marquette and Iron River, MI. Teacher Katie Naumann, Winter Haven, FL has received the call to teach at Fond du Lac, WI.

Pastor Nathanael Mayhew will be installed at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN in a special service on Saturday, May 25th, at 4:00 p.m. with a potluck meal to follow. All are invited.

Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, individual student grants, scholarships, and work study. All students are encouraged to submit an application. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, the other aids are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2024, for the 2024-25 academic year. If any potential student is showing any interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at ilc.edu/resources/ under the heading "Financial Assistance Forms & Info."

After Banquet Party: Parents of Immanuel Lutheran High School students are presently working on this year's After Banquet Party to be held Saturday May 4, 2024 in Eau Claire, WI. The ILHS Banquet is held at a local venue with the After-Banquet Party immediately afterwards in the high school gymnasium. The After-Banquet Party is held to provide a fun and safe place for the students to enjoy this special evening honoring the senior class. Nearly every student attends the After-Banquet party, even if they don't attend the Banquet. We rely on donations from the parents, families and local businesses. We are able to buy some prizes at local businesses, but if you would like to donate gift cards or prizes, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact: Jennifer Radermacher, imjenrad44@gmail.com or Jen LeDuc, jenleduc04@gmail.com Monetary donations may be sent to: ILC After-Banquet Committee, c/o Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Thank you for considering!

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USHERS 04/14 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
04/21 Kendall B., Larry B.
04/28 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.

CLEANING (Wk. 2) S. Aden, L. Baumann. B. Dronen, L. Ferguson
The Boernsens