

GOOD NEWS



CULTURES IN CHRIST

by: Deacon Cheryl

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."-Jesus

Matthew 28:19

It all started with a group of twelve ordinary men who followed Jesus, a highly influential rabbi, a rebel who would change the world as the awaited Son of God, Messiah, Redeemer, and Savior of all humanity.

During Jesus' three years of public ministry, the number of followers increased and on the day of Pentecost about three thousand more joined the family of believers. Ensuing persecution scattered believers to other regions and the gospel message began traveling around the world. Missionaries to foreign lands would further the spread of the good news of Jesus Christ. And so, it continues as ordinary people, like us, share our faith stories and introduce the love of Jesus to people we encounter along our journey of life in Christ. Today, there are approximately 2.6 billion Christians among 120 countries.



One hundred and twenty countries! What an amazing diversity of cultures! We look different, dress in a variety of styles, consume various cuisines, dwell in homes ranging from the outdoors to mansions, and blend cultures through migration around the world. Some of us live in comfort and safety while some struggle to survive poverty, gangs, wars, and oppressive governments. Yet, despite our differences, we are all united through our faith in God's amazing gift of saving grace through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, that influential rebel who changed the world. We are siblings in Christ. We are family.

Throughout this year we invite you on a journey to discover the lives of Christians around the world whose faith impacted humanity. Each month we will highlight people from a different culture. So, get your passport and leave room in your luggage for the souvenirs of knowledge, achievements, and examples by our siblings in Christ. At the end of our journey together, we will, no doubt, be richer in our understanding of how interconnected the world truly is and how it benefits us all.

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Altar Guild Meeting

MARCH 11TH | 10 AM

ROOM 202: PALM CITY

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH COMMUNION OR CARE FOR THE ALTAR.

QUESTIONS HAPPILY ANSWERED BY MARJ SMITH AT 772-286-8974 OR BELINDA LOWE AT 772-634-0194.

PRESCHOOL UPDATE

BY DR. PATTY

Dear Immanuel Parents & Church Family,

The theme for this month is Bugs and Amazing Critters.

Welcome to March! This is the month of refreshing and welcoming the beauty of Spring. This month will be filled with exploration and fun learning about all the different species of bugs and amazing critters.

The Fabulous Fours (VPK) class will be having fun getting to know more about the amazing critters they will learn about. They will be building their vocabulary with words such as Arachnids and Proboscis (which are two types of critters) and understanding what the word camouflage means. They are also continuing to learn and strengthen the 7 essential skills for school readiness: confidence, curiosity, intentionality, self-control, relationships, cooperation, and communication. Ms. Krystal is excited and ready to dig in to find some of these critters to show off to the class; giving them a real-life experience. Don't forget to ask them who 'Nature's Busy Bodies' are.

The Thriving Threes will be fascinated with learning about the different types of bugs. They too have some big vocabulary words for this theme. One of them is Entomologist. This is who they will be pretending to be while they study insects and their relationship with the environment and humans. They will pretend to be caterpillars and play a spider web math game. Ms. Daniella and Ms. Sharon will explore the critters around the school. The teachers can hardly wait to get down on their knees outside to help the children explore, not harm, and view from a distance, these amazing critters. Don't forget to ask them to retell the stories that are read to them each day about these critters.

The terrific twos will be exploring the bugs and insects from a distance. We all know most two-year-olds are afraid of these critters. Most of their learning and exploring will be through songs, stories, and nursery rhymes. In their activities, they will create some of these creepy crawlers. Ms. Katherine, Ms. Jalissa, and Ms. Elise are excited to share their teacher expertise in creating masterpieces of creepy crawlers with the twos'. Be on the lookout for these creepy crawlers and bugs paper activities coming home with them. Thanks to their devoted teachers for their love of teaching: Ms. Jalissa, Ms. Elise, and Ms. Katherine.

Reminders for this month: We will be closed for Spring Break 3/16th-3/20th. However, on this week we will have a Spring Break Camp. March 13th is National Preschooler's Day. With March brings unpredictable weather, so keep an eye out on the weather, maybe keep a small jacket in the car and don't forget to check your child's folder daily. Children who are already a part of our Immanuel family can start registering for summer camp on 3/2.

Our March Birthdays: Thomas Rittenberg, Wren Rasa, Mason Kepich, Noah Cosky, Layla Duffy, and Vaughn Owings.



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

BY BRITTANY PERALTA

Hey Immanuel Youth and Families,

As we look ahead to March, there is so much to be excited about in our youth ministry! This upcoming month will be full of faith, service, leadership, and big dreams for the future.

Our next Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, March 8th, as we continue walking together through meaningful conversations and growth in faith. Then on Saturday morning, March 21st, our confirmation students will participate in a Gleaning service project, putting their faith into action by serving our neighbors in a hands-on and impactful way.

We are also thrilled that our Youth Council was voted in on March 1st! This newly formed student leadership team will begin helping shape the direction of our youth ministry and will play an important role in planning for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. The Gathering will take place June 28th-July 2nd, 2027, and this year's theme is "Imagine More." Together, we'll be imagining more love, more courage, more grace, and more impact as we prepare for this incredible opportunity.

Our next Youth Group meeting will be Sunday, March 29th from 6-8 pm, and we'll be talking about all of these exciting developments. We'll also begin brainstorming fundraising ideas, because we have a big goal ahead of us as we prepare for the Gathering. It's never too early to start dreaming and planning!

Please continue to pray for our youth as they step into new leadership roles, grow in confidence, and help build a ministry rooted in love, belonging, and faith. We are so blessed by their energy and heart.

Parents and youth—invite a friend to join us this month! There is always room at the table, and we'd love to welcome new faces into our community.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine..."
-Ephesians 3:20



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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED IN OUR VOLUNTEER EVENT. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER WHERE YOUR GIFTS MAY BE USED; THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES BOTH BIG AND SMALL!



PANCAKE SUPPER

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR PANCAKE TEAM! OUR PANCAKE SUPPER WAS A FLIPPING SUCCESS, AND WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THE INCREDIBLE HARD WORK OF OUR VOLUNTEERS. A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO JEANNE AND LARRY BATEMAN, ARTHUR HINTZ AND MARK SHOEMAKER, SANDRA FOLEY, JOSEPH PINTER AND KIM SHRUM.



Monthly Giving Report

A report of our combined Palm City & Stuart giving compared to the approved budget the congregation agreed to at the annual meeting.

	January 2026	YTD 2026
Given	\$50,647.24	\$50,647.24
Budgeted	\$44,600.01	\$44,600.01
Difference	\$6,047.23	\$6,047.23

Operating Fund Income and Expenses

Our year-to-date operating income and expenses using the latest report of the treasurer.

ILC & IELC	YTD 2026
Income	\$54,902.50
Expenses	\$39,813.84
Difference	\$15,088.66



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A BIG THANK YOU TO KIM NEAL AND DREW HIGH FOR THEIR DISHWASHING EXPERTISE AT OUR UNBOUND POTLUCK!



Unbound
LENTEN MIDWEEK
Wednesday Nights | Starting 2/25
5:30 PM: Food | 6:00 PM: Study
Stuart Fellowship Hall



2ND ANNUAL GLEANING
SATURDAY MARCH 21ST



PALM SUNDAY PRAYER WALK
Interdenominational
March 29th | 2 PM
Starts at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
Ends at Pentecostal Church of God in Christ

March 28th 6:00 PM **March 29th 9:30 AM | 11:15 AM**

Palm Sunday



HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6 PM	GOOD FRIDAY 7 PM	HOLY SATURDAY <small>INTERACTIVE PRAYER STATIONS</small> 8 AM - 8 PM
SUNRISE SERVICE 7:00 AM	EASTER SUNDAY CONTEMPORARY 9:30 AM	TRADITIONAL 11:15 AM


