



# Immanuel

Lutheran Church

*Love. Serve. Repeat.*

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## Confirmation Sunday

**May 12, 2024**



A couple of days ago, I was served by my first robot-- at McDonald's. It caused me to recall how when I was a boy, the first McDonald's opened in my home town-- when fast foods themselves were still unknown. And how I felt very uncomfortable when the first electronic menus began to appear at McDonald's as well as other restaurants. And how I sense that soon self

-checkouts will push aside cashiers at Walmart and other stores into the dustbin of ancient history.

I even wondered if someday churches may begin to have some robot-pastors. That would avoid the expense of paying for health insurance, which might very well be more expensive than servicing the robot. I didn't like that idea either.

Many people like the new systems. I am more of a people person. I miss interacting with cashiers and servers. But I remind myself that it is important to keep up with change. In my ministry I have seen what **not** doing that has done to people's lives-- for example, elderly people who never learned to go online because they never saw the need to have a computer or smart phone.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of May, which is Ascension Sunday, as part of our Sunday Service, two young people will affirm their Baptisms in the Rite of Confirmation. Landon Christopher Bauman and Avery Alynn Bobby will make vows of future faithfulness, similar to those which others have made over the changing centuries-- serious vows like those of marriage, before God and His people.

It's easy to wonder, with all the rapid changes taking place at a faster and faster rate, how a young person could confidently promise much of anything. Yet, when asked whether they do intend to remain faithful even to death, they will answer, "I do, **by the grace of God.**"

In these quickly changing times-- with all the new discoveries and inventions and new questions raised-- let's all recall Luther's explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, on the Holy Spirit. We will celebrate the pouring out of that Holy Spirit upon the disciples and first believers on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Notice how the explanation in the Catechism begins.

"I believe that **I cannot by own reason or strength believe** in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him;"

Human nature does not change. What was true centuries ago continues to be true for us sinners.

**"BUT the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith....."**

The Holy Spirit has done that throughout the massive changes of over twenty centuries now, just as the Lord Jesus promised.

Jesus had said,

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth.... I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." - John 14:15-19 And so our confirmands will also vow to stay close to the **means** which the Holy Spirit uses to pour out His grace upon us today-- to

create and renew life-giving faith, to bring Christ to us.

“Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?”

Again the answer: “I do by the grace of God.”

There could not be any better example for all of us

- whatever our age,
- wherever we are in this ever-new world.

And how about these words or encouragement to seek the Holy Spirit and the gift of faith for our own lives, from Luke 11:

“And I tell you (Jesus said), ask, and it will be given to **you**; seek and you will find; knock , and it will be opened to you. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!**” (9-13)

What an incentive to pray-- for our confirmands, for our loved ones, for one another and for ourselves! An unconditional promise, from a gracious Savior, who is the same yesterday, today and forever as our Risen Lord.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of that Holy Spirit be with you all!



## Altar Guild - Bev Bayes

Don't forget the altar flowers when you have a blessing or special occasion or someone you want to honor.

Order forms: Hanging on the office door.  
Two vases - \$30

Also, we want to remind you these are your flowers and you may take them with you following the service.

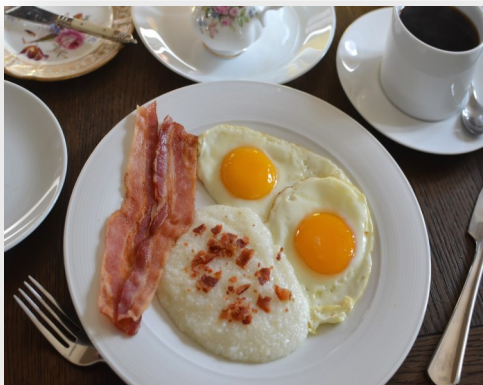
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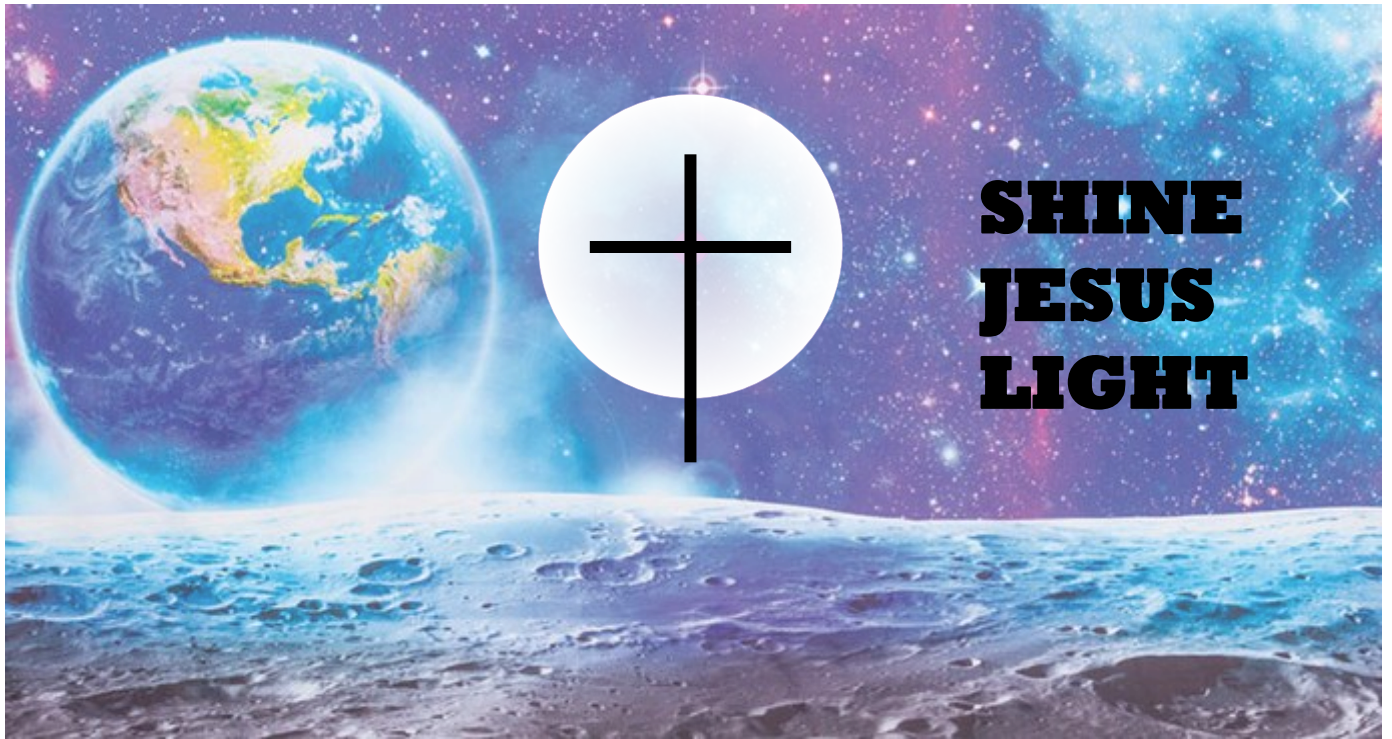
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If you haven't already, take a minute to check out all the benefits available to you as a client with membership



## **BREAKFAST BRUNCH BUNCH**

Our next Breakfast/Brunch Bunch will be on Sunday, May 12th. We gather after the Service for a brief discussion of a Bible passage and then leave together for a local restaurant. Everyone welcome! A great day to invite a friend too. We will go to the Egg Basket at 880 South Barrington Road, Streamwood, IL 60107.



## **VBS REGISTRATION BEGINS**

VBS Registration begins May 22, 2023 for kids ages 4 -14 Our  
**VBS runs from Aug 5<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 9<sup>h</sup>** from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

We will have registration forms  
available in the church narthex or on-line at:

**[immanuellutheranbartlett.com](http://immanuellutheranbartlett.com)**

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact  
Lynn Zillmer in the church office at (630) 837-1166. Mon – Thur.  
9 –12 noon. A background check and an on-line child safety class  
is required for working with the children directly.  
Pick up a form for family, neighbors and friends.



# THE 9<sup>TH</sup> PROJECT 24 SITE TO COME

The Project 24 Steering Committee has consistently included plans for future sites in the strategic vision of the Project 24 program. Among these, two specific locations were top priority, awaiting the opportune time to begin construction. Recently, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya confirmed the next site, situated in a remote area within the central region of Kenya. This location is home to the Samburu tribe, known for their nomadic lifestyle, moving in search of suitable grazing grounds for their livestock. The Evangelical Lutheran Church has had a longstanding desire to support the children in this region, and now, with the assistance of the LC-MS, they are jointly establishing our ninth Project 24 site in Wamba. Construction is underway, with the foundation laid and walls beginning to rise. We are thrilled by the progress and pray God’s blessings on this new site.



## LIFT UP THE WORD LIGHT UP THE WORLD

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

### May Birthdays

5/3 Erica Franzen  
5/5 Kimberly Wheeler  
5/9 Matthew L. Manka  
5/11 Barbara Olson

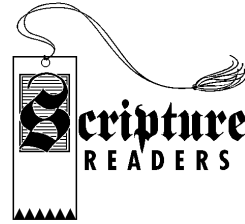
5/12 Terry Kainz  
5/14 Theodore Lee  
5/16 Kristin Crager, Charles Hulke  
5/31 David Schroeder

# May 2024 Schedules



## Lay Minister Schedule

May 5 - Dave Schroeder & Marty Sterrett  
May 12 - Al Thilk  
May 19 - Al Thilk  
May 26 - Marty Sterrett



## Reader Schedule

May 5 - Dave Schroeder  
May 12 - Sally Hover  
May 19 - Adele Pikora  
May 26 - Al Thilk

*If you would like to volunteer to serve please call the office.*

*If unable to serve when scheduled, please try to find a substitute. Also notify the church office as soon as possible (630 837-1166 or [immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net)) Thank you!*



## **Pentecost**

Celebrated May 19 2024

