



**Emmanuel**



# **Emmanuel United Methodist Church**

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**April 2021**

# CHRIST IS RISEN



## **Happening at Emmanuel in April 2021**

**Good Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7 pm Good Friday Service**

**Easter Sunday April 4 - 10 am Easter Worship Service**

**Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> - 10 am Worship and Sunday School**

**Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> - 10 am Worship and Sunday School**

**Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> – 10 am Worship and Sunday School**

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## Easter Week Activities at Emmanuel

It's probably hard to remember where we were during Easter week in 2020, but we weren't in church. Even though the pandemic is still ongoing, we have been able to hold services in the sanctuary and will do so this week.

**Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> evening at 7 p.m.** we will have a solemn **service of Tenebrae** (a service observed during the final part of Holy Week commemorating the sufferings and death of Christ during which the paraments and candles are removed, and the cross is draped in black.)

**Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.** we will **celebrate the resurrection and communion in the pews during worship.** The choir will sing (using clear face shields to avoid mask muffling) for the first time in a year; our favorite Easter anthem, The Power of the Cross.

A reminder that we continue to observe covid precautions. Face masks are required in the building and we ask that you wear them properly (cover your nose) to protect our vulnerable members. We have taped ribbons to close off every other row of pews and ask that folks maintain social distancing in the pews and everywhere in the building. Stairs are marked "up" and "down" so the flow minimizes contact with others. Bulletins, offering plate and disposable communion cups are on a table at the top of the stairs (there are no ushers.) Disposable masks and gloves are available at the front and back doors if you need them. Hand sanitizer is available at several places in the building.

If you prefer, the fellowship room is set up with socially distanced seating and there is a table with bulletins, communion cups and an offering plate. The service from upstairs can be heard but not seen.

We hope to see many of you this week, but we know times are still uncertain and each of us must do what is best for ourselves and our families. If you are unable to be with us in person, please know we will be with you in spirit as we remember the importance of this week from the

Apostle's creed: ...Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord...suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father...

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## **Pastor's Corner**

### **Our Eternal Salvation**

Our soul is worth more than the whole world and everything in it. Jesus says in Matthew 16:26, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his own soul?" Our soul is the part of us that is going to live on forever and ever throughout all eternity. Jesus says concerning eternity, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (Matthew 25:46). This earthly life is so short, but eternity is forever and ever without end. God's word says, "Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even as a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14).

If you were to die today do you know for certain, without a doubt, that you would go to Heaven? We will not accidentally go to Heaven. This is a question about which we cannot afford to be wrong. One day each of us will know the true answer to this question, "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Romans 14:10). Every one of us have two appointments that have already been made for us and that we will definitely keep, whether we want to or not. They are, "And as it is appointed for men

to die once, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). These two appointments: death and judgment cannot be canceled. We are told in Amos 4:12, "Prepare to meet your God". On Judgment Day we will be either prepared or unprepared. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. Let's make sure we are prepared to go to Heaven.

God Bless,

*Pastor Mark*

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## **Church Yard Sale being Planned**

We are considering having the church yard sale mid- June , unless the situation w/the virus, might prohibit it. But we need to know that people will come out to help.

**Help will be needed:** The Sun. before the sale (after worship) to bring items up from the basement. The day before the sale, help is needed to arrange and price items. And, of course , the day of the sale , we need help to assist the customers . Help is appreciated for an hour or two, or the entire morning.

If you can help in any of these areas, please see Brad, Deanne, or Kathy.

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### **April Birthdays**

**April 3 – Carole Sanders**

**April 15 – Kristin Stup**

### **March Anniversaries**

**April 22 – Herman & Peggy deHaan**

**April 24 – Glenn & Carole Sanders**

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## Prayer Concerns for April

Carole Sanders, Catherine Lenhart, Nancy O'Rourke, Glenn Sanders, Joan Sehl, Pat Tracy, Eleanor Wolf

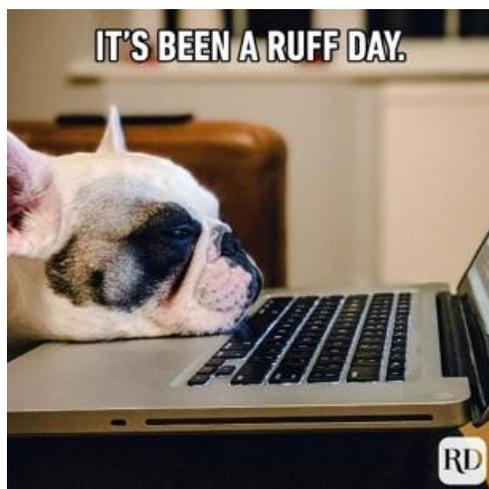
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## Smiles for April 2021

When you're stressed,  
You eat ice cream,  
cake, chocolate  
and sweets.  
Why?  
because  
stressed  
spelled  
backwards is desserts.



**Amazon just got  
approved for  
drone delivery.  
We now have  
skeet shooting  
with prizes.**





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