

# IMMANUEL ECHO

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

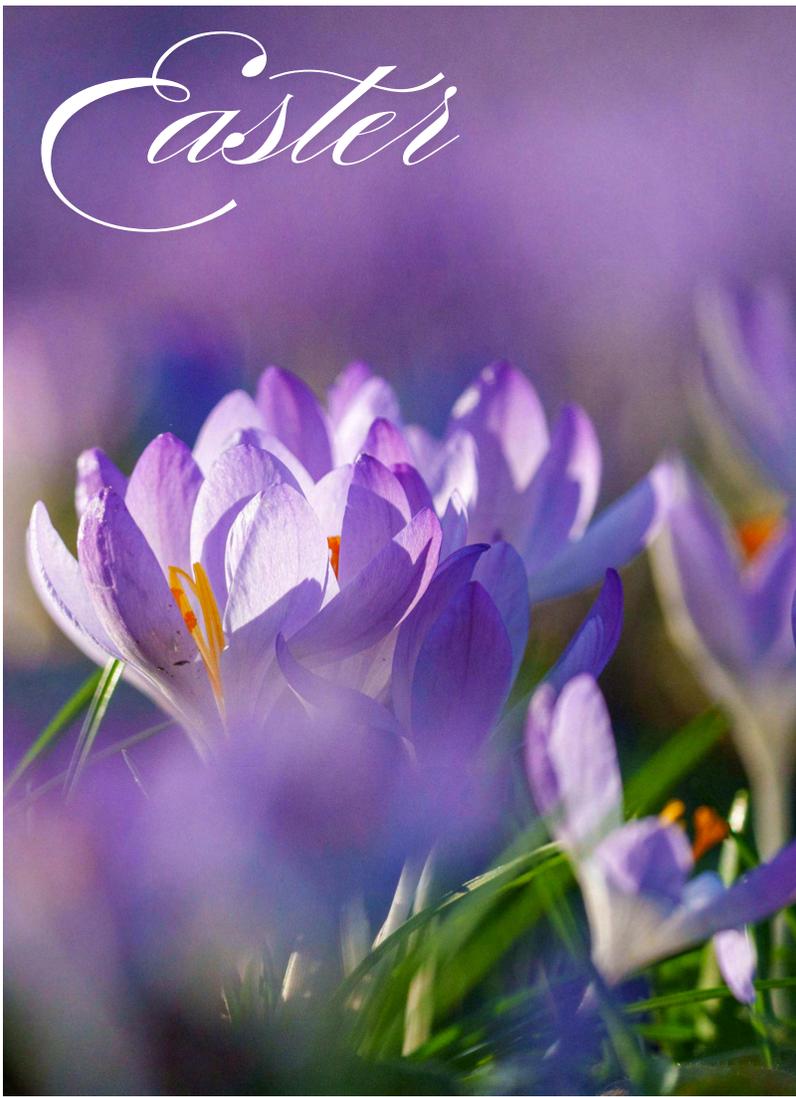


IMMANUEL BAPTIST  
"GOD WITH US" CHURCH



## AT A GLANCE THOUGHTS & MORE

# Easter



## HELPFUL INFO

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### Sunday

9 am - Fellowship  
9:15 am - Sun. School  
10:30 am - Worship

### Wednesday

11:30 am - Soup Kitchen  
5:45 pm - Wed. Meal  
6:15 pm - K-5 & Middle  
School Start  
6:30 pm - HS & Adult Start

## April Highlights

- 4/1 - No Wed. Night Activities
- 4/2 - 1 pm - Bible Hike  
6 pm - Maundy Thursday Service
- 4/5 - 9:15 am - Easter Breakfast/Egg Hunt
- 4/10 - 10 am - Joshua Bible Study
- 4/16 - 1 pm - Bible Hike  
6:30 pm - Prayer Night
- 4/18 - 11 am-3 pm - Spring Fun Day
- 4/21 - 6 pm - Eve. Women's Fellowship
- 4/26 - Quarterly Business Meeting

## MINISTRY TEAM

### Pastor

Brian Keithline

### Pianist

Dawn Bergeron

### Youth Director

Brittany Lohan

### Office Manager

Lori Stauffer

### Visitation Minister

Karen Anderson

### Nursery

Emily Stauffer/Alice Galeas

### Technology

Position Open



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"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf in springtime."

*Martin Luther*

HE IS RISEN

## Karen's Corner



### **He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior this month. Make sure to check out our Holy Week events!

With the nicer weather, you can Hike Through the Bible with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, which is April 2 & 16 this month. We meet and hike through books of the Bible led by author Lisa Harper. Just come, listen to her podcast, and have a short discussion. It's a very casual, at-your-own-pace Bible hike for everyone.

We will start a new Friday morning Bible Study on April 10 from 10 am - noon. The book "Joshua, Every Good Promise Fulfilled" by Jen Wilkin is what we will be studying. Please don't let the fact that you think you don't know enough about the Bible be the reason you don't join us. That's what we're doing, learning more about the Bible together!

On Friday, April 24 at noon, we'd love to have you join us for Friday Funday.

We'll have lunch and an afternoon of conversation, fellowship, and perhaps some fun games. Watch for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board so I can plan

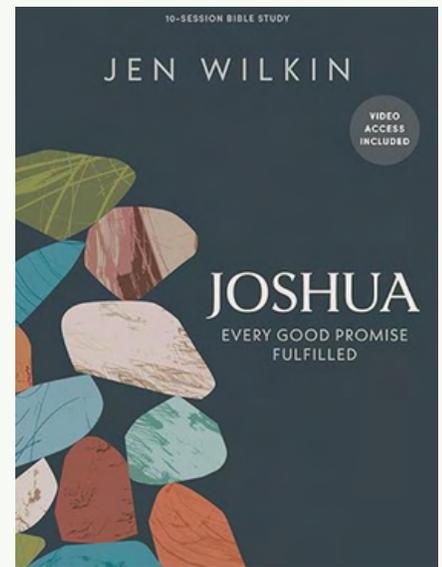
Blessings,  
**Karen**

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law."*

- Galatians 5:22-23 -

Starting  
Friday, April 10  
at 10 am  
Fellowship Hall

- Call Karen for  
more info or to  
reserve a book  
701-578-4665



"None of the good promises the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed. Everything was fulfilled." Joshua 21:45

In this 10-session, verse-by-verse study of the book of Joshua, Jen Wilkin helps us see how God's commands, though sometimes difficult, are always rooted in His steadfast love for His people.

Israel's story is our story. We battle not against flesh and blood as they did, but we courageously war against the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, trusting in the finished work of the true and better Joshua, Jesus Christ.

Join us for this awe-inspiring journey.



### Evening Women Fellowship

Spring is soon here! It's time to get together for fellowship & of course food! Are you hungry for a baked potato & all the fixings? Come to Wanda's (1607 12<sup>th</sup> St SW) Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6 pm. It will be good to see everyone! And we always welcome new faces! Hope to see you there. Thanks, **Wanda**

### Upcoming Meetings

- Trustee Board - Tue., April 14 @ 5:30 pm
- Diaconate Board - Tue., April 14 @ 7 pm
- Advisory Board - Sun., April 19
- Quarterly Bus. Meeting - Sun., April 26

### STEWARDSHIP

The Board of Trustees has selected Accounting Solutions of Minot as our CPA partner. They will help us to better set-up our QuickBooks software and to generate better reports to steward our church resources. Given the digital nature of accounting, this firm helps other churches like us to adapt and to make the best use of these resources. Thank you.



Mark your calendar!  
VBS is coming,  
July 6 - 8

### Mission Trip Update

### HELPING TO GIVE KIDS THE WORLD

In January, our Youth Pastor, Brittany, wanted to share a little bit of her spiritual journey with us. Her past church, and the church at which her brother is currently a director of church programs, have participated in Christian missions to Give Kids the World Village. The campus offers a type of "last wish" experience for chronically ill kids. For example, all kids will experience a year's worth of holidays all within a single week. There are games and projects in which volunteers work directly with the children and their families.

Yes, this "last-minute opportunity" did not allow for months of planning or presentation. As Covid-19 demonstrated, church leaders must be both flexible and willing to consider new ideas on a hastened timeframe. Yes, this type of missional trip is different than a solely youth-orientated mission trip. However, it doesn't preclude or obstruct the youth missions that historically occur every four years at IBC. Instead, it is a discovery trip that was open to all members of any age to experience new ways to serve others nationally and to broaden our horizons. On that note, it's somewhat more akin to IBC's past trips to New Jersey and to Tijuana many years ago. Pastor Brian will be sending out an informational letter this month about the trip. Please contact him with any current questions ... and please be praying. **This is God's church, and we are His people – united in Him.**





## IBC Youth

### SUPPORTING EACH OTHER

Whew! Can you believe that it is already April? Where did March go? And yet we, we have so much to look forward to as we celebrate our Risen Lord Jesus!

Our IBC-Youth continue working on projects to support one another and those in the community. Currently, they're finishing up tie-blankets to donate to foster children and foster families through CASO. We can't keep enough fabric around as some of our youth want to make one blanket after another! We'll share the blankets later this month! Stay tuned.

We also want to give a shout out to Keagen who continues to WOW us with DECA. He recently attended the DECA conference in Bismarck where students from all over the state competed for state leadership positions. Our congratulations to Keagen for all of effort and endeavors and for all that he's learning!

We love sharing our youth's accomplishments with all of you – so stay posted!



### A BUSY APRIL

- April 15 – Mr. Magic is happening at Minot High at 7 pm. We will be leaving the church together if you would like to attend. Keagen is asking for us to support and to cheer for him.
- April 18 – Spring Fun Day – from 11 am to 3 pm. An afternoon of fun, crafts, and games to celebrate spring. Join our youth in helping out and welcoming our neighborhood.
- April 30 – Join us for dinner together at 4:30 pm and then we can head over to the Ryan Stevenson concert (a Christian artist). Contact Brittany for tickets and we can go as a group!



**IBCY Middle School**  
**Happy April! We will continue our Sunday movie series and discussion this month. We will also be learning more about the Fruits of the Spirit. Have a great month, Kristy**



## THE LORD CALLED US HERE

*6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.*  
(Mt. 24:6-8, NIV).

Earlier, I came across an old IBC Echo newsletter that contained a devotional from then-current pulpit-relief pitcher, Chuck Kranz. At the time, he was mentioning the start of the war in Ukraine in 2022 — an almost unimaginable event!

Four years later, every time we watch the news, read the newspaper, or go onto social media, we're bombarded with headlines that scream, "The world is shaking!" How do we know what to do?

We continue to live and to work as a Christian family. Below is the personal letter that I shared as part of my sermon on Sunday, March 22. It's written straight from the heart, and I hope it speaks to you as much as it spoke to me.

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I know that in our Lord Jesus Christ, we're all here ... and again, I will say ... we're all here in this church, in this town, in this community, and in this state, even with its snow and it's cold, and even with its good times and the bad, for a reason. We are purposefully here by the Lord's hand. I declare this in the Lord's name to be true. How do I know this? Because the way in which events unfolded in order to guide my family and I here. And how the death of a loved one even signaled that it was time to move, and to do something for the Lord in a new way.

I traveled back and forth to Tennessee for over a year to help care for my little brother, Nick, as he battled cancer. One option was to move back and to stay there — to put aside being a pastor — just to "live out" life.



But then, I had the chance to meet YOU. And as the Lord so ordained things, he called Nick home to heaven — to be fully — and forever healed — at a time right before a final decision had to be made. "Do I still follow the Holy Spirit's prompting ... or do I just live life as easiest as possible?"

I chose the SPIRITUAL LIFE. And I met a new family here — you!

We are a Christian family. You see, the apostle Paul was quite clear — despite being struck blind on the road to Damascus — he was quite clear that we are a family in Christ. We have been adopted. Beyond our own power or control, we have been adopted as a family. And like a family, we sometimes lose our temper. Like a family, we get mad at a brother or sister. Like a family, we think that certain things should be done our way. Like a family, we don't always like to share. Or we feel like it's our job as an older brother or older sister to inform the younger ones about how things should really be done. **Continued ...**



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The only problem, however, is unlike our personal family, it's so much easier for us — as a church family — to let our anger go unchecked. It's easier to just pull away. It's easier to withdraw. It's easier to just pack up and to go someplace else for a while.

And God has to be thinking, "This is your family here. Why can't you make this work?" And this is where the spiritual life can become so alive and you can see all of those promises and dreams that you've been waiting for come true! But we have to work as a family.

**The spiritual life is to live in the spirit, not just for one moment, but in every moment.**

The spiritual life tells us that if someone offends us, especially if the offender is a Christian, that we are to ask God for forgiveness first. Why? We ask God to forgive the person first — and to help us to forgive the person first — because the offender might not know that he or she has done anything wrong. And even if the person doesn't make any amends, we need to be able to forgive him or her and to move on — so that it doesn't cause us spiritual pain in the long run.

The spiritual life tells us we should always seek reconciliation, and not division.

The spiritual life tells us that we need to look for the best in each person. Why? Because each person has the imago Dei in them. They are made in the image of God.

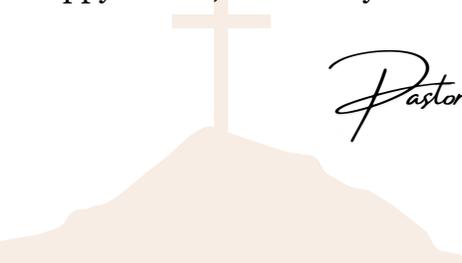
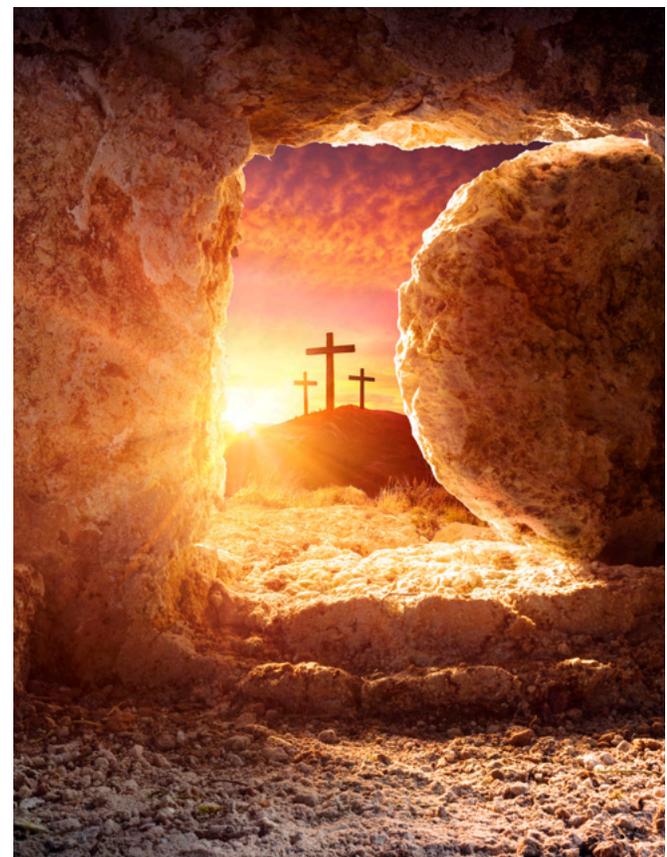
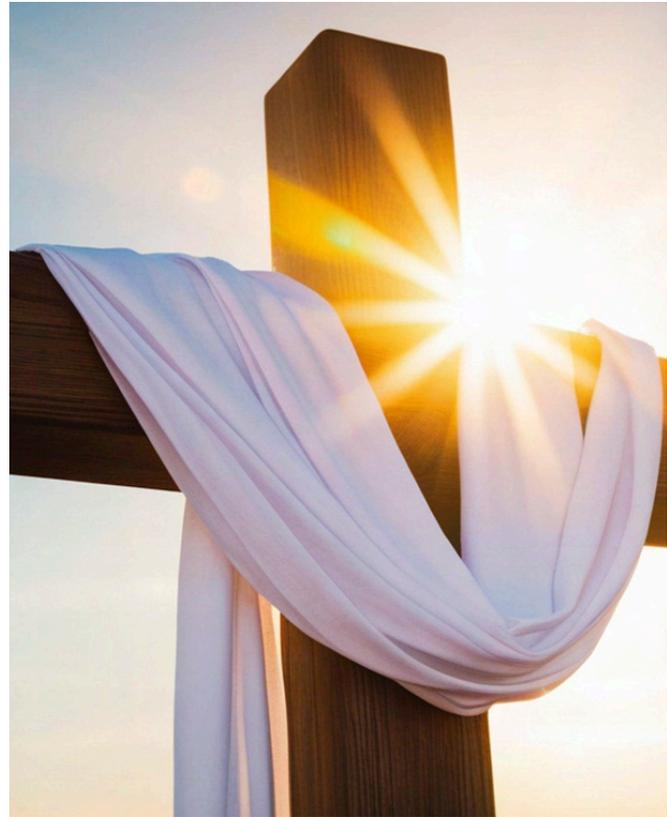
The spiritual life tells us that whatever we face on this earth whether it's the most grievous pain or the greatest joy, it still pales in comparison to eternal life in the presence of God that's offered to us through Jesus Christ.

But if we dwell or belabor ourselves with the woes and problems of earthly life, then we're never going to prepare ourselves for the greatness of joy that heaven has to offer.

Happy Easter, IBC family!

Blessings,

*Pastor Brian*



# April

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*P's Friday  
but  
Sunday's  
coming*

5 *Resurrection  
Sunday!*

9:15am  
Breakfast

9:45 Am Egg Hunt  
10:30 am Worship

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9:00 am Coffee  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

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5:30 pm Trustees  
Meeting  
7pm Diaconate  
Meeting

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5:45 Family Supper  
6:15 K-5<sup>th</sup> & Middle  
School Start  
6:30 HS & Adult  
Start  
7 pm Mr Magic

16

9am Brunch Bunch  
Parker  
1pm Bible Hike  
6:30 pm Prayer  
Night

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10:00 BS

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Spring Fun  
Day  
11am-3pm

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9:00 am Coffee  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
Advisory Board  
after Worship

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6 pm Town Hall

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5:45 Family Supper  
6:15 K-5<sup>th</sup> & Middle  
School Start  
6:30 HS & Adult  
Start

23

9am Brunch Bunch  
Homesteaders

24

12:30 Senior  
Saints  
Lunch & Games  
Newsletter  
Deadline

25

26

9:00 am Coffee  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
Business Meeting

27

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29

5:45 Family Supper  
6:15 K-5<sup>th</sup> & Middle  
School Start  
6:30 HS & Adult  
Start

30

9am Brunch Bunch  
Parker  
4:30 pm Dinner &  
Ryan Stevenson  
Concert

**April Birthday's**

*Happy Birthday*

**6<sup>th</sup>** Terry Anderson  
**8<sup>th</sup>** Mason Miller  
**10<sup>th</sup>** Gus Miller  
 Olivia Yao  
**11<sup>th</sup>** Ryan Elliott  
 Tania Novak  
**12<sup>th</sup>** Annie Miller  
 Kami Roberts



**16<sup>th</sup>** Joyce Martinsen  
**19<sup>th</sup>** Rob Browne  
 RaeLynn Elliott  
**22<sup>nd</sup>** Shirley Bezanson  
**24<sup>th</sup>** Cassie Haas  
**26<sup>th</sup>** Burdette Bolstad  
 Barry Holmen  
**28<sup>th</sup>** Connie Samuelson



*Happy Anniversary*

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Curt & Joyce Rostad  
 Wally & Deme Schlecht

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Jon & Patty Wistoff

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Kevin & Bonnie Wiedrick

*next month*

- **5/3 Family Banquet**
- **5/10 Mother's Day/ Last Sunday School for the season**
- **5/13 Last Wed. night for the season**
- **5/17 Appreciation Breakfast**
- **5/24 Summer Schedule Starts/ Pentecost**
- **5/25 Memorial Day/Office Closed**

April Serving Committee  
 Cassie Haas, Debbie Hansen,  
 Kailah Jackson, Alice Knoop

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