

Week of April 1- Thank you Jesus. In your death and resurrection we have forgiveness of sins and eternal life. May this joy sustain us and may we share this message of Grace and eternal life with others who do not yet know the joy of the Resurrection.

Week of April 8- Father, your Son came to fulfill the law so that ALL nations may come to the freedom of the Gospel. We praise God this week for the continued blessings He showers on the message of Christ to those in the Muslim community through Salam Christian Fellowship led by Pastor Hesham Shehab.

Week of April 15- We thank the Lord for a church/school partnership and New Start Partnership Grant with Immanuel East Dundee, St John Elgin and Immanuel Crystal Lake. Pray that the witness training with over 500 children will yield lifelong witness habits and a desire to share the hope they have in the Easter resurrection.

Week of April 22- Gracious and loving Father, thank you for the full lives of many senior citizens who serve your Church well. Grant good health, peace in their families and joy in serving their Risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

Week of April 29- We reflect on Jesus' words to His disciples, "when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth." (John 16:13 ESV) We pray for all faithful servants to share the truth of Christ.

Week of May 6- As we celebrate the Ascension of Christ, we marvel at His life, death, resurrection and ascension to be seated at the right hand of God. As Christ now reigns in Heaven, we also ask that He reign on earth and in our lives until that glorious day when we shall be welcomed into Heaven by His power and His righteousness.

Week of May 13- As we celebrate Mother's Day, we lift up all mothers who have influenced the lives of their children and grandchildren, praying for God's Spirit to guide mothers to share the hope and faith of Jesus and to daily provide examples of God's love to all. May Christ be the center of every home and may "her children rise up and call her blessed." (Proverbs 31:28 ESV)

Week of May 20- At Pentecost we pray that God's Spirit would pour mightily through the Word and Sacraments that we are blessed to receive. May the Father, Son and Holy Spirit continue to be shared so that all will be strengthened and come to His saving Grace.

Week of May 27- We thank God for Rev. Dan Gilbert's twelve years of service as district president. As Dan officially completes this service this week, we continue to pray for him, and we lift up Rev. Allan Buss (newly elected NID President) praying that God gives him wisdom and strength as he serves the Church and world in this new role.

Week of June 3- During this time of graduations, we thank God for the opportunity in places of learning to grow in understanding His world. We pray that all who are moving to a new vocation would seek God's will daily for their lives and serve the Lord wherever He leads.

Week of June 10- God of all Creation, as summer begins we thank you for the many years that Walcamp Outdoor Ministries has connected children, youth and families to the First Article Creation. Bless the work of those servants who will be teaching and exploring your world this summer, always pointing to Jesus.

Week of June 17- This Father's Day we thank God for all God fearing and Christ centered fathers. But above all, thank you, Lord, for your example, love and Grace. May all fathers be filled with your Holy Spirit so that God the Father is the example of love and forgiveness through His Son, Jesus.

Week of June 24- Lord God, we celebrate this week the Commemoration of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession. May this confession be diligently studied and understood to better help your Church know and proclaim your truth.