



Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
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“What’s Happening”



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The mission of Immanuel Lutheran School is to partner with parents and Immanuel Lutheran Church in providing a quality education that nurtures life-long learners who are rooted in Christ, built in faith, and growing in love.

Worship: Sunday 9:30 am

Deadline to submit newsletter articles: Wednesday at the end of the day

Tune in to 104.1 for drive-in worship service

July 14, 2023

FROM THE DESK OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY



VBS is week is here! What a privilege to share the Good News that we are covered in Jesus' grace. We have been blessed with an amazing bunch of volunteers who will be installed on Sunday morning during our worship service. Praise God! Here are a few details about the week ahead:

- We will meet on **Sunday, July 16th - Thursday, July 20th from 6:00pm -8:00pm** and the VBS students will rotate through Bible Story, Snack, Craft, and Game stations each night.
- All are welcome to join us for **dinner before VBS in the church basement**. Come anytime **between 5-6pm** to eat. The meals are free and gluten-free options will be available.
- VBS will begin in the sanctuary each night with an opening session at 6:00pm and will last approximately 20 minutes. Our closing session will also be in the sanctuary each evening at approximately 7:45pm. All are welcome to join us for either/both, or you can stay the whole time!
- Celebrate with us on **Thursday night with a free BBQ for all VBS families at 6:00pm in the church basement**. We will also be excited to share with you all that we have learned throughout the week at our **closing worship service at 7:00pm**.

Covered in God's Grace,

Mandy McDonald

PREPARING FOR CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

“The Parable of the Sower” is one of the most familiar and beloved parables of Jesus. This parable is not so much about the soil, but rather about the SEED. The Seed is God’s Word, and God’s Word is always efficacious (effective in its purpose). As Isaiah 55:11 states, “...so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which it was sent.”

We are all each type of soil, and Jesus warns about the pitfalls of each type. Paul tells us in today’s Epistle reading that it is the Spirit of God that bears witness to us - calling us to be God’s children and heirs of eternal life. It is only by the power of the Spirit that we can call God our Father, and so Jesus says, “He who has ears, let him hear.”

VOTERS MEETING

The Voter’s Meeting for July has been moved to July 30th in the sanctuary after church.

INFORMATION CLASSES

Immanuel Lutheran Church Information Classes will start on Sunday, July 23, 8:15-9:00 am in the 7th and 8th grade classroom. These classes are for all members and anyone wanting to become a member of Immanuel. We will still have the Sunday Morning Bible Study at 8:15-9:00 am in the Commons.

EARRINGS



If you lost these earrings, Please contact the office, 496-3451.

FROM THE ELDERS

Dear Fellow Members of Immanuel,

We, the Board of Elders, will be sending the following letter to members of Immanuel that have been absent from our church for an extended period of time. Most importantly, we ask for you to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide these brothers and sisters to be active in a christian home church. Please encourage anyone who receives one of these letters and discusses it with you to contact an Elder or Pastor Resner to let us know if they would like to visit with us, or if they are attending elsewhere and need to be transferred, or do we need to update our records, or do they wish to be removed from our membership.

Thank you,
The Board of Elders

LETTER

Dear member of Immanuel

Christ tells us in the 12th chapter of Romans “Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ’s body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So, we belong to each other, and each needs all the others.”

As a member of Christ’s body, the church, we miss you dearly and hope and pray that this letter will encourage you to reconnect to HIS body. But as members of HIS church on a sinful earth, we have all sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God and we must all confess our sins and ask God to forgive us our sins and to Save us by His Grace.

We as the Board of Elders of Immanuel Lutheran Church have been tasked with the duty of updating the membership list of Immanuel Lutheran Church at Honey Creek. This letter is the first step in that process

and our guideline for completing this process is the constitution of Immanuel Lutheran Church at Honey Creek.

In Article 4.4.1 of our Constitution it states that “Whereabouts Unknown” for a period of one year or longer, or “Self-exclusion” in which a member willfully separates himself/herself from the activities and support of the congregation are both reasons for termination from this congregation. As this is not what we want to see happen in any situation it is a realistic reality of what our Forefathers deemed for this congregation to uphold.

We ask that you PLEASE contact the church office at 573-496-3451 and ask for an Elders name and phone number to contact to discuss your unique situation. If we do not hear from you within one month we will try to contact you again by all means possible. If after three months we still haven't heard back from you, we will respect your wishes to no longer be a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church at Honey Creek and remove you from our membership list.

In HIS service
Immanuel Lutheran Board of Elders

PARKING SPACES

We are asking everyone to please be considerate of others and to leave all of the concrete parking spaces (both in front of and behind the school) for those worshippers who are unable to walk long distances or have trouble walking on uneven surfaces. Thanks in advance!

DUMPSTER

The scrap metal dumpster is back! Thank You Shannon Loveall, Rock Island Iron and Metal Recycling, The dumpster is by the big white building for anyone that would like to donate any scrap metal or old appliances.

PRESCHOOL CLOSED

Preschool will be closed Monday, July 31st through Friday, August 4th to transition into the new school year.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of the 2023-2024 school year will be Wednesday, August 16th. More information will be mailed out.

LOOKING FOR...

We're looking for any old Immanuel shirts in good condition for a project. If you have any shirts please bring them to the office or give them to Mrs. Diener.

WINDOW FILM COVERING

The Safety Board supports purchasing/installing a film window covering that would make our church/school windows shatter but not blow inward if an object hits the glass. We have a bid that would allow us to do sections as we receive the money. The first option would complete the glass in the church/school entry. The film would be installed to 7-9 feet high. The upper sections of glass would not be covered. The first option will cost \$2,900.

The second phase, as money comes in, will be the office area, then classrooms/doors and finally the large window area in the commons. The total cost for all phases is \$23,000 barring any price increases.

If you think this is a project you want to support, contact the church office or a member of the Safety Board.

Office 496-3451
Gary 619-5525

2023-2024 POSITIONS AVAILABLE

If interested, please contact the school office at 573-496-3766 or email Mr. Kopp at principal@midmoimmanuel.com.

1ST/2ND GRADE AIDE

We are looking for an aide to help in our 1st and 2nd grade classroom. The aide would help in the afternoon, days to be determined. It would involve working with students during instruction and possibly some small group instruction.

PART TIME PRESCHOOL AIDE (Wednesday ONLY)

We are looking for a part time aide working *4 hours each Wednesday* from 1:00-5:00 pm. Duties would involve helping students with playtime and supervising them. It would also involve some light sweeping, cleaning tables, and snack time clean up.

PART TIME PE

We are looking for a part time teacher about *4-8 hours a week* teaching PE for grades K-8. Teaching experience not required but preferred. It would involve planning and teaching PE to grade K-8.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Last year we were blessed to receive donations of fresh fruits that we were able to freeze and use during the school year. We would like to ask again, that if anyone has an abundance of summer fruits (strawberries, peaches, blackberries, etc) that you would consider sharing with us, we will put them to good use when the school year begins. Thank you!

SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

If you ordered a 2022-2023 yearbook and would like to pick it up, you can stop by the school office when it is open or find Mr. Kopp on Sundays to pick yours up. If you would like to purchase one they are \$17 each. We will also have them at registration in August.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to make a donation towards these projects, please let the office know.

1. Fix/Install 3 Sanctuary dimmer switches *estimated cost \$750-\$1,000*
2. 4 overhead Microphones in sanctuary materials, mics, labor *estimated cost \$1,200.00*
3. Air Conditioner Unit (crane/labor/installation) for School - \$5,700.00

Servants for the Lord					
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Lector	Elders	Finance Team
July 16	Hudson Jobe Dalton Mueller	Kelby Doerhoff Troy Bonnett	Bill Blochberger	Troy Wolken Brad Engelbrecht	Mary & John
July 23	Bryson Carrender Braylon Schulte	Troy Wolken Cole Wolken Tyler Loveall	Jason Sommerer	Donnie Propst Terry Carrender	Pat & Jane
July Altar Guild: Pat Sommerer and Dawn Jackson					

Date	Upcoming Events	Time
7/15	Leroy Sommerer Visitation Funeral Meal following Interment in Church Basement	10:00 am 11:00 am
7/16	Adult Bible Study Worship Service/Baptism of Millie Gale Morris/Installation of VBS Workers/ Communion Pre-VBS Meal - Church Basement First Night of VBS	8:15 am 9:30 am 5-6 pm 6-8 pm
7/17	Pre-VBS Meal - Church Basement VBS	5-6 pm 6-8 pm
7/18	Pre-VBS Meal - Church Basement Elder's Meeting - The Legacy Room VBS	5-6 pm 6:30 pm 6-8 pm
7/19	Mid-week Bible Study - Book of Leviticus - Church Basement Pre-VBS Meal - Church Basement VBS	9:15 am 5-6 pm 6-8 pm
7/20	VBS BBQ - Church Basement Closing VBS Service in Sanctuary	6-6:45 pm 7:00 pm
7/23	Adult Bible Study Worship Service/Children's Message	8:15 am 9:30 am

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer. They will resume on Monday, September 18, 2023, at Jason Propst's firehouse, 4501 Old Ridge Rd.

Women's Bible Study

Our Women's Bible Study will take a break for the summer months, but we will be excited to start a new semester after Labor Day. **Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 6th.** We would love to have you join us and invite friends and family!

Mid-Week Bible Study

The Mid-Week Bible Study is on Wednesday mornings at 9:15am in the Church Basement. We are extremely blessed and thankful to have Pastor Brandt leading us through the book of Leviticus. All are welcome.

Children's Sunday School

What a joy it has been to share the Word of God with our children this past year in Sunday School! We will take a break for the summer months, but we will be excited to start a new semester after Labor Day. **Mark your calendar for our Sunday School Rally which will be on Sunday, September 10th.**

Mom's Bible Study

Our Women's Bible Study will take a break for the summer months, but we will be excited to start a new semester after Labor Day. **We would love to have you join us on September 17th when we resume.**

Jr. and Sr. High Youth Events



We will need both Jr. and Sr. High Youth volunteers for VBS week on July 16-20th. Volunteers can register here: [Register Here for Immanuel VBS 2023](#)

Save the Date for the Back-to-School Jr. and Sr. High Youth Pool Party on Sunday, August 13, 7-9pm at Redfield Pool

More detailed youth group information is shared in our Band App. Click here if you are not connected: [Immanuel Youth Band App](#)

The poster for the Family Pool Party has a teal background with a water ripple pattern. At the top, it says "MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR IMMANUEL CHURCH AND SCHOOL'S" in white, all-caps, sans-serif font. Below that, "Family Pool Party" is written in a large, bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The event details "Ellis Porter Riverside Pool in Jefferson City" and "Sunday, August 6, 7:30-9:00 PM" are in white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, it says "FREE TO ALL IMMANUEL FAMILY AND FRIENDS!" and "PLEASE BRING A SNACK TO SHARE. DRINKS PROVIDED." in yellow, all-caps, sans-serif font. There are two yellow life rings with white leaves on the right and left sides of the poster.

AREA NEWS

OSAGE SENIOR CENTER

The Osage Senior Center, located in Wardsville, is looking for interested seniors to fill possible vacancies and/or be placed on our waitlist for USDA or MHDC units. The Osage Senior Center is close to St. Stan Catholic Church, two places to eat, gas stations and a Dollar General Store. For more information call the office at 573-632-2712 and leave a message or email at osageseniorcenter@gmail.com.

CALVARY NEWS

JOIN OUR CALVARY TEAM!

Do you know a mission-minded, enthusiastic individual looking to join the Calvary team? Share with them that we are seeking a **varsity cheer coach, assistant baseball coach, and outreach coordinator** for 2023-2024. Submit resumes to Calvary Lutheran High School, 2525 Rte. B, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Resumes will be accepted until the positions are filled.

ONLY ONE MONTH AWAY

Calvary will begin its 19th academic year in only one month! Our first day of school is Wednesday, August 16. Thank you for praying for Calvary, thanking God for His blessings and asking for His guidance and protection in the coming year.

STOP IN OR GIVE US A CALL!

We are happy to help you with any and all questions about Calvary, especially going into the 2023-2024 school year!

Summer office hours: Mon -Thurs, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

NEW FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

Calvary will be hosting an information night Monday, July 24 at 7 p.m., for new families to get oriented before next school year. Families are encouraged (but not required) to RSVP to the school. Topics including the student handbook, tuition, class selection, athletics, and activities will be covered.

DONATIONS FOR RETREAT

Calvary's Summer Retreat is held at Heit's Point Lutheran Camp is only 10 days away! Retreat is a favorite for our students and staff! This event would not be possible without the generosity of MANY! One way to help is by donating necessary food items used to prepare meals. If you are interested in what items are needed, please contact Sam Ziegelbein at 573-638-0228 or ziegelbeins@calvarylhs.org.


SEE YOUR GENEROSITY IN ACTION

If you are 72 or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit Calvary Lutheran High School and receive tax benefits in return. You can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Calvary without having to pay income taxes on the gift. This law no longer has an expiration date so you are free to make annual gifts to our organization in sync with your required minimum distribution well into the future. Your gift will make an impact today, building Christian leaders!

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

We pray that the Lord would move your heart to contribute to one of the following items. It would help the general fund account to stay current with regular bills. Thank You and God Bless!

1. Electric Costs per month..... 2,000.00
2. Building and Liability Insurance/per quarter..... 7,000.00
3. Concordia Plan Health Insurance..... 7,500.00
4. Waste Removal/per month..... 234.00
5. Propane Capital Energy/per week/winter..... 1,000.00

<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>7/09</u>		<u>Finance Team</u>	<u>Date</u>	
Adult Bible Study	19	July	Aaron, Jason & Devon Tim & Terry Heather & Rochelle Mary & John Pat & Jane	July 23	
Sunday School	**			July 30	
Youth	19			Aug 06	
Y'ALL	**			July 11	
Mom's Bible Study	**			July 16	
Wed. Bible Study	17				
Ladies Bible Study	**				
Men's Bible Study	**				
Offerings	\$10 .00			\$20.00	
<u>Church Attendance</u> Sunday - 9:30 am Communion:	289				
<u>Church Offering</u> Plate & Envelopes Electronic Total: <i>Avg Offering Goal (as of 7/1/22)</i> <i>Weekly church/school expense total</i>	\$ 8,257.75 \$ 4,624.99 \$ 12,882.74 \$9,550 \$14,000	12-mo avg \$8,924.00 <i>per week</i>			
<u>DRC Offering</u> <i>Monthly Building Loan Payment</i> <i>Bldg Loan Balance as of 6/21/23</i>	\$ 495.00 \$ 4,125 \$198,565	July \$1,065.00 12-mo avg \$2,994.00 <i>per month</i>			

Offering Options Available

We have several eGiving options if you would like to give a one-time or recurring offering electronically:

- 1) Set up an **online donation** from our website: <https://www.midmoimmanuel.com/online-giving>
- 2) Download the **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** app for your smart-phone and search for "Immanuel Lutheran Church and School" (several churches will display from just "Immanuel", so be sure to type in the full name - there are still at least three on the list that have the same name as us - be sure to select the one with our address - 8231 Tanner Bridge Road). Set up your profile and manage your offerings.
- 3) Text your offering through **Text Giving** by texting a whole number for the offering amount (i.e. "10" for a \$10 gift) to 1-573-267-5706. Follow the link that is replied back.
- 4) Contact Cody Morrow (573-680-2910 or cdymorrow@aol.com) or Jason Sommerer (573-338-2441 or summertime_99@hotmail.com) for assistance and we can set up an **auto-draft from your bank** directly to Immanuel.
- 5) Vanco also offers to accept gifts **over the phone** for our congregation. Vanco's Client Services team will take donations if you call them at 800.675.7430

Please keep the office updated on the progress of our members on the prayer list.

PRAYER REQUESTS

At Home or Hospital: Quinetta Rutledge, Brennan Schulte, John and Patti Trinklein, John Green, Jane Kesel, Brian Kempker, Konlee Kempker, Charlie Duenckel, Rebecca Eichelberger, Dana Simmons, Betty Hoecker, Terri Engelbrecht, Dwight and Rita Linhardt, Danny Goodman, Dane Steenburgen, Denny Schulte, Marilyn Smith, Gretchen Junkans, Kenny Braun, Ann Shipwash, Megan Limbach, Trevor Burrows, Cheryl Herzog, Clay Rolsing, Patty Bates, Bruce Nilges, Harold Luebbering and Sandy Sebastian

Praise God for Answered Prayers: Ronette Schulte

Celebrating Birthdays: Marie Merritt 7-16, Ronette Schulte 7-16, John Sommerer 7-16, Amber Werdehausen 7-16, Charlie Duenckel 7-16, Bertie Engelbrecht 7-16, Craig Kempker 7-17, Jerry Kopp 7-17, Brock Suthoff 7-18, Shannon Loveall 7-18, Schellie Blochberger 7-18, Ross Ahart 7-19, Neal Morris 7-19, John Horn 7-10, Gail Duenckel 7-20, Curt Rowden 7-20, Aubree Lowry 7-20, Gage Phillips 7-20, Mateus Chrisman 7-21, Aaron Hart 7-22, Ben Vanderwert 7-22.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Deven and Mandy McDonald 7-17 19yrs., Brian and Tara Bishop 7-21 11yrs.

Celebrating (1-5 yrs old) Baptism Anniversary:

WELCOME... Millie Gale Morris, born April 4, 2023, daughter of Michael and Julie Morris, who through the waters of Holy Baptism this Sunday morning is joining the family of God and added as a member of the church family at Immanuel.

Nursing Home Residents/Shut-Ins: Virginia Meier-Heisinger Bluffs

Military Personnel: Jack Schmoeger, Clare Hart, A. J. Kempker

Thought For The Day: God's arm is always long enough to reach you, His ear is always listening for your call, His voice is always tenderly speaking words of encouragement to you. *"Be Still and Know that I am God" Psalm 46:10.*



"Churches are smart. They have pretty windows, but you hafta come inside to see them."



"We made a card for Daddy. It says, 'To our father who art in bed ...'"

BACK TO SCHOOL CLASS WISH LISTS



Listed are the wish lists for school.

We appreciate any assistance.



Preschool

<http://tinyurl.com/44tv3hzt>



Kindergarten

<https://tinyurl.com/y9vpb6ck>



1st and 2nd Grade

<https://tinyurl.com/jKu3vn68>

Preschool

Items to make Playdoh-Flour, Salt
Items for Sensory Bins-Noodles. Rice,
Dried Corn, Dried Beans



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<https://tinyurl.com/4hnbjuy4>

THANK YOU SO MUCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry
July 2023

Go ... Sell All You Have?

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And he replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, “No!” But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What’s more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don’t let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.