



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

June 30, 2023

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR RESNER:

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is with *Great JOY* that I write to you as your pastor. Thank you to ALL who worked so faithfully to make the ‘Ordination Service’ so beautiful and special. The music was wonderful, the meal was spectacular, and the joy was evident. It was truly a wonderful day. Thank you also for the love and care you gave to my family. Each one of them commented on the joy that is evident here.

The Church office is getting a number of requests for baptisms and membership. Please be patient with us as we are trying to organize each one of these most important events in the lives of God’s people. In that regard, we are going to be having some ‘INFORMATION’ classes on Sunday mornings beginning later this month during the Bible Class hour (8:15-9:00). These classes are for all members as well as those who wish to become members at Immanuel (Dates will be published in the Newsletter as we will meet on selected Sundays). We will be covering a variety of topics such as: How to become a member and what that means; Holy Communion meaning and practice; Holy Baptism meaning and practice; the Creeds and why they are so important; and anything else that is on your minds that you wish to discuss. We will still have our regular Bible Class as well.

In the Fall, we will be bringing back the Mom’s class, the Women’s study on Wednesdays, and the Men’s study on Mondays, as well as some new information on how to minister within your own families (Mandy and I will be introducing this together). As we grow together in Christ, we grow in faith and fellowship with one another. Blessings to each one of you as we serve our God and one another here at Immanuel.

In Christ,
Pastor Steve Resner

PREPARING FOR CHURCH THIS SUNDAY:

From Sept. 12, 1884 to Nov. 6, 1885, Dr. C.F.W. Walther delivered Friday evening lectures at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. The compilation of these lectures have been written in a book entitled “The Proper Distinction Between LAW and GOSPEL” Walther was the first president of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. This work of his is considered to be one of our Church’s greatest contributions to theology.

In the book, there are 25 basic thesis statements regarding this distinction. Thesis 1 lays out that all of Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, fall into these two great doctrines. Thesis 2 states that right distinction of these great doctrines is what defines “orthodoxy” (proper teaching of Scripture), and Thesis 3 states, “Rightly distinguishing the Law and Gospel is the most difficult and highest art of Christians in general and theologians in particular. It is taught only by the Holy Spirit in the school of experience.” The rest of the theses expound on the first three. Our Epistle reading for today is a shining example of how Scripture helps us interpret this doctrine.

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 Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Preschool will also 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 in July.

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.

PART TIME 7/8 GRADE TEACHING POSITION

We are looking for a part time teacher working about *15-20 hours per week*. They would be responsible for teaching English Language Arts and History, grading, and monitoring students. It would be an afternoon position, but that can be negotiated.

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 2	Braelynn Lowry Aubrey Kempker	Lance Sommerer Scott Jackson	Josh Allen	Billy Blochberger Scott Schulte	Tim & Terry
July 9	Ailyn McDonald Alec Sommerer	Craig Schulte Caleb Bernskoetter Kaden Schulte	Derek Sommerer	Danny Sommerer	Heather & Rochelle
July Altar Guild: Pat Sommerer and Dawn Jackson					

Date	Upcoming Events	Time
7/02	Adult Bible Study Worship Service/Communion	8:15 am 9:30 am
7/04	Preschool & Office Closed	
7/05	Mid-week Bible Study - Church Basement	9:15 am
7/09	Adult Bible Study Worship Service/Children's Message	8:15 am 9:30 am
7/16	Leroy Sommerer visitation Funeral Service Meal following interment in church basement	10:00am 11:00 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 9:15 in the Church Basement. We are extremely blessed and thankful to have Pastor Brandt leading us. 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



Sr. High Youth: Outdoor BBQ and Evening Bible Study, Sunday, July 9th, 7-9pm at McDonald's Home

Maker's Dozen and Jr. and Sr. High Youth: BBQ Fundraiser at Schulte's, Saturday, July 8th- Sign-up link will be sent out through our Band App

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](#)

Vacation Bible School 2023

Immanuel Lutheran VBS

JULY 16-20, 6-8PM

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STORIES, SONGS, GAMES, CRAFTS, SNACKS, AND MORE.

REGISTER IN THE ENTRYWAY OR AT OUR WEBSITE WWW.MIDMOIMMANUEL.COM

God's Living Water

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Thursday, July 6, at 6pm
in the Commons

COVERED IN JESUS' GRACE

Click Here to Register as a Student or a Volunteer: [Register for Immanuel VBS 2023](#)

AREA NEWS

HICKORY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH BASKETBALL CAMP

When: July 24-28, 2023

To sign up, go to www.hickoryhillbaptistchurch.com or contact Steve Hogard at 573-645-2480 or stevehogard@gmail.com. Sign up by July 9 to receive a t-shirt.

BEEF. IT'S WHAT'S FOR DINNER

Date: July 1, 2023

Place: Schulte's Fresh Food Parking Lot

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Menu: Ribeye Steak Dinners, Ribeye Steak Sandwiches, Cheese burgers, Beef Brats and ¼ lb All Beef Hot Dogs

Sponsored By: Cole County Cattlemen's Assn. & Cole County Junior Cattlemen

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.

OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed for MSHSAA "dead week" June 30 - July 9.

Summer office hours will return July 10, following our break:

Monday -Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

DONATIONS FOR RETREAT

Calvary's Summer Retreat is held at Heit's Point Lutheran Camp later this month. 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.

ARE YOU A HANDY-MAN OR HANDY-MA'AM??

There is much to do around the school this summer as we are already preparing for the 2023-2024 school year. If you would like to help out with items on our "to-do list," contact Erich Ahlers (573-638-0228 or principal@calvarylhs.org).

CALVARY'S GIFT

Sometimes spring cleaning becomes a summer project. Consider donating your gently used items to our upscale thrift store and lending a hand as one of our valued volunteers. Proceeds from sales help students attend Calvary Lutheran High School. If you are interested in helping at Calvary's Gift, please contact John at 573 821-8875. Store hours for sales and donations: Wednesday – Saturday 9am-1pm


THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Are you a Thrivent member and have Thrivent Action Team grants available? If you would like to help with projects at Calvary, we have a number of special summer projects that could be blessed by an action team grant! Contact John Christman or Erich Ahlers to find out more.

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>6/25</u>		<u>Finance Team</u>	<u>Date</u>
Adult Bible Study	7	June	Aaron, Jason & Devon	June 25
Sunday School	**		Tim & Terry	July 02
Youth	**		Heather & Rochelle	July 09
Y'ALL	15		Mary & John	June 11
Mom's Bible Study	**		Pat & Jane	July 16
Wed. Bible Study	**			
Ladies Bible Study	**			
Men's Bible Study	**			
Offerings	\$ 4.00		\$18.00	
<u>Church Attendance</u>				
Sunday - 9:30am	202			
Sunday - 4:00pm	271			
Communion:				
<u>Church Offering</u>				
Plate & Envelopes	\$ 6,188.10	12-mo avg \$8,924.00 per week		
Electronic	\$ 883.94			
Total:	\$ 7,072.04			
<i>Avg Offering Goal (as of 7/1/22)</i>	<i>\$9,550</i>			
<i>Weekly church/school expense total</i>	<i>\$14,000</i>			
<u>DRC Offering</u>	\$ 275.00	June		
<i>Monthly Building Loan Payment</i>	<i>\$ 4,125</i>	\$1,505.00		
<i>Bldg Loan Balance as of 5/1/23</i>	<i>\$209,417</i>	12-mo avg \$2,994.00 per month		

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

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, Joni and Chloe Adamson, Dana Simmons, Betty Hoecker, Terri Engelbrecht, Dwight and Rita Linhardt, Danny Goodman, Dane Steenburgen, Denny Schulte, Marilyn Smith, Gretchen Junkans, Kenny Braun, Ann Shipwash, Ronette Schulte, Megan Limbach, Trevor Burrows,, Cheryl Herzog, Greg Morrow, Clay Rolsing, Patty Bates and Bruce Nilges.

Celebrating Birthdays: Karen Henry 7-2, Melaney Smith 7-2, Layken Sommerer 7-2, Julie Morris 7-3, Jordy Doerhoff 7-3, Cody Morrow 7-3, David Trinklein 7-3, Andrea Blochberger 7-4, Dalton Mueller 7-4, Abel Kumberg 7-5, Derek Sommerer 7-6, Henry Geritz 7-7, Owen Sommerer 7-7, Kamry Rusk 7-8, River Werdehausen 7-8.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Brady and Chris Hagerman 7-1 45yrs., Corban and Adrienne Bonnett 7-2 1yr., Mike and Debbie Groner 7-5 18yrs.,

Celebrating (1-5 yrs old) Baptism Anniversary:

Nursing Home Residents/Shut-Ins: Virginia Meier-Heisinger Bluffs, and Tom Benne

Military Personnel: Jack Schmoeger, and Clare Hart

Thought For The Day: You want to be different? Take her to church, not your bed. Buy her flowers, not shots at a bar. Commit to her, don't use her. Be a man, not a boy.



“...How'd you like to be our flight attendant and bring us something to drink?”



“Joseph should've just gone online and booked a room before they left.”

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry
June 2023

What Do You Want?

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we *actually* suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here’s the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

**Immanuel Lutheran's
Bluegrass Gospel Group:**

"The Maker's Dozen"



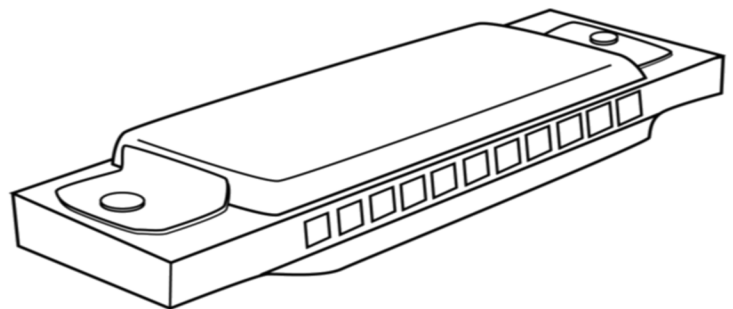
FUNDRAISER

Saturday
July 8th

·Serving from 11-1·
**Schulte's Fresh Foods
Parking Lot**

Pork Steaks • Brats • Baked Beans • Cole Slaw • Chips

\$9.00 for Meat
\$13.00 for Dinner



Proceeds for Music Ministry



“Let Freedom Ring!”



*Those early Christians fought so brave,
Giving no thought to cross the wave.
Seeking freedom to worship God, they truly sought,
Their children to train – as they ought.*

*Our founding fathers read THE WORD,
And began their sessions prayerfully as they'd heard.
So when freedom's bells rang loud and clear,
Hearts were indeed uplifted – not drear.*

*From that darkened hill of Calvary,
Spiritual freedom was won for me.
With the very drops from the Savior's veins,
My sins forever washed away as fresh morning rains.*

*I cannot help but close my eyes,
To see Jesus freely winning the prize.
For eternal life – what a cost,
The life of Christ, to save the lost.*

*Let freedom ring, Lord in our hearts,
For those on our shore and also apart.
We ask your mercy on this great land,
Guide us; sustain us, by Your hand.*

*If we become weary, then take heed,
God's Word has the message, for us indeed.
“Reflect the light of Christ in all you do,”
Your freedoms then will see you through!*

Written by Virginia Duenckel