



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

September 1, 2023

FROM THE DESK OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY DIRECTOR

It is time for Sunday School to begin, and we are looking forward to another great year! We have classes for kids of all ages. Sunday School classes have been around for a long time, but our goal remains the same. Our goal is to share God's Word, so the children can hear both Law and Gospel, and come together to connect and grow in their faith.

We will kick off the year with our Sunday School Rally on September 10th, from 8:15-9:15 am in the commons. We will have a Bible lesson, Sam the Puppet, donuts, game, craft, and more! All families are invited. Kids, preschool-5th grade are welcome to participate. Those of youth group age are encouraged to help me with serving donuts, craft, and games.

The first day for Sunday School classes is Sunday, September 17th. Classes will last from 8:15-9:15 am. We have some wonderful teachers who have agreed to teach this year. The following are the classroom and teacher assignments. We will meet in the kindergarten room to sing a couple of songs each Sunday before dismissing into classrooms. Preschool - Kindergarten students (with teacher, Amy Kopp) will stay in the kindergarten room, 1st-2nd grade students (with teacher, Jenna Dick) will meet in 1st-2nd grade classroom, 3rd-5th grade students (with teachers, Sonja and Lucas Bechel) will meet in 3rd-4th grade classroom, and youth group aged kids, both Jr. and Sr. High (with various teachers) will meet in the 5th-6th grade classroom.

There will be a special dedication and blessing for all of the Sunday School teachers on Sunday, September 10th, during our worship service.

Parents are welcome to attend the Adult Bible Study (commons) or the Mom's Bible Study (youth room) while kids are in Sunday School. Our Mom's Bible Study group will resume meeting on Sunday, September 17th. We also have several youth group girls who have agreed to babysit those too young for Sunday School in the preschool classroom.

If you have a heart for teaching Sunday School or if you have any questions about our Sunday School program, please feel free to contact me. We would appreciate your prayers for this special ministry!

In Him,

Mandy McDonald (mmcdonald@midmoimmanuel.com)

PREPARING FOR CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Jesus says, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." This 'taking up one's cross' has been a major topic of confusion amongst Christians for centuries. How much must we suffer? What do we give up as a Christian? How do we live 'in' the world and not 'of' the world? Jesus gives us the answer when He rebukes Peter (Mt. 16:23). He says, "Set your minds on the things of God and not on the things of man."

Right before Jesus tells us to take up our cross and follow Him, He tells us to deny ourselves. In other words, we need to stop thinking as a sinful human, but as a redeemed person of God. We have been transformed to think differently. We are to conform our lives and thoughts to God's way. Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 13, and the Sermon on the Mount are prime examples of this new way of being and thinking in God's Kingdom.

TURKEY DINNER UPDATE

THANK YOU to everyone who has jumped in to fill a spot at the Turkey Dinner. We are blessed with a congregation FULL of members eager to serve!! We are almost there, but need to fill a few more spots. PLEASE consider signing up for any of the vacant spots (highlighted) on the list. The following are the most critical to be filled:

Sunday 10/22 - 7:30am-10:00am - Task: washing dishes -1 VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Sunday 10/22 - 2:00pm-Done - Task: washing dishes, matching roasters, putting away dishes, cleaning kitchen and sweeping floors - 4 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please sign up here

(https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14bJ_-mq7_NxHUWjnSxYeNGXOf8YHmOB22di5Kk2wUSk/edit?usp=sharing), through the link or comment on Facebook, contacting the church office or contacting any member of In-Joy. We are on the path to being able to host another eat-in turkey dinner – just looking for a few more hands. **THANKS ALL!**

THANK YOU

Donation to Honey Creek Cemetery Fund was made in memory of Tony O. Engelbrecht's 100th Birthday, which would have been August 31, 2023, from his children, Ronald Engelbrecht, James Engelbrecht, Judy Engelbrecht Scott, Michael Engelbrecht, Richard Engelbrecht and Steven Engelbrecht. Tony was such a blessing to this congregation. I remember him with fond memories as I know several of our "older" members do.

TEAM 56

"Hi, my name is Mari VanderWert and I'm in sixth grade. This week we were outside reading a very interesting book, Holes."

We have been blessed with a good first two and half weeks beginning for the 5&6 grades and 7&8 Science. All of the junior high students have begun with a positive attitude and I am thankful for their efforts to begin this school year. Lord willing, this attitude and work ethic will remain throughout the entire school year. Have a Blessed Labor Day Weekend.

In Christ's Service,

Mrs. Bonnett

"So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that He had done in creation." Genesis 2:3

EMPTY PAPER TOWEL TUBES

We are in need of paper towel tubes for a craft project. Please drop them off in the office. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP MEAL/VOTERS MEETING DATE CHANGE

Please mark your calendars. The September Fellowship Meal and Voters Meeting has been changed to **Sunday, September 17th.**

LUTHERANS OF COLE COUNTY - JEREMY AMICK

We would like to invite your congregation to join us at the Parish of St. John's Lutheran Church in Stringtown at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 24, 2023. Local author and historian Jeremy Amick will share some of the history of Lutheran immigration to Cole County as documented in his upcoming book "Lutherans of Cole County, Missouri: A History." The St. John's Ladies' Aid will be providing refreshments at this event. Additionally, your congregation is featured in this presentation.

Large groups of German immigrants began arriving in Cole County in the 1830s. By 1843, thirty-seven of them had banded together to establish the first Lutheran church in the county: Zion Church. The following year, the second Lutheran church was founded near Taos, while the pastors at Zion helped establish a third congregation in Lohman in the 1850s.

Doctrinal disputes inspired members to leave the church in Lohman and establish a new Lutheran congregation in Stringtown after the Civil War. Over the generations, Zion—the “Mother Church”—disbanded, but other Lutheran congregations developed in Centertown, Honey Creek, Russellville, Jefferson City and near Brazito.

Thank You, *Jeremy P Amick*

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION CLASSES

Classes begin on September 10 during the morning Sunday School hour - 8:15 - 9:00. We plan to meet for six weeks in the 7th & 8th grade classroom. Those who desire to become members are encouraged to attend as well as those who wish to refresh their understanding of the catechism and Christian doctrine.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Anyone planning to participate in any sport at ILHC this year must have a sports physical on file with the office before starting practices. This includes Archery, basketball and volleyball.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

We are currently looking for anyone with action team grants available for Grandparents/VIP Day and several STUCO events. If you are able please contact Kari Schulte, Ashley Goldammer, or Beth Diener.

SCHOOL LUNCH

As we are getting our menus and supplies ready for the new school year, we thought we would share with you some of the things that we are going to need to provide nutritious and delicious lunches for the children. If you would like to donate any of the following items please know your generosity will be appreciated and you will be remembered in our prayers of thanksgiving!

Syrup	Lettuce
Jelly	Celery
Flour	Minced Onions/Onion Flakes
BBQ Sauce	Cupcake Liners
Caesar Salad Dressing	Ketchup
Cucumbers	Ranch dressing
Broccoli	Butter
Cherry Tomatoes	Sour cream
Bell Peppers	
Canned corn, green beans, peaches, applesauce	

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to make a donation towards these projects, please let the office know - 496-3451.

1. \$ 750.00 - Fix/Install 3 Sanctuary dimmer switches
2. \$1,200.00 - Four overhead Microphones in sanctuary materials, mics, labor
3. \$2,900.00 - Safety Window Film Covering, first phase cost.

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 scrap metal or old appliances.

LUNCH MENU (All menus subject to change/milk served with all meals/peanut butter & jelly alternative daily)

9/4 No School (PS-8)

9/5 Chicken & cheese quesadilla, lettuce, salsa, sour cream, fruit

9/6 Lunchable - Ham, turkey, pepperoni, cheese, crackers, fresh veggies, fresh fruit

9/7 Pork patty, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit

9/8 Pizza, lettuce, dessert, fruit

Servants for the Lord					
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Lector	Elders	Finance Team
Sept 3	Hudson Jobe Grant Jobe	Lance Sommerer Scott Jackson	Derek Sommerer	Bill Blochberger Scott Schulte	Aaron, Jason & Devon
Sept 10		Craig Schulte Kaden Schulte	Bill Blochberger	Danny Sommerer	Tim & Terry

September Altar Guild: Sara Allen and Carrie Wolken

Date	Upcoming Events	Time
9/03	Adult Bible Study Worship Service/Communion	8:15 am 9:30 am
9/04	Labor Day - No School (PS-8)	
9/06	Chapel Service (<i>Leader: Pastor Scheperle</i>) Mid-week Bible Study - Book of Leviticus - Church Basement Women's Bible Study - Youth Room	8:30 am 9:15 am 6:30 pm
9/10	Adult Bible Study will be in the Legacy Room for this sunday only due to SS Rally New Member Information Classes - 7/8th grade classroom - All are welcome (6 wks) Sunday School Rally - Commons Worship Service/Children's Message/Sunday School Teachers Dedication	8:15 am 8:15 am 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.

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.

Mom's Bible Study

If you are looking for a sweet group to make connections with while your child(ren) are in Sunday School each week, this is a perfect opportunity. We connect and share on various issues of motherhood, but more importantly we search the Scripture for guidance on how to raise the children that God has so graciously given us! Our Bible study digs deep into the lives of mothers in the Bible who felt many of the same insecurities, fears, and vulnerabilities that we do. But just like them, we have a Heavenly Father who loves us and promises to guide us with His Word.

Join us each week (and feel free to invite your family and friends) starting Sunday, September 17th, from 8:15-9:15 am in the youth room. If your children are not yet of Sunday School age, we will have Sr. High Youth babysitters available in the preschool room to help babysit.

Starting September 17

MOM'S BIBLE STUDY

8:15-9:15 am
Youth Room

Women's Bible Study



Our fall semester is just around the corner and we'd love for you to join us on Wednesday evenings from September 6 through November 13. We'll meet to encourage one another and study God's Word together in the youth room from 6:30-8:00pm, and unpack the promises found in Psalm 46 that are fulfilled in Christ.

When our Lord says, "Be still, and know that I am God," (Psalm 46:10), what does He mean? God's Word promises that in whatever kind of storm we find ourselves in, Jesus always comes to us. He is our refuge and strength; our ever-present help in time of need.

While we will anchor ourselves in the Bible, we'll continue to use the book, *Be Still and Know: A Study of Rest and Refuge* by Deb Burma, as our guide, and

study the narratives from the Gospels as Jesus meets various women who are experiencing their own storms.

Looking to the biblical and cultural contexts will allow us to better grasp the depth of Christ's care, purpose, and attention to our every need. In the midst of today's storms, may God reveal His refuge for us in Christ, the One who has overcome the world!

Children's Sunday School

CONNECTED

I am the vine;
You are the branches.
John 15:1-5

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SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
8:15-9:15 AM IN COMMONS

Bible Time, Sam the Puppet, Donuts,
Craft, Games, Prizes, and More

Please see the lead article for more detailed Sunday School information.

Jr. and Sr. High Youth Events

We have initiated the new 6th graders and are ready to start another year of Youth! Please mark your calendar for the following events. Anyone in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us for Jr. High Youth. Anyone in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us for Sr. High Youth.

Jr. and Sr. High Youth help needed for Sunday School Rally, Sunday, September 10th, in commons 8-9:15 am

Jr. and Sr. High Running Concession Stand for Immanuel Outdoor Movie Night, Friday, September 15, at 7:30 pm in church parking lot

More detailed youth group information is shared in our Band App. Click here if you are not connected:

[Immanuel Youth Band App](#)

Immanuel Outdoor Movie Night



Outdoor
MOVIE NIGHT

First 2 Episodes
of Season 1

The CHOSEN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 7:30PM
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARKING LOT
BRING CHAIRS OR WATCH FROM VEHICLE

★ ★ ★ **FREE ADMISSION** ★ ★ ★
CONCESSIONS BY IMMANUEL YOUTH GROUP

We are excited to watch the first two episodes of "The Chosen" together under the stars. Please feel free to invite family and friends.

AREA NEWS

HICKORY HILL SPORTS SIGN UPS

Basketball & Cheer signups are going on now through September 8. Contact Steve Hogard (573-645-2480) for more information.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us Sunday, September 24, 2023, for our 3rd annual GRACEFEST, a German celebration with food, live music, games and fellowship. Doors open at 11:30am and food will be served from noon to 2:00pm. Adults - \$10; Children ages 3-12 - \$5; Family - \$35.

GERMAN DINNER RETURNS

When: Friday, Sept. 22nd at Bethany Lutheran Church, 1000 Grand Ave., Eldon. The menu includes German Beef Rouladen, Gravy, Noodles, Red Cabbage, and German Apple Cake.

Call 815-210-2920 for reservations which must be made by Tuesday, September 19th.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person to be paid at the door. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30. Hosts for this dinner will be Martin and Katy Luther and the evening will include door prizes and entertainment.

TRINITY LUTHERAN MEN'S CLUB BBQ

When: Saturday September 23rd beginning at 10:00 am.

Where: Schulte's Fresh Foods Parking Lot

What: Pork Steak or Bratwurst Dinners \$14:00. Pork Steak Sandwich \$6.00, Bratwurst on Bun \$5.00.

ColeSlaw and Baked Beans

Proceeds generated from this event will be donated to the Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Program and Calvary Lutheran High School.

CALVARY NEWS

CALVARY INSIDER

What happened this week at Calvary?

- Baseball and Volleyball teams hosted their home openers on Tuesday.
- Pastor Morris, from Christ the King at the Lake, shared a message on Salt and Light during Wednesday Chapel.
- Cross country raced to the finish at the New Haven Invitational yesterday.

CALVARY ATHLETICS HOME GAMES!

Show up! Be Loud! #FeeltheRoar *Check out our website calvarylhs.org for all events!*

- **Volleyball** - Monday, Sept 4 - vs New Bloomfield @ 4pm
- **Volleyball** - Monday, Sept 4 - vs Chamois @ 6pm
- **Volleyball** - Tuesday, Sept 5 - vs Smithton @ 6pm
- **Volleyball** - Thursday, Sept 7 - vs N. Callaway @ 6pm
- **Baseball** - Friday, Sept 8 - vs Madison @ 4:30pm (Varsity only)
- **Soccer Home Opener** - Thursday, Sept 14 – vs Dixon @ 4:30pm

CLHS HOME COMPETITIONS

We are excited to have you cheer on our Lions during the school year at our home competitions! The following is a listing of prices for our gate: Adults - \$5, Students - \$3, Senior Citizens - Free, Calvary Students & Staff - Free. The monies made from the gate fund compensation for MSHSAA officials.

OUR CHEERLEADERS NEED YOU!

Are you a fun, energetic team leader looking to cheer on our Calvary team? The CLHS cheerleaders are seeking a **varsity cheer coach**, ready to lead the charge in school spirit this 2023-2024 winter season. Resumes may be submitted to Calvary Lutheran High School, 2525 Rte. B, Jefferson City, MO 65101

BOOKKEEPER POSITION AVAILABLE

Calvary is seeking a mission-minded individual to serve immediately in the *part-time* position of bookkeeper/accountant. A job description for the position can be found on Indeed.com when searching for bookkeeper in Jefferson City. Applications can be submitted through Indeed.com or directly to John Christman at administrator@calvarylhs.org or 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.


SPEND A SATURDAY @ CALVARY'S GIFT

Saturdays are very busy at our "upscale retail store" and we need volunteers – especially in receiving and at the check-out counter. Contact John Meisel (573-821-8875) if you can help for part of the day or a dedicated "once a month" Saturday. Thank you for supporting & volunteering at "the Gift!"

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

We pray that the Lord would move your heart to contribute to one of the following items. Thank You and God Bless!

1. 2,000.00 Electric Costs per month
2. 7,000.00 Building and Liability Insurance/per quarter
3. 7,500.00 Concordia Plan Health Insurance
4. 1,000.00 Propane Capital Energy/per week/winter
5. 234.00 Waste Removal/per month
6. 5,700.00 Air Conditioner Unit (crane/labor/installation) for School

<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>8-27</u>		<u>Finance Team</u>	<u>Date</u>
Adult Bible Study Sunday School Youth Y'ALL Mom's Bible Study Wed. Bible Study Ladies Bible Study Men's Bible Study Offerings	17 ** 08 ** ** 19 ** ** \$ 0.00	August \$32.00	Aaron, Jason & Devon Tim & Terry Heather & Rochelle Mary & John Pat & Jane	Sept 03 Sept 10 Sept 17 Sept 24 Oct 01
<u>Church Attendance</u> Sunday - 9:30 am Communion:	205			
<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>	\$ 6,551.00 983.89 7,534.89 \$ 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 8/21/23</i>	\$1015.00 \$ 4,125 \$187,535	August \$1,789.00 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 Duencel, Rebecca Eichelberger, Dana Simmons, Betty Hoecker, Terri Engelbrecht, Rita Linhardt, Danny Goodman, Dane Steenburgen, Denny Schulte, Gretchen Junkans, Ann Shipwash, Megan Limbach, Trevor Burrows, Cheryl Herzog, Clay Rolsing, Bruce Nilges, Harold Luebbering, Sandy Sebastian, John Mueller, Creed Sommerer, and Kenny Braun

Praise God for Answered Prayers: Marilyn Smith

Celebrating Birthdays: Steven Bax 9-4, Kaylee Russell 9-4, Virginia Meier 9-5, Alan Mueller 9-5, Bonnie Ott 9-5, Aaron Sommerer 9-5, Jennifer Loveall 9-6, Tracy Peters 9-6, Layne Slicker 9-6, Axel Werdenhausen 9-6, Jesse Crum 9-7, Joey Horn 9-7, Brooke Rowden 9-7, Claire Russell 9-7, Margie Propst 9-8, Austin Engelbrecht 9-9, Braxton Schulte 9-9,

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Michael and Julie Morris 9-8 11yrs., Todd and Amy Gerber 9-9 17yrs.

Celebrating (1-5 yrs old) Baptism Anniversary: Brody Russell 8-29-21 2yrs.,

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

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

Thought For The Day: *Why go to Church?* One of the most important reasons for God's children to attend church is that the church is God's idea, ***"I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" Matthew 16:18*** Plus, the church is how God is accomplishing His work on earth today. Going to Church also prepares us with the "Armor of God" for the trickery of men and false teachings.

"As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love." Ephesians 4:14-16

What is keeping you, God's child, away from Church? Think about it.



DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD



but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, So that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect

Romans 12:2

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry
August 2023

Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others,” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

*****FROM THE ELDERS*****

We will be having a special door collection again this Sunday September 3rd to help benefit the Missouri District campaign “Tomorrow’s Teachers and Preachers”. These offerings will be sent to the District to help bless the “Church Worker Student Aid Endowment”. Please prayerfully consider this worthwhile campaign.

Tomorrow’s Teachers & Preachers Celebrations Begin

Rev. Steve Resner of Immanuel Lutheran in Honey Creek says it was “a given” that he’d be a Lutheran church worker—either as a teacher or a pastor. As of June of 2023, he can now say he’s done both! After 36 years of teaching at a Lutheran school—24 of those years at Trinity Lutheran in Jefferson City—he was ordained and installed this summer as Immanuel’s pastor.

Professional church work vocations are actually commonplace in the Resner Family. In fact, there’s more than one Pastor Resner in the Missouri District! On the day of Steve’s ordination, the preacher was one he knew well—his son, Rev. Matthew Resner of Zion in Moberly.

As is our custom each fall, the Missouri District celebrates *Tomorrow’s Teachers & Preachers*—the annual campaign to raise awareness of church work vocations and bolster financial support for those preparing to enter these roles. For more than 40 years, the Missouri District Student Aid Endowment has provided scholarships for students attending both seminaries and the Concordia University System.

Matthew Resner was a District scholarship recipient years ago and describes what it meant to him: “Without the support of those around me, I would’ve never made it to where I am. This includes things like my parents, my wife, extended family, friends, church members, and the District at large,” he shares. “There are so many people that have helped bring me to this point, and their support has included things like prayer, an encouraging word, and even financial assistance. Whether it was a gift card or a scholarship, it provided the encouragement and the help I needed to make it through my studies.”

Today we invite you to join many others across the District in being the encouragement for men and women as they prepare to be the next generation of church workers. Would you please prayerfully consider making a gift to the scholarship endowment that will provide support to those furthering their education in preparation for these roles in God’s kingdom? Gifts can be made via mail (address below), through your congregation’s offering plate, or online at <https://mo.lcms.org/donate/>

Contact Leah Sieveking at 314-590-6211 or leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org with any questions.

Tomorrow’s Teachers & Preachers is a bold and joyful step taken by the Missouri District to address head-on the shortage of professional church workers within the LCMS. By God’s grace, and with His guidance, it is our prayer that workers within the harvest field will be plentiful well into the future. Thank you for your support!

