



**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 28, 2023**

**FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR RESNER**

New Members! We have been greatly blessed with many new members recently by transfer or by profession of faith. We welcomed over twenty new members several months ago, and now have another group to be welcomed on Sunday, August 13 during the worship service. We are also starting another New Member Information Class in late August or early September. If you know of someone who would like to receive instruction to become a member, or someone who would just like to know more about who we are and what we teach, please contact the Church Office so we can reach out and invite them to attend.

Our new members who have transferred their membership to us from another Lutheran Church are: Neil and Shelly Goodin along with their children, Katie and Drew; Steve and Debbie Resner; Scot Lowry, along with Aubree and Braelynn; Nicholas Jackson; and William Doggett. Our new members who have joined through instruction and by profession of faith are: Danny and Deb Goodman; Jeff Distler, Lucas Bechel, and Reagan Duenckel. We rejoice with our fellow saints and believers in Christ!

**PREPARING FOR CHURCH THIS SUNDAY**

Jesus begins His parables in this Sunday’s Gospel reading with these words, “The Kingdom of heaven is like...”. Both “The Parable of the Hidden Treasure” and “The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value” should be interpreted in context with the previous parables of “The Sower” and “The Good Seeds and the Bad Weeds”. These are still ‘harvest’ parables as is the last parable used as a conclusion, “The Parable of the Net”.

The traditional ‘discipleship’ interpretation of these parables holds that these two parables teach “the cost of discipleship” and exhort Christians to hold Christ and His reign as the greatest good for which they should be willing to suffer the loss of all other things. But, keeping them in context as to what Jesus is teaching in His previous parables (namely, “The Sower” and “The Good Seeds”) these parables lay out that the ‘hidden treasure’ and the ‘pearl of great value’ is us! Christ is the man who came to the field (the earth) and purchased and won us with His blood. He is the One who gave up everything (heaven) to buy us with His death and resurrection. You are of such great value to your Father in heaven that Jesus sold out His life to gain you!

**THANK YOU**

The Family of Leroy Sommerer would like to thank Pastor Steve Resner, Pastor Warren Brandt, Norma Engelbrecht, Brad Engelbrecht, Tyler Kopp and Loretta Schulte. We would like to also thank the men and ladies for the wonderful lunch. Our family enjoyed it. The Sommerer Family

## **VOTERS MEETING**

The Voter's Meeting for July has been moved to this Sunday, July 30th in the sanctuary after church.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Sunday, August 13th!! We will welcome and recognize all our recent new members here at Immanuel at our 9:30 Church Service on August 13th. You will have a chance to make them feel welcomed and get to know them at the new member fellowship meal after church in the commons.

## **CHURCH BASEMENT & KITCHEN**

We would like to thank all the ladies that helped clean and organize the church kitchen. We ask that if you reserve the Church Basement that you please follow the cleaning guidelines posted and help us keep it that way. Anything in the cabinets is there for you to use, however we ask that you please put items back in the drawer/cabinet/containers where you found them. Thank You and God Bless

## **IMMANUEL SPIRIT WEAR STORE**

The school spirit-wear store is back open with new designs! *The deadline to order is August 8th.* (This is not a fundraiser). Anyone is able to order. All orders will be available for pick up at the school or sent home with your child. [https://stores.inksoft.com/immanuel\\_lutheran\\_gear/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/immanuel_lutheran_gear/shop/home)

## **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.

## **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!

Ketchup

Butter

Ranch dressing

Cream cheese

Eggs

Sour cream

Canned corn, green beans, baked beans, refried beans, peas, peaches, pears, mixed fruit, applesauce

Please call the office before dropping off items.

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> through Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> to transition into the new school year.

## **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.

## **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
4. Window Film Covering. The first option will cost \$2,900. The total cost for all phases is \$23,000.

**2023-2024 POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

If interested, please contact the school office at 573-496-3766 or email Mr. Kopp at [principal@midmoimmanuel.com](mailto: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 some small group instruction.

**CALVARY COMMITMENT**

Immanuel is one of 6 association churches that own Calvary Lutheran High School since 2005. Together with Immanuel, Calvary provides the opportunity for a PreK-12 Lutheran school experience in mid-Missouri. Along with the other co-owner congregations (Trinity, Jefferson City; Faith, Jefferson City; Grace, Holts Summit; St. John, Stringtown; & St. John's, Schubert), Immanuel has committed to supporting Calvary financially with \$15 per communicant member per year. This has never been a burden on Immanuel's budget, since special offerings are received for this purpose. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this support through a designated gift in the offering plate or participating in the monthly dinners - whose proceeds also go toward this commitment. Thank you for your support of Lutheran education!

Servants for the Lord					
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Lector	Elders	Finance Team
July 30	Braelynn Lowry Claire Koetting	Ed Ehrhardt Craig Schulte Troy Wolken	Brad Engelbrecht	Danny Sommerer	Deven, Jason & Aaron
Aug 6	James Clark Brennan Schulte	Lance Sommerer Scott Jackson	Scott Schulte	Bill Blochberger Scott Schulte	Tim & Terry
<b>July Altar Guild:</b> Pat Sommerer and Dawn Jackson <b>August Altar Guild:</b> Jane Propst and Alicia Doerhoff					

Date	Upcoming Events	Time
7/30	Adult Bible Study Worship Service/Installation of Mrs. Amy Kopp/Communion Voter's Meeting after Service in the Sanctuary	8:15 am 9:30 am
8/02	Mid-week Bible Study - Book of Leviticus - Church Basement	9:15 am
8/06	Adult Bible Study Worship Service/Communion Baptism of Verah Bernice Bax and Tate Michael Russell after Church Immanuel Family Pool Party (Ellis Porter- Riverside Pool- JC)	8:15 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 7:30-9 pm

## 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



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

VBS



*Thank you to all who helped as volunteers, brought children, and made donations toward VBS this year! We were able to share the Good News that we are Covered in Jesus' Grace with approximately 80 children!*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
FOR IMMANUEL CHURCH  
AND SCHOOL'S

# Family Pool Party

Ellis Porter Riverside Pool in Jefferson City  
Sunday, August 6, 7:30-9:00 PM

FREE TO ALL IMMANUEL FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS!  
PLEASE BRING A SNACK TO SHARE.  
DRINKS PROVIDED.

## CALVARY NEWS

### DO YOU COMPLETE OUR TEAM?

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

### FUN AT RETREAT

Calvary's Summer Retreat was held last week and it was awesome! Over 75 students, plus faculty and staff, spent three great days at Heit's Point Lutheran Camp enjoying fun and fellowship as a Calvary family. THANK YOU for your prayers, support and donations to make this event a huge success.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Join us Tuesday, August 8 from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. for the first blood drive of the school year sponsored by Key Club. Appointments can be made online at [redcross.org/give](https://www.redcross.org/give) or call Calvary 573-638-0228.

### OFFICE HOURS

Beginning in August, the Calvary school office will be open regularly Monday through Friday, 7:30am-4:00pm

### UPDATED WISHLIST

Our updated wishlist at <https://www.calvarylhs.org/wishlist/> lists many ways you can bless our teachers and students.

### UPCOMING CALVARY EVENTS


Aug 3	Fall Sports Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Aug 7	First Day of Fall Sports Practices
Aug 8	Calvary Blood Drive, 1:00 - 6:00 PM
Aug 10	Back to School Night, 4:30 - 7:30 PM
Aug 16	First Day of School



## **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

<b><u>STEWARDSHIP</u></b>	<b><u>7/23</u></b>		<b><u>Finance Team</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Adult Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aaron, Jason &amp; Devon</b>	<b>July 30</b>
Sunday School	**		Tim & Terry	Aug 06
Youth	**		Heather & Rochelle	Aug 13
Y'ALL	**		Mary & John	Aug 20
Mom's Bible Study	**		Pat & Jane	Aug 27
Wed. Bible Study	<b>16</b>			
Ladies Bible Study	**			
Men's Bible Study	**			
<b>Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 9.00</b>	<b>\$39.00</b>		
<b><u>Church Attendance</u></b> Sunday - 9:30 am Communion:	192			
<b>Church Offering</b> Plate & Envelopes	\$ 5,437.75			
Electronic	\$ 2,848.89			
<b>Total:</b> <i>Avg Offering Goal (as of 7/1/22)</i> <i>Weekly church/school expense total</i>	<b>\$ 8,286.64</b> \$9,550 \$14,000	<b>12-mo avg</b> \$8,924.00 <i>per week</i>		
<b>DRC Offering</b> <i>Monthly Building Loan Payment</i> <i>Bldg Loan Balance as of 6/21/23</i>	<b>\$ 210.00</b> \$ 4,125 \$198,565	<b>July</b> <b>\$1,325.00</b> <b>12-mo avg</b> \$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

**For Those Who Mourn:** Friends and Family of Bill Hart.

**Praise God for Answered Prayers:** For all that received the blessing of Rain.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Karl Michael 7-31, Jim Schilpp 8-2, Marti Thruston 8-2, Lisa Walker 8-2, Alisha Doerhoff 8-4, Nicki Russell 8-4, Kari Schulte 8-4, Weston Browner 8-5, Cole Duenckel 8-5, Brayden Libbert 8-5,

**Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:** Paul and Shirley Beck 8-1 53yrs., Larry and Helen Siedenburg 8-1 42yrs., Jesse and Kendra Crum 8-2 15yrs., Jerry and Glates Kopp 8-2 54yrs., Kevin and Cindy Murphy 8-2 38yrs., Doug and Ashley Goldammer 8-3 11yrs.,

**Celebrating (1-5 yrs old) Baptism Anniversary:** Cambria Chrisman 7-31-22 1yr., Finnley Jungmeyer 7-31-22 1 yr.,

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

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

**Thought For The Day:** Sometimes the devil allows people to live a life free of trouble, because he doesn't want them turning to God. Your sin is like a jail cell, except it's all nice and comfy, and there doesn't seem to be any need to leave. The door's wide open, 'til one day, time runs out, and the cell door slams shut and suddenly.... It's too late.

From the Movie "God's Not Dead"



"Then the caterpillar gets out of quarantine and flies away as a butterfly."



"Mommy, which is closer to a 'yes' — 'maybe' or 'we'll see'?"



# 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.