



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

January 19, 2024

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

This is a busy place! There are so many activities and events that require planning and preparation. We have also added a number of members to our Church Family. We wish to encourage each of you to get involved in some way - Sunday School, Bible Classes, VBS, Youth Group(s), Choir, Church Dinners, School events, Fellowship, etc.

The School is growing along with our Church Family! While this is a good thing, there are things to consider as we grow - building usage, calendar conflicts, staffing, etc. Immanuel shows many signs of being a healthy Church, but proper planning for our future together must become a priority. Please prayerfully consider how we can move forward while honoring and remembering our past. We have great leaders and together we can build a strong future for our children and our children’s children.

PREPARING FOR CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

The Gospel of Mark is a Gospel of action. More than any of the other three Gospels, Mark shows Jesus in action. Along with this action, Mark seems to be showing a sense of urgency to the ministry of Jesus. He uses the word ‘immediately’ quite often to portray this sense of urgency. And Mark’s Gospel starts abruptly with the appearance of John the Baptizer and ends more abruptly, leaving us at the empty tomb with terrified women. (Early manuscripts end at 16:8)

In today’s reading, Jesus says, “Repent and believe the Gospel - NOW!” When He calls His first disciples, they ‘immediately’ leave their boats and follow Him. And Jesus tells these men, “I will make you fishers of men.”

PART TIME PRESCHOOL AIDE NEEDED

We are looking for a part time aide working about 25-30 hours per week. You would work from 7am to 1pm Monday through Friday. If you are interested in working only a few days a week, that is a possibility. Duties would involve helping students with playtime and supervising them. It includes working with students directly. Not required to plan lessons, just be able to follow lessons provided by the lead teacher. It would also involve some light sweeping, cleaning tables, and snack time clean up. If you are interested in this position please call the school office (496-3766) to talk with Mr. Kopp or email him at principal@midmoimmanuel.com

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree was taken down this week. If your ornament has sentimental value, and you prefer to take your ornament home for safekeeping and bring it back next year please do so, the ornaments are in the Founder’s Hall, otherwise they will be kept safe in the office for next year.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Third quarter chapel offerings will go to *Lutherans For Life*.

LOOKING FOR...

Student council is preparing for Lutheran schools week in March. We're looking for anyone who has Thrivent Action Team Grants available. Please reach out to Beth Diener, Ashley Goldammer, or Kari Schulte.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LENTEN MEALS 5:30pm - 6:30pm

2-14 - Youth Group - Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Sides, and Desserts

2-21 - Open

2-28 - Open

3-06 - Women's Bible Study - Italian Pastas, (Gluten Free option) sides and desserts

3-13 - 8th grade reception. Congregation is invited to the reception after service in the Church Basement.

3-20 - The Maker's Dozen - Fish Fry

If anyone would like to host on the open dates, please contact the office. 496-3451

ARCHERY COACHES NEEDED

Brice and Heather Mueller will be stepping down as head coaches for Immanuel Lutheran School Archery after this season. If there is anyone interested in being the head coach for archery next season, please reach out to Brice, Heather, or the school office with questions. The coaches do need to be certified through the Missouri Department of Conservation by taking a free class they offer. You can find details here:

<https://education.mdc.mo.gov/school-programs/monasp>

Thank you for your consideration!

OFFERING STATEMENTS

Year end offering statements will be available next Sunday, January 28th, in the entry. If you need yours before next Sunday, contact Loretta 496-3451.

SCHOOL LUNCH

We have received wonderful donations so far this school year and appreciate everything so much!

If you would like to donate any of the following items please know your generosity will be appreciated!

Dill Pickle Slices

Ranch Dressing

Applesauce

Dill Pickle Spears

Honey Mustard Dressing

Pancake Syrup

Ketchup

Brown Sugar

Gallon Cans: corn, green beans, baked beans, mixed fruit, peaches

Fresh: carrots, cucumbers, bell pepper, broccoli, apples, grapes, oranges

LUNCH MENU (All menus subject to change/milk served with all meals/salad or pbj alternative daily)

1/22 Pork patty on bun, mac & cheese, veggie, fruit

1/23 Hot ham & cheese on bun, scalloped potatoes, veggie, fruit, dessert

1/24 Tetrazzini, green beans, cheese garlic biscuit, fruit

1/25 Fish sticks, veggie, fries, fruit

1/26 Pizza, corn, fruit

IMMANUEL CHURCH AND SCHOOL "SAVE THE DATES"

Kindergarten Round-Up	February 22, 2024
Confirmation	March 17, 2024
Drive Thru BBQ	April 07, 2024
Golf Tournament	April 26, 2024
Vacation Bible School	July 21-25, 2024
Fall Turkey & Sausage Dinner	October 20, 2024
Cookies for the Cause	December 14, 2024

Servants for the Lord

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Lector	Elders	Finance Team
Jan 21	Brennan Schulte Bryson Schulte	Kelby Doerhoff Troy Bonnett	Jeff Distler	Troy Wolken Brad Engelbrecht	Aaron, Jason & Deven
Jan 28	Elizabeth Lehmann Carson Laughlin	Troy Wolken Cole Wolken Tyler Loveall	Josh Allen	Donnie Propst Terry Carrender	Tim Trinklein Terry Carrender

January Altar Guild: Pat Sommerer and Carrie Wolken

Date	Upcoming Events	Time
1/20	5th Gr. Boys Basketball @ St. Thomas	11:00 am
1/21	Pass it On Bible Study- all are invited- The Commons Children's Sunday School - Meeting first in Kindergarten Room Worship Service/Communion Fellowship Meal after Church - The Commons	8:15 am 8:15 am 9:30 am
1/22	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
1/23	Adult Choir Practice	7:00 pm
1/24	Chapel (<i>Leader: Pastor Diener</i>) Mid-week Bible Study - Book of Leviticus - Church Basement Women's Bible Study	8:30 am 9:15 am 6:30-8:00pm
1/25	Varsity Boys Basketball @ St. Joseph JC	7:00 pm
1/26	Archery Shoot @ Trinity	
1/27	5th Gr. Boys Basketball @ St. Joseph Westphalia 5th Gr. Girls Basketball @ St. Joseph Westphalia	9:00 am 10:00 am
1/28	Pass it On Bible Study- all are invited- The Commons Children's Sunday School - Meeting first in Kindergarten Room Worship Service/Children's Message/Gideons Jr. and Sr. High Youth Event	8:15 am 8:15 am 9:30 am 2-5 pm

Mid-Week Bible Study

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

Women's Bible Study

Each Wednesday evening, the Women's Bible Study group meets 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. 🕊️ All ladies are welcome to join us!

✨ 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.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study is **rescheduled for Monday, January 22, 2024** at Jason Propst's firehouse, 4501 Old Ridge Rd. The Men's Monday night Bible Study will be viewing a film series entitled "That The World May Know". This is a four part series filmed on site in the Holy Land. Each part is divided into "faith lessons" for discussion purposes. The first two parts are from the Old Testament, and the second two parts are from the New Testament. Part One is entitled "Promised Land". Part Two is entitled "Prophets and Kings". Part Three is entitled "Life and Ministry of the Messiah", and Part Four is entitled "Death and Resurrection of the Messiah".

Mom's Bible Study

We have a wonderful opportunity for the moms (and dads) of our congregation to study God's Word and learn practical ways to Pass on the Faith to the next generation. Start the new year right with our 9 week "Pass it On" Bible Study each Sunday in the Commons. We will meet from 8:15-9:15 am from January 7th- March 3rd. We will still have babysitters available in the preschool for children under age 3.

Children's Sunday School

Please join us for Sunday School each Sunday. **We have classes for all ages each Sunday from 8:15-9:15 am** Parents are welcome to attend the Adult Bible Study (commons) or the Mom's Bible Study (youth room) while kids are in Sunday School. We also have several youth group girls who have agreed to babysit those too young for Sunday School in the preschool classroom.

Jr. and Sr. High Youth Events

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP



THE SERVICE PROJECT PORTION OF OUR JANUARY 28TH EVENT WILL BE TO MAKE NURSE'S AND CHILDREN'S GIFTS FOR ST. LOUIS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. THANK YOU TO KARI SCHULTE AND CREW FOR HELPING LEAD US.

JR. AND SR. HIGH YOUTH
Sunday,
January 28th,
2-5 PM

2-3 PM
SR. HIGH SERVICE PROJECT/JR. HIGH
BIBLE STUDY

3-4 PM
GAMES IN GYM

4-5 PM
JR. HIGH SERVICE PROJECT/SR. HIGH
BIBLE STUDY

You can find more information about our youth group events by joining our Band app: [Youth Band App](#)

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING

NOW 

GALATIANS 2:20

April 5-7, 2024

CROSS POINTE RETREAT CENTER
LAKE OF THE OZARKS

Cassie Moore

Tanner Olsen

Registration Papers have been emailed and distributed for the District Youth Gathering. If your family did not receive one, and your child would like to go, please email Mandy McDonald at mmcdonald@midmoimmanuel.com. Registration forms are due by February 9th.



CONFERENCE EQUIP & ENCOURAGE

CALVARY LUTHERAN HS MARCH 2 9AM-12:15PM

All are invited for this free conference presented by Missouri District staff and leaders, sessions include topics like Shared Youth Ideas, Family Discipleship, Stewardship Resources, Intergenerational Faith Formation, Serving Your Community, and more.

AREA NEWS

GOD IS GREAT! CONCERT

By Christian Recording Artist Jennie Williamson
Trinity Lutheran School, Jefferson City
Monday, January 22, 2024 - 6:30 pm
For all ages. Invite your family and friends.

ANNUAL CHILI & CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP MEAL

Where: Brazito-Honey Creek Lions Club, 3220 Route E, JC, MO 65101
When: Sunday, January 28, 2024
Time: Starts at 11:00
Adult's \$8.00, Kids 6-12 \$4.00, Under 6 Free
Dine in (all you can eat) or Carry Out Available

CALVARY NEWS

CALVARY INSIDER

What happened at Calvary last week, you ask?

- Pastor Spotts led chapel, sharing a message on the Sanctity of Life.
- 25 students plus chaperones traveled on Wednesday to Washing DC. On Thursday, they took part in the National March for Life.

LION ATHLETICS

Cheer on our lions for the Homecoming basketball games!

Fri. 1/26 @ 6PM – Varsity Girls & Varsity Boys vs. Bunceton-Prairie Home

Live stream home games at [twitch.tv/calvarylhs](https://www.twitch.tv/calvarylhs)

DISCOVER CALVARY DAY!

Plans are underway for a prospective student Visit Day event on February 6th! This day is intended for 7th grade students to discover the advantages of a Lutheran high school education and the many opportunities available at Calvary. If you know a 7th grader (or 8th grader, if they haven't attended before) who would benefit from knowing more about the Calvary experience, contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 to learn more.

REGISTER TODAY!

We look forward to having new and returning students join together in the Calvary family next year. The early registration cost is \$100 when you apply or re-enroll for next school year by **Friday, March 1, 2024**. The tuition deposit is waived! REGISTER TODAY!

NEXT CALVARY BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendars for the next Calvary blood drive on Tuesday, February 20 from 1-6 p.m. in the Café at Calvary Lutheran High School. Please consider donating to help save a life!

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK!

Want to see the exciting things happening on a daily basis? Curious to know about snow days and special events? Follow @calvary.lhs on Instagram & Like our Facebook page at [facebook.com/calvarylhs](https://www.facebook.com/calvarylhs).

SAVE THE DATE

Jan. 26 Homecoming Basketball Games

Feb. 2-3 Calvary Boys Basketball Tournament

Feb. 6 Discover Calvary Day (*Visit Day for 7th Graders*)



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!

CALVARY STUDENTS FROM IMMANUEL: Freshman: Aubree Lowry, Braylon Schulte, Owen Sommerer, and Allie Caley. Sophomore: Olivia Carrender. Juniors: Tyler Loveall and Cole Wolken. Senior: Brennan Laughlin

Please let the office know if any of our members on the prayer list are in need of a call, communion or a visit from Pastor Resner or an Elder.

PRAYER REQUESTS

At Home or Hospital: Quinetta Rutledge, Brennan Schulte, John and Patti Trinklein, John Green, Jane Kesel, Konlee Kempker, Charlie Duenckel, Rebecca Eichelberger, Betty Hoecker, Terri Engelbrecht, Rita Linhardt, Danny Goodman, Dane Steenburgen, Denny Schulte, Ann Shipwash, Megan Limbach, Trevor Burrows, Clay Rolsing, Sandy Sebastian, Kenny Braun, Verna Mae Menteer, Tim Lafser, Judy Meisel, Roger and Ruth Braun, Susan Hill, David Dziadosz, Jeff Propst, Jerry Binkley, Thom Mace, and Alice Troyke

~praying for you~

Praise God For Answered Prayers: Congratulations to Nate and Liz Propst on their Beautiful Healthy daughter born on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, Isla Dale Propst.

Celebrating Birthdays: Dwight Schmoeger 1-21, Denise Sommerer 1-22, Brittney Engelbrecht 1-22, Bernice Morris 1-23, Macy Sommerer 1-24, Darice Goetz 1-26, Kristina Siedenburg 1-27.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Donnie and Glenda Bax 1-26 50 yrs.

Celebrating (1-5 yrs old) Baptism Anniversary:

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

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

Thought For The Day: A Gentle Answer Quiets Anger, But a Harsh One Stirs it Up.

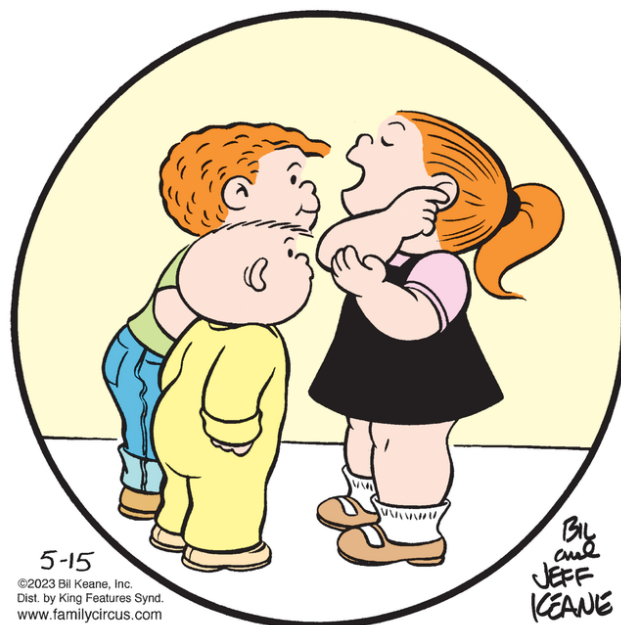
“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” Ephesians 4:29



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“I was a big help to Miss Johnson today. She wanted to know how to spell ‘bat,’ so I told her.”



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“Know why I smell so good? I put a dab of peanut butter behind each ear.”

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:13-14

"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5

PRO- LIFE- For Life!

Since January twenty-second, the year 1973,
The rights of unborn children have been violated beyond degree.
Brought to the slaughter innocent babes,
Because of ruthless people, causing vibrant waves.

Pro-life means exactly that-"for life,"
Are we to sit by idly during all of this strife?
As Christians we should show those through THE WORD,
How wrong it is to end a life, which God has incurred.

Rescue those who are being taken away to death,
A creation from God, this can't be its quest.
At this precise moment-yes, in our great land,
We truly must speak out and take a stand.

Do have mercy Lord on this our land,
Forgive us for just standing by idly and being bland.
In the moments, days and months ahead,
Be for life-not death- think of the blood Christ shed.

Written by Virginia Duenckel

CHURCH IS HARD

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.
Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.
Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.
Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.
Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.
Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect.
Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.
Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child.
Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.
Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.
Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.
Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.
Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate.
Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.
Church is hard for the sinners.
Church is hard for me.

It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress. However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, and selfish motives.

BUT, here is the **BEAUTY OF CHURCH**—

Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.
Church is a body.
Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.
Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.
Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.
Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.
Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.
Church is a lesson in faith and trust.
Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.
Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.
Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come.

So even on the **HARD DAYS AT CHURCH**—

The days when I am at odds with a friend, when I've fought with my husband because we're late once again. When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope. When I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away.

I'll remember, **HE HAS NEVER FAILED TO MEET ME THERE.**

By Beverly Palmer

GOD IS GREAT! CONCERT

By Christian Recording Artist

JENNIE WILLIAMSON

An exciting music ministry impacting the hearts and lives of youth and families around the world! Jennie Williamson brings an energy and excitement for Jesus that is contagious! The music and live events are filled with incredible messages of love and hope that reaches the hearts of every audience.



MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL, JEFFERSON CITY

FOR ALL AGES! INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

6:30pm Concert

for Families and the Community