



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 7, 2023

FROM THE DESK OF MR. KOPP

I hope everyone had a safe and fun Fourth of July. It seemed like school just ended, but here we are already in July. Before we know it every parent’s favorite day will be here, the start of the school year. You get to reclaim your living rooms back. The time when you leave your house in the morning and come home it looks the same. Not as though a tornado came through while you were gone.

Parents, don’t get too excited, we do have a few things coming up. Please be on the lookout for our summer mailing. It will have information that you will need for this upcoming school year. Also, please put down on your calendar for our registration night Thursday, August 10 from 5:00 - 6:30. Also as a reminder our preschool will be closed from July 31 – Aug 4 to give our preschool time to get ready for our new school year. In addition, any preschool students that are going into Kindergarten for this coming 23-24 school year will not be able to return after July 28. This is also to give us the ability to start integrating all our new 3 year olds that will be starting in August.

Thank you to everyone for your support and I am looking forward to the continued support. I am entering into my sixth year here (I know it seems like I just started here) and have enjoyed my time here. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to talk, my door is always open.

PREPARING FOR CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Rest! What a glorious gift from God! But, just as our bodies need rest, so do our souls. Worship provides rest for our souls - and so, God commands us to worship (3rd commandment). He commands it because we, by nature, are restless. We are restless because of sin. We are restless because nothing in culture nor society provides true rest for our souls.

Jesus says that He provides true rest for us - true rest that comes from the cross. He says, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from Me.” His yoke is the cross - He has carried all your burdens to the cross and has borne your sin in His body. In Christ we have rest for our souls - rest now in worship, and ultimate rest for all eternity in heaven forever.

VOTERS MEETING

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

INFORMATION CLASSES

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

FROM THE ELDERS

Dear Fellow Members of Immanuel,

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

Thank you,
The Board of Elders

LETTER

Dear member of Immanuel

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

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

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

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

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

In HIS service
Immanuel Lutheran Board of Elders

PARKING SPACES

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

DUMPSTER

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

PRESCHOOL CLOSED

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

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

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

LOOKING FOR...

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

WINDOW FILM COVERING

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

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

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

Office 496-3451

Gary 619-5525

2023-2024 POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

1ST/2ND GRADE AIDE

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

PART TIME PRESCHOOL AIDE (Wednesday ONLY)

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

PART TIME PE

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

SCHOOL LUNCH

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

SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

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

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Servants for the Lord					
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Lector	Elders	Finance Team
July 9	Ailyn McDonald Alec Sommerer	Craig Schulte Caleb Bernskoetter Kaden Schulte	Derek Sommerer	Danny Sommerer	Heather & Rochelle
July 16	Hudson Jobe Dalton Mueller	Kelby Doerhoff Troy Bonnett	Bill Blochberger	Troy Wolken Brad Engelbrecht	Mary & John
July Altar Guild: Pat Sommerer and Dawn Jackson					

Date	Upcoming Events	Time
7/09	Adult Bible Study Worship Service/Baptism of Nolan Daniel Rowden/Children's Message Baptism of Kenna Grace Rusk Sr. High Youth BBQ/Bible Study - McDonald's Home	8:15 am 9:30 am After Church 7-9 pm
7/12	Mid-week Bible Study - Book of Leviticus - Church Basement	9:15 am
7/15	Leroy Sommerer visitation Funeral Service Meal following interment in church basement	10:00am 11:00 am
7/16	Adult Bible Study Worship Service/Baptism of Millie Gale Morris/Installment of VBS Workers/ Communion Pre-VBS Meal First Night of VBS	8:15 am 9:30 am 5-6 pm 6-8 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



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

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

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



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

Pre-VBS Meals Available!

We have a wonderful group of ladies who have volunteered to prepare dinner for any families who are attending/volunteering at VBS next week. The meals are free, and gluten-free options will be available.

These meals will be in the church basement each night, Sunday-Wednesday, from 5-6pm. On Thursday, we will have hot dogs and chips for all of the families from 6-6:45pm in the church basement before our VBS closing service at 7pm.

All family/friends are welcome to hang out with us throughout the night, help within the groups, or just visit with others.

VBS Donations Still Needed

If you would like to donate towards the Pre-VBS meals, the following items can be brought in to the church office next week, Sunday-Friday, July 9-14. Please contact Mandy McDonald (573-644-4405) or the church office (573-496-3451) if you decide to donate any of these items, and we will take them off of the list.

Thank you in advance. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

- 10 pounds of tomatoes
- 7 heads of lettuce
- 4 stalks of celery
- 4 large bags of baby carrots
- 2 lbs of onions
- Small bag of fresh spinach
- 3 cucumbers
- 4 seedless watermelons
- Apples - 4 bags
- Cool Whip - 6 regular sized tubs
- 4 lbs shredded cheddar cheese

AREA NEWS

OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL

When: Sunday, July 9, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church (105 Trinity Church Road) 5 miles east of Wellsville

Serving: ice cream, cake, pie, chicken salad and pimento cheese sandwiches, grilled hot dogs, coffee, tea, soda

ST. JOHN'S (SCHUBERT) ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

When: Friday, July 14, from 7 am to 6 pm, and on Saturday, July 15, from 8 am till noon.

The sale will be held downstairs in the church fellowship hall, and is air conditioned and ADA accessible. St. Johns is located at the Hwy J exit on Hwy 50 East. Call 573-395-4591 for more information.

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.

OSAGE SENIOR CENTER

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

CALVARY NEWS

JOIN OUR CALVARY TEAM!

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

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. Alternatively, you can sign up to help at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0548ADA82CA2FB6-2023>

CALVARY'S GIFT

The heat is on! Stop by the Gift and pick up a good book or two, puzzles, movies, and games for the whole family. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Gift and share times you are available – even if it is only a few hours. Calvary's Gift is located at 722 Jefferson; the phone number is 659-8176.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM PROJECTS

If you are a Thrivent member and have 2023 Action Team Grants available, consider Calvary! We have MANY projects happening before school as well as some exciting events that happen in early fall that could benefit from your involvement and a \$250 seed money grant! Please contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org if you would love to help Calvary in this way.

UPDATED WISHLIST

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

WE'RE BACK!


Summer office hours will return tomorrow, July 10:

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

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>7/02</u>		<u>Finance Team</u>	<u>Date</u>
Adult Bible Study	12	July	Aaron, Jason & Devon Tim & Terry Heather & Rochelle Mary & John Pat & Jane	July 23
Sunday School	**			July 30
Youth	**			July 09
Y'ALL	**			July 11
Mom's Bible Study	**			July 16
Wed. Bible Study	**			
Ladies Bible Study	**			
Men's Bible Study	**			
Offerings	\$ 10.00			\$10.00
<u>Church Attendance</u> Sunday - 9:30 am Communion: 161	209			
<u>Church Offering</u> Plate & Envelopes Electronic Total: <i>Avg Offering Goal (as of 7/1/22)</i> <i>Weekly church/school expense total</i>	\$ 8,781.00 \$ 583.89 \$ 9,364.89 \$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 6/21/23</i>	\$ 570.00 \$ 4,125 \$198,565	July \$ 570.00 12-mo avg \$2,994.00 <i>per month</i>		

Offering Options Available

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

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

For Those Who Mourn: Family and Friends of Leroy Sommerer

Praise God for Answered Prayers: Greg Morrow, Joni and Chloe Adamson, and Patty Bates.

Celebrating Birthdays: Blair Jungmeyer 7-9, Harold Lehmann 7-10, Jadah Bax 7-11, Adilynn Goetz 7-11, Nicholas Jackson 7-13,

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Eric and Jayme Eichholz 7-9-16 7yrs., Adrian and Darice Voss 7-14-07 16yrs.,

Celebrating (1-5 yrs old) Baptism Anniversary: Bentley Browner 7-11-21 2yrs., Knox Beck 7-12-18 5yrs., Barrett Rowden 7-12-20 3yrs.,

WELCOME... Nolan Daniel Rowden who through the waters of Holy Baptism this Sunday morning is joining the family of God and added as a member of the church family at Immanuel.

WELCOME... Kenna Grace Rusk who through the waters of Holy Baptism this Sunday morning is joining the family of God and added as a member of the church family at Immanuel.

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

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

Thought For The Day: Reduce your stress by taking time to unplug from the world, Open your Bible, and listen to what God has to tell you. What the world tells you is "OK" to do, is of the Wide Road. What the Bible tells you is the Narrow Road and the path to Heaven, the Kingdom of God, Eternal Life. Think about it!!!



"Harmony is when you find two notes that love one another."



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"My piano teacher is very religious. She keeps closing her eyes and saying, 'Good Lord!'"



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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.