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Immanuel's Statement of Mission

"We Love Because He First Loved Us" - 1 John 4:19

Acknowledging with gratitude all that God has done for us in Christ Jesus, we the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School dedicate ourselves to educating, equipping (2 Timothy 3:17) and building one another up in love as part of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:16) and to the furthering of His kingdom in and around the city of Lakefield and throughout the world. (Acts 1:8)

JOINT BOARDS AND CHURCH COUNCIL meet on Wednesday, June 24th at 7:00 p.m. All Board Members are asked and encouraged to attend. Communication between our Boards is a vital key in helping our congregation grow. Joint Boards meets in the church basement. Meetings prior to Joint Boards are:

- Board of Congregational Services: Wednesday, June 24th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Elders: Wednesday, June 24th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Finance: Wednesday, June 24th at 6:00 p.m.
- Board of Trustees: Thursday, June 18th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Ed: Wednesday, June 10th at 5:30 p.m.— Meeting is open to anyone who wants to attend.

JOINT BOARDS FOR JULY meets on Wednesday, July 29th at 7:00 p.m.

VOTERS MEETING will be on Sunday, July 12th right after the worship service around 10:15 a.m.

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER for July through September are available on the welcome center in the narthex in both regular and large print. Please help yourself.

CONGRATULATIONS to our high school and college graduates. Our prayers are with you as you enter into the next phase of your life. *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”*

- Jeremiah 29:11-13

SUNDAY, JULY 26
9:00 AM
OUTDOOR WORSHIP
SERVICE ON THE
SOUTH SIDE OF THE
CHURCH

Save the DATE for
VBS
Sunday, August 2
through
Wednesday, August 5
4:30-7:00

HELP WANTED: Immanuel Lutheran School is hiring 2 positions for the upcoming school year:

- 4th Grade Teacher: Position is 0.6 FTE (Part-time). Monday-Friday from 7:30-12:45. Subjects: Reading, Writing/Language Arts, Math, Religion and Art.

Qualifications:

- ♦ Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood or Elementary)
- ♦ MN or other State’s Licensure relevant to this position
- ♦ Agreement with the beliefs and practices of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, as well as, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Salary and benefits based on synodical guidance and regionally comparable compensation. Please send a letter of introduction, your resume, and two letters of recommendation by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 4th, to Mr. Dean Jennissen, Principal:

ilsprincipal@immanuellakefield.com

- Preschool Teacher Assistant: 2 Days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays), 7:30-11:30, 8 hrs. per week, \$17.50/hr. If interested in an application or to find out more, contact Principal Dean Jennissen: ilsprincipal@immanuellakefield.com or 320-224-6238. Application deadline is Thursday, June 4th, at 5:00 p.m.

IMMANUEL LWML will not meet during the summer months of June and July. Meetings will resume on August 12th at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be at the Round Lake Winery.



OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with Faith Freking and Dodge Byam as they will be united in marriage on July 10th. We pray that God would be a cornerstone of their marriage.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to Matthew and Kim Poppe as they were united in marriage on May 30th. We pray that God would be a cornerstone of their marriage.



SCRIP ORDERS will be taken during the summer months, however it will only be once a month instead of once a week. Orders need to be turned in to Amy in the office on the following days:

- Monday, June 15th turn in by noon
- Wednesday, July 15th turn in by noon
- Monday, August 24th turn in anytime that day

We will still have local scrip on hand for Maynard's, Cutting Image, and SoJo. Just stop in the office and see Amy for those.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE will be held on Tuesday, July 7th from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Schedule your appointment online at redcrossblood.org.

QUILTERS are in need of used flat queen size bedsheets. If you have any to donate, you can bring them in any time. Thank you in advance!

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE you may contact Pastor Obermann directly at 563-321-0032 or pastor@immanuellakefield.com, or speak to one of the elders. This includes visits, prayer requests, communion for home bound members, among others.

FLOWERS IN THE CEMETERY: Flowers were again placed in our cemetery during Memorial Day weekend as a way of remembering our loved ones. Because many of the flowers are placed in disposable containers or are artificial sprays that are placed on the ground, we ask that they be picked up by the middle of June if you wish to keep them. Planters that are in stands may stay. The cemetery mowers appreciate your help.

OUR LWML GROUP has reserved tickets at Okoboji Summer Theatre for Saturday, July 11th at 4:30 p.m. for "Sister Act". Tickets are \$26 or 2 for 1 cost. We will be carpooling – meeting along the south side of the church. Come and join us! Sister Act is the feel-good musical comedy smash based on the hit 1992 film that has audiences jumping to their feet! Featuring original music by Tony- and eight-time Oscar winner, Alan Menken (Newsies, Beauty and the Beast, Little Shop of Horrors), this uplifting musical was nominated for five Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Contact Donna Hage (507-360-4339 or dkahage@gmail.com) to reserve your spot by June 15th. We would love to have you join us for a time of laughter and fellowship!

OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY will soon be going off for the printing process. If you had your photo taken by the professional it includes a free directory. If you submitted a photo it was a charge of \$15 and you will receive a church directory. If you would like a church directory as an extra or maybe an additional one for a family member, please let Amy know in the church office by June 8th. The cost will be \$15. They will be spiral bound and 35 to 40 pages in length. We will be getting them back sometime in August.

OFFICIAL ACTS FOR MAY 2026

Membership: Baptized: 601 Communicants: 437

ENTERING IMMANUEL...

...By Profession of Faith–

Earl Flatgard

Dodge Byam

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BOOKSTORE...

Graduation and Father's Day Cards

Check out our wonderful selection of cards. We also have birthday, get well, wedding, anniversary, baby, thank-you, and sympathy cards. All cards are 75 cents.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL IS OPEN.

We appreciate your interest in Immanuel Lutheran School, an educational environment that promotes excellence and growth in the Lutheran Christian Faith where each child can strive to reach his or her potential. We believe that the parent is the child's first teacher. It is only through parents and teachers working together and showing mutual respect that we hope to achieve what is best for each child at Immanuel Lutheran School.

LWML Happenings **Lutheran Women In Mission**

Serving on **Altar Guild** for the month of **June** are Linda Davis, Jolene Rossow, and Gail Swenson. During the month of **July**, Jeanine Ackermann, Shirley Larsen, and Amber Liepold will be taking care of the altar duties. We thank them for serving in this way.

We're looking forward to the **Salad Buffet Supper**, with entertainment by **The Looney Lutherans**, on Wednesday, **June 3** in the Immanuel Activity Center. This event, hosted by our LWML, has been sold out. We hope to see many of you there for an enjoyable evening of delicious food and fun entertainment!

The **LWML MN South District Convention** will be held in Mankato **June 18-20**. Crystal Dafoe and Dory Poppe are our Immanuel LWML Delegates. Mary Poppe will give a presentation on her experience as a Young Woman Representative (YWR) at the LWML National Convention last year in Omaha and will also be involved in Convention activities with the young women who are attending. On **June 18 from 4:00-8:30**, there will be a servant event for Phil's Friends. Phil's Friends provides Christ-centered support and hope to those battling cancer. Cards of Hope and shipping boxes will be colored with crayons or colored pencils. Donna Hage is driving up and welcomes you to tag along with her. More info on this is elsewhere in this newsletter or can be found in the weekly worship service messengers. There will be Bible Study, Mission Speakers, exhibitors, Communion Service, and more. Additional details are available online at https://mnslwml.org/2026_district_convention.

We will be attending a production at the **Okoboji Summer Theater** as a group this summer. Everyone (men and women) are invited to join us. More info on this is elsewhere in this newsletter or can be found in the weekly worship service messengers.

Please watch for an announcement in the weekly worship service messengers this summer regarding dates of **Gardeners Market**. Your support of this fundraiser for local and national missions by growing produce, providing baked items, and/or purchasing them is always greatly appreciated!

There will be no regular LWML monthly meeting until August. Enjoy your summer in the SONshine! It's wonderful to know that Jesus, the Son of God, brings us from darkness into light!

Serve the Lord with Gladness ~ Psalm 100:4

From the Principal:

Dirt Don't Hurt

The inspiration for this writing occurred as our 7th and 8th Graders wrapped up some volunteer service at Camp Omega. An 8th Grade student and I were sweeping dirt, leaves and twigs into a pile and were without a dustpan. The student got down on their hands and knees and started scooping the debris with their hands and throwing it into a wheelbarrow and as he did so, said, "Dirt don't hurt."

Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might..." This is great advice for our graduates as they head to high school and eventually their post-high school plans. Whether you're scooping dirt with your hands, scrubbing a toilet, taking your driver's test, participating in an activity, serving at church, starting a business, building a marriage or raising a family, do it with all your might!

As we wrap up a very successful year 127 at ILS, hats off to the Class of 2026: Abby, Alivia, Regan, Nora, Mathias, Damien, Devin, Arya, Simeon and Sofia! We will remember you as a bright, talented and successful group. Know that God loves you and we love you. As you head to high school remember, Jesus is with you every step of the way! Read your Bible, pray, go to church and approach life with a "dirt don't hurt" kind of attitude!

Mr. J



Stewardship Moment...

Matthew 28:19-20 - "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Behold the threefold Name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are baptized into this Name. We have been made a part of God's family. Now, we are called to live in harmony with our new family, to be godly and live in God's image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so are we all called to be.

Lutheran Hour Ministries

The Lutheran Hour may be listened to on Sunday –

KICD – 1240 AM, Spencer, IA at 10:30 AM

WCCO – 830 AM, Minneapolis, MN at 6 AM

KSUM -- 1370 AM, Fairmont, MN at 11 AM

KJLY – 104.5, Blue Earth at 6 PM

KDOM, 103.1 FM at 10 AM

KDCR, 88.5 FM at 1 PM

You may also listen anytime on their website: lhm.org

June 7 "Peter's Restoration—and Ours"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakes

Jesus forgives and restores us and He sends us out to offer this restoration to others, in His name.

John 21:1-19

June 14 "Journey Through Anxiety"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

Anxiety is like a "Check Engine" light for the soul that leads us to take all our concerns to the Lord in prayer.

Matthew 6:25

June 21 "Journey Through Depression"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

Depression can feel like being "stuck," but we are never truly alone. God meets us with His care and provision.

1 Kings 19:7

June 28 "Journey Through Ambition"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Ryan Tinetti

You don't have to worry about making a name for yourself. In Christ, God has already given you His.

Matthew 25:21

SERVANT EVENT AT LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION IN

MANKATO: On Thursday, June 18th from 4:00-8:30, Cards of Hope and shipping boxes will be colored with crayons or colored pencils. Phil's Friends provides Christ-centered support and hope to those battling cancer. Phil's Friends sends out over 9,000 Cards of Hope each month to those in need. They also send out care packages that include a Bible, blanket, journal, puzzle book, pen, bookmark, hat, fuzzy socks, and personal care items. Donna Hage is driving up for this, if you want to join her, give her a call at 507-360-4339 or email dkahage@gmail.com. She is leaving at 2:30 that day.

LAKEFIELD MEAL SITE is serving in-house and home delivered meals. Meals served at 11:30. Birthday parties are held quarterly. April, May, and June birthdays were celebrated in May.

Call 507-662-6714 to reserve.

New program available from Lutheran Social Services: FREE Pet food and cat litter available monthly for diners.

Delivered or in-house diners eligible.

Call 507-662-6174 to apply.

- Tuesday, June 2: Bingo at 12:30 with prizes provided by Thrivent. Menu: diced turkey and gravy
 - Thursday, June 4: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by Crystal Valley Coop. Menu: chicken broccoli casserole, sliced carrots, peach crisp
 - Monday, June 8: NEW! Prize Day! Drawing to include all diners. Prize will be gift certificates for local businesses. Menu: lasagna roll-ups, sauce, green beans
 - Tuesday, June 9: Pinochle at 12:30. Menu: herb chicken, rice, pudding
 - Wednesday, June 10: Game Day. Bring your own or play one of ours. Menu: smothered chopped steak
 - Wednesday, June 17: 500 at 12:30. Menu: roast turkey, gravy, corn, cookie
 - Tuesday, June 23: Frozen meals only for those already reserved
 - Wednesday, June 24: Pinochle at 12:30. Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy
 - Thursday, June 25 from 5:30-7:00: Volunteer Appreciation Meal. Reserve your spot by June 10 to Judy Hudson 507-841-3084
 - Tuesday, June 30: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by Crystal Valley Coop. Menu: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, cookie
- Call Marless (507-662-5254) for card details and to schedule playing. All card games cost 10 cents to play. Always looking for more card players... lessons and/or refreshers available.

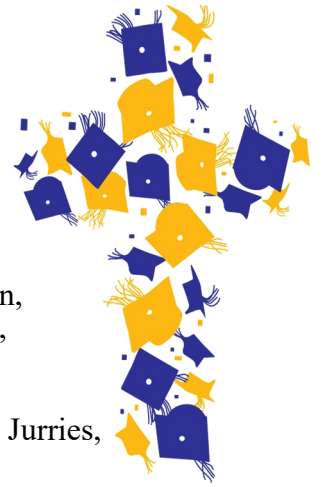
Stewardship Moment...

Romans 5:8 – "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." God did not wait for mankind to make the first move. He did not wait for Adam and Even to come looking for Him — He went and found them. And while we were still sinners, still enemies of God, still set against Him, God looked on us with kindness and generosity, and so loved us that He sent His Son Jesus to suffer, die and rise for us. We now seek to grow up into His image as loving, generous and kind sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father.

Immanuel Lutheran School Highlights

"We love because He first loved us." -1 John 4:19

2026 Graduation and Awards



- ◆ **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL GRADUATION** was held on May 22nd.
Ten 8th grade students and twelve Kindergarteners received their diplomas.
Our 8th grade graduates: Abby Ackermann, Alivia Ackermann, Regan Endreson, Nora Freking, Mathias Liepold, Damien Ness, Devyn Ness, Arya Olson, Simeon Peterson, Sofia Welp
Our Kindergarten class: Houston Buresch, Mira Buresch, Rusty Burmeister, Marvel Chonko, Ingrid Church, Leum Desroches, Stella Hoffman, Elias Jurries, Kasen Lucht, Oaklee McClain, Simon Palm, Duke Schultz
- ◆ **PRESCHOOL/PREK COMPLETION PROGRAM** was held on May 21st.
We had 11 students in PreK and 13 in Preschool.
Our PreK class: Hyron Buresch, Tori Buresch, Muriel Burmeister, Corrie Hesemann, Reiman Hibma, Rhett Hummel, Milo Kruger, Finley Majerus, Rowan Moore, Emmie Obermann, Declan Swanson
Our Preschool class: Joelle Bretzman, Liesel Buresch, Oakley Haar, Hollynd Hibma, Oliver Jandera, Leo Meeks, Clara Palm, Cece Pesante, Nico Pesante, Cullen Salzwedel, Astelle Schmid, Eli Thorn, Isaac Thorn
- ◆ **THE PRINCIPAL'S AWARD** was given to Mathias Liepold and Simeon Peterson. This award is given to a well-rounded student who demonstrates character, scholarship, leadership and courtesy and respect. The student also excels in participation in activities and acts of service. Congratulations Mathias and Simeon!
- ◆ **PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLASTIC EDUCATION AWARDS** were given to Abby Ackermann, Alivia Ackermann, Nora Freking, Mathias Liepold, and Simeon Peterson.
- ◆ **STUDENT WITH PERFECT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE** was Eleanor Milbrath.
- ◆ **STUDENTS WITH PERFECT CHURCH ATTENDANCE** were Simon Palm, Lorena Buresch, Carter Ackermann, Briggs Appel, Katherine Baumann, Karina Buresch, Johanna Burmeister, Eve Appel, Nick Baumann, Eleanor Milbrath, and Alivia Ackermann.
- ◆ **STUDENTS WITH FAITHFUL CHURCH ATTENDANCE** were Houston Buresch, Mira Buresch, Ingrid Church, Kasen Lucht, Duke Schultz, Evelyn Wassenaar, Beau Hesemann, Jamie Hoffman, Flynn Kruger, Hudson Majerus, Jules Swanson, August Voss, Addie Ackermann, Hannah Buresch, Felix Church, Riley Henry, Rachel Henry, Ben Ackermann, David Ackermann, Ben Hesemann, Silas Liepold, Camille Soderholm, Lela Swanson, Elijah Mattila, Abby Ackermann, Nora Freking, Damien Ness, Devyn Ness, and Simeon Peterson.
- ◆ **ACCELERATED READER (AR) CLUB**
600 Point Club: Ben Hesemann
300 Point Club: Aaron Ackermann, Olive Kruger, Colton Laabs
200 Point Club: Jack Swanson
100 Point Club: Lorena Buresch, Carter Ackermann, Katherine Baumann, Karina Buresch, Claire Dagele, Flynn Kruger, Addie Ackermann, Eve Appel, Hannah Buresch, Weston Buresch, Riley Henry, Soriah Scholten, Nick Baumann, Grady Dagele, Ben Ackermann, David Ackermann, Silas Liepold, Summer Scholten, Lela Swanson, Joshua Carr, Ayla Henning, Caleb Laabs, Aidan Post, Abby Ackermann, Regan Endreson, and Devyn Ness.
- ◆ **ETHAN ROSSOW MEMORIAL AWARD** was given to Merle Hendricksen
This award is given to an individual whose volunteering this past school year has made a tremendous difference. Mr. Merle, thanks for all you do for us here at Immanuel!!!

*2025-2026 School Year Theme:
"Let's Make a Joyful Noise"*

*Psalm 98:4 ~ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*



LAKEFIELD SUMMERFEST "HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA"

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Monday, June 15th

- Medallion Hunt begins
- 5:00: Color Run sponsored by PATH

Wednesday, June 17th

- 11:00-12:30: Salad Luncheon at the American Legion sponsored by St. Joseph's LCCS
- 12:00-4:00: Crafternoon at the Lakefield Library
- 5:00-8:00: Jackson County Relay for Life at North City Park with Lions Bingo from 6:30-8:00

Thursday, June 18th

- 4:00-6:30: Ice Cream Social at the Jackson Historical Society
- 5:30-7:30: Community Picnic and Hot Dog Bar at North City Park sponsored by the LBA
- 6:00-7:00: Bingo Night at the Library
- 8:00-9:30: Late Swim at the Lakefield Aquatic Center

Friday, June 19th

- 5:00-7:00: Family Fun Night at North City Park with Food and Games sponsored by the LBA
- 5:00-7:00: Pork Feed at North City Park sponsored by Jackson County 4H
- 7:30: Frogs Baseball Game
- 5:00-9:30: Steak and Shrimp Feed at the Shed
- 8:00-1:00: Mingo (Music and Bingo) at the Shed

Saturday, June 20th

- 7:30-10:30: Belgian Waffle Breakfast at Silverback's
- 9:00: Summerfest 4-person Best Ball at Valley Brook Golf Course
- 9:30-11:00: Breakfast and Bloody Mary Bar at the Shed
- 9:00-11:30: Red, White, and Blue Sale & Sampler at Cutting Image Boutique
- 1:15: Cruise Main Street
- 2:00: Grand Parade
- Fun at North City Park all day Saturday
 - 9:00-2:00: Car Show
 - 10:00-2:00: Live Music with Larry Myer
 - 10:00-4:00: Ice Cream, Brats, and Hot Dogs served by the Knights of Columbus
 - 11:00-4:00: Craft, Vendor, and Business Show
 - 11:00-4:00: Petting Zoo
 - Food Trucks!
 - Free Watermelon after the Parade
 - Kids Tractor Pull after the Parade
 - Button Winner announced after the Parade
 - LBA Drawing Announced after the Parade
 - 3:15-6:15: Live Music with Nikki & Rich and Jim Wuerffel
- 4:00-6:00: Live Music at the Shed
- 3:00-4:00: Minnow Races at the Shed
- 8:00-midnight: Street Dance at the VFW
- 11:00-2:00: Breakfast LATE at Silverback's

Sunday, June 21st

- 9:00-12:30: Pancakes, French Toast, Biscuits & Gravy, and Scrambled Egg Breakfast at the American Legion
- 5:00: Lakefield Youth Mites Baseball



OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED on Friday, July 4th and Monday, July 6th, in observance of Independence Day.

28th ANNUAL "PLAY IT AGAIN"

GOLF BENEFIT: Join us for a great day of golf while supporting a great cause! The 28th Annual "Play It Again" Golf Benefit for the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Music Department will be held on Saturday, June 20th, at Interlaken Golf Course, Fairmont. Shotgun Start is at 2:00 p.m. Golfers can register at www.martinlutherhs.com under Special Events. Not a golfer? You can still make a meaningful impact! Support the music program by becoming an Eagles Club Member at \$100 or a Golden Eagle — \$500. Your support helps provide scholarships for elementary band students and funds improvements to the music program. Help keep music alive in our schools!

WE NEED YOUR HELP: We are looking for members to help with ushering. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the window in the narthex and write yourself in for a service if you are able to. Questions on ushering? Please ask one of our elders.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

- Library is closed Friday, June 19th.
- Summer Library Program is “Unearth a Story”. Registration begins on June 1st either at the library or online at jclmn.org/summer.
- Story Time for kids is on Tuesdays at 10:00
- Bedtime Story Hour is Monday, June 15th, at 6:00
- Story Strolls will start on Monday, June 8th. Read a book on the downtown business windows while you walk!
- STEAM Time at the Library is on Friday, June 12th & 26th and July 10th & 24th at 12:00. Free program for K-5th graders. Registration is required. Contact the library at 507-662-5782.
- Zoo Man is at the JCC Middle School gym on Thursday, June 11th, at 10:00 and 1:00. Use the main entrance.
- Balloon Artistry with Mandana is at Riverside Elementary in Jackson on Wednesday, June 17th, from 10:00-10:45. Free bus transportation available. More details on the website: jclmn.org
- Wildlife Show with Safari Bob is on Monday, June 22nd, at the Lakefield Library at 10:00 and 1:00.
- Movie Night is at the Heron Lake Library on Friday, June 26th. Free Hot Dogs at 6:00 p.m. Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Family Bingo Night is at the Lakefield Library on Thursday, June 18th, at 6:00 p.m.
- Craft Kits are available monthly for free in these age groups: Toddler-PreK, K-4th grade, 5th-7th grade, Teen & Adult
- Tween & Teen Field Trip to Jeffers Petroglyphs is on Tuesday, June 30th. Free event for students entering 5th-12th grade this fall. Registration and signed waiver required. Transportation and lunch provided.
- Book Club meets on Wednesday, June 3rd at 3:00 to discuss “The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride” by Joe Siple.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 507-662-5718

OR EMAIL immanuel@immanuelakefield.com

We would rather hear it two or three times than not at all. Also because of privacy issues we need your permission.

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

- **CAMP MINNEBOJI** will take place this summer from June 21-27 at Camp Okoboji. This year's theme is “Lifted Up” based on Genesis 50:20. Camp Minneboji is for students who have completed grades 4-9. Activities at Minneboji include crafts, sports games, all group games, a dance, a talent show, and an outing to Arnold's Park! Check out their facebook page (Camp Minneboji) or their website (www.minneboji.com) for information and registration.
- **CAMP OMEGA** in Waterville, Minnesota has a large selection of camps. Information may be found online at www.CampOmega.org or by calling 507-685-4266. Camp handouts may also be found on the welcome center in the narthex. Please help yourself to one. It is a fun camp with lots of different opportunities.
- **CAMP OKOBOJI** in Milford, Iowa also has many camps available. More information may be found online at www.campokobji.org or by calling 712-337-3325.
- **HIGHER THINGS CONFIRMATION CAMP** will be held July 28-31 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, Iowa. More information can be found at www.higherthings.org/events/confirmation-camp/ or by contacting Alec Deppe, Director of Programs and Retreats at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca at 319-848-4187. Many fun things to do at camp including horseback riding, rock climbing, zip lining, and canoeing.
- **MCCL LIFE LEADERSHIP CAMP** is at Camp Koronis in Paynesville. This camp features pro-life education, fun games, water activities, and more. MCCL stands for Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life. Camp for students entering 9th-12th grade is June 22nd-25th. Camp for students entering 6th-8th grade is August 9th-12th. Learn more and register at mccl.org/camp.
- **MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL** in Northrop has these camps available. Register online at martinlutherhs.com under Special Events
 - **ART CAMP** June 8th, 10th, and 12th. Grades 1-4 is from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and grades 5-9 is from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Projects are Clay Creations and Acrylic Paints. Cost is \$53.
 - **VOLLEYBALL CAMP** on Tuesdays (June 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, and July 14th, 21st). Level 1 for ages 6-8 is from 5:15-6:15 p.m. and Level 3 for ages 8-10 is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$80 and includes a t-shirt.
 - **VOLLEYBALL CAMPS** for older girls: 12U skills camp is June 18th-19th from 7:00-12:00 and 14U development camp is June 18th-19th from 1:00-4:00. Cost is \$45 and includes a t-shirt.
 - **BASKETBALL CAMPS** are July 13th-15th for grades 7-12 from 8:00-9:30 a.m. (cost \$50), for grades 5-8 from 9:45-11:15 (cost \$50), and for grades K-4 from 11:30-12:30 (cost \$25).
 - **BASKETBALL SKILLS WORKOUTS** are June 11th, 25th and July 16th, 24th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. for current grades 4-6. Cost is \$95.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 ~ Marjean Oelke
- 3 ~ Douglas Krumwiede
Rodney Larsen
- 4 ~ Derek Rossow
Jacob Rossow
- 5 ~ Rachel Henry
Braella Inman
- 6 ~ Aiven Farmer
Trevor Hage
- 7 ~ Asher Wendt
- 8 ~ Christopher Friesen
- 9 ~ Jonah Dagal
Dean Jennissen
Michael Rossow
- 11 ~ Bruce Bakalyar
Amber Dorschner
Constance Schlottach
- 12 ~ Timothy Daberkow
Dylan Freking
Amber Liepold
Shelby Milbrath
- 13 ~ Dalton Driggers
Zachary Driggers
Emma Hendrickson
Allison Luebben
Jacob Luebben
Kyle Thaemlitz
- 14 ~ Corey Kolander
- 15 ~ Clay Salzwedel
Dana Wendt
- 17 ~ Devin Burmeister
- 19 ~ Wendy Tungland
- 20 ~ Brent Rossow
Darla Milbrath
- 22 ~ Florence Peterson
Matthew Poppe
- 23 ~ Stuart Peterson
- 24 ~ Tabitha Baerenwald
- 25 ~ Skylar Prochaska
- 26 ~ Sarah Burch
Justin Scholten
Rhonda Swanson
- 28 ~ Donna Thaemlitz
- 29 ~ Lynden Pauling
Dennis Salzwedel
- 30 ~ Samantha Laabs
Harvey Palm

LCMS LUTHERAN SINGLES RETREAT is at Camp Okoboji in Milford August 21st-23rd. Retreat is for single men and women from ages 21-41. Cost is \$100. Register online at faithwinterset.org. Questions contact Dr. Keith Schweitzer at 641-745-5143 or keithlcms@gmail.com

BIKE RODEO is at North City Park in Lakefield on Saturday, June 6th, from 10:00-12:00. Jump on your bike for a fun-filled day sharpening your riding skills with 9 bike stations, Safety Tips, Bingo, Trivia, Snacks, and Treat Bags. Bike Rodeo is for children ages 12 & under and is limited to the 50 participants who will receive a snack and a treat bag. There will also be a drawing for two 20-inch bikes (must be present to win). Bike Rodeo is presented by the Lakefield Police Department and sponsored by the Remick Foundation in partnership with Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services. For more info, call the Lakefield Police Department at 507-662-5355.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 ~ Lola Bergmann
Toni Grein
Loretta Krumwiede
Shirley Larsen
Andrew Iven Rossow
- 4 ~ Debra Gettler
- 5 ~ Ellie Freking
- 6 ~ Kari Byam
Adam Laabs
Kayla O'Connor
- 7 ~ Jeremy Boogerd
Lola Gunther
Shelby Rademacher
- 8 ~ Juanita Daberkow
Kade Pauling
Lindsay Wendt
- 9 ~ Dennis Laabs
Emerie Obermann
- 10 ~ Joel Burmeister
Wade Rossow
- 11 ~ Merle Hendricksen
Jozzlin Inman
Ray Wagner Jr.
- 12 ~ LaDonna Driggins
- 13 ~ Clinton Froderman
- 16 ~ Roberta Luft
Austin Milbrath
- 18 ~ Wesley Liepold
Keith Otterstatter
LaNell Rossow
Lee Swanson
- 19 ~ Simon Palm
- 21 ~ Adam Altman
Mary Poppe
- 22 ~ Fred Henning
Jade Hubbard
Suzanne Milbrath
Lucrecia Sievert
- 24 ~ Sandra Palm
Craig Rients
- 25 ~ Kylee Aukes
Danielle Rossow
Ashley Schmid
Dakotah Schmid
Hannah Schmid
Sarah Dahl
- 26 ~ Gary Burmeister
- 28 ~ Brooke Rossow
- 29 ~ Kye Jons
Eden Obermann
- 30 ~ Cheryl Kolander
Scott Sydnes
- 31 ~ Sheila Freking



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/1/73 Carl and Ladonna Driggins
 6/1/56 Kenny and Twylla Pederson
 6/3/72 Rich and Cheryl Grein
 6/4/88 Kurt and Tracey Beeck
 6/6/20 Christopher and Kassaundra Friesen
 6/9/73 Dan and Rose Schultz
 6/13/09 Jason and April Kraft
 6/14/13 Chris and Kris Johnson
 6/14/70 Dennis and Connie Rossow
 6/15/91 Todd and Laura Post
 6/15/74 Mike and Dawn Rossow
 6/16/16 JD and Sandra Palm
 6/16/90 Brian and Tami Bale
 6/17/06 Justin and Sheila Scholten
 6/20/20 Shaun and Molly Swanson
 6/21/14 Adrian and Kendra Connell
 6/22/19 David Oelkers and April Krumwiede
 6/23/07 Jason and Laura Larsen
 6/23/84 Matt and Marjean Dorschner
 6/23/79 Wes and Lisa Barkeim
 6/23/73 Jim and Joyce Aden
 6/24/11 Nick and Breann Grein
 6/25/77 Tim and Wendalyn Tungland
 6/27/09 Cory and Emily Regnier
 6/30/07 Stuart and LaDonna Peterson

RELAY FOR LIFE JACKSON COUNTY is Wednesday, June 17th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at North City Park in Lakefield. This come and go event features a burger meal (5:00-7:00), silent auction (5:00-7:30), local entertainment, and Lions Bingo (6:30-8:00). The gazebo will once again be a "Wall of Honor" with purple ribbons inside to honor cancer survivors and help us to remember those who have passed on. Interested in purchasing a ribbon? Contact Amy Altman or Mary Poppe. Also, it's never too late to start or join a team, visit "RelayforLife.org/JacksonMN" for more information. Come out and help us Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back!

EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN: We have an email prayer chain so we can pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ when they are in need. If you would like to be added to the email prayer chain, please email Amy at immanuel@immanuellakefield.com.

THE 5TH ANNUAL 21 QUILT SALUTE PROGRAM for our Jackson County Veterans will be held during the 2026 Jackson County Fair on Friday, July 31st at 2:00 p.m. in the blue commercial building. 21 of Jackson County Veterans will receive a quilt during the program. The program is open to the public. Thank you for helping us recognizing our veterans.

Darla Harries and Riverbend Quilters

CAMP OKOBOJI QUILT AUCTION is on Saturday, June 20th, at 12:30 p.m. Quilts can be viewed online at campokoboji.org. Craft Fair and Lunch also that day starting at 11:00 a.m. Lunch is a freewill donation. Proceeds going to purchase new twin mattresses. Camp Okoboji is located at 1531 Edgewood Drive in Milford.

COMMUNION FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP SERVICES: Anyone who is not able to join us for worship services, but would like to receive communion please contact Pastor Obermann directly. He will schedule a time to meet you. Pastor's cell is 563-321-0032 and email is pastor@immanuellakefield.com.

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 7/2/77 Doug and Jolene Krumwiede
 7/3/15 Dale and Crystal Dafoe
 7/9/20 Dalton and Alexa Driggers
 7/10/99 Jamie and Landon Cranston
 7/10/81 Joel and Deb Burmeister
 7/11/09 Jonathan and Sadie Wagner
 7/17/60 Dave and Inez Kosen
 7/18/20 Tyler and Kassaundra Lariviere
 7/18/93 Jason and Allison Hendrickson
 7/19/58 Merlyn and Phyllis Rossow
 7/22/95 Todd and Lori Krumwiede
 7/23/83 Lee and Rhonda Swanson
 7/24/71 John and Roberta Luft
 7/26/85 Mike and Gail Prochaska
 7/27/91 Kevin and Dana Schmid
 7/28/18 Luke and Crystal Rossow
 7/30/88 Kyle and Donna Thaemlitz

Salad Supper with the Looney Lutherans



Wednesday, June 3 at 5:30

(Doors open at 5:00)

Ticket Required

Immanuel Lutheran Activity Center

620 Bush Street, Lakefield

Sponsored by Immanuel LWML

TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT!

What a tremendous response we had for tickets!

Look forward to seeing everyone there!

**LWML MINNESOTA SOUTH
DISTRICT CONVENTION
JUNE 18-20
MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM
EVENT CENTER, MANKATO**

Theme:

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

- Colossians 3:15-16a

Convention Objectives:

- Let the peace of Christ dwell in us richly
- Appreciate we are all called to be one in Christ
- Show our thanks to Christ through our God-given gifts and talents

Convention Outline:

Thursday, June 18th at 4:00

Registration and Fellowship, Silent Auction, Exhibitors, Prayer Walk, Servant Events

Friday, June 19th at 8:00 a.m.

Convention begins, Bible Study, Mission Speakers, Communion Service

Saturday, June 20th from 8:15-12:00

Bible Study, Installation of Officers, Sending Service

Cost is \$145 which includes Friday lunch and dinner.

Register online by May 1st to avoid late fee at https://www.mnslwml.org/lwml_mn_south_district_31st_biennial_convention_registration

Gifts from the Heart going to these New Freedom Store missions:

- Homeless Ministry Pigs Eye Lake Encampment in St. Paul: asking for Visa gift cards, spring jackets, Thrivent t-shirts
- Prison Ministry: asking for quilts



**LAKEFIELD CITYWIDE
RUMMAGE SALES** are
June 4th, 5th, and 6th.

SECRET ANGEL: For 127 years God has blessed Immanuel Lutheran Church and School with a ministry that has provided a Lutheran education to the children of Immanuel Lutheran Church and beyond. The cost of a Christian education has steadily increased over the years. If you would like to help a specific child or contribute to the Tuition Assistance Program which provides tuition assistance, please contact Principal Jennissen, Amy in the church office, or a School Board member.

FOR SAFETY REASONS

outside doors will be locked in the school this summer. The door that will be unlocked will be the southeast door of the church (by the offices). We would also appreciate your stopping by the secretary's office and letting us know who is in the building when you come. Thank you for your help. There is no need to ring the bell. We are only using that while school is in session.

MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL has three positions on the Board of Directors open. Individuals nominated for the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Board of Directors must be a voting member, or approved by the Voter's Assembly, of an Association Congregation and be elected by the Delegate Assembly. Anyone interested in serving should contact the MLHS office at 507-436-5249 before June 1st. Elections will be on June 14th at the Delegate Assembly Meeting.

FREE OPEN HOUSE FAMILY EVENT AT CAMP OMEGA is on Saturday, June 6th. Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. and include a free picnic-style barbeque served from 12:00-1:30. Recreational activities include swimming, pontoon boat and wagon rides, along with a variety of activities led by Camp Staff for the whole family. The day's event concludes around 4:00 p.m. Pre-registration requested, but not required. Register online at <https://campomega.org/event/camp-omega-day/> Camp Omega is located at 22750 Lind Ave. in Waterville.

FOR LIABILITY REASONS and safety issues we need to know who is in the church and when, especially as we host benefits and other events. All building use needs to be scheduled with Amy in the church office. Many groups and individuals for whom we are very thankful use our building, but we do need to remember to schedule rooms. Please call the church office to schedule an event or meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY is a Christ-centered recovery program that meets weekly on Thursdays. No matter where you are on your journey, you are not alone. Come find encouragement, hope, and community rooted in faith. Meetings are held at St. Joseph Catholic Church here in Lakefield in the Education Wing every Thursday. Large Group meets at 7:00 p.m. and Small Groups meet at 8:00 p.m. Join us as we celebrate God's healing power and support each other on the journey to recovery. The church is located at 410 Broadway Ave. in Lakefield.
Real hurts. Real hope. Real change.

STAY ACTIVE & INDEPENDENT FOR LIFE (SAIL) is a FREE exercise program for anyone 55+ years of age. It's safe, it's fun, it works and it's FREE! Classes are specifically designed for individuals 55 years or older to help improve balance, mobility, and strength. Exercises can be adapted to fit individual needs and are perfect for any fitness level – you can even participate sitting down if needed! Please join us: Mondays & Fridays at 1:00 P.M. Classes are held at the Lakefield Multi-Purpose Center at 112 South Main St. in Lakefield. All are welcome and the classes are free of charge! Classes are sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southern MN's Active Aging Programs. Contact Mary at 507-458-9687 or mcassem@ccsommn.org for more information.

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER...

A serious illness or death in your family; a personal crisis; a time of major decision making; a time of great joy; all of these times when pastoral care is vitally important. If you or a family member or a friend is experiencing any of these, please contact the church office. We, here at Immanuel, welcome the opportunity to provide spiritual care and guidance in difficult times, as well as to rejoice with you in times of joy.

2026 ALL SCHOOL REUNION for all Lakefield, Jackson, JCC, and Sioux Valley alumni is August 21st-23rd.

Here's a schedule of events:

Friday, August 21st:

- All Day: Golf and drink specials at Jackson Golf Club
- 5:00 p.m.: Jackson Days Block Party at downtown Jackson
- 8:00 p.m.: Street Dance featuring Ragtown at downtown Jackson

Saturday, August 22nd:

- All Day: Golf and drink specials at Jackson Golf Club
- 8:00-10:00 a.m.: Knights of Columbus Omelet Breakfast at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Jackson
- 9:00-Noon: Reunion Registration at JCC High School
- 9:00-4:00: Decade and Individual Gatherings at JCC High School
- 9:00-5:00: Pioneer Days at Fort Belmont
- 9:30 a.m.: AGCO Tour
- 10:00-Noon: School Tours at JCC Schools
- 10:00-Noon: Church Tours at Community Churches
- 11:00-12:30: All School Reunion Dinner at JCC High School
- 1:00-2:30 p.m.: All School Reunion Program at JCC Performing Arts Center
- 4:00-11:00 p.m.: Alpha Days at the Alpha Park and Shelter
- 7:00 p.m.: Word of Outlaws—Fendt Showdown at Jackson Motorplex
- After the Races: Jeremy DeWall Band at Jackson Motorplex

Sunday, August 23rd:

- All Day: Golf & drink specials at Jackson Golf Club
- 9:00-11:00: Breakfast at JCC High School
- 10:00 a.m.: Ecumenical Worship Service at Fort Belmont
- 10:00 a.m.: Pioneer Days at Fort Belmont

Pre-registration is required for Saturday reunion events. Cost is \$25 with the meal and \$10 without. There are 2 ways to register:

- Register at www.eventbrite.com
 - Type "All School Reunion" in Search Events, "Jackson" in location, and then select "Search"
 - Find and Select "All School Reunion"
 - Select tickets and check out
 - Ticket confirmation will be displayed and sent to the email you entered. You can also select "Take Me to My Tickets" to download and print your tickets.
- Register with a paper form and check
 - Go to the 2026 All School Class Reunion Facebook page
 - A printable Registration Form is included in the Registration Post that is pinned to the top of the page.
 - Print and complete the form
 - Mail form and check to:
 - 2026 All School Class Reunion
 - Jackson Area Chamber
 - 114 3rd St., Suite B
 - Jackson, MN 56143

Registrations received without payment will not be processed. If you have any questions, an email can be sent to allschoolreunion2026@gmail.com

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Sunday Morning Services
9:00 AM

Sunday School
Youth Group Bible Study
Bible Class
10:15 AM

Communion Celebrated
1st and 3rd Sunday

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JUNE/JULY Monthly

