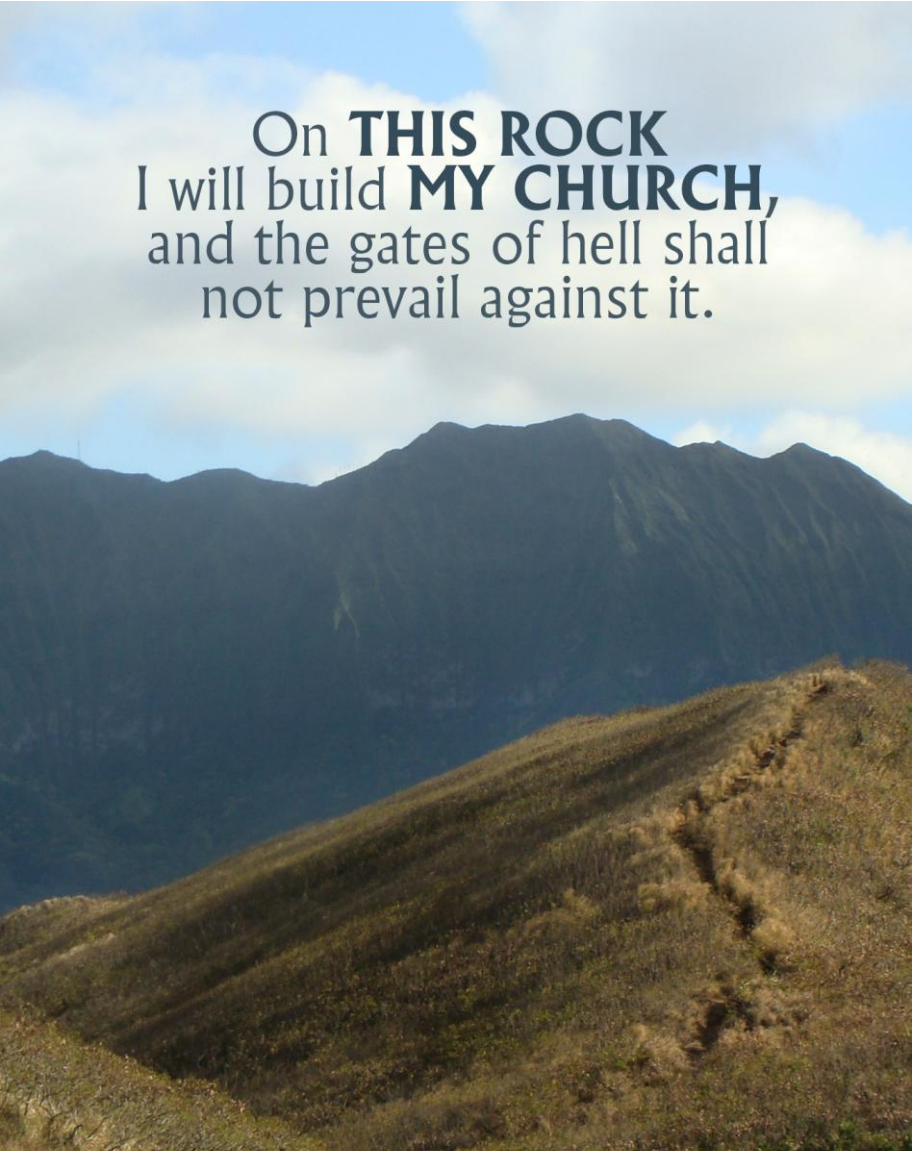




On **THIS ROCK**
I will build **MY CHURCH**,
and the gates of hell shall
not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18, ESV

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lakefield, Minnesota ~ LCMS
August 23, 2026

Grace and Glory

As We Gather

The word *doxology* encompasses words of praise that are addressed to the triune God. It comes from the Greek word *doxa*, which is used in the New Testament to express the splendor of God and also serves to describe the outpouring of honor and praise to God from His faithful people. When we sing or say “Glory be to God on high,” we are joining the praises spoken by the angels of God in eternity: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen” (Revelation 7:12). Such an honor it is for us to join in that praise!

Preparation

Hymn: 506 Glory Be to God the Father



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89

Tune: Walter G. Whinfield, 1865–1919

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 29:1–2, 11; 96:3–4a

P Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

P Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

C **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.**

P May the LORD give strength to His people!

C **May the LORD bless His people with peace!**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C **Gracious God, with contrition and repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

P God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Word

Introit

Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18

L But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

C As for Me, I have set My King
on Zion, My holy hill.

L I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to Me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You.”

C Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol Him, all peoples!

L For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise
the LORD!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

L But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 130

Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 11:33—12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who

contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Ephesians 2:19b–20

P Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

C **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Hymn: 818 In Thee Is Gladness



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556–c. 1622

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Sermon

Catechism

The Third Article

P It is by the grace of God that we are called and gathered into the fellowship of the church where the Holy Spirit enlightens us and God's glory is known. Together we speak the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed and its meaning as given by Martin Luther in the Small Catechism.

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the**

resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to

you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn: 550 Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Assisting with the Service

*Preacher Rev. Eric Obermann
Elder Joel Poppe
Organist LaDonna Peterson
Acolyte Jada Milbrath & Nora Freking
Usher Roger & Beth Carlson*

We Remember in our Prayers

Janet Laabs hospitalize in Alaska

*Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden Horizons in
Worthington, Accura HealthCare in Milford, Paynesville Health
Care Center, Good Sam in Estherville, Lakeview in Fairmont,
Good Sam in Jackson*

*Leanne Oelke, Jackie Ward, Merlyn Rossow, Keith Kolander, dealing
with health issues*

*Stephanie Tordsen; Jerry Beech, friend of Roger and Beth Carlson; Paul
Obermann, father of Rev. Paul Obermann; Tim Rossow; Cathy
Henry, Randy Henry's stepmom; Sandy Brown, sister of Vickie
Baumann; Jeff Meyer, friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; Mitch
Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Joyce Urmie, sister-in-law of Vickie
Baumann; Marla Holcomb, sister of Wade and Alan Salzwedel;
Diane Hansen, wife of Pastor David McDonald (Trinity
Brewster); Pastor Dennis Brech; Pastor Ben Rucker; Denny
Daberkow; dealing with cancer*

*Eileen Miesner, sister of Connie Rossow; Ann Falkenheim, friend of
Connie Rossow; Dan Altman, father of Adam Altman; Rich Polz,
friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; Chad Kolander, brother of
Keith and Corey Kolander; Curt Gates, brother-in-law of Miles
Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health issues*

Our Law Enforcement

Our Missionaries in the Field

Our Country and Our Military



HOT DOGS & ICE CREAM

Friday, August 28

5:30-7:00 p.m.

North City Park, Lakefield

All are invited to enjoy a meal of hot dogs, chips, homemade ice cream, and water. This is also a wonderful opportunity to have fellowship with your family, friends, and neighbors.



Freewill Donation

Sponsored by our Board of Elders.

CONFIRMATION PARENT AND STUDENT MEETING is on Tuesday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m. Confirmation is for students in grades 6-8. Parents and students please come to the meeting as Pastor will have a quick introduction with all of you and go over the year. We will meet in the church basement.

ILS STAFF INSTALLATION will take place during the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 30th. Immanuel Lutheran School staff includes:

- Dean Jennissen: Principal/Early Childhood Director
- Sarah Mattila: Grades 7-8
- Gretchen Benda: Grades 5-6
- Kelly Ackermann: Grade 4
- LaDonna Peterson: Grades 3-4
- Cassie Ulbricht: Grades 1-2
- Stacie Soleta: Kindergarten
- Stacy Soderholm: Preschool/PreK
- Raeleen Grein: Computer/Accelerated Reader
- Crystal Rossow: Teacher Aide
- Deb Jons: Teacher Aide
- Mallory Jurries: Teacher Aide
- Amy Altman: Administrative Assistant
- Pat Pohlman: Hot Lunch

ENJOY AN ICE CREAM SUNDAE FOLLOWING

THE ILS STAFF DEDICATION: The Board of Ed will be serving ice cream sundaes for everyone after the worship service on Sunday, August 30th, in celebration of our school staff and as a way of congratulating Principal Dean Jennissen on completion of his colloquy.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: Please call the church office at 507-662-5718 or Mike Dempster if you can help out. It does not have to be every Sunday, we will need subs also.

YOUTH COORDINATOR(S)? Are you an organized individual who enjoys a bit of research, planning, and communication?

Following are some volunteer opportunities for one or more persons.

#1: **FOOD COORDINATOR:** Ensure that light snacks will be available for our teens & pre-teens in the church basement on designated Wednesday evenings by 7:00 p.m. How that happens is up to you!

#2: **LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING COORDINATOR:** Facilitate the necessary communication & data entry for registering our teens for this event in San Antonio 2028.

#3: **YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER COORDINATOR(S):** Do you enjoy planning? If you do... brainstorming, coordinating, and communicating fundraising opportunities for our teens might sound like fun?!?

#4 **YOUTH GROUP LEADER:** Work with Pastor to plan and facilitate youth activities (weekly or monthly). This would be the point person for youth group.

If interested, contact Amy in the church office at 662-5718, and she'll connect you with those who can answer any questions you may have.

FRIENDS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY LIBRARY are now accepting donations for the annual Book Sale! Donations will be collected through August 31st at the following locations: Historic State Theater in Jackson, Sunshine Foods in Jackson, Lakefield Library, and Heron Lake Library. Donations of gently used Books, Audiobooks, DVD Movies, Music CDs, Games, and Puzzles are greatly appreciated! Please put your donations in a bag or a box. For large donations, please call the library and we will try to arrange a pick up time. Thank you for your donations!

**SWEET CORN & PORK BURGER
FUNDRAISER
for Immanuel Lutheran School
Sunday, September 6
10:30-12:30**



North City Park in Lakefield



**Freewill donation
Sponsored by our friends at
St. Paul Rost Lutheran Church**

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- Back to School Night is Monday, August 24th from 5:30-7:00.
- First Day of School is Tuesday, September 1st.

FILLING THE BALLOT for Officers of Immanuel Lutheran Church... the Nominating Committee of our Voting Assembly is in the process of nominating officers for Immanuel Lutheran Church. We encourage each and every one of you, if contacted to serve, to prayerfully consider serving your Lord in this capacity. Any questions about boards and duties can be directed to the elders or Amy in the church office. Remember that women can also serve on the Board of Education, Board of Trustees, Board of Finance, Board of Congregational Services, or as Congregational Secretary.

UPDATE ON BOARD POSITIONS: We have some board members who are at the end of their second terms, including 2 that are Trustees, 1 on Congregational Services, and 1 Elder. All board positions (Elder, Trustee, Finance, Congregational Services, Education) are 3 year terms. Congregational Chairman and Congregational Secretary terms are 2 years.

THRIVENT T-SHIRTS: Have you gotten this year's Thrivent t-shirt yet? Want an extra one? Check out the table in the narthex. Each size is separated by box. Help yourself!



**IMMANUEL
LWML
WILL BE SELLING
WALKING TACOS
& NACHOS**

**AT THE
PRAIRIE WINDS KITE FLY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
10:00-4:00
AT THE JACKSON AIRPORT
54498 800TH STREET, JACKSON**

SCRIP ORDERS are taken monthly during the summer. The next order date is Monday, August 24th. Please turn your order in to Amy in the church office anytime that day. Remember, we do have local scrip on hand for Maynard's, Cutting Image, and SoJo. Just stop in the office and see Amy for those anytime. Scrip is a great way to support Immanuel! If you're wondering what it is and how it works, contact Amy in the church office.

2026-2027 BUDGET was approved at the July voters meeting. It began on August 1st. A printed copy is available in the narthex

HELP WANTED: Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop is looking for a part-time Learning Support Specialist for the upcoming school year. If you are a licensed special ed teacher or a paraprofessional that would be able to serve about 10 hours a week please contact the MLHS office at 507-436-5249.

BIBLES will be presented to our first grade students on Sunday, September 13th by Pastor. Our first grade students are: Rusty Burmeister, Marvel Chonko, McKenna Dinneen, Ahti Lariviere, Willow Oelkers, Simon Palm, and Parker Wendt.

CATECHISMS will be given to our 3rd graders during the worship service on Sunday, September 13th. Students will come forward (along with their parents) to get their catechism from Pastor. Our 3rd graders are: Brenner Burmeister, Claire Dagel, Brynlea Kraft, Flynn Kruger, and Jules Swanson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER DEDICATION is Sunday, September 13th during the worship service. We thank our teachers who have volunteered their time to teach the children here at Immanuel. Rally Day is also Sunday, September 13th at 10:15 a.m. Regular Sunday School classes will begin the following Sunday, September 20th. They are held from 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the Immanuel Lutheran School classrooms.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:15 A.M.



Join us for Rally Day Sunday, September 13th
after church starting at 10:15 a.m.

It will be held on the church carpet.
The Board of Congregational Services is
hosting games for the Sunday School kids
plus there will be cookies and refreshments
for all (kids, parents, and the congregation!)

PRAIRIE WINDS KITE FLY is Saturday, September 12th from 10:00-4:00 at the Jackson Airport. Free admission! Watch giant kites flown by pro kite flyers! Fly or make your own kite! There will be door prizes, concessions, parachute races, sidewalk chalk bubble stations, and candy drops. Come out and enjoy this free, family-friendly event. Sponsored by Wild Compass Environmental Education. The Jackson Airport is located at 54498 800th St., Jackson.

FUNDRAISER FOR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL: We are doing an online Pampered Chef fundraiser. All ordering is done online and will be delivered directly to you. ILS will receive 30% of sales. All orders must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on August 30th. Use this link to order: <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/immanuellutheran>
Sarah Thompson is our Pampered Chef consultant for the fundraiser. Thank you for helping us strengthen and support our Immanuel Lutheran School. Your involvement truly makes a difference.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER need to be turned in to Amy in the office by August 25th.

OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, September 7th to allow our staff to spend the Labor Day weekend holiday with their family.

GARDENER'S MARKET is open Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in August. If anyone has any garden produce or baked goods that they would like to donate to the Gardener's Market, please have them at the church carport by 8:45 a.m. on Saturday mornings. All proceeds from the garden produce and baked goods sold go to various mission projects (both local and national). In the past, these have included Immanuel School Hot Lunch, Immanuel Good Shepherd Fund, Jackson County Ministerial, Lakefield Food Shelf, the Fort Wayne and St. Louis Seminary Food Banks, among others.

WORSHIP AND POTLUCK for youth is at Chataqua Park in Worthington on Saturday, August 29th at 5:30 p.m. This is a special youth event for 6th-12th grade students. School teachers, pastors, church youth leaders, along with anyone who works with youth are also welcome. Event is sponsored by Helping Hands Pregnancy Center. Chataqua Park is located at 418 Lake Avenue in Worthington.

CLASSES AT MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL for the 2026-2027 school year will begin on Wednesday, August 26th. The theme for the year is "Imagine" based on 1 Corinthians 2:9. MLHS welcomes new faculty and staff members. Elizabeth Knea is the Science teacher, Hayley Luther will teach Art, Paula Tietje will teach Spanish I & II, and Sarah Pfeffer is the office manager.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE you may call the church office at 507-662-5718, Pastor Obermann at 563-321-0032, or speak to one of the elders.

WE WELCOME all of our guests and visitors today. We invite you to visit us again. If you have no church home and would like to make Immanuel your church home, please speak to Pastor Obermann or one of the Elders at the end of the service.

Wondering where you can watch this service?

- 1. Facebook: “Immanuel Lutheran Church” at the time of the service or any time after up to a month.
- 2. YouTube: “Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Lakefield” at the time of the service or any time after.

<i>POINTS OF INFORMATION August 16, 2026</i>	
<i>Current Fund received this past week.....</i>	<i>\$5,910</i>
<i> Needed each week.....</i>	<i>\$11.800</i>
<i>Current Fund received in July.....</i>	<i>\$39,310</i>
<i> Needed in July.....</i>	<i>\$41,914</i>
<i> Worshipping on Sunday 8/16: 132</i>	
<i>If you have any questions, please call Josh Swanson</i>	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...

Sunday, August 23

9:00 AM Worship

Monday, August 24

Scrip Order Due

5:30-7:00 Back to School Night

Tuesday, August 25

6:00 PM Confirmation Parent Student Meeting

Wednesday, August 26

5:30 PM Board of Elders Meeting

5:30 PM Board of Congregational Services Meeting

6:00 PM Board of Finance Meeting

7:00 PM Joint Boards

Friday, August 28

5:30-7:00 Hot Dogs and Ice Cream at North City Park

Saturday, August 29

9:00 AM Gardeners Market

Sunday, August 30

ILS Staff Installation

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Ice Cream Sundaes following the service

Tuesday, September 1

First Day of School

8:30 AM Opening Chapel

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