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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

LET'S MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE



Celebrating Christ-centered education since 1899

HIGHLIGHTS

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Last Day of the 2nd
Quarter 1/16

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**NO SCHOOL
MONDAY 1/19**

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**PARENT DRIVE DAY
NO JCC BUS
FRIDAY 1/23**

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National Lutheran
Schools Week 1/25-31

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2025-2026
School Year Theme
"Let's Make a
Joyful Noise"
~ Psalm 98:4

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

CHAPEL SERVICES are held on Wednesday mornings at 8:20. On Wednesday, January 14th, Pastor Sajban will lead us in chapel. Everyone is welcome to join us for chapel services.

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NO SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY 1/23
PARENT DRIVE DAY
NO JCC BUS**

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK is coming up quick! It's January 25th-31st. There are always dress up days and special things planned for this week. Check out the 4th page of the newsletter for all of the details!

ALL SCHOOL CHOIR will sing here at Immanuel on Sunday, January 25th at the 9:00 worship service. Please read the third page of this newsletter for more information about All School Choir and their schedule. Any student in grades PreK-8 who is able to come, we'd love to see you there.

PASTRIES WITH PARENTS is on Wednesday, January 28th from 8:00-8:45 in the Activity Center. Come in with your child and enjoy a donut with them!

LAST DAY OF THE 2ND QUARTER is Friday, January 16th.



National Lutheran Schools Week Dinner

**Sunday, January 25 ~ 10:30-12:30
Activity Center**

Pork Loin, Salad, Dessert, & Beverage

Freewill Donation accepted to benefit ILS

**Meal provided by ILS Staff and Families:
Parents please bring a dessert if able.**

PASTORS, PARFAITS & APPRECIATION:

We are asking our students to invite their church staff to join us for a yogurt parfait breakfast on Friday, January 29th. Church staff includes pastors, pastor's wife, organists, secretary... Postcards should be coming home today with your child for them (or you) to give to church staff.

DVDs of the ILS Christmas Service are available. Cost is \$3. Let Amy in the office know if you would like one. Send her a fastdirect or call her at 507-662-5860.



What's happening at Immanuel Lutheran Church?

~ Sunday, January 11
9:00 Worship
10:15 Sunday School
10:15 Youth Group Bible Study
10:15 Bible Class

This Week at Immanuel...

Monday, January 12

Scrip Order Due

3:15-3:45 Chess Club

3:15-4:30 B Girls BB Practice

4:15-6:00 A Girls BB Practice

6:00-7:30 A Boys BB Practice

Tuesday, January 13

4:00 A & B BB away at Worthington Christian

Wednesday, January 14

8:20 Chapel

Thursday, January 15

1:30 Library—1st-2nd grade

2:00 Library—Kindergarten

3:15-4:30 B Boys BB Practice

6:00-7:30 A Boys BB Practice

Friday, January 16

Last Day of the 2nd Quarter

AR Reward Party

A BB Tournament at St. Paul's Truman

Saturday, January 17

A BB Tournament at St. Paul's Truman

AR REWARD PARTY for those who have made their AR goal for the 2nd quarter is on Friday, January 16th in the afternoon. There will be board games, GaGa Pit, and a Popcorn Bar in the gym. Students are welcome to bring in their favorite board game.

NO POPCORN FRIDAY—FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

ILS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT is January 30th-31st.

A fastdirect was sent out with a link to sign up to work at the tournament and for donations. The money raised from this event will go back to the school. Even though you might not have kids participating in basketball we encourage all families to help out if you can.

BOARD OF ED MEMBERS 2026 are Jonah Dagle, Brandon Laabs, Justin Scholten, Leann Henning, Lori Henning, and Deb Jons. Please keep them in your prayers as they lead and guide our school.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP) FUNDS are available for students in K-8th grade. Forms were sent out through a fastdirect from Principal Jennissen. If you are interested in applying, please fill out the form and return it to the school by January 16th.

SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK

[We will have a prayer each week for our Immanuel families in addition to any prayer requests we receive]

- The Hummel students: Rhett in PreK, Reese in 3rd, Hudson in 5th, and their family
- Our Preschooler: Oliver Jandera and his family

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS: St. Paul's Lutheran School in Fairmont is excited to share they have started a fun new reading event called Battle of the Books!

In this program, students will form teams of four and work together to read four different books. All books have been carefully vetted by a team of teachers, parents, and local readers to ensure they are high-interest, Christ-centered, and books you can feel confident and comfortable having your child read. After completing the books, teams will attend a special Battle of the Books event, where they will participate in a friendly competition answering questions about the stories they've read. This event is designed to encourage teamwork, close reading, comprehension, and a love of reading—all while having fun! It will be exciting to see students growing as readers and cheering one another on through this engaging and meaningful experience.

There are 2 levels of readers. Level 1 for grades 1-3 and Level 2 for grades 4-6.

Battle of the Books Event is on Saturday, April 18th at St. Paul's Lutheran School, 201 Oxford Street, Fairmont. Level 1 is at 1:00 p.m. with Level 2 starting at 2:00 p.m.

Cost is \$40 per team of 4 and includes a set of books for each team member.

Email Leslie at lwokasch@splfairmont.org for more information. Register your team of 4 by scanning the QR code on the flyers that can be found on the church bulletin boards or contact Amy in the church office.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering strong reading habits and a love of learning!

Next Week at Immanuel...

Monday, January 19

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 20

3:15-4:30 B Boys BB Practice

Wednesday, January 21

8:20 Chapel

Thursday, January 22

2:00 Library—grades 3-4

3:15-4:30 B Boys BB Practice

6:00-7:30 A Boys BB Practice

Friday, January 23

PARENT DRIVE DAY

NO JCC BUS

3:15-4:30 B Girls BB Practice

4:15-6:00 A Girls BB Practice

Sunday, January 25

9:00 All School Choir sings here at Immanuel

10:30-12:30 NLSW Dinner in Activity Center

Families please bring a dessert if able

All School Choir Singing Schedule

To all Immanuel Lutheran School families of PreK- 8th graders:

Every year the all school choir sings at 4 area churches, plus at Immanuel during NLSW - National Lutheran Schools' Week. The purpose of these engagements is to be able to thank area congregations for their support of the mission here at Immanuel Lutheran School.

It would be AWESOME to have AMKAP---As MANY KIDS as POSSIBLE participate!

THANKS so much!!! Mrs. Peterson

- October 12: Our Redeemer, Okabena at 10:15
120 North Front St., Okabena
- October 25: St. Paul Rost, rural Lakefield at 3:00
38886 800th St., rural Lakefield
- November 9: Trinity, Alpha at 10:30
255 Main St. S, Alpha
- January 26: Immanuel, Lakefield at 9:00
604 Bush St., Lakefield
- March 8: Holy Trinity, rural Lakefield at 10:00
76084 760th Ave., rural Lakefield
- April 12: Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Windom at 9:00
1157 3rd Ave., Windom



National Lutheran Schools Week

January 25th-31st

Sunday, January 25

9:00 All School Choir sings at Immanuel Lutheran Church

10:30-12:30 NLSW Dinner in the Activity Center sponsored by ILS staff and families.
We ask each family to please bring a dessert if able.

Monday, January 26

Pajama Day

8:30 Cereal and Cartoons: Students will have cereal together and watch cartoons. Cereal will be provided.

1:00 Cougar Theatre: Different movie options available in different classrooms. All students will receive a free popcorn. Students have the option to bring money to purchase beverages and treats from the concession stand.

Tuesday, January 27

Dress Like a Teacher Day

9:00 Service Day—each grade doing a service event

2:00 Puzzle Race with Chapel Tribes

Wednesday, January 28

Country & Western Day

8:00-8:45 Pastries with Parents in Activity Center

8:45 Chapel

12:30 Tribal Olympics

Thursday, January 29

Sports Team Day

8:30 Swimming and Gym Time at Regional Wellness Center in Estherville

Friday, January 30

Cougar Spirit Day (wear ILS apparel or blue/gold)

8:30-9:00 Pastors, Parfaits & Appreciation in Activity Center: Students have postcards to give to church workers (Pastors, Pastor's wife, organist, secretary...). Students will have breakfast with them.

10:45 All School Free Throw Contest

1:30 Pepfest

4:00-8:00 ILS Basketball Tournament

Saturday, January 31

9:00-5:00 ILS Basketball Tournament

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~ Psalm 98:4

Online
Mission Trip
daily to
Mongolia

