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ROOTED — IN CHRIST —



“Rooted and built up in Him...”

— Colossians 2:6-7 —

Immanuel's Statement of Mission

“We Love Because He First Loved Us” - I 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 meets on Wednesday, September 30th 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, September 30th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Elders: Wednesday, September 30th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Finance: Wednesday, September 30th at 6:00 p.m.
- Board of Trustees: Thursday, September 24th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Ed: Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:30 p.m.— Meeting is open to anyone who wants to attend.

CONFIRMATION for our 6th-8th grade students starts on September 9th. It is on Wednesdays starting at 2:10 p.m. We will be combining our confirmation classes with students from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jackson.

- 8th grade: Pastor Schuetz's class is in the 5th-6th grade classroom
- 6th-7th grade: Pastor Obermann's class is in the 7th-8th grade classroom

SWEET CORN & PORK BURGER FUNDRAISER

for Immanuel Lutheran School

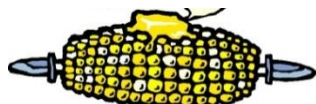
Sunday, September 6

10:30-12:30

North City Park in Lakefield

Freewill donation

Sponsored by our friends at St. Paul Rost Lutheran Church



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. We are so grateful for our Sunday School staff including:

- Teachers: Hristina Hage, April Kraft, Amber Liepold, Emily Obermann, and Amy Altman
- Superintendent: Mike Dempster
- Craft Support: Deb Jons
- Subs: Monette Berkevich, Kari Byam, Sheila Freking, Lola Gunther, Deb Jons, Sarah Laabs, Suzy Milbrath, Rhonda Swanson, Breann Grein, Ami Swanson
- Cradle Roll: Amy Altman

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 Dagle, Brynlea Kraft, Flynn Kruger, and Jules Swanson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

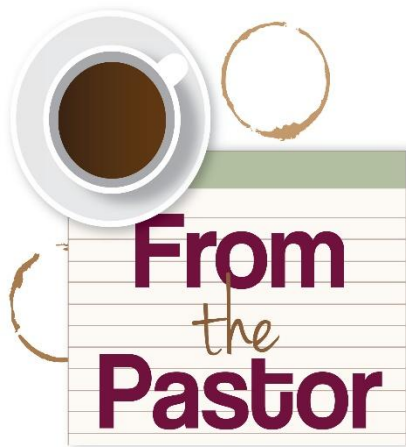
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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 carport. 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!)





Dear Redeemed and Loved Saints of Immanuel!

New Bible Study!

This fall we are going to dive into apologetics. What does that mean?

Apologetics is formal defense of faith. It comes from the Greek word apologia, which means a defense made in court.

Why is this important? 1 Peter 3 says, "Always be ready to make defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." Its importance's comes in strengthening your own personal faith. Helps you to ask questions about doubts that you may be carrying. While also providing sure answers to the questions you ask.

It also equips you to better share your faith with others. Especially with maybe with members of your own family or with your neighbors.

I pray that you all join us as we dive into our faith and why it's important to be able to speak about what is important to us.

We begin Bible Study on September 20 right after Church!

In the Service of Jesus

Pastor Eric

YOUTH COORDINATOR(S)? Are you an organized individual who enjoys a bit of research, planning, and communication? Here 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 507-662-5718, and she'll connect you with those who can answer any questions you may have.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST,
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 507-662-5718
OR EMAIL immanuel@immanuellakefield.com

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

UPDATE FROM BOARD OF FINANCE:

Our church fiscal year ended July 31st, and we were able to keep on track in June and July to meet our budget obligations. Our need for the two summer months was \$80,896 and we finished with a big week the last weekend of July with our Christmas in July service to end up at \$80,021. On top of that, we received an anonymous gift of \$25,000 to the Teachers Salary Fund. Church attendance has been good this summer, and while the giving varied quite a bit week to week, we finished the fiscal year in the black. We started our new budget year August 1st, and have a weekly goal of \$11,800. Please follow the Finance Box in the bulletin throughout the year. If you would like more information or to get signed up for Joyful Response, our automated giving program, please talk to Amy in the church office, or a member of the Finance Board. Trust in the Lord and His blessings for Immanuel Lutheran Church and School!

BIBLE CLASS will start up again on Sunday, September 20th. Bible Class is held following church from 10:15-11:15 in the church basement. Pastor will be leading us in a Bible Study focused on Apologetics. All are welcome to join us.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL HOT LUNCH will be accepting food donations of any extra fruits and vegetables. Also any meat donations (frozen) will be accepted. If any one feels they can help with a money donation to the program that would be great also! Questions? Contact Pat Pohlman, our hot lunch cook.

REDCROSS BLOODMOBILE is at Bethlehem Lutheran Church here in Lakefield on Tuesday, September 15th from 1:00-6:00. Call 800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment or online at www.redcrossblood.org with code: LAKEFIELDMN.

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

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE you may contact Pastor Obermann directly (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.



**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**

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.

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.

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.



Stewardship Moment...

Matthew 18:4 - "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

TUITION AND LUNCH

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: The Board of Education is seeking donors to help replenish these accounts for the 2026-2027 school year. If interested you may include Tuition Assistance Program donations and Lunch Assistance Program donations in your offering envelopes, drop off donations in the church office, or send them in the mail to Immanuel Lutheran School. Thank you for your support of Christian education here at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School.

PLEASE KEEP OUR STUDENTS in your prayers as they go back to their elementary and high schools. Also remember our college students as they begin a new phase in their lives. Pray that God would continue to be the center of their lives as they begin new experiences.

LWML Happenings

Lutheran Women In Mission

Serving on Altar Guild for the month of September are LaNell Rossow, Sheila Freking, and Lola Gunther. We thank them for taking care of the altar duties.

The next LWML monthly meeting will be Wednesday, September 9th. A light supper will be served in the church basement at 5:15 by Linda Davis and Sherrl Handzus with the meeting to follow. Representatives from the Jackson County DAC will be speaking and telling us about the services that they provide. All women of the congregation are always welcome to attend.

Come to the Prairie Winds Kite Fly at the Jackson airport Saturday, September 12th and enjoy walking tacos and nachos, served by the Immanuel LWML.

The LWML Fall Get-Together (Rally) for churches in our Worthington Zone will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church, rural Lakefield on Saturday, October 10th. More details are provided in a separate article. Gifts from the Heart will be collected for Phil's Friends Care Packages for cancer patients and delivered to our Fall Get-Together at St. Peter Lutheran Church. See the article in the monthly newsletter or check the collection box in the narthex for a detailed list of Care Package needs.

Plans are underway for the Immanuel LWML annual meal on Wednesday evening, October 7th. Watch for more details to come.

Serve the Lord with Gladness ~ Psalm 100:4

Immanuel Pulled Pork Dinner *Drive-thru with Curbside Delivery* *Wednesday, October 7*

4:30-6:30 p.m.

On the menu:

Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwich
German Potato Salad
Mandarin Orange Fluff
Baby Carrots (raw)
Bar

(Gluten free available by request)

Freewill Donation Accepted

Orders will be delivered to your vehicle. Please park on the south side of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School (604 Bush St. Lakefield)

Sponsored by the Immanuel LWML

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

is held at the Jackson County Fairgrounds in the big blue building on these days:

~ Thursday, September 18:
10:00-8:00

~ Friday, September 19:
10:00-6:00

~ Saturday, September 20:
9:00-1:00
(\$3 bag sale all day)

A variety of books will be available, including hardcover, soft cover, fiction, nonfiction, large print, westerns, children and teens, in addition to DVDs, music CDs, books on CD, games and puzzles. Proceeds of the sale assist our Jackson County libraries (Jackson, Lakefield, Heron Lake) with supplemental funds for programs, materials, and extras at the libraries.



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

September 6

"Come and See"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

The Book of Nature can open your mind to the possibility that God is real. The Book of Scripture, the Bible, goes further, like a friend who's been there.

(John 1:46)

September 13

"Forgiveness Is a Non-Negotiable"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

In God's family, forgiveness is non-negotiable. It's not up for debate because forgiveness is what makes us who we are.

(Matthew 6:12)

September 20

"High Bar to Clay Jar"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

In Jesus, we don't need to compare ourselves to anyone else. Instead, we are free to better appreciate them.

(Matthew 20:16)

September 29

"Teachable"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

To be a disciple is to be a learner. Jesus loves you enough to make you teachable.

(Matthew 21:31)

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.

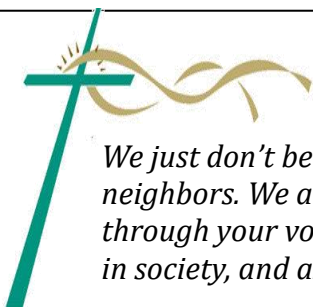
UPDATE ON BOARD POSITIONS: We have some board members who are at the end of their second terms, including 2 that are Trustees, 1 on Congregational Services, and 1 Elder. All board positions (Elder, Trustee, Finance, Congregational Services, Education) are 3 year terms. Congregational Chairman and Congregational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

SCRIP ORDERS will be taken weekly again now that the school year has started. Turn in your orders to Amy in the church office on Monday mornings by 8:00 and it will be ready for you to pick up on the following Monday. Order forms are on the welcome center in the narthex (they're blue). Any questions ask Amy in the office by calling 507-662-5718 or send an email to immanuel@immanuelakefield.com This is a GREAT way to support Immanuel!

JACKSON COMMUNITY OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK: Every step makes a difference. Join us for the Jackson Community Out of the Darkness Walk on Saturday, September 26th at Ashley Park in Jackson as the community comes together to support suicide prevention, honor loved ones, and remind others they are never alone. Walk is from 10:00-12:00 with registration starting at 9:30. Register today to walk:

<https://afspwalks.donordrive.com/JacksonMN>

Funds raised at the Out of the Darkness Jackson MN Walk directly support research, advocacy efforts, and educational programs in schools, workplaces, and communities across Minnesota. Contact Michelle Ebbers at 507-831-1987 or michelle.ebbers@dvhhs.org with any questions or Matt Haley at matt.haley@dvhhs.org Ashley Park is located at 80 West Ashley Street in Jackson.



Stewardship Moment...

Romans 14:7 – "For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself."

We just don't belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

Immanuel Lutheran School Highlights

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

- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** is Tuesday, September 1st.
- **OPENING CHAPEL SERVICE** is on Tuesday, September 1st at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us for chapel! Regular chapel services are Wednesday mornings at 8:20 a.m.
- **1ST QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS** will go the Lakefield Food Shelf.
- **SOCCER PRACTICE** starts the first week of school.
- **NO SCHOOL – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th AND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th**
- **PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE (PTL)** meets on Thursday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m. All parents and teachers are members of the PTL and are encouraged to attend.
- **SCHOOL PICTURE DAY** is Tuesday, September 15th.
- **ILS SOCCER TOURNAMENT** is on Friday, September 18th. Come cheer on our Cougars!!!
- **VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE** will start in September. Games on the schedule so far are:
 - Thursday, September 24th at 4:30 at home vs. MCLGS schools at home
 - Friday, October 2nd at 4:30 at home vs. St. John Vianney at home
 - Monday, October 5th at 4:30 away at St. Paul's Truman vs MCAL schools
 - Monday, October 12th at 4:30 away at St. John Vianney



From the Principal:

Recently a friend shared the Serenity Prayer with me. As a famous prayer, I knew it. Or, at least I thought I did, until he shared the entire prayer. It's actually more than just the first sentence.

Here it is in its entirety:

Prayer for Serenity

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is; not as I would have it; trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to Your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life; and supremely happy with you forever in the next. AMEN ~Rheinold Niebuhr

I share this as an encouragement. As I approach this new school year, I am focusing on doing so with the right mindset. Our theme verse from Colossians 2:6-7 provides the mindset. With God's help, I can "walk in Christ Jesus the Lord, rooted and built up in Him." Will there be hardship? Things I can't change? You bet. But, my mindset will be one of "abounding in thanksgiving" as God has given me, He's given our team the incredible privilege to work with His children, to help them establish deep roots in Him. Recently we got to see the students at Back to School Night. To see how much they've grown, the excitement on their faces... What a blessing! It's going to be a great year and I'm going to enjoy it one moment at a time, rooted and established in Christ Jesus!

Dean A. Jennissen, Principal

*Immanuel Lutheran School
"Rooted in Christ"
~ Colossians 2:6-7*

*Principal:
Dean Jennissen*

*Teachers:
Stacy Soderholm: Preschool/PreK
Stacie Soleta: Kindergarten
Cassie Ulbricht: 1st-2nd grade
LaDonna Peterson: 3rd-4th grade
Kelly Ackermann: 4th grade
Gretchen Benda: 5th-6th grade
Sarah Mattila: 7th-8th grade
Raeleen Grein: Computer, AR
Phil Schult: Band through MLHS*

*Support Staff:
Deb Jons: Teacher Aide
Crystal Rossow: Teacher Aide
Mallory Jurries: Teacher Aide
Pat Pohlman: Hot Lunch
Amy Altman: Secretary
Rev. Eric Obermann: Pastor*



- 1 ~ Danielle Frodermann
Keith Kolander
Milo Kruger
- 2 ~ Todd Post
Angela Luebben
- 3 ~ Seth Sydnese
Richard Winters
- 4 ~ Vickie Baumann
Jeffrey Frantsen
Jason Hendrickson
Paul Spoo
Matthew Stenzel
Jonathan Wagner
- 5 ~ LaVonne Larsen
- 6 ~ Eric Kruger
- 7 ~ Brenan Runge
Jack Swanson
- 8 ~ Brandon Thurk
- 9 ~ Cody Gettler
Evan Wagner
- 10 ~ Alex Kunz
- 12 ~ Sue Spoo
- 13 ~ Nicholas Carroll
Lois Jochims
Isabella Larsen
- 14 ~ Tracey Beeck
- 15 ~ Mason Post
- 17 ~ Lila Voehl
- 18 ~ Randy Altman
Mathias Liepold
- 19 ~ Jared O'Connor
- 20 ~ Justin Farmer
Ember Wagner
- 21 ~ Jaelin Scholten
- 22 ~ Sarah Joens
Marie Kruse
- 24 ~ Michael Byam
Courtney Milbrath
- 25 ~ LaDonna Peterson
Kevin Schmid
- 27 ~ Carlyle Driggins Sr.
- 30 ~ Grady Dagel

LCMS MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT YOUTH DAY - GRADES 6-12

October 10 from 9:45-5:00

Concordia University, 1282 Concordia Ave., St. Paul

Cost: \$30

Calling all youth in grades 6-12 of the Minnesota South District! Join us on October 10th at Concordia University St. Paul (1282 Concordia Ave) for an event-filled day including Pastor Brandon Metcalf teaching about John 15:5 under the theme, "Thrive: Life on the Vine"; fun activities; break-out sessions for all age groups; and getting together with other LCMS youth from around the MN South district! Registration cost includes a full day of activities, a meal, and a t-shirt!

Rev. Brandon Metcalf currently serves as a pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Bethalto, IL and previously served as a DCE in Missouri. He is a contributing author to numerous books and Bible studies for youth ministries, has written and taught extensively on effective parish education and family ministry, and has spoken at youth gatherings and conferences throughout the country, including the past three LCMS Youth Gatherings. He enjoys playing volleyball, board games, trivia, and writing parody songs, but his greatest joys in life come from being a husband and a father.

Mission Project is The New Freedom Store which is sponsored by the Minnesota South District. Their mission is to serve the "least of these," namely the homeless, by visiting on a weekly basis; distributing food, water, tents, and sleeping bags; and offering them comfort in Christ. Groups are asked to bring granola bars, Goldfish crackers, pretzels, potato chips, applesauce in tubes/pouches, peanut butter, cracker packs, or Juicy Juice.

Schedule

9:45-10:15	Registration Opens
10:15-11:00	Opening Mass Event
11:00-11:45	Group Activities
12:00	Lunch/Group Activities
1:00-4:00	MS/HS Breakout Sessions
4:00-5:00	Closing Mass Event

The deadline to register is September 24th. Register online at: <https://pci.jotform.com/form/262044551303143>

VOLUNTEER READING BUDDIES NEEDED AT THE JACKSON

PUBLIC LIBRARY: The Jackson Public Library is looking for volunteers who are willing to commit ½ to 1 hour of time per week reading with an elementary age student. The library offers a Reading Buddies program to interested 2nd-4th grade students. You will be paired up with a student and will meet at the library one time per week. The child will read to you or you can share reading. All ages of volunteers are welcome from 8th grade on up. The program will run from October 10th to May. Please consider becoming a part of this program. We are also in need of substitute readers who would fill in as needed. If interested or for more information, please Carrie Dose or Mackenzie Schley 507-847-4748.

LAKEFIELD MEAL SITE is serving in-house and home delivered meals. Meals served at 11:30. Call 507-662-6714 to reserve. 1/2 Price Meals are on Friday, September 4th, and Friday, September 25th. Birthday parties celebrated quarterly. July, August, and September birthdays were celebrated in August. Game Day will return later this fall.

- Tuesday, September 1: Bingo. Prizes by Thrivent. Menu: sloppy joe, bun, pasta salad
- Friday, September 4: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by Lewis Family Drug. Meal: chicken cordon bleu
- Monday, September 7: Closed for Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 8: Pinochle at 12:30. Menu: Swedish meatballs
- Wednesday, September 16: 500 at 12:30. Menu: meatloaf
- Friday, September 25: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by Lewis Family Drug. Meal: beef lasagna
- Wednesday, September 30: Pinochle at 12:30. Menu: oven roasted turkey

Call Marless (507-662-5254) for card details and to schedule playing. All card games cost 10 cents to play. Bingo and Game Day will begin again in October.

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.

PIZZA AND PRE-PLANNING: LaCanne Family Celebration of Life Center invites you to a free community seminar. Relax with your neighbors, enjoy some pizza, and experience a 90 minute program exploring some very important topics. Statistics show most of us haven't really planned for the major things which happen as we get older, such as, powers of attorney, wills, or healthcare directives. Most things are fairly simple and affordable to take care of ahead of time. Along with funeral directors, Joel LaCanne and Kaleb LaCanne, Attorneys, Cassandra Luetfeld and Ashley Schmit will also be there. Reserve your spot one of these sessions today. Call 507-831-1526, text 507-822-0175, or email kaleb@laccanefuneralhome.com

- Tuesday, September 8th at 11:30 a.m. or 5:45 p.m.
 - LaCanne Jackson, 1000 Prospect Lane
 - RSVP 507-849-7578
- Wednesday, September 9th at 11:30 a.m. or 5:45 p.m.
 - LaCanne Windom, 2280 Sixth Ave.
 - RSVP 507-831-1526
- Thursday, September 10th at 11:30 a.m.
 - LaCanne Lakefield, 229 Third Ave. N
 - RSVP 507-662-6464



9/1/84 Tim and Sheri Timko
 9/1/01 Isaac and Sarah Joens
 9/2/78 Dewayne and Donna Hage
 9/2/95 Cory and Suzy Milbrath
 9/2/23 Cameron and Leah Lunde
 9/4/87 Alan and Sue Salzwedel
 9/4/04 Steve and Brenda Matasovsky
 9/6/80 Ron and Cheryl Kolander
 9/6/14 Tucker and Ashley Freeman
 9/9/72 Albert and Leann Henning
 9/11/04 Tim and Sonya Daberkow
 9/12/81 Dennis and Kathy Poelaert
 9/13/03 Travis and Leah Rossow
 9/15/79 Rod and Shirley Larsen
 9/16/72 Kurt and Myleen Swanson
 9/17/77 Dave and Carolyn Hansen
 9/19/81 Phil and Lori Kruger
 9/21/02 Jeff and Angie Luebben
 9/21/19 Dakotah and Ashley Schmid
 9/24/16 Andrew and Sara Rossow
 9/29/18 Jesse and Jen Hendrickson
 9/30/23 Riley and Jodi Johnson

VOCATIO RETREAT: If you have considered serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain, Vocatio: Retreat offers time away to explore that vocation in a community setting. College students and second-career men and women considering service as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain are invited to Vocatio: Retreat October 4th-7th at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. This distinctively Lutheran retreat offers an introduction to life as a seminarian, as participants spend time in God's Word and join in sessions with the Seminary's renowned faculty. Register by September 13th at csl.edu/vocatio-retreat. Attendees will worship, study Scripture, talk with Seminary professors and students, and experience life on campus — all while connecting with others exploring that same journey.

THE ART OF COMMUNITY: The Jackson Center for the Arts is celebrating their 10th anniversary on Friday, September 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Join the activities all day long for "The Art of Community" right in downtown Jackson.

Here is the ultimate event preview guide:

- Gallery displays, drawing classes, face painting, live music, and a youth showcase at JCA.
- Artistic floristry at The Wild Flower
- Studio and personalized jewelry engraving at Cosmos and Clover
- Latte art at Smokin' Java & Tea
- Blending at Elevated Cup followed by Essential Oils presented by Spirals Spa
- A special military flag-folding tribute by the Jackson American Legion Post 130.
- Beautiful 1920s Art Deco cinema tour at the Historic State Theatre.
- Interactive outfit styling at Kind Closet.
- Craft a cocktail with the Art of Mixology at Bridget's Bucksnot.

Mark your calendars and invite your neighbors! Let's celebrate our vibrant local arts community together.

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who came to the Christmas in July outdoor worship service and potluck picnic on Sunday, July 26th. We thank the Lord and sing his praise for the beautiful weather, shade, and breeze so we were able to worship outside. We sang joyfully of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through many beloved Christmas hymns. Our All School Choir, along with a surprise appearance from our school's alumni, sang "Away in a Manger" with everyone joining in for a special last verse. Thank you to everyone who helped out with this congregational event including:

Board of Elders and Craig Rients for getting everything ready outside

LWML for decorating the church basement, providing the cheesy turkey and beverages for the meal, and getting the food line ready

Board of Finance and Board of Education for cleaning up and taking down the tables and chairs

Board of Congregational Services for taking down the food line and cleaning up

Jared and Jesse Ackermann for putting up the Christmas lights outside

Pastor Obermann for leading this special service

It was a wonderful day and helped out the Teacher Salary Fund. All thanks and praise to God!



YOUTH APOLOGETICS DAY 2026 "IDENTITY & CONFIDENCE: WHO I AM"

Saturday, September 19th from 9:00-2:00 (doors open at 8:45 am)

Free admission (donations welcome to keep it that way!)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church 404 W. Franklin St., Morristown

Please join the saints of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Morristown as they welcome Pastor Andrew Packer. Pastor Packer says, "In a world that tells us to create our own identity, we will explore how Christians receive their identity from God, rightly order their loves, and confidently speak the truth of Christ to a confused world." The conference is geared towards high schoolers, but younger youth are invited at their parents' discretion. Lunch is provided, but an RSVP is needed for a headcount and for any dietary restrictions that we might be able to accommodate. Please contact Pastor Odom at pastorweslieodom@gmail.com or call Bethlehem at 507-685-4338 to RSVP.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

- Library is closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day and Friday, September 25th for staff training.
- Library will be open on Saturdays beginning on September 12th.
- Belonging Begins With Us exhibit will be at the Jackson Library during the whole month of September. Exhibit comes from the Behavioral Health Alliances of Jackson and Cottonwood counties. Project aims to reduce loneliness and isolation in our communities by providing a culture of healthy social connections by sharing local stories.
- Storytime for kids is on Thursdays at 10:00.
- Bedtime Story Hour is Thursday, September 17th at 6:30.
- Elementary After School Program for K-4th grade is Thursday, September 10th at 3:45. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Homeschool Connection meets weekly at the Jackson Library on Thursdays at 10:30 starting on October 1st. Call the Jackson Library for more info 507-847-4748.
- Book Club meets on Wednesday, September 2nd at 3:00 to discuss "Spare" by Prince Harry.



LWML Fall Get-Together

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
87977 STATE HWY 86
LAKEFIELD

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
9:30 a.m. with a 9:00 registration

Cost is \$5

Want to carpool? We are leaving at 8:30. Please park in the alley next to Immanuel.

Theme: He Restoreth My Soul

Bible Study: led by Pastor Dale Hedstrom

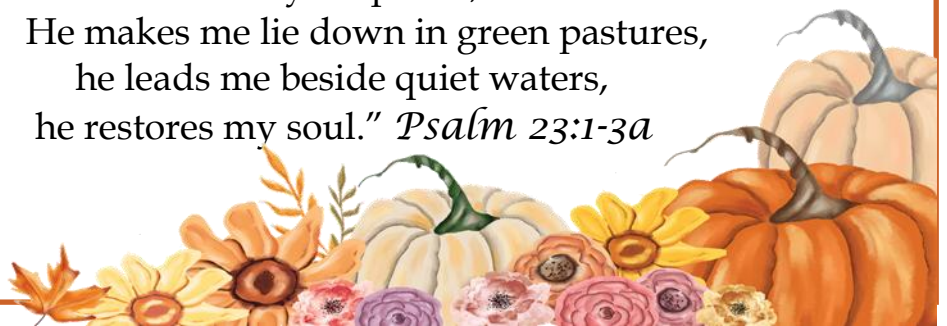
Servant Event: coloring & designing boxes and coloring pages for Phil's Friends

Gifts from the Heart being collected for Phil's Friends:

Crest mouthwash (3.3 oz. alcohol free), Thera Breath Oral Rinse (3 oz. alcohol free), Kleenex (small package), lotion (5 oz. or smaller), smaller tubes of toothpaste, journals 5x7 (not spiral), puzzle books, lip balm, decks of playing cards with no advertising on them, gift cards

There is a collection box in the narthex.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he restores my soul." *Psalms 23:1-3a*



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.*

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

OFFICIAL ACTS FOR AUGUST 2026

Membership: Baptized: 605 Communicants: 439

ENTERING IMMANUEL

...By Profession of Faith –

Desiree Chonko, along with children Marvel and Aero

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with Becky Spitzack and family on the death of her husband, Jim Spitzack, Jim passed away on August 23rd. Jim was a Pastor's Assistant here at Immanuel from 1975-1980. We pray that God would comfort the family at this difficult time.

VBS 2026



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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

Rooted and built up in Him...
- Colossians 2:6-7

SEPTEMBER Monthly

