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## HIGHLIGHTS

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**NO SCHOOL  
FRIDAY 11/22**

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**PARENT PICK UP DAY  
TUESDAY 11/26**

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**NO SCHOOL  
11/27-11/29**

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Christmas Caroling 12/8

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ILS Christmas Service  
12/18

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2024-2025  
School Year Theme  
"Endure"

Hebrews 12:1-3

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

# Immanuel Lutheran School Newsletter *Endure*



*Celebrating Christ-centered education since 1899*

**CHAPEL SERVICES** during Advent (December 4 & December 11) will be on Wednesdays at 8:30. Pastor Noel Herr, a retired pastor who moved to Jackson, will lead us in our chapel services during Advent. All are welcome at chapel services.

**CHRISTMAS FUDGE SALES:** The 7th-8th grade class are selling fudge as a fundraiser for their class trip. If you are not asked but would like to order, please call Amy in the office at 507-662-5718. New this year... order online (it can even be delivered to your house): <https://walnutgrovemerc.com/fundraising/product/holiday-fundraising-immanuel-lutheran-school/> Last day to order is December 1st with delivery before Christmas break.

**ILS CHRISTMAS SERVICE** is on Wednesday, December 18th, at 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. This year's service is "Promise Fulfilled".

**YEARBOOK PHOTOS WANTED!** If you have any photos from sports or other activities from this year so far, send them to [ilsyearbook@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:ilsyearbook@immanuellakefield.com).

**OUR BAND STUDENTS** will perform in the "Get a Handel on Christmas" concert on Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Martin Luther High School in Northrop. They will be joined by other elementary band students. The Martin Luther High School Band will also perform along with the MLHS Choir. Admission is a free will donation. Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

### COATS AND WINTER WEATHER

**GEAR:** Students may be outside before school, during school, or after school. Please send coats along with your children. Winter weather will be here soon. The kids love to play outside. Make sure to send hats, gloves, boots, and snow pants.



**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**  
PTL Family Fun Event  
Sunday, December 8th  
2:00 p.m.  
Meet at the church  
basement and we'll head  
out from there.

**NO SCHOOL  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

**PARENT PICK UP DAY  
NO JCC BUS AFTER SCHOOL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

**NO SCHOOL  
NOVEMBER 27-29  
THANKSGIVING BREAK**

### DECEMBER BASKETBALL:

- Monday, December 2nd at 4:15  
B at home vs. St. John Vianney
- Friday, December 6th—Sat., Dec. 7th  
A tourney at Zion Alexandria
- Monday, December 9th at 4:00  
B at St. Paul's Fairmont
- Friday, December 13th—Sat., Dec. 14th  
B tourney at St. John Vianney
- Tuesday, December 17th  
B at home vs. St. Paul's Truman

### *What's happening at Immanuel Lutheran Church?*

- ~ Sunday, November 24  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship
- ~ Wednesday, November 27  
7:00 Thanksgiving  
Worship



## *This Week at Immanuel...*

*Monday, November 25*

**NO SCRIP ORDER**

**3:20-5:00 Boys BB Practice**

*Tuesday, November 26*

**PARENT PICK UP DAY—NO JCC BUS**

**AFTER SCHOOL**

**1:45 Library—grade 2**

**3:20-5:00 Girls BB Practice**

*Wednesday, November 27*

**NO SCHOOL**

*Thursday, November 28*

**NO SCHOOL**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

*Friday, November 29*

**NO SCHOOL**

### **SCRIP UPDATE:**

- Scrip orders will not be taken the week of Thanksgiving, Monday, November 25th. Orders will resume the following Monday, December 2nd.
- Did you know there are \$5 and \$10 gift cards available through the scrip program? Some of these include Subway, Bath & Body Works, Domino's, Arby's, Amazon, Target, Subway, Burger King, Dairy Queen, Starbucks, Wal-Mart, Taco Bell, Amazon, Applebee's, Barnes & Noble... and the list goes on. These would make great Christmas gifts, but shop soon!
- "Raise Days" are November 21st-22nd. There are 175+ brands on bonus. You must have an online account as bonuses apply specifically to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards.

**CHAPEL OFFERINGS:** for the 2nd quarter will go to the Lakefield Food Shelf. We are accepting both food and hygiene items, plus monetary donations for the Food Shelf. Items that are requested include: mac and cheese, tuna, spam, canned chicken, fruit juices, cans of vegetables, cans of fruit, applesauce, beef stew, soups, pork n' beans, peanut butter, spaghetti noodles and sauce, hamburger helper, pancake mix and syrup, boxed potatoes, cereal, oatmeal, pasta, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, and Kleenex. This year we are adding them to the Thanksgiving display on the stairs leading up to the church altar.

**FESTIVAL OF TREES:** The Jackson County Historical Society is hosting a Festival of Trees in December. Immanuel Lutheran School is doing a mitten tree with each child decorating a mitten. Thanks to Leann Henning for setting up our tree. Festival of Trees is open December 1st-27th. Stop in and check out all of the trees, especially our mitten tree. The Jackson County Historical Society is located at 307 North Highway 86 in Lakefield.

### **SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

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

- Rev. Matthew Lane and family as he considers the Call to be Pastor here at Immanuel

**WINTER WEATHER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** It's getting to be that time of year again where we might have a late start, early dismissal, or no school at all due to bad winter weather. The first place to check for information is fastdirect. Any decision on school closings is sent out right away through fastdirect. Remember you set up your fastdirect account with your preferences on getting notifications: text, email, or both. Here's how to update your preferences.

If you check fastdirect from your computer:

- click on "View/Edit Parent Information" at the top of the screen.
- update your preferences
- click "Save Changes" at the bottom

If you check fastdirect from your phone:

- Touch the "Display Parent Data" tab
- Update your preferences
- Touch "Save Changes" at the bottom

### **We just became aware of an issue with text notifications this week:**

One of our families has been set up to receive text notifications and has gotten them in the past, but now they are not getting them. After speaking with the help desk at fastdirect, we found out how to fix it.

**If this is happening to you as well:** If you have checked the box in fastdirect to receive text notifications but aren't getting them, reach out to your cell phone provider's tech support. It was also suggested that when you do contact tech support you will likely need to escalate from Customer Support to Engineers in Level 2 Support (so don't hesitate to let the service person know this). We were also told to feel free to give them the name and info of fastdirect's founder, as he knows exactly what to tell them (Randy Hilleren, randy@fastdir.com, 314-822-3278).

**Here is an explanation from fastdirect explaining why this issue is happening:** When a parent has opted in to receive messages as texts, fastdirect uses a function called 'email-to-text' which uses a short code that is randomly assigned by the carrier. Over the last year or two, carriers that use SPAM filters treat this send-only, email-to-text function as SPAM and stop delivery. This is most likely the reason as they are blocking NoReplyText@fastdir.com, which is the email address fastdirect uses when using the email-to-text functionality.

## *Next Week at Immanuel...*

*Monday, December 2*

**Scrip Order Due**

**4:15 B BB at home vs. St. John Vianney**

*Tuesday, December 3*

**Bloodmobile in Activity Center**

**11:30 Library—grades 3-4**

**1:45 Library—grade 1**

*Wednesday, December 4*

**8:30 Advent Chapel**

**12:45 Library—Kindergarten**

**1:30 Library—grades 7-8**

*Thursday, December 5*

**3:20-5:00 Boys BB Practice**

**3:20-5:00 A Girls BB Practice**

*Friday, December 6*

**A BB Tournament at Zion Alexandria**

**3:20-5:00 B Girls BB Practice**

*Saturday, December 7*

**A BB Tournament at Zion Alexandria**

*Sunday, December 8*

**2:00 PTL Christmas Caroling**

# 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 13: St. Paul, Rost at 8:30  
38886 800th St., rural Lakefield
- November 10: Trinity, Sioux Valley at 9:00  
28523 730th St., rural Lakefield
- January 26: Immanuel, Lakefield at 10:45  
604 Bush St., Lakefield
- March 16: St. Peter, rural Lakefield at 8:30  
87977 State Hwy 86, rural Lakefield
- April 27: Our Redeemer, Jackson at 9:00  
101 Kimball Ave., Jackson

