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Lutheran
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## HIGHLIGHTS

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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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NLSW Dinner 1/25

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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

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## LET'S MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE



*Celebrating Christ-centered education since 1899*

**CHAPEL SERVICES** are held on Wednesday mornings at 8:20. On Wednesday, January 21st, Pastor Hedstrom will lead us in chapel. Everyone is welcome to join us for chapel services.

**MONDAY 1/19  
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!

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

**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.

**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 have come home with your child for them (or you) to give to church staff.

**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 pastry with them!

**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.



## National Lutheran Schools Week Dinner

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

**Pulled Pork Sandwich, Salad, Chips,  
Dessert, & Beverage**

**Freewill Donation accepted to benefit ILS**

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

## What's happening at Immanuel Lutheran Church?

~ Sunday, January 18  
9:00 Worship  
10:15 Sunday School  
10:15 Youth Group Bible Study  
10:15 Bible Class



**NO SCRIP ORDER—MONDAY, JANUARY 19**

## *This Week at Immanuel...*

*Monday, January 19*

*NO SCHOOL*

*NO SCRIP ORDER*

*3:15-4:30 B Girls BB Practice*

*4:15-6:00 A Girls BB Practice*

*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*

*National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW) starts*

*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*

**HELP NEEDED** at the National Lutheran Schools Week Dinner on Sunday, January 25th. It's from 10:30-12:30. The PTL is looking for 2-3 volunteers to help from 10:30-11:30 and 2-3 volunteers to help from 11:30-12:30. Reach out to Jessica Mulder through fastdirect if you can help. The donations from this meal will benefit the 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 today, January 16th.

**CHAPEL OFFERINGS** for the 2nd quarter totaled \$195.75 and were given to our school's Lunch Assistance Program.

**CHAPEL OFFERINGS** for the 3rd quarter will go to Jehovah Lutheran Church in St. Paul to support their mission of helping the homeless. Along with monetary donations, we are also collecting winter coats, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, and scarves. Items can be gently used or new. Keep in mind that 75% of the homeless population are adult males. There is a collection box in the school hallway for donations to be put into.

### **SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

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

- Our Principal: Mr. Dean Jennissen and his family
- The Jons family: Kye in 5th, our teacher aide Deb, and their family

**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. If we are short on help after January 19th we will start reaching out for help. Also, if you are donating items please bring them to the school on Friday, January 30th after lunch if possible. If items don't need to be refrigerated, there will be a table downstairs in the lunchroom to put them on.

**PUNCH CARDS FOR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** \$5 and \$10 punch cards are available for you to purchase so your child does not have to carry cash around during the tournament. Punch cards will need to be kept separate for the concession stand and the kitchen. Both the kitchen and the concession stand will hang onto your family's punch card during the tournament.

## *Next Week at Immanuel...*

*Monday, January 26*

*PAJAMA DAY*

*Scrip Order Due*

*8:30 Cereal & Cartoons in Church Basement*

*1:00 Cougar Theatre*

*3:15-3:45 Chess Club*

*4:00 A Boys BB scrimmage at home*

*4:15 B BB away at St. Paul's Fairmont*

*Tuesday, January 27*

*Dress Like a Teacher Day*

*9:00 Service Day*

*2:00 Puzzle Race by Chapel Tribes*

*3:15-4:30 B Boys BB Practice*

*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*

*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 30*

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

*ILS A Basketball Tournament*

*8:30-9:00 Pastors, Parfaits & Appreciation in Activity Center*

*10:45 All School Free Throw Contest*

*1:30 Pepfest*

*Saturday, January 31*

*ILS A Basketball Tournament*

*Online Mission Trip to Mongolia all week!*

# 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 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>

### 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.

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#### Dress Like a Teacher Day

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

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