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## HIGHLIGHTS

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Fine Arts Festival  
registration due 2/12

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**NO SCHOOL**  
**FRIDAY 2/13**  
**MONDAY 2/16**

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Early Childhood Open  
House 3/2

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Fine Arts 3/6 & 3/7

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

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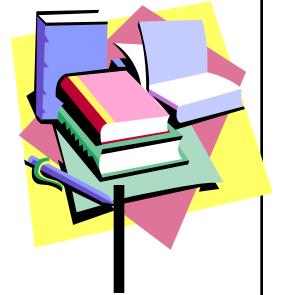
we love because He  
first loved us.  
~ 1 John 4:19

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## LET'S MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE



*Celebrating Christ-centered education since 1899*



**CHAPEL SERVICES** during Ash Wednesday and Lent (February 18 through March 25) will be on Wednesdays at 8:30. Pastor Obermann will lead us in our chapel services during Lent. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### NO SCHOOL FRIDAY 2/13 & MONDAY 2/16

**ILS CHESS TOURNAMENT** is Saturday, March 14th. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. for those who pre-register. Players who do not pre-register will need to register from 8:15-8:30. Round 1 starts at 9:00 a.m. Tournament is free for Immanuel students and \$10 for other students and includes lunch (slice of pizza and a beverage). Chess Tournament is held in the Activity Center and the concession stand will be open. There are 2 easy ways to pre-register for the tournament:

- go to [www.immanuellakefield.com](http://www.immanuellakefield.com) and click on the "chess tournament" tab
- call Amy at 507-662-5860

**ILS EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE** is on Monday, March 2nd from 4:00-6:30 p.m. Postcards should have come home with your child for you to hand out to your friends, coworkers, neighbors, daycare families... Help spread the word about Immanuel Lutheran School!

**ALL SCHOOL CHOIR** sings at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Lakefield, on Sunday, March 9th at their 10:00 a.m. worship service. Students—meet Mrs. Peterson upon arrival at the front of church. We will be singing at the beginning of the service. Holy Trinity is located at 76084 760th Avenue, Lakefield.

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

- ~ Sunday, February 15  
9:00 Worship  
10:15 Sunday School  
10:15 Youth Group Bible Study  
10:15 Bible Class
- ~ Wednesday, February 18  
5:30-6:30 Lent Supper  
7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship



### Fine Arts Festival Opportunities

ILS students are blessed with these Fine Arts opportunities:

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

##### ILS Fine Arts Festival "Showcasing Your Strengths"

- ♦ Performance during the school day. This performance is only open to parents of students who are participating. Judging will also occur at this performance.
- ♦ Fine Arts Showcase at 6:30 p.m. This is a **public performance** where anyone can come to look at the art projects, and listen to individual and small group instrumental, vocal, and public speaking.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Region IV Fine Arts Festival at Martin Luther High School Northrop

#### WONDERING HOW YOUR CHILD CAN PARTICIPATE?

- ♦ Categories include Creative Writing, Dramatic Reading, Vocal, and Instrumental
- ♦ Art: All K-8th graders will submit an art project for both events. These are done in school.
- ♦ Check out the 4th page of the newsletter for the criteria for these categories. A registration form can be found on page 5 of the newsletter.

#### REGISTRATION IS DUE TOMORROW

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12th!!!**

**COMMUNICATE** which categories your child will participate in & when (Friday, Friday evening, Saturday) to Mrs. Peterson via fastdirect or sending in the registration form on the last page of this newsletter.

## This Week at Immanuel...

Monday, February 16

NO SCHOOL

NO SCRIP ORDER

NO CHESS CLUB

Wednesday, February 18

8:30 Ash Wednesday Chapel

Thursday, February 19

2:00 Library—grades 3-4

**NO SCRIP ORDERS** will be taken Monday, February 16th due to the holiday. We should still have local scrip available for Maynard's, Cutting Image, and SoJo on hand. You can just stop and see Amy in the office for those.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5**  
**EARLY OUT AT 12:45**  
**JCC BUSES WILL RUN**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12 & FRIDAY, MARCH 13**  
**PARENT DRIVE DAYS**  
**NO JCC BUS**

**OPTIONAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES** will be held this month. If you would like to have a conference with your child's teacher, contact them to set up a time.

### HOW DO I CHECK MY LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCE?

This is found in fastdirect. It looks different depending on if use a computer or your phone:

- If you check fastdirect through the app on your phone:  
Click on the “\$ Finance & Online Payments” tab. You'll be taken to the finance page. Click on “Transaction History”. There you will see a box that says “Account balances for (insert your name)” One of the options under that is “Lunch”. Your account balance is listed under “Lunch”. If you click on that dollar amount, it will show you daily charges for lunch.
- If you check fastdirect on your computer:  
Click on the “\$ Finance” tab at the top of the screen in the blue strip. You'll be taken to the finance page. There you will see a box that says “Account balances for (insert your name)” One of the options under that is “Lunch”. Your account balance is listed under “Lunch”. If you click on that dollar amount, it will show you daily charges for lunch.

### SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

- The Liepold students: Silas in 5th, Mathias in 8th, and their family
- Our Kindergartener: Kasen Lucht and his family
- The Majerus students: Finley in PreK, Hudson in 2nd, and their family
- The Mattilas: Lydia in 5th, Elijah in 7th, Mrs. Sarah Mattila our teacher, and their family

# Immanuel Lutheran School

## Early Childhood

## Open House

Preschool ~ PreK ~ Kindergarten

**Monday, March 2**  
**4:00-6:30 p.m.**

- Meet the teachers
- Check out the classrooms
- Open Gym



**CHAPEL OFFERINGS** for the 3rd quarter are going 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.

**HOW DO I LET THE SCHOOL KNOW OF ANY CHANGES TO MY CHILD'S SCHEDULE OR NORMAL ROUTINE (i.e. not in school, picked up early, leaving for an appointment)?**

If there is a change during the school day for how your child will get home (i.e. they were to ride the bus, but you are now picking them up), please contact Amy in the office by fastdirect, texting/calling 507-329-7464, or calling 507-662-5860. Amy will then let the teacher know. The teacher may be too busy to check their phones for messages. We don't want a message to be missed and for your child to either be on the bus by mistake or waiting for you when they should have been on the bus.

However, if you know of a change in advance (not during school hours on the day of), you can just let your child's teacher know. Amy only needs to know if it's a change from when you sent your child off to school that morning.

## Next Week at Immanuel...

Monday, February 23

Scrip Order Due

3:15-3:45 Chess Club

Tuesday, February 24

4:30 Board of Ed Meeting

Wednesday, February 25

8:30 Lent Chapel

Thursday, February 26

1:30 Library—1st-2nd grade

2:00 Library—Kindergarten

Friday, February 27

Step Up Day at MLHS—grades 5-6

# 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



# Immanuel Lutheran School FINE ARTS FESTIVAL 2025

## *“Showcasing Your Strengths”*

**March 6th, 2026 here at Immanuel**

**(March 7th at MLHS Northrop for an additional experience and judging opportunity)**

- Judging at Immanuel *during* the school day-
  - open to parents and students who participate in the event
- **Public performance** in the sanctuary that evening--
  - The “Fine ARTS Showcase” (6:30 p.m.) will include the display of all ILS students’ art projects
  - as well as individual and small group instrumental, vocal, and public speaking performances from earlier in the day

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- **ART PROJECT: ALL STUDENTS in K-8th submit an art project** for both the March 6th and March 7th events (*chosen by the student & teacher at school*). In All Performance AREAS and Art Projects:
  - ♦ K-2nd projects receive participation ribbons
  - ♦ The 3rd-8th grade projects are judged and eligible to receive blue, red, and white ribbons indicating a Superior, Excellent, or Good rating
- **CREATIVE WRITING:** Optional for 1st-8th grade students- Poems, stories, personal narratives (allowing artwork for expression) - Give to classroom teachers by February 27th.
- **PERFORMANCE ARTS CATEGORIES:** Optional for students in K-8th:

**DRAMATIC READING** Examples include the reading of a poem, a persuasive speech, team reading, short skit, comedy sketch-**must present a copy of the reading to the judge**- eye contact, proper volume, annunciation, voice inflection and delivery will be emphasized (2-5 minutes)

*NOTE: Dramatic reading choices will be pre-screened by Mrs. Mattila by February 20th to ensure proper content and to offer insights toward optimum performance.*

**VOCAL** Solo, duet, trio, small group vocal performance-**must provide a numbered measure copy of the music for the judge** (3 minute max)

*NOTE: Vocalists should plan to pre-screen song choice with Mrs. Soleta to ensure proper song selection for voice range.*

**INSTRUMENTAL** Solo, duet, trio, small group instrumental performance-**must provide a numbered measure copy of the music for the judge** (3 minute max)

**COMMUNICATE** which performance categories your child will participate in & when (Friday during the school day, Friday evening, Saturday at MLHS Northrop) to Mrs. Peterson via Fastdirect or the back of this sheet by Thursday, February 12th.

**My child will participate in the following performance category or categories for the fine arts festival:**  
**(Please also indicate the name of the piece or pieces that your child is preparing to perform)**

**Name of student** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s) of piece or pieces:**

**Dramatic Reading** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vocal** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instrumental** \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle which times your child will be performing:**

**Friday (day)**

**Friday (evening)**

**Saturday at MLHS**

**Please return this sheet to Mrs. Peterson  
by February 12th, 2026.**