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# The Newsletter

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### *Immanuel's Statement of Mission*

***"We Love Because He First Loved Us" - 1 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** meets on Wednesday, May 21st 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: Monday, May 12th at 5:15 p.m.
- Board of Elders: Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m.
- Board of Finance: Sunday, May 25th at 10:30 a.m.
- Board of Trustees: Thursday, May 15th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Ed: Wednesday, May 14th at 5:30 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION** will be held on Sunday, May 11th during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Pastor Schuetz has been teaching our 8th grade confirmation class and will be confirming these 4 confirmands:



- Kadence Daberkow: daughter of Tim and Sonya Daberkow
- Zadi Farmer: daughter of Justin and Tami Farmer
- Linkon Phillips: son of Amery Rossow and Shane Philips
- Kaelyn Swanson-Voight: daughter of Ashley Farley, Nick Voight, and Lee & Rhonda Swanson

**UPDATE ON OUR VACANCY PASTOR:** Beginning on May 1st, Pastor Herr will be our full time vacancy pastor. Previously, we had Pastor McDonald as our administrative vacancy pastor with various pastors filling in for our Sunday worship services until Pastor Herr moved into the area and was able lead them. **If you are in need of pastoral care,** you may contact Pastor Herr directly (320-815-5917 or [ps118.24Letusrejoice@outlook.com](mailto:ps118.24Letusrejoice@outlook.com)), Amy in the church office (507-662-5718, 507-329-7464, or [immanuel@immanuelakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuelakefield.com)), or speak to one of the elders. This includes visits, prayer requests, communion for home bound members, among others.

*Pastor Herr's office hours are 10:00-4:00 on Wednesdays.*

**WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATE:**  
**WE ARE NO LONGER**  
**HAVING OUR WEDNESDAY**  
**EVENING SERVICES.**  
**OUR SUNDAY MORNING**  
**SERVICES ARE AT 9:00.**  
**ANY QUESTIONS CHECK**  
**WITH THE ELDERS.**



## **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL 2023-2024**

### **GRADUATION AND AWARDS SERVICE**

Kindergarten-8th grade  
Friday, May 23rd at 10:00 a.m.  
Church Proper  
Cake Reception to follow

### **PRESCHOOL/PREK COMPLETION PROGRAM**

Thursday, May 22nd at 10:00 a.m.  
Church Proper

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION**

**Sunday, May 4th at 10:15 a.m.**  
**Activity Center**

All are welcome to join us for snacks and beverages as we thank our Sunday School staff for all they have done teaching our youth about God and his love. This is the last day our Sunday School will get together until the fall. We are so grateful for our Sunday School staff:

- Nursery through Kindergarten: April Kraft
- Grades 1-2: Mary Poppe, Nicole Dagle
- Grades 3-5: Amber Liepold
- Superintendent: Mike Dempster
- Music Support: Amber Liepold, Ami Swanson, Brenda Matasovsky, Jayson Matasovsky, Kaelyn Swanson-Voight
- Craft Support: Deb Jons
- Subs: Monette Berkevich, Kari Byam, Sheila Freking, Lola Gunther, Deb Jons, Hristina Hage, Sarah Laabs, Suzy Milbrath, Rhonda Swanson, Roger and Shelly Pohlman, Breann Grein, Ami Swanson
- Cradle Roll: Amy Altman

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th.

# May, 2025 Pastoral Epistle

When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were [once] strangers... I am the Lord your God (*Leviticus 19: 33-34*). *Let brotherly love continue.* Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares (*Hebrews 13:1-2*). *Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God* (*Romans 15:7*).



There can be little room for doubt about the position of the Bible when it comes to how we should treat the stranger, or “sojourner”, meaning someone who resides temporarily: he or she should be welcomed, embraced, and loved. The gospel approach is perhaps best summed up by Jesus in His discourse on the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46), when He explains that He will one day come again to judge all people and will look favorably on those who have welcomed a stranger, because in doing so, they welcomed Him. The same could be said for the many new immigrants we see coming across our borders, refugees and people looking for a fresh start in a land of freedom. God once told His people Israel, “You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Dt 10:19). And again in Leviticus 19:34, “The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.” The Israelites were once aliens living in Egypt. When they were generous in their treatment of other people, familiar or alien, they honored God’s faithfulness to them. Also, God in Leviticus 19:18, tells His people, “You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge... but you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

There was once a pastor and his wife who awoke one morning to find a note from their neighbor on their front door. It read: “We’ve gone away until tomorrow night. Please look after Cleo [the family dog] for us. If she howls and wants to go inside, a spare key is hanging on a nail by the garage door. Thanks.” The pastor was glad to read that note, because it meant they had built a strong bridge of trust in the two years since they had moved in, even though the neighbors were not part of his parish. God’s people in the Old Testament were instructed not to rob their neighbors (Lv 19:13), to judge righteously (19:15), to not do anything that would threaten the lives of their neighbors (19:16), and to love and forgive them (19:18). In this way they would give witness to the nations that Yahweh was the true God and that those who worshiped Him were loving, honest, and just in their personal relationships and in their business dealings. What was true for God’s people then is also true for us today as those who follow Christ Jesus, our risen Lord and Savior. We too should love our neighbors, all of them, and that includes more than just the people who live next door. Jesus defined our neighbor as anyone in need.

For example in the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus answers the question: “Who is my neighbor?” At the end of the parable, Jesus turns the question back upon the other saying: “Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” And the other replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus then said to him, “You go, and do likewise” (Lu 10:36-37). We may have to go out of our way, once in a while. It might even mean making an emergency run to the hospital or giving up a half gallon of milk when we ourselves are running low. But a good neighbor policy fulfills God’s command to “Love one another.” And it may even help to bring someone else to Christ. Let us pray.

*Lord Jesus, make me more like You, that I grow in faith and love for my neighbor, especially when it means welcoming a stranger. May people also see You in my actions as I reach out to them with Your love. Fill me today, Lord, with a desire to do good and not harm, but to welcome the sojourner and everyone I encounter. In Your name I pray, Amen.*

## OFFICIAL ACTS FOR APRIL 2025

### Membership:

Baptized: 588

Communicants: 428

### ENTERING IMMANUEL...

#### ...By Baptism –

Dean Jason Schmid, son of Dakotah and Ashley Schmid

Cooper Kevin Schmid, son of Dakotah and Ashley Schmid

#### ...Baptized Child –

Easton Gettler

### LEAVING IMMANUEL...

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Lenten suppers this year. We raised \$1,601.00. We only had one supper rescheduled due to weather. A huge thank you also to our boards and the LWML for preparing and serving a meal. It is much appreciated! Funds raised this year were given to:

- ILS Freshwater Fifties Chapel Offering – \$150
- Sunday School Mission – \$100
- Youth Group for New Orleans Youth Group Gathering – \$1,351

**JUST A NORMAL CONCERT** will be presented by the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Saturday, May 17th, at 7:00 p.m. Young musicians in elementary band **(including some of our own ILS band students)** and high school band and choir will be performing under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Admission is a free will donation. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

**COUPLES SHOWER** for Brandon Thurk and Kayleen Redman is on Friday, May 2nd, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Okabena Legion Hall. The couple is registered at Amazon and Target.



## Salad Supper

### Immanuel Lutheran Church

604 Bush Street, Lakefield

In the Basement (lift available)

**Wednesday, May 14**

Doors open at 5:00

Meal starts at 5:30

**NO COST**

**Speaker:** Doris Novak Guggisberg  
(former Lakefield resident and author)  
authordorisguggisberg.com

**RSVP** suggested by May 12  
to Carolyn at 507-830-2108  
or dchansencattle@hotmail.com

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**Bloom Where You're Planted**

### LUTHERAN WITNESS

It is time to sign up for the Lutheran Witness, the official periodical of the Lutheran Church –Missouri Synod. If you wish to receive it for the following year, you will need to sign up by May 20th. A form can be found elsewhere in this newsletter for you to fill out and return to the church. Immanuel pays for the subscription for its members who wish to receive it. If you would like to help out with the cost, you may place your gift in the offering plate and write Lutheran Witness on the envelope. The cost to publish the magazine this year is \$24.97. The flagship magazine of the LCMS, the Lutheran Witness offers Synodical news, reports from Lutherans around the world, features columns, Q & A's, a Bible Study, and so much more. The magazine speaks directly about what's important to today's Lutherans: Christian Life, missions, ministries, and people of faith.



### *Stewardship Moment...*

**John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”**

*On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!*



## **LWML Happenings**

### **Lutheran Women In Mission**

Serving on Altar Guild for the month of May are Linda Davis, Marie Kruse, Jolene Rossow, and Gail Swenson. We thank them for taking care of the altar duties.

If you need greeting cards, including confirmation and graduation ones, take a look at what's available for purchase at 75 cents each in the church basement.

A Salad Buffet Supper will be held Wednesday, May 14 at 5:30, with doors opening at 5:00. Our guest speaker will be Author Doris Novak Guggisberg, a former Lakefield resident. Doris has been a writer for several years, first writing music and more recently, Christian fiction stories. Many of you will remember her as writing the Immanuel School song. All women from our congregation, as well as others, are invited. RSVPs by May 12 to one of the committee members, Carolyn Hansen, Connie Rossow, or Cheryl Ulferts would be appreciated. Please join us for an enjoyable evening of delicious food and hear Doris share her love of Jesus.

Plans are underway to attend a production at the Okoboji Summer Theater this summer! As a group we will go see "The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)" on Sunday, June 29th at the 6:00 p.m. show. "In this hilarious satire of musical theatre, one story becomes five musicals in a playful parody of iconic musicals including OKLAHOMA, INTO THE WOODS, CABARET, and PHANTOM OF THE OPERA." Please watch for more details on cost, how to sign up, and time to meet to carpool. This is open to anyone who wants to come with us.

There will be no regular LWML monthly meeting until August.

**Serve the Lord with Gladness ~ Psalm 100:4**

**LWML PRAYER SERVICE** is at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior on Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00 a.m. Service is titled "Blessed are They" and will be led by Pastor Sajban. A continental breakfast will be served following the service. Call Julie at the church office at 507-831-3522 to reserve your spot. All are welcome to attend. The church is located at 1157 3rd Ave. in Windom.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES**

Please help us by filling out the form below and returning to the church office by **May 8th**. We will place this information either in our Sunday church bulletin on May 18th. We encourage all of our graduates (high school and college) to fill this out. Even if you graduated from college in December... please fill this out.

NAME

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WORK FORCE

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I WILL BE ATTENDING COLLEGE AT

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AND STUDYING IN WHAT FIELD

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I GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE AT

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WITH A DEGREE IN

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SPECIAL MEMORIES OF HIGH SCHOOL

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## 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](http://lhm.org)

### May 4 "An Old Place, A New Beginning"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

*God is the Searcher Who will not stop looking for us. In our lonely hiding place, He says, "I knew I would find you here."*  
(John 21:1-19)

### May 11 "How to Be Happy"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

*Lasting happiness is found in surrender, rather than control.*  
(John 15:11)

### May 18 "Truth That Takes Us In"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

*Jesus is the Truth Who will take you in to live like He lives, planted in God His Father's love.*  
(John 15:9)

### May 25 "What's Your Story?"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Manning

*Our difficulties often become the backdrop against which God reveals His faithfulness. Each challenge is an opportunity for Him to display His power.*  
(John 9:1-11)

## HEARTLAND LUTHERAN SINGLES ANNUAL SUMMER

**RETREAT** at Camp Omega is June 13th-15th for singles ages 21-41. Cost is \$100 for 2 nights and 4 meals. Snacks and drinks available all the time. Register and pay online at [faithwinterset.org](http://faithwinterset.org). Questions? Contact Dr. Keith Schweitzer at [keithlcms@gmail.com](mailto:keithlcms@gmail.com) or texting 641-745-5413. Camp Omega is located at 22750 Lind Ave. in Waterville.

**LAKEFIELD MEAL SITE** is serving in-house and home delivered meals. Meals served at 11:30. Call 507-662-6714 to reserve.

NO Half Price Meals in May

NO Bingo or Game Day in May. They will start back up in September.

- Tuesday, May 6th: CLOSED for All Staff Mandatory Meeting
- Wednesday, May 7th: Mother's Day Meal. Menu: roast pork, gravy, candied yams, green beans, cookie
- Tuesday, May 13th: Pinochle at 12:30. Menu: pork tips, gravy, rice, spiced peaches
- Wednesday, May 21st: 500 at 12:30. Menu: smothered chopped steak, mashed potatoes, cookie
- Monday, May 26th: CLOSED for Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 27th: Frozen meals only for those already reserved
- Wednesday, May 28th: Pinochle at 12:30. Menu: scalloped potatoes and ham, broccoli, peach crisp
- Thursday, May 29th: Lakefield Birthday Party. Menu: roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rice crispy bar  
Call Marless (507-662-5254) for card details and to schedule playing. All card games cost 10 cents to play.

## CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY AT THE

**LAKEFIELD MEAL SITE:** We have a spot just for you & 3 or more of your family and/or friends. We'd love to acknowledge your special day with a Free meal for you. Make your Birthday an event to remember. Reserve Your party's table by calling 507-662-6714.

## 2025 MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT

**SERVICE** is on Sunday, May 25th at 2:00 p.m. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

## Stewardship Moment...

**Acts 1:11 – "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended, and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach our stewardship and how we prioritize our lives.

**THANK YOU** to all the youth and parents that made the Sunrise Easter Breakfast a success! Also, thank you to the American Dairy Association, Thivent, Maynard's Grocery Store, and the American Legion for making the pancakes. Be watching for more news from the Immanuel Youth Group Kids!!!

#### **MEMBERS OF IMMANUEL:**

Our current rate of giving and tuition has continued to fall short of current expenses. The church's operating reserves have been continually depleted due to short falls in the budget and are running out. At our current rate of income to expenses we will need to borrow from the bank an estimated \$75,000 beginning in June of 2025. From the year 2022-2023 when we raised dollars for the new church organ our total income was \$137,563 higher than our current projections. From that year to our current giving and tuition, weekly giving is down \$2,645 per week which has been shown in our bulletin each month. Our rate of giving has not increased with the rate of increasing costs to operate the church and school. During our Pastoral Vacancy we have also seen our attendance drop from 147 average attendance in 2023 to 131 in 2024. We must remember to keep the mission of our church and school at the forefront.

-Board of Finance



**Run the Race**

# **ILS SPRING SING CONCERT**

**Wednesday  
May 7**

**12:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.**

**ILS  
Activity Center  
620 Bush St.  
Lakefield**



## **LAKEFIELD AREA EMERGENCY RESPONDERS THANK YOU SOCIAL**

**Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

**Immanuel Activity Center**

We invite all police officers, firefighters, EMS, paramedics, 911 dispatchers, and all those who protect us in emergency situations to join us for rolls, juice, and coffee as a "Thank You" for all they do.

#### **UPDATE FROM PRINCIPAL**

**JENNISEN:** Governor Walz has proposed a State budget that will eliminate State Funding for Private Schools like ILS. What does this mean for ILS? We utilize the public school buses, nurses and guidance counselors to support our students. We also receive reimbursement for some of our instructional supplies. These cuts would negatively impact ILS by increasing our operating costs and eliminating revenue we receive. Please go to [www.mncatholic.org/action\\_23393](http://www.mncatholic.org/action_23393) if you would be willing to send Gov. Walz an email to let him know this would have a negative impact on our students and families. It literally takes 10 seconds.



# Immanuel Lutheran School Highlights

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

The 2024-2025 school year is coming to a close. Here's a list of upcoming dates:

- May 1: Farm Camp (grades 5-8)
- May 2 at 8:30: Emergency Responders Thank You Social in Activity Center
- May 5-16: STAR Spring Assessments
- May 6 at 2:00: 3rd-4th State Reports in Church Basement
- May 7 at 12:30 and 6:30: ILS Spring Sing Concert
- May 8: ILS Softball Tournament (grades 5-8)
- May 9: Track and Field Day in Fairmont (grades K-8)
- May 9: NO PREK
- May 13: Mankato Softball Tournament (grades 7-8)
- May 13: 1st-2nd grade Field Trip to Ocheda Dairy
- May 13: 5th-6th grade Field Trip to Pioneer Village in Worthington.
- May 14: Arnold's Park Day (grades 5-8)
- May 16: PreK and Kindergarten Field Trip to Kilen Woods.
- May 17 at 7:00: ILS Band Concert at MLHS Northrop
- May 18-21: 7th-8th grade Class Trip to Ashland, Nebraska
- May 20: 3rd-4th grade Field Trip to Walnut Grove
- May 22 at 10:00: Preschool/PreK Completion Program
- May 22 at 1:30: AR Party for the 4th Quarter
- May 23: Last Day of School
- May 23 at 10:00: ILS Graduation and Awards Service (K & 8th Graduation, Awards for K-8th)
- May 23: EARLY OUT AROUND NOON—NO SCHOOL LUNCH—NO BUS AFTER SCHOOL



## *From the Principal:*

He is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia! This truth cannot be spoken enough! As Believers, the most important day of the year, Resurrection Day is behind us. So, what now? After the crucifixion, Jesus' disciples were asking the same question, but without the gift of hindsight we enjoy. They were holed up in a room possibly having heard rumors that Jesus was alive. As recorded in

Luke 24, after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the Disciples and proved who He was by His nail-scarred hands and pierced side. He was truly risen! The Disciples' "what now?" turned into a "what's next?" In Luke 24:45-49 Jesus reveals that answer. First, He opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures, next He clearly outlined the Gospel, promised to send them the Father's designated Helper, the Holy Spirit and finally, gave them their mission: "repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in my name to all nations." Jesus knew His ministry on earth was ending, but the ministry would continue, through His Disciples. And, over the following 40 days, Jesus encouraged, taught and prepared them for this eternally important work - sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The call of the Disciples is our call. In Acts 1:19 Jesus tells us, "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." God, through the example of Jesus, has called us all to ministry. You might think, "Who me? Am I equipped for this? What does this look like? What would I say?" I'd be thinking the same thing, but then I look back at the verses listed above, the "how" becomes clear. First, let's pray that God would open our minds so we can understand His Word. Next, let's cling to the promised Holy Spirit as He will help us (John 14:26); finally, let's exercise our faith through trusting and obeying. Remember, it's in God working through you (Zech. 4:6), that His truth will hit the mark.

What now? It's time for us to do the good works God prepared in advance for us to do (Eph. 2:10)

What a call! What a message to share! Oh, what a Risen Savior!



## 2025 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL GRADUATES

### 8TH GRADE GRADUATES:

|                       |                |
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| Janessa Dunker        | Deja Harris    |
| Natalie Jeske         | IvyAnne Peters |
| Kaelyn Swanson-Voight |                |

### KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES:

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|----------------|------------------|
| Lorena Buresch | Cora Hawn        |
| Arleah Place   | Evelyn Wassenaar |

~ Dean A. Jennissen, Principal





- 2 ~ Judy Milbrath
- 3 ~ Alice Carrigan  
Declan Swanson
- 4 ~ Geraldine Burmeister
- 5 ~ Terry Wagner
- 6 ~ Alexa Driggers  
McKenna Dinneen
- 8 ~ Izabella Grein  
Kurt Swanson
- 9 ~ Carmen Stevens  
Drew Hage  
Mark Thaemlitz  
Shane Rossow
- 12 ~ Brandon Laabs
- 13 ~ Nathan Daberkow  
Violet Damm
- 15 ~ Tatum Phillips  
Josh Swanson
- 16 ~ Chase Hage  
Megan John  
Nathan John  
Jill Sauter  
Myleen Swanson
- 17 ~ Butch Bellows  
Kathy Poelaert  
John Luft
- 18 ~ Anthony O'Neill
- 19 ~ Aliza Liepold  
Nora Freking
- 20 ~ Andrea Rossow  
Cheryl Ulferts
- 24 ~ Gary Jochims  
Kurt Beeck
- 26 ~ Mallory Frantsen
- 28 ~ Clay Cranston
- 30 ~ Elliot Wagner
- 31 ~ Maddox Boogerd  
Abby Frantsen

**HOUSEKEEPING REQUEST:** For those who bring a coffee or other beverages into church... if you accidentally spill, we kindly ask you to please immediately clean it up. Paper towels can be found in the bathroom and there are kleenexes and clorox wipes on the welcome center in the narthex. If it is spilled on a pew cushion or the carpet, please let the elder know so they can pass that on to our custodian. If help is needed, you may ask the elder. We appreciate your helping us keep our facility looking nice. Thank you for understanding.

**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH** is at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop on Sunday, May 11th, from 10:00-1:00. On the menu: Assorted Egg Bakes, Eleanor's Fruit Salad, Donuts from Kiehl's Bakery, and Beverages. Cost is a freewill donation. Proceeds will support the 2026 Educational Trip to England and Scotland. The school is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

**OUR 3RD QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS** were given to Hearts For Jesus: World Vision Ignite. These offerings (Freshwater Fifties) helped provide fresh water to people who do not have access to it. Here is a thank you that was sent to us:

**THANK YOU** for your school's gift of \$1,175.45. Schools like yours are empowering kids and families to rise above poverty and build futures once thought unreachable. As we continue to see God's miraculous hand transforming lives, know that you are an essential part of this work. We all have a part to play, and your school is truly a champion in working alongside vulnerable children and families. In the words of Paul, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5) World Vision is truly blessed to have your school as a partner—and a champion for kids. Thank you're your gift and compassion for others.

**WALKING TACO SUPPER:** The Lakefield Lions invite everyone for Walking Tacos at the Multi-Purpose Center on Main Street on Monday, May 5th. Walking Tacos will be served from 5:00-6:00 p.m. for a freewill offering. All donations will go to the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation. Maddie Rasche will give a presentation at 6:00 p.m. about her family's journey with hearing deficit and cochlear implant. The Multi-Purpose Center is located at 112 Main Street in Lakefield.

**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](mailto:immanuel@immanuellakefield.com).

**REDCROSS BLOODMOBILE** will be here at the Immanuel Lutheran Activity Center on Tuesday, May 6th from 1:00-6:00 p.m. For appointments call 800-733-2767 or online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**GRADUATION, CONFIRMATION, AND  
MOTHER'S DAY CARDS ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE AT THE BOOKSTORE**

**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.

## YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

- **CAMP MINNEBOJI** will take place this summer from June 15-21 at Camp Okoboji. This year's theme is "Hidden & Revealed" based on 1 Corinthians 3:7. Camp Minneboji is for students who have completed grades 4-9. Cost is \$500. We have had youth go including Kristofer Altman, Izzy Grein, Alexa Henning, Aliza Liepold, and Thomas Liepold. They had a great time at camp! Check out their facebook page (Camp Minneboji) or their website ([www.minneboji.com](http://www.minneboji.com)) for information and registration.
- **CAMP OMEGA** in Waterville, Minnesota has a large selection of camps. Information may be found online at [www.CampOmega.org](http://www.CampOmega.org) or by calling 507-685-4266. Camp handouts may also be found on the welcome center in the narthex. Please help yourself to one. It is a fun camp with lots of different opportunities.
- **CAMP OKOBOJI** in Milford, Iowa also has many camps available. More information may be found online at [www.campokobji.org](http://www.campokobji.org) or by calling 712-337-3325.
- **HIGHER THINGS CONFIRMATION CAMP** will be held July 29-August 1 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, Iowa. More information can be found at [www.higherthings.org/events/confirmation-camp/](http://www.higherthings.org/events/confirmation-camp/) or by contacting Alec Deppe, Director of Programs and Retreats at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca at 319-848-4187. Many fun things to do at camp including horseback riding, rock climbing, zip lining, and canoeing.
- **BASKETBALL CAMP** is at Martin Luther High School in Northrop July 7th-10th from 9:00-12:00. Camp is for incoming 3rd-8th graders. Ball Handling, Offense & Defense, Shooting Form, Rebounding, and much more will be covered. Coaches are Reed and Leslie Wokasch. Cost is \$30 per camper and includes a t-shirt. Register online at [martinlutherhs.com](http://martinlutherhs.com) under Special Events. Sign up by May 25th.
- **NITRO-X CAMP** is at Minnesota State University in Mankato July 15th-17th from 8:00-3:00 for incoming 6th-8th graders. Race RC cars, VIP industry tours, paint your own RC car body, explore transportation careers, and learn technical skills. Cost is \$300 and includes a t-shirt, daily lunch and snacks, plus they will get to take home the RC car body they designed and painted. Register online at [linktr.ee/NitroXSummerCamp](http://linktr.ee/NitroXSummerCamp)

**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.



5/5/05 Kurt and Jade Hubbard  
5/7/22 Derek and Tricia Schulz  
5/19/12 Eric and Elsie Kruger  
5/19/18 Clay and Alexandra Salzwedel  
5/22/65 Donald and Carol Schulz  
5/22/10 Brandon and Sarah Laabs  
5/24/01 Jerry and Shirley Freckmann  
5/25/02 Justin and Tami Farmer

**PLAY IT AGAIN GOLF BENEFIT** for the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Music Department will be held on Saturday, June 14th at Rose Lake Golf Club, rural Fairmont. This 2-person best-ball golf tournament has a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start with registration beginning at 12:15 p.m. Pre-register online at [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com) by June 1st. Cost is \$80 per golfer which includes 18 holes of golf, cart rental with a partner, and dinner. All golfers are welcome! \$100 cold cash give-away and many prizes awarded. Rain date is June 15th. Rose Lake Golf Club is located at 2456 104th St., rural Fairmont.

**2024 MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION CELEBRATION** is on Sunday, May 18th at 4:00 p.m. Students will receive awards, scholarship announcements will be made and Seniors will be recognized. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

### 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.*

**RELAY FOR LIFE JACKSON COUNTY** is Wednesday, June 18th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at North City Park in Lakefield. This come and go event features a burger meal, silent auction, local entertainment, and bingo. The gazebo will once again be our “Wall of Honor” with purple ribbons inside to honor our cancer survivors and help us to remember those who have passed on. Interested in purchasing a ribbon? Contact Amy Altman, Dory Poppe, or Mary Poppe. Also, it’s never too late to start or join a team, visit “RelayforLife.org/JacksonMN” for more information. Come out and help us Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back!

**ARE YOU A CANCER SURVIVOR?** We are planning something really special for you, but we need your help. A volunteer is cutting out wooden ribbons for each survivor. These ribbons will have the survivor’s name on them along with the year they were diagnosed. These will also be painted the color of their cancer ribbon (examples: breast – pink, prostate – light blue, ovarian – teal, colon – dark blue). We want to do this for every cancer survivor whether they are able to make it to Relay for Life that night or not. We want to get these done ahead of time so we can have them all on display that night. Would you please reach out to Lisa by May 31st to let her know what type of cancer you have and the year you were diagnosed? You can call/text 507-841-1671 or email [lisa@kozyheat.com](mailto:lisa@kozyheat.com).

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

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

#### REGION IV SPELLING BEE RESULTS

Grades 7/8:

- ~ Devyn Ness: 7th place
- ~ Alivia Ackermann: 9th place

Grades 5/6:

- ~ Caleb Laabs: 10th place
- ~ Shane Pavelko: participation

Grades 3/4:

- ~ Aaron Ackermann: 2nd place
- ~ Ben Hesemann: participation

Grades 1/2:

- ~ Jack Swanson: 8th place
- ~ Weston Buresch: 10th place

**ILS also received 3rd place out of 12 as a team!**

**GREAT JOB SPELLERS!!!**

Thank you to these adults who helped at Spelling Bee practice: LaDonna Peterson, Kelly Ackermann, Amy Altman, and Leann Henning.



(Please drop this sheet into the offering plate, mail it, bring it to the church office, or send an email to [immanuel@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuellakefield.com) by May 20th if you want to receive)

## Lutheran Witness Sign-up...

**It is time to sign up for the Lutheran Witness...**

I would like to receive the Lutheran Witness

My Name is \_\_\_\_\_

My address complete with street and box number is

\_\_\_\_\_

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If you wish to contribute for your share of the magazine, you may place your gift in the offering plate and write Lutheran Witness on your offering envelope. Immanuel pays for the subscription for our members, but if you’d like to help out, the cost is \$24.97. Please turn this in by May 20.

#### 4/13/2025 VOTERS' MEETING MINUTES

Called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Kurt Swanson.

Opening prayer by Pastor Herr.

**MSC** to approve Voters' Meeting Minutes from 1/12/25.

**MSC** to approve Special Voters' meetings on 4/7/25 to call a Pastor.

**MSC** to approve Official Acts for First Quarter, 2025.

#### **BOARD OF ELDERS:**

POI: May 1 Pastor Herr full time vacancy pastor.

POI: Lenten Meal donations went to water projection, youth groups, and youth trip to national convention.

POI: No Wednesday nights Service till we get a full time pastor.

POI: Confirmation May 11th with questioning

#### **BOARD OF FINANCE:**

POI: Presented updated financial report.

POI: Presented numbers on cost per student and ideas on balancing costs

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

No report

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:** reported by Principal Jennissen.

POI: Walz budget cuts could impact transportation, nursing service and curriculum

POI: reach out to other congregations regarding cost per student

#### **BOARD OF CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES:**

No report

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

POI: 50% of members age 60 or older from synod report.

**MSC** to adjourn at 11:18 AM

Closed with the Lord's Prayer. 47 members present.

Submitted By: Kerry Sydnese, Congregational Secretary

#### **TREASURERS REPORT FOR APRIL**

*Current Fund needed for April.....\$74,016*  
**Offering Received in April.....\$50,205**  
**+ Tuition Received in April.....\$5,515**  
**= Current Fund Total April.....\$55,720**  
*Current Fund needed each week .....\$18,504*  
*Year to date Offerings/Tuition minus Expenses =*  
*- \$37,898 as of 3/19/2025*

*If you have any questions,  
please contact Jesse Ackermann*

**TREASURER/BUSINESS MANAGER:** The LCMS Minnesota South District is hiring a Treasurer/Business Manager. A qualified candidate will have a specific skill set to fulfill the role. The full job description and employment application can be found on the bulletin board in the church basement. You will note that one of the requirements for the new hire is to be a member of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and be supportive of the mission of the Minnesota South District, a very unique qualifier. If interested please send completed application and resume to [seanmartens@mnsdistrict.org](mailto:seanmartens@mnsdistrict.org)

**THE 4TH ANNUAL 21 QUILT SALUTE TO JACKSON COUNTY VETERANS** will be held during the Jackson County Fair on Friday, August 1st, at 2:00 p.m. in the Blue Vender Building. This program is sponsored by the Riverbend Quilt Guild. If you would like to nominate a Jackson County past or present Veteran, man or woman please fill out a form and return to one of the persons listed. The form can be found on the welcome center in the narthex. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help make a quilt you may also send that donation to one of the persons listed on the form or contact a Guild member. All are welcome to the program to thank our Veterans for their Service to Our Country.

**THE ENDOWMENT FUND** of Immanuel Lutheran is made available to members of our church who are advancing their education to be Christ-centered, life changing future church professionals or lay leaders (including pastors, Lutheran school teachers, principals, deaconess...) Parents encourage your children to consider this as a career choice. Please call the church office with any questions.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Register online at: [mytads.com/a/immanuellakefield](https://mytads.com/a/immanuellakefield)**

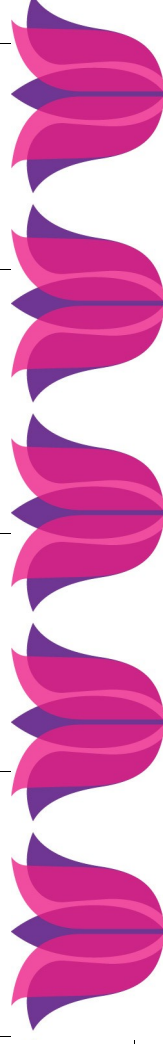


# May 2025

Seek the Lord and His strength,  
seek His presence continually ~ 1 Chronicles 16:11



|                                                                                                       | Tue                                                                                   | Wed                                                               | Thu                                                                 | Fri                                                  | Sat                                                                                                |
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| 4<br>9:00 Worship with Communion<br>10:15 Sunday School Teacher<br>Appreciation in Activity<br>Center | 5<br>1:00-6:00<br>Bloodmobile in<br>Activity Center<br>6:10 Imm Ringers<br>7:10 Choir | 6<br>8:20 Chapel<br>12:30 ILS Spring Sing<br>6:30 ILS Spring Sing | 7<br>ILS Softball<br>Tournament                                     | 8<br>Track and Field Day<br>in Fairmont<br>NO PREK   | 9<br>8:30 Emergency<br>Responders Thank<br>You Social in<br>Activity Center                        |
| 11 Confirmation Sunday<br>9:00 Worship with Communion                                                 | 12<br>RSVP due for LWML<br>Salad Supper<br>5:15 Bd Cong.<br>Services Mtg              | 13<br>Mankato Softball<br>Tournament                              | 14<br>8:20 Chapel<br>5:00 LWML Salad<br>Supper<br>5:30 Bd of Ed Mtg | 15<br>5:30 Bd Trustees<br>Mtg                        | 16<br>7:00 ILS Band<br>Concert at<br>MLHS Northrop                                                 |
| 18 Graduate Recognition<br>9:00 Worship with Communion<br>10:15 Bible Class                           | 19                                                                                    | 20                                                                | 21<br>6:00 Bd of Elders Mtg<br>7:00 Joint Boards                    | 22<br>10:00 Preschool/<br>PreK Completion<br>Program | 23<br>Last Day of School<br>EARLY OUT<br>AROUND NOON<br>10:00 ILS Graduation<br>and Awards Service |
| 25<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:30 Board of Finance Mtg                                                      | 26 Memorial Day<br>OFFICES CLOSED                                                     | 27                                                                | 28                                                                  | 29                                                   | 30                                                                                                 |
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*Worship Schedule —*

Sunday Morning Services  
9:00 AM

Sunday School  
Youth Group Bible Study  
Bible Class  
10:15 AM

Communion Celebrated  
1st and 3rd Sunday

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith.  
~ 1 Corinthians 16:13

*MAY Monthly*

