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# *The Newsletter*

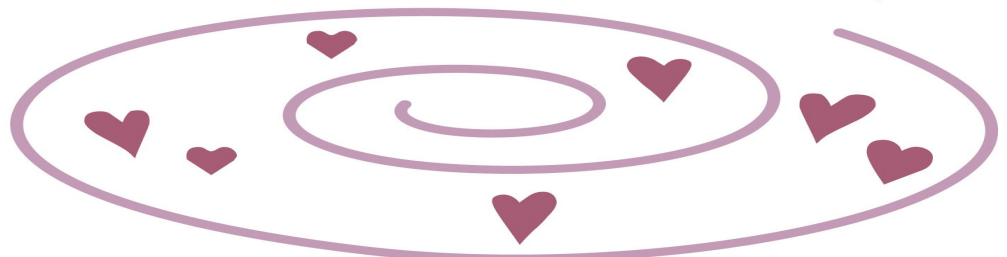
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Lakefield, Minnesota

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## February

STIR UP  
♥ LOVE ♥  
and  
GOOD WORKS.



*Hebrews 10:24, NKJV*

### *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 Monday, February 26th 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, February 12th at 5:15 p.m.
- Board of Elders: Monday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m.
- Board of Finance: Sunday, February 25th at 10:30 a.m.
- Board of Trustees: Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m.
- Board of Ed: Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m.

**VALET PARKING:** We would like to invite those of you who have a problem walking a distance to drive your car up to the carport when you come for worship and we will have an usher or an elder park your car for you. Following services, we will return your vehicle to the carport. We especially encourage you to take advantage of this during icy, snowy, winter weather.

## *Ash Wednesday & Lent Worship Services*

### *Ash Wednesday Worship Service*

Wednesday, February 14 ~ 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 15 ~ 7:00 p.m.

### *Lenten Worship Services*

Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.

February 21, 28 & March 6, 13, 20

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

February 22, 29 & March 7, 14, 21

**A CALL** was extended to Rev. Luke Anderson after the voters meeting on Sunday, January 21st. Please pray for Pastor Anderson and his family as he considers the Call to serve us here at Immanuel and his current Call to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grafton, WI. Pray that the Lord would guide him in his decision.

**NO MONDAY EVENING SERVICES** will be held during Lent or during the week of Ash Wednesday: February 12th through March 25th.

**GIVING STATEMENTS** for 2023 are ready. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet on the window in the narthex if you would like one or give Amy in the church office a call at 507-662-5718. Statements can then be picked up from the welcome center in the narthex or mailed out.

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

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available. This year's devotions are titled "Lamb of God". Both regular and large print copies can be found on the welcome center in the narthex. Please help yourself to a copy.

## **CHANGES TO SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIME AND SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY, AND BIBLE CLASS TIMES**

*During the winter month of FEBRUARY our Sunday worship service times along with our Sunday School, Youth Group Bible Study, and Bible Class times will change to:*

- ♦ **Worship: 9:00 a.m.**
- ♦ **Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.**
- ♦ **Youth Group Bible Study: 10:15 a.m.**
- ♦ **Bible Class: 10:15 a.m.**

## **DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR SUPER BOWL SUBS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11!**

**This is a fundraiser for the handicap bathrooms and elevator/lift that is sponsored by our LWML**

**ORDER FORM CAN BE FOUND TOWARDS THE BACK OF THE NEWSLETTER**

**Gluten free option available for both your sub (may be a gluten free bun or wrap) and your bar – Please note on your order form if you'd like gluten free.**

**JOIN US FOR LENTEN SUPPERS** on Thursday evenings from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Suppers will be held prior to our Thursday evening Ash Wednesday and Lent services. Our boards at Immanuel plus our LWML will each be hosting a Lenten supper this year. A freewill donation will be taken.

Here is a list of upcoming Lenten suppers:

- February 15: Board of Congregational Services serving Cheesy Turkey
- February 22: Board of Elders serving BBQs
- February 29: Board of Trustees serving ?

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR** here at Immanuel Lutheran School will be opening soon. Current families watch fastdirect and the school newsletter to find out when it will open. Interested families, once registration opens, it will be publicized in the church bulletin, monthly newsletter, and on Facebook. Any questions please contact the school at 507-662-5860.

**CHURCH ANSWERING MACHINE:** I am not able to retrieve messages off the answering machine right now. You can still call the church and school, but if I don't answer, please do not leave a message. Feel free to email me (immanuel@immanuellakefield.com) or call/text my cell (507-329-7464).

Thank you, Amy

**SCRIP ORDERS** are taken weekly. Please turn in your orders to Amy in the church office by 8:30 a.m. on Mondays and it will be ready for you to pick it up the following Monday. Order forms can be found 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@immanuellakefield.com

### **OFFICIAL ACTS FOR JANUARY 2024**

Membership:

Baptized: 597      Communicants: 443

ENTERING IMMANUEL...

LEAVING IMMANUEL...

...By Transfer –

...Entering Church Triumphant –

Joyce Rossow took the hand of her Lord on January 10th, 2024 and was given a Christian funeral service on January 18th, 2024. Burial will be at a later date at Lakeview Cemetery in Windom.

David Ackermann received his crown of glory on January 17th, 2024 and was given a Christian burial on January 22nd, 2024. Burial is at Immanuel Cemetery.

David Roesner took the hand of his Lord on January 28th, 2024. No funeral service was held. Cremated with no burial planned at this time.

## **LWML Happenings** **Lutheran Women In Mission**

The stores have aisles filled with Valentine's Day decorations and candy. You see messages of love on candy hearts, clothing, balloons, and greeting cards. Please join us at our next monthly meeting on Valentine's Day, February 14, in the church basement, as we read some Bible passages and see what God would tell us about His love if He were writing messages on candy hearts. A light supper will be served by the LWML officers at 5:15, with the devotion and meeting to follow at 5:30.

Serving on Altar Guild for the month of February are Monette Berkevich, Dellynn Monson, and Cheryl Ulferts. We thank them for taking care of the altar duties.

Immanuel LWML will be making sub sandwiches for Superbowl Sunday, February 11. This will be a fundraiser for the handicap bathrooms and elevator/lift project. Orders need to be submitted by Sunday, February 4.

As always, all women of the congregation are welcome to attend. As we think about love on Valentine's Day, let's share God's love with others every day.

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



**OKTOBERFEST'S FIRST MEETING** is scheduled for Monday evening, February 26th at 6:30 pm in the church basement. This is a very **IMPORTANT** meeting because once again we need to make the decision if we have enough volunteers to keep it going. Please join us! There will be election of officers, setting up an event schedule so insurance can be acquired in a timely manner & opinions of what's a keeper or not.

#### YOUTH NEWS (GRADES 6-12)

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study Opportunities:**  
Adult Bible Class in the church basement  
OR  
Youth Group Bible Study in the "Youth Room" (aka mothers' room)—Join your fellow YOUTH- brothers and sisters in Christ- for life changing Bible Study.
- **"Bowling & Bible Study"** youth group event was cancelled in January. It is going to be rescheduled to February. Watch the bulletin for the date!
- **Check out the bulletin board in the narthex to keep informed with youth activities.**

#### WANT TO GET SOME EXERCISE THIS WINTER?

Wellness Committee would like to start a morning walking group. The Activity Center would be available for us to use in the morning from 6:30-7:15 or in the afternoon from 4:00-5:00. Before we start this though, we need to know if there is an interest in doing it. Please let one of our committee members know (Beth Carlson 507-370-3107, Ami Swanson, Donna Hage, Deb Burmeister, Sarah Laabs, Carolyn Hansen) or Amy in the office 507-662-5718.

#### 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 McDonald directly. He will schedule a time to meet you. Pastor's cell is 507-993-1113. Email: mcdonald.david66@yahoo.com

#### THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

It's that time again for those with an account through Thrivent to direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars. Your Thrivent Choice Dollars can be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran School. This can be done online at [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or by calling 800-847-4836 and when prompted saying "Thrivent Choice". Any questions can be directed to Curt Baumgard at the Lakefield Thrivent office at 507-662-5455.

### Immanuel Lutheran School Basketball Schedule

February 1 at 4:15  
B at St. Paul's, Truman  
February 2-3  
B Tournament at St. Paul's, Fairmont  
February 5 at 4:15  
A & B at home vs. Concordia, Mankato  
February 6 at 4:15  
A & B at Worthington Christian  
February 9-10  
A Tournament at Immanuel, Courtland  
February 13 at 4:15  
B at home vs. St. Paul's, Truman



#### *Stewardship Moment...*

**Mark 9:6** – *"For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified." Soon enough, the disciples' terror turned into joy, for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity — for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.*



## 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)

**February 4**

**“Nature Abhors a Vacuum”**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

*What fills the heart that has no room to forgive?*

*(Ephesians 4:32)*

**February 11**

**“What Is Evangelism?”**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

*How do you encourage someone to receive the gift God has for them? That's what evangelism is all about.*

*(Mark 9:7-8)*

**February 18**

**“Redeeming DIY”**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

*(Mark 1:12-13)*

**February 25**

**“When Winning Is Losing”**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

*(Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31. Romans 5:1-11, Mark 8:8-27)*

### NOTE FROM THE FINANCE BOARD:

The church and school are in need of raising funds for the projects that are currently going on. The school is replacing furnaces and windows in the gym and some classrooms. The total needed funds to complete these repairs is \$16,000. We have received donations toward this project of \$26,000. The other project currently taking place is the handicap bathroom and lift project for the church. There is \$44,000 of projected cost that has not been covered by past and present donations to the project. If you would like to give towards the cost of completing these projects please consider making a special donation to the capital improvement fund so we can keep the church and school in good condition.

### REGISTRATION AT MARTIN LUTHER

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Early bird enrollment discounts are in effect until March 1 for new students enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop. New families are invited to a Getting to Know U KNIGHT hosted by the Class of 2027 on Thursday, February 29th at 6:00 p.m. Students will give tours, a light supper will be served, and new families will have a signing opportunity with the MLHS Team. All students are welcome to enroll at MLHS. Interested families may call 507-436-5249 to set up a visit. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop. [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com)

### NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BOOKSTORE:

Check out our wonderful selection of cards. We have birthday, get well, wedding, anniversary, baby, baptism, thank-you, and sympathy cards. All cards are 75 cents.

### 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.*



*Stewardship Moment...*

**1 Corinthians 9:25 – “Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.”** Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit, for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. Having received new life in Christ by His grace, He now calls us to follow Him deliberately, with self-control and intention.

# Immanuel Lutheran School Highlights

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



- **CHAPEL OFFERINGS** for the second quarter of were given to the Lakefield Food Shelf. We collected 731 food and hygiene items and \$66.67 was given as chapel offerings. Thanks everyone for supporting our local food shelf.
- **CHAPEL OFFERINGS** for the third quarter will go to Hearts for Jesus—Furnishing a Garuna Christian School in Cambodia. Our donations will help spread the Good News of Jesus with children and their families by helping to furnish Garuna Christian (Lutheran) School #8 in Siem Reap, Cambodia, and to provide transportation for students. The mission of Garuna is "to support and encourage the proclamation of the grace, mercy and compassion (garuna) of Jesus Christ to the peoples of Thailand, Cambodia and surrounding countries." More information about furnishing this Christian school can be found later in the newsletter.
- **EARLY OUT AT 2:30—FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND—JCC BUSES WILL RUN**
- **PRAIRIE ECOLOGY BUS** meets on Wednesday, February 7th from 2:15-3:45 p.m. in Mrs. Ackermann's classroom. It is for students in grades 3-6.
- **PARENT PICK UP DAY—NO JCC BUS AFTER SCHOOL—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**
- **NO SCHOOL—FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH**

## *From the Principal:*

We just wrapped an amazing National Lutheran Schools Week at ILS - my first. I can tell you, I was tired by the end of the basketball tournament on Saturday. My tired was what I call a "good tired." A "good tired" is when you worked extremely hard, even to the point of exhaustion, but it was all worth it. NLSW was worth it. We started the week with our school choir singing at church and ended it with the previously mentioned Cougar Basketball tournament - our 52nd Annual! In between we showed appreciation for our area church workers, served by packing meals for the hungry, visited residents at Colonial Manor, made quilts for those in need and prepared Valentines to those that could use a kind word. We played together, watched movies, made free-throws and conquered silly, fun games. Through all of this, we grew even closer together as an Immanuel family. Staff, students, families, the congregation and the community all came together to make each event and each day special. What we did together, I pray made God smile.

I leave you with the chorus to a hymn that came to mind, To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done:

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice;  
Oh, come the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.*

To Him be the glory.

*Dean A. Jennissen, Principal*

*Immanuel  
Lutheran School  
A Great Place to Grow*

*Principal:  
Dean Jennissen*

*Teachers:  
Stacy Soderholm: Preschool  
Sarah Mattila: PreK  
Jani Sage: Kindergarten  
LaDonna Peterson: Gr. 1-2  
Stacie Soleta: Gr. 2-3  
Kelly Ackermann: Gr. 3-4  
Gretchen Benda: Gr. 5-6  
Dean Jennissen: Gr. 7-8  
Phil Schult: Band*

*Support Staff:  
Raeleen Grein: Computer, AR  
Sheila Freking: Teacher Aide  
Caleb Soleta: Teacher Aide  
Pat Steffen: Hot Lunch  
Amy Altman: Secretary*





## February BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ~ Jessica Pauling
- 2 ~ Jeanine Ackermann  
Angela Oelke
- 3 ~ Caitlin Rossow
- 4 ~ Alissa Croatt
- 6 ~ David Bauer  
Larry Miller
- 8 ~ Joyce Meyer  
Roger Pohlman
- 9 ~ Landon Burmeister  
Kaelyn Swanson-Voight
- 10 ~ Christopher Johnson
- 11 ~ Dorene Poppe
- 12 ~ Justin Rossow
- 13 ~ Bentley Lappe
- 14 ~ Monique Rodriguez
- 15 ~ Gregory Carlson  
Linda Davis
- 16 ~ Joyce Aden  
Oakley Haar  
Hristina Hage
- 17 ~ Amy Rossow
- 19 ~ Michael Hendrickson
- 20 ~ Katie Burmeister
- 21 ~ Noah Sydnes
- 23 ~ Nicholas Hage  
Albert Henning  
Jennifer Stenzel
- 24 ~ Andrew T. Rossow
- 25 ~ Donna Hage  
Jayson Matasovsky
- 27 ~ Thomas Daberkow  
Sarah Matasovsky  
Derek Schulz
- 28 ~ Monette Berkevich  
Lilah Hubbard  
Elaine Pohlman

**CAMP INVENTION** will once again be here at Immanuel this summer! It will be June 10th-13th from 8:00-4:00. The theme for this year's STEM camp is "Illuminate". Campers will investigate the science of sports ball design and personalize their own light up board, create a customized Glow Box, explore water-based technology while engineering a tiny house with crops, plus mold and transform their own unique inventions. Register online for camp at [invent.org/camp](http://invent.org/camp). Cost for camp is \$270. Save \$25 when you register by using code: FUN25. Camp is for students entering grades 1-6 in fall 2024.

**WAFFLE FEED** is at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop on Sunday, February 25th from 10:00-1:00. Hosted by the Class of 2026. Cost is a free will donation to help with their Senior Class Trip. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

**RADA CUTLERY FUNDRAISER:** Immanuel Lutheran School is doing a RADA Cutlery Fundraiser. These are the knives, kitchen utensils, and food products that ILS had done as a fundraiser years ago. All shopping is done online and shipped directly to you. Here is the RADA shopping link: <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=7714827.f00d30> It will be open for the whole school year. Orders can be submitted anytime and will be shipped right to you. Thank you for supporting Immanuel Lutheran School.

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE** you may contact Pastor McDonald directly (507-993-1113 or [mcdonald.david66@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdonald.david66@yahoo.com)) Amy in the church office (507-662-5718 or [immanuel@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuellakefield.com)), or speak to one of the elders. This includes visits, prayer requests, communion for home bound members, among others. Pastor McDonald is our administrative vacancy pastor and is leading our Monday evening worship services.

**RALLY FOR RICK FUNDRAISER** is on Sunday, February 4th from 12:00-4:00 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plainview. Come for food, music, and a silent auction to help Rick and Pam with expenses after Rick's ALS diagnosis. Rick Arguto was the principal at Immanuel Lutheran School in Plainview where his wife, Pam, is the 5th-6th grade teacher. Immanuel Lutheran Church is located at 30 South Wabasha in Plainview. Donations may be sent to Peoples State Bank, 100 4th Ave. SE, Plainview, MN 55964. Make checks out to "Rally for Rick".

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)

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



## February ANNIVERSARIES

2/11/17 Dana and Lindsay Wendt  
2/25/21 Marcus and Lisa Post



## YOUTH CHESS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

Immanuel Lutheran Lakefield Activity Center

Grades: Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>

Check in: 8:30-8:45 a.m.

Round 1 begins: 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$10

Pre-Register:

online at [immanuellakefield.com](http://immanuellakefield.com)

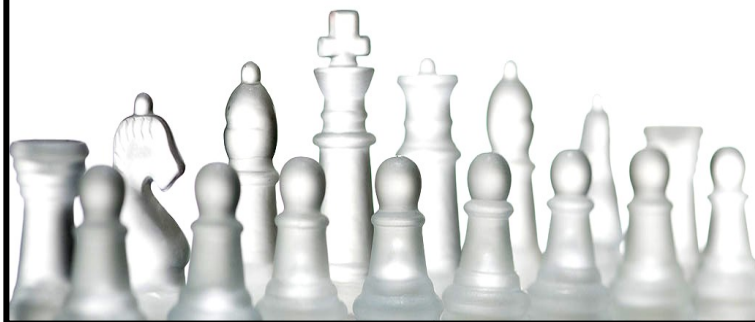
go to school tab

click on chess tournament

call 507-662-5860 (ask for Amy)

Players who do not pre-register will need to register between 8:15-8:30 that morning.

Lunch available:  
All players will receive a slice of pizza and a beverage.  
Additional pizza will be sold in our concession stand for parents and players.



**SOUP & CHILI DINNER** is at the Jackson American Legion on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-12:30. On the menu is Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, Breadstick, Dessert, and a Beverage. Freewill donation accepted with proceeds going to the Jackson Food Shelf, Jackson Ministerial, and Lutheran Hour Ministries. Meal is sponsored by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Jackson. Take out is available. Jackson American Legion is located at 411 1st Street.

**5th & 6th GRADE STEP UP DAY:** All 5th and 6th Grade Students are invited to Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School for a fun day of brain busting, pizza lunch and a talent show on Friday, February 23 from 9:30-1:30. To RSVP please call 507-436-5249. 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.*

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

- Library is closed on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Love My Library Contest: Submit a comment card at the library or online at [jclmn.org](http://jclmn.org) with a story of what you love about your library from February 1st-29th to be entered in a drawing for treats and Plum Creek Library branded items. This is in celebration of Plum Creek Library System's 50th anniversary.
- February is I Love to Read month. Enjoy a sweet treat every time you check out this month.
- "Read-a-Latte" Winter Reading Program for adults and teens (grades 8-12) goes through March 31st. Registration is open. Register online at [jclmn.org](http://jclmn.org) or at the library.
- Great Puzzle Race is on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30 a.m. Register your team of 2-4 people in this puzzle competition. Teams compete to see who can finish a 750 piece puzzle first and win a prize. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Storytime is held on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
- Bedtime Story Hour is on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- Elementary After School Program for students in grades K-4 is on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m. Activity is Magnets. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Tween & Teen Scene for students in grades 5-12 is on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m. Activity is Perler Beads. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Monthly Adult Program is on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Topic is Bookmark Craft. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Craft Café is on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Bring your own craft or do one of the library's crafts. This is self-led, the library staff will not be leading any specific craft.
- Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to discuss "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid.
- Monthly "Family" Movie Day is on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m.

**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).



**DO YOU LIKE TO DRIVE?** United Community Action Partnership has a volunteer driver program in your community. Volunteer drivers help get people to appointments and social outings so they can continue to live independently and active within the community. If you might be interested, give Amanda a call 507-847-2632 ext. 1119 or email [communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org](mailto:communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org)

**THE OH! WHAT A KNIGHT! DINNER AUCTION** will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Saturday, April 20th. Donations of new or handmade items and collectibles are welcome. Early notification and pictures are appreciated for advance publicity. More details are coming. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT FOR JANUARY**

*Current Fund needed for January.....\$62,396*  
**Offering Received in January.....\$34,329**  
**+ Tuition Received in January.....\$17,782**  
**= Current Fund Total January.....\$52,111**  
*Current Fund needed each week .....\$15,170*

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

**ON THE LINE** podcast presents daily Lutheran insights, drawing from expert voices, addressing the intersection of Christianity and culture today. Culminating in a detailed weekly long-form interview, the discussions offer listeners a unique blend of intellectual exploration and spiritual insight. Their mission is to cultivate honest, thoughtful, and rational Christians. With content and discussions firmly anchored in Christian teachings, the podcast encourages listeners to engage, reflect, and grow in their understanding of Christianity's impact in our modern age. Find the podcast on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/@otl\\_podcast](https://www.youtube.com/@otl_podcast)  
 Podcast Schedule:  
 February 5: Rev. Kurt Klaus  
 February 12: Rev. Geoffrey Boyl, Ph.D  
 February 19: Rev. Ben Griffin  
 February 26: Rev. William Weinrich, Th.D



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
 to our Boys for their 1st place finish and to our  
 Girls for their 2nd place finish at our  
 52nd Annual ILS Basketball Tournament.  
**WAY TO GO COUGARS!!!**

**POLAR PLUNGE AT CAMP OMEGA** is on Sunday, February 25th. Organize a team and collect some sponsors to create a lifelong memory while supporting Camp Omega. Schedule for the day:

- 1:00 Registration
- 2:00 Parade of Jumpers
- 2:30 First Plunger
- 3:30 Go Home and Thaw Out!

Name your team and dress in costumes! Changing areas provided but come prepared and bring towels. Shoes must be worn. Release waivers must be signed to participate. \$100 Channel Inn gift certificate for "Best Dressed" team. For more information and/or to pre-register a team of jumpers, email [Russ@CampOmega.org](mailto:Russ@CampOmega.org) or call/text 507-384-7947. Camp Omega is located at 22750 Lind Avenue in Waterville.

Called to order at 10:28 a.m. by Joel Poppe.  
Opening prayer by Pastor Klatt.

**MSC** to approve Voters' Meeting Minutes from October and December.

**MSC** to approve Official Acts for 2023.

**BOARD OF ELDERS:**

POI: Installation of officers is set for Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.  
POI: Monday night services begin again on January 8<sup>th</sup>.  
POI: Lenten services: Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m., and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. There will be Lenten suppers on Thursdays.

**BOARD OF FINANCE:**

POI: Financial report in agenda.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

POI: Bathroom addition project will be finished by yearend.  
POI: Replaced some blinds in church.  
POI: Furnaces are in and the windows haven't arrived yet.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

POI: Has set tuition for next year.  
POI: In the process of visiting sister congregations to share information about the school.  
POI: Starting the hiring process for the K teacher for school year 2024-25.

**BOARD OF CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES:**

POI: Time and Talents survey will be done at the beginning of 2024.  
POI: Looking for a volunteer committee for the pictorial directory.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MSC** to approve Treasurer's Report.  
**MSC** to designate First National Bank to be our depository.  
**MSC** to have \$30,000 line of credit at First National Bank of Lakefield.  
**MSC** to renew trustee discretionary limit at \$7,500.  
**MSC** to approve Jared Ackermann and Austin Rossow as signers for Trustees.  
**MSC** to approve housing allowances for school staff: Kelly Ackermann, LaDonna Peterson, Gretchen Benda, and Sarah Mattila.  
POI: Thrivent Choice dollars are available through March. They can be designated to Immanuel Church.

**MSC** to adjourn at 10:48 a.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer. 44 members present.  
Submitted By: Sue Salzwedel, Congregational Secretary

**FROM THE IMMANUEL WELLNESS COMMITTEE...**

**FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART**

**MONTH**, a great time to improve your daily habits that can prevent cardiovascular disease.

Maintain a healthy diet. Choose low-fat, high fiber, and low-sodium foods. Fruits, vegetables, beans, yogurt, and fish are all foods that help your heart.

Get active (discuss activity limits with your doctor). Participate in the SAIL program, designed specifically for older adults, at the Lakefield Multi-Purpose Center on Mondays and Fridays 1:00 – 2:00.

Stop tobacco use  
The Congregational Wellness committee would like to raise awareness of hypertension (high blood pressure) by offering **free blood pressure screenings** and informational brochures in the church narthex following the Sunday church service **February 11**. Please watch for notice of a brief informational session on the use of the AED (Automated External Defibrillator).

A walking program in the Activity Center, whether early morning or later afternoon, is still being considered. Watch the weekly church Messengers for further information.

**A SHOW OF LOVE FOR BECKY** Variety Show and Silent Auction is at the Greater Round Lake Community Center in Round Lake. Variety Show is on Saturday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m. Silent Auction is on Saturday, February 17th. Bidding starts at 6:00 p.m. Winners announced after the Variety Show that night. Becky Strandberg of Round Lake was diagnosed with grade 3 breast cancer. All money raised will help Becky and her family with medical bills and expenses. Popcorn, Candy, Pop, Water, and Coffee available for a freewill donation. Greater Round Lake Community Center is located at 445 Harrison Street in Round Lake.



## Immanuel LWML Sub Sandwich Fundraiser

**\$10 - Sub & Homemade Bar**

Orders need to be in by February 4th

Orders may be picked up in the church basement  
after worship on Sunday, February 11th for

# **SUPERBOWL SUNDAY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Sub #1—Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Bread: White \_\_\_\_\_ Wheat \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten-Free \_\_\_\_\_

Meat: Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

Cheese: American \_\_\_\_\_ Cheddar \_\_\_\_\_ Pepperjack \_\_\_\_\_

Greens: Lettuce \_\_\_\_\_ Spinach \_\_\_\_\_

Other: Black Olives \_\_\_\_\_ Onions \_\_\_\_\_

Sub #2—Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Bread: White \_\_\_\_\_ Wheat \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten-Free \_\_\_\_\_

Meat: Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

Cheese: American \_\_\_\_\_ Cheddar \_\_\_\_\_ Pepperjack \_\_\_\_\_

Greens: Lettuce \_\_\_\_\_ Spinach \_\_\_\_\_

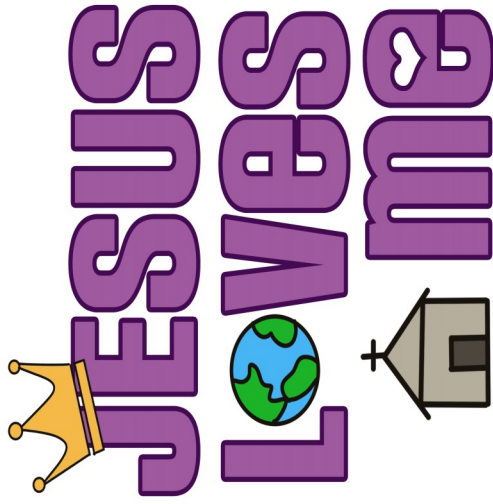
Other: Black Olives \_\_\_\_\_ Onions \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Immanuel LWML

Orders can be turned in before and after church or call Amy  
Altman 507-329-7464 or Carolyn Hansen 507-830-2108.

All proceeds going towards the handicap bathrooms  
and elevator/lift project.



# February 2024

**We love because HE first loved us. ~1 John 4:19**

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| <b>4</b> Orders due for Superbowl Subs<br>9:00 Worship with Communion<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study<br>12:30 & 7:00 SW Broadcast Service                           | <b>5</b><br>4:15 A & B BB at home vs. Concordia, Mankato<br>7:00 Worship with Communion               | <b>6</b><br>1:00-6:00 Bloodmobile in Activity Center<br>4:15 A & B BB at Worthington Christian | <b>7</b><br>8:20 Chapel<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>2:15 Prairie Ecology Bus—grades 3-6<br>6:10 Bell Ringers<br>7:10 Choir                 | <b>1</b><br>4:15 B BB at St. Paul's, Truman                                                                               | <b>2</b><br>2:30 EARLY OUT B BB Tournament at St. Paul's, Fairmont | <b>3</b><br>B BB Tournament at St. Paul's, Fairmont |
| <b>11</b> Pick up Subs after church<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Blood Pressure Checks after church<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study<br>12:30 & 7:00 SW Broadcast Service | <b>12</b><br>5:15 Bd of Cong. Services Mtg                                                            | <b>13</b><br>4:15 B BB at home vs. St. Paul's, Truman                                          | <b>14</b> Ash Wednesday<br>8:30 Ash Wednesday Worship<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>5:15 LWML<br>6:10 Bell Ringers<br>7:10 Choir             | <b>15</b><br>PARENT PICK UP DAY<br>NO JCC BUS AFTER SCHOOL<br>5:00-6:30 Lent Supper<br>7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Service | <b>16</b><br>NO SCHOOL                                             | <b>17</b>                                           |
| <b>18</b> Lent I<br>9:00 Worship with Communion<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study<br>12:30 & 7:00 SW Broadcast Service                                                 | <b>19</b><br>NO SCHOOL                                                                                | <b>20</b>                                                                                      | <b>21</b><br>8:30 Lent Worship<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>6:10 Bell Ringers<br>7:10 Choir                                                 | <b>22</b><br>5:00-6:30 Lent Supper<br>7:00 Lent Worship                                                                   | <b>23</b>                                                          | <b>24</b>                                           |
| <b>25</b> Lent II<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study<br>10:30 Bd of Finance Mtg<br>12:30 & 7:00 SW Broadcast Service                                    | <b>26</b><br>6:00 Bd of Elders Mtg<br>6:30 Oktoberfest<br>Mtg in Church Basement<br>7:00 Joint Boards | <b>27</b>                                                                                      | <b>28</b><br>8:30 Lent Worship<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>6:10 Bell Ringers<br>6:30 Bd of Ed Mtg<br>6:30 Bd of Trustees Mtg<br>7:10 Choir | <b>29</b><br>5:00-6:30 Lent Supper<br>7:00 Lent Worship                                                                   |                                                                    |                                                     |



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*Worship Schedule —*

Sunday Morning Services  
9:00 AM  
Sunday School and Bible Class  
10:15 AM  
Southwest Broadstream Services  
12:30 & 7:00 PM  
Communion Celebrated  
1st and 3rd Sunday

Share God's Love

*FEBRUARY Monthly*

Knit together  
**IN LOVE.**  
COLOSSIANS 2:2, ESV

