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# The Newsletter

of Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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## November



### *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 AND CHURCH COUNCIL** meet on Wednesday, November 19th 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, November 10th at 5:15 p.m.
- Board of Elders: Wednesday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m.
- Board of Finance: Sunday, November 30th at 10:30 a.m.
- Board of Trustees: Thursday, November 20th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Ed: Wednesday, November 19th at 5:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION PARENTS:**

Practice for our Sunday School Christmas service will be starting on November 23rd during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30). The Sunday School Christmas Service is on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. Brenda Matasovsky is directing. She needs to know if your children (3-year-old through 8th grade) will be there as she will be assigning parts. Please let Amy in the church office know if your children will or will not be there. Call her at 507-662-5718, text her at 507-329-7464, or send an email to [immanuel@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuellakefield.com). We will need to know if your children will be in it by November 16th.

**REDCROSS BLOODMOBILE** is in Lakefield at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Tuesday, December 2nd from 1:00-6:00. For appointments call 800-733-2767 or schedule online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**UPDATE ON BLOODMOBILE LOCATIONS:** Due to school security concerns, the bloodmobile will no longer be here at Immanuel in the Activity Center, but will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church instead.

## ILS Shopping Night

**Friday, November 7**

**4:30-7:30 PM**

**Immanuel Activity Center  
620 Bush St., Lakefield, MN**

*Come and do your Christmas Shopping...*

- Shop the products of many home-based and local businesses for unique gifts
- Bid on the Silent Auction baskets
- Meal ~ 7th-8th grade are hosting as a fundraiser for their class trip with a freewill donation
- I:55 Book Fair



## Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule

### Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 27  
7:00 PM

### Advent Services

Wednesday, December 3  
Wednesday, December 10  
8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

### ILS Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 17  
Time TBD

### Sunday School Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 24  
4:00 PM

### Christmas Eve Candlelight

Wednesday, December 24  
8:00 PM

### Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25  
9:00 AM



**ALL SAINTS DAY** will be celebrated on Sunday, November 2nd. As part of our celebration, we will be commemorating the faithful departed, those who have been called to their eternal rest during the past year. We give thanks to our God for these individuals who were examples in Christian faith to us...

*Delores Steffen*

*Marlene Hendricksen*

*Melvin Grein*

*Linda Wagner*

*Ines Henning*

*June Salzwedel*

*Beverly Hall*

*Rose Parrington*

*Doris Rossow*

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." ~ John 3:16*



## “Thanksgiving!”

Dear Redeemed and Loved Saints of Immanuel!

Holiday season is upon us. Do you have a favorite? I tell people that Easter is my favorite holiday, because Christ rose from the dead. Christmas is my second favorite holiday because God sent Jesus into the world. However, Thanksgiving is quickly becoming one of my favorite holiday's.

Thanksgiving is strange. We stop to remember to give thanks for.....?  
(Fill in the blank)

One of my core memories is learning about Thanksgiving in preschool over a bowl of stone soup. However, as I got older, I realized the Thanksgiving that we learned about in the preschool, is not like the Thanksgiving we celebrate today. I went to find why?

After several failed attempts by President Washington, and people like Sarah Hale, finally in 1863 President Lincoln declares the last Thursday in November to be a National Day of Thanksgiving. A new holiday is born. For the simplest reason, reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18 “All of this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.” When Jesus brought you with His blood, we are no longer enemies.

After the events of July 1863, it was clear that the North would win the war. What worried President Lincoln was how to welcome back the Southern States. Here is why Thanksgiving has importance. Through the food we eat. What gets set on our plates is food that has deep southern roots. President Lincoln was concerned with finding a way for the Northern States to be reconciled with the Southern States.

Giving thanks for....? Thanksgiving is quickly becoming my favorite holiday. Because it makes me pause to remember the work that Christ came to do for the world. Reconcile us to the Father in Heaven. Paul says “While we are enemies, Christ Died for us.” Jesus, by taking away our sins, removed the separation between us and God. Thus, he reconciled us to the Father.

Through this reconciliation, Jesus restored to us the relationship that Father intended for us. That He would be our God and we would be His chosen, treasured possessions.

I pray that you all have a blessed Holiday season. As we give thanks to God for the work He has done through His Son, Jesus.

In the service of Christ,

Pastor Eric

### OFFICIAL ACTS FOR OCTOBER 2025

Membership: Baptized: 596 Communicants: 431

ENTERING IMMANUEL...

LEAVING IMMANUEL

...Entering Church Triumphant –

Beverly Hall received her crown of glory on October 3rd, 2025 and was given a Christian burial on October 11th, 2025. Burial is at Immanuel Cemetery.

Rose Parrington took the hand of her Lord on October 20th, 2025 and was given a Christian burial on October 27th, 2025. Burial is at Jackson Riverside Cemetery.

UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Megan John and Brent Zemler on October 4th, 2025

Stephanie Pohlman and Tyler Henning on October 18th, 2025

Caitlin Brandt and Kody Burmeister on October 25th, 2025

**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.



**I:55 BOOK FAIR** will be held here at Immanuel in the classroom by the concession stand. I:55 is a Christian based book fair company. They have a wide variety of books for all ages (from Christian books and Bible stories to Llama Llama and Bluey plus Diary of a Wimpy Kid and 39 Clues). To see all of the options, go to: [i55bookfairs.com](http://i55bookfairs.com)

Book Fair hours:

Friday, November 7th ~ 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday, November 10th ~ 3:15-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 11th ~ 3:15-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 12th ~ 2:30-6:15 p.m.

Thursday, November 13th ~ 7:30-8:00 a.m.

#### **SILENT AUCTION OF BEAUTIFULLY**

**DECORATED BASKETS** will take place during ILS Shopping Night. If your family would like to create a basket for the auction, please do! If you have any questions, contact Jessica Mulder or Amy in the office. The theme (as long as it is in good taste) and the amount you wish to spend is up to you. Proceeds from the sale of the baskets will support Immanuel Lutheran School. The baskets will be displayed at ILS Shopping Night on November 7th. Here are some guidelines to follow to make it easier for everyone:

- Please have your baskets wrapped in cellophane if at all possible. It can be purchased at Wal-Mart or Hobby Lobby.
- Baskets need to be brought to the school by November 6th.
- Please make an attractive tag with all your items listed on it, plus the total of your basket.

**YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE** will be at a booth during ILS Shopping Night on Friday, November 7th from 4:30-7:30. If anyone would like to bake items for their bake sale, please do! Full pans of bars, partial pans, packaged cookies, pies, etc... would all be very welcome. Please drop off any donations by noon on November 7th. Any questions please contact Sarah Laabs.

## **SPECTACULA VIRTUOSO CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



**on DUELING PIANOS**  
**Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School**  
**in Northrop**

**Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 p.m.**

Concert features the talents of Jayson Matasovsky (our organist & Martin Luther High School Senior) and Glenn Henriksen (member of the Galaxy 500 Band & keyboard entertainer) who will perform together! Be carried away by the amazing debut performance of these 2 pianists.

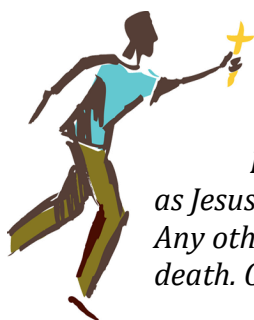
Come and sing along, enjoy Christmas treats, and walk in a winter wonderland.

Online advance tickets can be purchased for \$15 at [martinlutherhs.com](http://martinlutherhs.com). After November 30th, tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in person at the school.



Concert is a benefit for the student tuition fund at Martin Luther High School.

The school is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.



*Stewardship Moment...*

**Matthew 25:2 – “Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.”** A truly wise man, as Jesus once said, builds on the Word of Jesus. There is no other foundation which will stand. Any other path is a foolish one. His Word leads to life, and to depart from His Word leads to death. Clinging to His Word, we know we have His blessing.

# Weddings

## IN THE CHURCH FAMILY



Our prayers are with the following couples as they were united in marriage. We pray that God would be a cornerstone for their marriages.

- ♦ *Megan John and Brent Zemler on 10/4*
- ♦ *Cali Cranston and Tanner Pigman on 10/11*
- ♦ *Stephanie Pohlman and Tyler Henning on 10/18*
- ♦ *Caitlin Brandt and Kody Burmeister on 10/25*

So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.  
- Matthew 19:6

**THANKSGIVING CARDS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS** are now available at the bookstore. Come check out the wonderful selection. You can either pay Amy in the church office or leave your money in the empty box by the cards. *There is also a variety of Christmas gift bags with a religious theme available. Stop and take a look!*

**TURKEY SUPPER** at St. Peter Lutheran Church, rural Lakefield, is Wednesday, November 12th, starting at 5:00 until gone. Turkey and all the trimmings along with a piece of pie will be served. Cost is \$12 per meal. Curbside pick up only. The church is located at 87977 State Hwy 86, rural Lakefield.

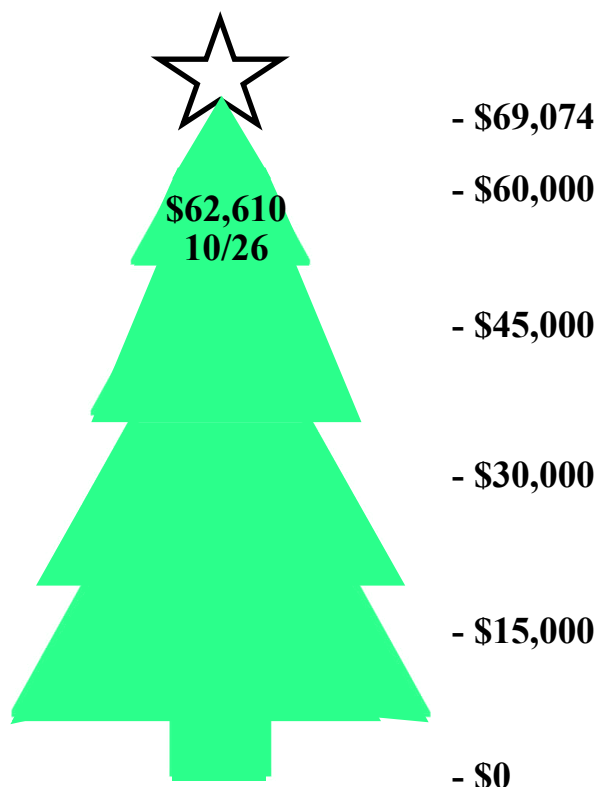
### CHALLENGE FROM THE FINANCE BOARD:

The Christmas in July Service is always a special service for our congregation. We sing some of our favorite Christmas hymns, worship outside in our Lord's creation, and gather together afterwards for a meal. At this service we also get the opportunity to show support for our school with gifts toward the Teacher Salary Fund. The gifts towards this crucial mission go towards providing payroll to our outstanding faculty who teach the young students of Immanuel to grow in Christ. The end of this school year marked our 126th anniversary. As a gift to ensure that the mission of the school in Immanuel is as eternal as God's love, let us challenge ourselves to give 12.6% of our salaries and benefits of school faculty in the amount of \$69,074 as a special giving project. There has been an anonymous donor who has gifted \$25,000 to this fund leaving a remaining balance of \$44,074. Please consider making a gift above and beyond your normal offering. There will be a tracking thermometer in the Narthex to follow along with as we work towards this goal.

We will be tracking our progress on this Christmas tree!

**SOUP AND PIE SUPPER** for Union State Line Lutheran Church Petersburg is on Sunday, November 9th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the LaCanne Celebration of Life Center in Jackson. All are welcome for soup, pie, and fellowship. A freewill donation will be taken. To go orders are available. LaCanne Celebration of Life Center is located at 1000 Prospect Lane in Jackson.

**HARVEST DINNER** is at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Worthington on Sunday, November 2nd from 11:30-1:00. Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings including homemade pie will be served for a freewill offering. A bake sale will also be held. A large portion of the proceeds will go to Logan Waldner and family. Logan is a Nobles County Deputy Sherriff who is in an auto accident while on duty in March 2025. He is still in treatment from the accident. Please use the north entrance of the church and go to the basement fellowship hall. Elevator is available. The church is located at 1505 Dover Street, Worthington.



## 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)

**November 2**

**"The Way Out"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

*Jesus alone is the Way out, rescuing us from sin, despair, and death. He calls us to live as people "on the way."*

*(1 Corinthians 10:13)*

**November 9**

**"The Lead of Life"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ryan Tinetti

*The lead (or 'lede') of a news story conveys the most essential information. What is the lead of the Good News, the Gospel?*

*(Luke 20:27-40)*

**November 16**

**"The Name on the Front"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

*Mercy is an others-focused attitude because God is an others-first God.*

*(Romans 12:5-6)*

**November 23**

**"An Unlikely King"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies

*Christ is the King of an unlikely kingdom. Dr. Chad Lakies describes that kingdom's seemingly upside-down, illogical logic.*

*(Philippians 2:5-11)*

**November 30**

**"Rise and Shine"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

*Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is no siesta. It's a 5am wake-up call, a jolt out of bed that will turn your world upside down.*

*(Romans 13:11)*

**FUDGE FUNDRAISER:** Our 7th-8th grade students are selling fudge as a fundraiser for their class trip in May. In addition to the many varieties of half-pound fudge, there are also individually wrapped caramels. Cost is \$10 for both. If you are not asked, but would like to order, stop by and see Amy in the church office.

**SOUP AND PIE SUPPER** at the Jackson United Methodist Church is on Wednesday, November 5th, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$12 per meal. Take out is available. The church is located at 900 North Highway in Jackson.

**FILLING THE BALLOT** for Officers of Immanuel Lutheran Church...the Nominating Committee of our Voting Assembly is in the process of nominating officers for Immanuel Lutheran Church. We encourage each and every one of you, if contacted to serve, to prayerfully consider serving your Lord in this capacity. Any questions about boards and duties can be directed to the elders or Amy in the church office. Remember that women can also serve on the Board of Education, Board of Trustees, Board of Finance, Board of Congregational Services, or as Congregational Secretary. *Thank you to Jim Berkevich, Shane Rossow, Jeff Frantsen, Travis Dennis Rossow, Josh Swanson, Monette Berkevich, Lola Gunther, Beth Carlson, Dory Poppe, Kurt Swanson, and Albert Henning for volunteering to be on the ballot.*

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE** you may contact Pastor Obermann directly ([pastor@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:pastor@immanuellakefield.com) or 563-321-0032) or speak to one of the elders. This includes visits, prayer requests, communion for home bound members, among others.

**OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th so our staff can spend the Thanksgiving holiday with their families.



*Stewardship Moment...*

**Philippians 1:3, 5 – "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."** God doesn't need anything we have. Yet He invites us to give so that we can indeed become "partners in the Gospel." This is a gift of His grace. He invites us to do significant work in the Kingdom of God through our tithes and offerings.

# *Immanuel Lutheran School Highlights*

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



- **CHAPEL SERVICES** are held on Wednesday mornings at 8:20 a.m.
- **1ST QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS** went to the Lakefield Food Shelf. We collected both non-perishable food items and hygiene items along with monetary donations that totaled \$382.30.
- **2ND QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS** will go to our school's Lunch Assistance Program.
- **ROLLERSKATING** starts the week of November 3rd. The students will be skating during their phy ed class time.
- **PARENT DRIVE DAY—NO JCC BUS—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd**
- **AR REWARD PARTY** for the 1st quarter is on Wednesday, November 5th for those students who have made their reading goal.
- **PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE (PTL)** meets on Thursday, November 6th at 6:00 p.m. All parents are members of the PTL and are encouraged to attend.
- **NO SCHOOL—FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7th**
- **ILS SHOPPING NIGHT** is Friday, November 7th from 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- **ALL SCHOOL CHOIR** sings at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alpha on Sunday, November 9th at their 10:30 a.m. worship service.
- **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** are on Wednesday, November 12th, from 2:30-6:15 p.m. in the Activity Center.
- **PARENT PICK UP DAY—NO JCC BUS AFTER SCHOOL—THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th**
- **NO SCHOOL—THANKSGIVING BREAK—NOVEMBER 26th-28th**

## *From the Principal:*

A scripture that's been on my mind that I've been committing to memory is Colossians 3:8 "But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth."

Maybe it's coming to mind from the political climate we're in as I cannot remember in my lifetime people that are more polar-opposite in their thinking. Most people are too busy making a living and taking care of their families to be diving into the divided drama, but one thing's for sure, fingers are pointed, emotions are elevated and there's screaming for "justice", whatever that means.

Or, maybe God's working on me. What of Colossians 3:8 do I "own" when I honestly look in the mirror? How about you? It's quite easy to point the finger at someone else's choices while I, with a log in my eye, bump into a wall. When we consider God's Word from Job 4:9, we should shudder at our sin: "As I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same. By the breath of God they perish, and by the blast of his anger they are consumed." What we sow with our lips, or our keyboard, and we will reap. Very literally, "Lord help me; help us."

As I pondered an honest look in the mirror, God's Word was right for the moment in the way of a Lutheran Hour Ministry's Daily Devotion by Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler. Titled: "Worn", it focuses on the failure of Moses to obey God completely, to meet God's high standards. Moses was denied the opportunity to enter the Promised Land due to His sin, but in the end, in His mercy, God allowed Moses to see it with his own eyes, along with Elijah. I love how Dr. Ziegler describes the love of God through the sacrifice of Jesus: "Moses got to come along for the ride after all, because Jesus held God's standard for us. He gave Himself on the cross to raise us up into the heart of God."

Renewed, restored and looking forward, we are reminded in Colossians 3:12 that we are to, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." Did you catch that? We can put on these traits because we are holy, beloved and chosen in Jesus Christ. Put away the things in Colossians 3:8 and put on the things in 3:12, sounds good to me. How about you?

*Dean A. Jennissen, Principal*



**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
NO YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?**

- Dinovember is this month with special activities including:
  - Stuffed Animal Sleepover: drop off your stuffed animals on Thursday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m. and come back for them on Saturday, November 8th from 10:00-11:30 a.m.
  - Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt all month
  - Dinosaur Movie on Wednesday, November 19th at 2:45 p.m.
- Library is closed on these November dates: 11th, 27th, 28th
- Story Time for kids is on Thursdays at 10:00
- Bedtime Story Hour is Thursday, November 6th at 6:30
- Elementary After School Program for K-4th grade is "Clay Creations" on Thursday, November 13th at 3:45. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Tween & Teen Scene for 5th-12th grade is "Kind Bombing the Library" on Tuesday, November 25th at 3:45 p.m. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Gingerbread Workshop is on Saturday, November 15th from 10:00-12:00
- Homeschool Connection meets weekly at the Jackson Library on Thursdays at 10:30. They will not meet on November 27th. Call the Jackson Library for more info 507-847-4748.
- Adult Program is on Monday, November 17th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Acrylic Painting Class with SammyJo Miller. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Adult Monthly Movie Matinee is on Friday, November 21st at 2:15 p.m.
- Book Club meets on Wednesday, November 5th at 3:00 to discuss "Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books" by Azar Nafisi

**THANK YOU:**

- To our soccer coach: Katie Pavelko
- To our volleyball coaches: Stacy Soderholm & Emily Olson for 7th-8th and Ami Swanson & Paige Schroeder for 5th-6th
- To our athletic director: Gretchen Benda
- To those who helped out at our soccer and volleyball games by running the score clock, being a ref or line judge, or running the concession stand.
- To those who have chaperoned on field trips, helped out in the classroom, helped on school picture day...
- To all who helped out at the ILS Fun Run/Walk
- To those who have donated food items for school lunch
- To our PTL for the fun day out at Grandpa's Fun Farm
- To our ILS Shopping Night coordinator: Jessica Mulder

**THANK YOU** so much to everyone in the congregation for picking up a Pulled Pork Meal. Thank you also to everyone who came in to help make that amazing meal – especially to Clay Salzwedel for smoking the pulled pork and Beth Carlson for making the German potato salad. Both were delicious! We did run out this year and apologize to those who did not get a meal. A huge thank you to everyone who stepped up and helped out that day. Whether donated bars, assembled meals, delivered meals to cars, or with clean-up... we just want to let you know that we could not have done it without you. We are grateful and overjoyed with the wonderful number of people who drove up for a meal.

- Immanuel LWML

**UPDATE AND THANK YOU ON ILS FUNDRAISERS:**

- The Pastry Puffin Fundraiser was a huge success! We sold 1,052 items! The profit for the event was \$7,241.79. We will begin shopping for a GaGa pit and a 9 Square in the Air set. The goal is to have sets that can be used inside and outside.
- The Concordia Seward Male Chorus Concert was a wonderful day at St. Paul Rost with our students singing with the chorus. The song, "Jesus Strong and Kind" was especially beautiful! This was also a fundraiser, for our Band Program & Children's Fund with a free-will offering and bake sale that brought in nearly \$2,000. Thanks to Susan Dagle and members of the Holy Trinity Church for sponsoring the event and serving the Chorus a meal. Thank you to St. Paul Rost for hosting and our PTL for organizing a Bake Sale that netted \$416. Finally, thank you to our students and LaDonna Peterson for creating joy for all in attendance.
- Pumpkins were for sale this past month as a free-will offering. Other garden produce was also set out with the pumpkins. This wrapped up last week with a total of \$928.17 received. A big thank you to Mike and Kari Byam for growing, harvesting and donating the pumpkins! These funds will go to the Band Program.

It's a team effort to make things work financially for the school. In the spring and summer much was shared about our finances and with everyone's help and God's leadership and provision we're in a solid position financially at present. We are continually blown away by the generosity of God's people as He works in our lives to do what they can to support ILS. It could be a donation of money, food or time. It could be spreading the word about what God has done and continues to do at ILS. Bottom line: He provides, we are grateful and we love serving your students, your families and our strong and kind God!

- Principal Jennissen





# NOVEMBER

*birthdays*

- 1 ~ Allison Hendrickson  
David Kosen
- 2 ~ Shelley Pohlman
- 3 ~ Sabrina Gents  
Emily Regnier  
Astelle Schmid  
Shay Swanson
- 4 ~ Gail Swenson
- 7 ~ Michael Prochaska  
Sandie Torke
- 9 ~ Lee Gunther
- 10 ~ Joyce Bretzman  
Kurt Hubbard
- 11 ~ Faith Freking
- 12 ~ Skylar Beeck  
Morgan Byam  
Jesse Hendrickson  
Amery Rossow
- 13 ~ Janice Bakalyar
- 14 ~ Cameron Lunde
- 15 ~ Sherilyn Timko
- 16 ~ James Aden  
Wade Salzwedel  
James Aden
- 19 ~ Jason Kuhnau Jr.  
Caleb Laabs
- 20 ~ Cali Cranston
- 21 ~ Tami Farmer
- 22 ~ Alberta Schreiber
- 24 ~ Mitchell Gentz
- 25 ~ Ron Kolander  
Kerry Sydnes
- 26 ~ Jay Grein
- 28 ~ Alexandra Salzwedel
- 29 ~ Joelle Bretzman  
David Swenson
- 30 ~ Dwayne Milbrath

## ILS Volleyball~ 7th-8th grade team

### IMMANUEL



## ILS Volleyball ~ 5th-6th grade



# NOVEMBER

*anniversaries*

- 11/10/07 Jim and Monette Berkevich
- 11/12/22 Chase and Hristina Hage
- 11/13/76 Craig and Gail Rients
- 11/20/71 Mike and Sherri Handzus

### 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.*

## **LWML Happenings**

### **Lutheran Women In Mission**

Serving on Altar Guild for the month of November are Beth Carlson, Tammy Rossow, Dana Schmid, and Sue Spoo. We thank them for taking care of the altar duties.

All women are welcome to attend the next LWML monthly meeting Wednesday, November 5 at 5:15 in the church basement. A light supper will be served by Dory Poppe and LaNell Rossow. Our devotion will be the LWML Prayer Service entitled "Blessed are they . . ." which is based on the Beatitudes, found in Matthew 5:1-12. As we hear the precious Beatitudes from our Lord and pray for people in the various stages of life, may we indeed be blessed and encouraged in our life of faith. May our mind be drawn to the work of Christ and all that He has done by His life, death and resurrection to bless us each day until He brings us home to the kingdom of heaven forever.

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

**A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED BIG FAMILY CHRISTMAS** will be presented by the Martin Luther High School Drama Department on Thursday, November 6th at 12:30 p.m., Friday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and watch the students perform this heart warming, hysterical story that all families can relate to. Directed by Amanda Bergt and Hayley Luther. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. Performances are at the MLHS gymnasium. MLHS is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

**YOUTH OVERNIGHT: PAID IN FULL:** All 6th-12th grade students are invited to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waseca for sacred worship, games, and growth in our understanding and faithful practice of Confession and Absolution. Evening begins on Friday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m. and goes through Saturday, November 22nd concluding at 3:00 p.m. Pastor LeRoy LaPlant (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Concordia Classical Academy, North Mankato) will help youth explore what confession is, how sin works in every human heart, and what sins we should confess. Cost is \$25 per person or \$100 per congregation (up to 10 people). To register, email [stpaulwaseca@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulwaseca@gmail.com) with your number of students and chaperones. Questions? Call Pastor Michael Grannis at 952.686.3046 or email [revgrannis@gmail.com](mailto:revgrannis@gmail.com). The church is located at 314 4th Ave. NE in Waseca.

**MISSION POSSIBLE BENEFIT KNIGHT** is at Martin Luther High School in Northrop on Saturday, November 15th. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Tom Traetow (2000 alumni) will speak about how MLHS shaped his life. After graduation he served two deployments in the Middle East. Tom was a Bronze Star Medal Recipient and also Master Spur Holder. He currently lives in Good Thunder with his family and teaches confirmation at his church. Contemporary Christian recording artist Jonny Diaz will take the stage at 7:00 p.m. to entertain and inspire. A meal of bacon wrapped chicken, cashew lettuce salad, loaded mashed potatoes, green beans almondine, dinner, and pumpkin or chocolate cupcakes made by Kiehl's Bakery will be served. Dinner music provided by Jayson Matasovsky. A \$10,000 Exit Challenge to assist with student tuition aid will be offered. Tickets are \$60 and must be purchased ASAP. Johnny Diaz concert only bleacher tickets are \$25. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Join the Lakefield Police Department for a heartwarming community-wide Christmas caroling event on Main Street in front of City Hall! Experience a moment that captures the spirit of the season, as we come together to sing and create lasting memories this Christmas! Invite your friends and family to join in the holiday celebration. The event will take place on Sunday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. in front of City Hall and will be broadcast live on Facebook. Hot chocolate will be served at the event. If any group within the church would like to make and serve the hot cocoa, they can use it as a fundraiser. The selected songs are "Jingle Bells", "Away in a Manger", "Silent Night", and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" under the direction of LaDonna Peterson.



### **VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY**

#### **THE COUGARS SALUTE YOU!**

Area Veterans and active Military personnel and their significant others are invited to Immanuel Lutheran School on **Tuesday, November 11th from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** for coffee and rolls in the Activity Center. Our students and staff are looking forward to greeting area Veterans and Military personnel and thanking them for their service during this casual social time. Please enter the Activity Center from Bush Street.



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

- Tuesday, November 4: Bingo at 12:30 with prizes provided by Thrivent.
  - Thursday, November 6: Quarterly Birthday Party. Menu: meatloaf, baked potato, broccoli, applesauce
  - Monday, November 10: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by First National Bank. Menu: spaghetti, green beans, hot spiced apples
  - Tuesday, November 11: Pinochle at 12:30.
  - Wednesday, November 12: Game Day. Bring your own or play one of ours
  - Monday, November 17: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by Swoboda Chiropractic. Meal: country fried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, cookie
  - Tuesday, November 18: Closed for training
  - Wednesday, November 19: 500 at 12:30.
  - Monday, November 24: Thanksgiving Meal. Menu: baked pork chop, gravy, scalloped potatoes, cookie
  - Tuesday, November 25: Frozen meals only for those already reserved
  - Wednesday, November 26: Pinochle at 12:30.
  - Thursday, November 27: Closed for Thanksgiving
  - Friday, November 28: Closed for Thanksgiving
- Call Marless (507-662-5254) for card details and to schedule playing. All card games cost 10 cents to play.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Immanuel Lutheran School for collecting 286.5 pounds of food for the Lakefield Food Shelf at their Fun Run. The Lakefield Food Shelf appreciates the support of the staff, students and their families for their support.

God's Blessings, Lakefield Food Shelf

**THE DINNER DATE** is a free meal for everyone in the community. It is on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Lakefield Legion Hall. This month's date is Tuesday, November 11th from 5:00-7:00. All are welcome! Meal is sponsored by St. Peter Lutheran Church, rural Lakefield. Lakefield American Legion is located at 413 Main Street.

**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 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.

**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 Obermann directly. He will schedule a time to meet you. Pastor's cell is 563-321-0032 and email is [pastor@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:pastor@immanuellakefield.com).

**MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL, NORTHPROP**

has an on-going business selling "This is Most Certainly Brew" Gourmet Coffee. Their coffee beans are hand-selected from the country of origin, then custom-roasted in Minnesota.

Flavors include:

"Pastor's Study Blend" Euro Dark Blend

"Church Basement Brew" Honduran

Medium Roast

"Bible Study Blend" Sumatra/Mexican

Medium

"Eternally Yours Blend" Italian Roast

Decaf—3 Bean

"Christmas Joy" Velvet Hammer

"Heavenly Hazelnut Cinnamon" Single

Brazilian Bean

"Garden of Eden Rain Forest"

"Katie's Kup" Jamaican Me Crazy

"Sunrise Special!" Maui Yellow Caturra

The coffee is available in 12 oz. bags grounded for \$10-\$13. Bible Study Blend and Pastor's Study Blend are also available in 12 oz. bags whole bean for \$10. Pastor's Study also comes in a 5 pound whole bean for \$50. It is available to buy in person at the MLHS office, Hy-Vee in Fairmont, or at Kiehl's Bakery in Lakefield. You may also order on-line at [www.thisismostcertainlybrew.com](http://www.thisismostcertainlybrew.com). They ship nationwide. This is an on-going enterprise supports the MLHS Ministry.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS** from Lutheran Hour Ministries will be available soon in both regular and large print on the welcome center in the narthex. This year's devotions are called "Born to You... a Savior". Please help yourself to a copy. Advent begins on Sunday, November 30th.



## Voters Meeting 10/19/25

Called to order at 10:33 a.m. by Kurt Swanson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Obermann

MSC to approve Voters Meeting minutes 7/13/25

MSC to approve Official Acts for 3rd Quarter 2025

### Board of Elders

Shepherd assignments started. In the near future you'll get a letter from the elders stating who your elder is. Elders will reach out to everyone. Expect to hear from an elder in the coming months.

Nominations due by Wednesday 2/18 for LCMS Synod positions – President and Vice-Presidents

Thanksgiving service 11/26 at 7:00

Sunday School Christmas service at 4:00

Christmas Eve service at 8:00

Christmas Day service at 9:00

Craig Rients put sign up when entering town listing the churches in town

Committee formed in August with security concerns for church and school. Estimates for security, camera system, and new door gone over and committee accepted a bid. No funding needed from the church, all funded by donations. Installation to start next week. Door itself is 8 weeks out.

Bloodmobile will no longer be here during school hours due to security concerns. Bethlehem will now host.

Teacher Salary Fund: almost there, about \$10,000 to go

Albert Henning has volunteered to go on ballot as trustee.

### Board of Finance

Working on school accreditation process with the principal

### Board of Trustees

Nothing to report

### Board of Education

Distributed tuition and lunch assistance to 14 families

\$41,000 came in through alumni mailing

116 students this year

Concordia Seward concert at Rost church for ILS fundraiser

Accreditation process has started

### Board of Congregational Services

Nothing to report

### Pastor

Since last voters meeting we've had 3 funerals, 2 baptisms, and will have 3rd wedding this Saturday

Settling in and visiting shut-ins. Switching off with Pastor Sage for Colonial Manor and Valley View to visit every other month.

Present on school side when able

Gone 2 Wednesdays in November – visiting shut-in and leading chapel at MLHS

Thinking ahead to next year – different ideas for chapel, advent, lent, 8:30 advent chapel time will be around 20 minutes

Thankful for trustees for carpet install at parsonage

Will try to do a Christmas Open House at the parsonage

### Old Business

None

### Treasurer's Report

Went over balance sheet

Made budget for August, but not September

MSC approve treasurer's report

### New Business

Proposed Ballot – add Albert Henning to Board of Trustees

MSC to approve the ballot as presented with ability to add names as requested

57 members present

MSC to adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Amy Altman, acting secretary

## TREASURERS REPORT FOR OCTOBER

Current Fund needed for October.....\$40,448

**Current Fund received in October.....\$41,914**

Current Fund needed each week .....\$10,112

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

## PROPOSED BALLOT -

Elder - (vote for 2)

Jim Berkevich\*

Shane Rossow\*

Trustees - (vote for 2)

Jeff Frantsen\*

Travis Dennis Rossow\*

Albert Henning

Congregational Services -  
(vote for 4)

Monette Berkevich\*

Lola Gunther\*

Beth Carlson

Dory Poppe

Finance - (vote for 1)

Josh Swanson

Congregational Chairman

Kurt Swanson\*

(\* incumbent)

# Count Your Blessings!

The Lakefield Food Shelf is again having their annual fall Food Drive. As you count your many blessings that you have received this past year, please consider those who are in need of some support.

November and December are the months of our annual drive and you may bring your food and/or hygiene items to your church anytime during this time or during the week at any of the designated areas in Lakefield – such as the Lakefield Library and Maynards, where there will be a grocery cart for you to put your items in.

Items that are appreciated and needed are the following non-perishable food items, such as:

- ♦ Macaroni & Cheese
- ♦ Canned Meats [*Spam, Chicken, Tuna*]
- ♦ Fruit Juices
- ♦ Fruit Sauces in Juice [*Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce, Pineapple – large and small cans*]
- ♦ Vegetables [*Carrots, Peas, Mixed Vegetables, Green Beans and Corn*]
- ♦ Peanut Butter
- ♦ Stews such as Dinty Moore and Chunky Soups
- ♦ Pork 'n Beans, Kidney Beans, Chili Beans
- ♦ Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce
- ♦ Tuna, Chicken and Hamburger Helper
- ♦ Pancake Mix [*complete*] and Syrup
- ♦ Soups [*Chicken Noodle, Tomato, Vegetable Beef, and Cream Soups – large and small cans*]
- ♦ Boxed Potatoes [*Mashed, Scalloped, AuGratin*]
- ♦ Cold Cereal and Oatmeal
- ♦ Pasta [*Shells, Elbow, Rotini, etc.*]

Monetary donations are also welcome. These donations are used to purchase perishable foods such as – Milk, Eggs, Margarine, and Bread for the baskets. The donations may be mailed in care of the Lakefield Food Shelf, P.O. Box 115, Lakefield, MN, given to a Food Shelf member, or placed in the donation box at City Hall.

*The Lakefield Food Shelf thanks the community of Lakefield and the surrounding area for their support. You are what keeps the Food Shelf active and well-supplied. The recipients also thank you. Your generosity is what puts a meal on their tables for Christmas and also the months throughout the year.*



Hygiene products are also appreciated –

- Shampoo and Conditioner in one
- Deodorant, Shaving Cream
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Body Wash and Soap
- Paper Supplies such as Tissues, Paper Towels
- Cleaning Supplies such as Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, etc.

Questions, please call Connie at 507/841-3350



# Spectacula Virtuoso Christmas Concert



On Dueling  
Pianos

Featuring  
the talents  
of



**Glenn Henriksen,**  
Member of Galaxy 500 Band  
& keyboard entertainer

**Jayson Matasovsky,**  
Martin Luther Senior

*Amazing debut performance of Christmas melodies*

**Sunday, December 7 2:00 p.m.**

**Enjoy Christmas Treats ~ Apple Cider ~ Coffee**



**Fesitval of Trees**



**Tickets:**

Online Advance \$15.00 at [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com)

After November 30-\$20.00 in person at MLHS



**A benefit for the student tuition fund at:**

**Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School,**

**315 Martin Luther Drive  
Phone: 507-436-5249**

**Northrop, MN  
[www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com)**

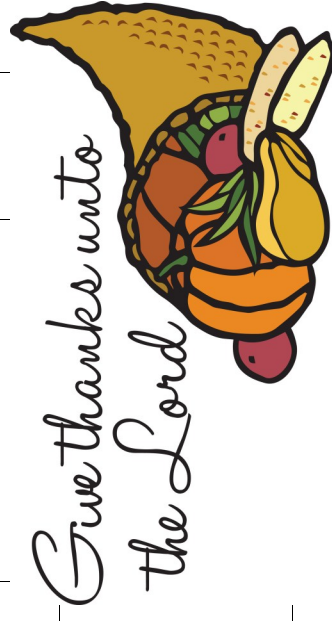
**Honoring Christ...Welcoming All**





# NOVEMBER 2025

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| 2 All Saints Day<br>9:00 Worship with Communion<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study | 3<br>PARENT DRIVE<br>DAY—NO BUS                                    | 4                                    | 5<br>8:20 Chapel<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>5:15 LWML<br>6:10 Imm. Ringers<br>7:10 Choir                                                            | 6<br>6:00 PTL (Parent<br>Teacher League)                                         | 7<br>NO SCHOOL<br>OFFICES CLOSED<br>4:30-7:30 ILS Shopping Night<br>4:30-7:30 I:55 Book Fair in<br>Think Tank classroom | 1<br>8 |
| 9<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:30 All School Choir sings at<br>Trinity Alpha                                   | 10<br>3:15-4:00 I:55 Book<br>Fair<br>5:15 Bd Cong.<br>Services Mtg | 11<br>3:15-4:00<br>I:55 Book<br>Fair | 12<br>8:20 Chapel<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>2:30-6:15 Parent Teacher<br>Conferences<br>2:30-6:15 I:55 Book Fair<br>6:10 Imm. Ringers<br>7:10 Choir | 13<br>7:30-8:00 I:55<br>Book Fair                                                | 14<br>15                                                                                                                |        |
| 16<br>9:00 Worship with Communion<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study               | 17                                                                 | 18                                   | 19<br>8:20 Chapel<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>5:30 Bd Ed Mtg<br>6:00 Bd Elders Mtg<br>6:10 Imm. Ringers<br>7:00 Joint Boards<br>7:10 Choir           | 20<br>PARENT PICK<br>UP DAY—NO<br>BUS AFTER<br>SCHOOL<br>5:30 Bd Trustees<br>Mtg | 21<br>22                                                                                                                |        |
| 23<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study                              | 24                                                                 | 25                                   | 26<br>NO SCHOOL<br>7:00 Thanksgiving Worship<br>with Communion                                                                                   | 27 Thanksgiving<br>NO SCHOOL<br>OFFICES<br>CLOSED                                | 28<br>NO SCHOOL<br>OFFICES CLOSED                                                                                       | 29     |
| 30<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study<br>12:00 Bd Finance Mtg      |                                                                    |                                      |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                         |        |



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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

Happy Thanksgiving to:

*NOVEMBER Monthly*

