



16th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ LCMS
Lakefield, Minnesota
September 13, 2026

Who Is Counting?

As We Gather

We know that it is our calling in Christ to forgive one another, but that does not eliminate the question of how much or how often we should forgive others. It becomes a particularly vexing question when we are asked to forgive the same sin over and over again. The great temptation is for us to make forgiveness conditional upon the person no longer offending us with their words or actions, but God applies no such condition upon us. Our temptation is to count how often we forgive but to forget how often we are forgiven. Our weakness counts the sins of others, but could it be that God counts only the times we refused to forgive from the heart? We know the riches of the Lord's limitless grace to forgive us without counting the cost. Today, we pray that we may joyfully receive this precious gift of forgiveness and joyfully forgive others in Christ's name, counting not the cost to forgive but the cost to refuse forgiveness.

Preparation

Hymn: 936 Sing Praise to the God of Israel



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Since we are here assembled to hear God's Word, to call upon Him in prayer, and to receive the body and blood of Christ, let us first think of our unworthiness; confess before God our sins of thought, word, and deed; and acknowledge also that we, by our own strength, cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature or the sins we have committed. Therefore, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy and grace

of our heavenly Father, seeking and imploring Him to behold us through Jesus Christ, saying:

C **God have mercy on me, a poor, sinful being, forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and grant to me the Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful ways; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, I pray. Amen.**

P God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to life everlasting. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Word

Introit

Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

Glorify be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may

obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 132

Remember, O LORD, in David's favor,
all the hardships he endured,
how he swore to the LORD
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
"I will not enter my house
or get into my bed,
I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
until I find a place for the LORD,
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Jaar.
"Let us go to his dwelling place;
let us worship at his footstool!"
Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place,
you and the ark of your might.
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your saints shout for joy.
For the sake of your servant David,
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.
The LORD swore to David a sure oath
from which he will not turn back:
"One of the sons of your body
I will set on your throne.
If your sons keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
their sons also forever
shall sit on your throne."
For the LORD has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his dwelling place:
"This is my resting place forever;
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
I will abundantly bless her provisions;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.

Her priests I will clothe with salvation,
and her saints will shout for joy.
There I will make a horn to sprout for David;
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
His enemies I will clothe with shame,
but on him his crown will shine.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

C Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Hymn: 648 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you
 ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all
 fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing
 mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,
 fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er
 that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner
 glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's
 Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the
 Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -
 All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.
 Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
 on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.
 last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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Sermon

Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

Hymn: 956 Create in Me



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

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Presentation of Bibles to First Grade Sunday School Children

Presentation of Catechisms to Third Grade Sunday School Children

Dedication of Sunday School Teachers

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.

Silence for prayer

P Grant us, O Lord, wisdom to consider the manifold sins
Your grace has forgiven and courage to show this
forgiveness to others in Your name. Keep us from being
stingy with the mercy You have so generously shown to us
in Jesus Christ, our Lord, and teach us not to count the cost
of forgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give boldness to Your church, that we who know the
Gospel of Jesus Christ crucified and risen proclaim it to the
ends of the earth. Bless the pastors who faithfully deliver
these gifts to us in Word and Sacrament and the church
workers who serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Deliver us, O Lord, from the burden of those who would
lead us without the wisdom and counsel of Your Word and
give to us in this land and throughout the world leaders who
will act with integrity and justice to all. Bring peace to the
troubled regions of our world and help us to work together
for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bless this congregation and all missions and mission fields
with an abundance of Your Holy Spirit, that the work of
Your kingdom would prosper among us for the glory of
Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Deliver, O Lord, the troubled in mind, the wounded in body,
and those whose spirits despair, that by Your healing and
strength they endure the day of their trial and be kept safe in
Your arms to everlasting life, [*and especially for . . .*]. Lord,
in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give Your blessing to the homes in which Your people
dwell, to the married and single, to those with children, and
to those whose desire for a child has not been fulfilled, that
in every place and at every time we rejoice in Your
goodness in ordering all things for our good. Lord, in Your
mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Deliver us, O Lord, from every temptation that would befall us and teach us to lean upon Your strength and to be covered with the righteousness of Christ when the devil comes seeking whom he may devour. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Make us to be of one mind and one will, perfectly united in doctrine and faith, so that our communion here will testify to this harmony of belief; and grant to us grace so that we receive this Sacrament of Christ's body and blood always for our good and never in judgment against us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P The days are coming, O Lord, when all will be held to account before You. Grant us faith through these difficult days that we be brought to everlasting life, joined with the faithful who have lived and died in Christ and know Your perfect peace. Give comfort to all who grieve, [especially . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Silence for meditation

P You know our needs and have promised to give us all things needful for this life and to bring us to everlasting life. Grant us also grateful hearts that we be cheered by Your mercies, new every morning, and live and rest in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn: 818 In Thee Is Gladness



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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Dismissal

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

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Assisting with the Service

Preacher Rev. Eric Obermann
Elder Jim Berkevich
Organist LaDonna Peterson
Acolyte Gander Grein & Jada Milbrath
Usher Bruce & Jan Bakalyar

We Remember in our Prayers

Briar Lynn Kunz, daughter of Alex and Sydney Kunz, baptized privately today

Joel and Deb Burmeister and family on the death of his sister, LaCinda Altman

Phyllis Rossow and family on the death of her husband, Merlyn Rossow
Marie Kruse recovering from surgery and recent hospitalization

Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden Horizons in Worthington, Accura HealthCare in Milford, Paynesville Health Care Center, Lakeview in Fairmont, Good Sam in Jackson

Leanne Oelke, Jackie Ward, Keith Kolander, dealing with health issues
Lanette Reynolds; Stephanie Tordsen; Jerry Beech, friend of Roger and Beth Carlson; Paul Obermann, father of Rev. Paul Obermann; Tim Rossow; Cathy Henry, Randy Henry's stepmom; Sandy Brown, sister of Vickie Baumann; Jeff Meyer, friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Joyce Urmie, sister-in-law of Vickie Baumann; Marla Holcomb, sister of Wade and Alan Salzwedel; Diane Hansen, wife of Pastor David McDonald; Pastor Dennis Brech; Pastor Ben Rucker; Denny Daberkow; dealing with cancer

Ann Falkenheim, friend of Connie Rossow; Rich Polz, friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; Chad Kolander, brother of Keith and Corey Kolander; Curt Gates, brother-in-law of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health issues

Our Law Enforcement

Our Missionaries in the Field

Our Country and Our Military

BAPTIZED PRIVATELY today is Briar Lynn Kunz, daughter of Alex and Sydney Kunz. Briar was born on July 9th. Her sponsors are Kaylee & Drew Henom, Raegan Nielsen, and Kollin VanDeVere. We pray that the Lord would continue to watch over Briar and her family.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with Phyllis Rossow and family on the death of her husband, Merlyn Rossow. Merlyn passed away on September 5th. We pray that God would comfort the family at this difficult time.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with Joel and Deb Burmeister and family on the death of Joel's sister, LaCinda Altman. LaCinda is also Adam Altman's aunt. LaCinda passed away on September 10th. We pray that God would comfort the family at this difficult time.

BIBLES will be presented to our first grade students today, Sunday, September 13th by Pastor. Our first grade students are: Rusty Burmeister, Marvel Chonko, McKenna Dinneen, Ahti Lariviere, Willow Oelkers, Simon Palm, and Parker Wendt.

CATECHISMS will be given to our 3rd graders during the worship service today, Sunday, September 13th. Students will come forward (along with their parents) to get their catechism from Pastor. Our 3rd graders are: Brenner Burmeister, Claire Dagel, Brynlea Kraft, Flynn Kruger, and Jules Swanson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

TODAY! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:15 A.M.



Join us for Rally Day today, Sunday, September 13th after church starting at 10:15 a.m.

It will be held on the church carport.

The Board of Congregational Services is hosting games for the Sunday School kids plus there will be cookies and refreshments for all (kids, parents, and the congregation!)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER DEDICATION is today, Sunday, September 13th during the worship service. We thank our teachers who have volunteered their time to teach the children here at Immanuel. Rally Day is also today at 10:15 a.m. Regular Sunday School classes will begin next Sunday, September 20th. They are held from 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the Immanuel Lutheran School classrooms. We are so grateful for our Sunday School staff including:

- Teachers: Hristina Hage, April Kraft, Amber Liepold, Emily Obermann, and Amy Altman
- Superintendent: Mike Dempster
- Craft Support: Deb Jons
- Subs: Monette Berkevich, Kari Byam, Sheila Freking, Lola Gunther, Deb Jons, Sarah Laabs, Suzy Milbrath, Rhonda Swanson, Breann Grein, Ami Swanson
- Cradle Roll: Amy Altman

BIBLE CLASS will start on Sunday, September 20th. Bible Class is held following church from 10:15-11:15 in the church basement. Pastor will be leading us in a Bible Study focused on Apologetics. All are welcome to join us.

YOUTH COORDINATOR(S)? Are you an organized individual who enjoys a bit of research, planning, and communication?

Following are some volunteer opportunities for one or more persons.

#1: **FOOD COORDINATOR:** Ensure that light snacks will be available for our teens & pre-teens in the church basement on designated Wednesday evenings by 7:00 p.m. How that happens is up to you!

#2: **LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING COORDINATOR:** Facilitate the necessary communication & data entry for registering our teens for this event in San Antonio 2028.

#3: **YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER COORDINATOR(S):** Do you enjoy planning? If you do... brainstorming, coordinating, and communicating fundraising opportunities for our teens might sound like fun?!?

#4 **YOUTH GROUP LEADER:** Work with Pastor to plan and facilitate youth activities (weekly or monthly). This would be the point person for youth group.

If interested, contact Amy in the church office at 662-5718, and she'll connect you with those who can answer any questions you may have.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE IN! If you had your picture taken, they will be available after church in the narthex to pick up. They can also be purchased for \$15, if you need an extra. Thank you!

A HUGE THANK YOU to our friends at St. Paul Rost Lutheran Church for sponsoring the Sweet Corn and Pork Burger Fundraiser for Immanuel Lutheran School! \$3,200 was raised to support the mission of ILS to "feed His lambs" (John 21:15). We thank God for them!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- School Picture Day is Tuesday 9/15
- ILS Soccer Tournament is Friday 9/18.

LWML HARVEST SUPPER is at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fulda on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Join them for a Soup Supper hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Women in Mission for ladies of the community. Special speaker will be Megan Sauer, art teacher at Adrian High School and athlete who recently ran in the Tokyo Marathon in Japan as her sixth and final world marathon, completing the Marathon Majors earning the Six Star Medal. The church is located at 400 North Maryland Avenue in Fulda.

LCCW ANNUAL SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS/CHICKEN ALFREDO MEAL AND BAKE SALE will be held on Sunday, September 20th from 11:30-1:00 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lakefield. Adults cost \$10, \$5 youth 6-12, and Children under 5 are free. Meal is sponsored by the Lakefield Council of Catholic Women. The church is located at 410 Broadway Ave., Lakefield.

BE READY! BE PREPARED! Join us for an emergency preparedness class for **FREE**, and learn practical steps to protect you and your family. The class will be held in Lakefield and Windom. The Lakefield Location is at the Multi-Purpose Senior Center at 2:00 on September 14th. Free emergency kits will be provided for 25 participants at this location. The Windom location is at St. Francis Xavier on September 17th at 6:00. Emergency kits will be provided for 25 participants for free, and a meal will be served. If you have any questions or would like to register, please contact Maria Stumpf-Ahmed from Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota at 507-905-8602. Multi-Purpose Center is located at 112 Main St, Lakefield. St. Francis Xavier Church is located at 532 17th St., Windom.

Immanuel Pulled Pork Dinner

Drive-thru with Curbside Delivery

Wednesday, October 7

4:30-6:30 p.m.



On the menu:

Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwich

German Potato Salad

Mandarin Orange Fluff

Baby Carrots (raw)

Bar

(Gluten free available by request)

Freewill Donation Accepted

Orders will be delivered to your vehicle. Please park on the south side of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School (604 Bush St. Lakefield)

Sponsored by the Immanuel LWML

GREECE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL: You are invited to join Pastor Jacobsen from Trinity Lutheran Church in Sioux Valley as he leads a group on a Greek Cruise in May 2027, following in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. The trip will include visits to Athens, Mykonos, Ephesus, Crete, Santorini, and more, with several days aboard a cruise through the beautiful Aegean. An informational meeting will be held on September 16th at 6:30th at Trinity Sioux Valley. Anyone interested in learning more about the trip is warmly invited to attend! Come and discover the places where the early Church lived, preached, and grew—and experience the beauty and history of Greece along the way. The church is located at 28523 730th St., rural Lakefield.

REDCROSS BLOODMOBILE is at Bethlehem Lutheran Church here in Lakefield on Tuesday, September 15th from 1:00-6:00. Call 800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment or online at www.redcrossblood.org with code: LAKEFIELDMN.

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.

UPDATE ON BOARD POSITIONS: We have some board members who are at the end of their second terms, including 2 that are Trustees, 1 on Congregational Services, and 1 Elder. All board positions (Elder, Trustee, Finance, Congregational Services, Education) are 3 year terms. Congregational Chairman and Congregational Secretary terms are 2 years.



LWML Fall Get-Together

**ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
87977 STATE HWY 86, LAKEFIELD**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30 a.m. with a 9:00 registration

Cost is \$5

Theme: He Restoreth My Soul

Bible Study: led by Pastor Dale Hedstrom

Servant Event: coloring & designing boxes and coloring pages for Phil's Friends

Gifts from the Heart being collected for Phil's Friends:

Crest mouthwash (3.3 oz. alcohol free), Thera Breath Oral Rinse (3 oz. alcohol free), Kleenex (small package), lotion (5 oz. or smaller), smaller tubes of toothpaste, journals 5x7 (not spiral), puzzle books, lip balm, decks of playing cards with no advertising on them, gift cards

There is a collection box in the narthex.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul." ~ Psalm 23:1-3a

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE is held at the Jackson County Fairgrounds in the big blue building on these days:

- Thursday, September 18th: 10:00-8:00
- Friday, September 19th: 10:00-6:00
- Saturday, September 20th: 9:00-1:00 (\$5 bag sale all day)

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER for the months of October through December are now available on the welcome center in the narthex in both regular and large print. Please help yourself to a copy for your devotional use.

HERITAGE FIESTA AND SALSA COMPETITION WITH LIVE MUSIC is at the Jackson Center for the Arts on Thursday, September 17th from 3:00-7:00. Sample a variety of foods prepared locally as families share their heritage. Freewill donation accepted. Here’s a schedule of events:

- 3:00-7:00 Music
- 3:00-5:00 Salsa Tasting
- 5:00-7:00 Authentic International Foods

All ages welcome! Bring your own chair! Jackson Center for the Arts is located at 309 2nd Street in Jackson.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE you may call the church office at 507-662-5718, Pastor Obermann at 563-321-0032, or speak to one of the elders.

WE WELCOME all of our guests and visitors today. We invite you to visit us again. If you have no church home and would like to make Immanuel your church home, please speak to Pastor Obermann or one of the Elders at the end of the service.

POINTS OF INFORMATION September 6, 2026	
<i>Current Fund received this past week.....</i>	\$9,119
<i>Needed each week.....</i>	\$11,800
Non-Budget Giving	
<i>Building.....</i>	\$110
<i>Lunch Assistance Program.....</i>	\$75
<i>Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	\$50
<i>Immanuel School.....</i>	\$30
<i>Current Fund received in August.....</i>	\$37,628
<i>Needed in August.....</i>	\$47,200
Worshipping on Sunday 9/6: 137	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...

Sunday, September 13

Sunday School Teacher Dedication

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School Rally Day

Tuesday, September 15

School Picture Day

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 AM Chapel

2:10 PM Confirmation

Friday, September 18

ILS Soccer Tournament

Sunday, September 20

9:00 AM Worship with Communion

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Bible Class

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 AM Chapel

2:10 PM Confirmation

5:30 PM Board of Ed Meeting

Wondering where you can watch this service?

1. Facebook: "Immanuel Lutheran Church" at the time of the service or any time after up to a month.
2. YouTube: "Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Lakefield" at the time of the service or any time after.

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