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# The Newsletter

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## May



### *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, May 27th at 8:00 p.m. All Board Members are asked and encouraged to attend. Communication between our Boards is a vital key in helping our congregation grow. Joint Boards meets in the church basement. Meetings prior to Joint Boards are:

- Board of Congregational Services: Monday, May 13th at 5:15 p.m.
- Board of Elders: Monday, May 20th at 8:00 p.m.
- Board of Finance: Sunday, May 26th at 12:00 p.m.
- Board of Trustees: Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
- Board of Ed: Thursday, May 30th at 6:00 p.m.

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** on the Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th.

**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 and his email is [mcdonald.david66@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdonald.david66@yahoo.com)



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
2023-2024**

**GRADUATION AND AWARDS SERVICE**

Kindergarten-8th grade  
Friday, May 24th at 10:00 a.m.  
Church Proper  
Cake Reception to follow

**PRESCHOOL/PREK  
COMPLETION PROGRAM**

Thursday, May 23rd at 10:00 a.m.  
Church Proper

**UPDATE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE:** Call Committee will be working through a list of potential candidates soon. Please keep praying for our church and the committee that we will be directed to choose whom God wants as our next pastor.

**A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPEAKER AT THE SALAD BUFFET SENSATION:** Are you living at home and need transportation to medical appointments and shopping? Do you need home health services? Could your family benefit from assistance in planning for the future and making difficult life transition decisions? Are you helping a spouse, relative, or friend with the basic activities of daily living? Don't struggle alone with your caregiving responsibilities. More help is available than you may realize. Please attend the LWML Salad Buffet Sensation on Wednesday 5/8 at 5:30 p.m. here at Immanuel to discover what services are available to assist with issues and decisions you face, either as a senior or as a family member and/or caregiver of a senior. This information will be presented by representatives from the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging (MNRAAA) and other agencies serving our area. These agencies strive to make the life of older adults as healthy, active, and fulfilling as possible by providing advocacy, information, resources, and assistance.



# Salad

## BUFFET SENSATION

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Basement (lift available)

When: Wednesday, May 8th  
-Doors open at 5, meal starts at 5:30  
NO COST

Speaker from the Minnesota River  
Area Agency on Aging.

RSVP requested by May 6th to Carolyn  
at (507) 830-2108 or  
[dchansencattle@hotmail.com](mailto:dchansencattle@hotmail.com)

Sponsored by the  
Immanuel LWML





## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION

**Sunday, May 5th at 10:15 a.m. ~ Church Narthex**

All are welcome to join us for cookies and coffee as we thank our Sunday School staff for all they have done teaching our youth about God and his love. We are so grateful for our Sunday School staff:

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



**CELEBRATING the 125th year at ILS, this pageant will highlight special moments & memories throughout the school's history.**

**Thursday, May 2**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Immanuel Lutheran School**  
**Activity Center**  
**620 Bush Street, Lakefield**

## OFFICIAL ACTS FOR APRIL 2024

Membership:

Baptized: 593

Communicants: 440

ENTERING IMMANUEL...

...By Baptism—

Nellie Nyborg, daughter of Carsen and Christina Nyborg

Daisy Gettler, daughter of Megan Johnson and Cody Gettler

LEAVING IMMANUEL...

...By Transfer —

Todd and Jenifer Hendricksen to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake, IA

Briel Hendricksen to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake, IA

Kerri Hendricksen to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake, IA

Travis Hendricksen to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake, IA

CONFIRMED IN CHRIST

on April 28, 2024

Kiara Baumann, daughter of Kendra and Adrian Connell

Emma Bergeron, daughter of Crystal and Luke Rossow

Nicholas Daberkow, son of Tim and Sonya Daberkow

Grady Rossow, son of Travis and Leah Rossow

Jaelin Scholten, daughter of Justin and Sheila Scholten

**"MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD"** Spring Music Concert presented by Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Saturday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. Young musicians in elementary band

**(including some of our own ILS band students)** and high school band and choir will be performing under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult.

Admission is a free will donation. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

**PRAYER SERVICE** is at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 1157 3rd Ave., Windom on Saturday, May 4th at 9:30 a.m. If anyone would like a ride, please call Carolyn Hansen 507-830-2108.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Please help us by filling out the form below and returning to the church office by **May 9th**. We will place this information either in our Sunday church bulletin on May 19th. We encourage all of our graduates (high school and college) to fill this out. Even if you graduated from college in December... please fill this out.

NAME

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GRADUATED FROM

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I PLAN ON ATTENDING COLLEGE/JOINING THE WORK FORCE

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I WILL BE ATTENDING COLLEGE AT

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AND STUDYING IN WHAT FIELD

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I GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE AT

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WITH A DEGREE IN

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I WILL BE WORKING AT

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SPECIAL MEMORIES OF HIGH SCHOOL

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**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 in the office at [immanuel@immanuelakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuelakefield.com)

## LWML Happenings

### Lutheran Women In Mission

LWML will be hosting a Salad Buffet Sensation Wednesday, May 8 at 5:30. All women of the congregation, as well as from the local area, are invited to join us at this FREE event for a delicious meal and for an informational speaker. RSVPs are requested.

We do not have a meeting during June and July. The next regular LWML monthly meeting will be Wednesday, August 7 at the Round Lake Winery. Watch for further details.

Serving on Altar Guild for the month of May are Jeanine Ackermann, Amber Liepold, and Shirley Larsen. We thank them for taking care of the altar duties.

THANK YOU for your generous donations of items for Care Packages which will be delivered to cancer patients throughout the United States by Phil's Friends. These items were taken to the LWML Spring Get-Together (Rally) for the Worthington Zone churches held Saturday, April 6 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jackson. Anyone can request a free Care Package for a friend, neighbor, or loved one who is battling cancer by calling the home office of Phil's Friends 224-653-8315 or on the web at [philsfriends.org](http://philsfriends.org).

The 30th Biennial LWML MN South District Convention will be held June 20-22 in Mankato. Mary Poppe and Dory Poppe will be attending as Delegates and Crystal Dafoe will be a Young Woman Representative. At each convention, LWML members and groups share God's blessings with others through Gifts from the Heart (GFTH). Orphan Grain Train has been chosen as the recipient of GFTH for the 2024 convention. There is a box in the narthex for items being collected.

Serve the Lord with Gladness  
~ Psalm 100:4



### *Stewardship Moment...*

**1 John 5:12** - "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. And we are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

## Lutheran Hour Ministries

The Lutheran Hour may be listened to on Sunday –

KICD – 1240 AM, Spencer, IA at 10:30 AM

WCCO – 830 AM, Minneapolis, MN at 6 AM

KSUM -- 1370 AM, Fairmont, MN at 11 AM

KJLY – 104.5, Blue Earth at 6 PM

**KDOM, 103.1 FM at 10 AM**

KDCR, 88.5 FM at 1 PM

You may also listen anytime on their website: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)

**May 5**

### “Rejoicing on the Way”

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way.

(Acts 8:28-39)

**May 12**

### “Unforecastable”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

It's been said that God's call often comes as a surprise. In Acts 9, we meet three men who found themselves called in ways they could neither forecast nor control.

(Acts 9:31)

**May 19**

### “Waiting, But Not Alone”

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return but He promises they will not be left alone.

(Acts 2:1-21)

**May 26**

**TBD**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

**LAKEFIELD MEAL SITE** is serving in-house meals. Call 507-662-6714 to reserve. Lakefield Meal Site will have 1/2 price DAYS for all picked-up, in-house & home delivered meals in 2024. May dates for 1/2 price meals are the 1st and the 22nd. April was the last pop-up meals unless called to schedule. Card games cost 10¢ to play.

- Wednesday, May 1: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by LaCanne Family Celebration of Life Center. Menu: Chicken Rice Soup and Vanilla Pudding Parfait
- Monday, May 6: Lunch and Learn with Curt Baumgard from Thrivent. Meal: Salmon Loaf, Peas, Mashed Potatoes
- Wednesday, May 8: Lakefield Birthday Party; Menu: Pork Loin, Baked Yams, Peach Crisp
- Tuesday, May 14: Foot Care Clinic call 507-662-5254 for appointment
- Tuesday, May 14: Pinochle at 12:30
- Wednesday, May 15: 500 at 12:30
- Wednesday, May 22: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by LaCanne Family Celebration of Life Center. Meal: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit
- Tuesday, May 28: Pop-Up Meals—MUST SCHEDULE BY MAY 1
- Wednesday, May 29: Pinochle at 12:30

Call Marless (507-662-5254) for card details and to schedule playing.

### CHURCH ANSWERING MACHINE:

A new phone system will be installed in the beginning of June. In the meantime, you can still call the church and school. If I don't answer, please don't leave a message. Feel free to email me ([immanuel@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuellakefield.com)) or call/text my cell (507-329-7464).

Thank you, Amy

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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

**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.

### Stewardship Moment...

**1 Peter 4:10** – “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” The grace, the gifts, the blessings — they are all from God. We are to use them as stewards, not as owners. That means we should seek to use them in the way the Owner wants them used. So, we listen to His Word, pray for His wisdom and receive His grace.



# Immanuel Lutheran School 125th Anniversary August 17-18

## Saturday, August 17

3:30 Open House, Tour School, Video in Activity Center

5:15 Welcome and Prayer - Principal Dean Jennissen

5:30 Meal (freewill offering accepted)

After the Meal

Master of Ceremony - Doyle Zellar (former Principal)

Awards and Special Recognition

Sing old and current Cougar School Songs

Presentation of 1999 Time Capsule

"Share Your Memories"

Introduction of past and present Staff

Closing Devotion - Rev. Evan Schiller (former Teacher)

## Sunday, August 18

9:00 Worship Service in Immanuel Church led by  
Rev. Kurt Klaus and Rev. Dustin Lappe (Alumni)

After the Service

Rolls and Beverages in the Activity Center

Presentation by Rev. Fred Hinz - Public Policy

Advocate LCMS MN South and North Districts

**Immanuel Lutheran School**

**620 Bush Street, Lakefield, Minnesota**

**FOR THOSE WHO WATCHED  
OUR WORSHIP SERVICES** on  
Southwest Broad Stream  
Channel 70 (the Lakefield  
cable channel), our City  
Council decided to cancel  
that channel. Any questions  
on this, contact City Hall or a  
council member.

### LUTHERAN WITNESS

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

### 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.
- **"Sand Volleyball & Bible Study"** youth group event on Wednesday, May 15th, at the Lakefield Sand  
Volleyball Courts from 6-7:30. Come to hang out and play volleyball. Then enjoy this month's "Master  
Criminals" Bible Study called "The Sour Power Couple". Popsicles will be served.
- **Have a GREAT SUMMER! CONTINUE TO WORSHIP! PRAY! PRAISE! MAKE PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY a  
PERSONAL HABIT!!!** Watch the bulletin for youth events that may pop up over the summer!

# Immanuel Lutheran School Highlights

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



The 2023-2024 school year is coming to a close. Here's a list of upcoming dates:

- May 2 at 1:00 & 6:30: ILS Spring Pageant "CONNECTED through CHRIST"
- May 8 at 9:30: 3rd-4th grade State Reports in Church Basement
- May 6-16: STAR Spring Assessments
- May 9: ILS Softball Tournament (grades 5-8)
- May 10: Track and Field Day in Fairmont (grades K-8)
- May 11 at 7:00: ILS Band Concert at MLHS Northrop
- May 14: Arnold's Park Day (grades 5-8)
- May 16: Mankato Softball Tournament (grades 7-8)
- May 16: 1st-2nd grade Field Trip to Okoboji Museum and Spirit Lake Hatchery
- May 17: PreK-Kindergarten Field Trip to Kilen Woods
- May 19-22: 7th-8th grade Class Trip to the Black Hills
- May 21: 3rd-6th grade Field Trip to Fort Belmont and Ziegler
- May 23 at 10:00: Preschool/PreK Completion Program
- May 24: Last Day of School
- May 24 at 10:00: Graduation and Awards Service (K & 8th Graduation, Awards for K-8th)
- May 24: EARLY OUT AT NOON—NO SCHOOL LUNCH—NO BUS AFTER SCHOOL



## *From the Principal:*

It's hard to believe I am writing my final message for the 2023-24 school year, but I am doing so with a grateful heart. It's been a whirlwind, but it's been good. I have learned so much this year about the students, the families and myself. I've learned so much from, and I've learned so much about, our staff. They work incredibly, incredibly hard! I've served children in many different educational environments over the past three decades, but none as dynamic, demanding and rewarding as this one. I want to publicly thank the ILS Staff for pulling me through this year. Without them, there's no way I could have navigated the year!

## 2024 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL GRADUATES

### 8TH GRADE GRADUATES:

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Paige Benda       | Emma Bergeron |
| Savannah Freking  | Andrew Haren  |
| Hadleigh Nosbusch | Briel Pavelko |
| Khloe Post        | Grady Rossow  |
| Jaelin Scholten   | Holden Stumpf |
| Joshua Thompson   | Levi Thompson |
| Stevie Untiedt    |               |

### KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES:

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Carter Ackermann   | Briggs Appel       |
| Karina Buresch     | Brenner Burmeister |
| Johanna Burmeister | Claire Dage        |
| Beau Hesemann      | Brynlea Kraft      |
| Flynn Kruger       | Hudson Majerus     |
| Merridie Peters    | Jules Swanson      |
| August Voss        |                    |

God's word from Colossians 1:10-12 fits quite well for the sentiments I expressed above:

<sup>10</sup> so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

We're on the last lap of another great year at ILS, our 125th! Let's stay connected, abide in Him and break the tape at the finish line, sprinting!

*Dean A. Jennissen, Principal*

**Immanuel Lutheran School ~ est. 1899**

**Celebrating 125 years of Christian Education**

**2023-2024 School Year Theme: Connected—based on John 15:1-5**







# May BIRTHDAYS

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

## 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.*

**39th MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE & COMMENCEMENT SERVICE** for the Class of 2024 at is on Sunday, May 26th at 2:00 p.m. in the Lutheran Activity Center. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

**FISH LAKE 5K RUN/WALK TO BENEFIT CAMP OMEGA** is Sunday, May 5th from 12:00-3:00. Cost is \$20. In addition to the 5K, there will also be activities for kids, silent auction, and food. All proceeds will go to Camp Omega. Event is sponsored by the Fish Lake Immanuel Lutheran Church. Event is held at the Spring Lake Township Hall, 20381 Fairlawn Ave., Prior Lake.

**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.

**SECRET ANGEL:** For 125 years God has blessed Immanuel Lutheran Church and School with a ministry that has provided a Lutheran education to the children of Immanuel Lutheran Church and beyond. The cost of a Christian education has steadily increased over the years. If you would like to help a specific child or contribute to the Tuition Assistance Program, please contact Principal Jennissen, Amy in the church office, or a School Board member.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY JACKSON** is celebrating their 2nd anniversary! If you've ever wondered what a CR meeting is like, please come to our public meeting on **Thurs. May 9th** with a meal at 6pm and program at 7pm, including worship music and a testimony, followed by cake and ice cream. Celebrate Recovery helps people with their hurts, habits, hangups and addictions, so come and learn more about this amazing program and community of Christians. We meet upstairs at the JOC (Jars of Clay), right behind Casey's in Jackson.

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.





**LWML MINNESOTA SOUTH  
DISTRICT CONVENTION  
JUNE 20-22**

**MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM EVENT  
CENTER, MANKATO**

Theme: Walk in Love “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (Ephesians 5:1-2)

Convention Message: As we “talk the talk” may we be encouraged to “walk the walk,” as God’s beloved children, sharing the love of Christ with others.

Cost is \$135, which includes Friday lunch and dinner.

Registration deadline is May 1st.

Convention Outline:

Thursday, June 20th at 4:00 p.m.  
Registration and Fellowship

Friday, June 21st at 8:00 a.m.  
Bible Study, Mission Speakers, Communion Service

Saturday, June 22nd from 8:00-12:00  
Bible Study, Installation of Officers, Closing and Adjourment

Convention Offerings designated to  
LWML Minnesota South Endowment Fund  
Immanuel Lutheran School, Lakefield  
LWML Mission Grants  
Crystal Women’s Clinic

Gifts from the Heart  
Orphan Grain Train (a list of what is being collected and where to drop off is found elsewhere in the newsletter)

For additional details go to:  
[mnslwml.org/2024\\_district\\_convention](http://mnslwml.org/2024_district_convention)

**GIFTS FROM THE HEART:** We are collecting Gifts from the Heart for the LWML Minnesota South District Convention which is June 20-22 in Mankato. Gifts from the Heart are going to Orphan Grain Train. This is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, and other items of need to people in 71 countries worldwide. A collection container will be in the narthex until the week of the convention. Items being requested include:

- New or gently used clean shoes (all sizes—child through adult)
- New or gently used clean socks (all sizes—child through adult)
- Quilts, blankets, or comforters (any size)
- Cash donations to pay for shipping. Cash donations may be given to Amy in the church office. The average cost to ship a box of donated items is \$11. The average cost to send a full shipping container overseas is \$9,000.

**REGION IV SPELLING BEE RESULTS**

Grades 7/8:

- ~ Jaelin Scholten: 9th
- ~ Emma Boots: participation

Grades 5/6:

- ~ Abby Ackermann: 3rd
- ~ Simeon Peterson: participation

Grades 3/4:

- ~ Aaron Ackermann: 7th
- ~ Atticus Regnier: participation

Grades 1/2:

- ~ Graycen Culver: participation
- ~ Connor Voss: participation

**ILS also received 5th place  
out of 11 as a team!**

**GREAT JOB SPELLERS!!!**

Thank you to these adults who helped at Spelling Bee practice: LaDonna Peterson, Kelly Ackermann, Amy Altman, Stacie Soleta, Caleb Soleta, Myleen Swanson, Monette Berkevich, and Lisa Jennissen.



**May  
ANNIVERSARIES**

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

## YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

- **CAMP MINNEBOJI** will take place this summer from June 16-22 at Camp Okoboji. This year's theme is "Blessed" based on Matthew 5:1-12. Camp Minneboji is for students who have completed grades 4-9. Cost is \$500. Check out their facebook page (Camp Minneboji) or their website ([www.minneboji.com](http://www.minneboji.com)) for information and registration.
- **CAMP OMEGA** in Waterville, Minnesota has a large selection of camps. Information may be found online at [www.CampOmega.org](http://www.CampOmega.org) or by calling 507-685-4266. Camp handouts may also be found on the welcome center in the narthex. Please help yourself to one. It is a fun camp with lots of different opportunities.
- **CAMP OKOBOJI** in Milford, Iowa also has many camps available. More information may be found online at [www.campokobji.org](http://www.campokobji.org) or by calling 712-337-3325.
- **HIGHER THINGS CONFIRMATION CAMP** is July 30th-August 2nd at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, IA. More information can be found at [www.higherthings.org/events/confirmationcamp](http://www.higherthings.org/events/confirmationcamp) or by contacting Alec Deppe, Director of Programs and Retreats at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca at 319-848-4187. Many fun things to do at camp including horseback riding, rock climbing, zip lining, archery, and canoeing.
- **ART CAMP** is at Martin Luther High School in Northrop June 10th, 12th, and 13th. Grades 1-4 is from 9:30-11:30 a.m. with projects of Tie Dye and Clay Creations. Grades 5-9 is from 12:30-2:30 p.m. with projects of Tie Dye and Acrylic Painting. Cost is \$50. Instructor is Kim Koppen. Register online at [martinlutherhs.com](http://martinlutherhs.com) under Special Events Camps by June 1st.
- **MODEL ROCKET CAMP** is at Martin Luther High School in Northrop June 17th-20th from 6:00-9:00 p.m.. Camp is for students in grades 6-12 and adults. Campers will build 3 rockets in 4 nights. Rockets include Paper Rocket, Estes Rocket, and Fireworks Bottle Rocket. Cost is \$25. Instructor is Nate Watt. Register online at [martinlutherhs.com](http://martinlutherhs.com) under Special Events Camps by June 1st. Class size limited to 16 so register soon. Class will be outside—dress appropriately.

**2024 MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION CELEBRATION** is on Sunday, May 19th at 4:00 p.m. Students will receive awards, scholarship announcements will be made and Seniors will be recognized. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

**PLAY IT AGAIN GOLF BENEFIT** for the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Music Department will be held on Saturday, June 15th at Interlaken Golf Course in Fairmont with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Registration can be at [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

- Children's Book Week is May 6th-12th. The library is having a book character scavenger hunt!
- Summer Library Program "Adventure Begins at Your Library". Registration begins on May 31st. Register online at [jclmn.org/summer](http://jclmn.org/summer) or in person at the library. A full list of events is available online and at the library.
- Storytime is held on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
- Bedtime Story Hour is on Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m.
- Elementary After School Program for students in grades K-4 is on Thursday, May 9th at 3:45 p.m. Activity is Flower Planting. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Tween & Teen Scene for students in grades 5-12 is on Tuesday, May 21st at 3:45 p.m. Activity is Game Day. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Monthly Adult Program is on Wednesday, May 7th at 2:00 p.m. Mountain Climber, Jen Loeb, will share about her adventures.
- Craft Café is on Wednesday, May 22nd 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, May 1st at 3:00 p.m. to discuss "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie.
- Monthly Movie Day is on Friday, May 17th at 2:15 p.m.

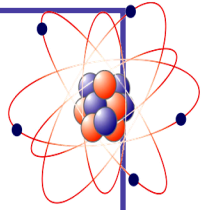
**SCRIP ORDERS** are taken weekly. Please turn in your orders to Amy in the church office by 8:30 a.m. on Mondays and it will be ready for you to pick it up the following Monday. Order forms can be found on the welcome center in the narthex (they're blue). Any questions ask Amy in the office by calling 507-662-5718 or email to [immanuel@immanuelakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuelakefield.com). This is a great way to support our church and school! Local scrip for Maynard's, Cutting Image, and SoJo's is normally on hand!

**JCC HIGH SCHOOLERS** are doing a volunteer day to give back to the communities of Jackson and Lakefield on May 8th from 9:00-12:00. If you need any help with cleanup, painting, activities, sorting... email [kate.kneifl@jccschools.net](mailto:kate.kneifl@jccschools.net)

**SAGES GATHERING XXXIV "Finishing Strong"** is May 6th-7th at Country Inn & Suites in Mankato. Featured presenter is President Emeritus of the LCMS Minnesota South District, Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. Along with Rev. Nadasdy, there are 2 other presenters, 7 workshop choices, music, fellowship, and a banquet with entertainment by the Benson Family Singers. Registration forms and info about workshops can be found on the welcome center in the narthex. Cost is \$75 for both days, \$43 for May 6th, or \$35 for May 7th. S.A.G.E.S. (Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving) is our LCMS Minnesota South District Older Adult Ministry.

**RIVERBEND QUILT GUILD** will be hosting the 3rd Annual Veterans Quilt Program for 21 of Jackson County veterans at the 2024 Jackson County Fair on July 26th at 2pm. The program will be held in the new Blue Commercial/Vendor Building. If you would like to nominate a Service man or woman to receive a quilt, please fill out a form (forms can be found on the welcome center in the narthex) and give it to a Guild member, Amy in the church office, or email to [jcservicequilts@gmail.com](mailto:jcservicequilts@gmail.com). If the veteran is picked to receive a quilt this year they will be contacted in early summer. If not they will go to the top of the list for next year.

## **CAMP INVENTION ILLUMINATE**



for students entering grades 1-6

Cost: \$270

Immanuel Lutheran School, Lakefield

June 10th-13th

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- Sports Ball Design & Light Up Game Board
- Glow Box
- Engineer a Tiny House with Crops using robotic Lab-On-Wheels and Water-Based Technology
- Prototyping Studio

Go to [invent.org/camp](http://invent.org/camp) to register.

Save \$15 when you register by May 16th using code: FUN15

Lunch included every day!

**REDCROSS BLOODMOBILE** will be here at the Immanuel Lutheran Activity Center on Tuesday, May 7th from 1:00-6:00 p.m. For appointments call 800-733-2767 or online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

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

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

### Lutheran Witness Sign-up...

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

I would like to receive the Lutheran Witness

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

My address complete with street and box number is

\_\_\_\_\_

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



**4/14/2024 VOTERS' MEETING MINUTES**

Called to order at 11:58 a.m. by Kurt Swanson.

Opening prayer by Pastor Bohmer.

**MSC** to approve Voters' Meeting Minutes from 1/7/24.

**MSC** to approve Special Voters' meetings on 1/21/24 and 2/25/24 to call a Pastor.

**MSC** to approve Official Acts for First Quarter, 2024.

**BOARD OF ELDERS:**

POI: Offering plate is now, again, being passed down each row instead plates in the back.

POI: Thank you for your patience during changes to the service times.

**BOARD OF FINANCE:**

POI: Moneys continue to be raised to go toward capital improvements.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

POI: Working on the floors in the parsonage.

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

POI: 'Thank you' to congregation for all of the support for Immanuel School.

POI: 'Thank you' to everyone involved in supporting Sunday School.

POI: 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration committee is busy planning for the mid-August celebration.

POI: Will be hiring two teachers to accommodate expanding student attendance. The staff stays in continuous prayer and study to bring more and more children to His kingdom.

**BOARD OF CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

POI: Balance sheet presented by Jesse Ackermann.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

POI: Update from the Call Committee. Expect to receive a list from the district shortly.

**MSC** to adjourn at 12:13 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer. 42 members present.

Submitted By: Sue Salzwedel, Congregational Secretary

**TREASURERS REPORT FOR MARCH**

*Current Fund needed for March.....\$62,396*  
**Offering Received in March.....\$49,205**  
**+ Tuition Received in March.....\$7,583**  
**= Current Fund Total March.....\$56,788**  
*Current Fund needed each week .....\$15,170*

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

**TREASURERS REPORT FOR APRIL**

*Current Fund needed for April.....\$62,396*  
**Offering Received in April.....\$37,685**  
**+ Tuition Received in April.....\$9,136**  
**= Current Fund Total April.....\$46,821**  
*Current Fund needed each week .....\$15,170*

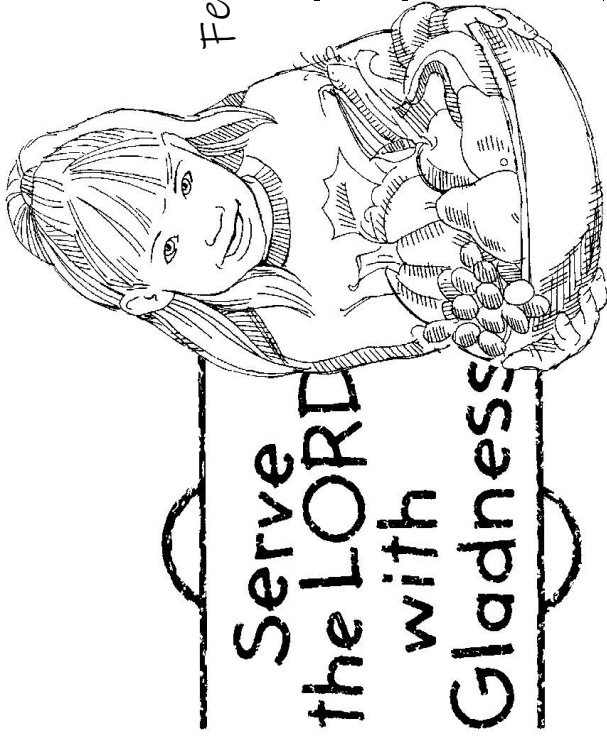
*If you have any questions,  
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**CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER...** *A serious illness or death in your family; a personal crisis; a time of major decision making; a time of great joy; all of these times when pastoral care is vitally important. If you or a 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.*

# May 2024

Fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and faithfulness.

-Joshua 24:14



**Tue**      **Wed**      **Thu**      **Fri**      **Sat**

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| 5<br>9:30 Bible Class<br>9:30 Youth Group Bible Study<br>10:15 Sunday School Teacher Appreciation in Narthex<br>10:45 Worship with Communion | 6<br>RSVPs due for LWML Salad<br>Buffet Sensation<br>7:00 Worship with Communion | 7<br>1:00-6:00 Bloodmobile in Activity Center | 8<br>8:20 Chapel<br>5:00 LWML Salad<br>Buffet Sensation<br>7:10 Choir | 9<br>ILS Softball Tournament                  | 10<br>Track and Field Day at Fairmont<br>NO PREK                                                                | 11<br>7:00 ILS Band Concert at MLHS Northrop |
| 12<br>Mother's Day<br>9:30 Bible Class<br>9:30 Youth Group Bible Study<br>10:45 Worship                                                      | 13<br>5:15 Bd Cong. Services Mtg<br>7:00 Worship                                 | 14                                            | 15<br>8:20 Chapel<br>6:00 Youth Group<br>Sand Volleyball              | 16                                            | 17                                                                                                              | 18                                           |
| 19<br>Graduate Recognition Sunday<br>9:30 Bible Class<br>9:30 Youth Group Bible Study<br>10:45 Worship with Communion                        | 20<br>7:00 Worship with Communion<br>8:00 Bd Elders Mtg                          | 21                                            | 22<br>6:30 Bd Trustees Mtg                                            | 23<br>10:00 Preschool/PreK Completion Program | 24<br>Last Day of School<br>EARLY OUT AT NOON<br>NO BUS AFTER SCHOOL<br>10:00 ILS Graduation and Awards Service | 25                                           |
| 26<br>10:45 Worship<br>12:00 Bd Finance Mtg                                                                                                  | 27<br>Memorial Day<br>OFFICES CLOSED<br>7:00 Worship<br>8:00 Joint Boards        | 28                                            | 29                                                                    | 30<br>6:00 Bd Ed Mtg                          | 31                                                                                                              |                                              |

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*Worship Schedule —*

Sunday Morning Services  
10:45 AM  
Sunday School and Bible Class  
9:30 AM  
Southwest Broadstream Services  
12:30 & 7:00 PM  
Communion Celebrated  
1st and 3rd Sunday

As for me and my family,  
we will serve the Lord. ~ Joshua 24:15

*MAY Monthly*

FOR  
THE **SON OF MAN**  
CAME NOT TO BE SERVED  
**BUT TO SERVE,**  
AND TO GIVE HIS

*Life as a Ransom*

**FOR MANY.**

MARK 10:45, NRSV

