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Immanuel's Statement of Mission

"We Love Because He First Loved Us" - I John 4:19

Acknowledging with gratitude all that God has done for us in Christ Jesus, we the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School dedicate ourselves to educating, equipping (2 Timothy 3:17) and building one another up in love as part of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:16) and to the furthering of His kingdom in and around the city of Lakefield and throughout the world. (Acts 1:8)

JOINT BOARDS meets on Wednesday, October 28th 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: Wednesday, October 28th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Elders: Wednesday, October 28th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Finance: Wednesday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m.
- Board of Trustees: Thursday, October 15th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Ed: Wednesday, October 28th at 5:30 p.m.— Meeting is open to anyone who wants to attend.

OFFICIAL ACTS SEPTEMBER 2026

Membership:

Baptized: 606

Communicants: 437

ENTERING IMMANUEL

.... By Profession of Faith –

Ethan Becker

.... By Baptism –

Briar Lynn Kunz, daughter of Alex and Sydney Kunz

Allister Edwin Burmeister, son of Kody and Caitlin Burmeister

Theodore Lee Burmeister, son of Kody and Caitlin Burmeister

LEAVING IMMANUEL

.... By Transfer –

Wes and Lisa Barkeim to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Lakefield

... Entering Church Triumphant –

Merlyn Rossow received his crown of glory on September 5th, 2026 and was given a Christian burial on September 10th, 2026. Burial is at Immanuel Cemetery.

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

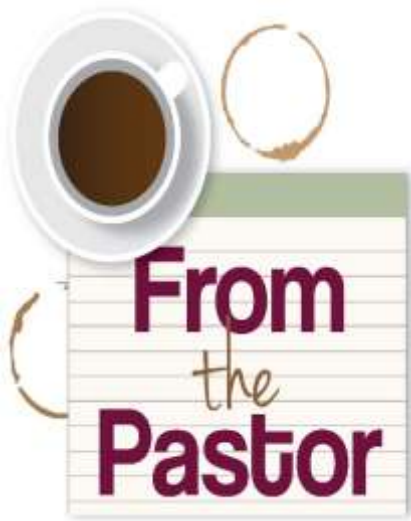
CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH: October is designated as Clergy Appreciation Month. Please take the time to say “thank you” to Pastor Obermann for all he does for us here at Immanuel. We are so glad that he and his family are here!

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.

THANK YOU to the students, parents and friends of Immanuel Lutheran School for the awesome collection of food collected during your Color Run. You collected an awesome 325 pounds of food and \$90. Thank you for joining hands with us as we help struggling families.

~ The Lakefield Food Shelf



Dear Redeemed and Loved Saints of Immanuel!

This is getting into my favorite times of the year. I really enjoy holidays. Obviously Christmas is my favorite, but I want to write about Halloween. A few years ago, I read an article on 1517.org about why October 31st is one of the most Christian days in the calendar.

I know you are probably thinking what? How can a day when kids are dressing up wearing all sorts of costumes, with things we agree with and that we do not, be considered one of the most Christians days on the calendar? Because October 31st truly reflects the grace that Gods shows to us each and every day.

How does this take place? When a child comes up and rings your doorbell or knocks on the door and utters those simple words “Trick or treat?” You probably don’t slam the door on them. You also probably don’t shame them for who they are. You probably don’t tell them how much the candy you are about to give is. Meaning there is no transaction. Meaning when the child knocks on the door and you open your door and welcome them on your porch, you are freely giving them candy.

This is a reflection of God’s grace to us. It is pure, unearned, and undeserved. Because the truth is we are just like the kids who dress up on Halloween, we are wearing our own masks. We so desperately want to hide our sin, shame and guilt from the world. It’s there in that hiddenness that God comes to meet you to give you His Son. No hesitation, no questioning, and no demanding we give something in return. It is God meeting us and freely giving the most gracious gift of all His Son.

I pray that this Halloween as you flip on your front porch light and the little children begin running up to your home eagerly and excitedly as they wait to see what surprise awaits them. That as you hand over the goods, candy or whatever you have, you can see the goodness of God’s grace towards us, as He freely hands over the goods, His Son who freely forgives you all of your sins.

I pray you have a blessed beginning of your fall!

In the Service of Jesus,
Pastor Eric

THANKS FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE! Recently the Board of Education was able to award funds to ILS families: \$8,850 in Tuition Assistance Funds and \$1,775 in Lunch Assistance Funds to 12 families representing 20 students. Thanks to all who continue to contribute to our Assistance Funds! Your answer to God’s call to support the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran School is noticed and appreciated! To Him be the glory for the great things HE has done!

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.

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.*

VOTERS MEETING for the 3rd quarter will be on Sunday, October 11th right after the worship service around 10:15 a.m.



OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

are with Deb Jons and Shane Rossow as they will be united in marriage on October 24th. We pray that God would be a cornerstone of their marriage.

BRIDAL GROCERY SHOWER for Deb Jons, bride-to-be of Shane Rossow, will be here at Immanuel in the church basement on Sunday, October 18th from 11:30-12:30. This is a come and go shower. For this Grocery Shower, the bride is requesting any kind of homemade canned goods, baskets of ingredients of something to bake or meals, recipes, canning recipes, and favorite seasonings. Favorite cleaning supplies would also be appreciated. All ladies are welcome to come and shower the bride with well wishes!

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

THANK YOU to everyone who donated and/or purchased garden produce and bake sale items at the Gardener's Markets this summer! Because of your generosity, \$325 was donated to each of the following: Immanuel School Hot Lunch Program, Lakefield Food Shelf, Fort Wayne Seminary Food Bank, and St. Louis Seminary Food Bank.

ILS Shopping Night

Friday, November 6

4:30-7:30 PM

**Immanuel Lutheran School
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

SILENT AUCTION OF BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED

BASKETS will take place during ILS Shopping Night. If your family would like to create a beautiful basket as part of 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 6th. Here are some guidelines to follow to make it easier for everyone:

- *Please have your baskets wrapped in cellophane if at all possible. The cellophane may be purchased at Wal-Mart or craft stores such as Hobby Lobby.*
- *Baskets need to be brought to the school by November 5th.*
- *Please make an attractive tag with all your items listed on it, plus the total of your basket.*

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL & NO BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th



Stewardship Moment...

Matthew 21:43 - *"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits." The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing and all the rest, they neglected the heart of God's will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God's grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.*

NYSTROM ORCHARD FUNDRAISER:

Our Immanuel Lutheran School students are selling:

- Honeycrisp Apples: 5 lb bag \$18
- Eating Apples: 5 lb bag \$16
- Baking Apples: 5 lb bag \$16
- Frozen Apple Pie: 9 inch deep \$24
- Frozen Apple Crisp: 9 inch regular \$24 or small \$11
- Frozen Gluten Free Apple Crisp: 9 inch regular \$25
- Apple Pie Dip: 12 oz. \$12 – gluten free
- Salted Caramel Dip: 8 oz. \$10 – gluten free
- Honeyfire Snack Mix: 8 oz. \$10
- Maple Pecan Snack Mix: 8 oz. \$10
- Sourdough Granola: 8 oz. \$10
- Harvest Bundle: 5lb Honeycrisp, Apple Dip, Salted Caramel Dip, Frozen Apple Pie \$65

Everything is locally grown and made at Nystrom Orchard which is located just outside of Worthington. This is a fundraiser that will go to replace chromebooks, update needed technology, and school curriculum. If you are not asked but would like to order, contact Amy in the office at 507-662-5718. Last day to order is Sunday, October 11th.

COATS FOR KIDS DISTRIBUTION is at the Jackson Library on

- Monday, October 19th from 4:00-6:00
- Tuesday, October 20th from 8:30-6:00
- Wednesday, October 21st from 8:30-12:00

Any Jackson County families with children infant-teenager in need of warm winter coats, snowpants, hats, or gloves is welcome. Event is sponsored by the Jackson County Family Services Network. Call 507-847-4441 for more information. The library is located at 311 3rd Street in Jackson.

LWML Happenings

Lutheran Women In Mission

Serving on Altar Guild for the month of October are Deb Jons, Dory Poppe and Mary Poppe. We thank them for taking care of the altar duties.

The Immanuel LWML Pulled Pork Dinner is 4:30 – 6:30 on Wednesday, **October 7**. See a separate article for details.

The LWML Fall Get-Together for churches in our Worthington Zone will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church, rural Lakefield, on Saturday, **October 10**. Registration and coffee will begin at 9:00 with the opening at 9:30. For anyone wishing to carpool, we will leave from Immanuel Church at 8:50 a.m. More details are provided in a separate article, along with a list of Care Package needs for cancer patients. A collection box is located in the narthex for these items, which will be delivered to the Fall Get-Together. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The next LWML monthly meeting will be Wednesday, **October 14**. We will meet at Valley View Assisted Living for a hymn sing with the residents, beginning at 4:45. Following that, a light supper will be served at the church basement by Leann Henning and Deb Jons. A devotion and meeting will follow, including election of officers. All women of the congregation are always welcome to join us.

Immanuel will celebrate LWML Sunday on **October 25**. This year's theme continues a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement – *As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others*. For 2026, we focus on **Supporting Missions**. As believers today, we are eager to follow the example of Christ and aid those in need. The Spirit of God places that eagerness to serve upon our hearts. May the Lord grant us supportive hearts.

Serve the Lord with Gladness ~ Psalm 100:4

HARVEST SUPPER is at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Lakefield, on Sunday, October 18th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Menu includes turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes, gravy, vegetable, cole slaw, rolls, and pie. Cost is \$12 per person with children age 7 and under free. Take out available. The church is located at 76084 460th Avenue, rural Lakefield.

RADA CUTLERY FUNDRAISER: Immanuel Lutheran School has an ongoing 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> The link is also available on the website. 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.

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

October 4

"Embrace Life"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

Jesus offers His abundant life to people plagued by pain and problems.

John 10:10-11

October 11

"Covered"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

Proper Attire Required: how God covers us with the robe of Christ's perfect righteousness.

Matthew 22:11-12

October 18

"The Heart of the Matter"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ryan Tinetti

How do you respond to tough questions about God and faith? Hear how Jesus delivers us from the tightest of tight spots and keeps us from falling into a trap.

Matthew 22:15-22

October 25

"Relief"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

You don't have to earn God's favor. It is the relief waiting to find us before we even knew we had a problem.

Romans 3:23-24)

LWML SUNDAY – OCTOBER 25

EAGERLY SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF CHRIST

This year's theme continues a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement — *As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.* For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2026, we focus on **Supporting Missions.**

Christ Jesus our Lord asks us to be wise stewards of His good gifts. St. Paul, while proclaiming the Gospel, was also concerned for those who suffered. There were so many mission efforts taking place. As believers today, we also are eager to follow the example of Christ and aid those in need. The Spirit of God places that eagerness to serve upon our hearts. We can't be everywhere to aid the missions, firsthand, that are set before us. The Lord does allow us to support those efforts that go forth in His name. May the Lord grant to us supportive hearts.



FAITH, FIRE & FELLOWSHIP DINNER is at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Saturday, November 21st! This special friend-raising event will celebrate and affirm the blessings and impact of the MLHS ministry. Guests will enjoy an evening of fellowship, inspiration, and gratitude as MLHS highlights the value of Christian education and the work God is accomplishing through Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School. They are currently seeking corporate sponsors to help offset event expenses. They are also looking for volunteers willing to smoke specialty meats and assist with meal preparation. All MLHS families, alumni, supporters, and friends are warmly invited to attend. There is no cost to attend, but RSVPs are required by November 1st to help us plan for the meal. If you would like to sponsor the event, volunteer, or reserve your place for this exciting evening, please contact the school office at 507-436-5249. MLHS is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

Stewardship Moment...

John 8:36 – "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself "the apostle of good works." For, only by being set free by the Gospel, can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.



Immanuel Lutheran School Highlights

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

- **CHAPEL SERVICES** are held on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m.
- **1ST QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS** will go the Lakefield Food Shelf.
We are collecting both non-perishable food items and hygiene items along with monetary donations.
- **COUGAR CLOTHING ORDER:** Cougar Clothing Store is open through October 11th online thru Daily Hustle in Jackson. Personalized options this year include putting names on sweatshirts! Kids clothing comes in a variety of colors. All ordering is done online at <https://ils.deco-apparel.com/>
- **UPCOMING SPORTS:**
 - Thursday, October 1st at 4:30: VB 5/6 away at St. John Vianney Fairmont
 - Saturday, October 3rd: VB tournament at Minnesota Valley Lutheran, New Ulm
 - Monday, October 5th at 4:30: VB away at St. Paul's Truman
 - Monday, October 5th at 4:30: Boys Soccer away at Worthington Christian
 - Friday, October 9th at 4:30: VB away at Worthington Christian
 - Saturday, October 10th: VB tournament away at Trinity Janesville
 - Monday, October 12th at 4:30: VB 5/6 away at St. John Vianney Fairmont
- **ALL SCHOOL CHOIR** sings at St. Paul Rost Lutheran Church, rural Lakefield, on Sunday, October 11th at their 8:30 a.m. worship service.
- **PARENT DRIVE DAY – NO BUS – EARLY OUT AT NOON – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15th**
- **GRANDPARENT/VIP DAY** is Thursday, October 15th, from 9:30-12:00.
- **PTL FALL FAMILY FUN** is at Grandpa's Fun Farm in Worthington on Thursday, October 15th from 2:30-5:00.
- **NO SCHOOL – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th**
- **SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY** is Wednesday, October 21st.



From the Principal:

Teachable

I prayed this morning, "Lord, could you provide me with an idea for my Principal article?" He delivered with three scriptures from my devotions today. God's word is always on time!

Luke 2:52 "Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." 2 Kings 12:2 "Jehoash did right in the sight of the Lord all his days because Johoia, the priest, instructed him." 2 Peter 1:12 "Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things even though you already know them..."

Applications: Jesus, the greatest leader to ever walk this earth, kept learning and increased in stature and favor. Joash received instruction and learned to do right in the sight of the Lord. Finally, Peter tells us reminders and reteaching are a good thing.

The question: "Are we teachable?"

Dean A. Jennissen (Mr. J), Principal

Immanuel Lutheran School

"Rooted in Christ"

~ Colossians 2:6-7

Principal:

Dean Jennissen

Teachers:

Stacy Soderholm: Preschool/PreK

Stacie Soleta: Kindergarten

Cassie Ulbricht: 1st-2nd grade

LaDonna Peterson: 3rd-4th grade

Kelly Ackermann: 4th grade

Gretchen Benda: 5th-6th grade

Sarah Mattila: 7th-8th grade

Raeleen Grein: Computer, AR

Phil Schult: Band through MLHS

Support Staff:

Deb Jons: Teacher Aide

Crystal Rossow: Teacher Aide

Mallory Jurries: Teacher Aide

Pat Pohlman: Hot Lunch

Amy Altman: Secretary

Rev. Eric Obermann: Pastor



- 1 ~ Colton Laabs
David Oelkers
- 2 ~ John Damm
Lynell Vanasparen
- 3 ~ Kimberly Aukes
- 4 ~ Nicholas Daberkow
Kayle Pauling
- 5 ~ Aden O'Neill
- 6 ~ Nicholas Grein
Janet Laabs
Carla Schulz
- 7 ~ Keven Hage
Lena Rossow
- 8 ~ Gander Grein
- 10 ~ Hayden Rossow
Austin Rodriguez
- 11 ~ Sue Salzwedel
- 13 ~ Charlie Aukes
Kadence Daberkow
Dalen Lappe
Laura Post
- 14 ~ James Berkevich
Kassaundra Lariviere
Joyce Lillquist
- 15 ~ Laura Larsen
- 16 ~ Jamie Cranston
- 17 ~ Archer Salzwedel
- 18 ~ Jennifer Hendrickson
Carsen Nyborg
Jason Rossow
Summer Scholten
- 19 ~ Jadi Johnson
- 20 ~ Drake Grein
- 21 ~ Connie Belknap
- 22 ~ Elliott Obermann
Darrin Rossow
- 23 ~ Jody Rossow
- 24 ~ David Hansen
Carol Schulz
- 25 ~ Karissa Daberkow
Debra Salzwedel
- 26 ~ Clara Palm
Brandon Tordsen
- 27 ~ Maci Farmer
Kassandra Friesen
- 28 ~ Richard Grein
Shane Meier

FALL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE at Martin Luther High School in Northrop is on:

- Thursday, October 15th 4:00-8:00
- Friday, October 16th 8:00-8:00
- Saturday, October 17th 8:00-12:00

Items available include infant through adult clothing and shoes, toys, books, furniture, household items, and miscellaneous. \$3 bag sale on Saturday. Proceeds will benefit the education of the students at Martin Luther High School. The school is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

KINSHIP'S RADIO KJIA SOUP AND SWEETS is at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake on Thursday, October 1st, from 4:30-7:00. Freewill offering accepted or this delicious meal and sweet treats. Kinship Radio is a Christian radio station sharing the message of Christ. More info can be found at kinshipradio.org. The church is located at 3501 Hill Avenue in Spirit Lake.

LCMS MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT YOUTH DAY - GRADES 6-12

October 10 from 9:45-5:00

Concordia University, 1282 Concordia Ave., St. Paul

Cost: \$30

Calling all youth in grades 6-12 of the Minnesota South District! Join us on October 10th at Concordia University St. Paul (1282 Concordia Ave) for an event-filled day including Pastor Brandon Metcalf teaching about John 15:5 under the theme, "Thrive: Life on the Vine"; fun activities; break-out sessions for all age groups; and getting together with other LCMS youth from around the MN South district! Registration cost includes a full day of activities, a meal, and a t-shirt!

Rev. Brandon Metcalf currently serves as a pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Bethalto, IL and previously served as a DCE in Missouri. He is a contributing author to numerous books and Bible studies for youth ministries, has written and taught extensively on effective parish education and family ministry, and has spoken at youth gatherings and conferences throughout the country, including the past three LCMS Youth Gatherings.

Mission Project is The New Freedom Store which is sponsored by the Minnesota South District. Their mission is to serve the "least of these," namely the homeless, by visiting on a weekly basis; distributing food, water, tents, and sleeping bags; and offering them comfort in Christ. Groups are asked to bring granola bars, Goldfish crackers, pretzels, potato chips, applesauce in tubes/pouches, peanut butter, cracker packs, or Juicy Juice.

Schedule

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| 9:45-10:15 | Registration Opens |
| 10:15-11:00 | Opening Mass Event |
| 11:00-11:45 | Group Activities |
| 12:00 | Lunch/Group Activities |
| 1:00-4:00 | MS/HS Breakout Sessions |
| 4:00-5:00 | Closing Mass Event |

Register online at: <https://pci.jotform.com/form/262044551303143>

LAKEFIELD MEAL SITE is serving in-house and home delivered meals. Meals served at 11:30. Call 507-662-6714 to reserve. 1/2 Price Meals are on Friday, October 9th, and Tuesday, October 27th. Birthday parties are celebrated quarterly. October, November, and December birthdays will be celebrated in November.

- Tuesday, October 6: Bingo. Prizes by Thrivent. Menu: sloppy joe
- Thursday, October 8: CLOSED
- Friday, October 9: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by Colonial Manor. Meal: chicken cordon bleu
- Tuesday, October 13 Pinochle at 12:30. Menu: Swedish meatballs
- Wednesday, October 14: Game Day. Bring your own or play one of ours. Meal: pork roast
- Monday, October 19: Prize Day. Prize is a gift certificate to a Lakefield business. Menu: BBQ chicken breast
- Wednesday, October 21: 500 at 12:30. Menu: meatloaf
- Tuesday, October 27: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by Colonial Manor. Meal: chicken fajitas
- Wednesday, October 28: Pinochle at 12:30. Menu: smothered pork chop

Call Marless (507-662-5254) for card details and to schedule playing. All card games cost 10 cents to play. Bingo and Game Day will begin again in October.

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.

LAKEFIELD TRUNK OR TREAT & CRAFT SHOW is at North City Park here in Lakefield on Sunday, October 25th. Here's the schedule of events:

- 12:00-4:00 Craft Show
- 1:00-3:00 Trunk or Treat

There will also be: Food Trucks! Halloween Picture Opportunities! Games, Music, & More! Costumes encouraged. Come for the crafts. Stay for the Candy. Bring the whole family!



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/2/92 Mike and Linda Dempster
- 10/4/25 Brent and Megan Zemler
- 10/5/19 Nicholas and Morgan Carroll
- 10/7/77 Brent and Lori Rossow
- 10/8/11 Josh and Ami Swanson
- 10/11/25 Tanner and Cali Pigman
- 10/12/24 Kohl and Kaitlyn Nehowig
- 10/15/88 Jody and Amy Rossow
- 10/16/71 David and Gail Swenson
- 10/17/92 Travis and Danielle Rossow
- 10/18/25 Tyler and Stephanie Henning
- 10/19/85 Jeff and Sherrill Frantsen
- 10/20/89 Dean and Lisa Jennissen
- 10/21/23 Isaac and Emily Somnis
- 10/22/83 Glenn and Shelly Palmer
- 10/25/25 Kody and Caitlin Burmeister

BETHANY BAZAAR is at Bethany Lutheran Church (near Bergen) on Saturday, October 3rd from 10:00-1:00. This Faith, Family, and Fall Fun event includes:

- Coffee
- Noon Luncheon
- Norwegian Goodies
- Baked Goods
- Crafts
- Farm Produce and Plants

The church is located at 5521 890th St., Windom.

EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN: We have an email prayer chain so we can pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ when they are in need. If you would like to be added to the email prayer chain, please email Amy at immanuel@immanuellakefield.com.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: We are looking for members to help with ushering. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the window in the narthex and write yourself in for a service if you are able to. Questions on ushering? Please ask one of our elders.

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

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

GRAND OPENING OF THE JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER, AND GOVERNMENT CENTER is on Tuesday, October 6th from 3:30-6:30. All are welcome at this open house which includes, self-guided tours, staff availability, and light refreshments. The center is located at 405 Fourth Street in Jackson.

FAITH FAMILY REUNION is at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Owatonna on Saturday, October 17th from 9:00-3:00. When children have left the church and faith in Jesus Christ, parents that are left behind often find themselves feeling isolated and alone. The feelings of guilt and shame can become overwhelming as they wonder what they did wrong, could have done better or what they failed to do. The end result makes parents feel as though they are living solo with the need to carry this burden on their own. We invite you to begin the journey of discovery together as we explore the notion that we might all share similar stories and maybe you are really not alone on this road. Cost is \$15 and includes breakfast, lunch, and retreat materials. Sponsored by the Fairbault circuit of the LCMS Minnesota South District. Register by calling 507-451-4125 or by using the QR code on the flyers on our church bulletin boards. The church is located at 2500 7th Avenue N in Owatonna.

SCRIP ORDERS are taken weekly again now that the school year has started. Turn in your orders to Amy in the church office on Monday mornings by 8:00 and it will be ready for you to pick up on the following Monday. Order forms are on the welcome center in the narthex (they're blue). Any questions ask Amy in the office by calling 507-662-5718 or send an email to immanuel@immanuellakefield.com This is a GREAT way to support Immanuel!



LCWML 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

Want to carpool? We are leaving at 8:50 from Immanuel.

Theme: He Restoreth My Soul

Bible Study: led by Pastor Dale Hedstrom

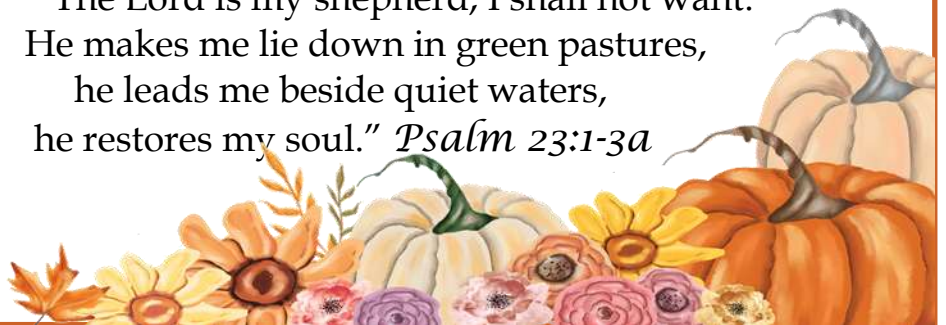
Servant Event: coloring & designing boxes and coloring pages for Phil's Friends

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." *Psalms 23:1-3a*



CHRISTIANBOOK GIVEBACK is a program that donates 4% of eligible purchases to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School at no extra cost. Christianbook is a website that sells Bibles, Christian books, gifts, toys, among many other items. If you have an account with Christianbook, you can set Immanuel up to automatically be credited with any future orders by going to <https://www.christianbook.com/apps.giveback?org=WURX> Once there put in Immanuel's giveback ID: WURXIO. If you check out as a guest, you can still give to Immanuel. When you are checking out and are in the payment section, a box that says "SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH" will show up. Click on "FIND YOUR CHURCH" and under "Search by Location", type in Lakefield MN to select Immanuel.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

- Storytime for kids is on Thursdays at 10:00.
- Bedtime Story Hour is Thursday, October 22nd at 6:00
- Elementary After School Program for K-4th grade is Thursday, October 8th at 3:45. Activity is "Pumpkin Fun" Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Homeschool Connection meets on Thursdays at the Jackson Library at 10:30 starting on October 1st. There is no meeting on October 15th.
- Fall Fun Day is at the Heron Lake Library on Saturday, October 24th from 10:00-12:00. There will be a petting zoo, face painting, button making, and more!
- Monthly Movie Matinee is on Friday, October 16th at 2:15. Free popcorn is served.
- Book Club meets on Thursday, October 1st at 3:00 to discuss "The Invisible Woman" by James Patterson.
- Author Road Trip: Meet 8 incredible authors at 6 different events and get your road trip postcard stamped at 4 events for a chance to win a prize! All events free and open to the public.
 - ~ Thursday, October 1st at 1:00 and 6:00 at Jackson Library
Nathan Jorgenson: Award-winning local author of five novels, including his newest, "Otto's Portal".
 - ~ Thursday, October 8th at 6:30 at Jackson Library
Brent Mielke: Author of 3 popular books, a podcaster, traveling zoo educator, & a storyteller.
 - ~ Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 at Lakefield Library
Mari Harries: A Windom native and author of "Entrepreneur's Heartbreak."
 - ~ Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30 at Heron Lake Library
Howard Schapp: author of "Brooding Upon the Waters", a memoir about growing up on a failing family farm in southwest MN in the 80s & 90s.
 - ~ Thursday, October 22nd at 12:30 at Lakefield Library
Bill Jamerson: musical tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)
 - ~ Tuesday, October 27th at 5:30 at Jackson Library
Lively discussion with three multi-genre, Minnesota authors: HM Bouwman (middle grade literature, many genres), Mary Logue (mysteries, poetry, essays), & Kelly Foster Lundquist (memoir, essays).

TREASURERS REPORT FOR AUGUST

Current Fund needed for August.....\$59,000
Current Fund received in August.....\$39,310
Current Fund needed each week\$11,800
If you have any questions, please contact
Josh Swanson

TREASURERS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Current Fund needed for September.....\$47,200
Current Fund received in September....\$31,778
Current Fund needed each week\$11,800
Year to Date Giving vs. Budget (starts August 1st)
Giving.....\$69,406
Budget.....\$106,200
If you have any questions, please contact
Josh Swanson

Need a warm, delicious meal delivered right to your door during an illness, or after a new addition to the family? Our **Church Meal Train** is here for you! We know life can throw unexpected challenges—or beautiful blessings—your way, and our church family wants to shower you with love (and good food) when you need it most. If you or someone you know in our congregation could use a little extra support and a hot meal, please don't hesitate to reach out. Get in touch: Contact **Lisa Jennissen at 320-224-6242** to sign up or request a Meal Train. Let us serve you!

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL—September 30, 2026

Present: Jeff Frantsen, Kurt Swanson, Joel Burmeister, Albert Henning, Dory Poppe, Kerry Sydnese, Dean Jennison, Josh Swanson, Shane Rossow, Ken Pohlman, Joel Poppe, Luke Henning, Jim Berkevich, Pastor Obermann

Pastor opened with prayer

Chairman Kurt Swanson called the meeting to order at 8:21PM

Board of Finance

POI: The Board of Finance presented the updated financial information.

POI: Congregational Counseling Services to do audit

Board of Education

POI: Possibility of hosting an online high school as soon as Fall 2027 through Genesis Virtual Academy

POI: Genesis charges \$5950 which includes a device for students to use.

POI: Checking into by-laws and constitution if there would be anything deterring from going forward?

Board of Trustees

POI: Bid to redo gym ceiling \$33,400 potentially partially covered by insurance October. 14th potential start date

POI: Congregation made aware of the potential additional cost for gym renovation after insurance coverage

POI: Holt's to come in and refinish floors in activity center

MSC: Trustees make recommendation for approval to accept bid for sound barrier work in activity center as presented.

Board of Congregational Services

POI: Handed out 130 directories which included shut-ins

POI: Rally Sunday went well

POI: Potluck on Sunday November 8th after church for Pastor Appreciation

Board of Elders

POI: Advent and Thanksgiving services set along with Reformation

Pastor

POI: September had 1 funeral and 3 baptisms

POI: Shut-ins doing well

Proposed Ballot:

Jonah Dagle and Brandon Laabs Board of Ed

Ron Gettler Board of Finance

Roger Pohlman Board of Elders

Mary Poppe Congregational Services

MSC to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Kerry Sydnese, Congregational Secretary

HEY 6th-12th GRADE YOUTH! Check out this fun opportunity to get together!

S'MORES & SCRIPTURES

This fall youth group night around the bonfire is on Wednesday, October 28th from 6:00-7:30 at the Wes and Amber Liepold Family Home. All 6th -12th grade youth are invited for a bonfire, hot dogs & s'mores, games, and Bible Study led by Pastor. Bring a friend! You don't have to come alone – friends are absolutely welcome! Come hang out. Eat good food. Get into God's Word. The Liepold family home is located at 80348 410th Ave., Lakefield.

ENRICHMENT PRESENTATION: Christian Speaker + Marriage Coach, Amanda Beilke, will speak at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop on Wednesday, October 21st, for "Chosen, Not Chasing", an engaging event built for the real questions our kids are facing. In a culture that ties their worth to being noticed, chosen, or paired up, Amanda brings a freeing message: they are already chosen and deeply loved by God, so they never have to chase approval or a relationship to feel like enough. Everyone is welcome to attend. There are 2 sessions. One from 10:15-11:30 for grades 7-9 and the other is from 12:30-2:00 for grades 10-12. Youth will learn to see one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, guard their hearts and friendships, treat others with genuine kindness, and catch a beautiful vision of God's design for love, purity, and one day, marriage. They will leave knowing that their lasting joy is found in Christ. Parents, this is the conversation you have been praying someone would have with your kids, and students, this is the reminder you did not know you needed: your worth was settled long before anyone ever swiped, liked, or noticed. Come expecting hope, honesty, and a whole lot of encouragement! The school is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

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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

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims His handiwork - Psalm 8:3-4

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