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Lutheran  
School

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## HIGHLIGHTS

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**NO SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS BREAK  
12/22-1/2**

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Chess Club

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Parent Teacher League  
(PTL) 1/8

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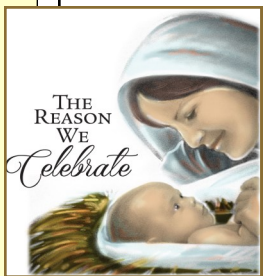
2025-2026  
School Year Theme  
"Let's Make a  
Joyful Noise"  
~ Psalm 98:4

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

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## LET'S MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE



*Celebrating Christ-centered education since 1899*



**CHAPEL SERVICES** are held on Wednesday mornings at 8:20. On Wednesday, January 7th, Pastor Sage will lead us in chapel. Everyone is welcome to join us for chapel services.

**WINTER WEATHER GEAR:** Students may be playing outside during school. Please make sure to send winter weather gear with them (winter coat, gloves, hats, boots, snow pants). They love to play outside!

**DVDs** of the ILS Christmas Service are available. Cost is \$3. Let Amy in the office know if you would like one. Send her a fastdirect or call her at 507-662-5860.

**PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE (PTL)** meets on Thursday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m. All parents are members of the PTL and are encouraged to attend.

### WINTER WEATHER SCHOOL

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** It's that time of year again where we might have a late start, early dismissal, or no school at all due to bad winter weather. The first place to check for information is

fastdirect. Any decision on school closings is sent out right away through fastdirect. Remember you set up your fastdirect account with your preferences on getting notifications: text, email, or both.



**NO SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS BREAK  
DECEMBER 22  
through  
JANUARY 2**

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE...** Pastor and Emily want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. You are invited to come and enjoy some Christmas goodies with them on Saturday, December 20th from 10:30-12:30 at the parsonage, 511 Chicago Street.



### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS WORSHIP TIMES

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 Sunday School Christmas Eve Service

8:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 25

9:00 Christmas Day Service

**NO SCHOOL—MONDAY 1/19**

**PARENT DRIVE DAY—NO JCC BUS—FRIDAY 1/23**



*Merry  
Christmas*

*from the staff of  
Immanuel Lutheran School*

When we return from break on  
Monday, January 5...

**Monday, January 5**

*Scrip Order Due*

*3:15-3:45 Chess Club*

*3:15-4:30 B Girls BB Practice*

*4:15-6:00 A Girls BB Practice*

*6:00-7:30 A Boys BB Practice*

**Tuesday, January 6**

*4:15 B BB away at St. John Vianney Fairmont*

**Wednesday, January 7**

*8:20 Chapel*

*2:15-3:45 Wild Compass Environmental Ed—  
grades 3-6*

**Thursday, January 8**

*2:00 Library—grades 3-4*

*3:15-4:30 B Boys BB Practice*

*6:00-7:30 A Boys BB Practice*

*6:00 Parent Teacher League (PTL)*

**Friday, January 9**

*4:00 A & B BB at home vs. MCLA*

**CHESS CLUB** will start on January 5th. It is on Mondays from 3:15-3:45 in the church basement. Please let Miss Ulbricht know if your child will be in chess club this year. It is for any student in grades K-8. We do have a chess tournament at our school on Saturday, March 14th.

#### **HOW DO I CHECK MY LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCE?**

This is found in fastdirect. It looks different depending on if use a computer or your phone:

- If you check fastdirect through the app on your phone: Click on the "\$ Finance & Online Payments" tab. You'll be taken to the finance page. Click on "Transaction History". There you will see a box that says "Account balances for (insert your name)" One of the options under that is "Lunch". Your account balance is listed under "Lunch". If you click on that dollar amount, it will show you daily charges for lunch.
- If you check fastdirect on your computer: Click on the "\$ Finance" tab at the top of the screen in the blue strip. You'll be taken to the finance page. There you will see a box that says "Account balances for (insert your name)" One of the options under that is "Lunch". Your account balance is listed under "Lunch". If you click on that dollar amount, it will show you daily charges for lunch.

**ILS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** is January 29th-30th.

A fastdirect was sent out with a link to sign up to work at the tournament and for donations. The money raised from this event will go back to the school. Even though you might not have kids participating in basketball we encourage all families to help out if you can.

**HOW DO I LET THE SCHOOL KNOW OF ANY CHANGES TO MY CHILD'S SCHEDULE OR NORMAL ROUTINE (i.e. not in school, picked up early, leaving for an appointment)?**

**If there is a change during the school day for how your child will get home** (i.e. they were to ride the bus, but you are now picking them up.), please contact Amy in the office by fastdirect, texting/calling 507-329-7464, or calling 507-662-5860. Amy will then let the teacher know. The teacher may be too busy to check their phones for messages. We don't want a message to be missed and for your child to either be on the bus by mistake or waiting for you when they should have been on the bus.

**However, if you know of a change in advance** (not the day of), you can just let your child's teacher know. Amy only needs to know if it's a change from when you sent your child off to school that morning.

#### **SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

[We will have a prayer each week for our Immanuel families in addition to any prayer requests we receive]

- The Hesemann students: Corrie in PreK, Beau in 2nd, Ben in 5th, and their family
- The Hibma students: Hollynd in Preschool, Reiman in PreK, and their family

**FESTIVAL OF TREES:** The Jackson County Historical Society is hosting a Festival of Trees. ILS has a music themed tree that every student decorated an ornament for. Festival of Trees is open 9:30-4:00 Monday through Friday. Stop in and check out all of the trees, especially our music tree. The Jackson County Historical Society is located at 307 North Highway 86 in Lakefield.

The week after that...

**Monday, January 12**

*Scrip Order Due*

*3:15-3:45 Chess Club*

*3:15-4:30 B Girls BB Practice*

*4:15-6:00 A Girls BB Practice*

*6:00-7:30 A Boys BB Practice*

**Tuesday, January 13**

*4:00 A & B BB away at Worthington Christian*

**Wednesday, January 14**

*8:20 Chapel*

**Thursday, January 15**

*1:30 Library—1st-2nd grade*

*2:00 Library—Kindergarten*

*3:15-4:30 B Boys BB Practice*

*6:00-7:30 A Boys BB Practice*

**Friday, January 16**

*Last Day of the 2nd Quarter*

*A BB Tournament at St. Paul's Truman*

**Saturday, January 17**

*A BB Tournament at St. Paul's Truman*

# All School Choir Singing Schedule

To all Immanuel Lutheran School families of PreK- 8th graders:

Every year the all school choir sings at 4 area churches, plus at Immanuel during NLSW - National Lutheran Schools' Week. The purpose of these engagements is to be able to thank area congregations for their support of the mission here at Immanuel Lutheran School.

It would be AWESOME to have AMKAP---As MANY KIDS as POSSIBLE participate!

THANKS so much!!! Mrs. Peterson

- October 12: Our Redeemer, Okabena at 10:15  
120 North Front St., Okabena
- October 25: St. Paul Rost, rural Lakefield at 3:00  
38886 800th St., rural Lakefield
- November 9: Trinity, Alpha at 10:30  
255 Main St. S, Alpha
- January 26: Immanuel, Lakefield at 9:00  
604 Bush St., Lakefield
- March 8: Holy Trinity, rural Lakefield at 10:00  
76084 760th Ave., rural Lakefield
- April 12: Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Windom at 9:00  
1157 3rd Ave., Windom

