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# The Newsletter

of Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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## October



### *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 Wednesday, October 29th 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, October 13th at 5:15 p.m.
- Board of Elders: Wednesday, October 29th at 7:00 p.m.
- Board of Finance: Sunday, October 26th at 10:30 a.m.
- Board of Trustees: Thursday, October 16th at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Ed: Wednesday, October 29th at 5:30 p.m.

**VOTERS MEETING** for the 3rd quarter will be on Sunday, October 19th right after the 9:00 worship service.

#### **OFFICIAL ACTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025**

Membership: Baptized: 598 Communicants: 433

ENTERING IMMANUEL...

...By Baptism –

Briar Allan Flores-Stevens, son of Colten and Carmen Flores-Stevens  
LEAVING IMMANUEL

...Entering Church Triumphant –

June Salzwedel took the hand of her Lord on September 11th, 2025  
and was given a Christian burial on September 17th, 2025. Burial  
is at Immanuel Cemetery.

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

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
AND  
NO YOUTH GROUP  
BIBLE STUDY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th**

**NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th**

#### **CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH**

October is designated as Clergy Appreciation Month. Please take the time to say “thank you” to Pastor Obermann for all he is does for us here at Immanuel. We are so happy to have him and his family 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.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated and purchased garden produce and bake sale items at the Gardener’s Markets this summer! Because of your generosity, a total of \$1,500 was donated to the following projects: \$375 to Fort Wayne Seminary Food Bank, \$375 to St. Louis Seminary Food Bank, \$375 to Immanuel School Hot Lunch Program, and \$375 to Jackson County Ministerial Association.

## *Immanuel Pulled Pork Dinner*

*Drive-thru with Curbside Delivery*

*Wednesday, October 1*

*4:30-6:30 p.m.*



On the menu:

Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwich

German Potato Salad

Mandarin Orange Fluff

Bag of Chips

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*



Dear Redeemed and Loved Saints of Immanuel!

October is a huge month in my house. Namely for two reasons, Elliott's birthday and Halloween. One day celebrates life and the other day you receive a ton of candy. What's not to like!

But in October we also remember the Reformation. The day when God used people like Martin Luther to remind the world of the Gospel and what the Gospel gives.

What is the Gospel? The Gospel means "the good news." We can't stop our definition of gospel with good news we have to keep expanding.

Gospel points to one definition, it is the good news that Jesus died and rose for you. Gospel is that Jesus has forgiven you all of your sins.

Because we know that Jesus has forgiven us, He is beginning the work of restoration that leads to the things that Gospel brings the newness of life and saving us and leading us to eternal life. That is what Jesus gives, the goods.

He, Jesus, hands them over. He freely gives these goods to you. Done through His grace and mercy. Whether we ask or plea, Jesus gives His gifts won for us.

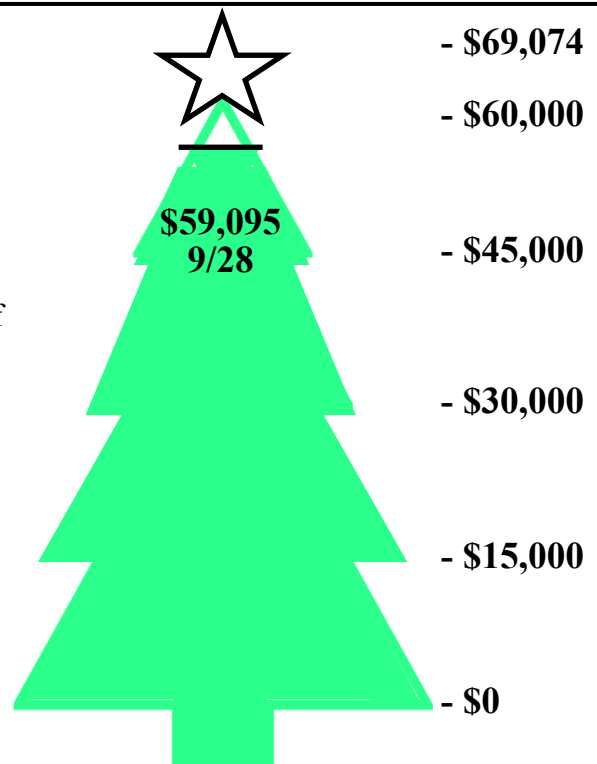
October is an important time for my family but it is also an important month for the church. How God used people to reminder us what the Gospel is, Jesus handing over His goods to us. The Gospel proclaimed for you, for your forgiveness of sins and for your life everlasting.

In the service of Jesus,  
Pastor Eric

#### CHALLENGE FROM THE FINANCE BOARD:

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

We will be tracking our progress on this Christmas tree!



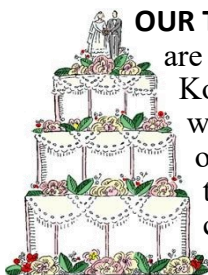




**OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS** are with Megan John and Brent Zemler as they will be united in marriage on October 4th. We pray that God would be a cornerstone of their marriage.



**OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS** are with Stephanie Pohlman and Tyler Henning as they will be united in marriage on October 18th. We pray that God would be a cornerstone of their marriage.



**OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS** are with Caitlin Brandt and Kody Burmeister as they will be united in marriage on October 25th. We pray that God would be a cornerstone of their marriage.

## 2ND ANNUAL LAKEFIELD LIONS

**SOCKTOBERFEST:** Collection is October 1st thru 31st. New socks only will be accepted from ages 0 to 18. Drop off points in local businesses in Lakefield. Look for the signs in the windows for a drop off. If you can't find a drop off and would like to donate socks please email lakefieldlions@gmail.com and they will contact you and collect them. Any other questions contact Sherrill Frantsen by emailing the address above.

**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.

## SAVE THE DATE... SPECTACULA VIRTUOSO CHRISTMAS CONCERT



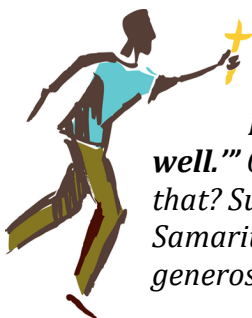
on **DUELING PIANOS**

**Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School  
in Northrop**

**Sunday, December 7th at 2:00**

Concert features the talents of Jayson Matasovsky (our organist & Martin Luther High School Senior) and Glenn Henriksen (member of the Galaxy 500 Band & keyboard entertainer) who will perform together! Be carried away by the amazing debut performance of these 2 pianists. Come and sing along, enjoy Christmas treats, and walk in a winter wonderland. Online advance tickets can be purchased for \$15 at martinlutherhs.com. After November 30th, tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in person at Martin Luther High School.

Concert is a benefit for the student tuition fund at Martin Luther High School. The school is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.



## *Stewardship Moment...*

**Luke 17:19 - "And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'" Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God's work in the church is likewise our faith in action.**

## ILS Shopping Night

Friday, November 7

4:30-7:30 PM

Immanuel Activity Center  
620 Bush St., Lakefield, MN

*Come and do your Christmas Shopping...*

- Shop the products of many home-based and local businesses for unique gifts
- Bid on the Silent Auction baskets
- Meal ~ 7th-8th grade are hosting as a fundraiser for their class trip with a freewill donation
- 1:55 Book Fair in the 7th-8th grade classroom

### 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 7th. 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 6th.*
- *Please make an attractive tag with all your items listed on it, plus the total of your basket.*

**YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** To all that have provided funds for Tuition Assistance and Hot Lunch Assistance, you have made a big impact! Recently the Board of Education was able to award the following to families who needed a little help:

- Lunch Assistance - \$3,000 was awarded to 12 families and 15 children. This equates to 750 meals!
- Tuition Assistance - \$12,170 was awarded to 12 families and 19 students to decrease their remaining tuition costs.

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!

### LWML SUNDAY - OCTOBER 12

#### "GO" LUKE 24:44-53

LWML Sunday here at Immanuel is October 12th.

This year's theme begins 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 2025 we focus on Proclaiming Christ. Everything we do as Lutheran Women in Mission begins with Christ's message of repentance and forgiveness. The Ascension text of "GO" (Luke 24:44–53) is the mission emphasis for Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025. On Ascension Day, Jesus gave his followers an assignment "that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations." We, as the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, have a responsibility to proclaim the message of Christ, to be that body which proclaims repentance and forgiveness, showing forth the merciful Christ in what we do and say. As Lutheran Women in Mission we continue to support, encourage and uplift missionaries, and also provide physical support and compassion to all people. It is the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name that motivates us to do this work. All Glory be to Jesus!

**Did you know that purple is the LWML color? We are asking everyone in the congregation to please wear purple to church on LWML Sunday, October 12th.**



## 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)

**October 5**

### "Every Age Has a Stage"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

*Every age has a stage, not just a stage of life, but also a stage on which to perform and to serve.*

(Numbers 8:23-26)

**October 12**

### "When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

*Forgiveness isn't a formality with God. Forgiveness is formative. It changes us.*

(Numbers 14:30-31)

**October 19**

### "God's Help Dwells in Us"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez

*The Holy Spirit is the Helper who comes to dwell in and with us, to encourage and empower us.*

(Numbers 11:29)

**October 26**

### "Worn In"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler

*Are you feeling worn down or worn out? Through faith, God conforms us to the pattern of Christ.*

(Numbers 20:13)

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 permission.

**TRUNK OR TREAT & VENDOR SHOW** is at North City Park here in Lakefield on Saturday, October 25th. Trunks! Candy! Costumes! Inflatables! Vendor Show! Food Trucks! Trunk or Treat will be from 3:00-5:00. Vendor Show and Food Trucks are from 1:00-5:00. Event is sponsored by the Lakefield Business Association.

**HELP WITH THANKSGIVING DISPLAY:** One of our many ministries at Immanuel is decorating for the special holidays. If you are interested in decorating the chancel area for the harvest season, please let Amy in the church office know. You can call her at 507-662-5718 or send an email to [immanuel@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuellakefield.com).

**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 Tuesday, October 7th, and Wednesday, October 22nd. If you have received a less than satisfactory meal...pay what it's worth to you. Birthday parties celebrated quarterly. Have you been down to see our new curtains, chairs and paint?

- Tuesday, October 7: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by Extended Ag Services. Meal: herb baked chicken
  - Tuesday, October 7: Bingo at 12:30 with prizes provided by Thrivent.
  - Wednesday, October 8: Game Day. Bring your own or play one of ours
  - Tuesday, October 14: Pinochle at 12:30.
  - Wednesday, October 15: 500 at 12:30.
  - Wednesday, October 22: 1/2 Price Meal sponsored by Extended Ag Services. Meal: salisbury steak
  - Tuesday, October 28: Frozen meals only for those already reserved
  - Wednesday, October 29: Pinochle at 12:30.
- Call Marless (507-662-5254) for card details and to schedule playing. All card games cost 10 cents to play.

## Stewardship Moment...

**Revelation 14:6 – "Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people."** During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther's ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the "apostle of works." Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.



# *Immanuel Lutheran School Highlights*

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



- **CHAPEL SERVICES** are held on Wednesday mornings at 8:20 a.m.
- **1ST QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS** will go to the Lakefield Food Shelf. We are collecting both non-perishable food items and hygiene items along with monetary donations.
- **BIG ISLAND RENDEZVOUS** for grades 5-8 is on Friday, October 3rd.
- **SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY** is Friday, October 10th.
- **ALL SCHOOL CHOIR** sings at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Okabena on Sunday, October 12th at their 10:15 a.m. worship service.
- **GRANDPARENT/VIP DAY** is Wednesday, October 15th, from 11:15-2:00.
- **PTL FALL FAMILY FUN** is at Grandpa's Fun Farm in Worthington on Wednesday, October 15th.
- **NO SCHOOL—MEA BREAK—OCTOBER 16th-17th**
- **7th-8th GRADE STEP UP DAY** at Martin Luther High School in Northrop is Friday, October 31st.
- **PASTRY PUFFIN FUNDRAISER:** Students are selling pastry puffins as a fundraiser from October 6th through October 20th.
- **UPCOMING VOLLEYBALL GAMES:**
  - Thursday, October 2nd at 4:15: 5/6 at home vs. St. John Vianney
  - Tuesday, October 7th at 4:30: 5/6 & 7/8 at home vs. MCAL schools
  - Friday, October 10th at 4:15: 5/6 & 7/8 away at Worthington Christian
  - Tuesday, October 14th at 4:15: 5/6 away at St. John Vianney, Fairmont
  - Tuesday, October 21st at 4:15: 5/6 & 7/8 home vs. Worthington Christian



## *From the Principal:*

Each year our Staff participates in a Bible Study as we continue to develop our faith with God's leading. This year, Pastor Obermann suggested the book, "Faithful and Flourishing: Strategies for Leading Your Christian School With Excellence." As we have dug into the book and God's word, a central question has guided our learning: "Why does Immanuel Lutheran School exist?" The author of the book we're studying challenges the reader to consider the origin of your school to determine the answer to this question. This put me on a mission to uncover what the founders of ILS considered in 1899 when starting the school. I found the answer in the school's Educational Wing Dedication Service Booklet dated February 10, 1957. Printed there was the scriptural reference for why ILS exists: When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." John 21:15

The dedication booklet continues, "When the Immanuel Congregation was only about nine years old the members of this organization recognized their duty over their children. It was their love for Jesus, their concern for the spiritual welfare of their children, their obedience to Christ's command that prompted these members to organize a Christian Day School. In such a school the Word of God would be taught daily to the lambs of Christ and daily the children would be under the influence of Christian training. Here the secular subjects would be taught in the light of God's Holy Word. For over fifty-six years the hopes of the early fathers were fulfilled under the blessing hand of God."

Recently, we began year number 127 at ILS and with God's guidance and empowerment, we aim to continue the call to "feed His lambs." We recognize clearly, God has continued to bless the ministry with the resources we need to feed this year's 116 lambs. Thank you for your continued prayers, support and partnership. We are blessed and honored to carry the torch... with you.

*Dean A. Jennissen, Principal*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

- Story Time for kids is on Thursdays at 10:00
- Bedtime Story Hour is Thursday, October 23rd at 6:30
- Elementary After School Program for K-4th grade is "Pumpkin Art" on Thursday, October 9th at 3:45. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Tween & Teen Scene for 5th-12th grade is "Watercolor Workshop with SammyJo Miller" on Tuesday, October 28th from 3:45-5:45. Registration required by calling 507-662-5782.
- Homeschool Connection meets weekly at the Jackson Library on Thursdays at 10:30 starting October 9th. Call the Jackson Library for more info 507-847-4748.
- Adult Program is on Wednesday, October 8th at 2:00 p.m. Dan Condon will present "Drone Pilot": learn basics, FAA rules, how to fly legally, and see images from Dan's portfolio
- Adult Monthly Movie Matinee is on Friday, October 17th at 2:15 p.m.
- Book Club meets on Wednesday, October 1st at 3:00 to discuss "The Locked Door" by Freida McFadden



## *LWML Fall Get-Together*

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1505 DOVER STREET  
WORTHINGTON

(use North entrance - elevator available)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

Cost is \$5

**Want to carpool?** We are leaving at 8:30. Please park in the alley next to Immanuel.

**Theme:** Hope

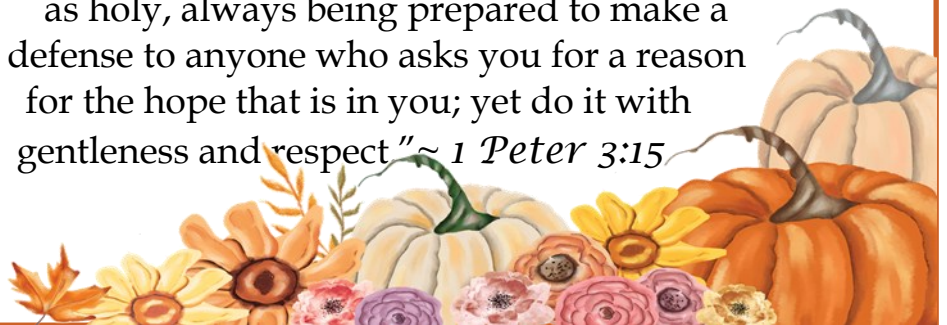
**Speaker:** Wade Wacker, founder of "Reasons for Hope"

**Gifts from the Heart** items are being collected for both

Reasons for Hope and Southwest Crisis Center:  
toothpaste, toothbrush, wet wipes, toilet paper, Kleenex, shampoo (full size), conditioner (full size), body lotion, bath soap, feminine products, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6), baby wipes, hair accessories (binders, clips, brushes, combs), nail care (files, polish, clippers), cleaning supplies (paper towels, toilet paper, Clorox wipes, rags, cleaning spray)

There is a collection box in the narthex.

"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" ~ 1 Peter 3:15



### TREASURERS REPORT FOR AUGUST

Current Fund needed for August.....\$47,381

**Current Fund received in August.....\$50,560**

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

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

### TREASURERS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Current Fund needed for September.....\$47,381

**Current Fund received in September...\$33,238**

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

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





# OCTOBER

birthdays

- 1 ~ Colton Laabs  
David Oelkers
- 2 ~ John Damm  
Lynell Vanasperen
- 3 ~ Kimberly Aukes
- 4 ~ Nicholas Daberkow  
Kayle Pauling
- 5 ~ Aden O'Neill
- 6 ~ Nicholas Grein  
Janet Laabs  
Carla Schulz
- 7 ~ Keven Hage
- 8 ~ Gander Grein
- 10 ~ Austin Rodriguez  
Hayden Rossow
- 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 ~ Jodi 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 ~ Brandon Torsden
- 27 ~ Maci Farmer  
Kassaundra Friesen
- 28 ~ Richard Grein  
Shane Meier

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



## ILS Soccer ~ 5th-6th grade team



### 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.*

**SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER** is at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Windom on Thursday, October 9th from 4:30-6:30. On the menu: bean & ham soup, hamburger vegetable soup, chicken wild rice soup, pulled pork sandwiches, bars, and a beverage. Freewill donations will be accepted with proceeds going to LYF and Faith in Action. Take out is available. Bake Sale will also be held. Meal is sponsored by the LWML. The Lutheran Church of Our Savior is located at 1157 3rd Ave. in Windom.

**7TH AND 8TH GRADE STEP UP DAY** at Martin Luther High School in Northrop is Friday, October 31st from 10:00-1:15. All 7th-8th grade students are invited. There will be a devotion, a presentation, sandwich lunch, pumpkin carving contest, amazing contests, "This is MLHS", and a drama preview. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.



10/2/92 Mike and Linda Dempster  
 10/5/19 Nick and Morgan Carroll  
 10/7/77 Brent and Lori Rossow  
 10/8/11 Josh and Ami Swanson  
 10/12/24 Kohl and Kaitlyn Nehowig  
 10/15/88 Jody and Amy Rossow  
 10/15/83 Roger and Shelley Pohlman  
 10/16/71 David and Gail Swenson  
 10/17/92 Travis and Danielle Rossow  
 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

## **LWML Happenings** **Lutheran Women In Mission**

Serving on Altar Guild for the month of October are Lisa Barkeim, Rhonda Swanson, and Janet Laabs. We thank them for taking care of the altar duties.

The Immanuel LWML Pulled Pork Dinner is 4:30 – 6:30 on Wednesday, October 1. See a separate article for details.

The zone's Fall Get-Together (Rally) will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Worthington on Saturday, October 4. Registration and coffee will begin at 9:00 with the opening at 9:30. If anyone wishes to carpool, we will leave from Immanuel Church at 8:30 a.m. Please park in the alley on the east side of church. The speaker will be Wade Wacker from Jackson, who helped found Reasons for Hope. Gifts from the Heart will be collected for this mission. Please see a detailed list of wanted items in a separate article.

The next LWML monthly meeting will be Wednesday, October 8. We will meet at 5:00 at the Jackson County Historical Society building on Hwy. 86 for a tour. After that, pizza will be served at the church basement. Please bring your own beverage. A devotion and meeting will follow, including election of officers. All women are welcome to join us for the evening.

Immanuel will celebrate LWML Sunday on October 12. Everything we do as Lutheran Women in Mission begins with Christ's message of repentance and forgiveness. The Ascension text of "GO" (Luke 24:44-53) is the mission emphasis for LWML Sunday 2025. On Ascension Day, Jesus gave his followers an assignment "that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations". As Lutheran Women in Mission, we continue to support, encourage, and uplift missionaries, and also provide physical support and compassion to all people.

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

### **FALL RUMMAGE AND BAKE**

**SALE** at Martin Luther High School in Northrop is on:

Thursday, October 16th  
 4:00-8:00

Friday, October 17th  
 8:00-8:00

Saturday, October 18th  
 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.

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

God's Blessings,  
 Lakefield Food Shelf



**LUTHERAN EARLY RESPONSE TEAM (LERT) TRAINING** will be at Camp Omega in Waterville on Friday, October 24th. This Basic LERT training will be from 4:30-8:30. Doors will open at 4:00 for check-in, registration completion, and materials pickup. The goal of this training is to prepare congregations and individuals to be better prepared when a disaster strikes and help them know how to respond. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the training session. However, only LCMS members who are 14 years or older will receive qualification as LCMS LERT volunteers. You will receive your certificate of participation, volunteer ID card, and T-shirt after completing the training. Your LERT trainers will distribute all the LERT materials prior to class. Pre-registration is required at: [https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=1132644](https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=1132644) Cost is \$25 (includes all materials, refreshments, and dinner). Pay at the training. Camp Omega is located at 22750 Lind Avenue in Waterville.

**LUTHERAN EARLY RESPONSE TEAM (LERT) CHAINSAW TRAINING** will be at Camp Omega in Waterville on Saturday, October 25th. The Basic Chainsaw LERT training is from 8:00-5:00. Please note that Basic LERT certification is required before you can attend this Chainsaw training. You may attend the Basic LERT training at Camp Omega the night before if you need that certification. Housing is available at Camp Omega if requested. This training is intended to increase LERT volunteer's skills, knowledge and safety in chainsaw operation so they can provide a critical service to those who do not have the skills or means to perform this dangerous work following a disaster. Class will begin promptly at 8:00 AM and conclude between 4:00 and 5:00 PM. Your LERT Trainer will distribute all material for the class. During the training, participants will learn:

- Safe operation of a chainsaw
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Injury prevention
- How to buck and limb storm-damaged trees
- How to properly clear debris in a safe and beneficial manner
- How to fell trees
- Proper saw maintenance

The morning session is classroom training. The afternoon session is hands-on field chainsaw operation training where participants will learn and demonstrate chainsaw skills. Participants must be age 18 or older. This training is limited to 15 participants. Cost is \$50 (includes training, breakfast, lunch and snacks). Pay online when registering. Register at: [https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=1132647](https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=1132647) Last day to register is October 10th.

Participants should bring:

- Chainsaw, bar oil, gas/oil or synthetic fuel mix (if you have these items)
- Chaps and other Personal Protective Equipment (helmet, eye protection, ear protectors, gloves and steel-toe boots) (PPE needs can be found at Amazon, Lowes, Home Depot and Menards)
- Participants must wear steel-toed boots. Tennis shoes or sandals/flip-flops are not allowed in the afternoon field session.
- Outdoor work clothes and boots appropriate for the weather at the time. Shorts are not allowed. If more information is needed contact the site coordinator, Rev. Kristian Bjornstad (507-369-8705 or [fysherofmen@gmail.com](mailto:fysherofmen@gmail.com))

Camp Omega is located at 22750 Lind Avenue in Waterville.

**MISSION POSSIBLE BENEFIT KNIGHT** is at Martin Luther High School in Northrop on Saturday, November 15th at 6:00 p.m. Tom Traetow (2000 alumni) will speak. Nationally acclaimed Christian recording artist Johnny Diaz will perform. A meal of bacon wrapped chicken, cashew lettuce salad, loaded mashed potatoes, green beans almonidine, dinner, and pumpkin or chocolate cupcakes made by Kiehl's Bakery will be served. Dinner music provided by Jayson Matasovsky. Tickets are \$60 and must be purchased by November 1st. Johnny Diaz concert only bleacher tickets are \$25. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

**THE DINNER DATE** is a free meal for everyone in the community. It is on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Lakefield Legion Hall. This month's date is Tuesday, October 14th from 5:00-7:00. All are welcome! Meal is sponsored by St. Peter Lutheran Church, rural Lakefield. Lakefield American Legion is located at 413 Main Street.

**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.



**ELECTRONIC OFFERING PROGRAM:** We have been utilizing the online giving program, Joyful Response, for quite a few years now here at Immanuel. Joyful Response is a simple and easy program to use that is available through Lutheran Church Extension Fund. This program means you can give your offerings through an electronic funds transfer from your checking or savings account. There are no charges associated with Joyful Response. Here's why you may want to try Joyful Response:

- You won't have to write checks or remember your offering envelope.
- It can help with your budgeting as you can plan your giving throughout the year.
- You can set it up so your offering is given automatically – be it weekly, monthly, bi-weekly, or whatever works best for you and your family.

The Benefits for our church are a more consistent and reliable cash flow for meeting obligations, especially during the summer months, and better information for the budget planning and decision making. Many of us already pay our bills and other obligations electronically. These are obligations we intend to pay, but we set them up for automatic withdrawal for convenience, peace of mind, and simply so we don't forget to pay them.

Maybe this giving option for your offering could be a tool to help you meet your giving goals. Signing up is simple. The form can be found on the welcome center in the Narthex and in the church office. Take the completed form to Amy in the church office and she will get you enrolled.

If you ever want to change or stop the withdrawal, Amy can do so in the church office. Remember, there is no charge to you or the church for using this option, thanks to LCEF and their Joyful Response program. All offerings given using Joyful Response will be for the current fund. All other budget items-building, mission, memorial, and special project giving should be done through an offering envelope.

Ask any member of the Board of Finance, the Elders, or Amy if you would like more information. We encourage you to try it, even with a small amount, to see how it works and you may find it makes your gifts easier to give. We hope the Joyful Response program will help you, as well as our ministry and mission at Immanuel.

**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@immanuelakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuelakefield.com).

**MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL, NORTHPROP** has an on-going business selling "This is Most Certainly Brew" Gourmet Coffee. Their coffee beans are hand-selected from the country of origin, then custom-roasted in Minnesota. Flavors include:

"Pastor's Study Blend" Euro Dark Blend

"Church Basement Brew" Honduran  
Medium Roast

"Bible Study Blend" Sumatra/Mexican  
Medium

"Eternally Yours Blend" Italian Roast  
Decaf—3 Bean

"Christmas Joy" Velvet Hammer

"Heavenly Hazelnut Cinnamon" Single  
Brazilian Bean

"Garden of Eden Rain Forest"

"Katie's Kup" Jamaican Me Crazy

"Sunrise Special!" Maui Yellow Caturra

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

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** With our offering envelopes not being date specific, please continue to use them until they are gone. When you are getting low ask Amy in the church office or an elder for a new box and they will get one for you. Remember, your number will never change and we do have an extra box with your number on it.

**SCRIP ORDERS** are taken weekly. Please turn in your orders to Amy in the church office by 8:00 a.m. on Monday 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 send an email to [immanuel@immanuelakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuelakefield.com). This is a great way to support Immanuel!

## **CHURCH COUNCIL—September 24, 2025**

Present: Jesse Ackermann, Jeff Frantsen, Kurt Swanson, Andrew Rossow, Joel Burmeister, Luke Henning, Jim Berkovich, Shane Rossow, Joel Poppe, Kerry Sydnese, Lori Henning, Brandon Laabs, Dean Jennissen, Pastor Obermann

Chairman Kurt Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:14p.m.

Voter's meeting changed to October 19

### **Board of Finance**

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

POI: Working on the accreditation process

POI: 25 Members taking advantage of Joyful Response

### **Board of Education**

POI: Distributed tuition and lunch assistance 12-15 people on each

POI: Approx \$41,000 came in from alumni mailings

POI: 116 students

POI: Holy Trinity having Concordia Choir, as a fund raiser for the school

POI: Starting accreditation process

### **Board of Trustees**

POI: light replaced for Mrs. Grein

POI: Pea rock replaced

POI: Fixed a loose pew

POI: Carpet getting replaced in the upstairs parsonage later October

### **Board of Congregational Services**

#### **Board of Elders**

POI: Elder will be at the Concordia Concert

POI: 3 weddings in October

POI: Voter's meeting moved from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> due the school choir singing at another church

POI: Checking into a more secure way to monitor door and entry into church and school

POI: Lori Henning is working on the church and school websites

POI: Elders are going to be reaching out to visit with people/members

**MSC:** List of candidates for nominations on the ballot:

Elder (need 2): Jim Berkevich, Shane Rossow

Trustee (need 2): Jeff Frantsen, Travis Dennis Rossow

Finance (need 1): Josh Swanson

Congregational Services (need 4): Monette Berkevich, Lola Gunther, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Congregational Chairman (need 1): Kurt Swanson

### **Pastor**

POI: Pastor Jacobsen is circuit visitor so will be checking in

Voter's mtg will be Sunday, October 19, after church.

### **Fire Restoration Committee**

POI: approximate total bill \$457,000. Jeff Frantsen updated on insurance from Church Mutual with a balance of approximately \$427 plus \$5000 for deductible out of pocket

**MSC** to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Kerry Sydnese, Congregational Secretary

# **Grain Drive** for Immanuel Lutheran School Lakefield, Minnesota

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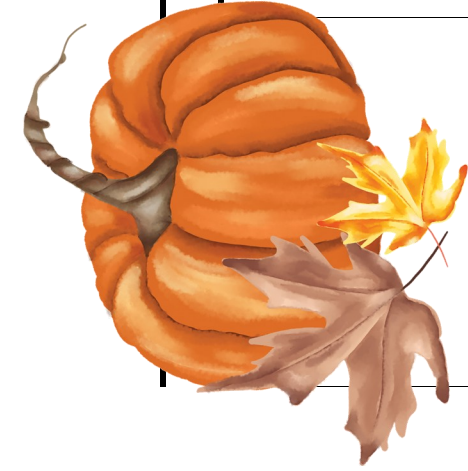
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| Mon                                                                                                                                                       |  | Tue                                                |  | Wed                                                                                                                                                           |  | Thu                                                                                                                                          |  | Fri                                                                                               |  | Sat                                                           |  |
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| <br><b>WE LOVE<br/>BECAUSE HE<br/>FIRST LOVED US.<br/>—1 JOHN 4:19</b> |  |                                                    |  | 1<br>8:20 Chapel<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>4:30-6:30 LWML Pulled Pork<br>Dinner - served drive thru style<br>6:10 Imm. Ringers<br>7:10 Choir                    |  | 2<br>4:15 5/6 VB at<br>home vs. St.<br>John Vianney                                                                                          |  | 3<br>Big Island<br>Rendezvous -<br>grades 5-8<br>Wedding Rehearsal:<br>Megan John<br>Brent Zemler |  | 4<br>Wedding:<br>Megan John<br>Brent Zemler                   |  |
| 5<br>9:00 Worship with Communion<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study                                             |  | 6<br>7<br>4:30 5/6 & 7/8 VB<br>at home vs.<br>MCAL |  | 8<br>8:20 Chapel<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>5:00 LWML - tour of Jackson<br>Historical Society, meeting to<br>follow at church<br>6:10 Imm. Ringers<br>7:10 Choir |  | 9                                                                                                                                            |  | 10<br>School Picture<br>Retake Day<br>4:15 5/6 & 7/8 VB<br>away at<br>Worthington<br>Christian    |  | 11                                                            |  |
| 12 LWML Sunday<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 All School Choir sings at<br>Our Redeemer, Okabena                                           |  | 13<br>5:15 Bd<br>Cong.<br>Services<br>Mtg          |  | 14<br>4:15 5/6 VB away<br>at St. John<br>Vianney<br>Fairmont                                                                                                  |  | 15<br>8:20 Chapel<br>11:15-2:00 Grandparent/VIP Day<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>2:30-5:00 PTL Fall Family Fun<br>6:10 Imm. Ringers<br>7:10 Choir |  | 16<br>NO SCHOOL<br>5:30 Bd Trustees<br>Mtg                                                        |  | 17<br>NO SCHOOL                                               |  |
| 19<br>9:00 Worship with Communion<br>10:15 Voters Meeting<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study                                         |  | 20                                                 |  | 21<br>4:15 5/6 & 7/8 VB<br>home vs.<br>Worthington<br>Christian                                                                                               |  | 22<br>8:20 Chapel<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>6:10 Imm. Ringers<br>7:10 Choir                                                                    |  | 23                                                                                                |  | 24<br>Wedding Rehearsal:<br>Caitlin Brandt<br>Kody Burmeister |  |
| 26<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Bible Class<br>10:15 Youth Group Bible Study<br>10:30 Bd Finance Mtg                                   |  | 27                                                 |  | 28                                                                                                                                                            |  | 29<br>8:20 Chapel<br>2:10 Confirmation<br>5:30 Board of Ed Mtg<br>7:00 Board of Elders Mtg<br>6:10 Imm. Ringers<br>7:10 Choir                |  | 30                                                                                                |  | 31                                                            |  |
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Sunday School  
Youth Group Bible Study  
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1st and 3rd Sunday

*Sing to God, sing praises to his name ~ Psalm 68:4*

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