



Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
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“What’s Happening”



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The mission of Immanuel Lutheran School is to partner with parents and Immanuel Lutheran Church in providing a quality education that nurtures life-long learners who are rooted in Christ, built in faith, and growing in love.

Worship: Sunday 9:30 am
Deadline to submit newsletter articles: Wednesday at the end of the day
Tune in to 104.1 for drive-in worship service

July 5, 2024

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

There is an old riddle that goes like this: “Do they have a Fourth of July in England?” The answer is ‘yes’, but they just don’t celebrate that particular date on the calendar. Independence Day is celebrated all over our country in many ways: picnics, parades, fireworks, and other festivities. When I was growing up in a small town in Iowa, we had local Fire Departments compete and we hosted a softball tournament. It wasn’t until later in life that I made connections with the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War.

All of this makes me wonder if we make connections in Church with our true ‘Independence’. Satan wants us to be dependent upon him, dependent upon ourselves, and dependent on anything that leads us away from God. But Christ has won our ‘Independence’ from Sin, Death, and the Power of the Devil on the cross and in the Resurrection. Easter is our celebration of true “Independence’. Christ has set us free to people of God, to worship and praise. We can be thankful that we have the freedom in our country to gather as God’s people every Sunday to celebrate our true ‘Independence’ in Christ.

PREPARING FOR CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

If there was ever one person who knew about hardships, it was the Apostle Paul. He was shipwrecked, beaten, imprisoned, and persecuted for the faith. He also had a ‘thorn in the flesh’ that caused him suffering. No one knows what this ‘thorn’ was, but St. Paul tells us that he was afflicted so that he could be humbled - humbled to see the greatness of God at work in him despite his limitations. And so St. Paul can tell us that when we are weak, Christ is strong - strong to save us from our greatest affliction, sin.

THANK YOU

Dear Immanuel Church Family: Thank you for all the love and support you have given to our family over the past year. The prayers, visits, cards, food, texts, parking cars and the beautiful flower beds. Our hearts were blessed.

We are so grateful for the meal you prepared and served after Leroy’s service. Thank you for all the dishes that were brought in for the meal. We thank God for all of you and the blessing you are in our life.

Above all, we thank God for leading and guiding us during this time in our life.

God Bless
Margie and Family

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for a *full time 7/8 grade teacher*. They would be responsible for teaching English Language Arts and History, grading, and monitoring students. If you are interested, please email Mr. Kopp at principal@midmoimmanuel.com or call the school office.

We are also looking for two *part time preschool aides*. They would work from either 7 am to 1 pm or 1 to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Duties would involve helping students with playtime and supervising them. It would also involve some light sweeping, cleaning tables, and snack time clean up. If interested in either of these positions please email Mr. Kopp at principal@midmoimmanuel.com or call the school office.

CARD SHOWER FOR GRETCHEN JUNKANS

Gretchen Junkans will turn 90 on July 21, 2024. Gretchen is the wife of former Pastor, Ervin Junkans. This July she will be celebrating her milestone birthday with family members and welcoming her 100th family member to the fold. If you would like to celebrate with Gretchen her address is: 1723 Centennial Rd, Jefferson City, Mo 65101.

God Bless,

Ruth Ann (Junkans) Stratman

SECOND SUNDAY PRAISE WORSHIP

We are now having informal/non traditional Praise worship on the second Sunday of each month. Mike Gallagher will be leading these praise worships. The next service is on July 14 at 5:30 pm with his 12 string guitar. Come Sing along with your favorite contemporary songs. Let us know some of your favorites.

2024-2025 ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is open for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The church/school office will be open most days this summer from Monday-Thursday from 9:00 till 2. There are times we will be here on Friday, but may not be each week. Before you stop in, no matter the day, we recommend that you call the office to make sure someone is here .

CAPITOL AREA LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Because of the number of signatures collected, there will be an abortion amendment on the November ballot that could change our Missouri Constitution forever... . If you are concerned about the way our society is turning into a death society and you want to educate yourself and be a witness to others, The Capitol Area Lutherans For Life invites you to attend the Leadership Institute Training Event at Faith Lutheran Church on Monday, August 5th beginning at 5:30pm with a catered meal and then 90 minutes of training/explaining by a professional trainer.

Registration will be required, and you can text Brenda Rathman at 573-301-1303. Invite as many people as possible. Life is so precious and is created by God. We cannot stand idly by and do nothing.

QUILTS OF VALOR

If you would have a thrivent card to donate to this cause, it would be greatly appreciated. The money would be used to purchase fabric, batting, thread, material for backing and quilting to make quilts for Veterans. The group would also take scraps of fabric that you may have. Colors: red, white, blue, and gold to make these quilts. Thrivent cards may be dropped off at the church office or given to Glenda Bax. Thank You. If you need help in applying for your thrivent card, please contact the office.

THRIVENT T-SHIRTS

If you apply for a Thrivent card, when ordering shirts, please order 2x, 3x sizes. We have an abundance of other sizes. If you have any questions, contact the office.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES

Do you have thriver cards available? We could use them here at the church and school for general maintenance supplies, bulbs etc to help keep costs down. Any help would be much appreciated. Cards may be dropped off at the church office. Thank You.

FELLOWSHIP MEALS SUPPORT OUR CALVARY COMMITMENT

Immanuel has committed to supporting Calvary Lutheran High School financially with \$15 per communicant member per year. This has never been a burden on Immanuel's budget, since special offerings are received for this purpose. Besides the special designated offerings received, the free will offering from our monthly fellowship meals also go towards our commitment. Thank you for your support of Lutheran education!

MEAGAN ENGELBRECHT'S MISSION TRIP

Hello everyone! My roommate and I are going on a mission trip to Panama City, Panama from July 21-July 30. While we are there we will be teaching English (the second language) through Bible stories to preschool through 6th grade. We will be spending about five days there and will get to interact with the kids, teachers, and the community. Going on a mission has always been a goal of mine and I'm so glad I'm getting to do it with familiar faces and a familiar church. Faith Lutheran will be guiding us and supplying us with our resources to teach. If you would be so kind, any donations received will help to send me on my way and help bring the cost down to go spread God's word and help young kids learn a second language. If you do find in your heart to give any donations you can drop it off at the church office with my name on the envelope. Thank you so much in advance! -Meagan Engelbrecht

DUMPSTER

Thank You Shannon Loveall, Rock Island Iron and Metal Recycling for the scrap metal dumpster. The dumpster is by the big white building for anyone that would like to donate any scrap metal or old appliances. This is available for all, not just Immanuel members.

IMMANUEL CHURCH AND SCHOOL "SAVE THE DATES"

Vacation Bible School	July 21-25, 2024
First Day of School	August 14, 2024
Sunday School Rally	September 8, 2024
Fall Turkey & Sausage Dinner	October 20, 2024
Holiday Mart	November 10, 2024
Cookies for the Cause	December 07, 2024

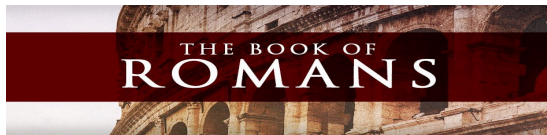
Servants for the Lord

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Lector	Elders	Finance Team
July 7	Alec Sommerer Hudson Jobe	Lance Sommerer Ed Ehrhardt	Josh Allen	Bill Blochberger Scott Schulte	Pat & Jane
July 14	Elizabeth Lehmann Brennan Schulte	Craig Schulte Kaden Schulte Caleb Bernskoetter	Jeff Distler	Danny Sommerer	Aaron & Jason

July Altar Guild: Pat Sommerer and Dawn Jackson

<u>Date</u>	<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Time</u>
7/7	Adult Bible Study - Commons Worship Service/Communion	8:15 am 9:30 am
7/10	Mid-week Bible Study, Book of Romans - Church Basement Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting in the Commons	9:15 am 6:00 pm
7/14	Adult Bible Study - Commons Worship Service/Children's Message/No Communion Fellowship Meal - Freewill offering goes to Calvary High School - Commons Voter's Meeting - Commons Praise Worship	8:15 am 9:30 am 10:45 am 11:30 am 5:30 pm

Mid-Week Bible Study



Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday mornings, 9:15 in the Church Basement. We are studying the Book of Romans. All are welcome.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer and start again on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer and start again on Monday, September 9, 2024 7pm.

Children's Sunday School and Mom's Bible Study

The Mom's Bible Study and Children's Sunday School will be taking a break for the summer and start again after Labor Day. Our Sunday School Rally is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th.



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 21-25, 6-8 pm

**Join us for Bible Stories, Songs, Games, Crafts,
Snacks, and More!**



All are welcome to join us for our
VBS Volunteer Meeting
this Wednesday, July 10th, at 6pm in the commons.

Donations for VBS are needed and appreciated.
Feel free to sign up in the church entryway. Thank you!

Click here to sign up as a Student and/or Volunteer:
[VBS 2024 Registration Link](#)

To ensure you get your
free VBS student or
volunteer t-shirt, you
must register by this
Monday, July 8th, at
www.midmoimmanuel.com

JR. AND SR. HIGH YOUTH EVENTS

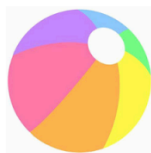
You can find more information about our youth group events by joining our Band app: [Youth Band App](#)

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP

Save the date for the next
LCMS Youth Gathering
July 19-23, 2025, in New
Orleans.



Don't forget to register as
a VBS Volunteer
(July 21-25).



LET'S HAVE SOME FUN
BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS
AND WELCOME OUR NEW
6TH GRADE YOUTH!

IMMANUEL YOUTH POOL PARTY

AUGUST
11TH
7-9 PM

FREE FOR ALL JR. &
SR. HIGH YOUTH

FOOD & DRINKS WILL BE
PROVIDED.



REDFIELD GOLF COURSE POOL
EUGENE, MO

JOIN US FOR
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL'S

Family Pool Party

Eldon Aquatic Center
Tuesday, August 6, 7:30-9:30 PM
Free for all Immanuel Family and Friends.

**PLEASE BRING A
SNACK TO SHARE.
DRINKS PROVIDED.**

AREA NEWS

OLD FASHIONED HOME-MADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 105 Trinity Church Rd, Wellsville, MO 63384

When: July 14, 2024 at 5:30pm

Food: Home-Made Chicken Salad & Pimento Cheese Sandwiches. Grilled Hot Dogs, Coffee, Tea & Soda

THE ST. JOHN'S SCHUBERT RUMMAGE SALE IS ALMOST HERE!

The SALE will be July 19-20, 2024.

Sale hours will be: Friday 7 AM-6 PM Saturday 8 AM - NOON

The area is air conditioned and handicapped accessible. There is something for everyone

Address is 4409 St. John's Road, Jefferson City, Mo

CALVARY NEWS

SUMMER HOURS

Summer hours return July 8 and extend throughout July. Monday – Thursday, 9a.m. – 3p.m Friday, 9a.m. – 1p.m.

LEAD OUR LIONS

Calvary Lutheran High School is seeking mission-minded individuals to teach one credit of **Art** for the 2024-2025 school year. Calvary is also seeking a part-time **Outreach Coordinator** and a **Head Golf Coach**. Interested applicants can contact the Calvary office at 573-638-0228. Resumes will be accepted until the positions are filled. They may also be submitted to Calvary at 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

SUMMER RETREAT DONATIONS

Calvary's Summer Retreat is held at Heit's Point Lutheran Camp in July. It is a favorite for our students and staff. This event would not be possible without the generosity of MANY! One way to help is by donating necessary food items used to prepare meals. If you are interested in what items are needed, please contact Sam Ziegelbein at (573) 638-0228 or ziegelbeins@calvarylhs.org.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Are you a Thrivent member and have Thrivent Action Team grants available? If you would like to help with projects at Calvary, we have a number of upcoming projects including the Back to School BBQ, Survive & Thrive, and the Senior Service Project that could be blessed by an action team grant! Contact John Christman to find out more.

SAVE THE DATE

July 15 Youth Boys Baseball Camp


Aug 13 Calvary Blood Drive

Aug 14 First Day of School

CALVARY COMMITMENT

Immanuel is one of 6 association churches that own Calvary Lutheran High School since 2005. Together with Immanuel, Calvary provides the opportunity for a PreK-12 Lutheran school experience in mid-Missouri. Along with the other co-owner congregations (Trinity, Jefferson City; Faith, Jefferson City; Grace, Holts Summit; St. John, Stringtown; & St. John's, Schubert), Immanuel has committed to supporting Calvary financially with \$15 per communicant member per year. This has never been a burden on Immanuel's budget, since special offerings are received for this purpose. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this support through a designated gift in the offering plate or participating in the monthly dinners - whose proceeds also go toward this commitment. Thank you for your support of Lutheran education!

CALVARY STUDENTS FROM IMMANUEL: **Freshman:** Claire Koetting, Braelynn Lowry and Ailyn McDonald. **Sophomore:** Aubree Lowry, Braylon Schulte, Owen Sommerer, and Allie Caley. **Junior:** Olivia Carrender. **Senior:** Tyler Loveall and Cole Wolken.

<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>6-30</u>		<u>Finance Team</u>	<u>Date</u>
Adult Bible Study Sunday School Youth Y'ALL Mom's Bible Study Wed. Bible Study Ladies Bible Study Men's Bible Study Offerings	18 ** ** ** ** ** ** ** \$ 13.00	June \$ 69.00	Aaron & Jason Tim & Terry Heather & Rochelle Mary & John Pat & Jane	July 14 July 21 July 28 Aug 04 July 07
<u>Church Attendance</u> Sunday - 9:30 am Communion: (184) Sunday - 5:30 pm	243			
Church Offering Plate & Envelopes Electronic Total: <i>Avg Offering Goal (as of 6/1/24)</i> <i>Weekly church/school expense total</i>	\$ 7,811.30 886.92 8,698.22	12-mo avg <i>\$10,174</i> <i>per week</i>		
DRC Offering <i>Monthly Building Loan Payment</i> <i>Bldg Loan Balance as of 6/1/24</i>	\$ 345.00 \$ 4,125 121,548	\$ 1,052.00 12-mo avg <i>\$2,611</i> <i>per month</i>		

Offering Options Available

We have several eGiving options if you would like to give a one-time or recurring offering electronically:

- 1) Set up an **online donation** from our website: <https://www.midmoimmanuel.com/online-giving>
- 2) Download the **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** app for your smart-phone and search for "Immanuel Lutheran Church and School" (several churches will display from just "Immanuel", so be sure to type in the full name - there are still at least three on the list that have the same name as us - be sure to select the one with our address - 8231 Tanner Bridge Road). Set up your profile and manage your offerings.
- 3) Text your offering through **Text Giving** by texting a whole number for the offering amount (i.e. "10" for a \$10 gift) to 1-573-267-5706. Follow the link that is replied back.
- 4) Contact Jason Sommerer (573-338-2441 or summertime_99@hotmail.com) for assistance and we can set up an **auto-draft from your bank** directly to Immanuel.
- 5) Vanco also offers to accept gifts **over the phone** for our congregation. Vanco's Client Services team will take donations if you call them at 800.675.7430

PRAYER REQUESTS

At Home or Hospital: Quinetta Rutledge, Brennan Schulte, John Green, Jane Kesel, Konlee Kempker, Charlie Duenckel, Rebecca Eichelberger, Betty Hoecker, Jeff Propst, Danny Goodman, Dane Steenburgen, Denny Schulte, Ann Shipwash, Megan Limbach, Trevor Burrows, Clay Rolsing, Sandy Sebastian, Kenny Braun, Tim Lafser, David Dziadosz, Jerry Binkley, Thom Mace, Brennis Horstmeier, Nathan Gladstone, Teresa Schubert, Deb Leech, Les Lohraff, Leon Berhorst, Shirley Beck, Chris Eiken and Randy Jacobs.

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: Family and Friends of Barbara Beck

Celebrating Birthdays: 7-1 Dawn Matthews, Sabrina Beck, Logan Schulte, Joseph Sommerer. 7-2 Melaney Smith, Karen Henry, Layken Sommerer. 7-3 Cody Morrow, David Trinklein, Jordy Doerhoff, Julie Morris. 7-4 Dalton Mueller. 7-5 Abel Kumberg. 7-6 Derek Sommerer. 7-7 Henry Geritz, Owen Sommerer. 7-8 River Werdehausen, Kamry Rusk. 7-9 Blair Jungmeyer. 7-10 Harold Lehmann. 7-11 Jadah Bax. 7-13 Nicholas Jackson. 7-14 Aiden Pringer. 7-16 Bertie Engelbrecht, Maria Merritt, Charlie Duenckel, Amber Werdehausen, Ronette Schulte, John Sommerer. 7-17 Craig Kempker, Jerry Kopp. 7-18 Shannon Loveall, Schellie Blochberger. 7-19 Ross Ahart. 7-20 Emry Pringer, Curt Rowden, Aubree Lowry, Gail Duenckel, Gage Phillips, John Horn. 7-21 Mateus Chrisman. 7-22 Ben Vanderwert, Aaron Hart. 7-23 Pat Engelbrecht. 7-25 Curt Tellman, Marla James, Lester Lohraff, Victoria Slicker. 7-26 Harper Eichholz, Asher Doerhoff. 7-29 Joey Kuensting, Charlene Allee, Tyler Mueller, Brooklyn Slicker. 7-31 Karl Michael.

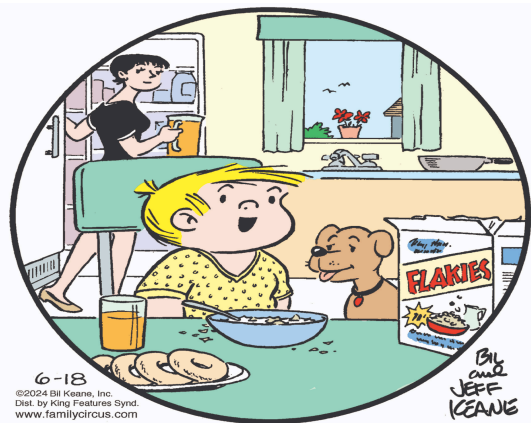
Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: 7-1 Brady and Chris Hagerman 46yrs. 7-9 Mike and Debbie Groner 19yrs, Eric and Jayme Eichholz 8 yrs. 7-14 Adrian and Darice Voss 17yrs. 7-17 Deven and Mandy McDonald 20yrs. 7-21 Brian and Tara Bishop 12yrs. 7-24 Charlie and Virginia Duenckel 59yrs. 7-29 Wayne and Kristie Sommerer 46yrs.

Celebrating (1-5 yrs old) Baptism Anniversary: 7-9-23 Nolan Rowden 1yr, Kenna Rusk 1yr. 7-11-21 Bentley Browner 3yrs. 7-12-20 Barrett Rowden 4yrs. 7-16-23 Millie Morris 1yr. 7-31-22 Cambria Chrisman, Finnley Jungmeyer 2yrs.

Nursing Home Residents/Shut-Ins: Virginia Meier-Heisinger Bluffs

Military Personnel: Jack Schmoeger, Clare Hart, and A. J. Kempker.

Thought for the Day: **Don't be afraid or worry; trust and believe in our Lord. Worry and fear are of the Devil.** "So then, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Today has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:34 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:6-7



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"I love wakin' up every morning now and remembering that there's no school."



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"Heaven is a great big hug that lasts forever."

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The Gift of Contentment

As children grow up, they often feel cramped by their parents' restrictions. Dad says to be home by 11. But why can't I say out 'til midnight? Mom says to clean your room on Saturday morning. But I want to sleep in late, then roll out of bed, hop in the car and go to my friend's house without delay. I want to do what I decide is best.

The older we get, and especially when we have kids of our own, we begin to see the truth. Mom and Dad were not cramping our style or trying to crush our personal freedom — they were looking out for us, providing for us and teaching us a better way of life.

If that's how it is with fallible human parents, how much more so with our Heavenly Father! We sinners often feel cramped by the Law of God. Our sinful flesh wants to go its own way, do its own thing and be in charge. But in our heart of hearts, we know how foolish this is. We know that God loves us, and therefore all of His commands are for our benefit. Each one of His commandments is meant to bless us. Consider the last two commandments:

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it. (SC II)

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty. (SC II)

The commandments against coveting are warning us against losing one of the greatest gifts we can possess: contentment. Being content and thankful with what God has provided for us is a necessary building block of living a happy life. Unthankful coveting of what we have not been given will only make us miserable, so God warns us against it.

God has proven His love for us in sending His only begotten Son to shed His blood for us, cleanse us of our sins and brings us back into His family. If He loves us this much, then when percentage of His commandments do you think are meant to harm us? Probably no more than one or two percent, right? Of course that's absurd. God means to bless us with everything He says to us. The Law of God simply describes what a truly happy life, lived in thankfulness to Christ, looks like: It's a generous, merciful, contented life that uses all of the resources God has given us for His purposes.