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“What’s Happening”



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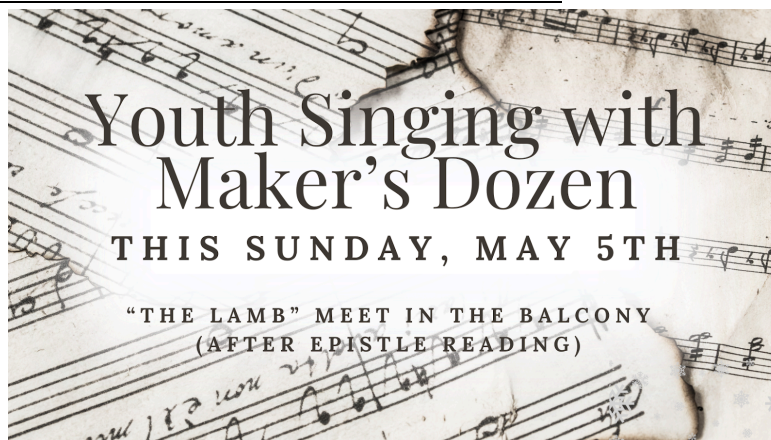
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The mission of Immanuel Lutheran School is to partner with parents and Immanuel Lutheran Church in providing a quality education that nurtures life-long learners who are rooted in Christ, built in faith, and growing in love.

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

May 3, 2024

FROM THE DESK OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY



An idea has formulated this week into a special opportunity for the youth group to not only sing with Maker's Dozen in church, but also to sing on the day in which we are celebrating Mrs. Bonnett's 25 years of ministry at Immanuel. What a blessing!

All youth are invited and encouraged to come to the church balcony after the epistle reading THIS SUNDAY, MAY 5th, to sing "The Lamb" with the Maker's Dozen. You don't have to be a beautiful singer to join your voice with the group. ;) Any former students of Mrs. Bonnett's who would like to jump in to sing, praise the Lord, and celebrate with us are also welcome to join.

I will have copies of the lyrics for everyone. Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

In Him,

Mandy McDonald

PREPARING FOR CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Jesus said, "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love." This is the same context as what Jesus said earlier in John 15 to 'remain' in Him as the true vine. Remaining and Abiding mean that we have something that we can hold on to while still growing and moving out to love one another.

We have a great example of this here at Immanuel. It is Mrs. Bonnett. She has served us for 25 years. She has remained faithful to her calling to serve God, and she abides in Christ as her Savior. As she remains and abides, she has constantly shown the love of Christ to her students and this Church.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the food donations made by the many members here at Immanuel. Your contributions and donations have made a significant impact on our lunch program. God Bless You All. The Kitchen Staff

PART TIME SUMMER PRESCHOOL POSITION








Immanuel Lutheran Preschool is looking for part time summer help. It would be mostly afternoons about 10-15 hours per week. Must be 18 to apply. Contact Tyler Kopp at 496-3766 or principal@midmoimmanuel.com.

CALL COMMITTEE

The call committee for the seventh & eighth grade teacher needs your help. If you have any names to submit for the committee to consider, please email them to Mr. Kopp at principal@midmoimmanuel.com or call the school office. It can either be someone we call or contract. Hopefully within the next few months we will have a call meeting to issue a call. Please keep the call committee in your prayers.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

That's a wrap on the 2024 ILS Golf Tournament!! Despite the dreary weather, it was our most successful year yet!! The support our school has received through this fundraiser is overwhelming and absolutely incredible! Shoutouts and "Thank You's" to so many:

-  Our Platinum Partners for your generous donations of your services, products, and/or prizes!
-  Our Contest Hole Sponsors for making this an extra fun event for all!
-  Our Food & Beverage Sponsors for helping us provide lunch and cold beverages for our golfers.
-  Our Hole Sponsors and Family Sponsors for helping us cover costs for golfers and other misc. fees.
-  Golfers for braving the weather, being patient when we had a delayed start, and still having fun! And a HUGE thank you to the winning teams that donated their winnings back!
-  Redfield Golf Course for being flexible and so wonderful to work with!
-  Our Committee Members and Volunteers for all your hard work prior to the tournament and for sticking out the entire day in less than ideal golf tournament weather.

We hope to see you all again next year! THANK YOU!

VOTERS' MEETING

Voters' Meeting has been changed from May 12th to the first Sunday, **May 5th** following worship service in the sanctuary. Please plan to attend.

2024-2025 ENROLLMENT

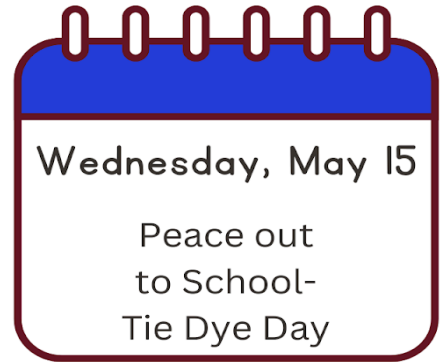
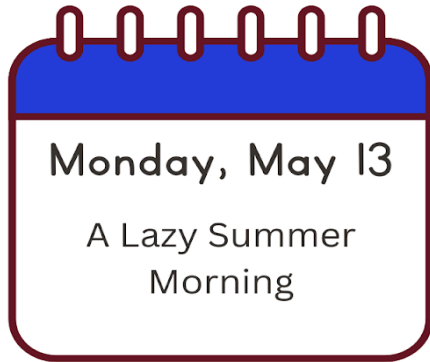
Enrollment is open for the 2024-2025 school year. Please turn the registration form and fee into the office as soon as you are able. It helps us to plan better the earlier we know. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

DUMPSTER

The scrap metal dumpster is back! Thank You Shannon Loveall, Rock Island Iron and Metal Recycling, 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.

LUNCH MENU (All menus subject to change/milk served with all meals/salad or pbj alternative daily)

- 5/6** Toasted ravioli, marinara sauce, garlic bread, green beans, fruit
- 5/7** Chicken patty on bun, cheesy scalloped potatoes, veggies, fruit
- 5/8** Mozzarella cheese sticks, broccoli and rice, baked beans, marinara sauce, fruit
- 5/9** Fish sticks, peas, chips, fruit
- 5/10** Chicken nuggets, tater tots, fruit



END OF THE
SCHOOL YEAR
DRESS UP DAYS



IMMANUEL CHURCH AND SCHOOL "SAVE THE DATES"

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| VOTERS' MEETING | MAY 5, 2024 |
| 8th Gr. & PS Graduation | May 19, 2024 |
| Vacation Bible School | July 21-25, 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
May 5	Ailyn McDonald Luke Bax	Lance sommerer Scott Jackson	Scott Jackson	Bill Blochberger Scott Schulte	Jason & Aaron
May 12	Kaden Browner Maren Sommerer	Craig Schulte Kaden Schulte	Jeff Distler	Danny Sommerer	Tim & Terry

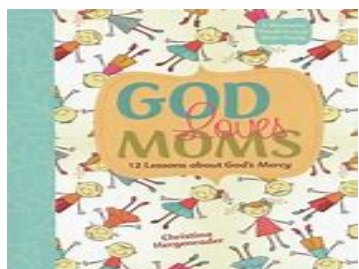
May Altar Guild: Loretta Schulte and Kathy Goetz

Date	Upcoming Events	Time
5/05	Adult Bible Study - Commons Mom's Bible Study - Youth Room Children's Sunday School - Meeting first in Kindergarten Room Worship Service/Mrs Bonnett 25yr Anniversary Recognition/Communion Voter's Meeting after Service in Sanctuary	8:15 am 8:15 am 8:15 am 9:30 am
5/08	Chapel (<i>Leader: Pastor Resner - Baptismal Remembrance</i>) Mid-week Bible Study - Book of Leviticus - Church Basement Women's Bible Study - Youth Room	8:30 am 9:15 am 6:30 pm
5/12	Adult Bible Study - Commons Mom's Bible Study - Youth Room Children's Sunday School - Meeting first in Kindergarten Room Worship Service/Children's Message/Children Sing and Play Bells <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	8:15 am 8:15 am 8:15 am 9:30 am

Mid-Week Bible Study

Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday mornings, 9:15 in the Church Basement. We are extremely blessed and thankful to have Pastor Brandt leading us through the book of Leviticus. All are welcome.

Mom's Bible Study



We would love to have you join our Mom's Bible Study. We meet from 8:15-9:15 am in the youth room each Sunday to study God's Word, encourage one another, and enjoy coffee and conversation. Feel free to bring a friend. The more the merrier. We will have babysitters available in the preschool for children under age 3 while other children attend Sunday School classes. **Our last Mom's Bible Study for this semester is Sunday, May 19th. We will break for the summer and start again after Labor Day. Thank you so much to our babysitters, Ava Jobe, Emma Frey, and Aubree Lowry, for helping take care of the little ones.**

Children's Sunday School

Please join us for Sunday School each Sunday. **We have classes for all ages each Sunday from 8:15-9:15 am.** Parents are welcome to attend the Adult Bible Study (commons) or the Mom's Bible Study (youth room) while kids are in Sunday School. We also have several youth group girls who have agreed to babysit those too young for Sunday School in the preschool classroom. **Our last Sunday School class for this semester is Sunday, May 19th. We will break for the summer and start again after Labor Day. Thank you so much to our Sunday School teachers: Amy Kopp, Jenna Dick, and Lucas and Sonja Bechel, and the various teachers who have led the Jr. and Sr. High Youth classes!**

Women's Bible Study

Our Women's Bible Study meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the youth room. We would love for you to join us! We'll meet to encourage one another as well as study God's Word, pray together, and unpack the promises found in Psalm 46 that are fulfilled in Christ. 🕊

✨ When our Lord says, "Be still, and know that I am God," (Psalm 46:10), what does He mean? God's Word promises that whatever kind of storm we find ourselves in, Jesus always comes to us. He is our refuge and strength; our ever-present help in time of need.

📖 Note: This is the last session for the Be Still study. If you would like to join us but don't have the book, we will have copies of the chapter available.



Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study is **Monday, May 13, 2024** at Jason Propst's firehouse, 4501 Old Ridge Rd. The Men's Monday night Bible Study will be viewing a film series entitled "That The World May Know". This is a four part series filmed on site in the Holy Land. Each part is divided into "faith lessons" for discussion purposes. The first two parts are from the Old Testament, and the second two parts are from the New Testament. Part One is entitled "Promised Land". Part Two is entitled "Prophets and Kings". Part Three is entitled "Life and Ministry of the Messiah", and Part Four is entitled "Death and Resurrection of the Messiah".

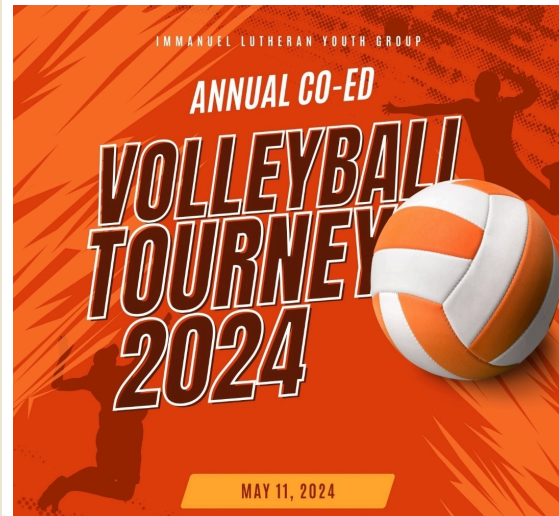
JR. AND SR. HIGH YOUTH EVENTS

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

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP



- SATURDAY, MAY 11, YOUTH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT/FUNDRAISER
- YOUTH SUMMER EVENT- MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 2ND- MORE INFO TO COME
- TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST WEEKEND- JUNE 8-10TH ADDITIONAL INFO BELOW



Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)

A Great Opportunity for Immanuel Youth: Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) will be held on June 8-10, 2024 at Faith Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, MO. TEC is a three-day retreat for teens AND adults that allows them to encounter the presence of Christ in their lives in a unique way. If you want to find out more about this amazing opportunity to grow in your faith, please visit our website, www.heartofmotec.com. The website has all the information and an online application. If you have any questions please speak with Mandy McDonald or if you want more information you can call or text Sam Ziegelbein at 573-680-6887 or email TEC at heartofmotec@gmail.com. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important ministry with your prayers, by attending, or by donating needed items.

AREA NEWS

BRAZITO-HONEY CREEK LIONS CLUB BBQ - 3220 ROUTE E

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Dine in (all you can eat) or take out

Serving begins at 11:00 am

Adults \$15, 6-12 \$10, under 6 free

BBQ Chicken and Pork Steak, Potato Salad, Baked Beans and Dessert

ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT

The Saint Paul Lutheran High School Orchestra will perform their spring concert on Sunday, May 12 at 3pm in Krueger Dining Hall. The concert is free. Please come join us and support our talented students at their performance.

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY READING BUDDIES PROGRAM

218 Adams St. Jefferson City (573)634-2464

We are excited to extend this invitation to your child to participate in a FREE reading program offered this summer at the Missouri River Regional Library!

The Reading Buddies Program is a literacy-based program that pairs kindergarten, first, and second grade students with teen and community volunteers who have been trained to help young readers. Your child will meet with their Reading Buddy once a week to read together and do fun group activities in order to help boost reading levels and reading self-esteem. The Reading Buddies Program is designed to give children extra reading practice one-on-one with a mentor and to make the reading experience fun! We will be celebrating reading by doing creative projects, as well as providing snacks and literacy based games.

YOUTH BASEBALL CAMP

Incoming 5th through 8th graders are invited to join Calvary Lutheran High School from 10:00-11:30 am on June 10th, 11th and 12th for Calvary's Youth Baseball Camp! Infield, outfield, hitting, pitching, and catching will all be covered. This event is free of charge. Please RSVP by calling the Calvary office at (573) 638-0228 by Friday, May 26th.

CALVARY NEWS

CALVARY INSIDER

Wondering what went on at Calvary this week?

- Baseball lions celebrated their seniors at Tuesday's game against Tuscumbia.
- Wednesday began with students filling the bus to attend the Missouri March for Life at the Capitol. Afternoon classes followed.
- FFA Lions hosted a Petting Zoo and Agriculture Day on Thursday.
- Thank you to everyone who came out to the Spring Concert! Calvary's band, choirs, soloists, dancers, and artists presented a beautiful night of entertainment.
- Following the concert, students past and present joined together for the final Game Night of the year!

POSITION AVAILABLE

Calvary Lutheran High School is seeking a mission-minded individual to teach one credit of Art for the 2024-2025 school year. Interested applicants can contact Principal Erich Ahlers at (principal@calvarylhs.org) or 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.

TWENTY YEARS OF CALVARY GOLF TOURNAMENTS!

Assemble your team and shine your clubs! The 20th annual Calvary Benefit Golf Tournament is Friday, May 31, 2024 at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton! Consider entering a team, sponsoring a hole, or volunteering your time to help! We would love to have you! Contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org with your interest. To register your team, go to calvarylhs.org/golftournament Space is Limited!

DONATE. SHOP. VOLUNTEER.

It's a great time to visit Calvary's Gift! Donate your gently-used items. Then, do some shopping for decorations, gifts, and more. You are also invited to come and volunteer at the store. This could mean sorting items, handling donations, or ringing up sales. Reach out by calling (573) 821-8875 to see where & when you can best fit. Stop by to donate and shop at 722 Jefferson Street!

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Missouri allows private K-12 tuition to be paid from a 529 fund. This is a great opportunity for families (or friends of a family) to contribute specifically to a student's education through state-tax deductible contributions. Qualified withdrawals for tuition expenses can happen now or well into the future. Call John Christman (573-638-0228) or your financial advisor today to learn more.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION EVENT

It was an honor to visit Calvary's 6 association churches this semester. Calvary would like to offer the same information that was shared during the bible class time to a wider audience. Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m., Calvary will host a community education event, "Understanding Gen Z: today's teens and young adults." The event is open to the public (parents, grandparents, co-workers of Gen Z).

SAVE THE DATE

May 25 Graduation of the Class of 2024

May 31 20th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament calvarylhs.org/golftournament

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: Aubree Lowry, Braylon Schulte, Owen Sommerer, and Allie Caley. Sophomore: Olivia Carrender. Juniors: Tyler Loveall and Cole Wolken. Senior: Brennan Laughlin

<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>4-28</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	19 20 ** ** 06 23 6 ** \$ 5.00	April	Aaron & Jason Tim & Terry Heather & Rochelle Mary & John Pat & Jane	May 05 May 12 May 19 May 26 June 02
Church Attendance Sunday - 9:30 am Communion: ()	209			
Church Offering Plate & Envelopes Electronic Total: <i>Avg Offering Goal (as of 1/1/24)</i> <i>Weekly church/school expense total</i>	\$ 9,837.00 5,416.39 15,253.39 \$ 9,550 \$14,000	12-mo avg \$10,174 <i>per week</i>		
DRC Offering <i>Monthly Building Loan Payment</i> <i>Bldg Loan Balance as of 1/1/24</i>	\$ 425.00 \$ 4,125 \$149,821	\$ 6,330.00 12-mo avg \$2,611 <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 and Patti Trinklein, John Green, Jane Kesel, Konlee Kempker, Charlie Duenckel, Rebecca Eichelberger, Betty Hoecker, Jeff Propst, Rita Linhardt, Danny Goodman, Dane Steenburgen, Denny Schulte, Ann Shipwash, Megan Limbach, Trevor Burrows, Clay Rolsing, Sandy Sebastian, Kenny Braun, Norman Menteer, Tim Lafser, Judy Meisel, Roger and Ruth Braun, David Dziadosz, Jerry Binkley, Thom Mace, Alice Troyke, Brennis Horstmeier, Gail Duenckel, Nathan Gladstone, Leroy Propst, Bridget Menteer, Deb Leech, Shirley Dusheke, Shannon McCreany, Judy Masters and Terry Bernskoetter.

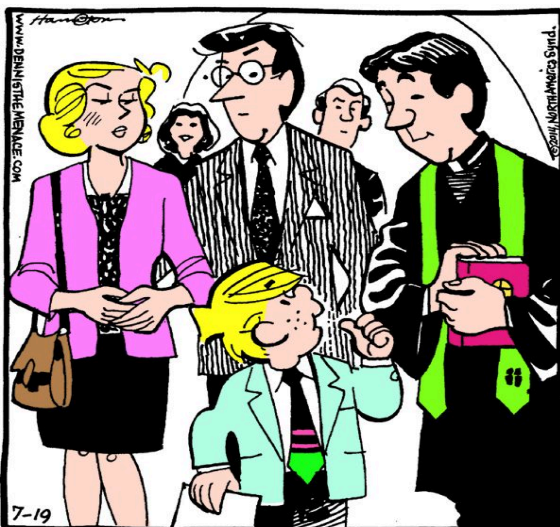
Celebrating Birthdays: Renee Duenckel 5-1, Tanner Trinklein 5-2, Deanna Sipi 5-2, Finnley Jungmeyer 5-2, Erin Myers 5-3, Lane Phillips 5-4, Lynn Krumland 5-5, Wayne Sommerer 5-5, Braelynn Lowry 5-5, Brody Russell 5-6, Waylin Rowden 5-6, Ailyn McDonald 5-8, Logan Browner 5-9, Kevin Braun 5-9, Emma Kempker 5-10, Barbara Snellen 5-10, Lucas Bechel 5-10, Londyn Duncan 5-11, Allie Caley 5-12, Hazel Braun 5-12, Shelly Ager 5-13, Grant Jobe 5-14, Kristen Bax 5-14, LeAnne Bonnett 5-14, Kelsey Chrisman 5-14, Caleb Bernskoetter 5-17, Michael Bax 5-17, Allye Simmons 5-17, Paige Buechter 5-17, Alice Simmons 5-17, Barrett Rowden 5-17, Ethan Sommerer 5-18, Billy Blochberger 5-18, Mackenzie Harms 5-19, Mari Vanderwert 5-19, Sophie Voss 5-20, Jane Blochberger 5-20, Virginia Duenckel 5-21, Kevin Morris 5-21, Radlee Allee 5-22, Neil Engelbrecht 5-22, Lloyd Sommerer 5-23, Brian Engelbrecht 5-24, Sydney Duenckel 5-25, Blakely Werdehausen 5-25, Macie Goetz 5-26, Steve Ott 5-26 Roseann Engelbrecht 5-26, Dale Binkley 5-27, Jane Sommerer 5-27, Lucas Wibberg 5-27, Nikki Ahart 5-28, Travis Hart 5-29, Stephanie Phillips 5-30, Madilyn Caley 5-31, Samantha Matthews 5-31.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Kevin and Joni Braun 5-7 30yrs., Josh and Sara Allen 5-7 19yrs., Shannon and Jennifer Loveall 5-8 25yrs., Leon and Karen Henry 5-10 22yrs., Cole and Reagan Duenckel 1yr., Nick and Amber Werdehausen 5-19 6yrs., Frank and Lisa Walker 5-19 35yrs., Ross and Carrie Ahart 5-22 14yrs., DeWayne and Faye Doerhoff 5-22 42yrs., Norman and Verna Menteer 5-23 60yrs., Pastor and Debbie Resner 5-24 43yrs., Dale and Ronda Binkley 5-26 40yrs., Charlie and Mae Bruce 5-29 40yrs., Jake and Macy Dill 5-31 10yrs., Jerry and Arlene Binkley 5-31 65yrs.

Celebrating (1-5 yrs old) Baptism Anniversary: Conway Kasper 4-28-2019 5yrs., Liliana Propst 5-01-22 2yrs., Augustus Sommerer 5-01-22 2yrs., Isla Allen 5-15-22 2yrs., Oliver Morrow, 5-16-21 3yrs., Sebastian Bax 5-30-21 3yrs.

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

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



"I LIKE CHURCH... I CAN TELL GOD THINGS I WOULDN'T DARE TELL MY PARENTS."



"AND I'M WEARIN' MY KNEEPADS, SO WE CAN HAVE A LONGER CONVERSATION."

A NOTE FROM MRS. BONNETT

"O Give Thanks Unto the Lord for He is Good, for His Mercy Endureth Forever." Psalm 136:1

24 years ago ILCS celebrated Mrs. Duenckel serving here 25 years. Mr. Dallas Koffarnus spear headed that event. Mr. K., Mrs. Rogers-expecting Shelbi at the time, and I expecting Corban at the time, did a little skit for Mrs. Duenckel on the old stage in the gym. Mrs. Duenckel's 25 year celebration was at the end of my first year of ministry here at Immanuel. When Mr. Kopp approached me 3 years ago, as I was completing 25 years in total ministry (my 1st 3 at St. Peters Lutheran, St. Peter, IL) he said we are doing something for your 25 here. I was not excited about that idea, but Mr. Kopp persisted. (A testament to the leaders both Mr. Koffarnus and Mr. Kopp are!) This has been quite surreal and awkward knowing this was going to occur. I wondered how I should approach this in my mind. This is definitely not just my celebration, this is celebrating 25 of the 156 years of Immanuel Lutheran School "Feeding His Lambs." I hope I never forget the sign above Mrs. Duenckel's classroom door, "Jesus Teaches Here." Each year of ministry that sign rings more and more true. I cannot do it on my own. Immanuel Lutheran Church and School would not be here on its own. Immanuel means "God with Us." I remember once when Mr. K and I were visiting about Immanuel he shared with me that this place was special. He said it is full of sinners like any other place of ministry but in the end, when someone is down and out, Immanuel steps up-no matter what. He said he had never been called to a place quite like Immanuel. I know that there are many incredible places of ministry throughout the world and Praise God for that! Right now, I would like to list some history of God in action just in the 25 years God has called me to serve here at Immanuel. I have been so blessed to see so much growth...

-My 1st year (1999-2000) 1st year of preschool, 1st year of Kindergarten, 1st year of 5&6 grade
My 1st year was the year ILCS moved from 3 grades to 2. I taught Kindergarten in the AM and 5th grade came out of the 3-4-5 grade classroom and 6th grade came out of the 6-7-8 classroom in the afternoons.
-The next year the 1st full day Kindergarten and 5&6 grades were their own classroom.
-I have been blessed with 6 different principals at Immanuel

-I have moved classrooms 6 times...

1. I started in the "pit" classroom. The old church offices in the old school building that were turned into my classroom. (It was painted like the ocean because I called it "The Abyss." Greg and Tracy Henson, and Mr. K helped me paint that room.
2. The awesome big original classroom in the old school with all of the beautiful windows. Thank You Mitch and Betty Berendzen and Ma Fern for helping me paint that room. (My mom helped me paint the closets.)
3. Back down to the Abyss.
4. The modular -Yeah!! We had the Immanuel Lutheran Middle School Department. This was a Great classroom, windows we opened for fresh air... the only drawback was going down the stairs, up the stairs in the old school to go to the bathroom.
5. The Tuesday before Thanksgiving Break 2011- the ILS school middle school 5-8 grade, moved into the rooms that are now the Preschool (there was a temporary wall) to separate 5&6 and 7&8.
6. Current Classroom
-Beginning 1 ½ million dollar new school building project in a recession (Just Trust and Watch God Work!)
-LSAM, Lutheran Sports Association of MO started Volleyball the fall of 2001. At the onset of the Volleyball Tournament there was not a silver or gold division, all teams competed in one bracket...The 1st 4 years of LSAM volleyball the Lady BlueJays placed 5th, 4th, 2nd, 2nd - being the smallest school there (Small but Mighty)
-Witnessed soccer and track programs at Immanuel
-Witnessed the onset of our Academic Bowl Teams and ILS spelling bees

- Witnessed one of our girls basketball teams make it to the National Lutheran Basketball Tournament
- Witnessed some of our boys basketball teams qualify as an elite few for LSAM
- Witnessed the student body march around the old parsonage, spring of 2011, before the old parsonage came down for the advancement and growth of ILCS,
- Witnessed countless Science Fair Projects rock it, beautiful Christmas Services,
- Witnessed our Lights and Sound guy (Kevin Engelbrecht) do his magic for the Awesome Musicals,
- Rolling pencils in Miss Lynn's office and Mrs. McDonald's classroom in the old white house,
- Saw the old school building torn down,
- New bathrooms in the gym before the remodel (Thank You Ralph and Irma Popp)
- New gym floor and Gym remodel
- Gym heating and cooling (What happened to really getting in shape in August for Volleyball?)
- No more hauling wood
- No more fueling the wood furnace in the gym
(many of the current teachers did that and countless dads and grandpas, moms and grandmas)
- Acres and acres of God's Earth for the children to learn in and play on (We get to see and smell cattle!)
- A cemetery to learn to respect and appreciate
- Witnessed a team of men and women not let a virus stop worship, just adapt (let's have it outside)
- Witnessed many students for the 1st time in their lives, own-read and study God's Word
- No more wood play set (no more splinters)
- No more needing to kill a baby mole in the Abyss classroom! Hopefully we will not get a baby mole in the new school building! (Thanks Sommerer twins and Ryan Love for being the men of the classroom while the girls were screaming mouse!) These are just a few...but my oh my, How God Works!!!

In my 4th year of college we, the senior students pursuing a teaching degree as a called servant in the LCMS, were assigned to create a mission statement. For me, this was a powerful assignment for in my mind, what I chose needed to be my mission throughout my entire ministry as a called servant of the Lord. I thought about and prayed about that assignment and finally I thought to myself, instead of trying to write something myself why not just select a Bible Verse. So, the Holy Spirit led me to this...Acts 20:24 "However I consider my life worth nothing to me if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given to me, the task of testifying to the Gospel of God's Grace." Wow, this verse is humbling. The combination of myself being human, a sinner, and there having been trenches in this ministry journey, and there have been some deep trenches; I have, at times, felt like crying out. One reminder of this verse hopefully places my mindset back into its proper place. Considering my life worth nothing compared to completing the task He has called me (us), to testify to the Gospel of God's Grace! God Help Me, Amen! Isn't this though, also a calling to all Christians? Immanuel Lutheran School, Honey Creek, is 156 years old! Immanuel Lutheran Church, Honey Creek, is 154 years old! There have been many trenches here at Immanuel and in reality, all Christian ministries around the world. There will continue to be -where our True God the Father-Son-and Holy Spirit are working, satan works harder! Praise the Lord for the Truth of His Living Word and the Incomparable riches of His Grace and Mercy!

Dear God the Father-Creator and Sustainer of the Universe,
 God the Son-Savior Redeemer Jesus Christ, and
 God the Holy Spirit Breathe of Life-Earthly and Eternal...

Thank You for 156 years of ministry of ILS and 154 years of ministry of ILC,
 Thank You for All Christian ministries around the world,
 Thank You for all of the men and women who have heeded Your call to Teach and Preach all ages,
 Thank You for the Truth of Your Word and may no Christian entity waver on Your Word,
 Thank You for the phenomenal teachers-servants I have worked with in the past, and continue to each day,

Thank You for the beautiful team leadership of Pastor Resner and Mr. Kopp,
Thank You for Pastor Swanson, Pastor Foss, and all former Pastors of ILC,
Thank You for our secretaries who are much more than secretaries, our Awesome Grandma and Grandpa cooks that have and continue to provide the best school lunches this side of the Mississippi :)
Thank You to our past-present-future Boards, Bd of Education, Council, Elders, Ushers, Committees, Choirs, Youth Ministry leaders, Cooks, Janitors, Trustees, PTL, Dinner Committees, Voters, Pastors, grass mowers, summer wax the floor crews, Teachers, Substitutes, Teacher Aides, wood cutters, painters, playground,
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Thank You God for my husband's unending support and our growing family-Adrienne and Ellsinore,
Thank You God for Samuel Luetkemeyer, former student and alum of ILS playing organ today,
Thank You God for the Makers Dozen and any and every person who made this day special,
Thank You for each and every student You have Blessed me with beginning in Illinois and now here,
Thank You for the parents who have entrusted me with the privilege to Love their children,
I Thank You God for the Blessing of these 25 years of ministry to Immanuel, Honey Creek.
God Help Us to Never Stop Believing in Your Power and Might!
May this Church and School Ministry Sustain until Judgment Day, O Lord!
May each child who has been taught the truth of Your Word = Keep, Live, and Share the Faith!
In Jesus's Name I Pray, Thy Will Be Done, Amen.

In Christ's Service, Mrs. LeAnne Bonnett, M.Ed.

"The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all"

2 Corinthians 13:14