



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 **107.3** for drive-in worship service

January 24, 2025

FROM THE DESK OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

To my brothers and sisters in Christ at Immanuel:

Grace and peace to you all. Paul began his letters this way because he, like us, experienced God's amazing grace. And through this grace, we can experience God's amazing peace. In God's grace and peace, I write you this letter.

I first want to thank you for your love and support throughout the years, for allowing me and trusting me to serve at Immanuel as a teacher and Youth and Family Ministry Director for the past 24 years. Having just turned 48, I have spent half of my life in service to Him at Immanuel, and for that I am grateful. God has allowed me to use the talents He has given me to establish some important ministry opportunities for Immanuel families, and I am blessed to have been a part of that growth.

Over the past couple of years, I have found myself searching and praying for the right time to allow God to transition someone new into this role here at Immanuel. I have peace that it is the right time to find someone that is excited to continue what has been started and bring in fresh ideas to continue to expand this ministry. With that in mind, I wanted to announce my resignation from my position as Youth and Family Ministry Director, at the end of July, 2025. It is bittersweet to announce this, but I am excited for new opportunities for Immanuel and for myself. I also want to afford the congregation plenty of time to find a replacement. God has given me great peace about this decision, and I know He will take care of both my family and our Immanuel family. It's an exciting time of growth in Honey Creek, and I pray that God will use the work He did through me and Deven to continue to bless His people at Immanuel.

As you know, I love the Lord, the people of Immanuel, and especially the children of Immanuel. I plan to continue to serve as a congregation member, and I look forward to seeing how God can use me to volunteer in different ways.

I trust that the Lord will provide for us as we ask for His guidance. May His will be done.

Psalm 9:10: "And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you."

Trusting in Him,
Mandy McDonald

PREPARING FOR CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Jesus comes to His hometown and is rejected. The people are going to stone Him, but He walks right through the crowd untouched. In this Epiphany season we see Jesus being manifested as God and Lord. While He is rejected at Nazareth, Scripture tells us that many came to see Him for who He is at His resurrection from the dead.

In our Epistle reading, we hear that we are one in the Spirit. We are made into one body - the body of Christ known as the Church. While it is sad that we have become divided into denominations, we continue to pray for true unity in Christ and we know that the Church triumphant in heaven will live forever in that unity.

FULL TIME 4TH GRADE TEACHING POSITION

Immanuel Lutheran School is looking for a full time teacher for our 4th grade classroom. They would be responsible for teaching 4th grade students, homeroom duties, and other areas concerning the management of a classroom. If you are interested please contact the school office (573-496-3766) or email Mr. Kopp (principal@midmoimmanuel.com).

THANK YOU

We had a donation given to Immanuel in memory of Elmer (Skip) and Martha (Matz) Angerer by their children: Linda Schoer, Gary Angerer, Marilyn Hillis, Doris Kunze, Robert Angerer, Rich Angerer, Joan Schmutz and Tom Angerer.

CHURCH SERVICE BROADCAST

The radio station to listen to the church service has changed. It is now **107.3**. In order to get the best signal, please park in the back parking lot.

BALLFIELD CLOSING

The ballfield was re-seeded this fall and will be closed until the first of June 2025. We know this will cause inconvenience and disruption to those that use it, but the field was in disrepair and needed attention. Thank you for understanding and cooperation.

With the grass area of the ballfield being re-seeded, there is still additional work that needs to be done and we would greatly appreciate any physical or monetary help that you could provide. If there are any questions regarding what is going on with the ballfield or helping take care of church grounds, please call Don Propst at 573-338-2075.

MISSING BLACK VEST WITH A HOOD

Did you happen to grab the wrong jacket/vest after re-entering the sanctuary on Christmas Day? It is a down-filled vest with a hood. It was in the back pew on the pulpit side. You may drop off in the office if found. Thank you.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LENTEN MEALS 5:30pm - 6:45pm

3-05 - Youth Group - Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Sides, and Desserts

3-12 - Women's Bible Study - Italian Pastas, (Gluten Free option) sides and desserts

3-19 - Open

3-26 - Pending

4-02 - Open

4-09 - The Maker's Dozen - Fish Fry

If anyone would like to host on the open dates, please contact the office. 496-3451

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Our 3rd quarter chapel offerings will be going towards Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dogs. The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs serve every day in the community in which they are placed and are deployed in times of disaster and crisis to bring comfort to all those affected, including first responders and the volunteers who serve them. Our offerings will go specifically to team Boaz who has been in Christ the King congregation and working beyond their walls to areas around the Lake community.

YEAR END TAX STATEMENT FOR PRESCHOOL OR BSC/ASC

If you would like a statement of what you paid for preschool or BSC/ASC for 2024, please contact the school office.

SCRAP METAL DUMPSTER

Rock Island Iron & Metal Recycling has a dumpster 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.

SCHOOL LUNCH DONATIONS

If you would like to donate any of the following items to our school lunch program, you may drop it off in the office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Ranch, Honey Mustard Dressing, Applesauce, Syrup

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

- 1/27** BBQ rib sandwich, veggies, fruit
- 1/28** Calzones, seasoned pasta, veggies, fruit
- 1/29** Chicken & noodles, biscuit, veggies, fruit
- 1/30** Frito pie, cheese quesadilla, veggies, fruit
- 1/31** Hot dog on bun, potato smiles, veggie, fruit

IMMANUEL CHURCH AND SCHOOL "SAVE THE DATES"

Kindergarten Round-up	February 26, 2025
Drive Thru BBQ	March 16, 2025
Trivia Night Youth Fundraiser	March 22, 2025
Questioning and Reception	March 26, 2025
Confirmation	March 30, 2025
MO District Youth Gathering (Lake)	April 4-6, 2025
Vacation Bible School	June 22-26

Servants for the Lord

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Lector	Elders	Finance Team
1/26	Mari VanderWert Tenley Evans	Troy & Cole Wolken Tyler Loveall	Jeff Distler	Brad Engelbrecht Troy Wolken	Mary & John
2/02	Raegan Caley Eli frey	Lance Sommerer Scott Jackson	Josh Allen	Scott Schulte Bill Blochberger	Pat & Jane

January Altar Guild: Carrie Wolken & Pat Sommerer

February Altar Guild: Jane Propst & Sara Allen

<u>Date</u>	<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Time</u>
1/26	Adult Bible Study - The Commons Children's Sunday School Classes - begin in kindergarten room Youth Group Sunday School - 5th and 6th grade room Mom's Bible Study - Church Basement Worship Service/Children's Message	8:15 am 8:15 am 8:15 am 8:15 am 9:30 am
1/29	Chapel (<i>Leader: Mr. Kopp</i>) Mid-Week Bible Study - Book of Romans - Church Basement Confirmation Classes - Legacy Room Women's Bible Study- Church Basement Choir Practice	8:30 am 9:15 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
2/2	Adult Bible Study - The Commons Children's Sunday School Classes - begin in kindergarten room Youth Group Sunday School - 5th and 6th grade room Mom's Bible Study - Church Basement Worship Service/Communion	8:15 am 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 studying the Book of Romans. All are welcome.

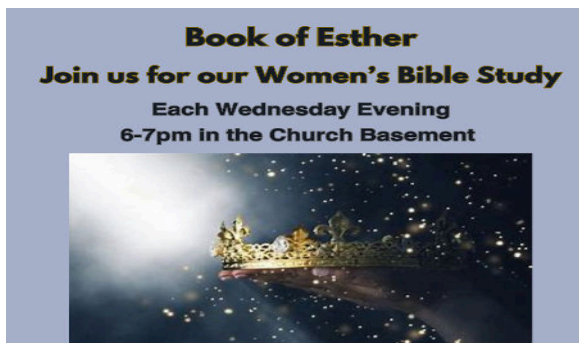
Men's Bible Study - Invite a Friend

The Men's Bible Study will be **Monday, February 10, 2024 7pm** at Jason Propst's firehouse, 4501 Old Ridge Rd.

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School meets each Sunday from 8:15-9:15 am. Students age 3 - 5th grade will first meet in the kindergarten classroom to sing songs. They will then be dismissed to their classrooms by age. The youth group age (grades 6-12) class meets in the 5th and 6th grade classroom.

Women's Bible Study



As always, feel free to bring a friend. If you are jumping in for the first time, great! We will refresh on what we have studied so far before we move on.

Mom's Bible Study



Mom's Bible Study

Each Sunday from 8:15-9:15am
Church Basement

How does this sound for a great way to spend an hour each Sunday morning? Sharing God's Word, stories, encouragement, and a warm cup of coffee with other Christian moms all while your child(ren) are hearing about this same loving Jesus in their Sunday School class.

If this sounds good to you, please join us in the church basement each Sunday morning from 8:15-9:15 am. Bring your Bible and feel free to invite a friend. We even have Sr. High youth who are available to watch children under age three in the preschool room. We would love to have you join us!

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

GRADES 6-8

JR. HIGH YOUTH THIS SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 | 3-5 PM
YOUTH ROOM (CHURCH BASEMENT)
BIBLE STUDY, FOOD, GAMES, AND FRIENDS

GRADES 9-12

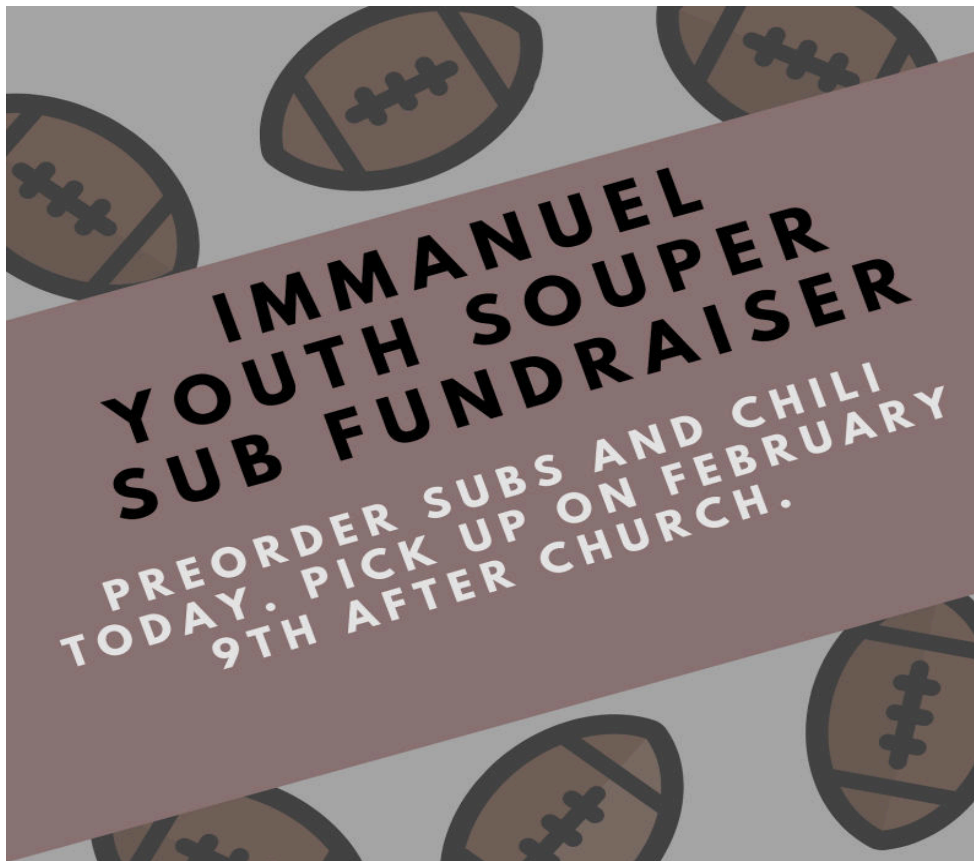
SR. HIGH YOUTH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 3-5PM
YOUTH ROOM (CHURCH BASEMENT)

BIBLE STUDY, FOOD, GAMES, AND FRIENDS

Upcoming Events

- Sunday 1-26 (3-5pm): Jr. High Youth
- Sunday 2-2 (3-5pm): Sr. High Youth
- Saturday, 2-8 (10-11am) Soup-er Sub Fundraiser-preparing subs in commons
- Sunday, 2-9 (after church)- distribute chili and subs
- Saturday and Sunday, 2-22 & 2-23 LSAM Basketball Concession Stand Fundraiser



Click here to order your sub today.

Thank you for supporting the Immanuel Youth Group.

All proceeds will help the Sr. High Youth attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July.

[**Souper
Sub
Fundraiser
Form**](#)



AREA NEWS

BRAZITO HONEY CREEK LIONS CLUB (3220 Rt. E)

CHILI & CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP DINNER

Dine In or Carry Out

Sunday, January 26 beginning at 11:00 am

Adults \$12.00; Kids 6-12 \$6.00; Under 6 Free

SUPPORT TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL!

Mark your calendars! Trinity Lutheran is hosting a fundraising night to benefit Trinity students and school enrichment programs. Join us on March 1st at 6pm (door open at 5) for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fundraising! This year's event theme is Blast from the Past: A Battle of the decades themed fundraiser and there is plenty to look forward to! Your ticket includes:

- Delicious food and refreshments - a buffet by Sweet Chipotle Catering & beverages sponsored by Scheppers Distributing Company
- Exciting raffles and auctions
- Trivia - hosted by Cork and Board

All proceeds from the event will directly support a new playground for Trinity Lutheran School.

We'd love to see you there! Tickets are \$65 per person or \$500 for an 8 person table. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Morgan Householder, Chair, at mehouseholder2@gmail.com or 573.338.0505.

CALVARY NEWS

CALVARY INSIDER

What went on at Calvary over this past week?

- Monday night basketball welcomed 5-8th grade students for Middle School Night!
- Pastor Steensma led chapel and shared a message on relationships.
- **Homecoming week spirit dress up days encouraged Calvary students to dress up ahead of Friday night's game!** The dance rounded out the festivities on Saturday evening.

LION BASKETBALL

Upcoming games at **Home**:

Jan. 30 JV Boys/V Boys at 6:30 v. Russellville

Jan. 31 V Girls/V Boys at 6PM v. St. Elizabeth

Live stream the games: [twitch.tv/calvarylhs](https://www.twitch.tv/calvarylhs)

Visit calvarylhs.org/calendar/ to view the full calendar!

DISCOVER CALVARY DAY!

This prospective student Visit Day event is on February 6th! It is a day intended for 7th grade students to discover the advantages of a Lutheran high school education and the many opportunities available at Calvary. If you know a 7th grader (or 8th grader, if they haven't attended before) who would benefit from knowing about the Calvary experience, contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 to learn more.

CRIMSON & DINNER! AUCTION

Tickets are available for the 2025 Crimson and Silver Dinner Auction at the St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, April 26, beginning at 4:00pm. Ticket price is \$50 per person, and tables of 8 are available for \$375. Purchase tickets online at linktr.ee/calvarylhs or call the school office at (573) 638-0228.

OPEN POSITIONS

Calvary is seeking a ministry-minded golf coach for this coming Spring season. Additionally, Calvary is seeking candidates for the part-time athletic director position to begin Summer 2025. Resumes and inquiries can be sent to administrator@calvarylhs.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Feb. 7-8 Calvary Boys Basketball Showcase

Feb. 18 Calvary Blood Drive 1-6PM

Feb. 20 Open House, 7PM

Apr. 26

May 30


Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction

Calvary's 21st Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

We pray that the Lord would move your heart to contribute to one of the following items.
Thank You and God Bless!

1. 2,000.00 Electric Costs per month
2. 7,000.00 Building and Liability Insurance/per quarter
3. 7,500.00 Concordia Plan Health Insurance
4. 1,000.00 Propane Capital Energy/per week/winter
5. 234.00 Waste Removal/per month

<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>1-19</u>		<u>Finance Team</u>	<u>Date</u>	
Adult Bible Study	17	Jan	Aaron & Jason	Feb 09	
Sunday School	21		Tim & Terry	Feb 16	
Youth	0		Heather & Rochelle	Feb 23	
Y'ALL	**		Mary & John	Jan 26	
Mom's Bible Study	7		Pat & Jane	Feb 02	
Wed. Bible Study	20				
Ladies Bible Study	8				
Men's Bible Study	9				
Offerings	\$ 16.00		\$22.36		
<u>Church Attendance</u> Sunday - 9:30 am Communion: (147) Second Sunday - 5:30pm	205				
Church Offering Plate & Envelopes Electronic Total: <i>Avg Offering Goal (as of 6/1/24)</i> <i>Weekly church/school expense total</i>	\$ 7,647.00 2,210.53 9,857.53	12-mo avg <i>\$10,174</i> <i>per week</i>			
DRC Offering	\$ 310.00	\$ 310.00			

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: Brennan Schulte, John Green, Jane Kesel, Konlee Kempker, Charlie Duenckel, Betty Hoecker, Danny Goodman, Dane Steenburgen, Denny Schulte, Ann Shipwash, Trevor Burrows, Clay Rolsing, Sandy Sebastian, Kenny Braun, David Dziadosz, Jerry Binkley, Brennis Horstmeier, Nathan Gladstone, Teresa Schubert, Deb Leech, Les Lohraff, Leon Berhorst, Shirley Beck, Chris Eiken, Randy Jacobs, Nathan Lawson, Pam Brauner, Grant Lamb, Marilyn Kloeppel, Carol Hale, Codi Slayton, Lloyd Sommerer, Andy Rank, Nolan Kesel, Randy Stegeman, Crystal Jennings, Linda Falter and Karen Henry.

Celebrating Birthdays: **1-26** Makayla Trinklein. **1-27** Kristina Siedenburg. **1-28** Jeff Distler. **1-29** Jerry Binkley. **1-30** Mark Morris, Judy Ehrhardt. **1-31** Charlie Bruce. **2-1** A.J. Bettman, Leo Hager, Ava Voss, Frank Wibberg.

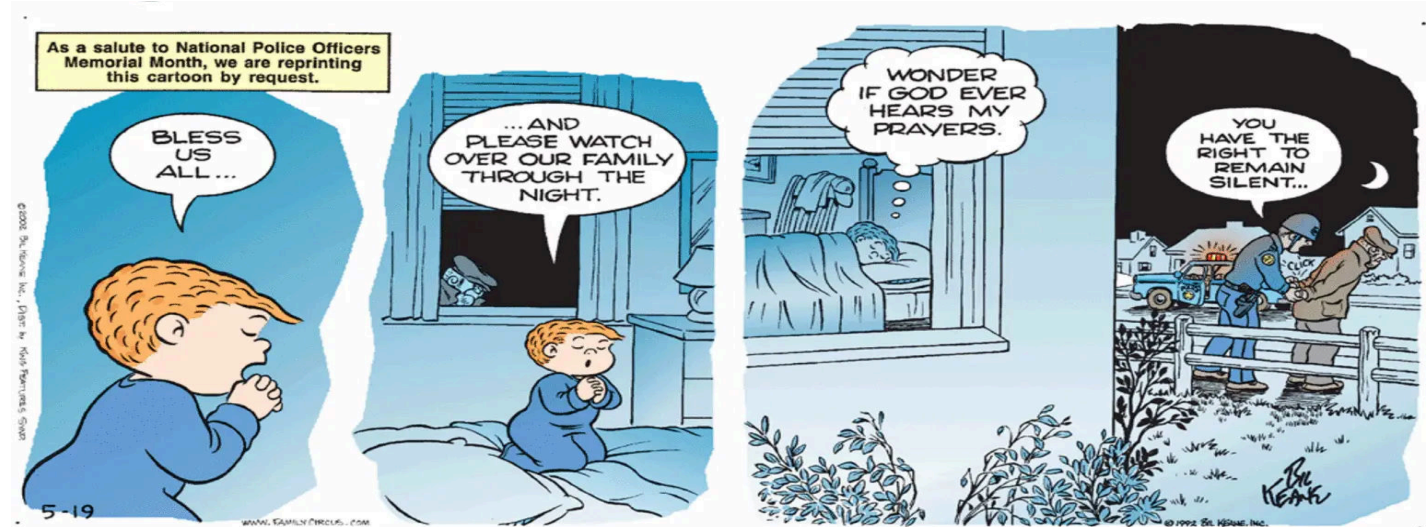
Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: **1-26** Don and Glenda Bax 51yrs.

Celebrating (1-5 yrs old) Baptism Anniversary: Braylon Buechter & Cord Kasper 1-30-22 3yrs.

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

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

Thought for the Day: *The greatest test of Faith is when you don't get what you want, but still you are able to say Thank You Lord. "But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord." James 1:6-7*



Thank you Brian Engelbrecht for continuing to supply me with cartoons for the Newsletter.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:13-14

"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5

PRO- LIFE- For Life!

Since January twenty-second, the year 1973,
The rights of unborn children have been violated beyond degree.
Brought to the slaughter innocent babes,
Because of ruthless people, causing vibrant waves.

Pro-life means exactly that-"for life,"
Are we to sit by idly during all of this strife?
As Christians we should show those through THE WORD,
How wrong it is to end a life, which God has incurred.

Rescue those who are being taken away to death,
A creation from God, this can't be its quest.
At this precise moment-yes, in our great land,
We truly must speak out and take a stand.

Do have mercy Lord on this our land,
Forgive us for just standing by idly and being bland.
In the moments, days and months ahead,
Be for life-not death- think of the blood Christ shed.

Written by Virginia Duenckel

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

January 2025

Repenting of “Feasts that Know No Fast”

Fresh off the Christmas season and the retail frenzy that accompanies it, January brings a shot of frigid air into the lives of the people we know and love. This is not a meteorological statement either. While it is true that January is one of the colder months for those in North America, the cold front blast that hits us is the full force of credit card spending that fueled the retail frenzy. The bills for the gifts, the parties, the food and the travel have now come due. The credit card makes things convenient, but it also requires more discipline than many can muster. When the bills come in January for December’s celebration, it really puts a damper on things.

Congregations often make the same mistake in stewardship. We often charge forward in doing what we always do or starting new endeavors without counting the cost. But at the end of the month, or the end of year, when the bill comes due, the red ink on the congregational balance sheet smacks the people in the face like a stiff north wind in January. We hunkered down. We circle the wagons. We start to panic. The work of the Gospel suffers.

The fifth verse of “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788) addresses this January situation. The words penned by William Watkins Reid are very needful for us to hear as we start a new year, while dealing with the bills of past efforts and expense.

“Forgive us, Lord for feast that knows not fast ...” This hits us hard, doesn’t it? We love when the money is flowing, the parties are going, and things are getting bigger and better. But there is a time in life, and most especially in our spiritual disciplines, that we need to fast. The purpose of a fast is to step back, lay something aside for a time, and replace it with meditation on Scripture and prayer. This is designed to keep us from turning something that may well be good into an idol that separates us from the God who loves us in Christ.

“For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul ...” In “The Parable of the Sower,” we hear Jesus talk about how the worries and cares of life choke out the growth of the seed of the Word that was planted. We know how this happens in our lives. Professional and youth sports do this. Materialism does this. Travel and leisure and do this. There is a list of things that we enjoy that starve the soul.

But it also happens in our congregations. When corporate stewardship is not managed in a responsible way, it can and does destroy individual stewardship. Is it good individual stewardship to support a ministry that doesn’t take its corporate responsibility seriously?

“For walls and wars that hide your mercies vast and blur our vision of the Kingdom goal.” This is the ultimate end of the idolatry of failed stewardship. We build walls between believers within the church and hamper those who are outside from coming to the Light of Life that is Jesus. The wars we fight over money and its impact on ministry do the same. It eventually blurs our vision of what we are here to do: share the Good News of Jesus. When the wintry blast of January hits us in this fashion, we are called to repent.

When the Holy Spirit uses the cold front of the call to repentance, we meet the God who forgives and restores. That is what He does for individual and corporate stewards. When the bills hit, they call us back to Jesus. He is the One who indeed forgives us our shallow thankfulness and leads us into the bounty of His mercy yet again.



22nd Annual
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LUTHERAN SCHOOL
GOLF TOURNAMENT
April 25, 2025

SPONSORSHIPS

_____ **\$500 Contest Sponsorship** • four available

Name and/or logo on signage placed on one of four contest holes. Sponsor may be present at the hole and/or awards ceremony to promote their business. Special recognition given at the awards ceremony.

_____ **\$250 Lunch & Beverage Sponsorship** • twenty available

Name and/or logo on signage posted on beverage/golfer carts and at the clubhouse where lunch is served. Special recognition given at the awards ceremony.

_____ **\$100 Hole Sponsorship** • unlimited

Name and/or logo on signage posted on a golf course hole.

All sponsors will be spotlighted on our social media accounts!

WHAT ARE YOU SUPPORTING?

All proceeds benefit the Immanuel Lutheran School – Parent Teacher League. The PTL helps provide our teachers and preschool through 8th grade students with the tools and resources needed for a successful school year. **Our sponsors are a blessing and are very much appreciated!**

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