



Little Lambs Preschool

of Immanuel Lutheran Church
511 Russell Road
DeKalb, IL 60115

Serving the community since 1998.

**Come, explore,
grow, learn &
play with us!**



- Play-based
- Social Behavior
- Emotional Growth
- Field Trips
- Academics
- Spiritual Growth
- Family Involvement
- Cognitive Learning
- Physical Development

Registration for Fall 2025

For Current & Past Little Lambs Families Opens

February 24

Community Registration Opens March 3

**Our desire is to partner with parents
in nurturing your child in a Christian setting.**




Small class sizes with a 5:1 student/teacher ratio.

Classes 2, 3 or 5 mornings per week,
for children ages 3—5.

Tuition assistance available to qualified families.



*For more information, or to schedule a tour,
call 815-756-6669;*

www.LittleLambsDeKalb.org or visit us on 

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“An excellent play-based education in a loving environment for children and their families, that prepares your child for the school years ahead, academically, socially and spiritually.”

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

February 2

"Do the Things That Make for Unity"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus crosses borders and even breaks down the barrier of death to do the things that make for unity: shared worship, shared mission, shared harvest.

(John 4:9)

February 9

"We Have an Advocate"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Where we might see only a problem, Jesus sees a person who needs an Advocate.

(John 5:6)

February 16

"The Bread of Our Lives"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

Jesus gives us Himself as the Bread of Life so that everything we need can be filled by Him and His gifts.

(John 6:35)

February 23

"Need to Know"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

If you don't need God, you won't know God.


(John 7:28-29)

<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WGN	Chicago, IL	720	AM	Sun	6:30 AM
WHJG	Rockford, IL	93.3	FM	Sun	
WROK	Rockford, IL	1440	AM		
WTPB-LP	Rockford	99.3	FM		
WFPS	Freeport, IL	92.1	FM		
WCCI	Savanna, IL	100.3	FM		
WGVE	Gary, IN	88.7	FM	Sat	10:00 AM
W284CY	Hammond, IN	104.7	FM	Sun	11:00 AM
WTMU	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	6:30 AM




Ash Wednesday
 March 5, 2025
 Service at 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
w/Holy communion & Imposition of ashes.
 7:00 p.m. Service to be broadcast on
 Facebook Live and YouTube.

ASH WEDNESDAY *Following the service the video will be posted to our website.*

 **Lenten Meal** Midweek Lenten Services will begin Wednesday, March 5. The evening service will be preceded by a Lenten dinner. The schedule at this time includes:

- Wednesday, March 5 LWML Soup & Sandwich Dinner
- Wednesday, March 12 *Open (Tentatively council cook out night)*
- Wednesday, March 19 Little Lambs Spaghetti Dinner
- Wednesday, March 26 Refuge Baked Potato Dinner
- Wednesday, April 2 & 9 **OPEN**

If your board or group would like to host a dinner, please contact the office to reserve your date.



March 2025
Newsletter Deadline February 18, 2025
Newsletter Assembly: February 26, 2025

Pastor: Rev. Marty Marks
 815-501-3951 (c)
 Rev@godwithusilc.org

Preschool Director:
 Katie Martinez
 LittleLambs@godwithusilc.org

Office Support Staff:
 Darlene Hillman (*office manager*)
 Alma Sanchez (*secretary*)

Custodians/Maintenance:
 Michelle Mangini & Craig Dybas

Elders:
 Chris Cook, Ron Feldmann,
 Dan Lohmeier, Kevin Harms,
 Dennis Martinez, Keith Nelson

Office Hours:
 Monday—Thursday
 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
 Friday 8:30—noon
(when Little Lambs is in session only)



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Contributions /Offerings From the Financial Secretary,

2025 Giving Envelopes: Please pick up your 2025 Giving Envelopes in the narthex. In an effort to be fiscally responsible, if you have opted to not use your envelopes in 2024 the computer did not generate an envelope number for you. If you would like envelopes and do not see your name on a box, please notify the office or Ann Nelson and we will get you envelopes.

- If you would like to sign up for *Joyful Response, (automated giving)* take a form from the envelope table and turn it in to the office.
- If you prefer to not use envelopes and give in an alternative way, such as using your own bill-pay, Joyful Response, or through a debit/credit payment in the office, please notify the office and we will assign you a virtual number.
- If you are already enrolled in Joyful Response or use a virtual number, this is an excellent time to evaluate your giving commitment.

Giving statements for 2024 are available in the narthex.

If you have any questions concerning contributions, please contact Ann Nelson or the office.

Thank you. Ann Nelson, *Financial Secretary*

- Contributions can be made on our web site or with the Vanco mobile app.
- **You can use giving envelopes on a regular basis.** *(available in the office)*
- **Cash and checks** can be placed in the weekly offering plate, mailed or dropped by the office at any time.
- **Debit/Credit card payments** – processing can be done in the office during office hours.
- Use your **bank bill pay** program to set up **recurring** contributions or one time payments.
- **Joyful response e-giving** – The church sets up an automatic debit from your bank account on a **recurring** basis based on your preferences. *Contact the office for more information.*

Fiscal Year to Date July 1, 2024—December 31, 2024	December 2024
Total Budgeted Receipts:	\$275,765.35 \$59,690.40
<u>Total Budgeted Disbursements</u>	<u>(\$268,693.42) (\$50,347.62)</u>
Budgeted Net Income (Loss)	\$ 9,342.78 \$ 7,071.93
Non-Budgeted Receipts	\$ 14,061.89 \$ 2,812.09
<u>Non-Budget Disbursements</u>	<u>(\$ 12,243.50) (\$ 495.00)</u>
Total Net Income (Loss) 2024-2025	\$ 8,890.32 \$ 11,662.87



In late January the Confirmation class began their study of the Lord’s prayer. Every year I spend several weeks teaching and discussing prayer with the students, parents and mentors. Since the topic is fresh in my mind, I thought this might be a good time to offer you all a refresher on prayer as well. I’ll start by reminding you that we have a prayer team that keeps prayer in front of the congregation by praying for all who have need while at the same time spending time studying the Biblical practice of prayer. If you feel so moved, I know they would love to have you join them at their regular meetings.

So what is prayer? The Catechism gives us this simple definition: “Prayer is speaking to God in words and thoughts.” In its most basic level that is what prayer truly is. Yet in so many ways, it is much, much more. Prayer is our half of a conversation begun by God as he has spoken to us in His Word and through the creation of faith in our hearts through the Holy Spirit stemming from Baptism. God’s message of love then invites us to converse and even make requests of Him, encouraged by His gracious invitation to pray.

Like a good parent who knows the hearts of His child, God is much less concerned with the actual words we use and much more interested in the spirit by which we pray. The Lord’s Prayer, as presented in Luke’s Gospel show us that it was meant to be a “teaching prayer.” This means that Jesus’ intent was not to simply give us “magic words” that we should parrot back to Him, but concepts worthy of our thought, consideration and mediation as we pray. It begins by reflecting on what it means for Him to be our Father, a loving presence who provides for us, guides and protects us.

He asks us to consider the fact that while He dwells “art” in heaven, He is willing to descend to the sinful and imperfect world that we live in because He loves us. He brings perfection and goodness to a world that sits in darkness. When we pray at His behest that “His kingdom come and His will be done” this gives us the opportunity to reflect on what His will actually is. This takes

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Hello and Happy New Year from Little Lambs!

The month of January has been very busy. The second half of the school year is jammed pack with events and fundraising. The last week of January Little Lambs celebrated Lutheran Schools Week. For those of you who do not know about Lutheran Schools Week, it is a week that we, as school, celebrate all the wonderful things that the Lutheran Schools around the country do each day to bring the good news of Jesus to their students. This year the theme is "Endure" which is based on the Bible verse Hebrews 12: 1-3. However, as a preschool we wanted to bring that theme closer to home for our little learners and we will be talking about "God's Enduring Promises." We encouraged families to participate with the Outreach project in the narthex. We will display all the amazing ways God's love and promises come to us in our own lives.

As part of our celebrations this year we held our service project in December with our gift card fundraiser. After the hurricanes in the south this summer we decided to collect gift cards to send to help those who were affected by the hurricanes. We teamed with Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) to make sure any and all gift cards were placed into the hands of those who needed them the most. We collected over \$1200 in gift cards to send to the south. A big thank you to everyone who helped with this project. It truly is amazing the work God can do through us when we come together for the good of others.

Another way we will celebrate Lutheran Schools Week is with our annual Special Guest Day. This year we served up a pancake brunch for our guests to enjoy after chapel and visiting the classrooms. This is always a fun day for our students. The children are very excited to show off our school to their guests and have them join us for chapel.

In the coming weeks we will be gearing up for our fundraisers. We expect Plant Sale information to be available soon. The Used Book Sale and Spaghetti Dinner will be happening in March 12. Our book sale begins the same day. We hope to see you there and serve you some delicious spaghetti! These are both free will donations.

The dinner is one of six Lent suppers offered each week during Lent. You are invited to attend any, or all, of the weekly Lenten dinners which are put on by various groups in the church.

We will be once again having our silent auction in May. This is our big fundraiser for the year. More information will be out later, however, if you

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February:

- 2/02 "To the glory of God in praise and thanksgiving for all Lutheran Schools in observance of Lutheran Schools Week," by Little Lambs Preschool.
- 2/09 "To the glory of God and to the loving memory of Kurt Rissman," by his family.
- 2/16 *Open*
- 2/23 "Given in celebration of Lana Marten's life and her many gifts that she shared with all," by Linda Conrad & Pat McKinley.



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OPEN FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS: February 16; March 2, 9 & 23; April-Full; May 18; June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; July 6, 13, 20 & 27

OPEN RADIO SPONSORSHIPS: February-Full; March 16 & 30; April 20 & 27; May 4, 18 & 25; June 1, 8, 15 & 29; July 6, 13 & 27

To be a Radio or Flower Sponsor: Call the office to reserve a date. Cost is \$45 for flowers. Flowers may be taken home following the 10:30 service, or you may have them given to one of our shut-ins by a member of the Altar Guild.

Radio: Radio sponsorships are \$250 for a 60-minute broadcast or \$125 for 30 minutes of the broadcast. *(Remaining 30 min. could be sponsored by someone else).*



		2/11	Naomi Devlieger
			Noah Hamel
			Summer Hamel
			Emily Nelson
			Clara Nieman
2/01	C-J Motisi	2/12	Lucas Faivre
2/03	Samantha Gratschmayr	2/13	Vicki Dove
2/04	Nova Leadingham	2/16	Jill Misitano
	Connor Knutson	2/17	Gary Hoffman
2/06	Addison Schwab		Carl Long
2/07	Angela Pringnitz	2/19	Lincoln Cook-Rhodes
	Brian Goodman	2/21	Virginia Walker
	Kenneth Hayes II	2/22	Lisa Nelson
2/08	Janet Brynes		Janice Schroeder
	Robert McKinley	2/27	Gail Cantrell
	Madelyn Hayes		Diane Griffith
			Michelle Mangini



02/24/1980
Doug & Lisa Nelson

If you are a member of Immanuel, and do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, or the date is incorrect, please kindly inform the church office so that our records can be corrected. Thank you!

Membership Changes :

Received through Holy Baptism:



Brynlee Jean Tiggelaar, born October 29, 2024, was baptized January 12, 2025 at the 8:00 service. Parents are Hayes and Laura Tiggelaar. Sponsors are Hunter and Javiera Tiggelaar.

Sunny Rae Hamel, born August 23, 2024; **Theodore James Hamel**, born May 2, 2022 and **Lukas Jack Hamel**, born April 29, 2020; were baptized January 12, 2025 at the 10:30 services. Parents of the children are Noah and Summer Hamel.



Dorothy Jane Knudson, born July 3, 1926, was called home January 1, 2025. Services were held at Immanuel on January 11, 2025

Helen Deschler, born March 12, 1925, was call home January 17, 2025. A private family service is planned.

Funeral at Immanuel: **Carol Joy Kennett**, born November 26, 1932; (mother of C-J Motisi) was called home January, 9, 2025. Services were January 14, 2025.

Transferred into Membership: The Elders approved the transfer into membership of **Karrie Altringer-Mclean** from St. Matthews, Lemont.

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or someone you know would like to donate any items, please feel free to reach out to me or the office. We will also be looking for helpers to run games on the final evening of the auction. Please reach out to me or Darlene if you would be interested in helping. The final night is May 22nd .

Little Lambs is forever grateful for the support from the congregation of Immanuel!

In His Service, Katie Martinez-Little Lambs Preschool Director

LITTLE LAMBS SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **Over \$1,200 in gift cards donated to LCC Hurricane Relief.** (Another collection will conclude December 16, 2024)
- **January 27—31, 2025: Lutheran School’s Week**
- **February 2:** Little Lambs video presentation during worship.
- **Classes Opening:** T/Th 1 opening for a 3/4-year-old
Call for details: 815-756-6669 .

We have one opening for the spring 2025 school year in our Tuesday/Thursday class. The child must be at least three years old and potty-trained. If you know of a family who might be interested, please have them call the office for more information or to set up a tour.

Phone: 815-756-6669

- **Coming soon:** It is already time to think about registration for the September 2025-May 2026 school year.
February 24: Registration for Immanuel members, as well as current and past Little Lambs families, for the 2025-2026 school year begins. Complete information will be available in mid-February.
March 3: Registration for fall 2025-26 opens to the community.
- **There will be no school:**
Monday, February 17: Presidents Day
March 24 — 28: No School: Spring Break

Fundraisers:

- **Plant sale: Order forms coming home SOON! Order in February—beautiful Proven Winner Plants arrive in mid-May.**

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LUTHERAN SCHOOLS



RAISING UP THE NEXT GENERATION OF FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES

- Experiencing and celebrating God's lavish gifts of love, grace and mercy
- Sharing those gifts with others
- Being transformed by God's Word
- Clinging to the cross of Jesus

EARLY CHILDHOOD > 1,677
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS > 191
 MIDDLE SCHOOLS > 625
 HIGH SCHOOLS > 103
 TOTAL > 2,594

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- Developing love for and excitement about learning
- Excelling at reading, writing and effective communication
- Training minds for success at the next academic level
- Creating a strong work ethic, critical thinking skills and the ability to relate well with others

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888-THE LCMS (843-5267)
lcms.org/school-ministry



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DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY READER	RADIO	SLIDES	VIDEO/SOUND
2/02	8:00 AM	Isaac Martinez	Katie Martinez	Tammy Tiggelaar	Mia Yelich	Ted Stone
	10:30 AM	Rosie Landshaft	Kyle Von Schnase	—	Nathan Allen	Doug Nelson
2/09	8:00 AM	Collen Goff	Pat McKinley	Sue Harms	Mark Mistic	Kevin Harms
	10:30 AM	Elly Pringnitz	Angela Pringnitz	—	Nathan Allen	Doug Nelson
2/16	8:00 AM	Aaron Martinez	Ken Wolfrum	Chris Ewald	Doug Nelson	Mia Yelich
	10:30 AM	Heather Allen	Jackson Harms	—	Doug Nelson	Doug Nelson
2/23	8:00 AM	Brodie McWilliams	Tom Sawyer	Tammy Tiggelaar	Ted Stone	Mark Mistic
	10:30 AM	Irene Printnitz	Darlene Hillman	—	Nathan Allen	Doug Nelson



Jackie Hanson

Date	Time	Communion Assistants
02/09	8:00AM	Chris Cook & Rob Tiggelaar
	10:30AM	Will Michels & Dan Lohmeier
02/23	8:00AM	Russ Peterson & Tom Sawyer
	10:30AM	Dan Lohmeier & Brian Pringnitz



8:00 a.m.: Tom Sawyer, Taylor McWilliams & Ted Stone
 10:30 a.m.: Dan Lohmeier, Keith Nelson & Chloe Marks

Giving of Time: Participant Coordinators

Dan Lohmeier: *Communion & Usher* Doug Nelson: *Radio & Sound*
 Carolyn McQuillan: *Acolyte* Carolyn McQuillan: *Altar Guild*
 Pastor Marty: *Lay Reader* Outreach Board: *Greeters*

If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, please contact the individual coordinator for more information. You can also contact the pastor or the office and we will help you get connected to the correct person! Thank-you for your service!



WELCOME!

Greeters needed for February. Bring a smile and come 15 minutes before worship service starts. Provide a friendly welcome to all guests at the start of worship. What a great way to start your Sunday morning.

If interested please sign up in the Narthex.

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study of His Word coupled with instruction from His Body the Church to properly ascertain. We should consider the times we've not thought, spoke or acted in accord with His will and seek His forgiveness. We should further seek to carry out His will, most especially the spread of His kingdom of Grace and the restoring love He desires for all people.

As we ask Him to give us our daily bread, we contemplate that all that we have comes from Him through various means. We are to consider His generosity in giving us not just what we need but so much more. We consider how we manage those gifts and use them for His purposes and not our own selfish pursuits. We also don't arrogantly claim (out loud or even silently in our hearts) that we've earned what we have and that our earthly resources are the result of our work alone. No doubt God does grant blessings to those who wisely use the gifts given to them, but we remember firmly that He is the source of all that we have.

We are then led to approach Him for the most sacred of prayers. Recognizing our sinfulness and the consequences we all deserve. Then rejoicing in His wiliness to forgive and the cost He paid in giving up His son to earn that forgiveness. That leads us to confess sins we have committed recently or even from long ago and then finding in His assurance that those sins are completely removed. We are also led to contemplate how we've approached forgiving others, especially in light of God's forgiveness we so happily accept.

Finally we think of the various assaults of temptation and evil that daily comes against us and ask for God's wisdom to be upon to recognize, avoid and resist them as they come. This includes wisdom to steer clear of people and situations that may create tempting situations in our life.

Simply put, prayer is not simply a time of reciting "God Words" but a time to process in conversation with God our daily lives and His good guidance in serving Him faithfully. Have a blessed February !

Pastor Marty

**The Mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church
is connecting people to Jesus Christ.**



Giving Back in Partnership with Lutheran Church Charities through Raise Right:

Thank you to all who participated in the Hurricane Relief in partnership with Little Lambs Preschool and LCC. Donated gift cards being totaled over \$1,260! What a blessing to those in need! All gift cards were given to *Lutheran Church Charities* who distributed cards to those in direct need.

A post from the Lutheran Church Charities Facebook page from someone directly impacted by the hurricane and LCC Relief efforts: On the day Hurricane Helene hit, Mrs. C had no idea how big the storm would be. After roaring ashore in Florida and churning across Georgia and South Carolina, Helene was barreling through western North Carolina. Her home in Asheville, N.C. — hundreds of miles inland — was in the path of the storm's fury.

She was 9 months pregnant, and as the winds and rain battered her house in the dark, she was trying to comfort her frightened twins. The back wall of her house was knocked in. The porch was gone. Glass and water were everywhere. They salvaged what they could before the ceiling of their basement crashed down. "It was like we were standing outside," Mrs. C remembered.

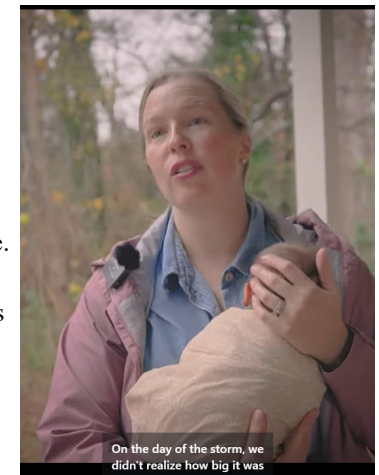
They sat in the middle of the night with flashlights until a neighbor came. Then she went into labor. Hours later, she held her healthy baby boy.

Weeks later, Mrs. C rocks her sleeping son as LERT crews from **LCC Disaster Response** clear fallen trees in her backyard and haul away mounds of debris. It's November, about 6 weeks after the storm, and LCC volunteers have assessed damage to her home, packed up her kitchen, and put tarps and plastic over holes where repairs will be.

"You (Lutheran Church Charities) have boots on the ground when other people have left," she says. "Because your group is here serving, showing the love of Christ ... it allows the resiliency of our community to continue to happen in other trickle-down ways."

Mrs. C sums up the impact like this: "People I've never met and may never see again are showing their love to me, my home, my family, my community, my state. I'm eternally grateful."

As a supporter of LCC, your financial gifts have made moments like this possible. We thank you.



On the day of the storm, we didn't realize how big it was

Lutheran Spirituality and Prayer

Are Lutherans spiritual?

Yes, because of God's grace we are most certainly spiritual.

Non-Christian forms of spirituality are based on self-development and self-improvement.

Our spirituality is based on God's word and is given to us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

St Paul defines spirituality in Christians as having been born again through baptism and the Holy Spirit living within us. 1 Corinthians 2:12-16 As we hear and study God's word and receive the sacrament we are being formed into the image of Christ which leads us to spiritual maturity.

After that, faith and prayer go hand in hand. During Jesus ministry, he healed many people and he commended the faith of those who asked for help. They were like beggars who came to Him with empty hands and had nothing to give but everything to receive from Him. Faith leads to prayer so when we pray we exercise our faith in God. We use this faith to pray for ourselves and others.

If we don't pray we fall asleep spiritually. Even though we are spiritually alive, we don't take advantage of God's offer to help us. God wants us to stay awake and to communicate with Him in prayer concerning our needs and to offer our praise and thanks. This shows our trust in Him. He has promised that He hears us and will answer our prayers. 1 John 5:14

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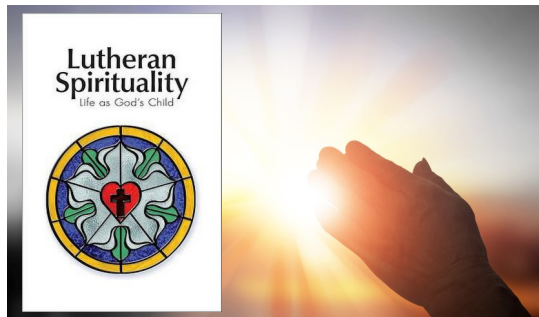
OUR NEXT MEETING The Prayer Team will meet February 5th at 6:30PM

All are welcome to join the Prayer Team as we study the First chapter of Lutheran Spirituality: Our Secret Vocation followed by Prayer time.

Our studies have interesting discussions as we learn more about prayer.

Join us in praying for the needs of our congregation, those in the military, and those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries plus all other special requests.

Prayer requests can be given to Pastor Marty or call the church office. There is a Prayer Request Box on the glass Guest Registry to the left of the sanctuary or you can submit your request through the church website.



Christianity 101 Class Offered: Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Each lesson is self-contained, so you can join in anytime!

In this class we cover the basic teachings of the Christian faith from the Lutheran perspective. It is

meant to be both a starter class for those who want to learn the basics and a review class and for those who may have gotten rusty in remembering the basics. Topics such as "The Bible," "The Creed," "Worship" and "Baptism," as well as others, will be covered. We invite all members, visitors and anyone curious about our church to attend. This is a great way to learn what our congregation is all about if you are considering joining. Those who attend the class will be invited to join at the end, but are in NO WAY obligated to join. The class will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. following this schedule:

February 2	What is Prayer? – The Lord's Prayer
February 16	What are the Sacraments?
February 23	Worship: The how's and whys
March 2	Our Church: Immanuel, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and all of Christendom!"

Note: No class on February 9th.

I hope you can join us! I look forward what the future hold for God's people, new and old, in the year to come!



ZOOM Bible Study meets on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. We are currently studying the book of James. See the web site for log on information, or contact Pastor Marty if you need help signing on.

The College Bible study group meets on Tuesday night at 9:00 p.m. They are currently studying the book of Acts at this time. Next on our agenda is the book of James. Come for the study; stay for the games! OR come early and join the ladies for knitting, crocheting and crafting!

9:15 Sunday Morning:

Pastor Marty's Sunday morning Bible study is focusing on the book of Matthew. All ages are welcome — come join in the lively discussions!

Carolyn & Mark's Bible Study on the Psalms began in January: *You can still join in!* We've all no doubt heard of the Psalms and have also probably read a number of them, but have you ever studied them? Our Bible Study will dig into these forms of religious poetry and how they

proclaim Jesus' mission, passion, resurrection and return. We'll discuss them in the context of psalm "types" (wisdom psalms, psalms of ascent, penitential psalms, praise psalms, laments, historical psalms, and royal psalms) and also against their historical backdrop. If you would like further information or want to reserve your spot in class, please contact:

Carolyn (basketcasesunlimited@gmail.com) or Mark (markmistic@hotmail.com).



Plant Sale!


Proven Winner Plant Sale! GREAT QUALITY PLANTS!!!

Watch for order forms soon.

Order forms and payment due during the winter.

Orders delivered to the church the weekend after Mother's Day in May.

Pictured above is of one of the planters outside the front of the church from the plant sale!




Used Book Sale

It's Used Book Sale Collection Time!

SEEKING GENTLY USED BOOKS FOR ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE If you have used books you would like to repurpose, please consider donating them to the Little Lambs Used Book Sale. We accept books in good condition for all ages! Please keep content in mind if you are donating books for adults.

If you have books to donate, please bring them to the church anytime between now and March 6. Dependent on our inventory, the sale will be open for approximately two weeks, March 8-20,



WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE?

The office is now taking subscriptions and renewals for *The Lutheran Witness*. If you currently subscribe, and wish to continue, or if you would like to become a subscriber, please make a check out to Immanuel Lutheran Church for \$20.65/year. **Place your check in the church office with your name and address and a note indicating your desire to subscribe** or renew your current subscription. Subscriptions are due by February 23 and delivery will begin in May. The publication comes out monthly, with the exception of the combined June/July issue. Cost is \$1.72/issue.

The Lutheran Witness is the official magazine of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. Its goal is to advance the work and witness of Jesus Christ. For questions about the publication, contact the editors at Lutheran.Witness@lcms.org.

LWML Notes:



LWML SOUP & SANDWICH ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER will be offered on Wednesday, March 5 from 5:30—6:30p.m. We are in need of soup, sandwich, desserts and staple donations for the evening as well as workers to serve. See the sign up sheet in the narthex.

LWML's Quilting Group has sent 6 cardio and 13 lap robes to the DeKalb Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and 21 quilts to Lutheran World Relief.

March 30 is a 5th Sunday mite offering time for everyone.

The spring quarterly meeting is tentatively set for April 29 at 6:15 p.m. in fellowship. (This is a Tuesday to avoid conflicts with Monday evening Bible studies.)

The Spring Rally for our Zone 8 is to be held at North Plato; a date has not yet been set.



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MARCH OPPORTUNITY

Meals on wheels is coming in March! Sign up will begin on Sunday, February 2nd--Sunday February 23rd. Each year we are given the opportunity to be a part of this community-wide service. Our church covers the month of March to provide meal delivery for the DeKalb area. Meals are provided by the Voluntary Action Center.

Delivery involves:

1. Arriving at Meals on Wheels headquarters around 10:45am. (Located on the corner of Peace and Bethany Road).
2. Obtaining prepacked carriers to place in your vehicle.
3. Using their carefully designed route maps to deliver meals to shut-ins.
4. Returning carriers to the headquarters.

You will be finished in about an hour or so. Find a friend, relative, or neighbor to go with and after the route, go out for your own lunch! This is a fun task that is very well organized. Information and calendar sign up will be in the narthex under the Human Care bulletin board. This is a very rewarding experience and a great way to serve the community! Please consider signing up!



It might be cold & windy outside but it is warm & cozy in fellowship hall. **Game day coming up will be Feb.7th.** We start at 1pm & finish up around 3:30. Men & woman are invited.

Quilt and Lap Robes Sewing Group

Sewing group will meet: February 11 & 25, 2025.



The Ladies usually meet from 9:15 a.m.—11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

If interested in joining or if you have any questions please reach out to Marion Gilbert.

Adult Choir....



Do you love to sing? Do you enjoy sacred music? Then please consider joining the adult choir here at Immanuel! We are a fun group and would love to have you come join us!! Practice is on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Please prayerfully

consider joining. If you have any questions, please contact C-J Motisi at 630-664-8005 or cj.cmssc@gmail.com or



Aid to those affected by wildfires in California: Financial donations to help the residents affected by the fires in the Los Angeles area can be made by credit card to

The Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod
Disaster Relief by calling 1-888-930-4438
or sending a check to: (memo line -Wildfire Disaster) The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod PO Box 66861 St Louis, Missouri 63166-6861



Aluminum Can Recycling – February 2, 2025

The Board of Trustees continues to collect cans here at church. For those who wish to drop your cans off, you can place them in front of the garage at the southwest corner of the parking lot the first Sunday morning of each month. If you wish, you can also bring cans and metals to DeKalb Iron and Metal and tell them it is for Immanuel Church and they will add it to our account and give you a receipt for your donation.

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- **Used Book Sale:** If you have used books you would like to repurpose, please consider donating them to the Little Lambs Used Book Sale. We accept books in good condition for all ages! Please keep content in mind if you are donating books for adults.
- **Little Lambs Spaghetti Dinner: Wednesday, March 12 from 5:00—6:30 p.m. Invite family, friends, neighbors! Freewill offering. Watch for information to come through Sign-Up Genius regarding donations and shifts for volunteers.**
- It's time to start planning for our **Silent Auction!** — Our biggest fundraiser of the year! Everyone is encouraged to participate! If you signed up on the parent volunteer form to help with this event we will be contacting you in February to get the ball rolling.
- We have begun planning our spring events: field trip to Russell Woods, Dental Hygiene presentation, spring sing/graduation, just to name a few. Watch for details to be forthcoming!

Help us get the word out! Your positive reviews left on Facebook, Google, Yelp and Care.com make a difference! We will have posters available. If you are aware of a bulletin board that allows public announcements to be posted, or know of a location where you can help spread the word—please stop by the office and pick up a poster (available soon!) We will also have brochures available with more information about Little Lambs if you would like one for yourself or a friend. Watch for updated information on the Little Lambs web site, the church website or on Little Lambs Facebook page.



Intercultural Cafe, Campus Ministry/Refuge will Serve the Meal and ask that people of Immanuel bring food for the

meal on Friday, February 21. The Campus Ministry Committee in conjunction with our members of Immanuel will be hosting and providing the sides for the Intercultural Cafe on Friday, February 21. We have been blessed over the years through the Human Care Board and members who have helped to make this event a success. Campus Ministry and the Peer Ministers will now take the lead. They will provide the servers and ask that members provide the salad, fruit and dessert. The Peer Ministers would appreciate your help. Please sign up in the narthex to bring food.” Dishes need to be at church by 6:00 p.m. Thank you for your support!



God’s Enduring Promises:



This year our Sunday School is learning about God’s promises to us. What do those promises look like to a 5 year old, 10 year old, teen? What do these look like to you? Let’s work on this together, helping all of us SEE what those promises might look like in our lives.

In the narthex there will be an area on the wall, marked for our promises. We would like to put pictures there that represent a promise that you have from God. Can you think of a photo that would show it? Take a picture of it. Maybe you already have a picture that would fit this. A picture from a magazine or newspaper can show a promise. Bring in a picture and we will put it up on the wall. You can add a word or two to help us. We want to show what our promises look like. We want children to also have a chance to put up a picture. They can draw or use their parents phone to take a photo. As the children learn, all year, about these promises, this can help their understanding. As a congregation, we all need to remind ourselves of God’s promises. Let’s help each other understand and SEE God’s promises! Turn in photos and pictures to the “Promise” box in the narthex. (Pictures can be emailed to the office and they will print them for you!) Small goodies will be given to each contributor.

If you have a question, please ask any Outreach board members- Brittany Walker, Russ Coulombe, Shannon Coulombe, Norm Gilbert, Marion Gilbert, Pat McKinley, Linda Sons, Linda Hursh.



SNACK DRIVE!!

Human Care is having a snack drive for Little Lambs Preschool will run through Sunday, February 9th.

Previously parents of the students brought their own snacks. Now Immanuel needs to provide all snacks as mandated by DCFS. Little Lambs has had to absorb these additional costs for this year. (Beginning next year there will be a snack fee for families.)

We have been given a list of non-perishable prepackaged snacks which meet the requirements. It is most helpful when snacks are individually wrapped, but it is not a must. We ask that you PLEASE STICK TO THE LIST! Check out our Human Care bulletin board for details and a list that you can take home. Snacks can be brought in and placed in the basket under the Human Care bulletin board. The following items meet the requirements:

- Applesauce Pouches
- Chex Mix (cheese)
- CHEEZE-IT Crackers
- Ritz Crackers
- Veggie Straws
- Animal Crackers
- Scooby Snacks (anything similar)
- 100% Juice Boxes or Juice Jugs
- Large Box of Healthier Dry Cereal (i.e. Cheerios, Kix, Oatmeal Squares)

We look forward to helping out our preschool and we thank you for your support!!



Remember Food Pantry is February 9, 2025

Bring a nonperishable item for the local Salvation Army food pantry.

Food Pantry Sunday is a collection day to support the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Want to help? Add an

item or two to your grocery list and put it in our shopping cart in the church narthex! Items can be placed in cart before or on the second Sunday of each month!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>February 2025</h1>				Sign Up for to help deliver Meals on Wheels In the narthex. Delivery is in March.		1 All day: Girl Scout Cookie Distribution
2 <i>Recycle Sunday</i> Lutheran School Week Presentation 8AM Worship/ FB Live/YouTube 9:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship/FB Live Worship/YouTube 10:30 AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 1360 6 PM Christianity 101 7:30 PM Peer Minister Meeting	3 7 PM Zoom Bible Study	4 5:30—6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Human Care Bd Meeting 7 PM Refuge Crafting Group 9 PM Refuge Bible Study	5 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Jr. Confirmation 6 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7PM Elders Mtg 6:30 PM Prayer Team	6 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline 6 PM Worship Committee Meeting 8 PM Refuge Activity Night	7 1-3 PM Game Day 8:30-12:30 Office Hours Intercultural Café	8
9 <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> <i>Conclusion of Human Care Snack Drive</i> 8AM Worship/ FB Live/YouTube 9:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship/FB Live Worship/YouTube 10:30 AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 1360 7:30 PM Peer Minister Meeting	10 5:30PM Bd of Trustees (North Narthex) 7 PM Zoom Bible Study	11 9:30—11 AM Ladies Sewing Group 7 PM Refuge Crafting Group 9 PM Refuge Bible Study	12 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Jr. Confirmation 6 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	13 LL Valentine's Day Party T/TH & M-F 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline Council Reports Due 8 PM Refuge Activity Night	14 LL Valentine's Day Party M/W/F 8:30-12:30 Office Hours Intercultural Café	15
				 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Little Lambs Valentine's Day Classroom Parties</div>		
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