

Mark Your Calendar for Rally Day!



We Are
God's Treasures



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treasured possession." Deuteronomy 7:6

September 7 at 9:15 AM

All children ages 3 through high school are welcome.

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worship services on September 7.

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AUGUST 2025

Immanuel Lutheran Church & Student Center
511 Russell Road
DeKalb, IL 60115



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of Immanuel Lutheran Church
511 Russell Road
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CURRENT SCHEDULE THROUGH AUGUST 31

**Summer
Worship Schedule**
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

August Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday:

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Closed Fridays through August 29



Fall Worship Schedule

(Beginning September 7, 2025)

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study & Sunday School—9:15 a.m.

Fall Regular Office Hours

Closed Labor Day: September 1, 2025

(Beginning September 2, 2025)

Monday-Thursday: 8:30a.m.—4:30p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.



August 3 "Proclaim His Glory"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point. (John 5:30-47)

August 10 "Writing Him Off"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

After Jesus claimed the Old Testament was written about Him, the people of His hometown wrote Him off. (Luke 4:21-32)

August 17 "The Stuttering Man of Destiny"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

Archives August--Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Moses. (Exodus 4:10-12)

August 24 "Gideon, the Farmer General"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

Archives August--Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Gideon, an unlikely military leader. (Judges 6:1-8:27)

August 31 "Life Narrows Down"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

"Life narrows down and crisis comes. There, in the narrow place stands Jesus." (John 1:6-8, 19-28)

Pastor: Rev. Marty Marks

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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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<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

Fiscal Year to Date July 1, 2024—May 2025		May 2025
Total Budgeted Receipts:	\$540,023.58	\$35,850.66
Total Budgeted Disbursements	(\$514,488.78)	(\$53,032.96)
Budgeted Net Income (Loss)	(\$ 12,986.04)	(\$17,182.52)
Non-Budgeted Receipts	\$ 42,346.29	\$ 972.22
Non-Budget Disbursements	(\$ 12,976.01)	(\$ 841.21)
Total Net Income (Loss) 2024-2025	\$ 7,384.24	(\$ 17,051.51)




Some of you may remember Rev. Kris Whitby who was a guest preacher at Immanuel for one of our Wednesday evening Lenten services this past March. Pastor Whitby recently published a book entitled *Come and be Filled—Feasting with Jesus in His Word* through Concordia Publishing house. The book focuses on the importance both Biblically, and also in human experience, that meals play in our lives. Pastor Whitby examines 11 Biblical accounts of meals and how they help us understand and connect with God through His Word.

His message resonates with me, as I too, see God working not so much through food itself, but through the connections meals create. As most of you know, I have a mild obsession with “cheese dip.” It is true that I do really enjoy eating cheese dip and the other items that our local Mexican restaurant, EL Jimador, offers. But my real joy over the years has been sharing this food and the experience with others. Getting cheese dip is much more about the experience than the actual food itself. Every new college student is invited (and most take me up on the offer) to have cheese dip and in so doing I get invited into their lives. The students will tell me “their story” as we eat. I’m humbled by how open and vulnerable many of them are as they discuss both their success and achievements, but also their hurts and pains, as well as their hopes and dreams for the future.

I also get to spend time “vision casting” God’s plan for our campus ministry as well as His Church in general. This allows me the opportunity to invite them to be part of God’s work and our Immanuel family. My cheese dip “dates” are not just limited to college students however. Many a pastor or other church worker I get the opportunity to work with, or even just socialize with, gets to be part of this experience. Apart from the meal and sharing time, this creates a lasting bond as we (and everyone else who has done “cheese dip”) have a common

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Financial reports were unavailable for June at this time of this printing, since there Updates will be available in the next newsletter.

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shared experience. While this may be my own wacky little thing, the premise remains for all of us. Shared meals, especially those with some intentionality, develop bonds and even affection for one another. This why we enjoy church potlucks, chili cooks offs and Lenten dinners so much. Just as God has used meals to draw us closer to Him (the Lord’s Supper to name one!) He also uses shared dining experiences to foster love an affection for His people to one another.

In the weeks ahead, take note of your opportunities to share in a dining experience with others. Rather than focusing on the food or some other aspect of the meal, focus on the people and the relationship God is giving you with this person (s). Spouse, children, parent, co worker, neighbor and friend or even new acquaintances are all people who sharing a meal with can be a much deeper experience as God works His power through “table fellowship.” Enjoy the last month of summer, the BBQs, swimming, camping baseball and more!

Blessings,
Pastor Marty



Hello from Little Lambs!

Summer is now winding down and we are in full school year prep mode. The teachers return on August 18th to begin preparing their rooms for our little learners that will return in September.

The theme for the upcoming school year is "Let's Make a Joyful Noise!" This theme is based on the verse Psalms 98:4. I am looking forward to encouraging our little preschoolers in learning to sing praise to our God for the wonderful things he has done in our lives.

We are pleased that 100% of our staff is returning. They may have been on summer break, but they have been buzzing with ideas for the upcoming year! We have many fun things planned for this year and I look forward to talking more about them each month. On the agenda we have plans for field trips to the apple orchard, the pumpkin patch, and Russell Woods. We also have our annual Christmas program and Thanksgiving Family Feast. It looks to be a very busy and very fun school year!

This year in October our staff will be attending the Lutheran Educators Association (LEA) Convocation in St. Louis MO. This 4-day event is offered once every three years, and includes thousands of Lutheran educators from all across the United States. The last one was attended by myself and fellow teacher, Jessica Molitor. It was an amazing learning and growth experience. We look forward to having all of the staff join us this year. The teachers and myself are incredibly thankful to the church in providing funding and allowing us to go and to grow in our faith as well as grow as educators to our preschoolers. I cannot wait to share what we learned when we get back!

Coming up on August 7, Little Lambs staff will be joining the other church staff at an all-workers conference at Walcamp. We are all looking forward to this as not only a chance to mingle and meet area church workers, but also a chance to pause and feel God's presences in our life. We look forward to the laughter and encouragement that I know this day will bring as we prepare for the upcoming school year.

As part of our back-to-school preparations we will be having our back-to-school night on August 26th and 27th at 6pm. This evening gives our families a chance to meet and have the children get to see their classrooms and meet their classmates. This is always a great night for me as it gives me a opportunity to meet the families who are new and welcome back our returning ones.

Our classrooms are filling, however we do still have a few

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LWML NID Fall Gathering

Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date



LWML Notes:

Speaker for the Fall Gathering:

Rev. Dr. Scott Brusek

Keep feeding your mite box...

it gets really hungry in the summer.



MITES...

Sunday, August 31, it will be the 5th Sunday of the month.

This is the time *Men, Women, and Children* can participate in bringing their mites (coins!) and putting them into the Big Mite Box in the narthex. **LET'S FILL THE MITE BOX!** (dollars are fine too!)



The school year may is in the rearview mirror
and we are gearing up for fall!!!

Please plan to join us for the
2025-2026 Sunday School year!

All children ages 3 through high school are welcome.

We Are God's Treasures

**"The Lord has chosen you to be his treasured
possession." Deuteronomy 7:6**

Rally Day!

YOU are invited!

September 7 at 9:15 AM



Do you ever wonder how God views you?

You are His chosen treasure!

Come join us on Rally Day for a

TREASURE HUNT

around the church.

We will be finding all the ways God shows you
how much He treasures you!

Activities for children ages 3 through high school.

Then come back each Sunday morning at 9:15

for weekly Bible lessons, crafts, games,
service projects, and more!

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LITTLE LAMBS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Registration is in full swing!
Our M-F class is full;
4-year-old M/W/F has one spot open;
Both T/TH classes and the M/W/F 3-year-old
class still have some availability.
- Orientation Packets have been mailed out. If you are registered
and did not receive a packet, please contact
the office,
- Orientation nights will be August 26 & 27 at
6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 2: First day of school
for M-F and T/Th students.
- Wednesday, September 3: First day of
school for M/W/F students



spots open. If you know of anyone looking for preschool, please send
them our way. Our 3-year-old and our 4-year-old mixed days classes
have a couple openings left. Our 5 day class is filled with a waiting list.

As summer draws to a close and the changes of the seasons come, it is a
reminder that even though the world around us changes, God's love
never does.

In His Service,

Katie Martinez -Little Lambs Preschool Director



**Little Lambs: Help us get the word out!
Your positive reviews left on Facebook,**

Google, Yelp and Care.com make a

difference! We 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 (or several!) We 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 web site or on Little Lambs Facebook page.

Farmer's Market- 2025

Where else can you go to:

- Talk with a teacher from AZ and trade information
- Meet Little Lambs alumni
- Give out Little Lambs info
- Hear about a father who is ill and be invited into their prayers
- Be told that a grandmother wishes that her grandchildren could be in Little Lambs
- Have a 6-7 year old pray with you and FOR you in the midst of the Market
- Tell people that our giveaway's are free, just like the Gospel
- Just to greet people, smile and enjoy conversation is a huge part of being there.

We have been at the Market twice. Our third time is August 28th. The Market is open from 10 to 2. See you at the Farmer's Market!



Service VOLUNTEERS

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY READER	RADIO	SLIDES	VIDEO/SOUND
8/03	9:00AM	Rosie Landshaft	Darlene Hillman	Chris Ewald	Doug Nelson	Nathan Allen
8/10	9:00AM	Isaac Martinez	Kyle Von Schnase	Doug Nelson	Mark Misic	Ted Stone
8/17	9:00AM	Brodie McWilliams	Shannon Coulombe	Sue Harms	Kevin Harms	Mark Misic
8/24	9:00AM	Virgil Walker	Katie Martinez	Chris Ewald	Doug Nelson	Nathan Allen
8/31	9:00AM	Chloe Marks	Jackson Harms	Sue Harms	Kevin Harms	Mark Misic



August Altar Guild:

Carolyn McQuillan

Date	Time	Communion Assistants
8/03	9:00AM	Ron Feldmann & Dan Lohmeier
8/17	9:00AM	Kevin Harms & Taylor McWilliams
8/31	9:00AM	Tom Sawyer & Dan Lohmeier

August 9:00AM Ushers:

Jackson Harms, Dan Lohmeier, Taylor McWilliams

Giving of Time: Participant Coordinators

Ron Feldmann: *Communion Assistants & Ushers*

Pastor Marty: *Acolytes & Lay Readers*

Doug Nelson: *Radio & Sound*

Carolyn McQuillan: *Altar Guild*

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!

Greeters needed for summer. 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.

Pray for those Serving Our Country



Brendan Spartz (*son of Mindy Lynch*)

Jessica (Marx) Hess: US Air Force; stationed in Dayton, OH (*granddaughter of Janet & Patrick Byrnes*)

Evan Schroeder (*grandson of Dennis and Jane Schroeder*)



Altar Flowers

8/03 Open

8/10 "In loving memory of our uncle, Richard Seip," by the families of Judi Wright and Pat McKinley.

8/17 "To the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Pastor Philip Hanson," by Jackie Hanson.

8/24 Open

8/31 Open



8/03 "To the glory of God in remembrance of Rick and in honor of our wedding anniversary," by Cheryl Buehler, and their sons, Matthew, Jeremy & Shawn.

8/10 "To the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Pastor Philip Hanson," by Jackie Hanson.

8/17 "In loving memory of my father, Ferdy Conrad, and my grandfather, Frederick (Fritz) Miller," by Linda Conrad.

8/24 "To the glory of God in memory of Joan Popp."

8/31 "To the glory of God in celebration of the birthday's of Beckett, Laura and Matt," by Rob & Tammy Tiggelaar.

OPEN FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS: August 3, 24 & 31; September-Full; October- Full; November-Full; December 21

OPEN RADIO SPONSORSHIPS: August -Full; September 14; October-Full; November 2, 9, 23 & 26; December 14 & 21

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*).



Thank You Linda!

At our July 27th service, we joyfully celebrated Linda Conrad's incredible 50 years of faithful service as Immanuel's organist. Her dedication to glorifying God through music has been a blessing to our congregation. Thank you, Linda!



Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, President
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Ms. Linda Conrad
Immanuel Lutheran Church
511 Russell Rd.
DeKalb, IL 60115

Dear Sister in Christ Linda,

When one part of the body of Christ rejoices, the whole body rejoices. With so much challenge and sadness in the world and even in the Church at times, what a delight to give thanks for celebrations. And this milestone of **50 years** of serving Christ and the Church at the organ, is a reason to give thanks at Immanuel, DeKalb and in the greater Church including the Northern Illinois District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We give thanks with your sisters and brothers for what God has gifted you to do and called you to do! Thank you, Linda!

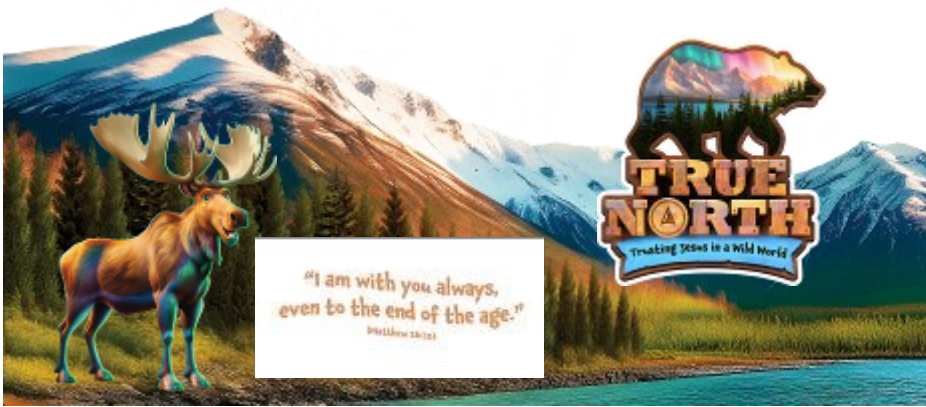
You have led music in happy and sad occasions, you have played easier hymns and difficult ones, and you have heard people sing out and sing not so boldly. In all of this the Lord gathered His people with His good gifts for their salvation and encouragement in their walk with Jesus. You have witnessed the power and gift of music as people gathered around Word and Sacrament. You have sent them out with the ability to "sing a new and better song" in their lives as they let the light of Jesus shine in family, friendship, work and community. In all of this you were used by the Lord for His glory and for His mission to "seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10).

As you reach this milestone, we give our thanks for your dedication, perseverance, patience and commitment! Thank you for your work with many, including Pastors! This is a great time for all to look back, enjoy the celebration and look forward trusting in the Savior and Lord of the Church!

All that Jesus gives, is for you too, Linda! On behalf of the Northern Illinois District, we join Immanuel, DeKalb, in gratitude and thanks to God with you and for you! Continue to glorify our Triune God with your music and your Baptized life in Christ! We anticipate the greatest songs of Heaven with the saints who have gone before us before the Throne of the Victorious Lamb!

With You, My Eyes are on Jesus, Hebrews 12:2,3

Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, President



Our week in a nutshell: The central theme of True North VBS revolved around finding your way in a world that can feel wild and uncertain by trusting in Jesus as your "True North." Through this adventurous journey, children learned that Jesus is a faithful and trustworthy friend, always present and dependable, even when life feels challenging or confusing.



8/01	Beckett Tiggelaar	8/16	Thea Nelson
	Derek Simonson		Keith Nelson
8/02	Ruth Kuhns	8/22	Justin Dooley
8/03	Antonio Cruz	8/23	Sunny Hamel
	Olive Whitman	8/24	Kevin Harms
8/07	Laura Tiggelaar		Ryan Fuchs
8/08	Ron Olsen	8/25	Heather Allen
	Barb Twombly		Tom Gilbert
8/09	Marion Gilbert	8/27	Jennifer Lemke
8/12	Grace Sundell	8/28	Beverly Grunwald
8/13	Lloyd Larson		Don Haeseker
	Shannon Coulombe	8/29	Jim Arndt
	Marissa Crome	8/30	Annie Boswell
8/14	Linda Wiggins	8/31	Ellen Olsen
	Cecilia Holder		
	Loretta Landshaft		



8/03/1996	Nathan & Jennifer Allen
8/06/1983	Jim & Susan Pfothhauer
8/11/2017	Ryan & Kelsey Peifer
8/12/1988	Russ & Shannon Coulombe

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!



Transferred in: **Cindy Berg** from Immanuel Lutheran Church; Belvidere
Sandy Lichner from a Our Savior Lutheran Church, St Petersburg, Florida

Transferred out: **Floyd and Janice Schroder** to St John Lutheran Church; Sycamore.



The family of **Ruth Wisser** asked that we share with you Ruth's passing on July 15, 2025. Ruth had been a member of Immanuel and, as a resident of Heritage Woods, remained a faithful radio listener.



"The Chosen" is a riveting series of episodes about Jesus' life with his disciples and followers. A group has enjoyed meeting to view and discuss the 32 episodes of Seasons 1-4 and are now meeting to watch the 8

new episodes of Season 5. We meet on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM at Dennis Maakestad's home (4 Greenview Ct., DeKalb) We began this new season of viewing on Monday July 21st. Study guides and a calendar of the proposed 8 Monday meeting dates will be provided. If you're ready for Season 5, please feel free to join us!

Upcoming Meeting dates: August 4, 11 & 18; September 21 & 28.

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



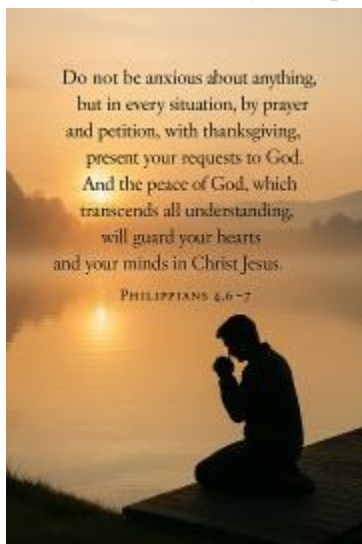
The **Prayer Team** will meet August 6th at 6:30p.m.

They will continue the study of "Prayer: We speak to God" pages 12 and 13 followed by prayer time.

The Team prays for all of the concerns, birthdays, and anniversaries listed in the Sunday Bulletin and in the Prayer Request Box.

They also pray for requests received from people at the Farmers Market

If you have a personal prayer request please fill out a request card and put it in the Prayer Request Box located on the glass guest registry outside the main sanctuary. You can also notify the church office or Pastor Marty.



Thank you to all of our Volunteers who helped to make VBS this year a success!!!!

VBS Coordinator & Registration: Angela Pringnitz
Pre-K: Jessica Molitor, Cara Leadingham, Grace Greulich, Maddie Phelps, Thea Nelson, Susan DeAngelo & Tracy Adams

K-1st Grade: Kate Decker, Keith Nelson & Aidan Nelson

2nd-3rd Grade: Brad Nelson, Lily Nelson & Brittany Walker

4th-5th Grade: Scott Nelson & Christine Taylor

Sing & Play Peek, Sticky Scripture & Compass Closing: Amy Haeseker

Tundra Treats: Danika Nelson, Shannon Coulombe, Chris Ewald & Sarah Taylor

Glacier Games: Lisa Nelson & Emily Nelson

Wild Bible Adventures: Pastor Marty Marks & Jackson Harms

Imagination Station: Rita Goodwin, Pat McKinley, Nathan McKinley & Hayden Harms

Daily Newsletter/ Office: Darlene Hillman, Alma Sanchez & Ann Nelson

Video Production: Amy Haeseker

Picnic Servers & Set Up: Brian Pringnitz & the Middle School Group

Thank you to all who were involved in any way with VBS, for those who donated craft and snack items, to those who made cash donations to defray costs, to all those who prayed for the success of the week. All who were involved were surely blessed to be a blessing.



Special thanks to Angela Pringnitz for heading up another successful year of sharing God's Word!

Pictured at right: The service project for the week was collecting toilet paper for residents at Heritage Woods.



VBS Middle School Camp Highlights!

Middle School Leaders : Jenna Dooley, Chloe Marks, Krista Marks, Harry Wright

Monday Theme: Life gets messy, but God makes us a new creation.

Activities: We made rash boats and had a condiment cook-off! We also enjoyed some splatter art. We traveled to a an area on the NIU campus to see if our trash boats would float!

Tuesday Theme: When you are going in circles, God can straighten your path.

Activity: We really enjoyed the Go Karts at the Sycamore Family Fun Center!

Wednesday Theme: Celebrate your strikes! Our focus on the day was Praise and Gratitude!

Activity: Everyone had a "ball" Bowling at Mardi Gras Lanes!

Thursday Theme: God shows us his creation everyday and gives us his people.

Activities: We did a Bible Study in Nature and then ventured over to the NIU Lagoon for a really fun and relaxing art project.

We also enjoyed helping to prepare and serve at the VBS picnic!



The Human Care Board will be hosting a "Thank You Sunday" on August 17th immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Throughout the year the congregation has been quite generous in supporting the projects of the Human Care Board. These most recently include "Christmas in July Toilet Paper Collection" for Heritage Woods and "Change for Life," which benefitted the We Care Pregnancy Clinic.

Your participation is very much appreciated!!!

The Human Care Board would like to say thank you to the congregation by hosting a light treat buffet (breakfast snacks) on the 17th. **Mark your calendar and plan to stay after worship for a few moments to enjoy a snack with us!**



Reaching out to International Students at NIU and Kish College

From September to May, throughout the academic year at NIU and Kish College, Friday nights are typically spent in

Immanuel's Fellowship Hall, where an evening meal is provided by local Christian churches for international students and their families. Week after week, students gather at this welcoming space, which quickly becomes their "home." Here, they form friendships not only with other international students but also with Americans who help serve the meals and soon become like family. The group, Network of Nations, organizes these weekly meals and also keeps students informed about campus and community events, such as trips to Starved Rock and other local attractions. Prior to the meal a conversation hour is ordinarily available in the student lounge at Immanuel for those who wish to use or practice their English.

Network of Nations has an Executive Director (Lisa Dietrich) and a governing board of Christian community members. They have an office and some space at 449 Normal Road.

Fundraiser dinners have supplied a large portion of operating costs for the Network. **This year fundraiser dinners are scheduled for August 7 and 8 at 449 Normal Road.** Each night is to be a complimentary meal with a program telling of current activity and plans for the days ahead. Let Linda Sons know of your interest in attending any of these dinners.



Change For Life We Care Pregnancy Clinic BIG THANKS!

The Human Care Board would like to thank everyone who supported the We Care Pregnancy Clinic by giving your donations of coins, dollars, or checks! All contributions make a huge difference! We appreciate all of your support! Thank you!!

Immanuel's "Change for Life" raised \$443.69 this year!!

we care
pregnancy clinic

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the entire team at We Care Pregnancy Clinic, thank you for participating in *Change for Life* and raising funds to support this vital ministry. Your church's heart for the sanctity of life, generosity in giving, and willingness to come alongside women and families in crisis is an incredible encouragement to all of us.

At We Care, our mission is to "Empower women and men to make life-affirming choices by providing education, support, and resources through the outflow of the gospel of Jesus Christ." Every day, we serve women and men facing unplanned pregnancies with truth and grace. Many arrive feeling overwhelmed, alone, and uncertain about what to do. But because of your support, we are able to meet them with love, practical help, and real options—leading them toward abundant life, the restoration of strong, thriving families, and a future filled with purpose and hope.

When a woman chooses life, when a father chooses to stay and lead, when a couple chooses to build a strong foundation for their family, it sets in motion a ripple effect that changes the trajectory of their children's lives, and their children's children. With each life saved and each family strengthened, we see God's redemptive work multiplying across generations.

When your church joins in *Change for Life*, you are helping to provide:

- Pregnancy testing and limited ultrasounds that allow women to see the life growing inside them.
- One-on-one mentoring and decision support in a nonjudgmental, caring environment.
- Parenting classes that equip moms and dads to build strong, healthy families.
- Material assistance such as diapers, formula, clothing, and other essentials.
- Post-abortion recovery programs that bring healing to women and men carrying silent grief.
- Sexual risk avoidance education for students, helping them make wise, informed choices.

And most importantly, you help us share the love of Christ with every person who walks through our doors. We know true transformation begins with Him, and your support allows us to be His hands and feet, offering not only help in the moment, but eternal hope.

Because of churches like yours, lives are being saved and changed. We've seen women who were abortion-minded choose life after seeing their baby's heartbeat on an ultrasound. We've walked with young fathers learning what it means to lead and provide for their families. We've celebrated new life and new beginnings as clients step into parenting with courage, supported by a community of care. These are the stories your church is part of.

Change for Life may seem like a simple campaign—baby bottles filled with change, checks, or cash—but behind every dollar is the potential to save a life, support a family, and share the Gospel. That is what your giving makes possible. We know that standing up for unborn child in today's world takes courage and conviction. Thank you for boldly standing with us, for lifting this ministry up in prayer, for giving generously, and for sending a clear message to our community that every life matters. We are deeply thankful for your partnership.

Please share our gratitude with your entire congregation. We are honored to walk this road with you, and we look forward to continuing this life-saving work together.

With sincere appreciation,

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Quilt and Lap Robes Sewing Group



Sewing group will continue to meet this Summer!!!! The Ladies will meet **August 12th & 26th** 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.



GAME DAYS

The summer is almost over but game day goes on as usual. The next one is August 1st. The fun starts at 1pm and goes until 3:30pm. Both men and women are welcome. Bring a friend.



Aluminum Can Recycling — August 3, 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.



Remember Food Pantry Sunday is August 10, 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!



August 2025

Newsletter Deadline August 20, 2025

Newsletter Assembly: August 27, 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1—3 PM Game Day Summer Office Hours: Friday-Open by appt only <div>Pastor Marty on Vacation</div>	2
3 Pastor Marty on Vacation <i>Recycle Sunday</i> 9AM Worship/FB Live Worship (Rev. John Prohl) 10:15AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 1360 Peer Minister Planning Meeting (tentative)	4 5:30PM Bd of Trustees (North Narthex) 7 PM The Chosen	5 NO Human Care Bd Mtg	6 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline 6:30PM Prayer Team 7:00PM Elders Meeting	7 OFFICES CLOSED: All Staff Workers Conference at Walcamp 5:30 PM Network of Nations Fundraising Dinner	8 Summer Office Hours: Friday-Open by appt only 5:30PM N.O.N Fundraising Dinner	9
10 <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> 9AM Worship/FB Live Worship 10:15AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 1360	11 7 PM The Chosen	12 9:15AM Ladies Sewing Grp	13	14 Council Reports Due 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline 5:00PM Board of Education Mtg	15 Summer Office Hours: Friday-Open by appt only	16
17 9AM Worship/FB Live Worship 10:00AM Human Care Congregation Appreciation Breakfast 10:15AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 1360	18 7 PM The Chosen	19 9AM -1PM Preschool Staff Meeting	20 September Newsletter Deadline 7PM Council Mtg	21 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline	22 Summer Office Hours: Friday-Open by appt only	23
24 <i>Little Lambs Teacher Installation</i> 9AM Worship/FB Live Worship 10:15AM Adult Bible Study 10:15AM Peer Minister Planning Meeting 10:30AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 1360 6 PM Refuge Welcome Event	25 NIU Begins Classes NO The Chosen	26 9:15AM Ladies Sewing Grp 6 PM Little Lambs Parent Orientation Night 9PM Refuge Bible Study <div>Little Lambs Parent Orientation Night</div>	27 9:30 Newsletter Assembly 6 PM Little Lambs Parent Orientation Night	28 10:00 AM—2:00 PM Immanuel @ DeKalb's Farmers' Market 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline	29 Summer Office Hours: Friday-Open by appt only	30
31 <i>LWML 5th Sunday Mite</i> 9AM Worship/FB Live Worship 10:15AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 1360	September 1 Offices Closed NO The Chosen Study	September 2 First Day of Classes for Little Lambs (M-F & T/TH) 9PM Refuge Bible Study	September 3 First Day of Classes for Little Lambs (M/W/F) 5:30 Jr Confirmation w/ Parents 6:30PM Prayer Team	<div>August Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:30AM – 4:30PM Closed Friday</div>		