

Sunday School Rally Day 2025



The school year may be 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!

Bibles will be presented to our Third Grade students
during both worship services on September 7.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

2025

SEPTEMBER

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FALL/WINTER/SPRING Services (Begins the Sunday after Labor Day— through Sunday before Memorial Day)

8:00 a.m. Sunday morning:

Traditional worship style;

Facebook Live/ You Tube broadcast of worship.

9:15 a.m. Sunday School is offered for all ages

3 years through high school, college & adult
(September, *after Labor Day*—May)

10:30 a.m. Sunday morning:

Contemporary worship style;

Facebook Live, You Tube broadcast of worship.

Communion is served on the first, third and fifth Sunday.

10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning

Worship service broadcast on WLBK 1360 AM or 98.9 FM

All Sunday morning services can be viewed at any time from our
website after 12 noon each week.

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.

Closed Fridays when school is not in session.

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)



Immanuel Lutheran Church & Student Center Little Lambs Preschool

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September 7 "Dying, We Live"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's love finds His people in the wilderness, the place where
God gives bread from heaven, water from a rock, and streams
in the desert. (Numbers 14:19-20)

September 14 "It's All on God; It's All on Us"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A paradox doesn't make sense, mathematically. But it can be an
accurate description of real-life experience.

(Deuteronomy 1:31)

September 21 "Someone Worth Having"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We lost God's name along the way, but God found us and gave us the
Name by which we can know Him: Jesus—"God saves." (Numbers 6:27)

September 28 "On the Way, Already Home"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God made us to move--toward Him in faith and toward our neighbor in
love. (Numbers 9:18)

<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—June 30, 2025

	Fiscal Year	June 2025
Total Budgeted Receipts:	\$556,407.77	\$54,905.03
Interest Income	5,317.22	\$ 432.62
Total Budgeted Disbursements	<u>(\$567,365.72)</u>	<u>(\$50,007.81)</u>
Budgeted Net Income (Loss)	<u>(\$ 5,640.73)</u>	\$ 5,329.81
Non-Budgeted Receipts	\$ 44,311.17	\$ 1,613.38
Non-Budget Disbursements	<u>(\$ 24,090.05)</u>	<u>(\$ 2,114.04)</u>
Total Net Income (Loss) 2024-2025	\$ 14,580.39	\$ 4,29.18

NEW Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025—July 30, 2025

	Fiscal Year	June 2025
Total Budgeted Receipts:	\$30,774.46	\$30,774.46
Total Budgeted Disbursements	<u>(\$36,231.22)</u>	<u>(\$36,231.22)</u>
Budgeted Net Income (Loss)	<u>(\$ 5,456.76)</u>	<u>(\$ 5,888.11)</u>
Non-Budgeted Receipts	\$26,441.78	\$26,441.78
Non-Budget Disbursements	<u>(\$ 1,411.09)</u>	<u>(\$ 1,411.09)</u>
Total Net Income (Loss) 2024-2025	\$ 19,573.93	\$ 19,573.93



Contributions /Offerings

- Contributions can be made on our website 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.



Many exciting things get started at Immanuel as the fall kicks off. One of the things I look forward to most every August is the return of NIU & Kish College students and the start of our Refuge ministry. Watching new (and returning) students find a church home for themselves while exploring a new phase of life is extremely exciting for me!

Many of you may remember that 37 years ago I became part of that student group and it was transformational in my life. I've now had the honor of watching thousands of students pass through the program in some form or fashion and grow in their walk with the Lord as well as with His Church all the while growing into the contributing adults that our world needs.

As always God has blessed us with a wonderful team of peer ministers to lead the program, in partnership with me. This year we have 6 amazing students as



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Hello and Happy New School Year from Little Lambs!

Our preschool theme this year is “Make a Joyful Noise”. We look forward to singing and praising Jesus this year with our little ones and making a joyful noise to Jesus in praise for all that he has done for us!

As teachers began to return and prepare their rooms for the beginning of the school year I can tell it is going to be filled with excitement and learning!

We always kick the year off with orientation for our preschool families. It’s always great to see lots of former families and to meet our new families as well. The children have fun connecting and meeting the friends in their class and are always ready to begin school!

We have many fun events planned for the year with field trips, family events, Lutheran Schools Week celebrations, and much more! Our teachers are also looking forward to heading down to St. Louis for LEA (Lutheran Educators Association) convocation Oct 2-4. This is a life changing experience for the teachers with a chance to connect with fellow teachers and other Lutheran school workers. We are so thankful that the church leadership voted three years ago to begin planning to send all 6 teachers to this triannual event!

The month of September our preschool focuses on back to school and learning about our classroom and friends. We will also be learning about apples and will head to Honey Hill Orchard this month. This will be our second time going here and are hoping for no rain this time!

We are excited to welcome back all of our staff this school year! Cara Leadingham and Jessica Molitor will be teaching in the 3 year old classroom. Kate and myself will be teaching the mixed days 4 year old classroom. This year, we will be shifting responsibilities around and Kate Decker will be teaching our Tuesday and Thursday class. I will begin focusing on mentoring and growing our program. I will be teaching a Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes and will be stepping back with hours on Tuesday and Thursday. Jessica will

begin to take on more of the back up director responsibilities on those days. Kaylin Briscoe and Sue Harms will also be returning and will be in our 5 day class.

Little Lambs Preschool was voted “Best Preschool” in Dekalb County once again this year — that’s FIVE YEARS is a row! Thank you to all who have voted for us. It means a lot that you see our preschool in such a

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peer ministers and I’d like to you all to get to know them just a little bit:

Leading the group as president is **Charlie Schmidt**. Charlie is now a graduate student in the “Doctor of Physical Therapy” program. He hails from DeLand, Illinois and has been on our peer minister team since his freshman year. Charlie LOVES board and card games, most especially a card game called “Magic the Gathering.” Even though she graduated in the spring, Charlie often has his amazing girl friend, Alison Pinion, by his side while leading Refuge.

Returning for his second year as a peer minister is **Reece Mendicino**. Reece (Kiwi) grew up in New Zealand then moved to the US during middle school. He is studying political science and has an amazing grasp of current events and the geopolitical environment our world is facing. Kiwi also loves games. His roommates are Charlie and Brandon Stover (who is a former peer minister and now graduate student in Accounting.) Kiwi was baptized as an adult last summer and is one of our most earnest Bible study students.

Also returning as a peer minister is **Zack Schmidt** (no relation to Charlie.) Zack is a junior majoring in Mechatronics (a hybrid of mechanical and electrical engineering that specializes in robotics.) Zack is also part of the NIU “Super Milage Team,” a club that builds, and tests high-efficiency vehicles for the Shell Eco-marathon competition. Zack comes from Bonfield, in central Illinois.

We have 3 new members of the team this year beginning with **Marie Pinion**. Marie is a sophomore math education major who also plays the clarinet and marches in the Huskie Marching Band as part of the color guard. Marie comes to us from Burlington, Illinois where her father is the pastor (LCMS) of St. John’s Lutheran Church. Her parents, Pat and Jeanette Pinion, were active members the college group and peer ministers when Krista and I were in college. Marie also loves crafting and co leads the “Crafty Christian” group, a group of women who gather before Bible study to knit and crochet together.

Our next new peer minister is **Mia Yellich**, a sophomore from Rosemont Illinois. Mia is a political science major who also plays the clarinet and marches in the Huskie Marching Band. Mia co leads with Marie the “crafty Christian group” and is an officer in a service fraternity affiliated with the marching Band. She also is frequently in the balcony helping to run the sound board and slides for our worship services!

Our final new peer minister is no stranger to Immanuel. **Jackson Harms** is a junior Communications major at NIU, just transferred in from Kishwaukee College. Jackson grew up at Immanuel and most of us know his parents Kevin and Sue Harms. Jackson is huge bears fan and loves gathering groups of people together and leading them in various pursuits, especially in serving the Lord. He has been a regular at my Sunday morning Bible class and the Refuge Bible study the past few years.



9/7 “In loving memory of my wife, Sandy. I’d like to praise God for joining us together in Holy Matrimony 66 years ago on September 1st,” by Carlos Woolbright.

9/14 “To the glory of God in remembrance of my mom, Betty Bernahl, who passed away September 11, 2024. and in honor of her 100th birthday, which would have been November 12, 2025,” by Linda & Rom Hammes.

9/21 “In memory of Ed & Carol Denton’s anniversary September 17th and in honor of Carol’s birthday on September 16th,” by her family.

9/28 “To the glory of God for blessing us with 51 years of marriage,” by Dennis & Jane Schroeder.



9/7 “In celebration of the wedding Raegan & Matt Andsager,” by Rob & Tammy Tiggelaar.

9/14 *Open*

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OPEN FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS: October– *Full*; November–*Full*; December 21

OPEN RADIO SPONSORSHIPS: 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*).



LITTLE LAMBS SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Registration is in full swing!
Our M-F class is full;
Both T/TH classes and the M/W/F 3-year-old class still have some availability. .
- 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
- September 23 & 24: Field Trip to Honey Hill Apple Orchard. Be sure to note our new procedure for field trips. We will meet AT the orchard, rather than at the school. (Monday—Friday class will attend the field trip on Tuesday, September 23.)



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positive light. We love what we do, and we hope that others can see the joy the children bring to us as well.

We continue to have several spots available for fall! Please spread the word if you know of anyone looking for preschool. We have openings in our 2 and 3 day classes for three-year-olds and in the Tuesday/Thursday class for 4 and 5 year olds.

Little Lambs was featured in the Eat, Shop, Explore Illinois Facebook page. This is a business that is run by a local entrepreneur and mom who works with small local businesses all over Illinois. We were the first Non for Profit that was featured. Be sure to check out the page to learn more about the great businesses that are in our area!

In His Service,
Katie Martinez



Human Care Thank You Breakfast



On August 17th the Human Care Board hosted a social time after church to thank the congregation for your support of the many activities sponsored by their board. Without your support these activities would not have been possible!!!

Some of our past projects, which have been quite successful, with your participation and help, have included:

- Chili Cookoff
- Heading up a “host night” for Intercultural Café
- Providing and upkeep up for Automated External Defibrillator (AED) unit
- Card ministry to shut-ins and congregation
- “Christmas in July” Most recently this was for a “Toilet Paper Collection” for Heritage Woods
- Snack collection for Little Lambs Preschool
- Donation of funds to purchase diapers for DeKalb County Collaborative for Young Children
- Participation in Immanuel Clean Up Day
- “Change for Life,” which collected \$443.69 this year and to benefit the We Care Pregnancy Clinic
- Providing drivers for Meals on Wheels in March
- Salvation Army Thanksgiving baskets

Just who, and what is the Human Care Board? The chair is an elected member of the church council and as outlined in our church constitution, the Human Care Board is charged with:

- The duties and responsibilities of this Board shall be:
 1. Raise awareness of social justice needs within the congregation, community, and beyond.
 2. Coordinate the efforts of the congregation in serving social

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Service VOLUNTEERS

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY READER	RADIO	SLIDES	VIDEO/ SOUND
9/7	8:00 AM	Michael Martinez	Russ Coulombe	Doug Nelson	Mark Misic	Ted Stone
	10:30 AM	Heather Allen	Jennifer Allen	—	Nathan Allen	Doug Nelson
9/14	8:00 AM	Colleen Goff	Tom Sawyer	Chris Ewald	Doug Nelson	Mia Yelich
	10:30 AM	Virgil Walker	Alyssa Landshaft	—	Nathan Allen	Doug Nelson
9/21	8:00 AM	Aaron Martinez	Ted Stone	Doug Nelson	Ted Stone	Mark Misic
	10:30 AM	Irene Pringnitz	Rita Goodwin	—	Nathan Allen	Doug Nelson
9/28	8:00 AM	Alexis Cruz	Charlie Schmidt	Sue Harms	Kevin Harms	Doug Nelson
	10:30 AM	Chloe Marks	Angela Pringnitz	—	Nathan Allen	Doug Nelson



Date	Time	Communion Assistants
9/7	8:00AM	Dennis Martinez & Taylor McWilliams
	10:30AM	Will Michels, Brian Pringnitz
9/21	8:00AM	Tom Sawyer, Kevin Harms
	10:30AM	Dennis Maakestad, Dan Lohmeier



September Ushers:

8:00 Ken Boldt, Alexis Cruz, Hayden Harms
10:30 Jen Allen, Will Michels, Chloe Marks

September Altar Guild:

Carolyn McQuillan



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!

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*



Looking for ways to serve in worship?

Are you willing to join one of our worship teams? The commitment is flexible—the contribution of your time has so many benefits—both for the ministry and for you! If you would like more information or would like to be added to the volunteer teams.

Please see Doug Nelson (sound/ slides/video/radio)

Sound/ slides/video: You don't have to be "technologically advanced." You monitor the system during service. Come, sit with an operator and see if it is something your might enjoy.

Radio: Volunteers are scheduled on a rotating basis. A very simple script is provided. This is the service that is broadcast on WLBK each Sunday.

See Dan Lohmeier to join the **usher team**. Ushers serve in groups of 3 or 4 for one month at a time. You are assigned the service you typically attend (8:00 or 10:30) You can always trade if you are unable to make a Sunday.

If you would like more information on being a greeter, acolyte or lay reader, please see Darlene Hillman or Pastor Marty. Each of these commitments are also on a rotating basis one week at a time.

Altar Guild: See Carolyn McQuillan if you would like to learn more about this important service.

What a great way to get involved as a family or by yourself! All talents and capacities are welcome to join!



Greeters needed!! 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.

Thank you!

Warm Thank You from Linda!

Dear Friends,

While I was still attempting to explain my feelings regarding the awesome 50-year anniversary celebration on July 27, 2025, Pastor Prohl presented the insight to me in his August 3, 2025 sermon at Immanuel.

Each of you gave me your time. You showed me you care with your kind words and thoughts, your smiles, your handshakes, hugs, messages, cards and gifts. You were Jesus to me. The special preparation, decorations, the cake and punch, each note the choir practiced and sang at the service were all gifts.

Pastor Marty's message, presentation of Rev. Dr. Allan Buss' letter, the opportunity to stand in the receiving line with Pastor Marty hearing grateful messages were a gift. C-J's planning, vision, preparation, thoughtful presentation and all-round design of the day were gifts. The congregational support of the radio broadcast, the choir donations to provide the altar flowers—all precious gifts. My gratitude and appreciation are for each of you being Jesus to me. Thank you.

Now let us go forth, together, continuing to be Jesus to each other and the world. Praise The Lord.

Blessings,
Linda Conrad



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needs within the congregation, community and beyond.

3. Encourage and enable members of the congregation to participate in social ministry endeavors.

If you would like to learn more, and maybe even join the board, please talk to any of the board members! It's a great group and we'd love to have you join us!

There are three upcoming opportunities for LWML fellowship:

- The LWML NID Fall Gathering, Sat. Sept. 27 in Schaumburg (registration deadline Sept. 14, see flyer and bulletin board for details)
- the Zone 8 Fall Retreat, Saturday, October 11 at Walcamp
- Our (Immanuel ladies) fall quarterly meeting on Monday, October 13, here, at Immanuel. *Watch for details!*

Check out the bulletin board for some highlights from the 41st BIENNIAL LWML CONVENTION, JUNE 26-29, 2025, OMAHA, NE.



Who We Are THE LWML MISSION STATEMENT

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

—Adopted January 2021

THE LWML VISION STATEMENT

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

—Adopted June 2015, revised February 2016

2023–2025 PRIMARY FOCUS

- Proclaiming Christ *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples! (Psalm 96:3).*
- Supporting Missions *And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation (Mark 16:15).*
- Equipping Women *Now may the God of peace ... equip you with everything good that you may do his will (Hebrews 13:20–21).*
- Serving Others *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another (1 Peter 4:10a).*

BELIEFS

As an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, our beliefs are in line with the statements found on the LCMS website at lcms.org/about/ beliefs

OBJECT

Mission Education, Mission Inspiration, Mission Service, Financial grants for mission needs

MOTTO

Serve the Lord with gladness (Psalm 100:2).

All women of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are welcome!



- 9/1 Logan Boone
Jane Schroeder
- 9/3 Kate Decker
Paul Misitano
- 9/6 Rogene Montgomery
- 9/7 Adrith KC-Karn
- 9/9 Gemma Peifer
Lettilyn Reiman
- 9/10 Bryan Faivre
Jason Goff
Riley Phelps
- 9/11 Kelsey Peifer
- 9/14 Colleen Goff
- 9/15 Evan Giudice



- 09/02/1989 Norm & Fran Pierce
- 09/12/1992 Bryan & Cathy Faivre
- 09/10/2016 Liz & Kevin Faivre
- 09/12/2020 Hayes & Laura Tiggelaar
- 09/16/2000 Mark & Diane Mathison
- 09/16/2005 Harley & Carla Siddall
- 09/18/1976 Dave & Pat Lange
- 09/24/2011 Scott & Stacy Nelson
- 09/28/1974 Dennis & Jane Schroeder
- 09/30/2017 Coltin & Maddie Phelps

9/17 Aaron Martinez

Eli Brouwer

9/19 Brayden Giudice

9/20 Theodore Stone

9/23 Griffith Albrecht

Grace Peckys

9/24 Brooklyn Giudice

9/25 Mark Gresholdt

9/27 Christopher Ziola

Alma Sanchez

9/28 Margaret Kousoulas

Eric Olsen

Harlan Siddall

9/29 Karen Vanderheyden

9/30 David Lange

Helena Landshaft



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

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!

Praying with Jesus

As the Prayer Team continued their study of “*Prayer: We Speak to God*,” we learned that all of us have difficulty praying. No matter how hard we try, we don’t seem to pray as regularly and spontaneously as God wants us to do.

Satan is determined to prevent us from praying because it is our life-line to God. This is Spiritual Warfare.

However, we are not left alone to find our way in prayer. Jesus helps us out.

Prayer relies on God’s mercy for Jesus sake. That is we say “Lord Have Mercy” during our Divine service and end our prayers “In Jesus Name”.

Jesus stood in for us during His time on earth by leading a perfect life and dying on the cross for our sins. We have been made right with God through faith because of Jesus.

Now as Jesus sits on the right hand of the Father, He intercedes for us with His Father as our Great High Priest. He prays for us and with us.

So, if we trust our friend Jesus to help us, He will carry us along in our prayers like a father carries his child.

We can be bold and confident when we pray with Jesus. See Hebrews 7:24-25 JRH



The Prayer Team will meet Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30 PM.

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*)



Lutheran Women
in Mission
Northern Illinois District



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Join us for the Lutheran Women in Mission Fall Gathering

Saturday, September 27, 2025

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
(doors open 8:30 a.m.)

St. Peter Lutheran Church

202 E Schaumburg Road
Schaumburg, IL 60194



Keynote Speaker & Bible Study Leader: Rev. Dr. Scott A. Bruzek, Associate Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church, Wheaton, IL. Long time Senior Pastor at St. John, Rev. Bruzek was educated at Stanford, Concordia Seminary, Cambridge University, and Princeton Seminary, and has taught at Concordia Seminary (St. Louis), Concordia Theological Seminary (Ft. Wayne) and Valparaiso University, and regularly lectures at Wheaton College.

Mites in Action Speaker: Julia Heinz, Director of Mission Advancement, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Dundee, IL (a 2025-2027 LWML Mission Grant recipient)





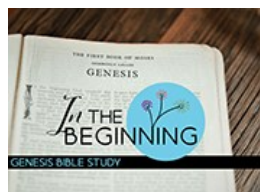
Help stock St. Peter's Food Pantry:
Bring shelf stable food, household, or personal care items donate via check payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church (please write LWML NID on the memo line).

Register at www.lwmlnid.org
Deadline September 14
Cost **\$25** (includes lunch)
Questions? Email Jan Bersano rjtc@Comcast.net



New Classes Begin in September!

- **Sunday Mornings with Carolyn and Mark:** Join us as we start at the beginning with a study of Genesis. Besides detailing the history of mankind, this rich book



helps show us how we needed a redeemer from the very start. We'll use a study guide to guide us and stimulate discussion. Whether or not you've been part of a Bible study in the past, this walk through Genesis is for you. For more info or to reserve a spot in class, contact:

Carolyn (basketcasesunlimited@gmail.com) or

Mark (markmisic@hotmail.com),

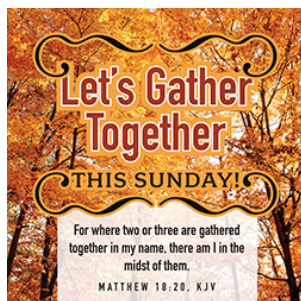
or leave word in the church office. Class will meet between the church services each Sunday, from 9:15am to 10:15am in fellowship hall.



- **Sunday morning Bible study with Pastor Marty.** We will continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew that we began last year. We are about half way through the book, but don't let that scare you off, you can jump right in and not feel behind at all. Each chapter is a new adventure!

Week Night Studies

For College Students:



Our Refuge (college Bible Study) will be looking at the Gospel of Matthew. This is a great "starter Bible study" that tells the story of Jesus from beginning to end. While great for beginners there will a deep dive into the teachings of God for His people today. We will meet on Tuesday evenings at 9:00 p.m. in the college lounge. Side note: Bible study is often followed by a variety of games! Come join in the fun.



Join us for our annual Evening Under the Stars, an adult night at Camp Featuring great gourmet food selections, live music with the Dog and Pony Show, deserts, caricature artist, and fun camp things to do.

Event Details:

- Live music , food, and fellowship
- Live entertainment on our lake lawn with ideal music for the firepit setting
- Bring your own lawn chairs, bag chairs, or blanket and relax under the stars
- Hatchet throwing and archery, canoeing, hayrides
- \$20 Wine-Pull with additional prizes. (You choose a bottle of wine, and different prizes are attached to each bottle)
- Basket Raffle!
- Caricature Artist Dan Gogh available for portraits compliments of Walcamp
- Cornhole, jumbo Jenga, and other outdoor evening fun!
- Food Details: Fresh-grilled dinner options (please order in advance)
- Artisan Hamburger, Grilled Chicken, or Chef Mark's Famous Grilled Portabella Mushroom with side dishes and dessert
Water, soda, and coffee will be available

You may also bring your own beer or wine and purchase wine from our Wine-Pull

Ticket Prices: \$50/Single \$450 for a group of 10

Date: Sat Sep 27 2025 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (UTC-05)

Location: Walcamp; 32653 Five Points Rd, Kingston IL 60145

Order tickets on line at: www.walcamp.org.

Quilt and Lap Robes Sewing Group



The Ladies will meet **September 9th & 23rd** 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.



The summer is almost over but game day goes on as usual.

The next game day is Sep.5th. The games start at 1pm & the fun lasts until 3:30. Bring a friend.



Aluminum Can Recycling — September 7, 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 September 14, 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!



October 2025 Newsletter Deadline Thursday, September 18th.
Newsletter Assembly: Wednesday, September 24th at 9:30 a.m.

For Adults:



Monday Zoom Bible study is continuing our journey through the book of first Samuel. See the transformation from God's people ruled by Judges to King Saul and then to King David. We are about to hear the story of David and Goliath and David's ascent to ruling Israel, with all of the good and the bad. This is a great time to join in this wonderfully fun group of people who gather online for Bible study every Monday night at 7pm.



"The Chosen" is a riveting series of episodes about Jesus' life with his disciples and followers. A group has enjoyed meeting to view the first five episodes of Season 5. We meet on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM at Dennis Maakestad's home

(4 Greenview Ct., DeKalb) We will complete season five, viewing episodes 6—8 on Monday September 15, 22 & 29. Study guides will be provided. If you're ready for Season 5, please feel free to join us!

For Youth:



Junior Confirmation begins September 3rd at 5:30 p.m. Parents are asked to attend the first class with your child. This year's class is for all youth in grades 7—9. A group text message went out to current families earlier this week. If you did not receive the message, please contact Pastor Marty. If you have a youth who has not previously attended, and would like more information, please contact Pastor Marty as well.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY OFFICES CLOSED	2 9AM First Day of T/Th & M-F Preschool Classes 9 AM Winkle (at Marengo) 5:30—6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Human Care Bd Mtg 8 PM Crafty Christians 9 PM Refuge Bible Study	3 9AM First Day of M/W/F Preschool Classes 1PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Jr. Confirmation w/ Parents 6:30 PM Prayer Team 7 PM Elder's Meeting	4 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline 8 PM Refuge Activity Night	5 1 PM Game Day 8:30-12:30 Office Hours Wedding Rehearsal 5:30 PM Chit Chat & Chai 6:30 PM Intercultural Café	6 Tiggelaar/Andsager WEDDING
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