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8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Style*

**9:15 a.m. Sunday School for children ages
3 years through high school (Sept—May)**

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Style*

**Communion is served the first, third and fifth
Sunday of each month.*

**10:30 a.m. Worship service is broadcast each
Sunday morning on WLBK 1360 AM or 98.9 FM.**

**All Sunday morning services can be
viewed live on Facebook, or at any
time on YouTube or Facebook.**



Home to Little Lambs Preschool





October Office Hours

Oct 2—27: Monday-Thursday: 8:30a.m.—2:30p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.

Regular hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30—4:30

Closed Fridays when school is not in session.

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)

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Contemporary worship style;

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DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles

November 2025 Newsletter Deadline:

Monday, October 20th

Newsletter Assembly:

Wednesday, October 29 at 9:30 a.m.

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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Little Lambs Preschool

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October 2025

October 5

"Every Age Has a Stage"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

Every age has a stage, not just a stage of life, but also a stage on which to perform and to serve.

(Numbers 8:23-26)

October 12

"When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Forgiveness isn't a formality with God.

Forgiveness is formative. It changes us.

(Numbers 14:30-31)

October 19

"God's Help Dwells in Us"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo S nchez

The Holy Spirit is the Helper who comes to dwell in and with us, to encourage and empower us.

(Numbers 11:29)

<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



In September we began offering many of our Christian education programs which had been on break for the summer. One of these programs is confirmation instruction for our youth. The class we currently have is an unusual one. The 9 students are in 7th, 8th and 9th grade, and this will confirm their faith in May. This group started this journey in the fall of 2024, and as they begin their second year together it is exciting to see them grow in knowledge, faith and their relationship with each other and the Church.

This got me thinking that you all might find interesting how we structure confirmation, the reasons behind that, and most importantly, what the real purpose of confirmation is. We'll start with the purpose that guides the process. Confirmation is a process that equips young adults to "confirm their faith." By doing so they affirm the gifts God gave to them in their baptism to recognize and desire to be part of God's family through His Church and, more specifically, Immanuel congregation.

It is important to note that the congregation does not "confirm" them, they confirm what God has done for them and that Immanuel is the family through which they want live out their Christian life. This is very different from the old school notion that confirmation (and the certificate) grant you a "license to Lutheran." Confirmation is not a graduation (although we do make it look kind of like that with robes, etc.) and is instead a commitment to God's family through our congregation. In order to truly confirm what God has done for them, the students need to be educated in God's Word and the application of that Word, for which Luther's Small Catechism is an excellent resource.


Over the years I've shaped and honed this education process and have developed what we use now, which I find most effective in accomplishing not only the goal of education, but also relationship development. While instruction takes place in various ways, including Sunday morning during worship and in the home with parents, the Wednesday evening instruction is structured like this:

Classroom instruction: In person class meetings are Wednesday evening from 5:30pm - 6:30pm in fellowship hall. (5:30 – 7:00 the fourth Wednesday of each month)

Typical monthly schedule follows this model:

- the first Wednesday of the month will be a class session with parents;
- the second Wednesday of the month will be just students;

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Fiscal Year July 1, 2025—August 31, 2025		
	August 2025	Fiscal YTD
 Budgeted Receipts	26,037.47	56,596.58
Interest	416.00	847.35
Total Budgeted Receipts	26,453.47	57,443.93
Budgeted Disbursements	(38,814.28)	(74,273.96)
Budgeted Net Income or (loss)	(12,360.81)	(16,830.03)
Non Budgeted Receipts	300.00	26,741.78
Non Budgeted Disbursements	(881.57)	(2,292.66)
Non Budgeted Income or (Loss)	(581.57)	24,449.12
Total Net Income or (Loss)	(12,942.38)	7,619.09



Contributions /Offerings (contact the office for information)

- Contributions can be made on our website
- **You can use giving envelopes** (available in the office)
- **Cash and checks** can be placed in the weekly offering plate, mailed or dropped by the office at any time.
- 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.



Items from the to be Aware of From the Elders:

- We have returned to the tradition of being dismissed by the ushers at the conclusion of each service.
- Christmas Member to Member Greeting Funds will be donated to Christian Senior Ministries this year.
- Christmas Eve Worship services will be offered at 3:00 and 7:00 pm. on Wednesday, December 24.
- There will be no Christmas Day worship service.



Hello and Happy Harvest Season!

Now that Little Lambs school year is in full swing, we are gearing up for all the fun things we have in store. The weather continues to feel like summer most days so we are going to soak in the warmth for as long as we can!

Little Lambs visited Honey Hill Apple Orchard in September, and we learned all about apples. The children also learned about bees. We learned that bees help apples grow and apples help bees make honey. The children got to try apple donuts and cider for a snack. I think most of the kids really enjoyed this special treat. After our tour the children were able to stay with their chaperones and play in the play area and shop around in the bakery. It was such a fun trip!

October is a very busy month for our preschoolers! We have many events and activities planned that are coming up. We will begin the month with picture day and vision and hearing screenings. After that we head over to Johnson's Pumpkin Farm in Sycamore to learn about how pumpkins grow. We will get to see Farmer Johnson's donkey and miniature pony which is always a highlight for the preschoolers.

At the end of the month our school will celebrate Halloween with classroom parties and our annual trunk or treat event. This is a family event where our preschool parents come and set up a trunk for the kids to stop at and play a game and get a treat. The children will have a parade of costumes and enjoy some fun classroom party games.

Our preschool still has openings in our 2- or 3-day classes for both 3 and 4 year olds. If you know someone who is looking, please tell them all about Little Lambs! Little Lambs was awarded Best in Dekalb County for Preschool/Daycare 2025. It is something we are very proud of and thankful to all those who voted for us.

As we continue our journey into the fall season, and see the ever changing and beautiful landscape, there is one thing that we know remains in all of it. That is the love Jesus has for each one of us. Blessings to all!

In His Service,
Katie Martinez-
Little Lambs
Preschool Director



November 2025 Voters Meeting:

Opportunities to serve: As you think about your time, talents, and treasure in our current continuing journey of stewardship, reflect also on the possibility of your service as an officer of Immanuel congregation. In the next few

weeks the Executive Board of Immanuel congregation will be seeking nominees for the offices listed below, which will be voted on at the Voter's meeting on **Wednesday November 19th at 7:00 p.m.** If you have ever considered serving and are interested in any of the positions open this year, or if you know someone who would fit any of these, please contact Rob Tiggelaar, Jen Allen, C-J Motisi or Pastor Marty, or any of the current council members listed below. Terms begin January 1.

1 Samuel 3:8-9: *Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.*

Terms up for election are:

Position	Current Officer
Chair elect — 3 year term progressive term to include)	
1 yr. Chair-elect	Jen Allen
1 yr. Chair	Rob Tiggelaar
1 yr. Past Chair	C-J Motisi
Treasurer — 2 year term	Taylor McWilliams
Human Care — 2 year term	Cathy Faivre *
Head Trustee — 2 year term	Roger Nelson
Campus Ministry	Dennis Maakestad *
Elder — 3 year term	Kevin Harms
Elder — 3 year term	Dan Lohmeier *

*completing second term & ineligible to run for this position (n/a in 2025)

1 Samuel 3:10 *The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."*

Council member update: Darlene Hillman has been approved by the church council in the role of Board of Christian Education Chair through the end of 2025. Darlene is completing the end of the first year of Kyle VonSchnase's term. A new chair will be appointed beginning in January. Kyle submitted his resignation earlier this year, as he has new work requirements and is no longer able to attend meetings. His leadership and expertise were appreciated, and the board will continue to call upon him for input and guidance in the future.



October 5: "In celebration of Ann Nelson's birthday and in loving memory of Carol Nelson," by the family.

October 12: "In loving memory our grandparents, Alfred and Goldie Nelson," by the family.

October 19: "In memory of Jack Springmire, brother of Pete Springmire; Jack was born on October 20, 1957 and died suddenly in June, 2025." Flowers are given by Linda Conrad.

October 26: "In honor of the marriage of Kevin Fuchs to Katie Boland on October 25, 2025. May God grant them a lifetime of love and happiness." Love, Glenn, Julie-Ann, Ryan, Tayler, and Hayden Fuchs.



October 5: "To the glory of God and in thanks to the people of Immanuel for the many blessings during our college years."

October 12: "In loving memory our grandparents, Alfred and Goldie Nelson," by the family.

October 19: "To the glory of God and in memory of Lucille Whitman."

October 26: "In honor of the marriage of Kevin Fuchs to Katie Boland on October 25, 2025. May God grant them a lifetime of love and happiness." Love, Glenn, Julie-Ann, Ryan, Tayler, and Hayden Fuchs.

OPEN FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS: October –December–Full;
2026: January 4, 11 & 18; February 8 & 15; March 1, 8 & 15

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

2026: January 4, 11, 18 & 25; February 8; March 15, 22 & 29

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

Classes Openings: We have both Monday/Wednesday Friday and Tuesday/Thursday options available for children ages 3—5. Call for details

- October 2 & 3: No School (*Teachers at Lutheran Educators Association Convocation in St. Louis*)
- October 8 and 9: Picture Day
- October 22 & 23: Johnson Pumpkin Farm Field Trip
- October 30 & 31 : **Trunk or Treat** (*Family Event*)
- October is Fire Safety Month—Due to our packed October schedule, the DeKalb Fire Department will visit Little Lambs on November 12th and 13th (*department schedule dependent*)
- Week of October 27: Information available for Gift Card Fundraiser



Welcome to the 2025-2026 School year!!

The preschool staff pictured above:

(Front row) **Kate Decker** (*teacher/ aide*), **Katie Martinez** (*director/teacher*), **Jessica Molitor** (*teacher*)

(Back row) **Kaylin Briscoe** (*teacher*), **Sue Harms** (*aide*), **Cara Leadingham** (*aide*), **Erin Grych** (*music*),

Service VOLUNTEERS

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY READER	RADIO	SLIDES	VIDEO/ SOUND
10/05	8:00 AM	Brodie McWilliams	Raegan Andsager	Chris Ewald	Doug Nelson	Mark Misic
	10:30 AM	Rosie Landshaft	Robert Miller	—	Mia Yellich	Doug Nelson
10/12	8:00 AM	Isaac Martinez	Yvette Lubbers	Doug Nelson	Ted Stone	Mark Misic
	10:30 AM	Elly Pringnitz	Jackson Harms	—	Doug Nelson	Nathan Allen
10/19	8:00 AM	Colleen Goff	Shannon Coulombe	Julie-Ann Fuchs	Glenn Fuchs	Mark Misic
	10:30 AM	Heather Allen	Amy Haeseker	—	Nathan Allne	Mia Yelich
10/26	8:00 AM	Aaron Martinez	Sandy Lancaster	Sue Harms	Kevin Harms	Doug Nelson
	10:30 AM	Virgil Walker	Kyle VonSchnase	—	Mian Yelich	Doug Nelson



Date	Time	Communion Assistants
10/05	8:00AM	Ken Boldt & Taylor McWilliams
	10:30AM	Kevin Harms & Will Michels
10/19	8:00AM	Ron Feldmann & Ken Boldt
	10:30AM	Dennis Maakestad & Dan Lohmeier



October Ushers:

8:00: Jeff Bannister, Tom Sawyer & Taylor McWilliams
 10:30: Dan Lohmeier, Will Michels & Dennis Maakestad

October Altar Guild:

Jackie Hanson



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*

YOUTH THANKFULNESS DINNER

FOR 5TH-12TH GRADE

NOVEMBER 8

4:30-6:30

POTLUCK STYLE DINNER

PLEASE TEXT DANIKA WITH
WHAT YOU PLAN TO BRING:

(815) 901-7971

*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you were
called to peace. And be thankful."*

— Colossians 3:15



Trustees Update

The Board of Trustees has had a busy summer, and we are grateful for the many helping hands that care for our church property. Your gifts time and talents have helped keep our maintenance budget on track and our building and grounds looking beautiful. While this is not a complete list by any means, we would like to share a few highlights, and shout out thanks to some areas of service:

- **Storm Repair** – After storm damage to the church's fascia, we faced high repair quotes due to the need for special equipment. Thankfully, Roger Elliott of Malta stepped in with a cost-effective solution, and the repair was completed successfully.
- **Bushes & Playground** – Bryan Faivre has faithfully trimmed the bushes all summer and even built a new lid for the playground sandbox.
- **Lawn Care** – Jim Nelson has been the steady force behind keeping our lawn mowed and cared for week after week.
- **Flowers & Entrances** – Gary and Holly Gresholdt have brought beauty to our church by planting, watering, and tending flowers at the entrances throughout the season.
- **Air Conditioning** – Our 25-year-old sanctuary air conditioner was repaired—thankfully sparing us the cost of full replacement for now. We are grateful to the company in Genoa that provided an affordable solution to keep us cool this summer.
- **Garden** – Roger and Ann Nelson have maintained and harvested the church garden, blessing many with the fruits of their labor.
- **Inspections** – Several inspections have been completed this fall. Other than a needed repair on one backflow system, all areas passed and are in good condition.
- **Clean up day, held in the spring, was a great success!!!**

We are truly thankful for the teamwork that makes our church a welcoming and well-cared-for home of worship. If you notice any items needing attention, please let one of the trustees know! — Better yet—if you see a need, and can lend a hand—whether with mowing, flowers, small repairs, or special projects—your help is welcome and appreciated!



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN 2025

Immanuel Members and Refuge Group,

A couple of thoughts immediately come to mind: "They'll know we are Christians by our love..." (song lyrics) and "Faith without works is dead" - James 2:26.

It's that time of year again when we have the opportunity to pack meals for starving children. We will join thousands of other area Christians and residents to show our love by helping to feed starving children.

The Suter Company in Sycamore is again hosting a Feed My Starving Children packing event. We have volunteered to help pack for this wonderful Christian organization for many years. When you watch the videos at this event you realize how many children around the world are starving and dying each day and also how many precious lives have been saved by this wonderful organization. At the end of each 2 hour session you learn about how many meals you helped provide during the two hours of volunteering.

We have reserved a time slot to have a group of 25 people to pack on Thursday, November 13th, 2025 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for this event. Please consider joining us for this time of fellowship and giving. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Russ Coulombe via cell phone (text or call) at 815-995-2950 or via email at rcoulombe224@gmail.com.



Christian Education Opportunities

*There's a place for everyone.
Join us this fall as we grow in God's Word together!*



Genesis with Carolyn & Mark

9:15–10:15 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

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 study and guide discussion. Contact Carolyn (basiceasesunlimited@gmail.com) or Mark (markwinski@hotmail.com).



Gospel of Matthew with Pastor Marty

9:15–10:15 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Continue our study of Matthew—no need to catch up, just jump in! Each week brings fresh insights into Jesus' teachings.



Sunday School for youth

9:15–10:15 a.m. | Various Rooms

Ages 3 years through high school are offered each Sunday. Contact Jennifer Allen for details.

Junior Confirmation (Grades 7–9)

Wednesdays | 5:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Contact Pastor Marty for more information.



College Study: 'Refuge'

Tuesdays | 9:00 p.m. | College Lounge

A beginner-friendly yet deep study of Matthew. Stick around after for games & fellowship!



Adult Zoom Study – 1 Samuel

Mondays | 7:00 p.m. | Online

Watch Israel's transition from Judges to Kings—Saul, David, and more! A fun and engaging group.



Little Lambs Preschool

9:00–12:00 noon | Various Rooms

Limited spots available for T/Th or M/W/F classes (ages 3–5). Little Lambs was voted 'Best Preschool' in 2025 (fifth year in a row)! Thank you for your support.

Get connected. Grow in faith. — Everyone is welcome!



10/02	Brenda Johnson	10/20	Lucas Cardoso
10/05	Alan Cook		Lydia Cook
	Ann Nelson	10/21	Reed Kousoulas
10/06	Abbie Arndt		Michael Martinez
10/07	Sophia Cintora	10/22	Doris Chelikas
	Dick Rodgers	10/24	Gene Aska
10/08	Riley Clark		Glenn Fuchs
10/11	Debbie Aska		Cara Leadingham
10/12	Dennis Schroeder		Roger Olsen
	Christel Springmire	10/26	Uriah Hillman
10/13	Kayla Cook	10/28	Eliza Phelps
10/14	Lincoln Bohr	10/29	Jimmy Arndt
	Elwin Bushue		Mindy Lynch
10/15	Riley Nelson		Brynlee Tiggelaar
10/17	Frankie Iaccino	10/30	Jody Gratschmayr
	Patricia Roberts	10/31	Jacob Gratschmayr
10/18	Kynleigh Bakaturski		James Grunwald
	Mishelle Rodgers		Keeley Olsen
	Amy Schwab		Mark Pfothenauer
			Linda Sons



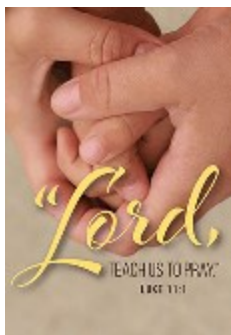
10/02/2021	Noah & Summer Hamel
10/04/2003	Rick & Jonal McKinley
10/07/2000	Kristofer & Hallie Knutson
10/09/1971	Jeffrey & Cynthia Hoffman
10/10/2020	Josh & Erin Lothson
10/11/1980	Mike & Darlene Hillman
10/17/1995	Glen Sr. & Patricia Roberts
10/25/1980	Mark & Lisa Oltman
10/25/2003	Jake & Kristin Goff
10/27/2012	Russ & Carmen Peterson



Toni M. Byford, born March 28, 1944, was called home September 22, 2025.

Funeral services were held at Immanuel on Friday, September 26th at 2:00 p.m. *Rev. Marty Marks, officiant.*

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!



The Gift of Prayer

We live in a “Do it Yourself Society”. If you go into a Christian book shop you will find many self-help books that teach us how to pray. People are looking for the right method of prayer.

In Luke 11 the disciples asked Jesus “Lord teach us to pray “. Jesus taught them that God’s pleasing prayer depended on Him rather than the person at prayer. He gave them His

own prayer : the Lord’s Prayer. He invited them to join Him in His prayer to God the Father.

We pray this prayer in every worship service, at church meetings, and our daily devotions. Sometimes it becomes rote for us and we fail to see the meaning of it.

To understand it better, remember that Jesus invites us to join Him in praying to God the Father. He includes us in His relationship with the Father when we say “Our Father who art in Heaven”

He also involves us in His mission when we say “Thy Kingdom Come” through Him and with us.

He identifies Himself with us as True Man in the last three petitions when He asks for daily bread, forgiveness of sins, and protection from temptation. He sides with us and speaks up for us.

Also, Jesus recognizes our human weakness and inability to pray as God requires so we are given the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is our helper who prompts and empowers us making us people of prayer.— *JRH*



The Prayer Team will meet Wednesday October 1st and Wednesday November 3rd

All are welcome to join the Prayer Team in praying for the needs of our congregation, special prayer requests, and for birthdays and anniversaries.

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*)



Installation and rededication of the Sunday School staff was held on Sunday, September 21 at both services.

We are thankful for those who give of their time and talent to share God’s Word with youth from ages three years through high school.

Pre-K / Kindergarten:	Jessica Molitor, Hayes Tiggelaar Laura Tiggelaar, Cara Leadingham
1st-2nd grade:	Emily, Nelson, Lisa Nelson
3rd-5th grade:	Brittany Walker, Taylor McWilliams
MS / HS:	Krista Marks
Subbing and helping with memory work:	Keith and Danika Nelson
Superintendent:	Jennifer Allen

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- the third Wednesday of the month will be students with mentors;
- The fourth Wednesday will have a dinner/activity night following instruction, class 5:30-6:15pm, dinner activity 6:15- 7:00pm

The time spent with mentors and parents allows for the student to learn alongside an adult in their life. The classes are also designed to have intentional relationship building time built into the experience. The activity night gives them a “youth group” type activity and dinner with each other to continue to develop relationships with their fellow students, who they will, hopefully, serve alongside at Immanuel for generations to come!

A final, but often overlooked, purpose is to allow me, as their pastor, to develop a relationship with each student during their 2 years of instruction. This allows me to care for them now, but also in the years to come.

I hope you’ve enjoyed this peek inside one of the very special ministries Immanuel has the honor of carrying out as God’s people, His Church!

Have a blessed October!

In Christ, Pastor Marty

REFUGE will serve as hosts for the Intercultural Café on Friday, October 24th. The students will serve at the event, and are asking that members of the congregation donate food items. Watch for an opportunity to sign up to donate for this event.—Thank you! The Campus Ministry Committee & Refuge

UPDATE FROM:



Dear Friends,

The new school year is off to a joyful and hope-filled start! Over the past few weeks, our Ambassadors (volunteers) have been busy welcoming international students with open arms and hearts. From the very first Airport Pickup with our volunteer drivers, where friendly faces greeted tired travelers with smiles, to the halls of the Holmes Student Center for International Student Orientation, we have been honored to walk alongside these students as they begin their journey in DeKalb.

One of the highlights of our welcome season was the **Welcome Picnic at Immanuel Lutheran Church**, where students gathered with our Ambassadors from more than seven different churches. Together, we shared food, laughter, and friendship, building bridges that transcend culture and language. Soon after, our first **Intercultural Café** brought together **nine local churches**, united in purpose, serving side-by-side to extend Christ's love in tangible ways.

At Network of Nations, we believe **hospitality is our love language**. Every meal shared, every ride given, every smile offered reflects the heart of Christ's welcome. As Scripture reminds us, we are called to be "the salt of the earth"—and this year, we continue to pray that our ministry will be **seasoned with SALT: Sharing, Accepting, Loving, and Teaching**.

Thank you for being part of this story of welcome. Your prayers, support, and partnership make it possible for us to live out this calling. Together, we are not just meeting needs—we are building a community of belonging, hope, and love.

With gratitude and joy,
Lisa Dietrich
Executive Director; Network of Nations



The LWML fall quarterly meeting for Immanuel ladies is set for Monday, October 13. Fellowship starts at 6:30 p.m. with a fruit/salad dessert.

New members to the group are always welcome.

Materials introducing "Phil's Friends" (one of the mission grants adopted at the LWML Omaha convention in the summer) will be shared and discussed. The grant supports individuals with cancer and spreads encouragement in Christ wherever it is sent.

Following the grant discussion the business meeting of Immanuel's group will hear the Treasurer's report and proceed to the setting of dates for the group's forthcoming activities.

Mite collection and prayers will conclude the meeting.

There are three upcoming opportunities for LWML fellowship:

- the Zone 8 Fall Retreat, Saturday, October 11 at Walcamp
- Our (Immanuel ladies) fall quarterly meeting on Monday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. , here, at Immanuel.

LWML Sunday will be celebrated at Immanuel on Sunday, October 12, 2025 at both services.

Check out the bulletin board for some highlights from the 41st BIENNIAL LWML CONVENTION, JUNE 26-29, 2025, OMAHA, NE. to see what this amazing group of women accomplish with "a few small mites!"

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*

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!

Quilt and Lap Robes Sewing Group



The Ladies will meet **October 14 & 28** 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.



Summer is over and Fall has arrived. The games are still on. The next game day will be Oct. 3rd. Come & play some games. The fun starts at 1pm & breaks up around 3:30pm. Both men & women are welcome. If you can't make it in Oct. come Nov. 7th.



Aluminum Can Recycling – October 5, 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 October 12, 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!



Adult Choir

The adult choir has started up again for another year of singing praises to God. If you have a desire to sing, please consider joining. We are a fun group and enjoy the fellowship. Choir practices on Wednesday nights at 6 pm. If you have any questions, please contact C-J Motisi at 630-664-8005.



Thanksgiving Food Bags

October is already here! Human Care is getting ready for our annual food collection to help support the Salvation Army Community Thanksgiving Basket

Program. Our food collection will begin on Sunday, October 26th, and run through Sunday,

On November 16th a list of items needed will be posted on our Human Care bulletin board.

Items may be dropped off in the Narthex on a table next to the coat racks. In order to make our Thanksgiving bags, we will need re-usable bags- no plastic please!! With so many families in need, especially during the holidays, please consider helping the Salvation Army in this wonderful community program! You can bring in one item, a few, or complete a whole bag! If you have any questions, please ask one of the Human Care members. Thank you!

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

We have Apples!



The apple trees at the far end of the parking lot are once again producing apples this year!


All organic—no spraying.


Help yourself! You are welcome to take whatever you would like! (Either take what is available or pick them yourself.)

There are four varieties—Honey Crisp, Delicious, Jonathon and Liberty. There is a map just inside the front doors showing each variety.

Location	Type of Apple	Ready to Pick Guideline
West Tree	Honey Crisp or Riverbell	<i>Early September</i>
Center West	Jonathon or Macintosh	<i>Mid / Late September</i>
Center East	Red Delicious	<i>Late September/Early October</i>
East Tree	Liberty	<i>Late September/Early October</i>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div></div>			<div>1 12:30 PM Teachers leave for LEA Conference 5:30PM Jr. Confirmation w/ parents 6 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Prayer Team 7PM Elders Mtg</div>	<div>2 NO School for LL Teachers at LEA Conference 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline</div>	<div>3 NO School for LL Office Closed Teachers at LEA Conference 1-3 PM Game Day 5:30PM Chit Chat & Chai 6:30PM Intercultural Café</div>	<div>4 5:00 PM Refuge NIU Homecoming Event</div>
<div>5 Recycle Sunday 8AM Worship/ FB Live 9:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship/FB Live Worship 10:30 AM Worship Broadcast: WLBK 1360 12 Noon Peer Minister Meeting</div>	<div>6 NO Bd of Trustees 7 PM Zoom Bible Study</div>	<div>7 6:30 PM Human Care Bd Mtg 7 PM Crafty Christians 9 PM Refuge Bible Study</div>	<div>8 LL (M/W/F) Picture Day 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Jr. Confirmation 6 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>9 LL (T/Th) Picture Day 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline Council Reports Due 5PM Board of Christian Education</div>	<div>10 8:30-12:30 Office Hours 5:30PM Chit Chat & Chai 6:30PM Intercultural Café</div>	<div>11 LWML Zone 8 Fall Retreat at Walcamp</div>
<div>12 LWML SUNDAY Food Pantry Sunday 8AM Worship/ FB Live 9:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship/FB Live Worship 10:30 AM Worship Broadcast: WLBK 1360 12 Noon Peer Minister Meeting</div>	<div>13 COLOMBUS DAY Little Lambs Preschool WILL HAVE CLASS 6:30 PM LWML Mtg. 7PM Zoom Bible Study</div>	<div>14 9:30—11 AM Ladies Sewing Group 5:30— 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Crafty Christians 9PM Refuge Bible Study</div>	<div>15 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Jr. Confirmation w/ mentors 6 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7PM Council Mtg</div>	<div>16 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline 8 PM College Activity Night</div>	<div>17 8:30-12:30 Office Hours 5:30PM Chit Chat & Chai 6:30PM Intercultural Café 6PM Refuge Walcamp Retreat</div>	<div>18 Refuge Walcamp Retreat</div>
<div>19 8AM Worship/ FB Live 9:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship/FB Live Worship 10:30 AM Worship Broadcast: WLBK 1360 12 Noon Peer Minister Meeting</div>	<div>20 8 AM Newsletter Deadline 7PM Zoom Bible Study</div>	<div>21 7 PM Crafty Christians 9PM Refuge Bible Study</div>	<div>22 LL (M/W/F) Pumpkin Patch Field Trip 5:30— 7PM Jr. Confirmation w/activity night 6 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>23 LL (T/Th) Pumpkin Patch Field Trip 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline 8 PM College Activity Night</div>	<div>24 8:30-12:30 Office Hours 5:30PM Chit Chat & Chai 6:30PM Intercultural Café (Refuge to serve as hosts; Immanuel food donations requested)</div>	<div>25</div>
<div>26 Salvation Army Food Basket Collection Begins 8AM Worship/ FB Live 9:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship/FB Live Worship 10:30 AM Worship Broadcast: WLBK 1360 12 Noon Peer Minister Meeting</div>	<div>27 Little Lambs Raise Right Gift Card Fundraiser Begins 7PM Zoom Bible Study</div>	<div>28 9:30—11 AM Ladies Sewing Group 5:30PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Crafty Christians 9PM Refuge Bible Study</div>	<div>29 9:30 AM Newsletter Assem- bly 12:15 PM Staff Lunch 6 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>30 LL (T/Th) Trunk or Treat 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline 8 PM College Activity Night</div>	<div>31 HALLOWEEN LL (M/W/F & M-F) Trunk or Treat 5 PM Refuge Trick or Treat for Canned Goods with fellowship event following</div>	


Darlene will be out of the office from: October 2nd - 7th and 13th— 24th
Office hours will be Monday—Thursday: 8:30—2:30 and Friday 8:30—12:30 (closed Friday, October 3.)


Pastor Marty will be out of the office from: October 24th —October 28th
For any questions or assistance please reach out to the office.