



Little Lambs Preschool Registration for Fall Classes



● Opens Monday, March 9, 2026
for members of Immanuel
and Current & Past Little
Lambs families.

● Registration for members of the
community opens

Monday, March 16, 2026.

● *Complete information and
registration forms*

now available.

● *Call for more information or to*

Holy Week Schedule

March 29: Palm Sunday

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

Procession w/palms at both services

April 2: Maundy Thursday
7:00p.m.

*The Lord's Supper
& Stripping of the Altar*

April 3: Good Friday
1:00p.m. & 7:00p.m.

*Tenebrae Services
(Service of darkness)*

April 5: Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m.

*SONrise Service
w/ Holy Communion*

8:15—9:15 a.m.
Easter Breakfast

9:30 a.m.
*Easter Festival Service
w/ Holy Communion*

Midweek Lenten
Services

Each Wednesday
Through March 25
11:00 am. & 7:00 P.m.

Sunday & Midweek
Services

available in person,
on Facebook Live &
YouTube

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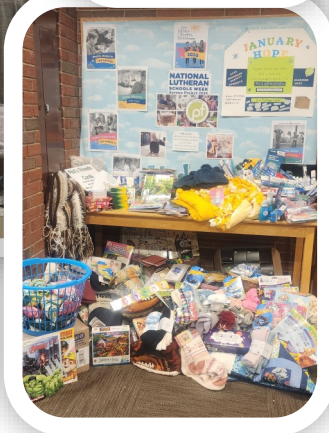
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Immanuel Lutheran Church & Student Center
511 Russell Road
DeKalb, IL 60115



Phil's Friends extends thanks to Little Lambs Preschool, Immanuel members & Sunday School and Refuge for the mountain of donations from our February collection! Pictured above at delivery to collection point: Pastor Marty, Director Katie Martinez and Phil's dad.





April 2026
Newsletter Deadline March 19, 2026
Newsletter Assembly: March 25, 2026

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

Elders:
 Chris Cook, Ron Feldmann,
 Dennis Martinez, Keith Nelson,
 Hayes Tigelaar & Jeff Bannister

Office Hours:
 Monday—Thursday
 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
 Friday 8:30– 12:30 p.m.
 (*when Little Lambs is in session only*)



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March 1, 2026: "The Fifth Act"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 Through the Bible, God invites us to help Him complete the unfinished drama He's been writing for the world.
1 Corinthians 4:1

March 8, 2026: "What Was the Price on That?"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola
 When we couldn't pay the price of our redemption, God did so completely by the life of Jesus. *1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

March 15, 2026: "No Command from the Lord"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 Jesus is the only way to God, but with there are many adventures with Jesus. Which ones will you pick? *1 Corinthians 7:6-7*

March 22, 2026: "Meeting You Where You Are"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Manning
 Jesus meets you where you are, not where you should have been.
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

March 29, 2026: "Dime-Sized"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 God doesn't look for valuable, desirable, beautiful people so that He can love them. God loves first, and by loving them He makes people valuable, desirable, and beautiful. *1 Corinthians 13:11*

<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
July 1, 2025—January 31, 2026

	January 2026	Fiscal YTD
Budgeted Receipts	\$31,413.33	\$292,959.44
Budgeted Disbursements	(\$41,721.37)	(\$327,461.03)
Budgeted Net Income or (loss)	(\$15,308.04)	(\$34,501.59)
Non Budgeted Receipts	\$367.08	\$37,142.13
Non Budgeted Disbursements	(\$1,925.20)	(\$9,100.05)
Non Budgeted Income or (Loss)	(\$1,309.93)	\$28,042.08
Total Income	\$31,780.41	\$292,959.44
Total Net Income or (Loss)	(\$16,866.16)	(6,459.51)



Contributions /Offerings

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

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



Lent began a few weeks ago on February 18th (Ash Wednesday). Our worship services confirmed a trend we've been tracking for a while. Worship attendance is UP! In 2025 we had 71 worshippers on Ash Wednesday between the two services and this year we had 114. That's a 60% increase year over year! Sunday morning attendance has also seen year over year increases but not quite at that level.

As Pastor I'm always excited to see people in worship and "the more the merrier!" I also know that worship attendance, whether we like it or not, is an important metric we use to gauge the health of a congregation. God ultimately leads people to walk with Him and the people (and pastor) are simply the conduits He works through. Fully aware of that, it is affirming that the loving, welcoming, Bible based, Christ centered work that Immanuel is doing is drawing new people into a walk with the Lord and His family.

There are many factors that contribute to why someone joins, engages, disengages or leaves a church. Many of the top reasons center around relationships with people at the church. At first this may be the Pastor but quickly the relationship with others become equal or even more important. I will continue to emphasize the relationship with God is always the most critical and God delivers His gifts of relationship through His Word and sacraments, BUT also through the "communion of saints."

I mention this because I hear on a regular basis how many people love our church. They love the messages (not just sermons, but other ways we convey God's love,) they love ways we serve our community and those in need, but mostly, they love you! By being Christlike representatives of God's love, more and more people are becoming part of His family. This doesn't always translate into increased membership or even Sunday church attendance, but I see it on a daily basis how many people are growing in their walk with the Lord through their connection to all of you!

As we vision for the future, including the budgeting process, I find it exciting that God is able to use this church (the people, not the institution) to grow, empower and care for His people. Keep up the good work, I'm so proud of you and am excited about the where Immanuel's ministry is going in the future!

In His Service,

Rev. Marty Marks



NEW FEATURE!

Welcome to our first Member Spotlight –

Our church family is full of wonderful people with stories that inspire, encourage, and help us grow closer together. We're starting a monthly Member Spotlight to help us get to know one another better, and we'd love for you to be part of it!

Participating is simple—just answer a few fun questions and share whatever you're comfortable with. We also ask that you provide a picture as well. The Outreach committee will be asking people if they'd like to participate. If you'd like to be featured, or want to nominate someone, please contact anyone from the Outreach Board.

Member Spotlights will be featured monthly in the newsletter. Let's celebrate what God is doing in our church family!

Check out our first stories!

Brittany Walker



My name is Brittany Walker. I am married to Mark Walker and my children are Virgil and Virginia. We live in Dekalb and have a pet cat named Abraham, an aquarium full of unnamed Diamond Tetras, and two nerite snails, Chet and Turbo.

My favorite book is either *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte or *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman, depending on what kind of damsel in distress mood I am in.

If I could learn a new skill instantly I would like to learn pottery. I think it is a really beautiful and functional skill.

My favorite worship song is *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb* because my mother always sang it to me when I was little. If I could witness a Biblical event, I would like to see the Sermon on the Mount.

Rev. Marty Marks

I started attending Immanuel in 1988 when I was a freshman at NIU. I have been pastor at Immanuel since 2002. I met my wife Krista at NIU (actually on Church property, in the field by VCB.) in 1989. We were married at Immanuel in 1993. We have 4 children: Riley age 25; Sadie age 22; Carter age 19 and Chloe age 16.

Service VOLUNTEERS

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY READER	RADIO	SLIDES	VIDEO/SOUND
3/01	8:00 AM	Brodie McWilliams	Don Haeseker	Chris Ewald	Ted Stone	Mark Misic
	10:30 AM	Elly Pringnitz	Alyssa Landshaft	—	Doug Nelson	Mia Yelich
3/08	8:00 AM	Alexis Cruz	Dennis Martinez	Sue Harms	Kevin Harms	Doug Nelson
	10:30 AM	Rosie Landshaft	Cara Leadingham	—	Nathan Allen	Mia Yelich
3/15	8:00 AM	Mikey Martinez	Donna Boldt	Chris Ewald	Doug Nelson	Ted Stone
	10:30 AM	Irene Pringnitz	Kyle Von Schnase	—	Mia Yelich	Doug Nelson
3/22	8:00 AM	Colleen Goff	Pat McKinley	Tammy Tiggelaar	Doug Nelson	Mark Misic
	10:30 AM	Virgil Walker	Dan Lohmeier	—	Doug Nelson	Nathan Allen
3/29	8:00 AM	Aaron Martinez	Shannon Coulombe	Sue Harms	Kevin Harms	Doug Nelson
	10:30 AM	Heather Allen	Amy Haeseker	—	Nathan Allen	Doug Nelson

Date	Time	Communion Assistants
3/01	8:00 AM	Taylor McWilliams & Ron Feldmann
	10:30 AM	Brian Pringnitz & Dan Lohmeier
3/15	8:00 AM	Dennis Martinez & Tom Sawyer
	10:30 AM	Keith Nelson & Will Michels
3/29	8:00 AM	Kevin Harms & Ron Tiggelaar
	10:30 AM	Dan Lohmeier & Will Michels

February 2026 Ushers:

8:00: Jeff Bannister, Tom Sawyer & Ron Feldmann
10:30: Chloe Marks, Dan Lohmeier & Keith Nelson

February 2026 Altar Guild:

Carolyn McQuillan

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*



3/01	Will Lynch	3/18	Glenn Roberts Sr.
	James Nelson	3/22	Daniel Springmire
	Peter Springmire		Peyton Wolfe
3/05	Mathilda Peckys	3/23	Dave Detert
3/06	Alexander Gratschmayr		Christos Kousoulas
3/07	Rev. Marty Marks		Judie Wright
3/08	Alexis Cruz	3/24	Rachel Kurasz
3/09	Patricia Moeller	3/25	Julie Watson
	Emma Solfisburg	3/27	Nathan Allen
3/10	Kelly Boldt		Sandra Lancaster
3/11	Max Brouwer		Tim Miller
	Ron Feldmann	3/28	Jenna Dooley
	Owen Giudice		Mark Mathison
3/12	Ellyn Jensen	3/29	Haley Von Schnase
3/13	Jennifer Springmire	3/30	Cheryl Buehler
3/14	Kara Brouwer		Shelley Ziola
	Ronda Cress	3/31	Bradley Baumann
3/17	Brodie McWilliams		Thea Jensen



3/09/2023	Hunter & Javi Tiggelaar
3/13/1999	Chris & Shelley Ziola
3/17/1973	Patrick & Janet Byrnes
3/20/1982	Dan & Vicky Lohmeier
3/21/1959	Norm & Marion Gilbert
3/25/1989	Rob & Tammy Tiggelaar
3/25/2006	Michael & Kristin Albrecht



Elders Approved the Transfer out of:
Breanna Terry to
Peace Lutheran Church, Carol Stream
On February 11, 2026

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!

What person had the most influence on you growing up?

Without a doubt it would be Krista, my wife. She is my best friend but also the person I admire most in the world. I am who I am today because of her influence and guidance.

What is your all-time favorite book or movie?

I really enjoy both the books and the movies of “The Lord of the Rings”

If you could instantly learn a new skill, what would it be?

I would love to be able to fly a rotary winged aircraft (helicopter) and use the ability to help people.

A hobby or fun fact:

I love to play games of all sorts. I especially like strategy intense games such as Chess and Hearts. I attend a game convention every year (GenCon) and play in competitive tournaments of Magic the Gathering and Settlers of Catan. I also like playing games in a more laid back way for the joy it brings in connecting people.



Retirement Announcement: Craig Dybas

After more than 18 years of faithful service, Craig Dybas, our long-time maintenance and janitorial staff member, will officially retire at the end of this month.

Craig began his work with us in October 2007 and has been a loyal and dedicated member of our staff ever since. His behind-the-scenes efforts have helped keep our church running smoothly, and we are deeply grateful for the care and commitment he has shown throughout the years.

Due to ongoing health complications that have made it difficult for him to continue working at full capacity, Craig has made the decision to retire. While we will certainly miss seeing him each day, we support him in this next chapter and pray for improved health and well-being.

In March, a card will be available in the narthex for members to sign. There will also be a box for personalized notes, as well as any cards or monetary gifts you may wish to contribute. We encourage you to take a moment to share your appreciation and well wishes with Craig as he begins his retirement.

Please join us in thanking Craig for his many years of dedicated service and in wishing him all the best in retirement.

**Little Lambs Preschool of
Immanuel Lutheran Church**



Hello from Little Lambs!

It's hard to believe we are in the final months of the school year. Little Lambs has been very busy with learning about Valentine's Day, dental health, hibernation, and so much more!

We had our Valentine's Day class parties, and the children enjoyed playing games and passing out Valentine's day treats to their friends. The children made some special treats to eat during the party as well. Valentine's Day is one of my favorite parties each year.

Little Lambs is gearing up for our big fundraisers this spring. We will have our silent auction and fun fair in May, but in the meantime, we will be hosting the annual spaghetti lent supper. Texas Roadhouse has offered to donate all the salad and bread for our dinner. As a former family of Little Lambs, the manager of Texas Roadhouse has offered to help to continue to support our program and we are grateful for their generosity.

The spaghetti dinner is a great opportunity for us to say thank you to the congregation for all their support and have our preschool families here to mingle with everyone. During this time our used book sale will be going on. Both fundraisers are free will donation.

As mentioned, we will have our biggest fundraiser in May with our silent auction. If you would like to donate any items or know of a business who would like to donate something simply stop in the office and Darlene or Alma can give you the forms to give to the businesses who would like to help.

All the fundraisers we do go to support our special projects and programs we do here at Little Lambs like our field trips, special events and classroom improvements.

I look forward to the last half of the school year as we have many exciting things planned to end a great school year!

In His Service,

Katie Martinez-Little Lambs Preschool Director

Trivia Night

Join us and test your trivia knowledge
Silent auction; snacks, beer and wine

March 7, 2026 **6:00-9:00 pm** **St. Peter's Little Saints Preschool**

Table of 6 people- \$100; Couple- \$35; Individual- \$20
There are a limited number of tables. Sign up NOW!
Three rounds of trivial \$100 cash prize for winning table

Adult Only Fundraiser
Benefiting
St. Peter's Preschool
43W301 Plank Rd, Hampshire
847-464-5134

Please bring check/cash for silent auction

To register please scan

Help Us Get the Word Out!



One of the greatest compliments Little Lambs Preschool can receive is a recommendation from our families and members of Immanuel.

You can help by sharing our school brochures with families you know or stopping by our office to pick up a few to pass along. Every review, conversation, and recommendation helps spread awareness and supports our school community. We appreciate your support!

Give Your Child a Strong Start

Fall Registration Opens March 16



Little Lambs Preschool

of Immanuel Lutheran Church
511 Russell Road
DeKalb, IL 60115

A nurturing Christian preschool
for children ages 3–5

At Little Lambs Preschool we offer:

- Small class sizes with a 5:1 student–teacher ratio
- **Play-based learning** and kindergarten readiness
- Social, emotional, and cognitive development
- Spiritual growth and Christian values
- **Large fenced outdoor play area** and physical development
- Field trips, special events, and family involvement
- Classes **2, 3, or 5 mornings per week**
- Tuition assistance available for qualified families
- Licensed by the **State of Illinois**
- Open to children of **all religious backgrounds**

Celebrating 30 years!
Serving the community since 1996



Schedule a Tour or Learn More
815-756-6669

LittleLambsDeKalb.org

Facebook:

Little Lambs Preschool of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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



Scan for our Website

LITTLE LAMBS SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST



- **Now: Collecting Books for Used Book Sale**
- It's time to start planning for our **Silent Auction!** — Our biggest fundraiser of the year! Everyone is encouraged to participate! If you signed up on the parent volunteer form to help with this event we will be contacting you soon to get the ball rolling. *See more information on page 6.*

Special Dates to Note

- **Monday, March 2: Deadline to bring in non-perishable food for Spaghetti Dinner**
- **Tuesday, March 3: Prep for Spaghetti Dinner (during school)**
- **March 4th: Little Lambs Spaghetti Dinner** from 5:00—6:30 p.m. Invite family, friends, neighbors! Freewill offering. Watch for information to come through Sign-Up Genius regarding donations and shifts for volunteers. *See more information on page 18.*
- **Friday, March 6: No School**
- **March 9, 2026: Fall 2026 Registration!** Opens to Immanuel members, current and past Little Lambs families!! Complete information will be available mid-February
- **March 11 & 12: Preschool Spring Picture Day**
- **March 23-27: NO SCHOOL/SPRING BREAK**
- **March 30 & 31: Dental Hygienist special guest presentation**
- **March 29 - April 5: Holy Week**
- **April 3: NO SCHOOL: Good Friday**
- **April 5: Easter Sunday**
- **April 6: NO SCHOOL/EASTER MONDAY**
- **Week of April 13: Parent Teacher Conferences**
- **April 21 & 22: Field Trip to Russell's Woods (M-F: 4/21)**
- **May 7: Give DeKalb County Day!**

Tree-mendous adventure awaits!

Mark your calendars now for

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 22—25, 2026

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

For children ages 4 years—middle school!

Exploring the Nature of God.

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls.

Beneath a canopy of chattering birds
and howling monkeys,

kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering
the nature of God.

They'll explore what it means to be rooted
in relationship with God,
their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

**PLEASE NOTE THE
JUNE DATE!**

**RAINFOREST
FALLS**

Exploring the Nature of God



LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

PLEASE turn in all donations prior to May 1, 2026

____ YES! I would like to donate an item for the silent auction to benefit Little Lambs Preschool.

Donor Contact Name _____

Business Name (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address of Donor _____

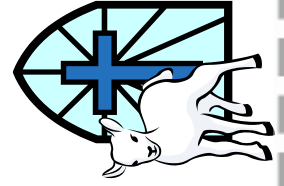
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone _____

Email Address of Donor _____

Item _____ Approximate Retail Value: _____

Brief description of item (This is how the item will be described in auction publications) : _____

Donation secured by: _____
(Name of person securing donation or bringing donation to the church i.e. YOUR name)



Cut on the dotted line



Silent Auction 2026

The School's Biggest Fundraiser of the Year!

Planning is underway for the Silent Auction, the school's largest and most important fundraiser of the year. This exciting event brings the entire school community together, and all families and friends are encouraged to participate.

In past years, donated items have included wine baskets, an Energym birthday party, an Arthur Murray dance lesson, an Epic Air Trampoline Park gift basket, sports tickets, children's toys, restaurant gift cards, and much more. Items have ranged in value from \$5 and up—truly offering something for everyone.

Funds raised through the Silent Auction directly support the classrooms by covering ongoing supplies for art, math, science, and special events. These proceeds also ensure that field trips are available to all students at no additional cost to families. In recent years, auction funds have been used to upgrade and refurbish classrooms and improve the indoor play area. Long-term goals include continued enhancements to both indoor and outdoor large motor activity spaces.

The donation list is just beginning to grow for this year—now is the perfect time to get creative.

- Small business owners are invited to consider donating items for a themed basket.
- Services that can be auctioned are always appreciated.
- Handcrafted items from talented artisans are welcome.
- Those who work for or patronize local businesses are encouraged to inquire about possible donations.

Gift cards and certificates for special services are consistently popular auction items.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Silent Auction is asked to contact the church office. Donation forms are available on the back of the flyer or may be picked up in the office.

All auction forms must be submitted by May 1.

Donated items should be delivered to the office no later than Friday, May 1, 2026.

On **Thursday, May 21**, families are invited to attend the Preschool Spring Sing, Graduation, Picnic, and Silent Auction. Food will be available for purchase, or guests may bring a picnic. Silent Auction bidding will close at 7:30 p.m., and winners will be announced at that time.

The school looks forward to a wonderful evening and appreciates the continued generosity and support of the community.



Complaining to God

Have you ever felt unfairly treated by others or that God was not answering your prayers and had abandoned you? Is it right to complain to God?

Perhaps you are reluctant to complain to God, because you feel that it is wrong, or you will wear out His goodwill and exhaust His compassion.

Martin Luther explained complaining to God in this way:

God requires that you weep and ask for such needs and wants, not because He does not know about them (*Matthew 6:8*) but so that you may kindle your heart to stronger and greater desires and make wide and open your cloak to receive much. (*Psalms 10:17*)

From scripture we learn that it is right and good to complain to God when we feel wronged.

In fact, more than half of the Psalms are Laments and many are written by King David. They show us how to complain to God in a way that pleases Him. Psalm 13 is a perfect example.

The four main components of these laments are:

- 1) State your complaint to God about what's gone wrong for you and God's apparent failure to provide help.
- 2) Plea for God's help
- 3) Confess your faith in God's goodness
- 4) Promise to praise God for His help

So go ahead and complain to God. He wants us to come to him because He loves us, He hears us, it renews our trust in Him, and He has the power to help us.

-JRH

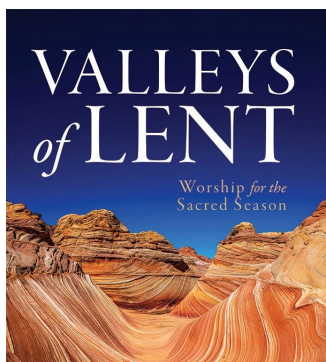


The next Prayer Team Meeting will be Tuesday March 3rd at 6:30 PM.

All are welcome to join the Prayer Team as we pray for the needs of others

If you would like the Prayer Team to give thanks or pray for you or someone in need:

1. Please fill out a Prayer Request Card located in the pew racks and by the Prayer Request Box on the left side of the sanctuary.
2. Notify Pastor Marty or the church office
3. Fill out the form on the church website to notify Pastor Marty and the team.



“The Valleys of Lent.”

Each service looks at a different valley from Scripture that points to something about the suffering Christ endured.

Midweek Lenten Services

Services: 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. each week.

The 7:00 service will be on Facebook Live

A fellowship dinner is offered from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each week.

(Little Lambs Spaghetti Dinner will run from 5:00—6:30 p.m.)

March 4: At **The Jordan Valley**, about to cross the river into the promised land, we have the opportunity, like Moses, to look back at all the Lord has provided us and to look forward to what God has in store.

March 11: Gideon was hiding from the marauding Midianites in **The “Valley” of the Winepress**, a poor place to be threshing wheat. From there, God called this unlikely hero to valiant victory.

March 18: **“Every Valley Shall Be Lifted Up,”** says the prophet Isaiah about the coming of the Lord to rescue his people from captivity. Valleys still need to be raised up (and mountains and hills made low) for the Lord’s arrival.

March 25: to the Children of Israel before he died. Lent continues to call us to what the prophet Joel calls **The Valley of Decision**.



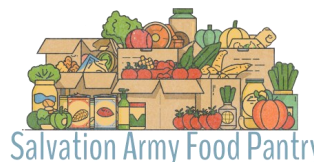
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Remember Food Pantry Sunday is March 8, 2026

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!



Aluminum Can Recycling – March 1, 2026

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.



Join Us for Game Day!

The Olympics are over but we are still playing games. The next game days are March 6th, April 10th, and May 1st. we start at 1pm and finish around 3:30pm. Both men and women are invited. Bring a friend.



Quilt and Lap Robes

Sewing Group

Join us

February March 10 & 24

From 9:15 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

If you have the time—we can use your hands!



Little Lambs Preschool

USED BOOK SALE

and Spaghetti Dinner!



March 1–15
 Shop anytime
 —during school
 —during office hours
 —during the dinner
 —Sunday mornings
 Choose books you like.
 Place donations
 in the container.
 Thank-you!

YOU'RE INVITED — Open to EVERYONE—
 Little Lambs friends, family, neighbors, staff,
 members of Immanuel, etc!
 Menu includes: Meat or Marinara Red Sauce
 w/Spaghetti, Salad, Applesauce, Bread, Drinks
 & Dessert
 Place: Immanuel Lutheran Church;
 Cost: Freewill Offering
 Serving: 5:00–6:30 p.m. (Hall will remain
 open, but serving will conclude at 6:30)



Evening Lenten Worship Service begins at 7:00 p.m. Services
 are approximately 30 minutes. As always, everyone is
 welcome and invited to stay for worship.



Midweek Lenten Meals
 Midweek Lenten services will
 run through Wednesday, March
 25. Dinners are served from
 5:15 p.m.—6:30 p.m. (*unless
 otherwise noted*), immediately
 preceding the evening midweek
 Lenten service.

The schedule at this time includes:

Wednesday, March 04 5:00—6:30 p.m.	Little Lambs Preschool Spaghetti Dinner
Wednesday, March 11	Immanuel Music Groups Taco Night
Wednesday, March 18	Junior Confirmation Families Sloppy Joes and Mac & Cheese
Wednesday, March 25	Church Council Imboden's Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & Brats — fresh from the grill!

All meals are freewill donation! Come enjoy good food and good fellowship!

Lutheran Hour Ministries Lenten Devotions:

Behold Your King!



Large and regular print Lenten devotion booklets are
 available in the narthex. Feel free to take one for your-
 self and one (or more) for a friend!

In love, God sent His Son to redeem the world. In ha-
 tred, He was rejected. In *Behold Your King!*, we see
 the Savior stripped of His dignity, led away, and cruci-
 fied on our behalf. No one could imagine this Man, this condemned
 and forsaken Man, was God in the flesh sent to liberate us from our sin
 by His death and resurrection.

That the Son of God joined us in our frail state of humanity is testa-
 ment to God's overwhelming love and concern for the world. And not
 only this, Jesus endured scorn and derision from His creation, His
 earthly subjects. And yet, as King, as Lord of all, He did the unthinka-
 ble: He laid down His life for the sins of the world.



LWML ZONE 8 Spring Rally
Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 9AM-2PM
 at St. John's Sycamore, IL—Cost: \$10.00

Pastor Mumme will lead the Bible Study and Dan from Orphan Grain Train will speak at the rally. We might be organizing Hygiene kits as a service project, More info later.

Our Spring Quarterly LWML meeting will be:

This is a special meeting open to everyone! Women AND men!

Monday, April 20th at 6:15 at Immanuel's Fellowship Hall.

Christel Springmire's sister, Sylvia Baker, a member of St. John Pecatonica, will speak on the recent trip she took to Ethiopia with other LCMS parish nurses where they worked with Master Builder Center to train Ethiopian nurses to be parish nurses. All interested are welcome to come. Please join us for a special, faith-filled presentation!

Refreshments will be provided. More details later.



**LWML QUARTERLY
 SUBSCRIPTION TIME!**

Now is the time to sign up for, or renew your Lutheran Women's Quarterly. Cost is \$6/year. The magazine comes out 4 times per year. Copies are delivered to the church and distributed. See Rita Goodwin to subscribe. The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly is the official publication of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and is published quarterly. The Quarterly: • Informs • Educates • Inspires • Provides ideas and • Is YOUR magazine!



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

SPRING BIBLE STUDY

The College Bible study group meets on Tuesday night at 9:00 p.m. They are currently studying the book of Matthew. Come for the study; stay for the games! OR come early and join the "Crafty Christians" for knitting, crocheting and crafting!

9:15 Sunday Morning:

Pastor Marty's Sunday morning Bible study is finishing up on the book of Matthew. Be sure to check back soon for our new topic. All ages are welcome — come join in the lively discussions!

Carolyn & Mark's Bible Study is continuing with a second book study on Genesis.

If you would like further information or want to join in the class or have questions, please contact:

Carolyn (basketcasesunlimited@gmail.com)

or Mark (markmistic@hotmail.com).



ZOOM Bible Study meets on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m.

We are currently studying the Second Timothy and the book of Titus. We will be starting a new section of the Bible in April. See the web site for log on information, or contact

Pastor Marty if you need help signing on.

Christianity 101 - Class Continues through March 29



These classes are meant to give you a broad overview of the basic teachings of Christianity *from a Lutheran perspective*. We encourage questions, visitors, a good sense of humor, and open hearts.

This is the place to ask all of the questions you've wanted to ask. We can't promise to provide all of the answers, but we'll at least look at what God has to say about the subject. Come with your questions and an open heart and let God do the rest.

- March 1 God's Word: what is it?
- March 8 What is Prayer? – The Lord's Prayer
- March 15 What are the Sacraments?
- March 22 Worship: The how's and whys
- March 29 Our Church: Immanuel, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and all of Christendom!"

The class will meet on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church. May God bless our time together!



March Flower Sponsorships

3/1 “In memory of our mother, Irene Nelson on her birthday and in celebration of Jim Nelson’s birthday,” by the family.

3/8 OPEN

3/15 “To the glory of God and in memory of my mom, Fern Broadway,” by her daughter Dolores.

3/22 “Given in memory of Wilbur’s birthday on March 22nd,” by Deloris Baumann and family.

3/29 OPEN



March Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

3/1 “To the glory of God in loving memory of my husband and our father, Richard Buehler,” by Cheryl, Jeremy, Matthew & Shawn.

3/8 “In loving memory of Virginia & Walter Voss,” by their family.

3/15 “To the glory of God and in memory of my mom, Fern Broadway,” by her daughter Dolores.

3/22 OPEN

3/29 OPEN



OPEN FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS:

March 8, 15 & 29; April 5 (Easter) & 19; May 10 (Mother’s Day); June 7, 14, 21 (Father’s Day) & 28

OPEN RADIO SPONSORSHIPS:

March 15, 22 & 29; April 5 & 26; May 3, 24 & 31; June 7, 14 & 21 (Father’s Day)

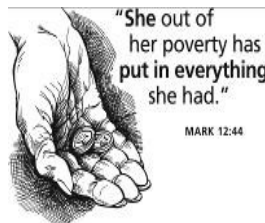
To be a Radio or Flower Sponsor: Call the office to reserve a date. Cost is \$50 for flowers. Flowers may be taken home following the 10:30 service, or you may have them given to one of our shut-ins by a member of the Altar Guild.

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 to all who donated items and worked the LWML SOUP & SANDWICH ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER Wednesday, February 18. We also thank all those who attended the event! All funds raised will go to support Lutheran Missionary League mission projects.

MITES...



Sunday, March 29, 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!*)




Wish to help adorn the Altar for Easter? Easter Lily Sign-up will run through March 22, 2026

TWO sizes available this year!

If you would like to help adorn the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing an Easter Lily, a sign-up will be available in the narthex through March 22. You can either take your flower home after the late service or donate it to a shut-in. **Cost for an 8” plant is \$25 and for a 6” is \$15.** *We will list the names of those who donate flowers—you can also chose to give your flowers in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one.—If you do not want your name listed, simply list “anonymous.” (No long dedications please—we will simply list the name and either “in memory of,” or “in honor of.”)*



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