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 511 Russell Road
 DeKalb, IL 60115

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Little Lambs Preschool
 of Immanuel Lutheran Church
 511 Russell Road
 DeKalb, IL 60115

A nurturing Christian preschool for children ages 3-5
Celebrating 30 years! In the community!







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HELLO SPRING

Spring is here! Now is the time for Spring Cleaning!



Come join the fun on Saturday, April, 11 2026 at 9:00 a.m. until about noon! Come, to help clean the church inside and outside. There will be opportunities for everyone. Bring your favorite cleaning items. There will also be the garden clean-up for those interested in helping with the garden. (see page 5) If you have a project you would like to see worked on, please see Roger Nelson or the office so we can add it to our list. There will be opportunities for everyone of all ages!!!



Pastor: Rev. Marty Marks
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Rev@godwithusilc.org

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Katie Martinez
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Office Support Staff:
Darlene Hillman (office manager)
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Elders:
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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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- April 5, 2026
"You Don't Know What You Have Till It's Gone"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Death is the enemy of life, but in Jesus, God made death become life's servant. *1 Corinthians 15:26*
- April 12, 2026 **"Early Adopters"**
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The risen Jesus is the "display model" of what we will be, through faith in Him. *1 Corinthians 15:20*
- April 19, 2026 **"Not in Vain"**
Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti
Because Jesus lives, your future is certain. You can also be confident that your present life has meaning and worth. In the Lord, your labor is not in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

<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—February 28, 2026

	February 2026	Fiscal YTD
Budgeted Receipts	61,473.52	357,628.08
Budgeted Disbursements	(49,756.47)	(377,217.49)
Budgeted Net Income or (loss)	11,717.05	(19,589.41)
Non Budgeted Receipts	5,358.20	42,500.33
Non Budgeted Disbursements	(880.20)	(9,100.05)
Non Budgeted Income or (Loss)	4,478.00	33,400.28
Total Income	66,831.72	396,949.29
Total Net Income or (Loss)	\$16,195.05	13,810.87



He is Risen! By the time you receive this newsletter Easter will be upon us. It may already be in the rearview window by the time you read this article. Either way, Easter blessings to you!

As I contemplate the events surrounding the resurrection of Jesus, there is one, often mentioned, but not always probed deep that has caught my attention for many years. Luke in the final chapter of his gospel gives a lot of detail to two of Jesus' disciples (but not any of the 12) walking on the road to a village named Emmaus. This is Easter Sunday sometime in the middle of the day. The women have been to the tomb, as has Peter and John. Jesus is not in the tomb, reports have come to them that something epic is afoot, but still they plod along the road for whatever their reason to get to Emmaus. Here is where it gets really interesting! Jesus, somehow disguised, walks along with them having the kind of chats you have when traveling with someone for a longer length of time. Over what was most likely several hours, Jesus listens to these men, then shares with them His understanding of the scripture.

It isn't until later that they realized they felt a burning in their hearts while He was explaining the scripture to them and how His life, death and resurrection were all part of God's plan from the beginning. I would love to have that kind of in depth Master class from Jesus while walking along a dusty Judean road. More than the class in scriptural interpretation is the means of delivering the information. It is contained in a conversation while walking along a road. No doubt the conversation was not ONLY on the scripture. There must have been some pleasantries, some sharing of emotions, especially after the disciples described what had happened to Jesus and the Sunday morning revelation of the angel and empty tomb. This was not a class or a lecture, this was a conversation. And it was with Jesus and they didn't know it.

That's the part that gets me. It's not that I don't do my fair share of lecturing, sermonizing and other formal presentations, but in the end, it is often the conversations that are the most effective way to eventually see the truth. I believe that is still the case today. For example, in almost every class or study I lead, we always have a

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MAY VOTER'S MEETING

**Plan now to attend the
May Voter's Meeting.**
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
(third Wednesday in May)
7:00 PM

All communicant members of Immanuel are encouraged to attend.

Items on the agenda will include the proposed 2026-27 fiscal year church budget and 6 month updates from all areas of church council activity.

Voter's Packets, including the proposed budget, will be available in the church narthex by Sunday, May 17.

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



NEW FEATURE!

Member Spotlight – We Want to Feature YOU!

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. You will be featured in the church newsletter! We also ask that you provide a picture as well.

Blank member spotlight forms are now available next to the Outreach bulletin board in the narthex. We’d love it if you’d like to submit your own form or give a form to someone else. Return the completed form with a picture to the box by the Outreach board.

Let’s celebrate what God is doing in our church family!



Dan Lohmeier

I have been a member of Immanuel since June of 1985. Vicky and I got married in March of 1982. Vicky has 2 daughters by a previous marriage and we have 2 daughters. We have 12 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

What do you do for work or in your daily life?

I drive a school bus, take care of wife Vicky, and pet Daisy, our dog.

What person had the most influence on you growing up?

Two people: my father Charles and his father, my grandfather, Charles Lohmeier.

If you could travel in time, past or future, what day or Biblical event would you travel to?

Christ’s resurrection and ascension.

A favorite scripture and/or worship song?

Joshua 1:9 (KJV) and Psalm 121 (KJV)



For Those Considering Full-Time Church Vocations

Concordia University, St. Paul (CSP) offers a Church Work Tuition Guarantee that covers 100% of tuition for eligible students preparing for full-time Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) vocations, starting fall 2026. This program

covers \$0 tuition for qualifying church work programs, making it an affordable option for ministry preparation.

Key Features of the Church Work Tuition Guarantee:

- **\$0 Tuition:** The guarantee provides comprehensive tuition coverage for tuition.
- **Eligible Programs:** Includes Director of Christian Education (DCE), Director of Christian Outreach (DCO), Director of Parish Music (DPM), Lutheran Classroom Teacher (LCT), Pre-Deaconess, and Pre-Pastoral studies.
- **Target Audience:** Students must be preparing for full-time church work vocations.
- **Stackable Aid:** Additional financial aid (grants, scholarships) from congregations, LCMS Districts, and other sources may be applied on top of this guarantee.
- **Effective Date:** The expanded \$0 tuition guarantee takes effect in the fall 2026 semester.
- **Applicability:** The program applies to both current and incoming students in eligible church work programs.

Concordia University, St. Paul, MN

This initiative is part of [CSP's commitment](#) to preparing workers for the LCMS. It is designed to remove financial barriers for students pursuing vocational calls in the church.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Aurora, Illinois will observe and celebrate their 125th anniversary throughout 2026. On April 12, Dr. Steven Wentz, Distinguished Professor of Music Emeritus, will play their newly restored 28 rank pipe organ at a Recital/Hymn Festival at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend. The church is located at 550 4th Ave, Aurora, IL 60505.



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 _____

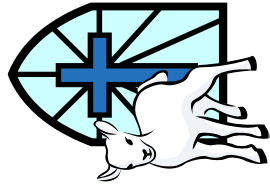
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone _____

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



Hope Garden Prep & Planting

SPRING: The season after winter and before summer, in which vegetation begins to appear. Hope Garden is showing signs of SPRING! Seeds are needed for planting in the garden - cucumbers, zucchini, squash, radishes, carrots, beets and flowers. April 11 is the date to start planting. All are welcome to come join the fun. Please place seeds in the garden pail in the narthex. Contact Ann Nelson for any questions. Thank you for your help.



Change for Life baby bottle Campaign

Human Care will be supporting the We Care Pregnancy Clinic in their Change for Life baby bottle campaign. Starting on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th, Human Care will have baby bottles available to take home. Please use the bottle to place your loose change in. Paper money or checks are ok too!

Bottles will need to be returned on Father's Day, Sunday June 21st, or earlier. The Clinic, located in DeKalb, is a nationally affiliated Christian based clinic that works with pregnant women and their partners. The baby bottle campaign helps support free medical services such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, nutrition and pregnancy education, educational presentations in public and private schools, earn while you learn parent education program, and free baby supplies at their on-site baby boutique. Community fund raisers and donations from local churches help make these services possible. Thank you for your support!



**Little Lambs Preschool of
Immanuel Lutheran Church**



Hello from Little Lambs!

It's hard to believe we are gearing up for our final months of school. This year has flown by and we will be very busy!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the spaghetti dinner and book sale this year. It was very successful and we raised over \$1200! Thank you to the volunteers who donated food or their time for our event. Without the amazing parents we have we would not be able to do what we do!

Picture day was in March and our preschoolers. Many of who are headed to kindergarten will get their cap and gown photos done. It is always bittersweet this time of year to see those who have been here 2 or even 3 years move on to elementary school.

Little Lambs Preschool will be participating in the Chamber of Commerce Local Showcase on April 23rd over at the NIU Convocation. If you are there stop by, say hi, and get some Little Lambs swag to show your Little Lambs pride to all!

We have our spring sing/silent auction/graduation and fun fair coming up on May 21st. If you are interested in donating an item to our auction, please stop in and drop it off in the office. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we are raising funds to help get some needed items for our classrooms next year. Anyone would like to help with our fun fair please let me know. We are in need of helpers to run our games from 6:15-7:15. We may also need some hands to help in the kitchen to serve food. If you are interested in helping, let me know!

We continue to enroll for the 2026/2027 school year. Our classes are filling fast and we have limited spots left in all of our classes. Please help us spread the word of what a great preschool we have!

The month of April brings much excitement for our preschoolers. We will be taking a trip to Russell Woods on April 20th and 21st. We have our annual preschool Easter egg hunt on April 1st and 2nd. April will be busy and fun and look forward to all that we have planned! However, as we enter the final weeks of lent let us reflect on the sacrifice that was given for us and look to the cross for hope and new life in Jesus.



Silent Auction Donation Request Letter—for May 2026

Little Lambs Preschool of Immanuel Lutheran Church was established in 1996. We at Little Lambs Preschool feel that a quality education in a Christian setting is important for children in our own congregation, as well as for those children in our community. We currently have capacity to provide a quality education for up to 46 students.

Little Lambs Preschool is a non-profit organization which provides a quality preschool education at a reasonable cost to our parents. We are partially funded by Immanuel Lutheran Church. The proceeds from the silent action are used to maintain supplies for daily programs, as well as update and enhance the preschool environment.

We are requesting a donation for our Spring Sing & Silent Auction which will be held May 8-21, 2026

Donations may be sent to Little Lambs Preschool c/o Immanuel Lutheran Church at 511 Russell Road; DeKalb, IL 60115. We would like to have all donations in our possession by May 1, 2026 if possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (815)756-6669 or via email: office@immanueldekalb.com

Thank you for considering a donation to our event.

Katie Martinez,
Little Lambs Director



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. You can use the donation request letter to share with businesses. A donation form is in this newsletter as well. Copies are available in the office 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.

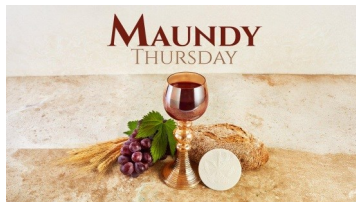
LITTLE LAMBS SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST



- 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 for donations on page 22.*

Special Dates to Note

- **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)**
- **April 23: DeKalb Chamber of Commerce Event; Little Lambs will have a booth. Come see us!**
- **May 7: Give DeKalb County Day!**
- **May 7: Little Lambs Silent Auction Set Up**
- **May 8—21: Little Lambs Silent Auction**
- **May 20: Last day of classes for M/W/F students**
- **May 21: Last day of classes for T/Th & M-F students**
- **May 21: Spring Sing, Silent Auction, Graduation, Fun Fair (Evening event for all preschoolers, family and friends)**
- **May 22: Teacher Work Day (No class for students)**



Maundy Thursday: Maundy Thursday Service—April 2 —7:00 p.m. The Altar Guild would like to remind you that we will be “stripping the altar” at the end of the service on April 2 at 7:00 p.m. In order to keep

the reverence of Holy Week and the message of Maundy Thursday we are finding that limiting the number of persons achieving this task helps us keep the atmosphere of the evening quiet and respectful. It also gives us a better way of removing everything quickly and quietly and storing it until Easter morning.

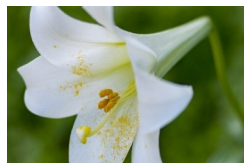
If you would like to participate in this simple chore please let me know or leave a message with the office. Carolyn McQuillan 815.529.6483 or basketcasesunlimited@gmail.com.

Easter Lillies to Adorn the Altar

Sunday, April 5, 2026

“To the glory of God by:

- Russ & Shannon Coulombe;
- Rita Goodwin;
- Diane Griffith;
- Dan & Vicky Lohmeier;
- Carolyn McQuillan;
- Linda Sons.”



“In loving memory of:

- “Grandma Pete,” by Matt & Raegan Andsager;
- “Loved family members,” by Norman & Marion Gilbert;
- “Megan,” by Gary & Holly Gresholdt;
- “My dad, Lester Sanders” by Darlene Hillman;
- “Jeff Schroeder,” by Dennis & Jane Schroeder;
- “Our grandparents, John & Phyllis Buchner, Gerald & Dorothy McWilliams, Bernard Cors, Bette Cors and Frank & Kathy Cors” by Taylor & Megan McWilliams.
- “Bub—Wilma —Dick—Charles Meyer—Jeff Scoughton,” by Jean Scoughton;
- “Lou & Betty (“Pete”) Bernahl,” by Rob & Tammy Tiggelaar.

Thank you! Lilies may be taken home after the 9:30 Easter service.

SERVING THIS MONTH

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY READER	RADIO	SLIDES	VIDEO/SOUND
4/5	7:00 AM	Brodie McWilliams	Russ Coulombe	Chris Ewald	Doug Nelson	Mark Mistic
	9:30 AM	Elly Pringnitz	Robert Miller	—	Doug Nelson	Nathan Allen
4/12	8:00 AM	Alexis Cruz	Roger Nelson	Tammy Tiggelaar	Ted Stone	Doug Nelson
	10:30 AM	Rosie Landshaft	Kevin Harms	—	Nathan Allen	Mia Yelich
4/19	8:00 AM	Mikey Martinez	Tom Sawyer	Julie Ann Fuchs	Glenn Fuchs	Mark Mistic
	10:30 AM	Irene Pringnitz	Angela Pringnitz	—	Mia Yelich	Doug Nelson
4/26	8:00 AM	Colleen Goff	Yvette Lubbers	Sue Harms	Kevin Harms	Doug Nelson
	10:30 AM	Virgil Walker	Darlene Hillman	—	Doug Nelson	Mia Yelich

Date	Time	Communion Assistants
4/5	7:00 AM	Chris Cook & Rob Tiggelaar
	9:30 AM	Brian Pringnitz & Dan Lohmeier
4/19	8:00 AM	Taylor McWilliams & Jeff Bannister
	10:30 AM	Keith Nelson & Will Michels

April 2026 Ushers:

8:00: Taylor McWilliams, Jackson Harms & Tom Sawyer

10:30: Dan Lohmeier, Jen Allen & Will Michels

April 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*



4/02	Sharon Lemke	4/20	Hayden Harms
	Lora Rissman		Norm Pierce
4/04	Joel Hillman	4/21	Cooper Carlson
	Scott Nelson		Brayden Goff
4/05	Everett Dooley		Christian Kousoulas
	Mark Misis		Gary Montgomery
	Danika Nelson	4/24	Colin Castro
4/08	Mark Giudice		Audrey Cook
	Jenite Peckys	4/25	Nathan McKinley
4/09	Nancy Dailey	4/26	Catherine Faivre
	Elly Pringnitz		Mike Fitzgerald
4/11	Carla Siddall		Kara Guidice
4/12	Mark Oltman		Robin Nielsen
4/13	Maria Cintora		Kali Rocco
	Talyer Fuches	4/28	Sophia Rivera-Finley
	Robert Gratschmayr	4/29	Lukas Hamel
4/14	Ella Gratschmayr		Kiyas Kousoulas
4/16	Sarah Douglas		Staci McNett



4/05/1975
Roger & Ann Nelson

4/28/1973
Ron & Judy Olsen

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!

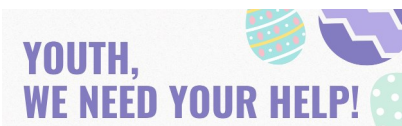
Easter Breakfast Is Just Around the Corner!



All are invited to join us for Easter Breakfast from **8:15–9:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 5th.**

Preparations are underway, and the meal will be served by our youth. A sign-up sheet will be available soon for those who would like to donate items for the meal.

Please have all donated items in the kitchen by **Saturday, April 4th.** By 10:00 a.m.



Attention Middle and High School Youth

(and any others wanting to lend a helping hand)

Breakfast Prep: April 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast: April 5th

Contact Danika Nelson for more information.

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brief (or not so brief) time of sharing at the beginning. Our openness to the others on the journey prime us for God to speak to us through our conversations. I believe it from the bottom of my heart that in our collective conversations about God and His Word we hear His voice from each other. This part of the Easter story reminds me so vividly that knowing Jesus and understanding His Word doesn't come solely from our own study or academic knowledge. It comes from the shared journey we have with others, learning as we travel the road of life together and being in each others life. In a real way, Jesus is there, just in disguise as we travel that road.

This Easter, celebrate Jesus' resurrection but don't miss the opportunity to REALLY connect with God's love by being part of His family. Be part of Bible studies, be part of service projects, show up for outreach events, come on Sundays to worship services, even after Easter, and generally spend time with people talking about life and listening for God's voice to come through others, and amazingly out of your own mouth to them!

Blessed April to you all! He is RISEN! — Pastor Marty

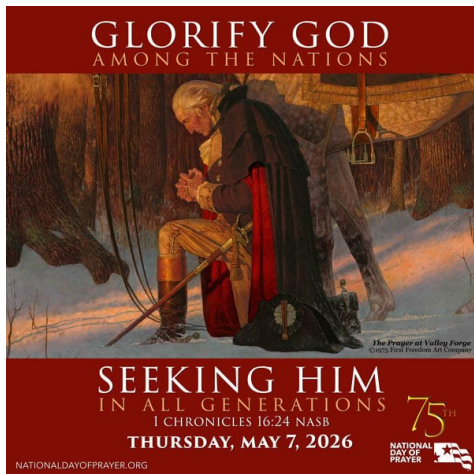


**The Next Prayer Team Meeting will be
April 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**

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.



National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 7th.

The theme for this year is:

Pour out to the God of Hope and be Filled

This day exists to encourage unified public prayer for America The
church will be open from 4-7 PM for Prayer. A Pizza supper will be
served at 6 PM There will be a closing devotion in the Sanctuary at
6:45PM.

All are welcome to attend.



April Flower Sponsorships

- 4/05 “To the glory of God and in celebration of our 51st
wedding anniversary,” by Roger and Ann Nelson.
- 4/12 “In loving memory of our grandparents, Ike and
Villo Jacobs, Alfred and Goldie Nelson,” by the
family.
- 4/19 *OPEN*
- 4/26 “In loving memory of Judy Campell, my dear
friend and companion,” by Carlos Woolbright.

April Radio Broadcast Sponsorships



- 4/05 “To the glory of God and in celebration of our 51st
wedding anniversary,” by Roger and Ann Nelson.
- 4/12 “In loving memory of our grandparents, Ike and
Villo Jacobs, Alfred and Goldie Nelson,” by the
family.
- 4/19 “To the glory of God in loving memory of our mother,
grandmother and great grandmother, Marilyn Mull,” by Kevin
Mull, Cheryl Buehler and families.
- 4/26 *OPEN*



OPEN FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS:
May 10 (Mother’s Day); June 7, 14, 21 (Father’s Day) & 28;
July 5, 19 & 26; August 2 & 23

OPEN RADIO SPONSORSHIPS:
May 3, 24 & 31; June 7, 14 & 21 (Father’s Day);
July 5 & 26; August 30

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).*



Aluminum Can Recycling – April 5, 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.



Salvation Army Food Pantry

Remember Food Pantry Sunday is April 12 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!



Join Us for Game Day!

The Olympics are over but we are still playing games. The next game days are April 10th, (*second Friday due to Good Friday*) 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

April 14 & 28

From 9:15 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

For questions contact Marion Gilbert

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



Praying Together

Why are the Prayers of the Church such an important part of the Divine Worship Service?

In past lessons we learned the importance of personal devotions, private prayer, and small group prayers, but God also wants us to pray in the assembly of believers. God honors our prayers as we pray with those beside us and with all of Christendom united in a common petition. This is how the church best serves the world. It is a vital part of our worship.

Acts 2:41-43

For whom should we pray?

We are to pray for all people and their needs no matter who they are, even our enemies, as well as our government leaders, for those who have not come to faith in Jesus, for those who have sinned, and for the specific needs of those in our congregation.

Paul instructed Timothy’s congregation in Ephesus to use these four kinds of prayer.

1 Timothy 2:1-6

Supplications in which we act as if the needs of others were our needs.

Prayers for God to give good gifts to others.

Intercessions for God to pardon those who have sinned as if the sins of others were our sins and ask for God’s forgiveness for them.

Thanksgivings in which we act as if the blessings others have received have been given to us.

When we pray in solidarity with others we use our faith in Jesus and our access to God’s grace for others. We bring our requests to Jesus our intercessor and gain help for others.

Jesus said in Matthew 18:19” Again I say to you. If two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done by my Father in Heaven.”

Lord Hear our Prayers!

—JRH



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.

MOTTO

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

All women of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are welcome!



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!

2024-2026 LWML NID Mission Grants

The delegates to the September 2024 LWML NID Convention voted to fund the following grants with our mites during the 2024-2026 biennium. Watch a video about the grants on the LWML NID YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@lwmlnid7730>).

More details can be seen on the LWML bulleting board in the narthex.

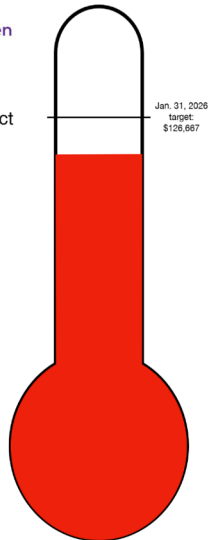
The grants are listed in order of votes received. Mission Grant monies are paid in order that receipts are submitted by the benefitting organization.



Northern Illinois District

Mite Goal:
\$160,000
by June 30, 2026

Received through
January 31, 2026:
\$115,541



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Growing in faith & friendship one meeting at a time.

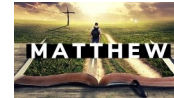
Week Day Studies:



Adult Zoom Study – Pastoral Epistles

Mondays | 7:00 p.m. | Online

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.



College Study: 'Refuge'

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

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!

Junior Confirmation (Grades 7-9)

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

9:15 Sunday Morning:

The Book of James with Pastor Marty



9:15-10:15 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Come join in the lively discussions! All ages are welcome!

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.

Genesis with Carolyn & Mark



9:15-10:15 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

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).

Little Lambs Preschool



9:00-12:00 noon | Various Rooms

Now registering for fall 2026. (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!



May 2026
 Newsletter Deadline April 20, 2026
 Newsletter Assembly:
 MONDAY, April 27, 2026

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!**



Little Lambs is once again participating in “Give DeKalb County.”

Give DeKalb County is a great way to support
 your favorite nonprofit organizations in DeKalb
 County!

On May 7, 2026 donations can be made online from midnight
 to midnight at GiveDeKalbCounty.org.


There are an amazing number of worthy organizations in
 DeKalb county. We pray that you would consider donating to
 some of those listed, including Little Lambs Preschool! More
 information, including a list of over 125 participating
 organizations and **Mail-in forms** will be available in the narthex
 soon. Thank you all for your continued support.!

Save The Date

GIVE DeKalb County | MAIL-IN DONATIONS

- 01 **Visit Website**
 GiveDeKalbCounty.org
- 02 **Decide on Donations**
 Review nonprofit profiles & decide
 on donation(s)
- 03 **Donation Form**
 Print & complete donation form
- 04 **Write Check**
 Write one check for total donation
 amount payable to "DCCF"
- 05 **Mail Check & Form**
 DeKalb County Community Foundation
 475 DeKalb Avenue, Sycamore, IL 60178

Must be postmarked April 23 - May 7

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:15 PM Staff Lunch 5:30PM Jr. Confirmation 6 PM Choir 7 PM Executive Board Meeting	2 Maundy Thursday 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline 7 PM Maundy Thursday Worship 8 PM College Activity Night	3 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL Office Closed 1 PM Good Friday Worship 7 PM Good Friday Worship	4 10 AM Easter Breakfast Prep
			←———— Holy Week —————→			
5 EASTER SUNDAY <i>Recycle Sunday</i> 7AM SONRise Worship/ YouTube/FB Live 8:15 AM Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM Easter Festival Worship/YouTube/FB Live 10:30 AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 12:00 PM Peer Ministry Team Meeting	6 Easter Monday: NO SCHOOL Offices Closed 5:30 PM Board of Trustee Meeting 7PM Zoom Bible Study	7 5:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Human Care Bd Mtg 7 PM Crafty Christians 9PM Refuge Bible Study	8 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Jr. Confirmation 6 PM Choir 6:30 PM Prayer Team 7PM Elders Meeting	9 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline Council Reports Due 5—7:30 PM Private Event 8 PM College Activity Night	10 8:30-12:30 Office Hours 1-3 PM Game Day 5:30 PM Chit Chat & Chai 6:30 PM Intercultural Café	11 9—12 Immanuel Clean-Up Day/ Garden Day 9—2 LWML Circuit Meeting St John Sycamore
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12 <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> 8AM Worship/ YouTube/FB Live 9:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship/YouTube/FB Live 10:30 AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 1360 12:00 PM Peer Ministry Team Meeting	13 7PM Zoom Bible Study	14 9 AM Winkle 9:15 AM Ladies Sewing Group 5PM Bd of Christian Ed. Mtg 7 PM Campus Ministry Committee Meeting 7 PM Crafty Christians 9PM Refuge Bible Study	15 8:30AM Bulletin Deadline 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Jr. Confirmation 6 PM Choir 7PM Council Mtg	16 6—7 PM Girl Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Outreach Board Meeting 8 PM College Activity Night	17 8:30-12:30 Office Hours 5:30 PM Chit Chat & Chai 6:30 PM Intercultural Café	18
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