

Immanuel Lutheran Church & Student Center
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DeKalb, IL 60115



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CURRENT SCHEDULE THROUGH MAY 17

8:00 a.m. Traditional
10:30 a.m. Contemporary
9:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

Sunday School for children ages 3 through high school

Dates to Note:

May 3: Refuge Graduation Breakfast *(NIU/Kish Grads)*

May 10: Sunday School Staff Appreciation

June 7: Immanuel Grad Sunday



Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning Sunday, May 24

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

May Office hours: 8:30—4:30 Monday—Thursday

Friday, May 1, 8, 15 & 22: 8:30—12:30

Closed: Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day);

Fridays' from May 29—September 4

June Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

July Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

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Katie Martinez

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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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Little Lambs Preschool

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- On May 17th, 9 young people from our congregation will “confirm” their faith in the 10:30 worship service. This is the ceremony we refer to as “Confirmation” and it has been an important part congregational life for over a century. I always like to start with a refresher on “what is confirmation?” The easiest way to do that is to start with what it is “not.”
- Confirmation is not a graduation.
- Confirmation is not something bestowed on the individual by the pastor or the church.
- Confirmation is not a licensure that bestows on you privileges across the Lutheran church Missouri synod or the Christian church as a whole.

Confirmation, at least in our church, is a young adult *confirming* that in Baptism God has called them to be His child. They are *confirming* that through baptism and the Word, the Holy Spirit has created faith in their heart and that faith now leads them to trust in Jesus as their savior. That His death and resurrection washes away all of their sins and that God cherishes them as beloved members of his family.

Confirmation is also, and this is the part some people miss, the young adult acknowledging that Immanuel Lutheran Church is their spiritual home and they desire to become mature contributing members of this family.

This a celebration of God’s goodness in helping these young adults to grow into the next phase of their walk with the Lord. But what I thought we might like to ponder today, is what comes next? Very likely most of you who are reading this have confirmed your faith at some point, either here at Immanuel or at a sister church that shares our understanding of God’s Word and teachings.

How has your spiritual growth continued? How has your involvement in His Word become deeper? How has your service to His commandments, summarized in “Love the Lord your God with all your heart soul and mind” and “Love your neighbor as yourself” changed your life on a daily basis? Most of us, myself included, haven’t moved on smoothly to the next level, or the level beyond that. Most of us haven’t fully lived out the importance of being active in worship, in Bible Study, in service to others and ministry entrusted to Immanuel. Perhaps we all need a refresher “confirmation?”

I invite each of you to once again, maybe for the first time since your confirmation or maybe the 100th time, to say to the Lord and one another — “Today is my confirmation day.

- * Today is the day I acknowledge again that God has saved me and made me His child through baptism.

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Little Lambs Preschool

Hello from Little Lambs!

As I sit down to write this newsletter, it's hard to believe the end of the school year is already on the horizon! This year has truly flown by, and we are looking forward to finishing strong with many fun and meaningful activities ahead.

During the month of April, we explored a variety of exciting topics including spring, bugs, dinosaurs, and more. We also enjoyed our final field trip of the year to Russell Woods Nature Center in Genoa. This is always a favorite for both the children and teachers! We learned about frogs and enjoyed a beautiful nature hike together.

April also gave us the opportunity to learn about the story of Easter—how Jesus, in great love for us, died on the cross and rose again to give us new life. The children celebrated with an Easter egg hunt and had fun decorating their own bags to collect their eggs.

Looking ahead, on May 7th Little Lambs will participate in Give DeKalb County, a community-wide fundraiser supporting local nonprofits. Information has been sent home—if you have any questions or need another copy, please stop by the office.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Little Lambs Silent Auction, will begin May 7th and run through May 21st. We are currently collecting auction items through the first week of May. If you or someone you know would like to donate, or if you have connections with a local business, please stop by the office—we have donation request letters available.

The silent auction will conclude with a very special evening on May 21st as we celebrate our preschool graduation and family celebration. This year we are excited to honor a large graduating class of 19 preschoolers! The evening will begin with our Spring Sing and graduation ceremony, followed by dinner and a fun fair. We will be looking for a few volunteers to help with games and in the kitchen—please let me know if you are able to help.

A heartfelt thank you for your support of our spaghetti dinner and used book sale. Both events together raised \$1,280 for our program! We are so grateful for the generosity of our church and school families.

As flowers bloom and the seasons change, we are reminded of God's promise of renewal—of new life and new hope—given to us through Easter so many years ago.

In His Service,
Katie Martinez
Little Lambs Preschool Director

LITTLE LAMBS
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST



- We have begun the final countdown 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 sign up for set up and tear down.

Special Dates to Note

- **May 1: Deadline to turn in donation forms for the Silent Auction**
- **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**
- **Mark your calendar: Spring Sing; Fun Fair; Family Picnic; Silent Auction Conclusion! *Family & friends all welcome! You won't want to miss this celebration! (Schedule below)***

5:15 p.m. Children to arrive at classrooms

(dress casual; t-shirts provided that evening)

5:30 p.m. Spring Sing & Graduation Program

After the Program: Family Picnic/Funfair

Food will be served in Fellowship Hall

Tentative menu: pizza and an additional main choice, salad bar, chips & drinks. — freewill donation

Dessert: Ice cream novelties available for everyone!

You may bring your own picnic supper.

Some tables will be available indoors & out, or you may wish to bring a blanket.

There will fun-fair type games, a balloon artist and photo booth!

Games will be staffed by members of Immanuel

7:15 p.m. Conclusion of Silent Auction

Items won at the auction can be picked up and paid for at the end of the evening, or in the office during summer office hours.

- **May 22: Teacher Work Day (No class for students)**



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 continuing our 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!



Rob Tiggelaar

I became a member of Immanuel in 1989 when I married my wife, Tammy. We have three children, and we enjoy spending time with them and their families.

Our son Hayes and his wife Laura live in Sycamore and have blessed us with two grandchildren so far, Beckett and Brynlee. Our daughter Raegan and her husband Matt also live in Sycamore, and our son Hunter and his wife Javi live in Colorado.

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

I am a retired school teacher. I taught high school business classes for a few years in Naperville, where I met Tammy, and then spent 30 years teaching middle school computer classes here in DeKalb. These days, I keep busy managing rental properties and, most importantly, spending time with my grandkids.

What is your all-time favorite book or movie?

I have always enjoyed the Harry Potter books and movies. Part of what makes them so special is the memories—reading some of the books to my kids at bedtime and later watching the movies together as a family.

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I'm not sure we made it through all seven books, but we definitely saw every movie!

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

I would love to learn how to play the piano. It would be wonderful to play my favorite songs or share music during holidays with family and friends. I've always enjoyed singing, and being able to play would be a perfect complement.

A favorite scripture and/or worship song:

I have many favorite hymns that I love to listen to and sing, but *"It Is Well With My Soul"* ranks near the top. Throughout my life, it has been part of many meaningful moments. I have sung it with my brother at several family funerals, and its message continues to bring comfort and hope. The words carry such depth of faith, and the melody builds to a powerful, triumphant finish. I would love to hear more of those classic hymns in worship.



Congratulations Immanuel's Graduates.

We would like to recognize your accomplishment on **Sunday, June 7 after the 9:00 am service.**

Please provide us with your name, school graduating from and your future plans.

Have your information to the office by May 31.

Other members receiving special awards or recognition, graduating from college, please let us know so we can acknowledge you also.

Thank you
Outreach Board

REFUGE GRADUATION BREAKFAST WILL BE:



SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

PLEASE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Claudia Andrews

*BA French Horn from North Central College
BS Biology, Math Honors, Biology Honors, College Honors;
Plans to go to graduate school and research ecology/wildlife
population management*

Chris Benson

*Bachelor's of Science in Computer Science
Plans to work and live in central Iowa, and continue playing the clarinet.*

Ethan Pritchard

*Bachelor's of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering
Plans to begin a position at HNI Workplace Furnishings in Muscatine,
Iowa*

Brandon Stover

*Master of Accounting Science
Plans to take the CPA test*

Mary Sindhura Rayapudi

*Master's in Management Information Systems
Plans to pursue finding a position in the United States*

You're Invited!

Breakfast with the Immanuel Family

Hosted by the Campus Ministry Committee

Sunday, May 3 at 9:15 a.m.

We'll be recognizing all **Refuge participants**,
with **special recognition for our graduates**
and those who have served as leaders in the program.

Join us for a special opportunity to connect with our Refuge college students over breakfast! Come! Get to know these students in a more personal way and appreciate them as part of our Immanuel family during their college years.

Pastor Marty's Bible class will not meet that morning so that the adults can join in. Come celebrate, support, and enjoy some great food and fellowship. We'd love to see you there! Did we mention there will be breakfast served? I look forward to seeing you then- Pastor Marty



Rite of Confirmation – May 17

We give thanks and praise to God as we celebrate the **Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 17** at the **10:30 a.m. service.**

On this special day, our confirmands will publicly affirm the faith into which they were baptized, confessing their trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Through instruction, study of God’s Word, and time spent growing in their faith, these young people have been prepared for this important step in their spiritual journey.

Confirmation is not the end, but a beginning—a continued life of faith, rooted in Christ and lived out in worship, service, and fellowship within His Church.

We invite the congregation to join in celebrating with these students and their families, and to keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in their walk with the Lord.

Please join us on May 17 at 10:30 a.m. as we rejoice in this meaningful milestone in the lives of our confirmands.

Youth confirming their faith are:

Heather Erin Allen

Colleen Alexis Goff

Samantha Kate Gratschmayr

Kasen Thomas Molitor

Jaxen James Molitor

Elsa Catherine Peckys

Irene Maragret Pringnitz

Maddux David Siddall

Kadence Jeanne Simonson

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- * Today I once again rejoice in the gift God has given me of His Word, found in the Bible, the peached word and yes even the catechism.
- * Today I confirm that God has made me part of His family in and through Immanuel Lutheran Church, that this family is in fact God’s family and I’m an important part of it.
- * Today I confirm that as part of that family it is my obligation but also my joy (the two are almost impossible to split apart) to channel with gusto, my time, treasure and talents in to His work through my church family.
- * Today I confirm that my sins are forgiven because of Jesus and while I may have not lived out my confirmation vows, He gives me yet another day, another week, and the rest of my life to rededicate myself and continue to grow into the person He created me to be.”

Happy Confirmation day to us all! Blessings, Pastor Marty

A SUMMER
ADVENTURE
IN FAITH!

RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

KIDS WILL EXPLORE!



Nature
Exploration



Music &
Worship



Hands-on
Crafts



Team "Crew"
Adventures



Snacks,
Games & Fun



DATES: June 22–25, 2026
(Mon–Thurs)
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



LOCATION: Immanuel Lutheran Church
511 Russell Road, DeKalb, IL 60115



WHO: Ages 4 (potty-trained) – Entering 5th Grade
Middle School Program (Grades 6–8)

REGISTER BEFORE
JUNE 7

and receive a
**RAINFOREST FALLS
VBS IRON-ON TRANSFER**
(while supplies last)



FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
ON LINE OR IN THE OFFICE.

NO SET FEE – ALL ARE WELCOME!

Freewill donations appreciated
(Suggested: \$10/day or \$40/week)

QUESTIONS?

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VBS 2026 REGISTRATION FORM

Exploring the Nature of God

June 22–25, 2026
(Mon–Thurs)
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Ages 4 (potty-trained) –
Entering 5th Grade
Middle School Program
(Grades 6–8)

★ **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 7, 2026** ★

CHILD INFORMATION (Please list all children attending)

| Child's Name | Birthdate | Grade (Fall 2026) | Allergies / Medical Needs (Please list) |
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PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone Number _____ Home Cell
 Email _____
 Home Church _____
 Emergency Contact (name & phone) _____



Register **BEFORE June 7** and receive a
Rainforest Falls VBS Iron-On Transfer
(while supplies last)

of iron-on transfers: _____
(\$5 each **AFTER** June 7)

CONTRIBUTION (OPTIONAL)

Contribution to Cover Expenses: \$ _____

Cash Check # _____ ACH

No set fee – All are welcome! Freewill donations appreciated.
(Suggested: \$10/day or \$40/week)

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

Please let us know your areas of interest: (check all that apply)

- Crew Leader / Crew Helper Crafts / Activities Snacks / Kitchen
 Music Setup / Decor Games / Recreation
 Anywhere Needed

Days you can help: (circle all that apply)

MON **TUE** **WED** **THURS**

Other notes, talents, or availability: _____

PERMISSION & AGREEMENT

I give permission for my child(ren) listed above to participate in Rainforest Falls VBS.
I understand reasonable precautions will be taken for their safety and well-being.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Photo Notice: Photos and/or video may be taken throughout the event to capture activities and share the VBS experience through church communications. If you prefer your child not be included, please notify a leader at check-in.

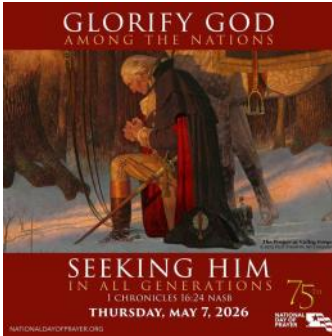


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US National Day of Prayer

Public prayer and a National Day of Prayer has a long standing and significant history in our American tradition because of the faith in God of our Founding Fathers. It is a vital part of our belief and heritage. It is based on our understanding that our country was birthed in prayer and in reverence for the God of the Bible. On this day we recall

and pray in the way in which our Founding Fathers sought wisdom from God. It stands as call for us to humbly come before God seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. It is as important to our nation today as it was in it's beginning extending to the current generation, encouraging unity and hope.

In 1775 the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation. This has continued through our history including Lincoln's proclamation of a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer in 1863. In 1952 a joint resolution by Congress signed by President Truman declared a National Day of Prayer. In 1988 President Reagan amended it by setting it as the first Thursday in May. This year is the 75th annual observance created by President Truman.

We are encouraged to pray on this day in spiritual unity with all the members of the body of Christ across our nation. This is especially significant as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our country this year.

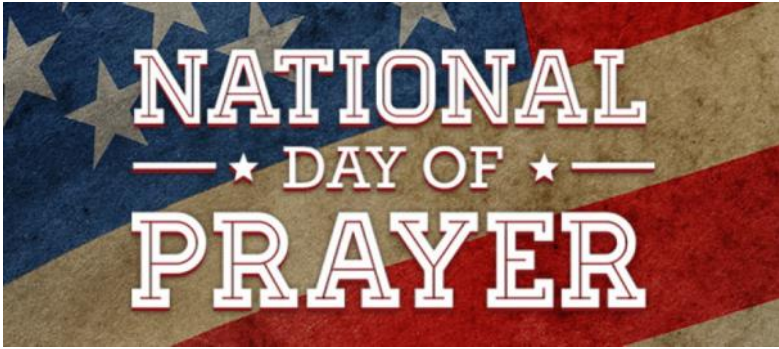
This year's theme is Glorify God Among the Nations Seeking Him in All Generations. Based on *1st Chronicles 16:24*.

Immanuel will join our fellow believers in prayer on May 7th.

We will pray for Church, Family, Education, Business/Workplace, Military, Government, Arts, Entertainment, and Media.

The church will be open for prayer from 4-7PM with a Pizza supper at 6PM and a closing devotion by Pastor Marty in the sanctuary at 6:45PM.

Please join us!



- A longstanding American tradition rooted in the faith of our Founding Fathers
- A day to humbly seek God’s wisdom, guidance for our leaders, and grace for our nation
- First observed in 1775; established nationally in 1952 by President Truman
- Held annually on the **first Thursday in May**

Join Us at Immanuel – May 7

- Church open for prayer: **4:00 – 7:00 PM**
- Pizza supper: **6:00 PM**
- Closing devotion (Pastor Marty): **6:45 PM**

Prayer Focus Areas

- Church
- Family
- Education
- Business / Workplace
- Military
- Government
- Arts, Entertainment & Media

Why It Matters

- A time of **spiritual unity** across the nation
- A reminder of our heritage and dependence on God
- Especially meaningful as we celebrate our nation’s **250th anniversary**

Please join us for this meaningful time of prayer and fellowship!

| Sun | Mon | Tue |
|---|--|---|
| <p><i>Recycle Sunday</i> 3</p> <p><i>Refuge Graduation Breakfast</i></p> <p><i>Deadline for Auction Items</i></p> <p>8AM Worship/ YouTube/FB Live</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study (<i>upper mtg. rm.</i>)</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship/YouTube/FB Live Worship</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 1360</p> | <p>4</p> <p>5:30PM Bd of Trustees</p> <p>7PM Zoom Bible Study</p> | <p>5</p> <p>5:30PM Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:30 PM Human Care Bd Mtg</p> |
| <p>Pastor Marty at NID Pastor's Conventi</p> | | |
| <p>MOTHER'S DAY 10</p> <p><i>Sunday School Staff Appreciation</i></p> <p><i>Change for Life Begins</i></p> <p>Food Pantry Sunday</p> <p>8AM Worship/ YouTube/FB Live</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship/YouTube/FB Live Worship</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 1360</p> | <p>11</p> <p>7PM Zoom Bible Study</p> | <p>12</p> <p>9:15—11:30 Sewing/Quilt Group</p> <p>5 PM Bd of Christian Ed. Meeting</p> |
| <p>10:30 AM Jr. Confirmation 17</p> <p>8AM Worship/YouTube/ FB Live</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship/YouTube/FB Live</p> <p>VonSchnase./Diliberto Infant Baptism</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 1360</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> <p>5:30PM Girl Scouts</p> |
| <p>Little Lambs Silent Auction</p> | | |
| <p>24</p> <p><i>Summer Worship Schedule Begins</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Worship/ YouTube/FB Live</p> <p>Diliberto/VonSchnase Baptism</p> <p>10:15 AM Adult Bible Study</p> | <p>25</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>OFFICES CLOSED</p> | <p>26</p> <p>9:15—11:30 Sewing/Quilt Group</p> |
| <p>31</p> <p><i>LWML 5th Sunday Mites</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Worship/ YouTube/FB Live</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship Broadcast on WLBK 1360</p> | <p><i>May 2026</i></p> | |

| Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | <p>1</p> <p>8:30-12:30 Office Hours 1:30—3 PM Game Day</p> | <p>2</p> |
| <p>1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Jr. Confirmation 6 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Elders Meeting</p> | <p>6 National Day of Prayer 7 4—7 <i>Church open for Prayer</i> 6 PM <i>Pizza Supper</i> 6:45 PM <i>Closing Devotion</i> Give DeKalb County Day 8:30 AM Bulletin Deadline 9—12 Auction Set Up 12:15 PM Staff Lunch 1 PM Oakcrest Workshop 6:00 PM Girl Scouts</p> | <p>8</p> <p>8:30-12:30 Office Hours LL Silent Auction Begins</p> | <p>9</p> |
| on | | Little Lambs Silent Auction | |
| <p>1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Jr. Confirmation 6 PM Adult Choir</p> | <p>13</p> <p>8:30 AM Bulletin Deadline</p> | <p>14</p> <p>8:30-12:30 Office Hours</p> | <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>11:00AM Wheeler Baptism</p> |
| Little Lambs Silent Auction | | | |
| <p>20</p> <p>Last Day of LL M/W/F Newsletter Deadline (to cover June 1—July 15) 6 PM Adult Choir 7PM Voter's Mtg</p> | <p>21</p> <p>8:30AM Bulletin Deadline Last Day of LL T/TH & M-F 5:30 PM Little Lambs Graduation & Fun Fair</p> | <p>22</p> <p>8:30-12:30 Office Hours Preschool Staff Work Day</p> | <p>23</p> |
| Little Lambs Silent Auction | | | |
| <p>27</p> <p>9:30 AM Newsletter Assembly</p> | <p>28</p> <p>8:30AM Bulletin Deadline 6PM Peer Minister Interviews</p> | <p>29</p> <p>30</p> <p>Summer Office Only: Friday-Open by appt only Pastor Marty Begins Vacation</p> | |
| Rev. Marty Marks on Vacation from May 29th—June 10th | | | |



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!



The Congregation is Invited!

Join us for the

Little Lambs Graduation / Spring Sing / End-of-Year Picnic & Silent Auction

Our Silent Auction—Little Lambs' **biggest fundraiser of the year**—runs **May 7–21!**

- Browse and bid on a wide variety of items—there's something for everyone
- Have a donation? Please **turn in auction items as soon as possible!**

Closing Celebration – Thursday, May 21

- Spring Sing & Graduation – **5:30 p.m.**
- Food, Fun Fair & Silent Auction
- Bidding closes at **7:15 p.m.**

We are also looking for volunteers to host the fun fair games.

Come celebrate with us as we support this important ministry and honor our Little Lambs students! Help us and support this important ministry!



Give DeKalb County

May 7, 2026

Mark your calendar for **May 7th** and join us in supporting Little Lambs Preschool during **Give DeKalb County**—a special 24-hour day of giving

that brings our community together to support local nonprofits.

On this day, every gift—large or small—makes an even greater impact. Donations made through Give DeKalb County are **boosted by a Bonus Pool**, helping your generosity go further in supporting the ministries and programs that bless our children and families.

At Little Lambs Preschool, your support directly enhances:

- Classroom learning experiences
- Faith-based programming
- Field trips and enrichment opportunities
- Updated materials and equipment for our students

Most importantly, your gifts help us continue providing a **loving, Christ-centered environment** where children grow spiritually, academically, and socially.

Give DeKalb County also highlights the many organizations that serve our community. With **150+ participating nonprofits**, we encourage you to explore and support other meaningful causes throughout DeKalb County as you are able.

There are several ways to give:

- Give online at www.givedekalbcountry.org
- Give in person at designated locations
- Mail a donation (postmarked by May 7)

Whether you are a current family, alumni, church member, or friend of Little Lambs, this is a wonderful opportunity to come together and invest in the lives of young children in our community.

Give on May 7th and be part of something bigger—supporting Little Lambs and strengthening DeKalb County, one gift at a time.

Information was shared in the church bulletin, sent home with Little Lambs families, and is available in the narthex. If you have any questions or need another copy, please stop by the church office.



Trustees Say “Thank you!”

Dear Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church,
On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for your time, energy, and dedication during our recent Clean-Up Day and Hope Garden

preparation. Your willingness to serve—whether planting, clearing, organizing, or lending a helping hand—made a meaningful difference.

Because of your efforts, our church grounds and the Hope Garden are not only more beautiful, but also better prepared to serve our congregation and community. Your spirit of cooperation and care reflects the heart of our church and the strength of our shared mission.

If you weren’t able to attend but would still like to help by taking on a project around the church or grounds, please contact the church office. —We have some areas that could still use attention!

We welcome your support and involvement.

With sincere appreciation, The Board of Trustees



Thank you for your generous in-kind donations for use at Phil’s Friends. These donations were given on 03/03/2026 and are detailed below:

32 puzzle books, 2 playing cards, 8 men's blankets, 17 women's blankets, 16 men's hats, 7 women's hats, 7 journals, 32 fuzzy socks, 31 tissues, 29 lip balms, 31 tissues, 29 lip balms, 371 toothbrushes, 2 kids Bibles, 17 coloring books, 8 crayons, 4 kids card games, 3 books, 1 pack of pencils, 21 toys, 38 colored cards of hope, 4 mouthwashes

We are very grateful that you and each of our donors are led by the Lord to provide the essential items needed for our care packages at just the right time to be used immediately. So often, we discover an immediate need, and unfailingly, the Lord provides through your gifts. Over 100 care packages are now being shipped each week.

Friends like you enable Phil’s Friends to bring HOPE through care packages, encouraging cards and hospital visits. When the words “you have cancer” are delivered, lives are turned upside down. Phil’s Friends brings emotional, physical, and spiritual hope to cancer patients with your help. Thank you for this tangible expression of support for Phil’s Friends and the people that we serve.

In hope,

Phil Zielke; Founder and Executive Director Phil’s Friends



Dear Immanuel Lutheran Family,

On behalf of our Youth Group, I would like to extend my deepest and most sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your generosity, fellowship, and joyful spirit on Easter morning.

Our Easter breakfast was more than just a meal—it was a beautiful reflection of the love and unity that makes our congregation so special. From those who prepared and served the food, to those who donated, attended, and supported with kind words and encouragement, your contributions made the morning truly meaningful.

Because of your generosity, we were able to successfully support our youth group, helping to nurture their faith, growth, and future within our church. Your willingness to give—of your time, talents, and resources—does not go unnoticed, and it makes a lasting impact.

Most of all, it was a blessing to gather together in celebration of the resurrection, sharing not only food but laughter, connection, and community. Moments like these remind us of the strength and warmth of our church family.

Thank you for being such an incredible part of Immanuel Lutheran. May God continue to bless each of you abundantly. With heartfelt gratitude,

Danika Nelson
Youth Chair





Thank you to Our Preschool Staff

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4th through May 8th. The Board of Christian Education would like to take this opportunity to recognize our wonderful preschool teachers. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, kindness, and faith our staff shows in nurturing the little hearts at Little Lambs Preschool. Our preschool staff is truly the best around, and we want to honor the following individuals for all their hard work.

Thank you to: Katie Martinez Kate Decker Jessica Molitor
 Cara Leadingham Kaylin Briscoe Sue Harms
 Erin Grych (*music*) Michelle Mangini (*substitute*)

Our thanks go beyond just today. Our appreciation is year-round!!

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

Sunday School Staff Appreciation – May 10



Join us as we celebrate and give thanks for our incredible Sunday School team who faithfully share their time, energy, and love with our children and youth each week.

A special thank you to our long-time outgoing Superintendent, **Jennifer Allen**, for her years of dedicated leadership and care. Your impact has been a true blessing!

We are also excited to welcome our incoming Superintendent, **Jenna Dooley**, and look forward to all that is ahead!

We are grateful for our amazing teachers:
Lisa Nelson & Emily Nelson (PreK–2)
Brittany Walker & Taylor McWilliams (3rd–5th)
Krista Marks (Middle & High School)
Danika Nelson (Memory Work)

Thank you for nurturing faith, building relationships, and guiding our students each week. Your work matters more than you know!

Be sure to join us on May 10th as we show our appreciation!



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

*Growing in faith & friendship one meeting at a time.
(Limited Summer Schedule)*



Adult Zoom Study Mondays | 7:00 p.m. | Online
Currently studying the book of Titus. The class will soon begin a short summer break. See Pastor Marty for details.

Vacation Bible School For children ages 3—8th grade.



Theme: Rainforest Falls; Exploring the Nature of God

Mon—Thurs, June 22-25 | 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

Registration forms available. See Angela Pringnitz for more information.

College Study: 'Refuge' Tuesdays | 9:00 p.m. | College Lounge
Will resume in August.

Junior Confirmation (Grades 7–9) Wednesdays | 5:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall
Please contact Pastor Marty for details. At this time, the next class, at this time, is scheduled to begin in September, 2027.

9:15 Sunday Morning: 9:15–10:15 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
Class will resume in September. See Pastor Marty for details.

Sunday School for youth 9:15–10:15 a.m. | Various Rooms
Ages 3 years through high school are offered each Sunday.
Classes will resume the Sunday after Labor Day.
Contact Jenna Dooley for details.



Meeting this Summer

Genesis with Carolyn & Mark

9:15–10:15 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Easy for anyone to join in as each lesson can stand on their own and with the study guide a person can also keep up on their own if they miss a class. 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)!

Classes will begin after Labor Day.



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



Aluminum Can Recycling – May 3, 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.

Remember Food Pantry Sunday is May 10, 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!

Game days continue this summer. See you May 1st & June 5th are the dates. We start at 1:30pm and finish around 3:30pm. Both men and women are invited. Bring a friend.



Quilt and Lap Robes

**Sewing Group —Join us
May 12 & 26 From 9:15 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

For questions contact Marion Gilbert
If you have the time—we can use your hands!

MITES...



"She out of her poverty has put in everything she had."

MARK 12:44

Sunday, May 31, it will be the 5th Sunday of the month. This is the time *Men, Women, and Children* can participate in bringing their mites (coins!) and putting them into the Big Mite Box in the narthex. **LET'S FILL THE MITE BOX!** (*dollars are fine too!*)



May Flower Sponsorships

- 5/03 “In celebration and praise to God for Raegan Andsager’s birthday,” by her family.
- 5/10 “In loving memory of Steven Welter,” by his family.
- 5/17 “To the glory of God and in celebration of the confirmation of the class of 2026.”
- 5/24 “To the glory of God and in celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary,” by Jim & Bev, Grunwald.
- 5/31 “To the glory of God in celebration of our wedding anniversary,” by Dick Rodgers.

May Radio Broadcast Sponsorships



- 5/03 *OPEN*
- 5/10 “In loving memory of her mother, Bertha Conrad, and grandmother, Nora Miller,” by Linda Conrad, on Mother’s Day.
- 5/17 “To the glory of God and in celebration of the confirmation of the class of 2026.”
- 5/24 *OPEN*
- 5/31 *OPEN*

OPEN FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS:

June 7, 14 & 21 (Father’s Day) ;
 July 5, 19 & 26; August 2 & 23

OPEN RADIO SPONSORSHIPS:

June 7 & 14;
 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*).



MAY Birthdays

| | | | |
|-------|---------------------|------|-------------------|
| 5/02 | Theodore Hamel | 5/19 | Kathy Dmochowski |
| | Casey Lothson | | Amanda Whitman |
| 5/03 | Everly Cook-Rhodes | 5/20 | Kaylin Briscoe |
| 5/04 | Bill Lynch | 5/21 | Iris Hillman |
| 5/06 | Raegan Andsager | | Mia Siddall |
| | Ellie McWilliams | 5/22 | Elizabeth Cruz |
| | Matthew Olsen | | Kadence Simonson |
| 5/07 | Nora Nelson | 5/23 | Christopher Cook |
| 5/08 | Linda Hursh | | Judy Olsen |
| | Judith Lawrence | 5/25 | Zachary Schmidt |
| 5/11 | Russ Coulombe | 5/26 | Noah Simonson |
| | Christine Ewald | 5/28 | Micah Albrecht |
| | Irene Pringnitz | | Eric Motisi |
| 5/12 | Isaac Martinez | 5/29 | Sandra Lichner |
| | Lyla Peifer | | Yvette Lubbers |
| 05/14 | Reece Mendicino | | Tammy Tiggelaar |
| | Haven Volz | 5/30 | Kevin Fuchs |
| 5/15 | Gary Gresholdt | | Kaiden VonSchnase |
| | Elena Smith-Antonio | | |
| 5/17 | William Michels | | |
| | Virgil Walker | | |
| 5/18 | Matthew Haeseker | | |



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| 5/06/2024 | Corey & Katrina Bakaturski |
| 5/09/2016 | Keith & Danika Nelson |
| 5/18/1974 | Ken & Donna Boldt |
| 5/20/1995 | Mike & Pat Fitzgerald |
| 5/22/1993 | Rev. Marty & Krista Marks |
| 5/23/2009 | Chris & Lesley Gilbert |
| 5/24/1960 | James & Beverly Grunwald |
| 5/28/1983 | Dick & Mishelle Rodgers |
| 5/30/1988 | John & Jill Misitano |
| 5/30/2009 | Michael & Anna Fuentes |



SERVING THIS MONTH

| DATE | TIME | ACOLYTE | LAY READER | RADIO | SLIDES | VIDEO/SOUND |
|------|----------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 5/03 | 8:00 AM | Aaron Martinez | Ted Stone | Chris Ewald | Doug Nelson | Mark Mistic |
| | 10:30 AM | Heather Allen | Jackson Harms | — | Mia Yelich | Nathan Allen |
| 5/10 | 8:00 AM | Brodie McWilliams | Raegan Andsager | Sue Harms | Kevin Harms | Doug Nelson |
| | 10:30 AM | Elly Pringnitz | Jennifer Allen | — | Nathan Allen | Doug Nelson |
| 5/17 | 8:00 AM | Alexis Cruz | Katie Martinez | Julie Ann Fuchs | Glenn Fuchs | Mark Mistic |
| | 10:30 AM | Rosie Landshaft | Angela Pringnitz | — | Doug Nelson | Nathan Allen |
| 5/24 | 9:00 AM | Michael Martinez | Raegan Andsager | Chris Ewald | Ted Stone | Mark Mistic |
| 5/31 | 9:00 AM | Irene Pringnitz | Alyssa Landshaft | Doug Nelson | Ted Stone | Nathan Allen |

| Date | Time | Communion Assistants |
|------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 5/3 | 8:00 AM | Ken Boldt & Tom Sawyer |
| | 10:30 AM | Dennis Maakestad & Dan Lohmeier |
| 5/17 | 8:00 AM | Dennis Martinez & Taylor McWilliams |
| | 10:30 AM | Brian Pringnitz & Will Michels |
| 5/31 | 9:00 AM | Kevin Harms & Dan Lohmeier |

May 2026 Ushers:

8:00: Jeff Bannister, Hayden Harms & Ken Boldt

10:30: Dan Lohmeier, Chloe Marks & Will Michels

9:00: (*May 24*) Jeff Bannister, Hayden Harms & Ken Boldt
 (*May 31*) Dan Lohmeier, Chloe Marks & Will Michels

May2026 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*



Fiscal Year
July 1, 2025—March 31, 2026

| | March 2026 | Fiscal YTD |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Budgeted Receipts | 38,876.52 | 386,845.67 |
| Budgeted Disbursements | (54,163.97) | (440,999.73) |
| Budgeted Net Income or (loss) | (18,287.25) | (54,154.06) |
| Non Budgeted Receipts | 1,379.00 | 43,029.88 |
| Non Budgeted Disbursements | (3,060.13) | (13,544.38) |
| Non Budgeted Income or (Loss) | (1,661.13) | 29,485.50 |
| Total Net Income or (Loss) | (19,948.38) | (24,668.56) |



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.**



May 3, 2026: "Planning Is Everything"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Offer up your plans to God in prayer and see what God does with them. Let your plans become prayers that lead you to praise. *Psalm 146:3-4*

May 10, 2026: "The King Who Reigns"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

If Easter tells us that Jesus the King has won, then Ascension tells us the King is reigning, and His reign is good. *Luke 24:36-53*

May 17, 2026: "Don't Despise Small Beginnings"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Our small efforts to become the people Jesus saved us to be might seem insignificant, but small efforts compound. *Acts 1:14*

May 24, 2026 "Misery Loves Company"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

It's often said, "Misery loves company." Christ comes to us in our misery with God's love and mercy. *Acts 2:38*

| <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 |



DEADLINE:

Newsletter Articles

SUMMER NEWSLETTER DATES:

June 1—July 15 Newsletter

Deadline: Wednesday, May 20

Assembly: Wednesday, May 27

July 15—August 30 Newsletter

Newsletter Deadline Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Newsletter Assembly: Tuesday, July 14, 2026

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