

TLHS Dinner Auction

Preparations for the 21st annual Trinity Lutheran High School Dinner Auction are in full swing! This year's event will be held on February 24, 2024 at TLHS. The auction steering committee is currently seeking donations of items such as desserts, one-of-a-kind items, gift baskets, event tickets, memorabilia, handcrafted items, experiences, gift cards or gift certificates, and more for our live and silent auctions. For more information or to donate items please contact Erin Brooks ebrooks@trinitycougars.org 812-524-8547.

Moms in Prayer Group

Moms of school aged children are invited to come and pray for your child, the school they attend and the Seymour community during a purposeful, guided hour of prayer at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School. We will meet Fridays from 8:30-9:30 am. in the Social Room (enter door 5, downstairs). For more information contact Mary Bonde at marybonde@gmail.com

9:00 am Greeters: Jean Barkman, Keith & Rose Bode, Jackie Hill **Ushers:** Kurt Fenneberg, Larry Harlow, Troy Hehman, Cary Bell, Dave Boggs, Chris Stahl, Ryan Williams, Eli Williams, David Pollert, Wes Baker, Luke Baker **Counting:** Jeff Hubbard, Kevin Foster, Charles Fox, Greg Hackman, Grant Schneider, Craig Flinn **Acolyte:** Samuel Lorenz **Audio/Video:** Jackson Fox/Walter Batman

11:15 am Greeters: Joe & Donna Hackman, John & Marvinna Lewis **Elders/Communion:** Charlie Smith, Jeff Hopkins, Tom Dyer **Ushers** Joe Brooks, Michael Brooks, Jeremiah Clay, Jeff Schneider, Mike Stuckwisch **Altar Guild:** Jan Blomenberg **Acolyte:** Kade Gillaspay **Audio:** Bob Emily

7:00 pm Elders: Steve Bobb **Acolyte:** Madison Keith

7 9:00 Worship 10:15 Bible Classes/SS/AIC 11:15 Worship	8 8:35 Chapel 3:15 7th OYR 4:00 Trustees 7:00 Worship	9 7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bible Study 3:15 8th OYR 5:00 Parish Ed 5:30 Evangelism 5:30 School Bd	10 3:30 Sr Hi OYR 5:30 Stewardship 6:15 Brass 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AIC/Conf 7:00 Woodwinds 7:30 Choir	11 12:00 Lunch w/ Pastor 6:00 Human Care 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Council	12 10:30 Bible Study	13
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Additional Spiritual Support:

- Dial a Meditation:** call 812-522-1345 anytime for a devotion by one of our pastors or vicar.
- Know Your Bible:** You can hear it each weekday at 6:55 a.m. on AM 1390 and FM 99.3

Bulletin and Resource Pick-up

Is available at door number 5 on Oesting Street. Drop in Monday- Friday from 8am - 5pm.
Bulletins and Informers for the upcoming week are available on THURSDAYS after 12 noon.

Join us for Worship Online at: <http://immanuelseymour.com/worship/>

You can also view services on the Immanuel YouTube channel at Immanuel Lutheran Seymour and at 3pm & 8pm on CinergyMetro Cable Channel 2 and Comcast Channel 96.
Listen to WZZB 99.3 and streaming at www.wzzb1390.com



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January 7, 2024

Bible Classes Begin TODAY

This Sunday, January 7, is the beginning of our Winter/Spring Bible Classes and Sunday School! This week is when our midweek classes begin as well. Join us in God's Word! Check the insert for class times and locations.

Installation of Newly Elected January 7

All individuals elected (and reelected) in the October Voters meeting are to be installed at the 9:00 a.m. service Sunday, January 7. We thank you for your willingness to serve!

Planning Conference January 6

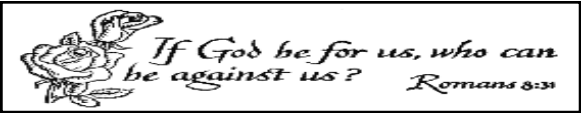
All elected board members were invited to share a wonderful breakfast and a few hours of planning for the new year on Saturday, January 6, in the Fellowship Hall. This annual event is a great time to work together to make plans for what we will seek to accomplish in 2024 for our church, school, and childcare ministry. Watch for results in the weeks to come!

Seeing, and Seeing

There are times as we walk or drive by homes and businesses that we see them without really "seeing" them. We may be hard-pressed to remember how many there were, or what the color scheme was. It can be that way also when we are in a crowd of people. Today we celebrate Epiphany, where a star plays a special role in God's plan to make His Son's birth known. It is likely that many people saw the same star the Magi did but did not see its significance. So in our time, it is possible for people to see churches or crosses and not really see what they are about. We have started the season of Epiphany, which is about how Jesus was revealed to be the Son of God and Savior of the world. Through a star, his baptism, miracles, and teaching, people learned to see him for who he really is! May this season help us to see Him more clearly too, and to help others who do not know Jesus to see Him in faith!

Your gifts at work: Building and lights

In the middle of winter, the church building is warm; and in even on dark days, the lights allow us to see and read and worship. While the utilities we support through the budget are not glamorous things, they certainly make a difference! Thanks for your faithful support, which benefits other members and glorifies God!



But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. " Matt 6:33

Totals from December 31, 2023	
Unified Budget	\$27,353.94
Plate Offerings	\$1,121.50
Other Income	\$3,928.75
Total	\$32,404.19
Income & Gifts To Date	\$592,147.37
Donations to ILS 2023-2024	\$2,581.00
Total Gifts	\$594,728.37
Budget Needs to Date	\$585,173.85
Benevolence	\$957.43
Sunday Attendance/Communed	732/309
New Year's Eve Attendance	101
Faith In Our Future Campaign	
Pledges to Date	\$4,228,246.40
Gifts to Date	\$2,223,835.49

Epiphany

Matthew 2:1-12: The star of the Epiphany story is actually the star itself! God used the star to lead the Magi to the Savior of the world so that they might worship Him. As God’s faithful witness, you may be the “star” that God uses to lead someone in your life to worship the Lord and Savior of the world, Jesus Christ! Shine bright!

Remember to call the church office in plenty of time if you would like to sponsor the Broadcast (\$80), Informer (\$50), or Altar Flowers. We appreciate our sponsors.

Please Register your attendance using the booklets in each pew. Visitors, please use the Guest Registration form. Thank you, and thanks for the teams that gather this information!



LUTHERANS FOR LIFE “What is it that is essential for your life this New Year? What gifts do you cherish? Certainly, Jesus is the most precious gift we have! Let Him shine through your whole life this year. Take Him with you everywhere. Remember whose family you belong to! Cling to Jesus, our Father’s Son this New Year! Our Father goes with you and promises His blessings, now and forever!” *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty promises to be an Advocate for you in 2024! The LCRL promises to encourage those on the Hill that fight for religious liberty. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty promises to educate all on critical issues of religious liberty. To learn more, <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org>

Bible Readings

- 1/7 Job 14-16
- 1/8 Job 17-20
- 1/9 Job 21-23
- 1/10 Job 24-28
- 1/11 Job 29-31
- 1/12 Job 32-34
- 1/13 Job 35-37

LWML Meets January 9

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) will meet on Tuesday, January 9, at 5:45. This is an Odds and Ends meeting. Please come with ideas to share for the new year!

LWML Mission Grants

Lutheran Braille Workers freely supplies large print and braille materials for blind and visually impaired people around the world. The \$100,000 LWML grant, Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment, will help in developing, formatting, producing, and distributing fifty to one hundred new Scripture-based and theologically related materials to people in need around the world. To learn more, visit lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-4.

Adult Senior Ministry

The Adult Senior Ministry will meet on Wednesday, January 17 at 11:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The topic will be about the campaign ‘Faith in Our Future’ by Dr. Todd Behmlander. Lunch will be served for \$5 per person, menu: chili, grilled cheese, cherry jello salad, ice cream with toppings. Please call the church office if you need a ride.

We are Hiring!

ILCCM is looking to hire assistant teachers who would work part time, mornings 6:30-12:00 or afternoons 12:00-5:30 . Interested? Call the church office or Heather Wolka for an application or for more information.

Keeping in Touch

One way to make sure you get timely news from Immanuel is to sign up for our weekly e-blast sent personally to you. Just click the box at www.immanuelseymour.com, send an email to info@immanuelseymour.com, or call the office, 812-522-3118.

Financial Peace

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting today. Join our virtual *Financial Peace University* class starting on **Sunday, January 14, 2024 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.** and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit <https://www.fpu.com/D3B789> to sign up!

Dartball Scholarship

The Lutheran Dartball League is pleased to announce that they are once again offering scholarships to help young Christians with their education. Deadline for the application is February 15. Applications can be picked up at the church office or by contacting Bob Klosterman at 812-580-8394.

What is the Immanuel Lutheran Foundation?

The Foundation was established on June 6,1975. It’s purpose is to further programs of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School by the receipt of assets and shall have the ability to create, hold, invest and manage funds pursuant to the specific bequests of the donor.

Double Match

Thanks to our Foundation, each dollar members of Immanuel contribute to Concordia Counseling Center will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$10,000! Here is more good news. These gifts will help Concordia Counseling Center receive \$100,000 in grants from our Indiana District—so your matched gift will be doubled again! \$100 will contribute a total value of \$400! Thanks for your consideration. Gifts need to be made to Immanuel with a note “For Concordia Counseling Center Match.”