

Immanuel Ladies Travel to CAMP

A group of women from Immanuel Lutheran Church will attend the Women's Retreat sponsored by Camp Lakeview. The retreat is scheduled to take place from Sept 29-Oct 1, 2023. The cost is \$110-125 per person, including basic lodging + meals + activities. This is not your typical women’s retreat. You’re going to spend an incredible fall weekend at camp going on adventures that range from the extreme (like zip lining) to the relaxing (like hot tubbing under the stars). You will experience a huge faith boost through intentional times of worship, campfire devotions, speaker sessions, and personal quiet time. Get away from the stress of ordinary life to enjoy a change of pace and scenery. Travel alongside your sisters in Christ and leave with new-found connections and friendships. Registration opens on February 8th and fills quickly. Please contact Michelle Downey (920) 248-2640 or Anne Stahl (812) 528-2429 for further information.

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.

<p><b>9:00 am Elders/Communion:</b> Dennis Maxie, Joe Bullard, Dave Boggs, Jeff Schile, Glenn Benter, Blake O’Haver, Todd Behmlander <b>Ushers:</b> Kurt Fenneberg, Larry Harlow, Troy Hehman, Cary Bell, Dave Boggs, Chris Stahl, Corey, Zaring, Charlie Tungate, Andrew Bell, Ryan Williams, Caleb Williams, Eli Williams, David Pollert, Wes Baker, Luke Baker <b>Counting:</b> Bill Siefker, Mary Lou Siefker, Dale Siefker <b>Altar Guild:</b> Sandee Helwig <b>Acolyte:</b> Delany Williams <b>Audio/Video:</b> Jay Hubbard</p> <p><b>11:15 am Elders:</b> Ralph Wischmeier, John Bowen <b>Ushers:</b> Joe Brooks, Michael Brooks, Jeremiah Clay, Jeff Schneider, Mike Stuckwisch <b>Acolyte:</b> Addyson Coomer <b>Audio:</b> Walter Batman</p> <p><b>7:00 pm Elders:</b> Steve Bobb, Monty Siefker <b>Acolyte:</b> Breanna Lawrence <b>Altar Guild:</b> Linda Schoenfelder</p>						
<p><b>29</b> 9:00 Worship 10:15 SS/Bible Classes/AIC 11:15 Worship 4:30 Capital Campaign Kick-Off Din- ner at ILS</p>	<p><b>30</b> 8:35 Chapel 12:00 Bible Study 3:15 7th OYR 5:30 TL/AHG 7:00 Worship</p>	<p><b>31</b> 7:00 Men’s Bible Study 9:30 Bible Study 3:15 8th OYR 7:00 ChristLight</p>	<p><b>1</b> 3:30 Sr Hi OYR 6:15 Brass 6:30 Women’s Bible Study 7:00 Woodwinds 7:00 Conf./AIC 7:30 Choir</p>	<p><b>2</b> 12:00 Lunch w/ Pastor 5:00 Property 5:15 Fellowship &amp; Assimilation 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Elders</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:30 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>

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](http://www.wzzb1390.com)



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January 29, 2023

Voters Meeting Results

At the quarterly meeting last Sunday, the Voters approved the recommendation to apply for a vicar for next year; approved financial reports from the Church, School, and Foundation; heard activity reports from boards and staff, and nominated for Synodical offices Dr. Matthew Harrison, President; Rev. Peter Lange, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; and Rev. Benjamin Ball, central region vice president. Elections will take place as part of the Synod convention this summer.

Be the Gift

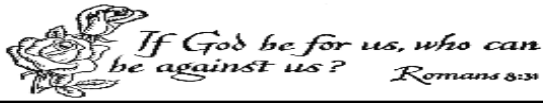
Shopping for gifts for a special occasion involves knowing what the person wants or needs, then where to find it and how to purchase it. God knew exactly the gifts we need to enjoy life now and to live forever! No amount of money could buy forgiveness and salvation, but Jesus stepped up to pay the price for our sins on the cross, then stepped out of the tomb on Easter!  
He invites us now to share the gifts He paid for as we “make disciples, baptizing and teaching.” Your financial gifts make possible the work we do to share these gifts with members and children in our community and missionaries around the world. That you for being the gift that shares the best Gift, Jesus!

Join us for Kick-Off!

A few weeks ago we announced the launch of the “Faith in Our Future” Campaign, which is designed to make needed upgrades and improvements in our School and to expand our Child Care. This will bless children and families for generations to come!  
This Sunday, January 29, at 4:30 p.m., you are cordially invited to a **free** dinner in the small gym and cafeteria of Immanuel Lutheran School. We will enjoy some entertainment during the meal, watch a video highlighting the objectives of the campaign, and hear from our Cabinet. We plan to be done by around 6, but if you want to stay after to look around at areas that need upgrades in the school, you are welcome. No RSVP is needed—just come to the main entrance of the School. Doors will be open by 4:00 p.m.

National Lutheran Schools Week Concludes

It has been a week full of fun, worship, and service at ILS, celebrating the mission and ministry of Lutheran Schools. On Friday, our students gathered with other students from around the county to worship. Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God’s love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.



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

Totals from January 22, 2023	
Unified Budget	\$25,759.50
Plate Offerings	\$890.00
Other Income	\$8,726.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,376.17</b>
Income & Gifts To Date	\$653,753.13
Donations to ILS 2022-2023	\$3,585.00
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>\$657,338.13</b>
Budget Needs to Date	\$723,775.98
Benevolence	\$5.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	688/460
Monday Attendance	86

Epiphany 4

**Matthew 5:1-12:** When someone asks you, "How are you today?" How do you respond? So often we instinctively quip, "fine, okay, good as can be expected." But those responses do not elicit much of a reaction. Today's Gospel, the grace of God and the power of the Cross give us the opportunity to joyfully respond to that question with a bold, "Blessed!" "I am blessed in Christ!" We have the right and the privilege to boast in the Lord and the blessedness found only in Him. Why not make manifest the blessedness that is found in Jesus - and let that response be your sharing of the Good News that is found in you and through you only because of Christ!

Official Acts

**Dave Osterman** entered eternal life on January 10 and was given Christian burial on January 21.

**Farrell Sullivan** entered eternal life on January 17 and was given Christian burial on January 20.

**Delores 'Dee' Marling** entered eternal life on January 18 and was given Christian burial on January 23.

*Sandy Waskom would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards during her surgery and for the prayers and cards for her and Jerry celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.*

*Elvira Preuss would like to thank everyone for the wonderful birthday cards and wishes. The handmade cards from the Immanuel school children are beautiful!*

**Thanks to the Pastors and Vicar for their visits during my recent surgery and recovery. Also thanks for the many cards and expressions of concern from the many members of our Immanuel family. Your thoughts and prayers have helped me tremendously. It is so good to be able to return to attending worship. Larry Stahl**



The LCRL functions because of the generosity of thousands of supporters who remember the LCRL. You have the opportunity to join with them, see [www.LCRLFreedom.org](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org) for more information.

Bible Readings

- 1/29 Genesis 48-50
- 2/2 Exodus 10-12
- 1/30 Exodus 1-3
- 2/3 Exodus 13-15
- 1/31 Exodus 4-6
- 2/4 Exodus 16-18
- 2/1 Exodus 7-9

Embracing Life

The overturning of Roe vs. Wade returned to the states decisions concerning the legality of abortion instead of legalizing it nationally. Since life is God's gift, including the unborn, we need to continue to be advocates for the unborn and to support those who are facing unwanted pregnancies with better alternatives. The following is an excerpt from LCMS Life Mission. Other resources are available at [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)

*"We rejoice that the truth of God's desire for His creation was reflected in the court's consideration and decision issued in Dobbs v. Jackson. God's Word and natural law together teach that life is precious, and death is the enemy of all living things. Killing violates our being as humans and cannot be sought as a solution or option for individuals. The lie of abortion has caused immeasurable harm to our society and reinforced a utilitarian view of life at the expense of our children. God sent His Son, Jesus, to be born as a human. His baptism, perfect life, death, and resurrection on behalf of every sinner gives eternal life to all who believe and drives Christians to love and treasure our neighbor with the same love from the heavenly Father."*

LWML Grants

Leaders and volunteers are reaching out with the Gospel message to the multicultural population living in the International District in Albuquerque, New Mexico. God Cares About You Mission distributes food and clothing, hosts after school programs, and shares the Gospel message. The ministry provides hope for this life and for eternity. The LWML Mission Grant, Showing God's Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico, will help to expand their services. To learn more about the mission and how you can support them through mite offerings, go to: [www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-23](http://www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-23)

Lakeview Ministries

Every year thousands of kids, youth, and families come to Lakeview Ministries. Why? It's because they know **you belong at camp**. Coming to camp gives you an all-access pass into life-changing fun. It builds life skills and reduces levels of stress and anxiety. It allows for deeper friendships, and most importantly, lets you experience Jesus in a way that connects with your everyday life.

You can sign up early for Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages programs between **February 1-3**. Open Registration for all programs, including Weekend and Family programs, opens on February 8th. Programs are available for students and families of all ages. For more information, visit camp's website at [www.lakeview.camp](http://www.lakeview.camp) or call the camp office at **812-342-4815**. **Come and experience the power of camp this summer!**

Ham & Turkey Dinner

The public is invited to Zion Lutheran Church, Seymour, for its 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Ham and Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings on Sunday, February 5, from 4-7p.m.

This is a dine-in and take out dinner event. Go to Zion Lutheran Church's Facebook page to view the menu. Free will offering proceeds will benefit mission projects.

**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!**

11:15 Ushers Needed

If you would like to help usher please talk to one of the ushers after service today or call the church office for more information.