

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.

LCH Gift Shop

Looking for a unique gift for Christmas? The Lutheran Community Home Gift Tree is stocked for the season with nativities, snowmen, ornaments, bells and more. We also have Day Spring Christmas cards. The shop is located in the main lobby of the Home and is directly across from the entrance. Hours are 1 pm to 4 pm weekdays. All proceeds are used for the benefit of the residents.

9:00 am Greeters: Jerry & Betty Hall, Mary Lou Stockamp, Bill Nolting **Elders/Communion:** Dennis Maxie, Joe Bullard, Dave Boggs, Jeff Schile, Glenn Benter, Blake O'Haver, Todd Behmlander **Ushers:** Kurt Fenneberg, Brent Kilgas, Ben Thompson, Brian Burbrink, Baron Bullard, Dale VonDielingen, Greg Wehmiller, Roger Wehmiller, Mitchell Kilgas, Will Borcharding, Dustin Nichols, Tony Combs, Gary Schneider, Jay Hubbard, Daniel Luecke, Jed Strange **Counting:** Bill Siefker, Mary Lou Siefker, Larry Meyer, Dale Siefker **Altar Guild:** Laverne East **Acolyte:** Mia Dailey **Audio/Video:** Jay Hubbard

11:15 am Greeters: Marsha Abraham, Sandra Burbrink, Amanda Arnold **Elders:** John Bowen **Ushers:** Karl Anderson, Dennis Klinge, Matt Pumphrey, Mackenzie Pumphrey, Larry Stahl **Acolyte:** Ben Beavers **Audio:** Walter Batman

31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> 9:00 Worship 11:15 Worship 7:00 Worship	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	2 5:30 Parish Ed 7:00 Build	3	4 5:00 Property 5:15 Fellowship & Assimilation 6:30 Elders	5	6 8:30 Planning Conference
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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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December 31, 2023

Turning the Calendar

The dawn of a new year is a good time to reflect on where we have been and where we need to go. Some try to predict events that are likely to take place or to make resolutions for how they can improve the quality of life.

As we cannot control the weather, so we do not control many of the events that come to us in life. However, there are some decisions we can make that can have a big impact on the trajectory of life and its quality. Spending time with the Creator of time and the Sustainer of life helps center our lives on who we are to be.

As the eternal Son of God took part in the dimension of our time in His birth and life, so He continues to abide with us each day of life. You might resolve in 2024 to make sure regularly to receive His gifts as you make decisions you can control to:

- Take part in worship with fellow travelers through time
- Take regular time for devotions
- Set aside time to pray for yourself, your family, and others
- Make time to serve others, through which you serve Christ

New Years Service Schedule

Join us New Year's Eve to thank God for His gifts in the past and seek His blessing on the New Year 2024. Service will be at 7:00 p.m.

Since New Years fall on Monday, please note the following changes in our schedule:

Sunday, December 31

9 and 11:15 a.m. regular services
7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve service

Monday, January 1

No Monday or Tuesday night service

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed Monday, January 1.

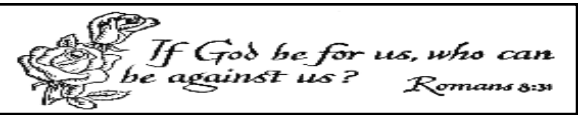
ILCCM Names New Director

With Director Katlynn Schnitker stepping aside from her role December 31, the ILCCM Board has been at work to interview various candidates for that important position. The new Director is Heather Wolka, who has been a part of our child care ministry for several years and brings with her certification and experience with child care ministries in California.

Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who shared sweets and well-wishes with our church staff over Christmas! It is a blessing to serve you and to be supported by you! Thanks also to everyone whose gifts to the church and the Faith in our Future provides the financial resources that help our Church, School, and Childcare to do the work our Lord has given us to do. May the Lord bless your generosity with His own!

The Immanuel Staff



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 24, 2023	
Unified Budget	\$66,535.45
Plate Offerings	\$2,213.00
Other Income	\$2,096.00
Total	\$70,844.45
Income & Gifts To Date	\$560,079.19
Donations to ILS 2023-2024	\$350.00
Total Gifts	\$560,429.19
Budget Needs to Date	\$543,375.72
Benevolence	\$50.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	547/307
Candlelight Attendance/Communed	590/304
Christmas Day Attendance	127
Faith In Our Future Campaign	
Pledges to Date	\$4,227,040.52
Gifts to Date	\$2,173,120.61

Luke 2:22-40: When we receive good news, it can be hard for us to keep quiet about it. Whether it's a promotion, an engagement announcement, or acing a big test – we just must tell the news! How did Anna respond to the news of the Messiah? She thanked God and spoke of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. May the Good News of Jesus Christ lead us to thank God and boldly speak of Him to the people God puts in our lives. They may be just as eager and awaiting the news as Anna was.

Acknowledgements

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored in loving memory of Craig Fenton on his birthday, December 29, by his family.

Official Acts

Bill O'Mary entered eternal life on December 13 and was given Christian burial on December 21.

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!



Have you made a New Year's Resolution yet? Perhaps one way to start 2024 is to be blessed by devotions every Monday from Dr. Seltz. Maybe it is receiving a podcast every Wednesday or an Op-Ed piece every Friday. You can receive all three or more by subscribing to the LCRL email list. See www.LCRLFreedom.org to subscribe.

Bible Readings

- 12/31 Revelation 19-22
- 1/1 Genesis 1-3
- 1/2 Genesis 4-7
- 1/3 Genesis 8-11
- 1/4 Job 1-5
- 1/5 Job 6-9
- 1/6 Job 10-13

Planning Conference
January 6

All elected board members are invited to share a wonderful breakfast and a few hours of planning for thee new year on Saturday, January 6, in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served starting at 8, the conference will start at 8:30, and we will be finished by 11.

This is a great time to work together and with individual boards to make plans for what we will seek to accomplish in 2024 for our church, school, and child care ministry. Please keep this important event in your prayers.

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. Reserved seating will be available in the front. Meet in the narthex prior to the service so we can walk in together. If you prefer sitting with your family, you can come up when invited. Thank you!

What is the Immanuel
Lutheran Foundation?

The Foundation was established on June 6, 1975. Its 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 pursuit to the specific bequests of the donor.

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!

Aide Needed at ILS

The Lorenz Family is looking for a part-time enthusiastic aide to work with their 1st Grade special needs boy, Josh, at Immanuel Lutheran School. The qualified applicant will need to be available to work with him Monday through Friday from 9:00-11:00 am (10 hours per week). The aide will work on-on-one with Josh to meet his needs according to the Service Plan which in in place with ILS. Pay will start at \$15 per hour. Anyone interested in this opportunity may contact Dr. Behmlander for more information. Please call the school office at 812 -522-1301. Thank you for considering this opportunity to be a blessing to the Lorenz family.

Make a Tax-Free Gift
From Your IRA

If you are 70 ½ years old or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to help Immanuel Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran School and receive tax benefits in return. You can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Immanuel Lutheran Church or School without having to pay income taxes on the money. This law no longer has any expiration date so you are free to make annual gifts to Immanuel Lutheran Church or School this year and well into the future. Talk with your Financial Advisor or Tax Professional to see the power of the direct gift on your tax return.