

Scholarships for International Deaconesses-Tanzania

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne / Africa | \$100,000

Due to the tremendous growth, the South East of Lake Victoria Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania has been partnering with Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW) to train deaconesses to serve their expanding membership. Upon graduation, these women will be able to serve as instructors at the Bishop Emmanuel Makala Center in Negezi, Tanzania, allowing the formation of deaconesses in the future to be an indigenous process.

Trained deaconesses will lead other women to better serve the needs within their communities. The needs include overcoming poverty, disease, disabilities, hunger, alcoholism, spousal and child abuse, and pagan influences that permeate the culture, resulting in the separation of children from their parents, creating orphans and outcasts in desperate need of the love of Christ.

This grant will fund scholarships for two students to complete their master level deaconess studies through the distance education program of CTSFW.

ILC 7th Grade Fundraiser

Immanuel Lutheran School 7th graders are selling Pampered Chef from now until October 23. Funds raised will go towards their 8th grade Washington DC trip. To order contact any ILS 7th Grader , or call Leah Gillaspay at 812-521-9220 or Rachel Bode at 812-397-7700.

**9:00 am Greeters:** Jeff & Holly Fields, Jeff & Traci Hubbard **Ushers:** Kurt Fenneberg, Brent Kilgas, Ben Thompson, Brian Burbrink, Baron Bullard, Dale VonDielingen, Greg Wehmiller, Roger Wehmiller, Mitchell Kilgas, Will Borcharding, Tony Combs, Gary Schneider, Jay Hubbard, Daniel Luecke, Jed Strange **Elders/Communion:** Sam Borcharding, Parker Wiethoff, Dave Martindale, Ervin Kruse, Cliff Brooks, Keith Sims, Matt Nieman **Counting:** Mark Nichols, Matt Lambert, Joe Bullard, Kevin Lister, John Thomas, Kyle Gentry **Acolyte:** Hudson Broshears **Altar Guild:** Rita Schepman **Audio/Video:** Grant VonDielingen/Lance Hubbard **11:15 am Greeters:** John & Helen Nolting **Elders:** Joe Brooks **Ushers:** Joe Brooks, Dennis Klinge, Matt Pumphrey, Mackenzie Pumphrey, Jeff Schneider, Larry Stahl, Mike Stuckwisch, Max Whitsett, Kameron Williams, Mason Williams, Jeremiah Clay **Acolyte:** Trevor Conner **Audio:** Jeff Hopkins **7:00 pm Elders:** Monty Siefker, Bryan Ault **Altar Guild:** Linda Schoenfelder **Acolyte:** June Emily

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| <b>11</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Bible<br>Classes/<br>Sunday School<br>11:15 Worship<br>2:00 Youth Bd | <b>12</b><br>7:00 Worship | <b>13</b><br>7:00 Men’s Bible<br>Study<br>5:30 LWML | <b>14</b><br>3:30 Sr Hi OYR<br>6:00 Women’s<br>Bible Study<br>6:15 Brass<br>7:00 WW<br>7:30 Choir | <b>15</b><br>12:00 Lunch w/<br>Pastor<br>6:00 Foundation<br>6:00 Handbells | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> |
| ILS Fall Break                                                                                          |                           |                                                     |                                                                                                   |                                                                            |           |           |

Additional Spiritual Support:

- Dial a Meditation:** call 812-522-1345 anytime for a devotion by one of our pastors.
- 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 8:30am - 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)

The Lutheran Hour on WZZB AM1390 at 11:30 a.m. Sundays



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Call for Senior Pastor Accepted

Pastor Fredstrom announced Sunday that after prayerful consideration, he was honored to accept the Call to serve as Senior Pastor at Immanuel. We thank God for this good news and prayer the Lord’s blessings on his service. Pastor Blomenberg will continue to serve on our pastoral team until such time as a call is extended and accepted for the vacant associate pastor position or he chooses to step away.

**Installation for Pastor Fredstrom will be on Sunday, November 8, beginning at 3:00 p.m.**

More information to come!

Voters to Meet October 18

The regular quarterly meeting of the Voters is scheduled for Sunday, October 18, at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All confirmed members are eligible to vote and encouraged to attend. Among items on the agenda:

- Election of officers (see slate enclosed)
- Year-end financial reports
- Recommendations regarding Fair Stand and Oktoberfest proceeds

New Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for the 26-27 fiscal year are available in the hallway in alphabetical order. If for some reason your box is not available, please contact the church office and we will get it to you.

Don’t need a box? If you give electronically and don’t need envelopes, give the church office a call to let us know, or email us at [info@immanuelseymour.org](mailto:info@immanuelseymour.org). Thank you!

Gift of Grain

For those involved in farming, a gift of grain is another way to support the mission and ministry of Immanuel. Donating grain directly as a gift in kind allows a portion of the harvest God has provided to be given in support of the work of His Church, while lessening tax burden. If you are interested in making a gift of grain, please contact the financial office for information on how to make the transfer.

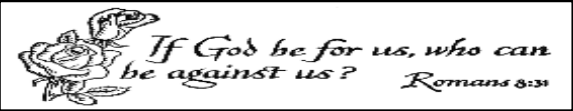
2026 Reformation Rally



The annual Lutheran Mission Federation Reformation Rally will be hosted by Immanuel on **Sunday, October 25, at 6:00 p.m.**

Rev. Dr. Peter Nafzger, Associate Professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will be our guest preacher.

Please join us for this special evening of worship and fellowship as we pray that the Lord would continue to preserve His Church and pass on the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to generations to come.



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

| Totals from October 4, 2026  |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Unified Budget               | \$26,445.72    |
| Plate Offerings              | \$1,142.65     |
| Other Income                 | \$207.00       |
| Total                        | \$27,795.37    |
| Income & Gifts To Date       | \$27,795.37    |
| Budget Needs to Date         | \$43,384.31    |
| Benevolence                  | \$150.00       |
| Sunday Attendance/Communed   | 700/130        |
| Monday Attendance            | 70             |
| Faith In Our Future Campaign |                |
| Gifts to Date                | \$3,742,489.58 |

**Matthew 22:1-14:** Have you ever been to a wedding rehearsal? The wedding is looked forward to with such great anticipation, but the rehearsal? Not so much. Jesus teaches a parable about His Kingdom, saying we should live as if we're preparing for the marriage feast every day. He invites us to experience a foretaste of His eternal banquet here on earth. Therefore, what is life but a rehearsal for the never-ending feast of heaven? Why not invite someone to view life from a whole new perspective: an eternal one! By sharing the truth of God's Word, you can help people cast aside the temporal cares that are here today and gone tomorrow and see the true joys God has in mind by living here and now as a rehearsal for the eternal.

### Official Acts

**Gregg Bryant** entered eternal life on September 24 and was given Christian burial on October 2.

**Madison Mae Thias**, daughter of Tyler & Kelsey (Nolting) Thias, was baptized on October 4.

**Harmony Rose, Dean Hunter, Brynlee Sue**, children of Logan & Jasmine Tindell-Hageman, were baptized on October 6.

### Acknowledgements

**Today's Informer** is sponsored by Tom & Laverne East in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary on October 16.



Lutherans For Life The wedding feast is prepared, yet people have lots of reasons for not attending. However, the excuses given for rejecting God are as implausible as the excuses people give to defend abortion and assisted dying (Matthew 22:5). Still, as God invites us into His great wedding banquet, He reminds us that this feast has been prepared for all and that every person is still precious to Him (Isaiah 25:6-7). Therefore, we have the task of extending His gracious invitation to "as many as you find" (Matthew 22:9).

### Bible Readings

- 10/11 Matthew 11
- 10/12 Matthew 12:22-50; Luke 11
- 10/13 Matthew 13; Luke 8
- 10/14 Matthew 8:14-34 Mark 4-5
- 10/15 Matthew 9-10
- 10/16 Matthew 14 Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17
- 10/17 John 6

### Nominated for election -Voter's October 18, 2026

- Treasurer of Congregation** – Morgan Pyle, Rachel Sterling
- Secretary of Congregation** – Mark Nolting, Ryan Williams
- Board of Property** – Josh Dailey, Mitchell Kilgas, Ross Kruse, Cole Schaefer, Bill Stayton, Lucas Wehmiller
- Board of Stewardship** –Charlie Fox, Jay Goad, Kevin Lister, Piper Shoemaker, PJ Stein
- Board of Immanuel Lutheran School** – Patrick Downey, Lindsey Kilgas, Ashley MacTavish, Ryan Sterling
- Cemetery Board** – Jerrell Hubbard, Max Siefker
- Board of Missions** – Cary Bell, Kyle Gentry, Jennifer Mathis, Bethany Hubbard
- Board of Evangelism** – Ronda Cain, Shelby Dailey, Shannon McLendon
- Board of Fellowship & Assimilation** – Jodi Batman, Brandi Burbrink, Ashley Hancock, Brittany Snowden
- Board of Youth** – Tara Hatfield, Shelby Schepman, Jeanie Schneider, Patrick Whitson
- Board of Human Care** – Kristi Burbrink, Rachael Fenton, Chelsa Goben, Jaylyn Stam
- Board of Parish Education** – Madge Warren, Kendal Robertson, Christy Pottschmidt, Katy Mathena, Sue Sims
- Immanuel Lutheran Church Foundation** – Kara Abraham, Kris Williams, Jeff Nolting, Patty Thomas
- Auditing Committee** – Jeri Burbrink, Michelle Schaefer, Tyler Thias, Collin Ulrey
- Recording Secretary** – Sarah Bumbleburg, Susan Wehmiller
- Delegate Lutheran Mission Federation** – Kim Barnett, Elaine Belk
- Delegate to Synod District Convention:** Noah Sutton, Steve Sharer
- Fair Stand Committee** – Joe & Amanda Easton, Will & Kamille Borcharding, Troy & Briana Hehman
- Board of Elders** – Walter Batman, Frank Cottey, Jeff Fields, Dallas Goecker, David Hill, Ervin Kruse, Patrick LeClaire, Kyle Mathena, Brayden Myers, Drew Royalty, Gariathon Snowden, Seth Stuckwisch, Loren Wischmeier
- Trinity Lutheran High School Delegate** – Megan Blomenberg, Keith Dyer
- Nominating Committee** – Jane Goecker, Lindsey Montgomery, Brad Schepman, Dale VonDielingen
- ILCCM Board** – Ashley Boas, Philip Burbrink, Briana Hehman, Lucy Stuckwisch
- Oktoberfest** – Josh & Kate Pottschmidt, Elisha & Miranda Shelton, Andy & Erica Beyers

### YAM Mystery Party

Join us for a Young Adult Ministry Halloween costume party where secrets, suspects, and spooky surprises await. Dress up, get into character, gather the clues, and see if you can solve the ultimate Halloween **WHODUNIT!** The fun begins on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Luke and Katlynn Schnitker's, and it is an adult-only event. Please bring an appetizer to share and RSVP on the Facebook page or at the church office by Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> — the deadline is firm, so we can assign characters and plan accordingly.

### Fish Fry

St. Peter Lutheran Church, Waymansville, will have their annual Fish Fry is Sunday, October 18, from 4:00-7:00 pm. We will offer dine-in, carry-out, and drive through. All funds raised will be used to buy new playground equipment for our church.

### Adult Senior Ministry

**Wednesday, October 21, at 11:30 a.m.**  
**"Schulhaus 4+3 German Band"**

Please join us in the fellowship hall on October 21 as we enjoy music from the "Schulhaus 4+3 German Band" and a meal (\$5 per person). Need a ride? Call the church office at 812-522-3118.

### Save the Date

The Board of Parish Education will be hosting its annual **Women's Advent by Candlelight** on Sunday, December 6, 2026, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. More information will follow.

### Supper & Bazaar

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Borchers will have a Supper & Bazaar on Friday, November 6, from 4:00 -7:00 pm. Questions, please call 812-522-7364