

LWML Mission Grant

The Teaching of Lutheran Pastors in West Africa

The project will send two LCMS Pastors to both Sierra Leone and Liberia to teach principles of doctrine and practice to Lutheran pastors in West Africa. LCMS pastors will make two trips per year (four for the biennium). The estimated cost for the team to travel and stay in West Africa is \$21,000.

Students selected by their church body attend training for the Pastoral Ministry. In countries where witch doctors, Muslims, animism, prosperity preachers, and a mix of all of these is prevalent, to have the pure Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed and taught is vital. The project also hopes to purchase Kindles or electronic books since paper books do not last long in this climate. A web portal will be established to allow teaching and completion of assignments between sessions.

This grant will cover the cost of travel, rental facilities for teaching, lodging, meals, and materials.

9:00 am Greeters: Walter & Jodi Batman, Rosalie Grabinski, Doug & Joan Nichols **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:** Dave Martindale **Counting:** Craig Moore, Luke Nolting, Brian Rohr, Mark Nolting, Chad Cooper, Parker Wiethoff **Acolyte:** Emma Brooks **Audio/Video:** Walter Batman/Jackson Fox

11:15 am Greeters: Sandra Burbrink, Bill & Carolyn Hubble, Andy & Leah Gillaspy **Ushers:** Joe Brooks, Dennis Klinge, Matt Pumphrey, Mackenzie Pumphrey, Jeff Schneider, Larry Stahl, Mike Stuckwisch, Max Whitsett, Kameron Williams, Mason Williams, Jeremiah Clay **Elders/Communion:** Charlie Smith, Jeff Hopkins, Matt Pumphrey **Altar Guild:** Donna Moore **Acolyte:** Lily Allman **Audio:** Bob Emily

7:00 pm Elders: Monty Siefker, Bryan Ault **Acolyte:** Ailey Abner

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9:00 Worship 10:15 Bible Classes/ Sunday School 11:15 Worship	8:30 Chapel 3:15 7th OYR 5:30 Altar Guild 7:00 Worship	7:00 Men's Bi- ble Study 9:30 Bible Study 3:15 8th OYR 5:00 Parish Ed 6:30 The Chosen 7:00 Guild	3:30 Sr Hi OYR 6:00 Women's Bible Study 6:15 Brass 7:00 WW/ Confirmation 7:30 Choir	12:00 Lunch w/Pastor 4:00 Trustees 5:30 Council 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Elders	10:30 Bible Class	

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



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Voters Extend Call for Senior Pastor

A large group of members filled the Fellowship Hall Sunday for the special meeting of the Voters Assembly. Following a devotion by Pastor Doug Bauman, District Vice President, and remarks from Tom Goecker, chairman of the Call Committee, and Pastor Blomenberg, the voters unanimously approved extending a Divine Call to Pastor Fredstrom to serve as Senior Pastor. Please keep him in your prayers as he considers this prayerfully,

The motion also affirmed that Pastor Blomenberg would 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.

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. Thank you!

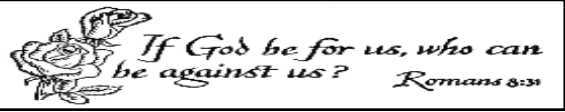
LWML Sunday

With many other Lutheran Churches, the first Sunday in October is a time to emphasize and celebrate the important mission of Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Today's worship includes the LWML pledge and hymn. Members of LWML will also be receiving a door offering at the end of the service at each of the exits to support the mission of the LWML, and children's Mite Boxes will be handed out during the children's message. The next regular meeting of the LWML will be Tuesday, October 13 at 5:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Oktoberfest Danke Schoen!

Thanks to all who prepared and served food and organized and set up the Suppenhaus for Oktoberfest! Thanks also to our great customers! At the time this is written, it is too soon to tell whether there will be unsold items, but if there are, they will be available near the Fellowship Hall between services.

Altar Guild will meet Monday, October 5, at 5:30p.m.



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

Totals from September 27, 2026	
Unified Budget	\$100,833.57
Plate Offerings	\$1,132.00
Other Income	\$57,167.17
Total	\$159,132.74
Income & Gifts To Date	\$2,113,352.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$2,296,096.00
Benevolence	\$400.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	714/395
Monday Attendance	62
Faith In Our Future Campaign	
Gifts to Date	\$3,742,374.58

Matthew 21:33-46: Jesus tells this parable about God's long-suffering grace. Just like the Pharisees, people don't understand God and His character. They understood grace as a license for sin, greed, and murderous acts. They understood grace as a deed of ownership, which allowed them to reject the landlord and kill his son. Jesus would take the punishment for sin upon Himself with His life and death on the Cross. Those who would reject Jesus would be lost. The Law and Gospel are very clear for us to share with the world. God longs to save the world by grace in Jesus.

Official Acts

Jerry Waskom entered eternal life on September 17 and was given Christian burial on September 26.

Marty Pearson and Beth Russell were united in marriage on September 26.

Emmett Lee Stam, son of Eric & Jaylyn (Quade) Stam, was baptized on September 27.

Acknowledgements

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored by the Nolting family in honor and celebration of the baptism of Madison Mae with thanksgiving to God for the blessing she is to our family.

Today's Informer is sponsored in celebration of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Todd & Chris Behmlander, October 4, by Adam, Erica, Evan, Hannah, Bradley, Eli, Carson, and Daisy Behmlander and Jerry & Betty Hall.



The master sent servants to harvest, and the tenants beat them and treated them harshly. Even worse, they killed the son. We too can treat the messengers of the Gospel harshly, especially when they speak the truth of God's Law to us. And yet, the Son of God went to the cross for us who are wicked and sinful (Matthew 21), and the vineyard of the Lord will yield good grapes on the last day (Isaiah 5). So, we press on toward the goal of everlasting life and share the Gospel with others, knowing that only by the grace of God are we counted as perfect (Philippians 3).

Bible Readings

- 10/4 Matthew 4; Luke 4-5, John 1:15-51
- 10/5 John 2-4
- 10/6 Mark 2
- 10/7 John 5
- 10/8 Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3 Luke 6
- 10/9 Matthew 5-7
- 10/10 Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7

First Sunday Fellowship Today!

Join us for an intergenerational fellowship time after the 9:00 a.m. worship service on the first Sunday of each month to start Sunday school. We will serve refreshments, followed by a welcome and opening prayer in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to this fellowship time and is encouraged to stay for Sunday school. Children will accompany their families to the Fellowship Hall, and Sunday school teachers will pick them up after the opening prayer.

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.

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 30th 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 19th — the deadline is firm, so we can assign characters and plan accordingly.

ILC Planning Conference 2027

Due to when Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on the calendar, ILC's annual Planning Conference will be held on the second Saturday of January: January 9, 2027. If your term of service on a board or committee continues into 2027 or if you are elected to a board or committee at the October voters' meeting, please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we coordinate, align, and look forward to another great year of mission and ministry as we remain Rooted in Christ and His gifts! Additional details will be shared as we get closer to the date.

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.

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.

Immanuel Guild Nut Sale

Immanuel Guild is selling pecan halves, pecan pieces, cashews, mixed nuts and walnuts. They are \$14 per bag. Contact Joan Nichols 812-528-3992; Debbie Quillen 812-498-2171; Tammy Martindale 317-517-0774 or any Guild member to place your order.

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.

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