

## LWLM Mission Grant—The Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch

The mission of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch has touched the lives of more than 43,000 at-risk children and their families. They bring Christ-centered hope and healing to children who have experienced severe psychiatric emotional, behavioral, and/or developmental challenges due to abuse, neglect, violence, and other heartbreaking traumas.

The Ranch is planning to build the Zurcher Cottage they plan to create the Reflection Room, which will serve as a safe and calming environment to support the emotional, spiritual, and psychological well-being of the children. Not only will this room benefit the children but it will also directly support the staff during stressful work shifts and allow them to be more efficient caregivers to the children in their care. This Grant will help fund the construction and fundraising of the Reflection Room on the Ranch's Minot campus.

**9:00 am Greeters:** Rocky & Katie Kaufman, Chris & Anne Stahl, Duane & Dona Williams **Ushers:** Kurt Fenneberg, Larry Harlow, Troy Hehman, Cary Bell, Andrew Bell, Dave Boggs, Ryan Williams, Eli Williams, Caleb Williams, Wes Baker, Luke Baker, Brayden Myers **Elders/Communion:** Sam Borcharding, Parker Wiethoff, Dave Martindale, Ervin Kruse, Cliff Brooks, Keith Sims, Matt Nieman **Counting:** Craig Moore, Luke Nolting, Brian Rohr, Mark Nolting, Chad Cooper, Parker Wiethoff **Altar Guild:** Carol Hill **Acolyte:** Trista Wischmeier **Audio/Video:** Grant VonDielingen/Lance Hubbard

**11:15 am Greeters:** Randy 'Dude' Dittmer, Craig & Stephanie Flinn, Don & Judy Myers **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:** Jacob Lorenz **Audio:** Jeff Hopkins

**7:00 pm Elders:** Monty Siefker, Bryan Ault **Altar Guild:** Linda Schoenfelder **Acolyte:** Oliver Williams

<b>8</b> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Bible Study/SS/AIC 11:15 Worship 2:00 Mission Federation	<b>9</b> 8:30 Chapel 3:15 7th OYR 4:00 Trustees 4:30 ILCCM 6:00 Missions 7:00 Worship	<b>10</b> 7:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Circuit Pastors 3:15 8th OYR 5:30 Evangelism 6:30 The Chosen	<b>11</b> 4:30 Worship 5:00-6:15 Lent Meal/Lent for Little Ones 5:15 School 6:15 Brass 7:00 Worship 8:00 AIC/Conf/Choir	<b>12</b> 12:00-6:00 Blood Drive 12:00 Lunch w/ Pastor 3:15 6th Grade Youth 7:00 ILS Jr. High Musical	<b>13</b> 8:30 Mom's Prayer Group 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 ILS Jr. High Musical	<b>14</b> <i>Sr. High Escape Room</i>
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### 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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March 8, 2026

## Call Committee Appointed

With the retirement of Pastor Rodriguez, a call committee has been appointed by Chairman Chris Stahl per the provisions of the By-laws. Members are Tom Goecker, Chairman; Patty Thomas, Secretary; Brad Boas, Chris Behmlander, and Ben Thompson, with Pastors Blomenberg and Fredstrom advisory members.

The Committee will meet later in March with the Circuit Visitor and District President. Current position descriptions are being reviewed to clarify the particular responsibilities that will be expected of the associate pastor to be called.

The Bylaws specify that members of the congregation may submit names of pastors they would like to see the Call Committee consider, which would also be reviewed by the District President. All such names should be submitted by **March 23** to a member of the committee or the church office. Please keep this process in your prayers, that the Lord's will be done.

## ILS Jr. High Musical

**Jr. High Musical "Dare to Dream"** will be presented by the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students of ILS. Over 20 Disney songs, choreography & artwork will be on display. The show dates are Thursday, March 12 & Friday, March 13 at 7:00 PM in the ILS gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and are available at the school office or at the door. Hope to see you there!

## Lent Services Continue Wednesday

We offer services each Wednesday during Lent at 4:30 and 7 to help us focus more clearly on what Jesus provides for us through His suffering, death, and rising. Our theme this year helps us find strength and blessing in the many ways Jesus is **for us!** This week we look at how **for us** He seeks.

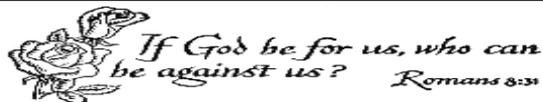
- We will offer a hymn sing at 4:15 and 6:45 to prepare for the services.
- Devotion books for children are available at no cost.
- Our youth serve a delicious meal in the Fellowship Hall from 5-6:15!
- The 7 p.m. service will be livestreamed and broadcast on AM1390/FM99.3

## Mission Federation Meets March 8

Delegates from area congregations that are part of the Lutheran Mission Federation will meet today at 2 at Emanuel Dudleystown.

## Spring Forward!

Twice each year we change our clocks. Sunday, March 8, starts DST, so we have moved the clocks at the church forward. It must mean spring is near!



If God be for us, who can be against us? *Romans 8:31*

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

### Totals from March 1, 2026

Unified Budget	\$37,366.20
Plate Offerings	\$870.80
Other Income	\$793.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,030.00</b>
<b>Income &amp; Gifts To Date</b>	<b>\$894,083.30</b>
Budget Needs to Date	\$971,425.23
Benevolence	\$990.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	728/163
Monday Attendance	63
Ash Wednesday Attendance	347
<b>Faith In Our Future Campaign</b>	
Pledges to Date	\$4,374,380.55
Gifts to Date	\$3,614,767.11

**John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42):** Do you find yourself parched in the middle of this Lenten season? If you do, think of what the world that doesn't regularly taste the living water of God's Word must be going through. The Bible has what we have been thirsting for, and God's Spirit quenches our thirst with the life-giving sustenance of Himself. Do we know who is offering us the gift of living water? Or are we like the Samaritan woman looking everywhere else but the true fountain? The post-modern world in which we live is either not looking at all, or they are looking in all the wrong places for something to quench their thirst. The spiritual thirst mechanism is a gift from God. But Satan looks to satisfy the thirst with the things of this world rather than that which truly satisfies: Christ alone. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you draw from the only well that gives life, Jesus Christ Himself. Draw living water from this Well in the course of your daily living and satisfy the thirst of those around you by sharing Jesus Christ, freely pouring out His love and saving grace without limit.

## Official Acts

**Richard Siefker** entered eternal life on February 18 and was give Christian burial on February 26.

**Ryan Brown & Trinity Walters** were united in marriage on February 28.

**Aurora Evonne McKinney**, daughter of Ethan & Megan (Kieser) McKinney, was baptized on March 1.

**Sara Hill Howard** entered eternal life on February 23 and was given Christian burial on March 1.

## Acknowledgements

**Today's Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Hugh & Jeanie Schneider in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary on March 12.



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For Life

The world tells us to avoid suffering at all costs, even justifying murder (abortion, suicide, assisted suicide) on the grounds that death can be used to avoid further suffering. However, St.

Paul reminds us that, rather than trying to avoid suffering through death, we "can rejoice in our sufferings" (Romans 5:3), knowing that God uses our suffering to increase our hope in Him and bring us to everlasting glory. Therefore, when suffering comes, "let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker (Psalm 95:6), entrusting ourselves into the hands of the One who "died for us" (Romans 5:8).



Start your week with a timely devotional message written by Dr. Seltz delivered to your email inbox. Subscribe at <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/#subscribe>

## Bible Readings

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| <b>3/8</b> Numbers 33-34    | <b>3/12</b> Deuteronomy 5-7   |
| <b>3/9</b> Numbers 35-36    | <b>3/13</b> Deuteronomy 8-10  |
| <b>3/10</b> Deuteronomy 1-2 | <b>3/14</b> Deuteronomy 11-13 |
| <b>3/11</b> Deuteronomy 3-4 |                               |

**To our Pastors and Congregation at Immanuel,** Thank You with all my heart for your prayers throughout my recent heart surgery and recovery. I felt them so deeply and am so very grateful for your love and care. My deepest prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving are with all of you. Thank you, again, with all my heart. *Pam Schneider*

## Easter Candy Donations

The Board of Parish Education is seeking candy donations for the Children's Easter egg hunt on Sunday, April 5. Candy must be individually wrapped and be able to fit inside plastic eggs. Please drop candy off at the church office anytime between now and Sunday, March 22.

## Adult Senior Ministry

Join us **Thursday, March 19, at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Scott Swan, author of "The Hope You Need Today" daily devotional, will be guest speaker.** Cost is \$5 for meal. Please call the church office at 812-522-3118 if you need a ride. Please enter through door 6 by the fellowship hall kitchen.

**If you would like to sponsor an Easter Lily, please call the church office by March 20. They are \$20.00 each.**

## Faithful Parenting in Transition

**April 12th 2-4pm Immanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**

Vicar Max Johnston is hosting a free workshop for parents of high school and college students. It is an observed phenomenon across the Christian church that the transition between high school and college is a marked drop off in church attendance and participation. The goal of this event is to provide concrete resources and information to help parents foster and encourage their child's faith as they transition and move into young adult independence. The event will consist of a presentation on developmental stages of high school and college aged students from counselor and Deaconess Michelle Downey, a sharing of resources on tangible steps that can be taken led by Vicar, and a Q&A with a panel of older parents and recent students. No registration required.

Questions can be direct to Vicar Max Johnston: [vicar@immanuelseymour.com](mailto:vicar@immanuelseymour.com)

## Easter Comfort, Easter Joy

Due to low registration, the grief support classes are being postponed until another time.

## March 11 Lenten Meal

**(Serving Time: 5-6:15 pm)**

**Baked Ham, Potatoes, Baked Beans, Rolls, Dessert**

## Blood Drive

**Thursday, March 12 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

To Schedule an appointment please go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS. **If you would like to help donors check-in, call Lisa in the church office.**

## Help Us Help Them!

At Trinity High Resale Shop in Seymour, we offer a variety of quality items for sale. Proceeds are donated annually, in July, to Trinity Lutheran High School to assist with tuition payments and/or any other needs identified by the School. As of July 2025, our Shop has donated in excess of \$1,500,000!

We are seeking energetic volunteers for 4 or more hours during the week. Hours are 9am to 5pm, daily, except for Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Call to schedule a time to come in and visit with Co-Managers, Linda Pollert (812-525-9720) or Cindy Thixton (314-603-0003). We look forward to speaking with you!