

LWML Mission Grant

Lutheran Family Services, Iowa, U.S. \$92,500

The number of serious mental health problems, suicide attempts, gender identity confusion and transition, and alienation from family and church is impacting young people and their parents. These cultural and mental health issues are destroying faith, lives, and families. Because of the stigma surrounding these topics, it is often difficult for Christian families to ask for help. They would like care that is scripturally sound, and Gospel-focused. Many LCMS parents facing these circumstances feel isolated and alone and are at risk of leaving the church.

This grant will fund teams of LCMS pastors and licensed mental health therapists to provide Gospel-focused care for families.

Gideons International Seymour Camp

The Gideons International-Seymour Camp is seeking Christian professional and business men and their wives to join their camp. Our mission is to bring people to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ through Bible placements in hotels and doctors' offices, Bible distribution events, and by witnessing to people. For more information please visit

<https://gideons.org/explore-membership>
or contact Ron Harrison (812-530-6326) or Cary Bell (812-524-2847).



Immanuel
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May 17, 2026

New Member Welcome Today

Today at the 11:15 service we welcome members who have recently transferred to Immanuel and those who will be confirmed after completing our most recent Adult Instruction Class.

By Confirmation: Austin Frady, Katie Malone, Max Malone, Ken McLean, Josh & Rachael Parmley, Jennifer Wheeler.

By Transfer: Olivia (Hackman) Amy, Kathy Colvin, Kyle, Hannah, Blair & Quinn Klosterman, Jeremiah, Brittany, Eva & Hallie Percival.

After the service, a luncheon will be served followed by a brief orientation. We thank God for the opportunity to get to know and serve with these new members!

Graduations This Week:

Christian education is an important part of the ministry of our congregation. This week, we celebrate milestones for children we have the opportunity to serve.

Monday, 6:30 p.m. ILS Kindergarten closing program, auxiliary gym

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Big Warriors closing program, auxiliary gym

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. ILS 8th Grade graduation, main gym

We thank God for the growth these children have experienced through the faithful service of teachers, staff, and parents!

Faith in Our Future Closing Celebration

Everyone is welcome to attend a reception between services **TODAY** as we mark the completion of the three-year pledges for Faith in Our Future. Refreshments will be served, and reports will be shared on all of the wonderful things that have been accomplished and are being planned at ILS and ILCCM! The Lord has blessed our partnership together, and as a result, has provided blessings for children now and in generations to come!

Monday Service on Tuesday

The Monday evening service, which would fall on Memorial Day, moves to Tuesday, May 26, at 7 p.m.

Students at D.C.

8th grade students and chaperones from Immanuel headed out last week for their class trip to Washington, D.C. and are scheduled to return Monday. May the Lord bless their travel and their time there!

Adult Senior Ministry

Wednesday, May 20, beginning at 11:30 a.m.
"Dixieland Band"

Please join us in the fellowship hall for a meal (\$5 per person) and entertainment listed above. If you need a ride, please call the church office at 812-522-3118.

9:00 am Greeters: Jerry & Betty Hall, Linda O'Haver, Blake & Megan O'Haver **Elders:** Dave Martindale **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 **Counting:** Craig Moore, Luke Nolting, Brian Rohr, Mark Nolting, Chad Cooper, Parker Wiethoff **Acolyte:** Kinsley Storey **Audio/Video:** Jordan Richart/Jay Hubbard

11:15 am Greeters: Glen & Carlana Able, Dennis Ramsey **Ushers:** Joe Brooks, Dennis Klinge, Matt Pumphrey, Mackenzie Pumphrey, Jeff Schneider, Larry Stahl, Mike Stuckwisch, Max Whitsett, Kameron Williams, Mason Williams, Jeremiah Clay **Elders:** Mark Hopkins, Jeff Hopkins, Walter Batman, Brent Wichman, Charlie Smith **Altar Guild:** Carol Hill **Acolyte:** Walker Sutherland **Audio:** Rick McAllister

7:00 pm Elders: Monty Siefker, Bryan Ault **Acolyte:** Kooper Smith

17 9:00 Worship 10:15 FIOF Celebration 11:15 Worship 12:30 New Member Luncheon	18 3:15 7th OYR 6:00 Missions 6:30 Kindergarten Graduation 7:00 Worship	19 7:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Pastor's Conference 3:15 8th OYR 6:30 Ladies Aid 3 6:30 Big Warriors Graduation	20 11:30 Adult Senior Ministry 2:15 Closing Chapel 3:15 Sr. Hi OYR 5:30 Human Care 7:00 ILS Graduation	21 12:00 Lunch w/Pastor 6:00 VBS Volunteer Meeting	22 10:30 Bible Study	23
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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.

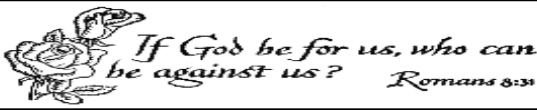
Bulletins and Informers for the upcoming week are available on THURSDAYS after 12 noon.

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

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



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

Totals from May 10, 2026	
Unified Budget	\$46,124.02
Plate Offerings	\$1,362.25
Other Income	\$78.00
Total	\$47,564.27
Income & Gifts To Date	\$1,244,133.64
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,412,982.15
Benevolence	\$126.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	784/454
Monday Attendance	55
Faith In Our Future Campaign	
Pledges to Date	\$4,366,699.58
Gifts to Date	\$3,715,143.50

John 17:1-11: On this last Sunday of the Easter Season, we hear Jesus praying His High Priestly Prayer, and He's praying for you; He's praying for your church family. He wants you to be people of His Word and Name unified as one Body with Him as the Head. His Body should function as ONE with Him as the Head and every member of the Body having a unique but unified function together as one for the purpose of His Kingdom. Read John 17 once again today at home, and then pray for His will to be first done in your individual life and collectively as a unified church family. Pray that your life would be an answer to Jesus' prayer that His will may be done to carry out His purpose in the world that needs the Good News of salvation.

Official Acts

Max Malone was baptized on May 11.
Acknowledgements
 Today's **Altar Flowers** are sponsored in memory of Maverick Flinn by his Big Warriors classmates in honor of their graduation.



Seventh Sunday of Easter – "Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts!" (Psalm 68:4). What a wonderful picture of Christ, God-in-the-flesh, who entered the desert wilderness of this world to bring light into the darkness and life to the dead! In a world that fosters a culture of death, Jesus came to give us eternal life. In Him, grace and peace rain down in abundance (Psalm 68:9). What hope this brings to those who are suffering, facing an unexpected pregnancy, or have lost their mooring in life! Christ brings forgiveness and restoration. Although we endure fiery trials (1 Peter 4:12), and the devil prowls like a roaring lion, seeking to devour (1 Peter 5:8-9), yet by the power of God's Word, we resist him, firm in the faith. We are blessed as we follow Jesus, who suffered once for all on the cross, accomplishing the work that the Father gave Him to do (John 17:4). Risen, ascended, and glorified, Jesus restores, confirms, strengthens, and establishes us in the true faith (1 Peter 5:10).



Religious Liberty, Sanctity of Life, Traditional Marriage, and Educational Freedom are the focus of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. See www.LCRLFreedom.org for more info.

Bible Readings

- 5/17 2 Samuel 16-18
- 5/18 Psalm 26, 40, 58, 61-62, & 64
- 5/19 2 Samuel 19-21
- 5/20 Psalm 5, 38, & 41-42
- 5/21 2 Samuel 22-23; Psalm 57
- 5/22 Psalm 95, 97-99
- 5/23 2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21-22; Psalm 30

Wear Red for Pentecost!

On Pentecost Sunday, May 24, worshipers are encouraged to wear the color red as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. Red reminds us of the flames of fire at Pentecost and the Spirit's power at work through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Join us as we celebrate this joyful festival day together!

Memorial Day Cemetery Flag Placement Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are invited to help place small American flags at gravesites in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day. We will gather on **Thursday, May 21, beginning at 4:00 p.m.** This simple act of remembrance honors the men and women who served our country and reflects our gratitude for their sacrifice. Families, youth, and individuals of all ages are welcome to assist. If you are able to help, please meet at the cemetery chapel area at 4:00 p.m. Thank you for helping us prepare the cemetery for this important day of remembrance

TLHS is Seeking Full or Part-Time Science Teacher

At Trinity, our mission is to educate, develop, and prepare Christian servant leaders, and our teachers play a vital role in that calling each day.
 If you or someone you know may be interested, we would love to start the conversation!
 Send a letter of interest and resume to Clayton Darlage at cdarlage@trinitycougars.org

Welcome Center Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Welcome Center following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship services. Volunteers will assist in greeting first-time visitors and distributing a small hospitality gift as we warmly welcome guests to Immanuel.
 If you are willing to serve in this important hospitality ministry, please contact the church office at 812-522-3118 or Judy McKain at 812-498-8761. Thanks!

VBS Donations

We're excited to host Vacation Bible School and share God's love with our children and community! To make it a success, we need your help and are seeking donations for crafts, snacks, and activities. Every gift, big or small, makes a difference. To donate items for VBS, requests are located on a poster board in the narthex hallway. The board explains instructions for donating by choosing a slip, following the QR code, or purchasing the item in store. Donations are needed by **Sunday, May 24**, and can be brought to the Church Office.

Vacation Bible School

Join us June 1-5, for a Tropical Trek where we will learn how Jesus came to seek and save the lost! For children ages 3 (potty trained) through 6th grade and volunteers. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day. Follow the QR code to register online, or complete a paper copy available in the narthex hallway or the church office.



Exceptional Friends VBS

The Board of Parish Education is excited to continue the Exceptional Friends VBS for the second year. The Exceptional Needs VBS will take place June 1-5, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Open to friends of all ages with special needs and those who wish to volunteer. Use the QR code to register online, or complete a paper copy available in the narthex or the church office. Please share with anyone you think would benefit from attending!

