

## LCMS Foundation

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Some might consider this a difficult task. Immanuel Lutheran Church Foundation has vetted counselors who can support this process at no cost to you. Contact the church office or one of our Pastors for more information.

## Dr. Fish Scholarship

This Scholarship is restricted to high school graduates who are also graduates of Immanuel Lutheran School in Seymour. This scholarship award is \$1000.00 for those pursuing a healthcare related degree. Deadline is July 15, 2026. Go to [www.drfishscholar.com](http://www.drfishscholar.com) for more information and to apply.

## Trinity Youth Football

**Registration** for Trinity Youth Football League's upcoming season is now open. TYFL offers flag football, tackle football, and cheerleading ranging from grades K-8.

Go to [www.trinityyouthfootball.com](http://www.trinityyouthfootball.com) to register online by July 15 and send any questions to [tyfl@trinitycougars.org](mailto:tyfl@trinitycougars.org).

**9:00 am Greeters:** Michael & Sarah Bumbleburg, Phil & Mary Garrison, Joan Rieckers **Elders/Communion:** Dennis Maxie, Joe Bullard, Wayne Woodard, Corey Zaring, Jeff Schile, Frank Gilbert **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:** Mark Nichols, Matt Lambert, Joe Bullard, Kevin Lister, John Thomas, Kyle Gentry **Altar Guild:** Jamie Schoenfelder **Acolyte:** Mallory Thompson **Audio/Video:** Kelly Luecke, Aaron Bloch

**11:15 am Greeters:** Ester Becker, Tom & Jerretta Bullard, Julie Ballard **Ushers:** Joe Brooks, Dennis Klinge, Matt Pumphrey, Mackenzie Pumphrey, Jeff Schneider, Larry Stahl, Mike Stuckwisch, Max Whitsett, Kameron Williams, Mason Williams, Jeremiah Clay **Acolyte:** Dan Tracey **Audio:** Jeff Hopkins

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

24 9:00 Worship 11:15 Worship	25 <b>Memorial Day</b> Church Office Closed	26 3:30 8th OYR 9:30 Bible Class 7:00 Worship	27 3:30 Sr Hi OYR	28	29	30
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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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# INFORMER

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## Congratulations, Graduates!

The Board of Fellowship and Assimilation will honor high school graduates at the **9:00 service on May 31**. A reception will be held outside, weather permitting, following the 9:00 service. Graduates, please call the office and let us know that you will be able to attend.

## 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 **Tuesday, May 26** and can be brought to the Church Office.

## New Bible Class Begins May 31

“What Lutherans Believe and Why” is the title of a summer series Pastor Blomenberg will be leading on Sunday mornings between services starting May 31. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

The classes are intended to provide a review of topics members may have learned many years ago, but now would like to discuss from an adult's perspective. It also is for individuals who want to know more about the Lutheran church or would like to join.

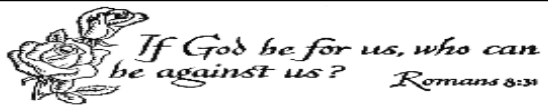
Among subjects we will cover:

- Is the Bible trustworthy and do its teachings apply today?
- If God created the world, why is there so much suffering and evil in it?
- Who is Jesus, and why is He so central in the Christian faith?
- What is Baptism, what is Communion, and who are they for?
- What do we know about heaven, hell, angels, devils, and the future?

All materials will be provided at no cost. Hope you will join us!

## Monday Service on Tuesday

The Monday evening service, which would fall on Memorial Day, moves to Tuesday, May 26, at 7 p.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 May 17, 2026	
Unified Budget	\$30,252.00
Plate Offerings	\$1,387.00
Other Income	\$120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,759.00</b>
<b>Income &amp; Gifts To Date</b>	<b>\$1,275,892.64</b>
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,412,982.15
Benevolence	\$6,834.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	732/148
Monday Attendance	24
Ascension Service	72
<b>Faith In Our Future Campaign</b>	
Pledges to Date	\$4,367,929.58
Gifts to Date	\$3,718,622.38

**John 7:37-39:** The Festival of Pentecost is a day full of celebration. In the Old Testament, it was a festival of first fruits, similar to our celebration of Thanksgiving. People dropped everything they were doing and traveled to Jerusalem to offer God a tithe; the first fruits offering of thanksgiving to God for His blessing to them. God chose this day as the birthday of His Church. There would be no Church without the working of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings faith through clear communication of God's Word. Faith comes through hearing the Word. The celebration of Pentecost beckons us to keep breathing, inhaling the Spirit of God into our very souls and exhaling the Word of God to the world. Pentecost challenges us to keep ourselves always open to the Spirit who seeks us out. The Spirit calls and enlightens us to make ourselves available to God, where He equips us for His mission and ministry. Share the birthday blessings with others.

Great Commission

**Corner**

## Official Acts

**Confirmed on May 17, 2026:** Austin Frady, Katie Malone, Max Malone, Ken McLean, Josh & Rachael Parmley, Jennifer Wheeler.

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

**Jennifer Wheeler** was baptized on May 13.

**Evelyn Margaret & Harper Lee**, daughters of Josh & Rachael (Everhart) Parmley, were baptized on May 18.



Lutherans  
For Life

**The Day of Pentecost** – The Holy Spirit, like streams of living water (John 37:38), flows forth from Christ, just as the blood and water flowed forth from His side when He was pierced on the cross. The Spirit brings life. The Spirit gives birth to the New Testament Church, which proclaims the message of abundant and eternal life in Christ crucified and risen (Acts 2:1-4). The Spirit makes us to know God's ways and teaches us His paths. He leads the humble in what is right (Psalm 25:4-5, 9). He enables us to share the Good News of Life with those who are troubled or afraid, that they may know that they do not face life's crises alone. As the Spirit rested on Eldad and Medad (Numbers 11:26) and rested on the heads of the apostles on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4), so the Holy Spirit emboldens us to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life in an otherwise dark and frightening world.



The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) honors and remembers those fallen service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms. The LCRL urges all to protect and defend these freedoms. [www.LCRLFreedom.org](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org) for more info.

## Bible Readings

- 5/24 Psalm 108-110
- 5/25 1 Chronicles 23-25
- 5/26 Psalm 131, 138-139, & 143-145
- 5/27 1 Chronicles 26-29; Psalm 127
- 5/28 Psalm 111-118
- 5/29 1 Kings 1-2; Psalm 37, 71, & 94
- 5/30 Psalm 119:1-88

## ILS Welcomes New Teacher

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Patty Eckels to Immanuel Lutheran School this fall as our new kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Eckels will be stepping into the role as Mrs. Jordan Spieker transitions to her new position as our full-time Vice Principal for the upcoming school year. She will also be teaching alongside Mrs. Chris Behmlander in our kindergarten program.

Mrs. Eckels brings with her a lifetime of Lutheran education and a wealth of teaching experience. Born in St. Louis, she attended Lutheran schools throughout her life, including Holy Cross Grade School in St. Louis, St. Paul's High School in Concordia, Missouri, and Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

Patty and her husband, Rev. Chad Eckels, met while attending Concordia and were married in 1993. She began her teaching career at St. Peter's Lutheran School in Prairietown, Illinois, teaching combined 4th- and 5th-grade classes while Rev. Eckels attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Later, while living in Oberlin, Kansas, she treasured her years as a stay-at-home mom to their three boys.

In 2003, the Eckels family moved to Evansville, IN, where Rev. Eckels faithfully served as a pastor for 23 years. During that time, Patty served in a variety of educational roles, including as a kindergarten teacher's aide at Evansville Lutheran School, teacher at Redeemer Preschool, a 4th-grade teacher, and for the past nine years, kindergarten teacher at Evansville Lutheran School. She has also been active in church ministry through Sunday school & youth group leadership alongside Rev. Eckels at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

This fall also marks an exciting new chapter for Rev. Eckels, who will be stepping into a new role at Trinity Lutheran High School as their second pastor, serving alongside Pastor Haugen and teaching Theology courses.

Patty and Rev. Eckels enjoy spending time with their three sons and daughters-in-law: Jonah and Sarah in St. Louis, Josh and Madi in Ann Arbor, and Jacob and Kalyn in Indianapolis. In her free time, Patty enjoys reading, scrapbooking, and gardening.

## ILS Golf Outing

The 23rd Immanuel Lutheran Fellowship Golf Scramble will be on Saturday, August 1, at Shad-owood Golf Course. Proceeds are used to support ILS students. Brochure is on the website or can be picked up at church office and information desks located at the Sanctuary doors. Hope to see you on the golf course!

## In Case you Missed It

A great crowd gathered last week to celebrate the conclusion of the three year pledges for Faith in our Future! Copies of the program sharing all of the wonderful things that have been accomplished and are being planned at ILS and ILCCM are available for you at the stands where bulletins are kept. The Lord has blessed our partnership together, and as a result, has provided blessings for children now and in generations to come!

## 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!



## 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!