

LWML Mission Grant

Arch Books for Immigrant Children in the USA

Concordia Publishing House, through the Concordia Gospel Outreach program, wants to share the Good News of Jesus with thousands of immigrant and refugee children in the United States. The USA is home to nearly one-fifth of the world's international immigrants, many of whom face challenges in accessing materials in their native languages.

This project will equip LCMS entities serving immigrant and refugee populations with Arch Books, free of charge, in the heart language of the children and their families. It is estimated that up to 125,000 children and their families will be reached by the translated books. Five Bible stories will be translated and made available in Spanish, Chinese, Telugu, Arabic, and Farsi.

This grant will fund the creation and distribution of these Arch Books — *The Story of Creation*, *Noah's 2 x 2 Adventure*, *Baby Jesus is Born*, *The Week that Led to Easter*, and *Jesus Blesses the Children*.

9:00 am Greeters: Jason & Cori Vaughn, Tim & Leslie Meyer, Charles & Carol Bell **Elders:** Dave Martindale **Ushers:** Kurt Fenneberg, Brent Kilgas, Ben Thompson, Brian Burbrink, Baron Bullard, Dale VonDielingen, Greg Wehmiller, Roger Wehmiller, Mitchell Kilgas, Will Borcherd-ing, Tony Combs, Gary Schneider, Jay Hubbard, Daniel Luecke, Jed Strange **Counting:** Jerrell Hubbard, Max Siefker, Kyle Stanfield, Rick Zscheidrich, Grant Hubbard, Skylar Prange **Acolyte:** Adalynn Darlage **Audio/Video:** Jordan Richart/Jay Hubbard
11:15 am Greeters: John & Leah Watson, David & Barb Thompson **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 Hop-kins, Walter Batman, Brent Wichman, Charlie Smith **Altar Guild:** Susan Rouse **Acolyte:** Emeilia Hobson **Audio:** Rick McAllister
7:00 pm Elders: Monty Siefker, Bryan Ault

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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



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Installation and ILS Opening Service

Today we are glad to install in the 9 a.m. service new workers at Immanuel Lutheran School, and also to rededicate ourselves to the blessing and partnership of Christian education. Immanuel Lutheran School began its 152nd year with the opening chapel services and first day of classes August 12.

Today, we commission and install as teacher Emily Cremeans, who completed her colloquy program, and install Patty Eckels and Leanna Royalty. Please check the insert today for more information about them! We are also glad to welcome other new workers to our school, including classroom aids.

Following the service, a reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall, where you can get to know them and other members of the faculty better. The School Board will be serving refreshments. Join us!

Sunday School & Adult Bible

There's a place for everyone to grow in God's Word! Join us as **Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes** resume on **August 23**. Children, youth, and adults are invited to deepen their faith, build Christian friendships, and continue growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Adults: Stop by the registration tables in the hallway after worship to sign up for one of our many Bible study opportunities.

Children & Youth: Registration is quick and easy—simply scan the **QR code** to enroll your child or youth for the new Sunday School year.

Come and be rooted in Christ through His Word. **We follow Jesus better when we follow Him together!**

Faith Milestones

Growing as Lifelong Disciples

At Immanuel, Faith Milestones mark important moments in a child's lifelong growth in Christ. We define discipleship this way: "Discipleship is a life-long journey of being shaped by the Holy Spirit into the image of Christ to serve our neighbor." The Holy Spirit does this shaping through God's Word and Sacraments, strengthening faith and rooting us more deeply in Christ.

Join us as we celebrate two special Faith Milestones during the 9:00 a.m. worship service:

August 23: Our Second Graders will receive their own Bibles.

August 30: Our Fourth Graders will receive Luther's Small Catechism.

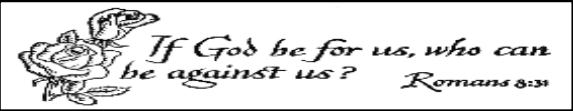
As Colossians 2:6–7 reminds us, we are to be rooted and built up in Christ. This lifelong journey is strengthened as families gather around God's Word and worship together. We follow Jesus better when we follow Him together!

Please be sure to pick up one of the colorful Faith Milestones brochures available at the church exits following worship today. The brochure outlines the exciting journey of faith formation from Baptism through adulthood and highlights the many milestones we celebrate together as a congregation.

Public School Classes Delayed to August 26

Due to a schedule conflict, public school classes for grades 6-8 will start **August 26, not August 19.**

See you then in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30!



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

Totals from August 9, 2026	
Unified Budget	\$82,963.12
Plate Offerings	\$1,439.00
Other Income	\$300.00
Total	\$84,702.12
Income & Gifts To Date	\$1,712,439.92
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,987,006.15
Benevolence	\$4,848.73
Sunday Attendance/Communed	803/395
Monday Attendance	62
Faith In Our Future Campaign	
Pledges to Date	\$4,368,769.58
Gifts to Date	\$3,734,174.58

Matthew 15:21-28: Jesus teaches the nature of great faith: humble persistence. The Canaanite woman in our text would not let go of Jesus no matter what. Far too often when we do not receive the answer that we want from God, we seek other means to get what we wish rather than trusting completely in God's will for our lives. Great faith trusts that if God doesn't want me to have it, I don't want it. May we pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to work this faith in each of us so that this total reliance upon God will be seen in our witness in word and action to the world around us.

Acknowledgements

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored in celebration of Grant & Cathy Schneider's 50th wedding anniversary, August 15.

Today's Informer is sponsored in celebration of Jerry & Penny Emily's 50th wedding anniversary on August 20, by Teresa.

No Bible Class today: Due to the reception between services, Pastor Blomberg's Bible class will not meet today. We will resume next Sunday in the Social Room.

 "Thus says the LORD: Keep justice, and do righteousness ..." (Isaiah 56:1, 7)! Keep justice for innocent unborn babies and for every human life, dear Christian friends. "For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all" (Romans 11:32). All have sinned and fallen short—every age, every ability, every race, both genders—and God has had mercy on all in Christ our crucified and risen Lord of life! Let us pray for His mercy, along with the Canaanite woman's cry for her daughter (Matthew 21:22), even when we don't receive an answer to our for-life prayers right away.

 The Champions Network for Religious Liberty enables congregations and individuals to engage the community for the sake of the church. See <https://champions-network.com> for more information.

Bible Readings

- 8/ 16 Jeremiah 32-34
- 8/ 17 Jeremiah 35-37
- 8/ 18 Jeremiah 38-40; Psalms 74 & 79
- 8/ 19 2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36
- 8/ 20 Habakkuk
- 8/ 21 Jeremiah 41-45
- 8/ 22 Jeremiah 46-48

Children's Sunday School Sign Up

Sign up online for Children's Sunday School for the 2026-2027 school year by following the QR code. Each participating child will need a completed registration form. Children's Sunday School begins with infants/toddlers and continues through twelfth grade. Infants and toddlers will attend with their parents, while students in pre-school through twelfth grade will attend separately. Sunday School will begin on Sunday, August 23, 2026! If you have questions or need assistance, call the church office at 812-522-3118 or email kschnitker@immanuelseymour.com.



Ladies Aid Meet and Greet

Ladies of the congregation, if you enjoy Devotions, Service Projects, Outings, Food and Fellowship come to our Meet and Greet on Tuesday, August 18, at 6:00 pm. in the Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

Join Our Sunday School Team

Do you have a heart for children and a passion for sharing God's love? Our Sunday School is looking for dedicated volunteers for the 2026-27 year to help guide and inspire young hearts in their faith journey.

Currently seeking: **Fall Semester 3-5th Grade Teacher**—Teach weekly lessons, build relationships with children, help them grow in their knowledge of God. Substitute teachers are available when needed to allow for flexibility. Lesson materials provided by the Children's Ministry Coordinator and Board of Parish Education.

Substitute Teachers – Available to step in as needed to support our regular teachers and keep classes running smoothly. You will be scheduled in advance for planned absences or called in the morning for last-minute absences. All materials for lessons will be provided.

If you feel called to serve as a Sunday school teacher or substitute, contact Katlynn at kschnitker@immanuelseymour.com or the church office if interested or more information.

ILS Fish Fry August 30

Join us **Sunday, August 30**, for the ILS Fish Fry! It will be at the fairgrounds in Brownstown from **4:00-7:00 at the Immanuel food stand**. Come to enjoy delicious fish with all the trimmings and thirst-quenching beverages. *A free-will offering will support ILS students.*

LCMS Foundation

TODAY/TOMORROW/FOREVER

In putting together a Christian estate plan, initiation of your efforts is the most difficult part. Sometimes your plan may have seemingly competing priorities, including inheritance to family and gifts to ministry. In that tension, you may have been finding it easier just to ignore the heavy thinking required.

Contact the church office for information.

ILS 7th Grade Mum Sale

ILS 7th Graders are selling mums for their 8th grade Washington DC trip. If interested in purchasing please contact any ILS 7th Grade Student or call Leah Gillaspay at 812-521-9220 by September 1.

Mums are \$13/each and come in many colors: white, red, orange, yellow, or purple/dark pink.