

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.

Harp Ensemble

You are cordially invited to attend a concert given by the Indiana University Harp Ensemble under the direction of Professor Elzbeita Szmyt on Friday, October 2 at 7 PM at St Paul (Clifty) Lutheran Church, 6045 East State Street, Columbus. Admission is free.

Lutheran Influence in Founding our Nation:

In the ongoing celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States, it is worth noting that Lutherans played significant roles in our country’s early history. Check out the display on the Heritage Committee’s bulletin board in the hallway. You can see why Henry Melchior Muhlenberg is considered the Father of the Lutheran Church in America; that one of his sons, Peter, was a Major General in the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War; and that another of his sons, Frederick, was elected to the House of Representatives and became the first Speaker of the House of the United States! Be sure to check out the display for more!

9:00 am Greeters: Rocky & Katie Kaufman, Chris & Anne Stahl, Duane & Dona Williams 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: Jeff Hubbard, Kevin Foster, Charles Fox, Greg Hackman, Grant Schneider, Craig Flinn Acolyte: Kohlie Hallow Audio/Video: Jordan Richart/Jay Hubbard						
11:15 am Greeters: Randy (Dude) Dittmer, Craig & Stephanie Flinn, Don & Judy Myers 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: Jan Blumenberg Acolyte: Zander Hopkins Audio: Rick McAllister						
7:00 pm Elders: Monty Siefker, Bryan Ault Acolyte: Eric Akin						
20 9:00 Worship 10:15 Bible Classes/Sunday School 11:15 Worship	21 8:30 Chapel 3:15 7th OYR 6:00 Missions 7:00 Worship	22 7:00 Men’s Bi- ble Study 9:30 Bible Study 3:15 8th OYR	23 3:30 Sr. Hi OYR 6:00 Women’s Bible Study 6:15 Brass 7:00 WW/ Confirmation 7:30 Choir	24 6:00 Handbells	25 10:30 Bible Class	26 <i>Russell/ Pearson Wedding</i>

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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September 20, 2026

Special Voters Meeting
to Call Senior Pastor

The Chairman of the Congregation, Chris Stahl, has called a Special Voters’ Meeting for Sunday, September 27, at 12:30 p.m. At this meeting, the Pastoral Call Committee will present its recommendation that the congregation vote to extend a Divine Call to Rev. William G. Fredstrom to serve as Senior Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Pastor Blumenberg will remain on the pastoral staff until a call is extended and accepted for an associate pastor. Members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this important meeting and to continue praying for our congregation, pastors, and call committee.

Stewardship of Talents

God gives His people different gifts, abilities, experiences, and opportunities, and He promises to use each of them for the good of others. Christian stewardship is not simply about having talents but cultivating them and then putting them to work in love and service in our various vocations. Whether you lead, sing, build, organize, encourage, bake, welcome, pray, or quietly serve behind the scenes, God works through all of your gifts, and we are appreciative of each of them! Thank you for using what God has entrusted to you to bless Immanuel!

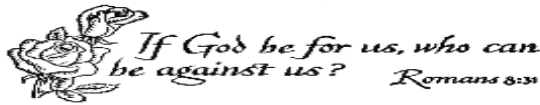
Oktoberfest Shuttle

Our Board of Evangelism is looking for drivers to take Oktoberfest-goers from the Immanuel Parking Lot to/from Oktoberfest. Find the sign up sheets at church and offer to fill in one or more of the 2-3 hours shifts! Call the office with any questions.

Guten Tag! The Oktoberfest Committee is seeking food and monetary donations for this year’s Oktoberfest! If you are interested in making a donation, a tri-fold board with tags is set up in the hallway between the Narthex and Atrium. Please take tag(s) for the items you are willing to donate and ensure all donations are brought to the church office by TOMORROW, Monday, September 21st. *Danke schön!*

Interested in helping? Please call one of our day chairs to sign up for a shift.

Names	Phone Number	Day
Matt & Sarah Whipker	812-525-5032 (Sarah)	Thursday, October 1
Samantha Sweeney John & Leah Watson	812-498-4712 (Samantha) 812-521-3433 (Leah)	Friday, October 2
Eric & Jaylyn Stam	812-498-4830 (Eric)	Saturday, October 3



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 13, 2026	
Unified Budget	\$26,281.20
Plate Offerings	\$1,403.00
Other Income	\$12,145.00
Total	\$39,829.20
Income & Gifts To Date	\$1,904,681.26
Budget Needs to Date	\$2,207,784.62
Benevolence	\$3,762.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	810/430
Monday Attendance	90
Faith In Our Future Campaign	
Gifts to Date	\$3,737,744.58

Matthew 20:1-16: As our Lord tells the parable of the vineyard and the Master's generosity to the worker who only worked for one hour, we become uncomfortable with the conclusion of the earthly story with a heavenly message: the last shall be first. We tend to lump people into either the "deserving" or the "undeserving" pile. But God doesn't see things that way. He sees us ALL as "undeserving" in His Kingdom of grace. But He is generous beyond measure. We must not begrudge His generosity but rejoice in it - and reach out abundantly with it. Thanks be to God that He does not and has not and will never give us what we deserve but generously pours out His grace that is greater than our sin to give us eternal life. And we have this message to generously give to the world beyond measure. May the Holy Spirit bless us with the same generosity in our witness to one another so that our fellowship bears witness to His amazing grace time after time after time!

Official Acts

Noe Theodore Able, grandson of Adrienne Able & Jereme Able, was baptized on September 13.

Kaiser Alan Dale Pelston, son of Josh & Nicolette (Robertson) Pelston, was baptized on September 13.

Acknowledgements

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored in celebration of Colie Palmer Waskom's baptism, by her family.



Become an LCRL Champion and stand with a clear Lutheran voice for religious liberty in our nation. Your support strengthens faithful advocacy and equips Christians to engage today's challenges with courage and conviction. See www.LCRLFreedom.org/champions.



Lutherans For Life
Thanks be to God for faithful servants of God who have lifted up the truth of God's Word in their times. Believers who recognize the difficulties of this life often yearn to be with the Lord as Paul says, "...for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). So, today, we need not fear death or any enemy, but we can rejoice and stand firm in the Holy Spirit, speaking the truth about God's gifts of life, eternity, and forgiveness. The Lord's Word makes clear that He wants people everywhere to repent and be cleansed of their sins that they may dwell with Him forever (Psalm 27:4).

Bible Readings

- 9/20 Haggai
- 9/21 Zechariah 1-7
- 9/22 Esther 1-5
- 9/23 Esther 6-10
- 9/24 Ezra 7-10
- 9/25 Nehemiah 1-5
- 9/26 Nehemiah 6-7

Back to the Bible Summit: Empowering Your Church Through Scripture

Immanuel invites you to join us for Lutheran Bible Translators' Back to the Bible Summit: Empowering Your Church Through Scripture, a special virtual event that explores the central role of God's Word in the lives of Christians, congregations, and schools.

Pastor Fredstrom will serve as one of the summit's panelists, alongside leaders from across the church, including Dr. Bernard Bull, President of Concordia University, Nebraska, and Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler, Speaker of *The Lutheran Hour*.

Immanuel has also been selected as one of a limited number of virtual host sites around the country. We will stream the summit sessions in the Fellowship Hall, giving members and guests the opportunity to gather together, watch the presentations, and engage in conversation and discussion throughout the event.

The summit will take place on Wednesday, September 30, from 11:00–2:00 Eastern Time. Registration is now open, so please visit LBT.org/Summit to register. When you visit the registration webpage, you will find the list of other speakers, the registration portal, and some frequently asked questions to help you have a great experience!

LWML Fall Rally

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League will be held on Sunday, September 27, at St. John Lutheran Church, Sauers, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Gene Ernst from Orphan Grain Train will be present and discuss their ongoing mission efforts.

TLHS Information Night

On **Wednesday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m.** Trinity Lutheran High School will offer in the Commons Area information for Middle School students about Trinity Lutheran High School's academic and extracurricular opportunities. Eighth-grade students who are ready to take the next step toward becoming members of the TLHS Class of 2031 will also have the opportunity to begin the enrollment process that evening.

TLHS Open House

Trinity Lutheran High School invites you to join us for a Way. Truth. Life. Dusty Boots Open House on **Sunday, September 27, from 1–3 p.m.** Come see the exciting progress of our Way. Truth. Life. Campaign and building project firsthand! Visitors will have the opportunity to walk through the construction project and see the vision for the future of Trinity taking shape.

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.

Lakeview Ministries Annual Dinner Auction

Join the Lakeview family on **Saturday, November 21**, at Primo Banquet Hall & Conference Center in Indianapolis for an evening of great food, fellowship, fun, and support for the ministry of Lakeview! Enjoy dinner, live and silent auctions, the Dessert Dash, raffles, and plenty of camp fun for grown-ups.

Early Bird Special: Register by October 3 for a chance to win a VIP Night Package featuring preferred table seating, first dinner dismissal, and a free raffle ticket for each guest at your table. Tickets are **\$85 per person or \$600 for a table of eight**. Learn more & register at www.lakeview.camp/auction.