

The Lutheran Witness

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The Jackson County Clothing Center at 622 W. 2nd Street in Seymour, is needing the following items:
Men’s Jeans & Sweats
Children’s Jeans & Sweats
Children’s Coats

TLHS Founders Day of Giving

Trinity Lutheran High School invites you to join us for our Second Annual Founders Day of Giving on Monday, November 9! As we give thanks for the faithful individuals and congregations who made Trinity possible, we look forward to the future God has planned for our school.

This year’s online giving campaign will focus on equipping four new classrooms and one repurposed classroom as we prepare to begin utilizing some of our new classroom space during the second semester of the 2026–27 school year. Additional giving opportunities will include major campus projects, such as stage curtains and a digital/video scoretable for our new gym.

Every gift helps us continue our mission to educate, develop, and prepare Christian servant leaders.

Visit the TLHS website or follow us on social media, to make your gift and help carry Trinity’s legacy of faith into the next generation!



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November 1, 2026

Pastor Fredstrom Installation November 8

Join us next Sunday, November 8, at 3:00 p.m. for the installation of Pastor Fredstrom as Immanuel’s Senior Pastor. While we are inviting pastors and members of circuit congregations to join us as well, we hope that many of our members will be able to attend. A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Reformation Rally

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s Reformation Rally such a beautiful and meaningful service! We are grateful to Dr. Nafzger and Katie, and to the many musicians, singers, volunteers, pastors, and others who contributed their time and talents to this wonderful celebration of the Gospel. A special word of thanks goes to Paul Scheiderer for his tremendous work in planning and coordinating the music and worship. Above all, we give thanks to God for the gift of His Word and the joy of gathering together to celebrate the Reformation!

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before

November 1 is All Saints Sunday, when it is our custom to remember those the Lord called to eternal rest from our congregation in the past year. The insert in the bulletin today includes the names of our loved ones who were called to eternal rest in the past year. Not only are the precious to us, but also to the Lord Jesus, who gave His life for them and rose to defeat the power of death. While grief brings tears and sorrow to us, we are also thankful that those who died in faith received the crown of life, and the Lord brings us His comfort.

First Sunday Fellowship

Join us for an intergenerational fellowship time after the 9:00 a.m. worship service on the first Sunday of each month to start Sunday school. We will serve refreshments, followed by a welcome and opening prayer in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to this fellowship time and is encouraged to stay for Sunday school. Children will accompany their families to the Fellowship Hall, and Sunday school teachers will pick them up after the opening prayer.

Craft Show

Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid #3 44th Annual Arts & Craft show will be **Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Immanuel Lutheran School. The free event includes holiday and everyday handcrafted items plus food, drinks and homemade desserts for lunch.

9:00 am Greeters: Jim & Linda Kamman, Sharon Toppe **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 **Elder:** Dave Martindale **Counting:** Jerrell Hubbard, Max Siefker, Kyle Stanfield, Rick Zschiedrich, Grant Hubbard, Skylar Prange **Acolyte:** Brock Roeder **Audio/Video:** Walter Batman/Jackson Fox
11:15 am Greeters: Sandra Burbrink, Bill & Carolyn Hubble, Andy & Leah Gillaspay **Ushers:** Joe Brooks, Dennis Klinge, Matt Pumphrey, Mackenzie Pumphrey, Jeff Schneider, Larry Stahl, Mike Stuckwisch, Myles Montgomery, Max Whitsett, Kameron Williams, Mason Williams, Jeremiah Clay **Elders/Communion:** Charlie Smith, Jeff Hopkins, Matt Pumphrey **Altar Guild:** Jan Blumenberg **Acolyte:** Myles Montgomery **Audio:** Bob Emily
7:00 pm Elders: Monty Siefker, Bryan Ault **Acolyte:** Eric Akin

1 9:00a Worship 10:15a First Sunday Fellowship SS/Bible Class 11:15a Worship	2 8:35a Chapel 3:15p 7th OYR 7:00p Worship	3 7:00a Men’s Bible Study 9:30a Bible Class 3:15p 8th OYR 5:00p Parish Ed 6:30p The Chosen	4 3:30p Sr Hi OYR 4:30 Fellowship & Assimilation 6:00p Women’s Bible Study 6:15 Brass 7:00p 6 th /7 th Conf 7:00p WW 7:30p Choir	5 10:00a Missions at OGT 12:00p Lunch w/ Pastor 5:00p Property 6:00p Handbells 6:30p Elders	6 10:30a Bible Study	7 Ladies Aid 3 Arts & Crafts Show 9:00a-2:00p at ILS Gym
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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

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

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:33

Totals from October 25, 2026

Unified Budget	\$47,637.74
Plate Offerings	\$833.06
Total	\$48,470.80
Income & Gifts To Date	\$143,693.49
Budget Needs To Date	\$173,537.23
Benevolence	\$250.26
Sunday Attendance/Communed	707/378
Monday Attendance	91
10/25/26 Reformation Attenddance	349
Faith In Our Future Campaign	
Gifts To Date	\$3,743,939.58

Service Time Change

This year, our Thanksgiving Eve and New Year's Eve worship services will both be held at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. We hope this earlier time will make it easier for individuals and families to attend worship and allow everyone to travel home earlier in the evening, especially during these months when it gets dark so early.

Matthew 5:1-12: Jesus was on His way up a mountainside. His disciples and a large number of other people followed Him. When Jesus came to a suitable place, He sat down. Then the crowd spread out around Him, and He began to preach a sermon. It became known as the Sermon on the Mount. Today we will recall just the first part of the sermon. In this sermon, Jesus explained the commandments of God and told how people who believe in Him would live. He began by speaking of the blessedness of His children. Through faith in Him, we live a life blessed by God as we share His teaching with others.

Official Acts

Dr. Robert Stephens entered eternal life on October 7 and was given Christian burial on October 17.

Carolyn Finstad was received by transfer from St. Paul Lutheran, Waco, TX, October 8.

Andrew, Brandy, Tyler and Brooke Schafstall were received by Profession of faith, on October 8.

Jane Schepman transferred to St. John's Lutheran, Sauers, October 8.

Acknowledgements

Today's Informer is sponsored in loving memory of Joy Kamman on her birthday, October 31, by Jim & Linda Kamman.

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, words of kindness, for the wonderful meal prepared by Ladies Aid 3 and especially the Pastors for their prayers, visits and support.

The family of Jerry Waskom



Every believer (saint) lives a life of tribulation, being hated by the world and mourning the sin in their own heart and the sins of the world, like abortion, human trafficking and other such evils (Revelation 7:14; 1 John 3:1). Yet, God's children live hopefully, awaiting the day in which He will wipe every tear away from our eyes. When we find ourselves in that great, innumerable multitude, we will rejoice to be freed from all such evil and to greet all the saints washed in Christ's blood, including many of the victims of our culture of death (Revelation 7:9, 14, 17).

Bible Readings

- 11/1 Luke 18:15-19:48
- 11/2 Mark 11; John 12
- 11/3 Matthew 22; Mark 12
- 11/4 Matthew 23; Luke 20-21
- 11/5 Mark 13
- 11/6 Matthew 24
- 11/7 Matthew 25

Pastor Appreciation Month

Thank you for the prayers, kind words, cards, and generous gifts shared with us during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your thoughtfulness and encouragement mean a great deal to us and our families. We are truly grateful for the privilege of serving as your pastors and working alongside you in the ministry of the Gospel. Thank you for your continued love, prayers, and support!

Your Pastors at Immanuel

Grieving with Hope

Immanuel Lutheran Church will soon offer "Grieving with Hope: A Lutheran Response to Miscarriage, Disenfranchised Grief, and the Comfort of Christ." This Christ-centered seminar is designed for individuals and families who have experienced miscarriage, as well as pastors, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and anyone desiring to better understand how the Church can compassionately support those who grieve pregnancy loss.

Thursday, November 12, 2026, 7:00–8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Immanuel Lutheran. To register call 812-522-3118

This seminar will be led by Pastor Bloch, sharing insights learned in his Doctor of Ministry Program.

LCMS Foundation

You need help to construct a good estate plan and the gift plan within it for family and ministry. But it is also true that no one else can tell you what your plan must look like. God has given you the responsibility to steward these assets. You should never go to your attorney expecting them to tell you what your estate plan is. You go with goals and lean on them to legally and clearly lay them out so that they are carried out. Call the church office for more information.

Planning Conference 2027

Due to when Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on the calendar, ILC's annual Planning Conference will be held on January 9, 2027. If your term of service on a board or committee continues into 2027 or if you are elected to a board or committee at the October voters' meeting, please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we coordinate, align, and look forward to another great year of mission and ministry as we remain Rooted in Christ and His gifts! Additional details will be shared as we get closer to the date.

ILS Call Committee

With teacher retirements scheduled at the conclusion of the 2026–2027 school year, Chairman Chris Stahl has called a new ILS Call Committee. The committee includes congregational members Keith Stam, Jennifer Hopkins, and Kristi Burbrink, along with School Board members Jill Glover and Patrick Downey.

We give thanks to God for the faithful teachers who have served our school so well over the years, and we ask for your prayers as the call committee undertakes this important work of prayerfully searching for new teachers to serve! More information will be shared soon. For questions or inquiries, please contact llister@immanuelschool.org

Operation Christmas Child

Help share the love of Christ with children around the world through Operation Christmas Child! Pick up a shoebox today in the Atrium and fill it with gifts that will bring joy to a child this Christmas. Each box includes a list of suggested items and instructions for preparing your gift.

Please return your completed shoebox to the church by Thursday, November 19.

Thank you for helping share the joy of Christmas and the good news of Jesus Christ with children around the world!

Oktoberfest Booth Storage

The Immanuel Oktoberfest Committee is seeking the congregation's help in finding a new storage location for our event booth. We need a clean, dry, and secure space—such as a garage, barn, outbuilding, or commercial unit—with periodic access around the festival season. If you have a space available or know of a potential lead, please contact Alexa Ulrey (812) 525-1822 or Eric Stam (812) 498-4830. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!