

The Immanuel Informer



Immanuel Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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The mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is to preach Christ crucified and risen from the dead for the salvation of the world. We also reflect God's love by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through a caring ministry of reaching, teaching, and serving our congregation and the community.

September 2023

Pastor's Monthly Minute...

APOSTASY! It's such an ugly, frightening word. Yet as we read St. Paul's warnings against it, we see no hint that those who fall from the faith find the process frightening. Instead, they seem indifferent.

We know it's good to exercise the body. It keeps us healthy. How much more should we exercise our souls.

Training in Godliness comes as we stay close to the Word of God. Close to the Sacraments. Close to Jesus.

He picks us up when we fall. He forgives us. He heals us. He strengthens us. And He will present the victory crown to us in heaven. The crown He Himself won for us!

Sursum Corda,

Pastor Swyres

Did you know...

Immanuel Lutheran Church is the sole supporter of The Lutheran Hour on KTTR every Sunday morning 9:30am to 10:00am. You can also listen on many streaming services. The sermon topics for this month are:



September 3 "Entryway"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Psalms are God's words, given to us as an entryway into His presence.

(Psalm 26:8)

September 10 "Not Just a Formality"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

After trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality.

(Psalm 32)

September 17 "Pure Michigan and the Problem of Praise"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

People praise that which they find laudable, valuable, beautiful. But when does praise become a problem?

(Psalm 103)

September 24 "High Ground"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When the waters rise and enemies attack, the high ground is the place of safety and security. But who will take us there?

(Psalm 27)

Meet Our Members...

Would you and your family like to be featured in a future issue of the Informer? Are you a new member? Maybe your family have been members of Immanuel for generations. We'd love to hear from you. Reach out to Christy Rush at ilc@ilcrolla.org.

Updates Around Church...

Sunday School

Sunday school will be starting, September 10. All children age 3 through 9th grade are invited and encouraged to join us. We meet at 10:15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center. Our first lesson will be about faith. Join us to learn what faith is. Each Sunday we will have lessons about God's people, who needed faith that God would keep his promise to send a Savior.



Bible Study Opportunities

On Sundays, everyone is welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15am for Bible study. We are currently studying the book of Genesis.

A weekly Bible study is held every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall at noon.

Lutheran Student Fellowship Bible Study

All college students are invited to attend an evening of Bible study and fellowship every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Lutheran Student Center.



**LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE**

Lutherans For Life

The Life Team of Immanuel Lutherans For Life has donated \$3000 profit from the 2022 Rummage Sale to Rolla Pregnancy Resource Center for purchase of diapers to be distributed to PRC clients. Thank you to everyone who contributed and provided hands-on support to make this contribution possible.

Rolla Area Chapter of Lutherans For Life meeting will be held September 20, 12 noon, in the Immanuel Fellowship Hall. Please join in lunch by bringing a side dish for chicken tenders. Heidi Perling will relay her recent experience in the Washington DC March For Life. Please RSVP to Mary Wittmaier.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in and donated to the Rummage Sale. \$4,200+ will be submitted to the Bathroom Renovation Fund.

LWML/DORCAS

Mite collection will be held Sunday, September 3. The collection box will be located on the table next to the pillar in the narthex. Mite collection for August came to \$51.26. This amount is forwarded to the national and district mite mission projects. For a complete list of national mission projects log on to www.lwml.org/mission-grants. For a complete list of district mission projects log on to www.missourilwml.org.

In August, 217 t-shirt diapers and 259 pillowcase dresses were delivered to the Orphan Grain Train drop-off in Concordia, Missouri. Materials for the t-shirt diapers were donated and fabrics for the pillowcase dresses were purchased via Thrivent Action Team Grants. Thank you to everyone who participated in these projects



Servant Workshop will be held Tuesday, September 19, 1-3 p.m. in the church basement. A number of quilts are prepared for tying and materials for pillowcase dresses are available for sewing. The supply of Bibles for the Prison Ministry have all been marked and soon will be delivered to a prison Chaplain. Please feel free to provide an Action Team Grant to assemble Bags for Babies (tote bags of diapers, wipes and formula) at any time. Tote bags are available to use toward this project.

There will be no evening session of Servant Workshop on Tuesday, September 19.

Backpacks will be assembled once again in September. Please contact Sue Kamprath should you care to submit a Thrivent Action Team grant to support this project.

Leisure Lutherans

Card and Game Day is held every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. (following Bible Study) in the church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Upcoming activities include: Hat Day/Grandparent's Day, September 10. Ladies of the congregation are invited to wear a hat to worship service on Sunday in observance of Grandparent's Day.

Lunch, September 13, 12 Noon, in the church Fellowship Hall will highlight school days. Sandwiches will be provided and participants are asked to bring "sack lunch" food items to share such as single serving fruit, chips, puddings, etc. A sign-up sheet will be

located on the information bulletin board in the narthex. Participants are also asked to bring a school supply donation such as pencils, erasers, tissues, etc.

Our first movie matinee is scheduled for Sunday, September 17, 2 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Mel Gibson's "The Passion of Christ" will be screened. Bring your own snacks and a friend.

The RADA/Card cabinet located downstairs contains Christian cards sold by the box or individually. Several RADA kitchen tools are also available for immediate purchase. A RADA catalog and order forms are also available in the rack next to the cabinet to order additional RADA items.

Thrivent

Thrivent members, it is not too late to utilize the two \$250 Action Team Grants offered to each Thrivent member. Action Team Grants can be designated to any non-profit organization via funding fundraising or hands-on activity. Please contact Sue Kamprath to submit an Action Team Grant for the Backpack Program or Carla Roedemeier and Mary Wittmaier for a grant to purchase supplies for Pregnancy Resource Center, dresses for Orphan Grain Train or quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Reservations

Did you know that members can reserve space within the church or Lutheran Student Center for church functions/meetings, as well as for private gatherings? Spaces available include: the Fellowship Hall, the LWML Room, the Lutheran Student Center Cafeteria, and the Lutheran Student Center Gym. Contact the church office at (573) 364-4525 or ilc@ilcrolla.org to reserve a room. All gatherings and meetings should be scheduled in this way to ensure nothing is double-booked.

Volunteering Opportunities

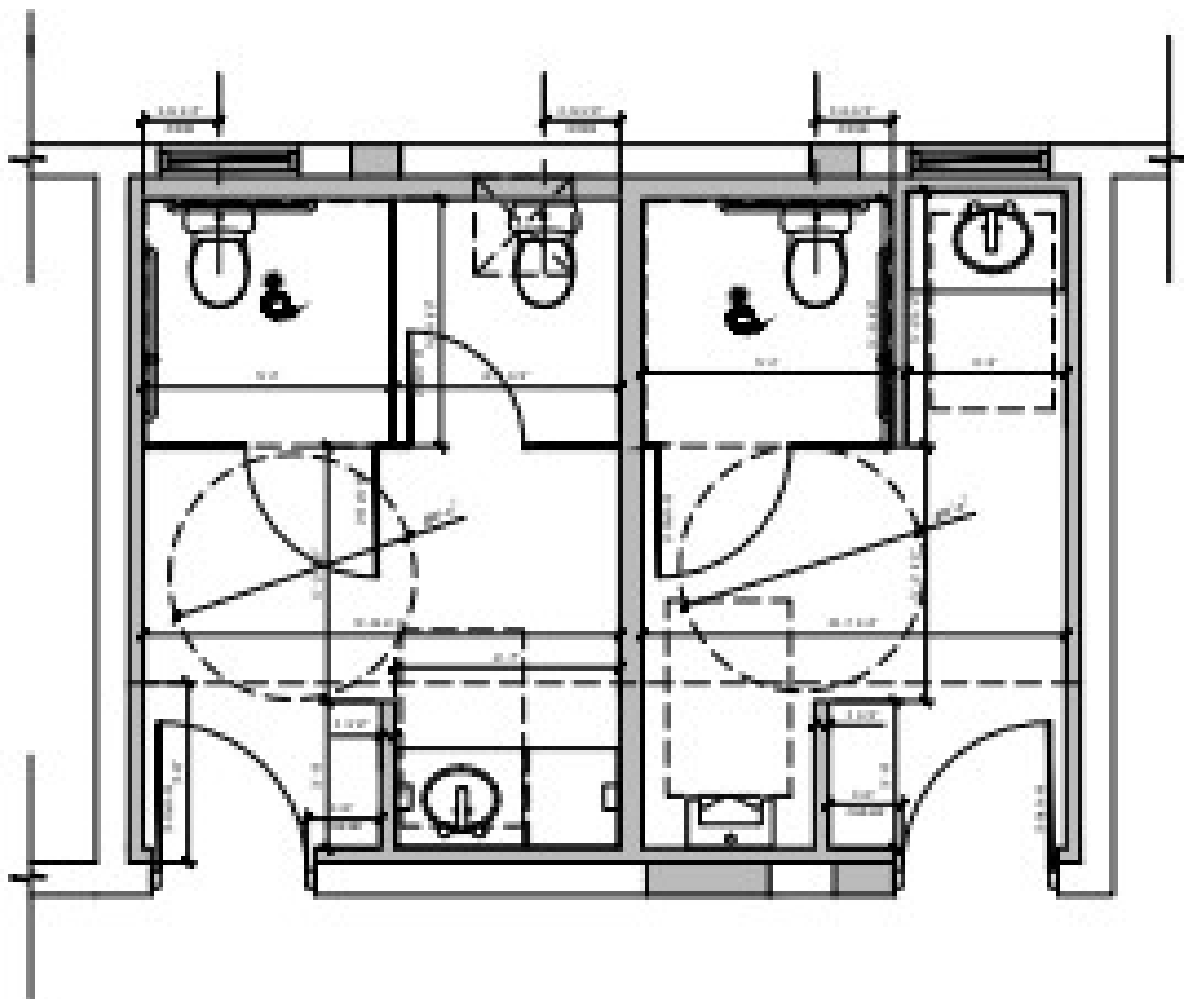
Would you be willing to help out during a church service? Could you bake some desserts? Would you like to spearhead a project to benefit the church or one of our missions? There are many ways you can volunteer at church. Please check out the various sign-up sheets bulletin board in the narthex or email the church office at ilc@ilcrolla.org with questions.

Action Items from August Church Council Meeting

A motion was made to approve the July Church Council Minutes by Christy Rush and seconded by Robert Berkelman; motion passed.

Bathroom Remodel Project

As many know, the restrooms downstairs are outdated and not easily accessible. For these reasons, our next major improvement project is to remodel the bathrooms and make them ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. Below is the proposed floor plan for the bathrooms. A year ago, our architect estimated the cost for this project to be around \$30,000. As of July 31st, there is \$11,492 in the Special Fund for this project. If you would like to make a donation directly to this project, please place it in the offering plates with a note stating "Bathroom Remodel Project." Any additional questions about the project should be directed to J.D. Cox.



PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN

10'-0" x 10'-0"

Those Who Serve in September...

Elders

Sept 3rd: Matt Banholzer
Sept 10th: Jim Perry
Sept 17th: Bob Gorrell
Sept 24th: Ethan Swyres

Communion Attendants

Sept 3rd:
Sept 10th: Tim Rush
Sept 17th:
Sept 24th:

Ushers

Sept 3rd: Team 4: JD Cox, Bob Gorrell, Jim Perry, David Roedemeier, and Kyle Stagner
Sept 10th: Team 1: Andy Anderson, Matt Banholzer, Alan Elsing, Ed Hoertel, Bob Lemen, and Ethan Swyres
Sept 17th: Team 2: Ben McWilliams, Aaron Wassilak, Dan Wassilak, Jim Wassilak, John Wassilak, and Tom Wassilak
Sept 24th: Team 3: Tom Evers, Charlie Johnson, Tracy Krauss, Tim Rush, and Bill Wuenscher

Organists

Sept 3rd: To be determined
Sept 10th: To be determined
Sept 17th: To be determined
Sept 24th: To be determined

Altar Flowers

Sept 3rd:
Sept 10th: Pastor & Jana Goddard
Sept 17th:
Sept 24th:

Greeters

Sept 3rd: Erma Jean Haas and Bill Wuenscher
Sept 10th: Sue Perry and Jim Perry
Sept 17th: Carla Roedemeier and Jana Wassilak
Sept 24th: Nancy Anderson and Andy Anderson

Money Counters

Sept 3rd: David Roedemeier & Aaron Wassilak
Sept 10th: John Wassilak & Helen Mumma
Sept 17th: Sue Perry & Jean Kramme
Sept 24th: Don Langhoff & Terry Theiss

Altar Guild

Kacie & Aaron Wassilak



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
9am - Church Service 9am - Mite Collection 10:15am - Bible Class	5pm - RHAA renting gym	7pm - LSC Bible Study		12pm - Adult Bible Class 1pm - Leisure Lutheran	8	9
3	4	5	6	7		
9am - Church Service 10:15am - Bible Class 10:15am - Sunday School	5pm - RHAA renting gym	7pm - LSC Bible Study	10am - Leisure Lutherans 4:30pm - Confirmation	12pm - Adult Bible Class 1pm - Leisure Lutheran	15	16
10	11	12	13	14		
9am - Church Service 10:15am - Bible Class 10:15am - Sunday School 1:30pm - Leisure	5pm - RHAA renting gym	1pm - LWMML Servant 7pm - LSC Bible Study	12pm - Rolla Area 4:30pm - Confirmation	12pm - Adult Bible Class 1pm - Leisure Lutheran	22	23
17	18	19	20	21		
9am - Church Service 10:15am - Bible Class 10:15am - Sunday School 3pm - LWMML Zone Board	5pm - RHAA renting gym	6pm - God & Grapes 7pm - LSC Bible Study	4:30pm - Confirmation	12pm - Adult Bible Class 1pm - Leisure Lutheran	29	30
24	25	26	27	28		