



Immanuel Lutheran Church, School  
and Child Care Center  
604 S Chestnut Ave., Marshfield, WI  
Website: [immanuelmarshfield.org](http://immanuelmarshfield.org)



## **Specialist in Aging Ministry (SAM): Leaders Chart Future Outlook**

Churches and faith-based organizations had a unique opportunity in 2024 to contribute to the Center for Gerontology's curriculum designed to address the growing population of older adults worshipping, serving, and being served in churches today. Following extensive research 25 Midwestern congregations previewed SAM and five Lutheran, Presbyterian and UCC congregations and organizations participated in three-to-six-week classes focused on fully recognizing and including older adults in today's intergenerational church.

Sixty-nine people completed the course; 77 percent provided evaluations which will ready SAM for national release in Fall 2025. Topics included the importance of older adult ministry, the spirituality of older persons, the need to reframe the conversation around growing older, the challenge of isolation and loneliness, caregiving, dementias and planning for the end of life. Volunteers and church workers reaffirmed the value of the academic content and recommended including more discussion, group activities and plans for implementing the program.

Reflecting on his participation, Pastor Chris Schwanz, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Marshfield, WI comments: *"It (SAM) is so relevant and timely. That is exactly what caused me to initially reach out and become engaged. And now that we have, I still feel the same way – there is a great need to further what we experienced in these sessions."*

*Pastor Chris*

## School News

### Accelerated Reader Challenge

From January 20<sup>th</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup> grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> took part in an Accelerated Reader Challenge. Accelerated Reader is a program in which students read books and take a comprehension test when they finish. We competed against 28 other Lutheran schools throughout the United States. As a school, Immanuel finished in 17<sup>th</sup> place! Many of our classes finished in the top ten. Great reading, everyone!

### National Lutheran Schools Week and the Carnival

The week of March 10<sup>th</sup> was filled with many fun dress up days and activities in celebration of our WONDERFUL school. We are so blessed here at Immanuel! The culmination of the week was our annual Carnival. At the printing of this newsletter, we are still working on getting totals from this event. Watch for an update soon.

### Spring Program

This month we are busily preparing for our kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spring Program. This will take place on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 p.m.. You are more than welcome to join us on this afternoon. As another school year begins to wind down, the learning and fun continue. Field trips, achievement testing, graduations of both our kindergarteners and our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, the school dance, ...it's a busy time of the year. Please continue to check the Principal's Peek each week for the latest news.

Remember, His sacrifice, His pain, His joy! For by the power given to Jesus to overcome death, He has proven there is no death when we put our trust in Him!  
Remember!

*We sincerely thank you for all of the support, prayers, and love you give to our school.*

*We wish you a very blessed Easter! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*~Jill Helgerson*

**Baptism**

Madelyn Mae Deiler was baptized on March 1, 2025. She is the daughter of Jakob Deiler and Brooke Draves. Her Godparents are Jacob Draves and Makenna Johnson. God's Blessings to Madelyn.

**Baptism**

Renley Ione Smazal was baptized on March 22, 2025. She is the daughter of Marc and Ashley Smazal. Her Godparents are Mason and Jena Mueller. God's Blessings to Renley.

**Death**

Marvin Emil Schlinsog, 82, of Marshfield, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2025 with family by his side. Visitation was held from 10-11am on February 24, 2025 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, followed by a funeral service at 11:00am.

**Death**

Lorraine F. Bartell Seeman, 97 died on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at Three Oaks Health Services in Marshfield. A funeral was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 11:00am. Burial took place at 1pm on Monday, March 10, 2025 in Winneconne Cemetery, Winneconne, WI.

**Death**

Darlene Davis, 87, died on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at Bedrock Health Care, Abbotsford. A graveside service will be held in Brooklawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Town of Richfield, at a date to be determined. Rev. Chris Schwanz will officiate.

**Transfer Out of Congregation**

Dave & Debbie Ruhbusch

**Spring Luncheon**

Immanuel Lutheran Women's Guild is hosting a Spring Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 from 11am-1pm. The cost is \$9 at the door. If you would like to bring a food item, please see the sign-up board in the Narthex. If you are able to help with set up, work the day of the event or help with clean up, please sign up! Flyer for Luncheon is on Page 4.

**Lutheran Women in Mission**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join!

**LWML Spring Rally** is Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 8am-1pm in the Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary, cost is \$5.00 for admission. All are welcome to join!

**Easter Lily Donations to Decorate the Sanctuary for Easter**

If you would like to sponsor an Easter Lily, please sign up at the library table. Suggested donation is \$10. Please note in whose memory or honor the donation is made. Mark your offering and place it in the offering plate or in the office. Thank you!

**Chapel Communion**

April 17, 2025 at 1:30pm will be our next Chapel with Communion Service.

**Thank you** to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Foltz's Family. The Robert Foltz Memorial paid for the Acolyte Gowns!

**Youth Ministry at Immanuel****Catechism Instruction for 7th & 8th Grade**

Wednesdays: 6:30-7:30pm

**Simple Truth Youth Praiseband, 5th Grade & up**

Sundays: 10:15am.

**High School Youth**

Wednesdays: 7:30-9:00pm

**Kid's Bible Study**

Wednesdays: 6:30-7:30pm

**Confirmation Information:**

April 23 @ 6:30pm Confirmation Stole making and gown fitting.

April 30 @ 6:15pm Confirmation Photos, rehearsal, faith statements, cake and ice cream reception

May 4 @9am Confirmation of Faith

**"Reading, Learning, Marking and Inwardly Digesting God's Word"** aka Bible Study.

*Weekly schedule below...*

*Sundays: 7:45a-8:45a in the Conference Room*

*Mondays: 1p-2:15p in the Conference Room*

*Wednesdays: 1p-2:15p in the Fellowship Hall*

**The topic will be the same for all three weekly sessions. All are invited.**

**Looking Ahead:** Rummage Sale will be May 30 and 31, more information to come.



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*Immanuel*  
*Spring Luncheon*

*Wednesday, April 2, 2025*

*11:00am-1:00pm*

*\$9.00*

*Sponsored by: Immanuel Lutheran Women's Guild*

*Immanuel Lutheran Church*

*604 S Chestnut Ave, Marshfield*

*715-384-5121*

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**SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

**January 11, 2025—March 13, 2025**

*(Please note on offering envelope which project you choose to sponsor)*

**In Memory of Annette Zopfi**

Jeffrey Zopfi

**In Memory of Vi Leonard**

Harriet Brandt

**Youth Group/National Gathering**

John & Linda Hart  
Harriet Brandt  
Doug & Renee Anding

**In Memory of Marci Sessions**

Harriet Brandt

**In Memory of Nell Schwantes**

Ron & Joann Steltenpohl

**In Memory of Darcie Brandl-Stauber**

Guy and Janice Brandl

**7 & 8th Grade Literature Books**

Larry & Sue Pribbernow  
Kathy Oelrich

**In Memory of Marvin Schlinsog**

Harriet Brandt

**Immanuel Lutheran School Funds**

John & Barbara Rolf

**In Memory of Lorraine Seeman**

Harriet Brandt

**Children's Pantry**

Sharon Guenther

**In Memory of Marian Wibben**

Doug & Renee Anding  
Diane Sundahl

**In Memory of Lorraine Seeman  
for Church Organ and Piano**

Juli Bartell

**Portals of Prayer**

Doreen Fuller

**In Memory of Darlene Davis**

Harriet Brandt

**In Memory of Loved Ones Lost**

Kenneth & Linda Becker

**Holy Week & Easter Sunday Schedule:**



**Holy Week**

***Maundy Thursday/Communion***

April 17 at  
4:00pm & 6:30pm

***Good Friday/Communion***

April 18 at  
1:00pm & 6:30pm

***Easter Sunday/Communion***

April 20 at  
6:30am Contemporary Worship &  
9:00am Traditional Worship

**The church office will be closed on Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21.**

**Have a Happy Easter Everyone!**

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**Rejoice** is published by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Marshfield, WI to inform the congregation of upcoming events as well as to promote Christian love, fellowship and understanding.

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

Rev. Chris A. Schwanz—Pastor  
 Rev. Donn Radde—Visitation Pastor

**SCHOOL FACULTY:**

Jill Helgerson, Principal  
 Rev. Gary Albert—7/8 Catechism  
 Jen Schifelbine—Grade 7—8; 5/6 Science  
 Renee Hammond—Grades 5—6, 7/8 Math  
 Brenda Kuhnau—Grade 4  
 Heidi Foemmel—Grade 3  
 Jill Helgerson—Grade 2 Morning  
 Sara Vechinski—Grade 2 afternoon  
 Beth Hollatz—Grade 1

Emily Marino—Kindergarten  
 Christina Berger—Elementary Aide  
 Renee Griepentrog—4K  
 Erica Borgo—4K PM/Art  
 Jan Simonson-School Music  
 Nicholas Olsen—Physical Education  
 Jordyn Helgerson—Computer;Elementary Aide  
 Jessica Bucheger—Athletic Director  
 Dennis Wibben—Director, Nutrition Services  
 Heidi Schwanz—Nutrition Services Accounting

**CHILD CARE STAFF:**

Brooke Draves, Child Care Supervisor  
 Sheena Brunzo  
 Destiny Brunzo  
 Jenny Flugel  
 Jeanine Kaszuba  
 Caitlyn Muraski  
 Miranda Ruiz

**CUSTODIAL STAFF:**

Terry Fischer  
 Dan Langteau

**OFFICE STAFF:**

Cathy Muraski—Business Manager  
 Danyelle Hasz—Administrative Assistant

**Immanuel Worship Services Broadcast Update:**

**View via Roku, Amazon, Apple TV Live, and YouTube Live on-demand and at the times listed.**  
**Sunday 9am services are broadcast on Charter/Spectrum Cable Digital 989 at these times:**  
**Sundays at 2:30pm Tuesdays at 1:30pm Fridays at 12:30pm**  
 If anyone has comments/concerns please connect with Corey Kuhnau at 715-897-6443.

**Elected Board Members:**

JJ Jensen—President, Steve Koran —Vice President, Becca Ayer—Secretary  
**Board of Education:** Jolene Albert, Kim Bernarde, Daniel Craft, Krista Henderson, Amanda Sessions  
**Board of Elders:** Dave Henning, Corey Kuhnau, Eldore Messerschmidt, Dave Rogers, John Simonson  
**Board of Administration:** Laura Abel, Kurt Hollatz, Al Merkel, Tom Schafer, Joe Vechinski

**Mission Statement**

**"Immanuel Lutheran Church, School and Child Care Center:**

Reaching out to all people, teaching and sharing God's gift of Jesus Christ, with the values of empowering, equipping and encouraging all the saints."

**Immanuel Lutheran has two ways to set up recurring contributions.**

- 1. Consider automatic contributions drawn on your bank account through "Simply Giving."**  
 You choose the amount and date of withdrawal. Forms are located by the church office door.
- 2. Giving online is fast, easy and secure.**



**PLEASE NOTE :**

To check for cancellation of worshipservices during bad weather, view Wausau TV Channels 7 or 9  
 or the Immanuel Lutheran Website: immanuelmarshfield.org