

It's a question being asked, "Where are we at with School Choice?" ("School Choice" refers to the WPCP, the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program which provides state funds to families which qualify to send their child or children to parochial or private schools rather than to public schools.)

Our congregation's president, Jeremiah Jensen, suggested a special Voter's Assembly be held in March with the WPCP as the only agenda item. In preparation for this, the Review Committee met. (The Review Committee consists of the congregation's elected officers, board chairpersons, and staff leaders. Invited to this meeting were members of the School Choice Task Force.)

It was determined at this meeting that, before School Choice could be presented at a Voters' Meeting, the Task Force forward their findings to the School Board. Among the findings are key "pros and cons."

Pros include:

- Immanuel's mission is to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus. Becoming a WPCP participant provides an opportunity to reach more families wanting a Christian education they can afford.
- An increase in student numbers increases the likelihood of long-term sustainability.
- Voucher funds received over and above current cost per student would help to some extent with operational costs, salaries, and capital projects.
- Extra funds could be used to bring in additional academic help for students in need. Without providing what is needed leaves the public school as a parent's only option.

Cons include:

- Increased reporting, compliance, and financial audits by the state would require additional administrative help.
- All teaching staff is required to have a bachelor's degree. Currently three teaching staff do not have a bachelor's degree.
- All students who receive a voucher to attend Immanuel must be accepted regardless of their religious orientation or lack thereof.

These and other findings should assist Immanuel's School Board in determining whether to bring the question of becoming a WPCP participant to Immanuel's Voters' Assembly.

Feel free to voice any questions to any elected officer or board member, or to any staff member. Officers and staff are listed in the weekly bulletin which is distributed to those attending worship services and to those receiving it via email.

It is hard to believe that in just a few short weeks, many of our young people will be ending their schooling for the 2024-2025 school year.

The following students will be celebrating a graduation milestone:

Our kindergarten graduates are: Philip Berg, Ivy Brun, Sloane Gomez, Vincent Hafermann, Mylah Harn, Daxton Hasz, Felix Huettl, Elijah Krause, Landon Landwehr, Luca Schmidt, Claire Steinmetz, Aryana Stroetz, and Isaac Wolff. Please join us for their graduation Chapel service on May 14th at 8:15 a.m.

Our 8th grade graduates are: Noah Blomquist, Brooklyn Derks, Riley Henderson, Evan Kuhnau, Lauren Pribbernow, Tiffany Redcay, and Sophia Sessions. The 8th grade graduation will be held May 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

We also invite you to join us on May 2nd for our Spring Program at 1:30, May 16th for our School Dance from 6:00-9:00, and for the Kick off to Summer at Wenzel Plaza on May 28th from 5:00-8:00.

Update from our recent event:

Carnival total:

\$12,385.00 **for educational needs

We thank you for all the continued support you give to both the school and the Child Care Center. You are a blessing beyond measure!

Dear God,

As we come to the end of this school year, we offer our thanks and praise to you for the blessings of the past year. We thank you for the accomplishments of the students, for the dedication and commitment of the teachers and staff, and for the growth and transformation that took place. We pray that the summer break would be a time of renewal and refreshment, and that they would return in the fall with renewed energy, passion, and enthusiasm. May they continue to learn and grow in knowledge, faith, and character, and may your love and grace be with them always. Amen

Rummage Sale on May 30, 2025 from 8am-5pm and May 31, 2025 from 8am-Noon.

Drop off times for items is To Be Determined, stay tuned in future Bulletins for more information!

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who helped in any way make the Spring Luncheon, sponsored by the Lutheran Women in Mission, a great success!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30pm. The evening begins with a devotion and Bible Study, followed by our meeting and fellowship. Please plan to attend and remember guest and visitors are always welcome.

Chapel Communion

May 15, 2025 at 1:30pm will be our next Chapel with Communion Service. This is open to anyone! It is especially convenient for those not able to join us for weekend worship or who desire a small group setting for worship.

Retirement Party for Renee Griepentrog on May 18th after Voter's Assembly. Enjoy Potluck and Cake. Lets Thank Renee for her years of teaching!!

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

"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

May 4th Confirmation of Faith:

Noah Blomquist

Riley Henderson

Evan Kuhnau

Lauren Pribbernow

Jaxon Scholl

Sophia Sessions

2025 High School Graduates:

Kevin Buth

Ava Conrad

Caleb Dennee

Cade Meyer

Nikolas Morgan

Carter Scholl

Emily Van Dam

Delaney Varsho

Sydney Venzke

Annual Voters Assembly is Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 10:30am. Potluck afterward. Please bring a dish to pass!

**"Kick off to Summer"
At Wenzel Family Plaza
May 28, 2025 from 5pm-8pm**

Food, Faith, Fellowship and Songs to begin the summer months. Let's celebrate together with our community! Bring your lawn chair.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED :

March 15, 2025—April 13, 2025

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

Youth Group

John & Linda Hart
Harriet Brandt
John & Jan Simonson

Portals of Prayer

Doreen Fuller
Bernice Neumann

HVAC

Vickie Dux

In Memory of Lorraine Seeman

Julie Bartell

School Scholarship Fund

James Maves

Easter Lily Sponsors

- ◆ Harriet Brandt in Honor of Family and Friends
- ◆ Steve & Cindy Mueller—In Memory of Don & Elly Mueller
- ◆ Sandra Griepentrog—In Memory of Family
- ◆ Roland & Karen Hagen—In Memory of Loved Ones
- ◆ Renee & Doug Anding—In Memory of Parents and Siblings
- ◆ Guy & Mary Langfeldt—In Memory of mother Adela Goutcher
- ◆ Len Kleinschmidt—In Loving Memory of wife, Jayme
- ◆ Al & Mariann Merkel—In Memory of Mom & Dad, David & Alan
- ◆ Shawn & Cindy Schuster—In Memory of Ralph & Themla Pokallus
- ◆ Jim and Jan Maves—In Memory of Lorene & Elenor
- ◆ Vickie Dux—In Memory of DeWayne Dux, Butch Hale, Rose Marie Hale
- ◆ Sue & Larry Pribbernow—In Memory of our Parents
- ◆ Jeremiah & Shana Jansen—In Memory of those who have gone before
- ◆ Bill & Kathy Schrader—In Memory of Clem & Lucille Schrader
- ◆ Wayne Machtan— In Memory of son, Michael
- ◆ Sally Warren— In Memory of Larry Warren & Ione Miller
- ◆ Yvonne Herron—In Memory of David and Mandi
- ◆ Linda Becker—In Memory of Lester, Helen and Carol Frank
- ◆ Virgil & I ora Pachal—In Memory of Duane Pachal
- ◆ Tim & Katherine Priefer—In Memory of Jacob Gnan and Dennis Rolf
- ◆ Bea Montgomery—In Memory of departed loved ones
- ◆ Denny & Heather Varsho—In Memory of Earl and Karen Spindler
- ◆ Jalynn & Jurg Grossenbacher— In Memory of Cecil, Carol & Barry Jones
- ◆ Donna Zwicke—In Honor of Jesus and His love for you and me.
- ◆ Doug & Joy Wirtz—In Memory of Gayle & Wesley Kunz and Richard & Barbara Wirtz
- ◆ Bob & Rita Beam—In Memory of loved ones
- ◆ Richard Akey —In Memory of Sylvia Akey
- ◆ Dennis & Darla Wibben—In Memory of Parents: Robert & Marion Wibben and Myron & Theresa Kuhn. In Memory of our Brother, DuWayne Wibben and Sister, Judy Wibben-Baxter
- ◆ Frank & Donna Angel—In Memory of Louis Grottke, Elnora Grottke and Danelle Brovick-Docauer
- ◆ Rodney Seehafer—In Memory of Chet and Angie Seehafer



duct any business. The meeting consisted of the group having an open discussion on what our 1, 3 and 5 years goals should be. In attendance – Corey Kuhnau, Dave Rogers, and Eldore Messerschmidt. Absent – Dave Henning and John Simonson. Also – JJ Jensen and Pastor C

Quarterly Update:

- 1 – Kept the same schedule as the prior year for Advent and Lent worship services.
- 2 – Working to start having our youth assist in worship services. We now have acolyte robes and hope to start seeing youth use them in the future.
- 3 – Our high school youth are hard at work fund raising for their summer trip to New Orleans.
- 4 – Plans are underway to host VBS this summer.
- 5 – Continue to work with Joy Praise Band and Simple Truth on our Saturday worship schedule.

Board of Education Summary:

Accomplishments during January—March 2025:

- Two meetings combined with Board of Administration regarding budget:
 - Teacher’s Salaries, Tuition, Tuition assistance and Marketing Ideas
- *Old Business Items:*
 - New brochure to promote Immanuel Lutheran School, Next steps for school choice decision, Annual evaluation of principal (by teachers and board), Final approval of 2025-2026 school year calendar.
- *New Business Items:*
 - Teaching positions to be filled for 2025-2026 school year: Gym and Art
- *Next Meeting:* Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 5:30pm

Board of Administration Summary:

Agenda Items:

- Accounts review with Kaleb and Dave from Ameriprise
- Profit and Loss Statement
- Financial Updating Reports to share financial reports with the congregation
- Teacher Salaries & Benefits reviewed with the Board of Education

New Business:

- Voters Meeting Reporting



Church Rummage Sale

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Gym

604 S. Chestnut Ave, Marshfield, WI

Friday, May 30, 2025

8:00am-5:00pm

Saturday, May 31, 2025

8:00am—Noon

Concessions Available

Email: info@immanuelmarshfield.org

SUMMER HOURS

Starting May 27th:

8:00am-3:00pm Monday-Thursday
Friday's by appointment only.

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

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
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.

