

INTEGRATE

A newsletter for the family and friends of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church



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CHURCH PICNIC – SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd

The Church Picnic will be on Saturday, June 3rd immediately following the 5pm service. The 5pm service will be held **indoors**. Picnic will be **outdoors** out in the Picnic Pavilion around 6 pm. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be rescheduled to June 10.

The main dish will be provided by the Board of Fellowship. The members will bring a dish to pass and their own beverages. There will also be an inflatable house and games for all. Bring your lawn chairs and cash for a special raffle. We are looking forward to a great night of fun and Fellowship and a sing-along bonfire.

OUTDOOR SERVICES

We will have outdoor services one Sunday per month this summer, weather permitting. The dates are:

- June 11
- July 16 (with communion)
- August 13

Come join us outside in God's beautiful creation!



JUMP ON THE BUS

by the Board of Stewardship

Once again we will be collecting donations from 6/24 through 7/9 for MorningStar Mission – look for the donation bins in the lobby. A list of items that are most needed will be available by the bins in

the lobby and will also be emailed once received from MorningStar Mission. Thank you for any assistance you are able to provide! For more info, see page 4.

PARKING LOT REPAVEMENT

Our upper parking lot will be repaved June 5-9. **There will be no access to the parking lot during that time.** If you need to come to the church, please drive into the parsonage driveway and drive through the grass and park in the grass. Hopefully this project will only last three days but we are adding time for possible weather delays. We will let you know when the parking lot is open. Thank you to our trustees for all their hard work overseeing this much-needed project!

PARKING LOT REPAVEMENT



UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Picnic	Saturday, June 3, 6:00 p.m.
Outdoor Worship Services	June 11, July 16 (with communion), August 13 – 9 am
Ladies Bring Your Own Lunch	Monday, June 12 at Noon
Jump on the Bus Collections	June 24 – July 9 (see page 4 for more info!)
Family VBS	Monday-Wednesday, July 17-19, 6:00-7:15 p.m.
Big Kids VBS	Thursday-Friday, July 20-23, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

At Immanuel Mokena, our tagline is “following Jesus, finding family.” To us this means in the process of striving to be like Jesus, we grow together as Christians and followers and develop strong relationships as part of the family of Christ.

As we grow together, we are focusing on a key 1-2-3 here at Immanuel:

1 Mission: making disciples.

2 Places where it happens: temple spaces and table spaces.

3 Key Relationships: with God (UP), with people who know and love Jesus (IN), and with those who don't yet know how much He loves them (OUT).

We want all people to know that they are very-much-loved children of God, and we want to walk beside them as they discover their place in His Kingdom.

Financial Summary

YOY Comparison	APR 2023	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	YOY Change	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
Offering	30,901	114,163	102,686	11,477	11
Interest	77	318	68	250	
Facility	1,990	4,765	600	4,165	
Expense	31,587	114,511	110,485	4,026	4
Balance	1,381	4,735	-7,131	11,866	

> Pastor's Scholarship Fund Balance \$18,600

WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary Saturdays at 5:00 pm
Traditional Sundays at 9:00 am

God's Kids Club (Sunday School) and Adult Bible Study - Sundays at 10:15 am (September through May)

ARE YOU IN NEED OF FINANCIAL, PASTORAL OR OFFICE SUPPORT?

Please Contact Us:

Pastoral Support: 708-479-5600 x2

Office Support: 708-479-5600 x1

Live-Streamed Weekly Worship

Tune in to Facebook, YouTube Channel or immanuelmokena.org (click connect, live stream) to view the services live from the comfort of your home. Service times are listed above.

Announcement & Integrate Publishing

Announcements are due on Wednesdays by 9 a.m. Articles for the July *Integrate* are due by June 26 and will be on our website, emailed, and mailed after **July 1st**. The *Integrate* Newsletter is also available online at immanuelmokena.org

Official Acts



Baptism: May 14, 2023 – Ariya Cucci, daughter of Kelli Vinicky & Louis Cucci

Funerals:

May 1–Frank Tantum, 6/24/1948–4/5/2023

May 9–Donald Bakken, 11/8/1939–5/4/2023

May 10–Olga Mazanke, 7/17, 1925–5/5/2023

Elders

Immanuel has elders who assist the pastor during the worship service and outside of worship. Their job is to be of service to you in any cares/concerns you may have with the congregation and within your family. Here are your elders:

Elder 1: Marty Olsen 815-464-4373

Elder 2: Jim Bubeck 312-952-1727

Elder 3: Bruce Bechtel 815-485-5455

Elder 4: Jerry Vrshek 815-469-5059 (Director)

Elder 5: Lynn Gilmore 815-600-6855

Elder 6: Fred Eassa 708-275-9907

Elder 7: Harold Oesterreich 708-479-7745

Please contact these Elders should you have any needs/concerns/questions.

Donations To Special Groups

Please follow the below instructions for submitting donations via check to any of the following groups.

GROUP

Rays of HOPE

God's Kids Club

Include on Memo: God's Kids Club

Ruth Society

LWML

Pastor's Scholarship Fund *Include on Memo: Pastor's Scholarship Fund*

* For Special Group Donations: Clearly write on the outside of your offering envelope where the funds should be designated.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE

Rays Of Hope

Immanuel Lutheran

Ruth Society

LWML NID



Women's Ministry Corner

"Bring Your Own Lunch"

June 12th at 12 noon
in the HUB!

Ladies- Pack up your lunch and let's spend an hour together!

Lori Trinche, Deaconess and project director for Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, shared all the current information for the home being built in East Dundee for moms and their babies. It is hoped to have the construction completed and the women selected for this new home by the Fall.



The Tea Party guests were very generous in their support for this Christ-centered home for



women and children.....the congregation is invited to show their support as well for this synod supported ministry in the Northern Illinois District.....help yourself to an envelope on the LWML table.....checks made out to Immanuel, Lutheran Church with RLOM on the memo line. Your gift will change lives for eternity!!

RUTH SOCIETY

Our June meeting will be held Thursday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m. We will have Installation of Officers. Thank you to Pastor Aaron for giving a message on Hope. Hope to see you!

Next meeting will be September 7th at 7:30 p.m.

A LOVELY DAY FOR A TEA PARTY



As guests arrived for Immanuel's Tea on May 21st, they were met with the delightful aroma of lilacs greeting them by the door – it was the perfect setting for an afternoon of fellowship and fun!

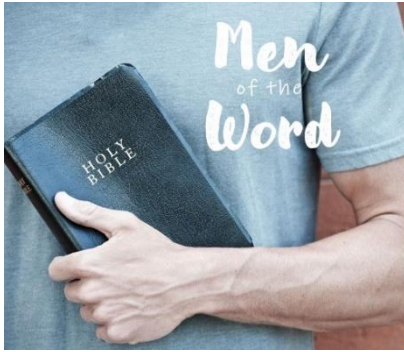


Guests donning their favorite bonnets were treated to tea sandwiches, croissants, fruit, cheese & crackers, cookies, and delicious banana pudding – plus of course, their favorite teas and lemonade.



WOMEN OF THE WORD

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MEN OF THE WORD

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The school year has come to an end. It is hard to believe that it is over. At times, it feels like we have just gotten started. Now, it is time to clean up, refresh, and start getting ready for fall.

The best part of our jobs is being able to watch each child grow in so many ways but most of all spiritually. Their love for Jesus has a way of renewing our own faith and joy. The children have collected \$810.00 through their offerings for Paws and the Frankfort Food Pantry. Just one way they are already giving back.

Thank you for all your support of the preschool and teachers. Whether it was through our fundraising, prayers, or both, we thank you. You will never know how much it means to each of us. We are truly blessed to be a part of the ministry here at Immanuel.

Just another way that we are blessed and keep moving forward. There are only 22 spots open

in the preschool for the fall. We keep getting phone calls and scheduling visits.

We are now accepting registration for the 2023-2024 school year. Classes are filling up fast.

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Jump on the Bus

MorningStar Mission in Joliet serves the community in many ways. Even though school has just finished, they are already preparing for the next school year. Their annual Jump on the Bus program provides hundreds of children with every school supply they need – from pencils and crayons to backpacks and tennis shoes.

At Immanuel, we have supported this program for many years by collecting donations of supplies which are used to fill backpacks with everything a child needs for school.

We will be collecting donations from 6/24 through 7/9 – look for the donation bins in the lobby. A list of items that are most needed will be available by the bins in the lobby and will also be emailed once received from MorningStar Mission. Thank you for any assistance you are able to provide!



LCMS National Offering

Thank you for your donations to the LCMS National Offering which is held in advance of the synodical convention. Immanuel raised a total of \$216 in support. This year's theme for the convention is "We preach Christ crucified." In keeping with this theme, your donations will support the translation of Lutheran resources into multiple languages to assist congregations in reaching and instructing non-English speakers in His Word.

LWML Milwaukee Convention June 22-25

Your Immanuel team is practicing and getting fit for their one mile walk in Milwaukee to support the new LWML 2023-25 mission grants. Our shoes are new and our muscles are in shape – now we are asking for your pledge of a donation to support our ‘walk for missions’! Pledge forms can be found on the LWML table – kindly indicate the information required and enclose your pledge in the manilla envelope by June 18! (Make checks payable to LWML) Team Immanuel (Marcia, Delynn, Emily, Ruth, Miriam, Richard and Barb) thanks you.



We also ask you to keep us in your prayers as we travel to Milwaukee – pray also for Marcia Prosen, our Zone 16 delegate, as she votes for the new mission grants and new officers. We are looking forward to fellowship and worship with over 3,000 of our LWML sisters.....watch for an email blast with streaming information – hope you'll be able to join us!!

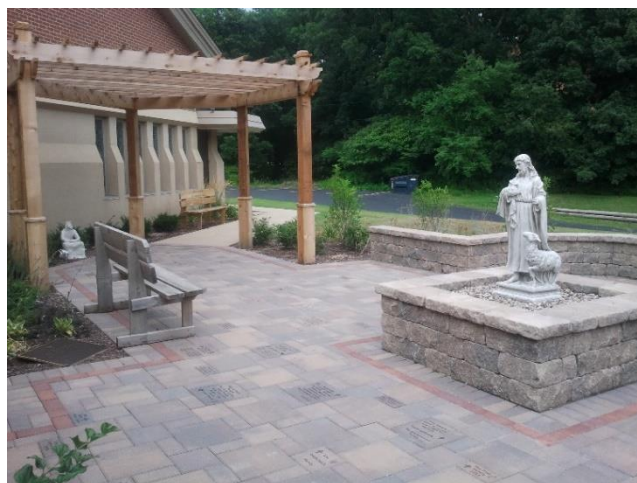


Thank you, Friends, for your cards, texts, calls, encouraging words and especially prayers. Your caring thoughts and love have been greatly appreciated! Nancy Mirocha

FROM THE BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP

By Lyn Thorne

PRAYER PATIO CELEBRATION BRICKS



As most of you know, the prayer patio is a place where we can purchase engraved bricks to celebrate the many blessings of life. The next order for bricks will be sent in mid June. The order forms can be found in the Opportunities Book at the Welcome Counter in the lobby. If you have any questions please see Lyn Thorne or the church office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Family VBS Monday, July 17th through Wednesday July 19th from 6pm to 7:15pm. All families with children between 2 years old and 4th grade will enjoy learning about Jesus in our big backyard with singing, games, and activities.

Something NEW this year is our **Big Kid Camp**. On Thursday 7/20 and Friday 7/21 from 6pm to 7:15pm, all children from 5th to 8th grade are invited to participate in a Big Kid version of VBS with games and activities that culminates on Friday with a bonfire. Parents do not need to attend.

Registration for both of these will be available on ImmanuelMokena.org in the upcoming weeks.



LCMS AREA CHURCH ACTIVITIES

TrinityFest--Sunday, June 4 @ 3-6pm-- Legacy Park in Manteno, IL

You are invited to an afternoon celebrating Trinity Sunday as a fellowship of LCMS congregations on Sunday, June 4, 2023 from 3pm-6pm. Attend the 'amphitheater' seating (or bring your own lawn chair) for a 3pm Service of Prayer and Preaching at Legacy Park (corner of Maple St. and 10000N) in Manteno. Enjoy the walking trails, playground, greenspace for cornhole/horseshoe pits and Kickerball Bubble Soccer at 4pm. Stay for a 'carry-in' potluck meal at 5pm (meat and drink will be provided).

****Inclement-weather indoor location will be Risen Savior Lutheran Church (1881 W. Division St) in Manteno****

Feed My Starving Children--Wednesday, June 14

Zion Lutheran, Grant Park invites area church members and friends to attend a "Manna Pack" event for Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, IL on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 from 4:30pm-6:15pm. All upper elementary (3rd grade and older), youth and adults are welcome to attend the food warehouse packing session. Carpools will depart from Zion at 2:45pm that afternoon (or arrive with your own transportation). A meal at a local restaurant (Portillos?) will follow. 50 spots have been reserved (half are already taken!). Email ziongrantpark@yahoo.com to reserve your spot (or call 815-465-6011 for more information).

CPH READS

CPH Reads is a summer reading program that challenges participants to read books about Jesus and find hope in God's Word.

All ages are invited to participate in the program, which starts May 31 and concludes on August 11, and all who complete the challenge are eligible for a chance to win prizes! For more information, go to www.cph.org/cph-reads





Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1 Jan Hamning
- 2 Bruce Braner
- 2 Lisa Malley
- 3 Jacob Flesch
- 3 Candi Hutson
- 4 Violet Tolsky
- 7 Jess Strilich
- 8 Tayler Joritz
- 9 Bryton Bubeck
- 9 Carol Golembiewski
- 10 Kailey Bell
- 10 Isla Berger
- 10 Reese Berger
- 10 Deb Ebert
- 10 Tina Kruspe
- 10 Tricia Roberts
- 12 Greg Flesch
- 12 Remy Szwed
- 13 Isaac Kruspe
- 13 Noah Kruspe
- 14 Shane Bell
- 15 Harper Ryan
- 16 Elliot Beechy
- 16 Doug Hutson
- 18 Jake Temple
- 20 Randy Berger
- 20 Tim Miranda
- 22 Doreen Pomykala
- 26 Diane Braner
- 26 Brittany Pattenau
- 27 Phyllis Karpola
- 29 Hazel May Fargo
- 29 Scott Golembiewski
- 30 Tyler Bell
- 30 Cheryl Edwards

Anniversaries

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| 3 Ted & Laurie Fuka | 33 years |
| 5 Herbert & Joanne Teske | 68 years |
| 7 Barry & Shirley Schulz | 56 years |
| 7 Laura & Steven Stubbe | 26 years |
| 14 Bruce & Sarah Bechtel | 37 years |
| 14 Donald & Laura Schwer | 15 years |
| 18 Todd & Tammi Carlson | 40 years |
| 18 Harold & Mary Oesterreich | 57 years |
| 19 Paul & Christina Somerville | 8 years |
| 19 Karen & Ed Tatro | 24 years |
| 24 Tim & Tracy Miranda | 28 years |
| 28 Aaron & Leeann Schellhas | 20 years |
| 30 Nancy & Robert Baker | 50 years |

We wish God's blessings on all these people celebrating a birthday or anniversary. If we have forgotten anyone's special day or it is in error, please contact the church office.

Ways to Submit an Offering

- **Drop off** a check (or cash in sealed envelope with your name) in the secure black lockbox by the church office entrance door.
- **Mail** a check to the office: 10731 W La Porte Rd, Mokena, IL 60448
- **Electronic Giving** – go to the website, www.immanuelmokena.org, and click on Electronic Giving under the Giving menu. Fill in the secure form with either credit card or checking account information to submit offering.
- **Joyful Response:** many members already use this service which automatically debits their checking account at a specified interval (weekly, monthly, bi-monthly, etc.) for a specified amount. The form can be found on the Electronic Giving page on the website – just fill it out and drop off or mail to the church office.

How to find the Live Streaming Worship Services...

- www.immanuelmokena.org – Go to Connect, select Live Stream
- Facebook – Follow us @ImmanuelMokena
- YouTube – Our channel is Immanuel Lutheran Mokena (you can subscribe to the channel to be notified when new videos are posted)