



Summer Worship at Immanuel

Sundays in July

10am Worship Service
9am Education Hour for everyone

Immanuel Lutheran Church

United in faith and empowered by the Spirit, Immanuel **embraces, educates, and engages** our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Immanuel means “God with us.” Knowing this, the possibilities for Immanuel’s ministries are unlimited. Immanuel’s ministries focus on three pillars supported by the foundation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The pillars of **embracing, educating, and engaging** our community serve as guideposts and reflect our unity of faith. The strength of these pillars is based on three faithful relationships originated and strengthened by the Holy Spirit: First, God with us; Next, our interactions with Each Other; and Third, our outward interactions with our neighbors.

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***Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he chose for his inheritance.***

Psalm 33:12 (NIV)



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Pastor Ben's Corner

Christian ... More Than a Title

Romans 14:8

“For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.”

In 2025, the Pew Research Center reported that 62% of adults in the United States classify themselves as Christian, while also reporting that 58% pray daily and 49% attend worship services at least once a month. Now, ordinarily, when you hear these types of stats, the message focuses on the decline of Christianity in the United States, for this article they are being brought up to show a different trend, and that is the fact that while the majority of people claim to be Christian, when you get into the practicing of that faith, the percentage gets lower.

Now, there are a variety of reasons why this could be possible, and regardless of those reasons, I believe one of them stems from a misunderstanding of the word Christian. In many parts of the world the word Christian is often used more as a societal classification than the word intends. For many it is an indicator of a person’s background, than a faith system. It is also important to understand that this is not a new phenomenon. In fact, it has happened throughout the history of Christianity. This is seen most clearly when Constantine legalized Christianity in 313 AD with the Edict of Milan. Following its legalization and Constantine’s own conversion, many historians believe that Christianity became more of a cultural fad than a life-changing belief system.

So, what does Christian actually mean? As many of you know believers were first called Christians in Antioch in the first century AD (Acts 11:26). The name used in this verse is the Greek word Christianos. There are two English translations of this word. The first is “follower of Christ,” and the second is “belonging to Christ.” While both are good/accurate translations, I believe the second most accurately describes what the word is meant to communicate.

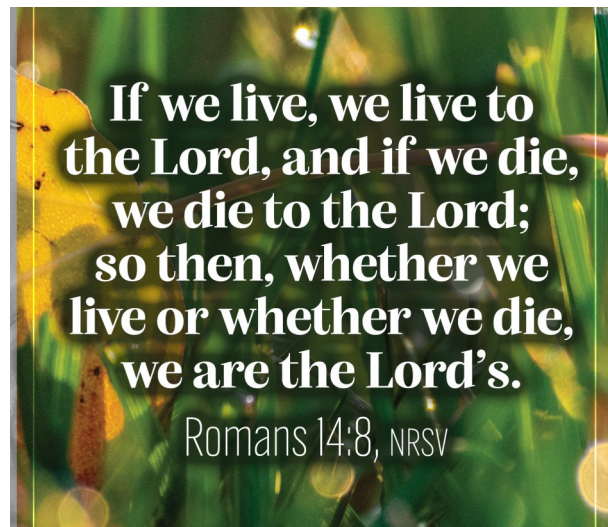
The reason is because we are called to more than identify with Jesus, we are called to belong to him. Our lives are in complete reliance to him. The passage from Romans 14 points this out saying, “So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” We belong to him. Paul again calls this out in 1 Corinthians 6:19 saying, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” Both of these verses confirm the truth that to be a Christian is to belong to Christ. It isn’t a cultural classification; it is an identity.

So what does this change? Understanding that as those who have been called to faith in Christ Jesus, we now belong to Christ, changes how we view the purpose of our life. We are called not simply to identify as Christians but as those who have been purchased by His blood and now belong to Him and seek to follow Him and be imitators of Him. We do this not because it adds or subtracts anything from the reward that is us in Christ, but because that is who the Holy Spirit has called us to be. Christian is more than a stat, it is a calling to belong and live.

Respectfully yours,

Pastor Benjamin A. Braun

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Preparing servant-leaders to shape the world through Christ's example.

Racing Toward August 7th!

Summer at Immanuel Lutheran Academy is far from quiet—not only do we host camps including day camp and athletics, it is a season of preparation, renewal, and purposeful momentum as we look ahead to a new school year. We are excited about the team God is assembling for the coming year, including several key staff members stepping into new and continuing roles to strengthen our academic and spiritual programs. For the upcoming school year, we are pleased to share the following additions and/or role changes within our faculty and staff:

- Mr. Kris Schneider, serving as K-12 Principal
- Nicole Gordon, serving as Director of Immanuel Lutheran Preschool
- Rachel McGrew, serving as Kindergarten Teacher
- Keisha Huggins, serving as First-Grade Teacher
- Lori Clark, serving as Third-Grade Teacher
- Lisa Stanbery, serving as Fifth-Grade Teacher

While classrooms may be empty of students for a few weeks, they are full of vision, planning, and faithful work as our faculty and staff prepare to once again serve our mission of shaping servant leaders through Christ's example.

This summer, that preparation is happening at full speed! Thanks to an LWM Grant and a surprise surplus donation, we are upgrading classrooms, equipment, and furnishings—with a firm deadline of **August 7th**. Our incredible volunteers are already hard at work repairing, refreshing, and preparing spaces for students, and quite simply, this goal would be unreachable without them. Their generosity of time and talent is a powerful testimony to the strength of our church and school partnership. If you'd like to join us in this exciting “race to August 7th,” we have a place for you! Stop by the office to receive your assignment and be part of what God is doing at Immanuel.



Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual ILCA Gala on October 3, 2026!

This year's gala will kick off a very special season for our school as we look ahead to celebrating Immanuel Lutheran Christian Academy's twenty-fifth school year and upcoming anniversary later in the year. It will be a night to reflect on how far our school has come, celebrate the incredible ILCA community, and look ahead to the future. You won't want to miss this special milestone celebration.

More details coming soon!

This unforgettable evening will highlight the strength of our community and the bright future ahead. Stay tuned for more details on how you can support, attend, and be part of something truly special.



MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

The LCMS invites everyone to memorize a verse together each week for July.

Week of July 5, 2026

John 5:39

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.

Week of July 12, 2026

Hebrews 1:1-2

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world.

Week of July 19, 2026

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

Week of July 26, 2026

Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it.

www.lcms.org



ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign Up Now for any Sunday in 2026

You may **pick a Sunday in advance** to sponsor altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, or baptismal birthday.

Sign up on the table in the narthex or **online** for your convenience.

**\$65 Single floor arrangement or
\$75 Two wall arrangements**

If you have questions, please contact the church office at **918-258-5506**.

Online sign-up:

<https://tinyurl.com/ILCflowers>

JUNE 2026 — 10:00am Service CHURCH ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

June 7: 279

Offering: \$18,602.00

Online Giving: \$10,610.08

June 14: 308

Offering: \$13,791.10

Online Giving: \$4,863.41

June 21: 301

Offering: \$31,625.06

Online Giving: \$6,724.41

June 28: 261

Offering: \$8,972.55

Online Giving: \$6,366.76

KEEP CONNECTED WITH CHURCH NEWS

The church website, www.immanuelba.org, has up to date information: the weekly announcement flyer, monthly newsletter, calendar events, Youth Ministry events, etc. You can also download the church app: Immanuel Broken Arrow. Also, you can watch live on Facebook, YouTube, on our app, and on our website on Sundays at 10:00am for our worship service.

JULY EDUCATION HOUR -Summer Schedule- All classes begin at 9:00am

ADULTS:

- **The Early Life of Jesus;** meet in the gym; led by Pastor Ben Braun

- **Stay Married and Like Each Other**

What does Scripture say about enjoying life with your spouse? This study explores Christ-centered ways to cultivate deep commitment, genuine friendship, and lasting connection in marriage. Curriculum by Rev. Kirk & Stephanie. Meet in the multipurpose room; led by Nathan & Robin Armer. The final day of class is July 12.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES:

3-5 year olds—Room 110

2nd & 3rd grade—Room 115

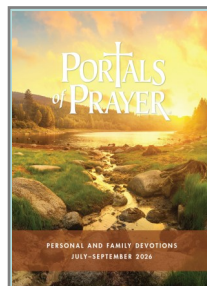
K & 1st grade—Room 110

4th grade—Room 124

5th grade—Room 119

6th grade—Room 117

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES meet in Luther Hall - grades 7th-12th



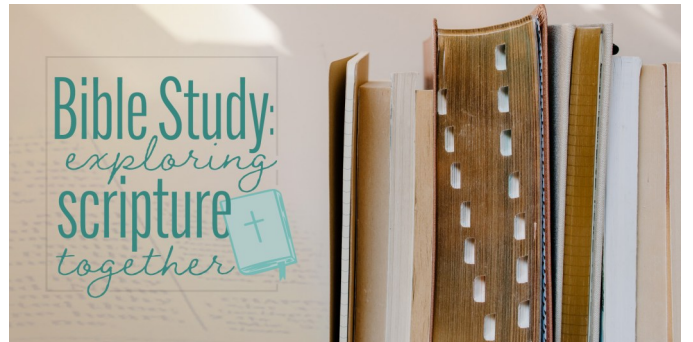
PORTALS OF PRAYER Devotion Booklets

July-September issue available now, located in the magazine holder on the wall in the main hallway.

Portals of Prayer is a favorite of readers looking for ways to stay in God's Word with easy, daily devotions.

A great way to start each day, readings feature a Bible passage, meditation, & prayer in an easy-to-read format. *Portals of Prayer* is great for personal devotions and can be used to open church meetings or Bible studies.

Portals of Prayer has been a source of strength and comfort since 1937.



TUESDAYS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: "God Loves Moms" by Christina Hergenrader.

The women we read about in God's Word were just regular women - like us. And they had the same insecurities and vulnerabilities that we all feel. This study digs deep into the stories of thirteen biblical women for a fresh look at how God reveals His grace through Christ for you. Written in an inviting, friendly tone, this resource is for mothers of all ages. **This study is on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in the church office conference room; hosted by Lynn Beaird.**

WEDNESDAYS

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST: "The Spirituality of the Cross"

Dr. Veith digs deep into what it means to be Lutheran. He comments in the preface: "Indeed, the teaching that we are justified by faith in the atoning work of Christ on the cross is considered 'the chief article' — the underpinning of every aspect of Lutheran theology and, indeed, of the Christian faith as a whole." The book is available on CPH or Amazon. **Please join us, 6:30am on Wednesdays at Chick-fil-A, 71st & Garnett; hosted by Joe Kuhlmann. For more information, call the church office, 918-258-5506.**

Summer Schedule for YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Gathered by Christ.

We will meet on July 8 & 22

Author Christa Petzold empathizes and understands how Christians outside the physical church may be hesitant to return, yet she encourages them to come back and see the gifts Jesus gives through His Church. She brings light and emphasis to the ways Jesus sees His community of believers, founded securely on Him and His Word. **We meet at the church, 6-7:30pm, in the church office conference room. Study led by Mark D'Arcy.**

THURSDAYS

Thursday Morning Bible Study group will not meet in July. We will resume in August—watch for details.



Tropical Trek VBS: A Wild Adventure in God's Word!

June 15–19, 2026 • Immanuel Lutheran Church

The jungles came alive at Immanuel Lutheran Church this past week as nearly 190 children each day embarked on a Tropical Trek — an exciting Vacation Bible School adventure centered on one of Scripture's most powerful promises: that Jesus comes to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). From June 15–19, our church halls were filled with music, laughter, learning, and the unmistakable joy that comes when the Good News is shared with young hearts.

Seeking and Saving — One Child at a Time

Each day of Tropical Trek pointed children to the heart of the Gospel: Jesus is not a distant God who waits for us to find our way. He is the Good Shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to go after the one. Through Bible stories, songs, crafts, and small-group discussions, our kids discovered that no matter how lost we may feel, we are never beyond the reach of our Savior. It's a truth Christ was willing to trek through the jungle for!

80 Volunteers — Sharing Smiles and the Love of Christ

None of this would have been possible without the remarkable army of 80 volunteers who gave their time, energy, and hearts to make Tropical Trek come alive. Day after day, they showed up — not just on time, but with smiles on their faces and a genuine eagerness to serve. Whether they were leading a Bible lesson, running a craft station, wrangling a team of energetic six-year-olds through the snack line, or cheering kids on during games, every single volunteer radiated the love of Christ in a way that children could see, feel, and remember.

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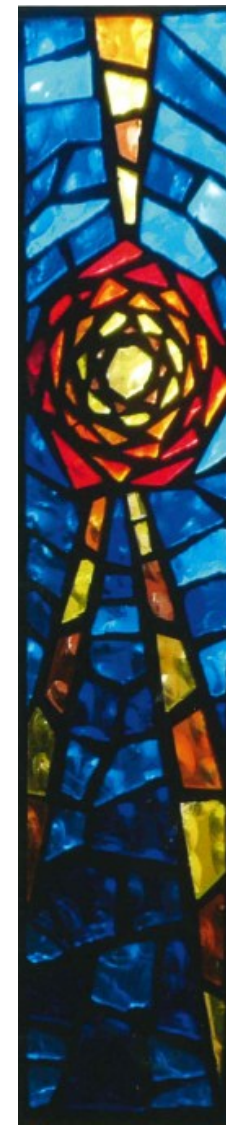


Are you experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or simply going through a tough time?
A Stephen Minister can help.

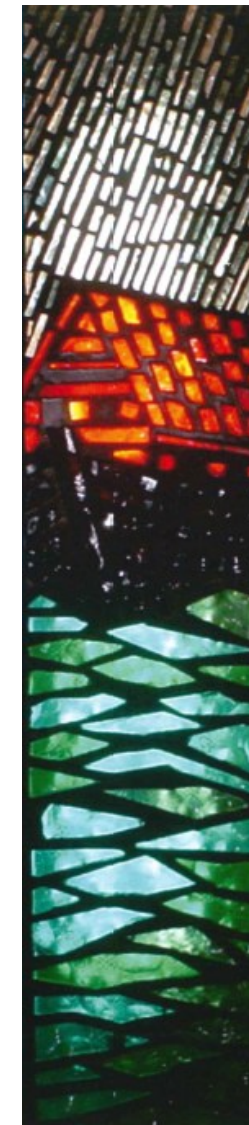
Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. After being matched with a person experiencing a life crisis, the Stephen Minister meets with that person—privately and confidentially—on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need for care exists.

Please contact the church office or check the box below the prayer request section of the attendance register to learn more about how Stephen Ministry can help you.

Panel 9



Panel 10



God's Blessing in Faceted Glass: The Windows

The faceted glass windows were first installed in the cloister of Immanuel Lutheran Church at 216 Luther Drive, Broken Arrow. When Immanuel moved from 216 Luther Drive, the windows were lovingly removed from that location and carefully brought to their present location. Many of the windows were installed and back-lighted on the back wall of the sanctuary; more windows are located in the narthex and Luther Hall Chapel.

Panel 9 The Seventh Day of Creation

In Memory of Kristin Noel Hontz from M.A. Hontz Family

The three beams of light represent the Trinity as they hallowed the 7th Day, when God rested from all his work of creation.

Panel 10 The Flood

From A.L. Gerner Family

With the fall of man into sin, wickedness came into the world. But God still loved his people and wanted to spare those who were righteous. Noah and his family were chosen, since Noah walked with God. In this panel, we see the rain striking the roof of the ark as it floats alone in the floodwaters.



Yes, I plan on attending the Women's Fall Retreat at Immanuel Lutheran Church

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

I'm bringing a guest:

GUEST'S NAME: _____

GUEST'S ADDRESS: _____

GUEST'S PHONE: _____ GUEST'S EMAIL: _____

Registration includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch

Continental Breakfast Sponsored by **thrivent**

PRE-REGISTER: \$35 _____ AT THE DOOR: \$40 _____

AMOUNT PAID:_____ CHECK:_____ PAYABLE TO: LWML CASH:_____

Mail to: Immanuel Lutheran Church
400 N Aspen Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74012
Attn: LWML

It is a beautiful thing to watch the body of Christ in action. Our volunteers didn't just teach about a God who seeks and saves — they demonstrated it, by showing up for these kids with joy and consistency all week long. To every volunteer who served: thank you. Your faithfulness is seen, it is valued, and it bears fruit that will last for eternity.

Boys Reclaim the Trophy — \$1,580 for Broken Arrow Neighbors!

One of the most anticipated highlights of Tropical Trek each year is the offering competition between the boys and the girls, with all proceeds going to benefit Broken Arrow Neighbors — a wonderful organization serving those in need right here in our community. The friendly rivalry was fierce, the coins were counted carefully, and the suspense was real!

For the past five years, the girls have held the championship title — a fact they were not shy about reminding everyone. But this year, in a dramatic turn of events, the boys rallied with tremendous generosity and reclaimed the trophy! Over the course of just four days, our Tropical Trekkers collectively raised an incredible **\$1,580.00** for Broken Arrow Neighbors. The girls gave generously and should be proud — but this year, the boys earned their bragging rights!

What a beautiful picture of generosity in action. These children, many of them still in elementary school, gave from their own piggy banks and allowances because they wanted to make a difference for their neighbors. That is the love of Christ in action — and it is something to celebrate.

Until Next Year...

Tropical Trek 2026 has come to a close, but the seeds planted this week will continue to grow. We pray that every child who walked through our doors this week carries home more than a craft and a memory verse — we pray they carry the knowledge that they are loved by a God who came to seek and save them. And we trust that He will continue to do exactly that.

Thank you to our families for sharing your children with us, to our volunteers for sharing yourselves, and to our congregation for your prayers and support. To God be the glory!

PLAY & PRAY GROUP – July Schedule

Bring your little ones for fellowship, fun and support as Christian parents and caregivers. This group is for children from infancy through Preschool and their Parents / Grandparents / or other Caregivers. Come & join us!

We meet at 10am – see location:

Saturday, July 10 – Meet at Jackson Park Splash Pad; 4800 W Washington St, BA 74012

Saturday, July 25 – Meet at the home of Michael & Kate O'Dell

Contact the church office for more information, 918-258-5506.



CLASSES STARTING SUNDAY, JULY 12th

You Are Invited to the 'Welcome to Immanuel' Classes

We offer a series of classes designed for people considering membership at Immanuel or having recently transferred. It will be a comprehensive overview of Lutheran faith and practice, and an introduction to who we are at Immanuel. The classes will be led by Pastor Ben, Jim O'Dell, Elder, and Mike Minnich, Elder.

When: Beginning Sunday, July 12th at 9:00am (during the Education Hour), and continuing July 19th, 26th, & August 2nd.

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Multipurpose Room A.

If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Seeman at tseeman@immanuelba.org or call the church office, 918-258-5506.

Calling all CRAFTERS

Immanuel's Annual Holiday Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, November 14!

Booths are available - \$50 for 8'x10' and \$90 for 8'x20'. All merchandise must be at least 80% handcrafted with the exception of distributorship products (only one booth per distributorship company will be permitted). Contact Susan Finn at sfinn@fullnet.net or 918-688-6906 for more information and/or a vendor application. Vendor applications are also available at the LWML table in the narthex.



MINISTRY FAIR

*Make sure to join us on Sunday, August 9th,
following the 10am worship service*

Our Ministry Fair is a one-stop event where you can learn more about the many ways to get involved in the life of our church. Whether you're new, returning, or simply looking for a new way to serve, this is a great opportunity to explore ministry areas, meet leaders, and sign up to help throughout the year. No registration needed—just stop by, connect with others, and explore how you can serve!

More details to come!




JULY 5th MUFFIN & MITE SUNDAY Hosted by Immanuel's LWM

**The ladies will have delicious muffins for
everyone in the gym.
(No donuts on this day.)**

Come and enjoy muffins and hot coffee!
In kind donations appreciated!

The Mite Boxes will be in the pews.

The Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS.

Did You Know All Women of Immanuel Lutheran Church are LWM Members?

**Our next gathering/meeting will be
Tuesday, August 17 at 6:00pm, here at the
church. We invite you to join us in
Growing God's Grace.**



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter Article – July 2026

Go ... Sell All You Have?

Originally published July 2023

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, "You know the commandments." And he replied, "All these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me" (Luke 18:18–22). When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, "No!" But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn't excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the Means of Grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What's more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don't let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.

LCMS Missionaries—News from the Steffenson Family



SERVING THE LORD IN ITALY—Summer 2026

God’s Promise in Christ

During the thunderstorms this spring, we saw these rainbows. The Lord first put a rainbow in the sky to remind Noah and all humans of His promise to never destroy the whole world by a flood again. God has kept his promise, but more importantly, God keeps his promise of salvation to us in Christ Jesus. Jesus willingly took the punishment for our sins upon himself. God had promised a savior for thousands of years, and Jesus came to save us from the power the devil, the judgment for our own sin, and from eternal death. Now that Christ Jesus rose, he lives forever, and forever God will keep his promise of salvation to us in Christ Jesus. This salvation is a gift to you and me. It is a gift we receive by grace (God’s unmerited favor) through faith (trusting God’s promises) in Christ Jesus our Lord. It is a gift. We do nothing to earn this gift, but rather, the Holy Spirit brings the gift of faith in Christ to you and me through His Word and Sacraments. God keeps his promises. The rainbow reminds us that he does.



We have good news: we received our visas to stay in the country! Thanks be to God! Now we look at the next steps of government paperwork to make this our home: local resident registration. The boys finished their first year of school here in Italy! Anna Marie got to participate in the Fabriano Watercolor Conference and had a piece in the Urbino watercolor conference. We have an unusually very hot year this summer. Lord willing, we will get to meet the other LCMS missionaries in the region in August. Seminarian Luiz is doing a great job of weekly leading the Service of the Word in Italian and English.

In the peace of Christ Jesus,
Pastor Jason, Anna Marie, Johanes, and Immanuel Steffenson

FOR YOUR OFFERING:

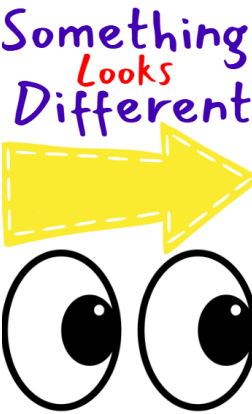
- Text: immanuelba to: 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)
- Church App: "Give" icon
- Website: immanuelba.org
- Mail: 400 N Aspen Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74012

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May 2026 Monthly Update

		2026 YTD
Offerings Received	\$85,002	\$453,514
(General Fund)		
Total Income Received	\$88,246	\$567,501
Expenses	\$113,332	\$633,785
Surplus/Deficit	—\$25,086	—\$66,285

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:6



Summer Renovation Update

Our summer renovation projects continue to make great progress! This week, we're highlighting the work completed in Luther Hall and the Sanctuary. These improvements help refresh and maintain the spaces where we gather for worship, fellowship, and ministry throughout the year. Thank you for your patience and support as these projects move forward. Be sure to keep an eye on the Sunday announcements for more updates and before-and-after photos in the weeks ahead.

June 22, 2026: What an amazing work day and great start to the exciting renovations at Immanuel! Thank you to all our awesome volunteer demo crew!!! Step one done!





July 1 David Smith	July 10 Mark Kois Mac Stone	July 23 Jaye Lollis Joyce Smith Dr. Wes & Irene Rainwater, 43 yrs.
July 2 David Schwartz Eddie & Sonya Grant, 39 yrs.	July 15 Brody McGrew	July 24 Carol Boatright Carolyn Peterson Julie Stolt Ron & Kelly Weinhold, 27 yrs.
July 3 Lily Francetic Violet Francetic	July 16 Lenora Crowder	July 26 Maisyn Huggins
July 5 Phyllis Aussieker Michael & Kate O'Dell, 8 yrs.	July 17 Danielle Hood Tim Lollis Eli Sanzalone Larry & Mary Bundtrock, 27 yrs.	July 28 Katherine McGrew Carrie Ann Swaim
July 6 Jon Bence Rosamund Hood Bonny Winston	July 19 Jason Wright Shawn & Lynn McDonald, 40 yrs. Bill & Carrie Ann Swaim, 29 yrs.	July 29 Timothy Farlow
July 7 Megan Engelman Michelle Schnitker	July 21 J.C. Holt	July 30 Emma Smith Kris & Christy Schneider, 32 yrs.
July 8 Ben Wagner	July 22 Julie Shiever Wayne Wild	July 31 Davinia Devaraj
July 9 Blaine Clark Don Hollrah Kris Schneider		

In Our Prayers

Sunday, July 5:

Ann Voss – she has been experiencing severe back pain, in spite of a recent surgery. Pray for relief of pain.

Rita Sweet – she recently broke her hip and had surgery to repair it. Rita is dealing with a few other health issues as well.

Carol Feagins – continued prayers as she begins the chemotherapy treatments on July 7th. Carol is so thankful for all the support.

Pastor Braun and family

For Our Armed Forces

Immanuel's Visioning Process – pray for our Elders, Staff, our elected leaders, and for us as a congregation to know God's vision for us and that we will be inspired to pursue it.

Those with Health Concerns – Justin Bundtrock, Matt Hagans, Loretta Herzberger

Those with cancer – Allen Beaird, Michelle Craig, Donna D., Jill Duran, Carol Feagins, Earl Franklin, Mike Hays, Mark Holcomb, Allen Hufford, Holly Johnson, Lyle Johnson, Shirley Kirkpatrick, Merle Kuhlmann, Jackie Oestreich, Gary Siftar, Carrie Ann Swaim, Theresa, Ellen Vester, Lois Wegner, Carole Weygand, Woody Wicker

Missionary work: Rev. Christian and Gudula Tiews serving in the Eurasia Region; Ben Helge serving in the Czech Republic; Josh Lange and family, working with CWF in Shanghai; Bob & Chris Prouty serving in Australia; Rev. Jason and Anna Marie Steffenson will be serving in Italy. Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne serving in Shinyanga, Tanzania.

Happy 100th Birthday to Dorothea Daubert July 16, 1926



We are thankful for the years God has blessed Dorothea with friends and family. And as she looks back, may she hold dear the daily touches of God's hand, guiding all that she has accomplished. She knows that the blessing of life, both earthly and eternal, flow from God's grace.

(Picture is from our 2017 church directory.)



Celebrating 50+ Years!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 9—Cliff & Silver Morris, 72 years

July 23 —Bill & June Nessler, 66 years

May these couples continue to see each other as gifts from God and their marriage as an icon of Christ and His Bride, the Church. May God implant in them His love that they might see each other with eyes of compassion and grace as they celebrate another year of blessings.

