

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.



Thank you for worshiping with us today.

It was a blessing to have you with us, and we hope your time here brought you spiritual encouragement and a sense of Christ's presence.

If one of our "Welcome Greeters" didn't see you when you arrived this morning to give you a welcome gift bag, please stop by the Welcome Desk to pick one up.

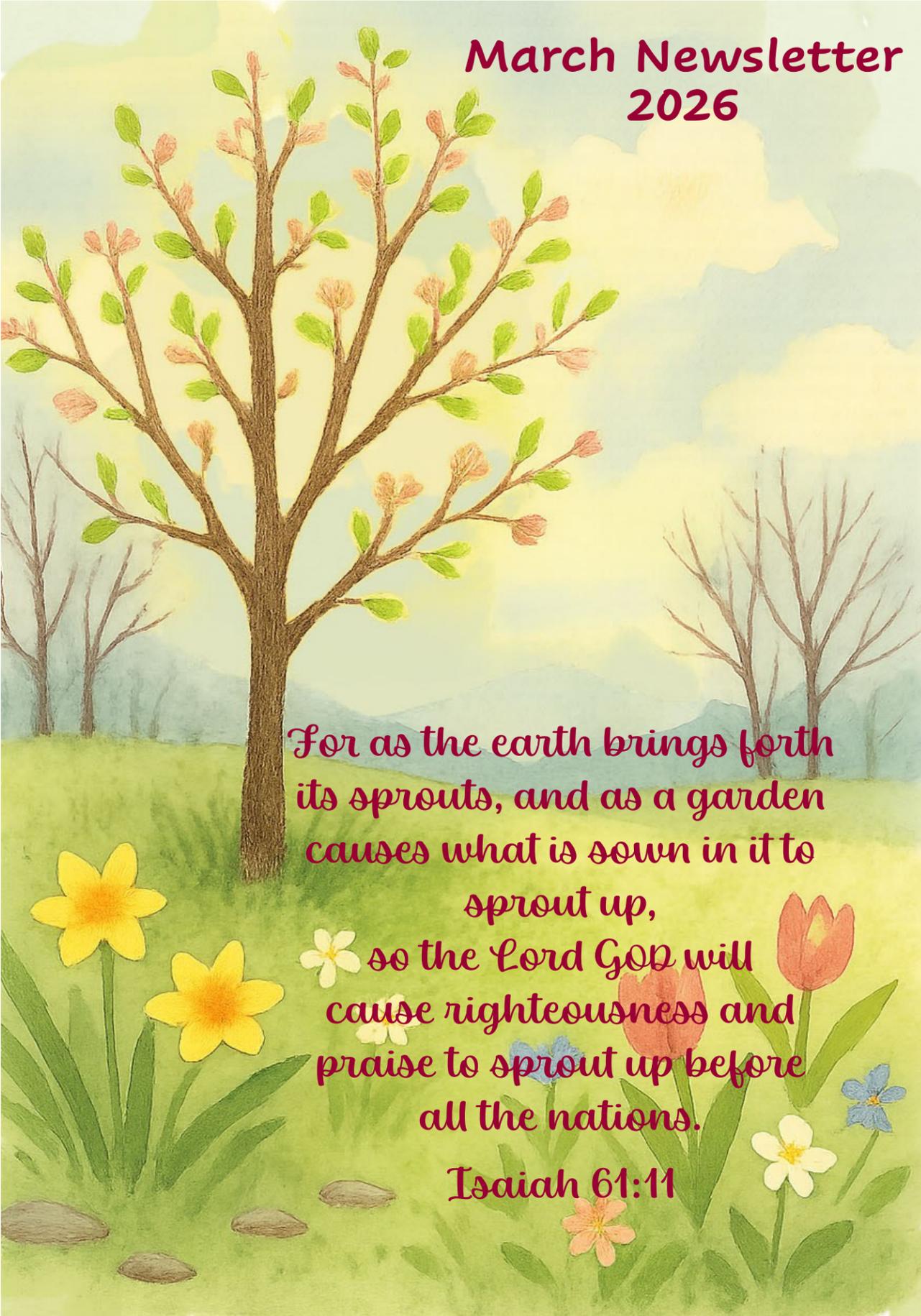
We sincerely hope you will join us for worship again soon!

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Sundays
 9am Traditional Divine Worship
 10:30am Sunday School Classes
 for everyone
 11:30am Modern Divine Worship

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**March Newsletter
 2026**

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11

Wednesday Lenten Services

Our Lenten journey continues at our Wednesday evening services on March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 6:45pm, in the sanctuary.



Easter Lily Recognition

Each year, Easter Lilies are ordered from donations that are received. You may designate a plant in memory of a loved one, for the blessing of someone, or to the glory to God.

Next Sunday there will be an order form in the Sunday service bulletin with all the information provided.

We will include a recognition insert in the service bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

WE ARE TAKING DONATIONS

for candy and plastic Easter eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Donations may be dropped off in the collection box in the main Hallway, starting on March 8. Thank you!



Our ILCA High School Boys earned their way to the State Championship a couple of weeks ago!

They almost made it back from 24 points behind at half. Final score of 67-73.

For all the highlights, go to ilcanews.org



Middle School Lady Crusaders advanced to the semi-finals of the 1A HCAA conference tournament last month.



Middle school boys advanced to the semi-finals of the 2A HCAA Conference Tournament after defeating the Mountain Home Eagles 52-25 last month.



So proud of all our Crusaders!

From Deacon's Desk By John Brigham, Lay Deacon

Sin. Does the mere mention of that word set you on edge? In some churches it's not a subject that's brought up much so as not to offend the congregation. In other churches fire and brimstone is preached almost to the exclusion of everything else. Both of those approaches leave much to be desired. A tenet of the Lutheran church is that we are simultaneously saint and sinner. Just as the proper distinction between Law and Gospel is essential to a proper understanding of scripture, the concept of being at once both saint and sinner is essential to the understanding of our place before God.

We may not be comfortable talking about the fact that we are sinners but we need to understand the depth of our sin to truly understand the depth of God's love.

Now sin is a subject I'm well acquainted with, being a bit of a self taught expert. In fact you might even say sinner is a role we were all born to play. Psalm 51:5 says: "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." 1 John 1:8 states that: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." At this point you might be thinking enough already, I'll admit I'm a sinner but why do I need to worry about it? After all Jesus died for my sins so I don't have to be concerned about it, right? Well, yes and no.

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Immanuel Lutheran Christian Academy

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

News from the Academy

Greetings from the Academy. It is hard to believe spring is just around the corner. Not only does the weather show hints from time to time, but the calendar does as well. Here is a peek at what is ahead:

Enrollment: We are finishing up our re-enrollment for current families. Enrollment for new families will be opening soon. Please share about our Academy with your friends and neighbors. We can take babies beginning at six weeks of age and educate the child through 12th grade. If your discussion turns toward the cost of enrollment, please encourage them to come visit with us as we have a number of options that could make tuition as low as \$180.00/month.

National Lutheran Schools Week: We will celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week March 8-13. This is a fun week where we grow together in Christ through worship opportunities, fun activities, and outreach projects. We will kick-off our celebration Sunday morning by attending worship at Immanuel, ending with an all-school chapel on Friday. Our theme this year is "Make a Joyful Noise".

Spring Break: Teachers and students alike will enjoy a few days of relaxation and reset during our annual Spring Break (March 16-20).

Spring Musical: Our annual spring musical this year is Oliver, Jr!. It will be a great show featuring our many talented students of all ages. Join us at the BA Community Playhouse May 2-3 for this wonderful classic! An online ticket purchase link will go out in April.

Summer Camp: ILCA will once again be hosting a 10 week camp for our young friends. Your child does not currently need to be enrolled at ILCA to attend. More information will be released soon. Please check with the school office for more details.

These are just a few of the highlights for the month of March. As always, we covet your prayers for the ministry being done here at ILCA. We love our volunteer partners and are always looking for others to partner with us in this important ministry.

Blessings,

Twilla Berwaldt
Executive Director
Immanuel Lutheran Christian Academy



Jesus absolutely defeated sin, death, and the devil for us. But that doesn't mean that we have been absolved of the task of resisting sin in our lives. Luther said our lives were to be lives of daily repentance. That sure sounds like sin is something we need to be concerned about on a daily basis. It's a life long struggle. In our baptism we were washed clean and the old Adam was drowned. But even before the water was dry on our heads the old Adam broke the surface, swam to shore, and continues to hound us. If we are unconcerned about our propensity towards sin and start to neglect the need to daily examine our lives for evidence of it taking root then we run the risk of it running riot in our lives like dandelions in our lawn.

The Christian who understands that he is a sinner by nature and examines himself daily for its traces will be as the gardener who searches out the weeds and removes them before they can cause harm. Now for the bad news. You'll never have the perfect lawn. Every time you look you will find weeds that need to be pulled out by the roots. You were a sinner when you were born, you're a sinner now, and you'll be a sinner on your death bed. This is what the Law tells us and why we are unafraid to preach the Law from the pulpit. To acknowledge we are sinners is to acknowledge that we are human. And to acknowledge our sin is to acknowledge our need for a Savior. Which is why you shouldn't take a relaxed view of sin, it could lead to taking a relaxed view of your standing before God. Now, as the Gospel comes to soothe the sinner terrified by the law, let me tell you how you can know that you are a sinner but still trust that God sees you as a saint.

First let me remind you of what Saint Paul said in 1 Timothy 1:15. "The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." There it is, yes, you are a sinner. Which means Christ came to save you. Want a better authority than Paul? Okay, hear the words of Jesus from Matthew 9:13 "For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." That means Christ came to call you, miserable sinner though you are.

Now the question remains if I am entirely sinful and the wages of sin are death how is this accomplished? Christ told us that to enter heaven one must be perfect and scripture tells us that we are definitely not perfect so how, you may ask, am I to accomplish the saint half of the saint and sinner doctrine? The truth is you can't, but the good news is Christ handled that for you. With the fall into sin mankind became separated from God and being sinful had no way to bridge the divide. So God put His perfect plan into action. The Father sent His one and only Son to be born into our flesh, to live the perfect life that none of us could lead, and to die on a cross as the perfect sacrifice, and by His blood cover all our sin.

Christ's sacrifice didn't make us perfect, we still sin on a daily basis. What it did was cover over our sin. Christ opened the ledger and next to our debt of sin stamped the words PAID IN FULL with His very own blood as the ink. When the Holy Spirit grabs us by the heart and pours faith into our lives that very same blood covers us and we become one in Christ. Therefore God no longer sees the mountain of sin we have piled up by our own actions but sees us through the lens of Christ's perfect, sinless, life. For this reason we are seen as perfect just as Christ is perfect. In other words, by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. We stand before God as saints.

So the doctrine of saint and sinner is not that we have overcome our sin to become saints. We could never earn forgiveness by our own merit. But Christ has overcome our sins so that we are seen as saints and declared righteous for Jesus sake. What a comfort it is to know that God loves us that much. And we can be sure that God loves us this much because of the faith given us by the Holy Spirit. Faith believes the promise that Jesus came to save you. Faith accepts that the body and the blood were given and shed for you. So the next time you come to the altar for Holy Communion remember that though you kneel there as a sinner God sees you as a saint through the very Body and Blood of Christ that you receive. This is most certainly true.





SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
All classes begin at 10:30am

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Meet in the gym; led by Pastor Spomer

CHILDREN'S CLASSES:

3-5 year olds – Rm 110

2nd & 3rd grade – Rm 115

K & 1st grade – Rm 111

4th/5th & 6th grade – Rm 116

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

Note: On Sunday, March 29th, we will have Sunday School at 9:00am & one Worship Service at 10:00am.



SUNDAY CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes for all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders meet Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour, 10:30am.

If you would like to start Confirmation but are not in these grades, please let Todd Stevens know because we will be adding a class for those students. You can email him at tstevens@immanuelba.org.

If you know of someone who could use this information, please forward it to them.



YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR WINGS (aka youth group)

We meet regularly on Wednesdays. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us!

WINGS Lenten Schedule:

3:00-5:00pm: Fellowship and open gym

5:00pm: Supper

5:30-6:30pm: Lenten Bible Study

6:45pm: Lenten Service



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLUB
6:00-6:35pm
(Wednesday Lenten Schedule)

JOIN US FOR BIBLE ADVENTURES, CREATIVE CRAFTS, MUSIC MADNESS, & EPIC GAMES!

This is for all kids ages 3yrs to 5th grade!

Kids Club is a time to make new friends, have a blast, and grow closer to Jesus in a super fun way!

So bring your energy and your smile!

Parents: We've got a safe and welcoming space for your kids to shine!

Meet in the Gym & Multipurpose Room.

Questions? Contact Todd Stevens at tstevens@immanuelba.org.



PLAY & PRAY GROUP

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 are invited to join us.

We meet at 10am – see location:

Saturday, March 14—Jenks Aquarium

Friday, March 20—Church Nursery

Saturday, March 28—Chick-fil-A at 5501 S

Aspen, BA or Family Fun Day

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

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 9:00 a.m. for our worship service.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS

Oklahoma District LCMS Youth Ministry invites you to

HOPE
in the
REAL
WORLD
Isaiah 40:31

Open to all youth and friends in grades 8-12
\$50/
person

(includes programming, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and a t-shirt)



High School Mini-Retreat with Tanner Olson, Dcs. Heidi Goehmann, and Matt Doering

Friday, May 1, 2026 (7-11p)

through

Saturday, May 2, 2026 (8a - 5pm)

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“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS

IMMANUEL YOUTH MINISTRY
SUMMER MISSIONS
 2026



LOCAL MISSION #1

VBS @ ST. JOHN PRYOR, OK - JUNE 1-5, 2026

- MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
- SERVE LOCALLY IN THE COMMUNITY
- LEAD VBS EACH EVENING
- FUN ACTIVITY FRIDAY MORNING
- LEAVE MONDAY MORNING AT 8AM AND RETURN ON FRIDAY AROUND 10PM

(BEFORE FUNDRAISING AND COMMITMENT DISCOUNTS)
\$300EA
 \$100EA WITH DISCOUNTS



LOCAL MISSION #2

VBS @ IMMANUEL - JUNE 15-19, 2026

- MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
- LEAD VBS EACH MORNING
- SERVE IN THE COMMUNITY EACH AFTERNOON
- WATERPARK FRIDAY AFTERNOON
- DAILY 8A-5P; FRIDAY END AT 7P

(BEFORE FUNDRAISING AND COMMITMENT DISCOUNTS)
\$250EA
 \$85EA WITH DISCOUNTS

Commitment Form and Payment Due by Wednesday, April 8, 2026

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAYS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: "Living a Chocolate Life", by Deb Burma.

Fun, friendly, and engaging, *Living a Chocolate Life* invites women to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ. Whether they're sampling everything from bitter nuggets of pain to sweet morsels of joy, this study reminds readers that the Holy Spirit fills them with sweet faith in the Savior and it is only He who can truly satisfy. **This study is on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in the church office conference room; hosted by Lynn Beard.**

WEDNESDAYS

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST: "Deliver Us" - God's Rescue Story in Exodus.

In "Deliver Us", Dr. Lessing offers a unique combination of Bible commentary and devotional reflection, applying biblical truth to our lives and inviting us to see how God uses His people's story for us in the book of Exodus. Book is available at Concordia Publishing House. **6:30am on Wednesdays at Chick-fil-A, 71st & Garnett; hosted by Joe Kuhlmann. For more information, call the church office, 918-258-5506.**

Wednesday Bible studies continued on the next column

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: *Gathered by Christ.*

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, 5:30-6:30pm, in the church office conference room. Study led by Mark D'Arcy.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:

The youth are doing a group Lenten Bible Study this month from 5:30-6:30pm.

THURSDAYS

BIBLE STUDY: Revelation

This study is part of the *LifeLight* Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of *LifeLight* is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ. For men & women. **Thursdays at 10:00am in the church office conference room; hosted by Dan Kois.**



REGISTER NOW for 2026 Summer Camp at Camp Lutherhoma!

We offer weeklong programs for all ages from 7-9, 9-12, 13-15, 14-18 years old. We also have two Summer Family Camps. Different activities are planned for each age group.

Online Registration:
 Go to www.lutherhoma.com
**Early Registration Discount—
 Deadline is May 1st!**

Register by May 1 to receive the \$30 discount.

IF YOU ARE GRIEVING A LOSS, PLEASE JOIN US AT GRIEF SHARE

New participants are welcome to join at any time.

When: Sundays at 10:30am, in Room #122

Hope & Healing after the death of a loved one

Topics that are covered: Your grief journey; Sadness & Loneliness; Fear & Anxiety; Anger; Regrets, and more.

Please contact Cindy Carr for more information and/or questions: cjcarr405@gmail.com





Birthdays

March 1

LaDonna Griffiths
Ann Voss

March 2

Logan Lemaster
Earl Sweet

March 3

Simon Stevens

March 8

Pam Kois

March 9

Robin Harrold
Joe Schwartz
Alice Thomas

March 10

Cindy Carr
Anne Rose

March 11

Lori Sparling

March 12

Valerie Smith

March 13

Cindy Agee

March 14

Marcia Aspenson

March 15

Dianne Hutchins

March 17

Katy Lange
Stephen Long
Don Schulz
Tim Wright

March 19

Allen Beaird

March 20

Kim Hood

March 21

Kris Koepsel
Larry Paden
Rita Sweet

March 22

Camryn Bence
Steve Gray

March 25

Gabby Elsey
Michael Stickney

March 26

Jim O'Dell

March 27

Justin Bundtrock
Brian Maves

March 28

Marcus Carr
Katherine Fleming

March 30

Garin Zwosta

March 31

Michael Engelman



March 3

Steve & Kris Lettenmaier, 42 years

March 10

Peter & Ashley Philippi, 16 years
Allen & Julie Shiever, 36 years

March 19

Tim & Janet Wright, 49 years

March 26

Chuck & Tonya Holladay, 49 years

Celebrating 50+ Years!



March 25

**Jim & Twila Lewis,
66 years**

May Jim and Twila 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.



MARCH MISSION PROJECT: Beyond "Thank You For Your Service"

Our Mission Project for March involves gathering healthy snacks, Gatorade, and small stuffed animals for the Broken Arrow Police Department. This initiative aims to honor, acknowledge and support the services and sacrifices of our local police officers. Collection of the listed items will take place throughout March. Contributions of any items mentioned they can carry in their cars are encouraged and appreciated.

- Bottled Gatorade (orange) to help replace electrolytes
- Cheese Crackers
- Small packages of trail mix
- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Healthy Protein Bars & Snacks
- "Small" Stuffed animals they can carry in their cars to hand out to children

You will find a donation box in the narthex.

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

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the Multipurpose Room. We invite you to join us in Growing God's Grace.

We are an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God.

The first Sunday each month is Muffins and Mites Sunday.

- The LWM women bake the delicious muffins you can enjoy during Sunday school hour.
- Mite boxes can be found in the pews on the first Sunday each month and if you don't find a Mite box, there will be a large Mite Box as you leave the sanctuary. Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS.

- Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program. We have submitted a proposed grant request for the Youth/Elementary Outreach Space here at Immanuel. Pray that we receive the requested grant for our Youth and Elementary Outreach as described below.

Grant # B-25 Youth/Elementary Outreach Space Improvements-Immanuel Lutheran Church and Academy, Broken Arrow, OK \$14,219.

Immanuel Lutheran Church and Academy, Broken Arrow, OK needs to address critical space and technology deficiencies by removing an unnecessary large stair area and replacing outdated audio-visual equipment which is currently an impediment to large group learning.

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: even when he is old, he will not depart from it."

These improvements in Luther Hall and Chapel will increase space for this growing church and school to serve groups up to 150 people with state-of-the-art audio and video equipment. With additional fund raisers from the church this grant of \$14,219 will complete these improvements.

Panel 3



Panel 4



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 3—The First Day of Creation

In Memory of Ralph C. Dean

This panel shows the division of light from darkness. The striking bolt of red lighting divides the artist’s concept of night and day.

Panel 4—The Second Day of Creation

For Dad and Mother and Sister Erna from Rhinie Wagner Family

The panel shows the creation of the firmament below and the heavens above. The blue facets represent sky and moisture, while the white depicts clouds in the sky.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

This is perhaps the most well-known and beloved verse in the New Testament, for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our whole life, including our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by thankfulness and devotion to our Father who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ.

FOR YOUR OFFERING:

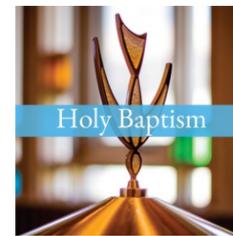
- Text: immanuelba to: 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)
- Church App: “Give” icon
- Website: immanuelba.org
- Mail: 400 N Aspen Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74012

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January 2026 Monthly Update

		2026 YTD
Offerings Received (General Fund)	\$76,437.43	\$76,437.43
Total Income Received	\$115,409	\$115,409
Expenses	\$168,808	\$168,808
Surplus/Deficit	(\$53,399)	(\$53,399)

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



Immanuel Welcomes a New Member to the Church!

We thank our most merciful God and Father that He has granted a new birth in Holy Baptism for Emmett True Hurst, baptized on Sunday, March 1, 2026, at the 9:00am service. Parents are Bryce & Lindsey Hurst.

Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, who calls us by name and blesses us through the waters of Baptism. Thank You for this glorious gift. Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Paul Tobben & family – Paul’s dear mother, Ann Tobben, was called to her heavenly home Saturday, February 21, 2026; she was 79 years old. May God’s love surround Paul and family and provide peace, comfort, and strength. A funeral service was held on February 26, 2026 in Union, MO.

The family Ray Jumper – our dear brother in Christ, Ray Jumper, at the age of 91, went to his heavenly home on Thursday, February 26, 2026. Ray was a member of Immanuel since 1997; due to failing health the past two years, he was not able to be here each Sunday but he loved his church and church family greatly. Ray was able to attend church service here on February 15th where he also enjoyed visiting with his friends. As of this printing, funeral arrangements are pending. Please pray for comfort and peace for Ray’s family. *“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” Ps 115:16*

Lucy Ogden – mother of Matthew Hagans, is on hospice care due to cancer.

Our Expecting Mother: Alycia Abbott

Those with Health Concerns – Matt Hagans, Loretta Herzberger

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



*To Our Immanuel Family,
Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, flowers, cards, phone calls, and kind words spoken following Jim’s passing. We are so thankful for your kindness. Thank you also for coming to Jim’s Service of Victory last month. We rejoice that Jim is praising God in heaven.*

~~Jean Dresher & family

IMMANUEL BRAILLE MINISTRY

Lutheran Braille Workers is the largest Christian ministry in the world that provides Braille and specialized Large Print Bibles free of charge for people who are Blind or Visually Impaired. Thanks to an army of volunteers and thousands of generous partners who financially support this ministry, Lutheran Braille Workers is able to get the Word of God into the hands of people who are Blind or Visually Impaired at no expense to them.

There are several Immanuel members that are involved in this ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, we gather monthly (the 3rd Monday of the month) to print and collate Braille books for shipment to foreign missions. The next meeting is Monday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m. at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tulsa; 2250 E 71st St.

If you have any questions, please contact the Immanuel church office, 918-258-5506. Anyone is welcome to join.

Listening List for Lent and Holy Week

I was speaking with a congregation member who was asking for great liturgical music to listen to that would introduce him to the great works of the church. Of course, I recommended J.S. Bach's B Minor Mass https://youtu.be/7F7TVM8m95Y?si=OIU_I1GLOZHic9AP

So, I began thinking about what would be a great listening list that would introduce newer listeners to the great classics for Holy Week. This list is in no way exhaustive, but a nice list for a time of meditation and prayer as you prepare for Holy Week.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Gilbert Martin <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWy0AJiVQxY>

Jesus Paid It All, Robert Sterling <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JaklmszJSA>

God So Loved the World: (from The Crucifixion, Sir John Stainer) https://youtu.be/dLvthjDEUnQ?si=bJMbP3wXnhpB_mNn

Lacrimosa (Mozart Requiem) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1-TrAvp_xs

Komm Susser Tod (Come Sweet Death, Come Blessed Rest) J. S. Bach – on the world's largest pipe organ: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xje4OYaIB5Q>

John Rutter Requiem, Lux Aeterna: <https://youtu.be/yJ4fK7PGhWo?si=q5SXfafpQv2hOIDI>

Edward Elgar, Ave Verum Corpus: https://youtu.be/tWJRKoKrV_8?si=Ps85_wDBKOyzS-GP

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee (The 7 Last Words of Christ), Dubois <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNfDlmZWfj4>

~~Chris Winston

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8th



CHURCH ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, February 22, 2026
 9:00am Service attendance: 188
 11:30am Service attendance: 70

Offering: \$10,789.00
 Online Giving: \$7,453.24

8:10am & 6:45pm Ash Wednesday service attendance: 265 total

6:45pm Wednesday Lenten service attendance: 120



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

Here are the verses for each week in March:

Week of March 1, 2026

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

Week of March 8, 2026

1 John 2:2

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Week of March 15, 2026

Ephesians 2:4-5

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved.

Week of March 22, 2026

Romans 5:1

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Week of March 29, 2026

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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.

February 18, 2026

TO: Immanuel Lutheran Church & Academy

FR: Immanuel Elder Group

RE: Part-time Communications & Ministry Support Coordinator

It is with sincere pleasure that we announce the new Communications & Ministry Support Coordinator here at Immanuel, Heather Engelman. Heather brings a wealth of knowledge and energy to this position that was previously supported by Garnita Kuhlmann.

Interviews were conducted and many prayers said as the Elders worked alongside Pastor Braun to fill this position. Please congratulate Heather when you see her and thank Garnita for her selfless efforts in the Church office over the years. Immanuel is truly blessed!

Heather will begin Sunday, March 1st.

In Christ,

Immanuel Elder Group



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