



I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1



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News and Happenings for the "Connected-Compassion" Community

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WORSHIP WITH US

Saturdays – 5:00 pm
Sundays – 8:00 am and 10:30 am
(also Live Streamed on [YouTube](#))
Holy Communion served 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays each month
Sunday School Sundays – 9:20-10:15 am
Bible Classes Sundays—9:30-10:15
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Holy Communion served 1st & 3rd Sundays each month

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 Immanuel Lutheran Church-Olivette

CONNECT

Immanuel Small Groups

Connect Groups Starting in September

The *Connect* pilot program was a success! Now we are excited to officially begin the *Connect* program. We will meet once a month starting in September and ending in May with a *Connect* group barbecue. The groups are designed to bring people together to "Connect" with Jesus, Immanuel, and each other.

Watch for the blue *Connect* signs and more information starting in August!





OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISM

Matthew Hicks on 5/11/22

Emma Kessler on 6/26/22

DECEASED

Lera Koenig on 6/21/22

RECEIVED BY TRANSFER

Donald & Elizabeth Schroeder from
Shepard of the Hills, Hermann, MO

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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Cathy Tanney– Grade 3

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Lisa Mull– Kindergarten

Bethany Greatens– Pre-Kindergarten

Cheri Fitzgerald- Preschool

Anna Iannucelli– Jr. Preschool

Tara Copeland– Athletic Director

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**September 11 for
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Articles can be placed in the Anchor
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mailed in a **Microsoft Word** document
type format (*.doc) to
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Planting Apple Trees

Martin Luther is quoted as saying, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." Not sure about you, but it sure feels like the world has been going to pieces for some time; every generation has those times and shared experiences that make you think the world is going to pieces, so much so that maybe it doesn't make sense to plan for tomorrow. I remember as a young couple when we considered having another child and we had the conversation about whether we wanted to bring another child into a world that at the time we didn't look upon too favorably. It can be easy to get discouraged and even be fearful at what we see or what we experience going on around us; but in response, knowing we are redeemed children of God, we still do what needs to be done—we still "plant apple trees."

Immanuel has a long history of "planting apple trees;" by God's grace we have always had an eye on tomorrow and the work of sharing the gospel, no matter present circumstances. From circuit rider beginnings, to establishing a Lutheran congregation, as an outpost of the Kingdom with a fully called pastor. Along the way, Immanuel would plant two churches (Zion-Maryland Heights and King of Kings, Chesterfield) and partner for the mission opportunity that would become Light of Christ Chinese Ministry. Over the years, Immanuel would have countless sons and daughters of the congregation, many having gone through our own Lutheran Day School, serving congregations as called pastors and teachers. By God's grace, "apple trees were planted" without regard for what tomorrow might hold; that is the confidence that we can have as those redeemed by the blood of Jesus.

Some might say, "Forget the world, it seems like the church might fall apart tomorrow." Declining interest and attendance at church; a society that has a different view of morality, with no real sense of truth; and add in an increasing number of church workers nearing retirement and declining number of students preparing to serve in the church as pastors, teachers, youth, family and outreach workers and musicians. It sure doesn't

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look very good for the church. "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." Until Jesus comes back, the world will need the

message that the church has been entrusted with; and while it seems that many do not have time for that message, the time will come when it will again be desperately sought.

Dear friends, it is time to "plant the apple trees," so that the church might be prepared for tomorrow, come what may. A few months ago, Immanuel's Board of Stewards shared a prayer card so that as a congregation we might pray for one another. On Thursdays you have been praying for all the workers who serve the church. I would like to invite you to not only pray for our servants of the church, but also to help "plant some apple trees" in our congregation and the church-at-large.

In our congregation, give as you are able to the "Immanuel Church Worker Endowment Fund" that supports those at Immanuel going to our universities and seminaries with the desire to serve in full-time church work. In addition, take the time to pray for and encourage those men and women you know that might be a blessing to the church as full-time servants; your encouragement is needed as those "apple trees are planted."

Finally, this August take advantage of a special giving opportunity to support future church workers across the Missouri District, as we direct our green envelope offerings toward a combined special offering supporting "Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers."

May God graciously bless the "planting of tomorrow's apple trees," today.

~ Pastor Karg

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Partnering with Families to Prepare God's Children for the Future

*ILS Olivette's Vision is to lead students to seek and know their identity in Christ, develop a continual **love of learning**, and live fully redeemed lives **servng** others.*

WELCOME

We welcome two new faces to the ILS faculty this year. Ms. Lisa Mull, an experienced teacher moving here from Texas, will teach Kindergarten. Ms. Anna Regan, a recent graduate of Concordia Wisconsin, will be teaching Junior Preschool. Anna is getting married in early August, when her name will change to Anna Iannucelli. Both teachers will be installed in the 8:00 service on August 21. Be sure to introduce yourself to them when you see them. We are happy they are joining the Immanuel family. To God be the glory!



Matthew 28:19-20
Immanuel Lutheran School
Olivette, MO



Immanuel Lutheran School's Mission

Responding to God's grace through Christ, Assisting families with whole child development, and Preparing children for God's service.

SCHOOL EVENTS

June 6 - August 5

Summer Camp (west building)

August 10

Teachers and Teacher Aides report

August 20 9 am-12 pm

Back to School Family Orientation

August 22 10 am-6 pm

Parent-Teacher Conferences,

August 24

Students' First Day

Opening Chapel

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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7	8	9	10	11	12
14	15	16	17	18	19
21	22	23	24	25	26
28	29	30			



Lutheran North will begin its 58th Academic Year on Thursday, August 11th. The theme for the school year is “Wise Builders” based on Matthew 7:24 – “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock” (ESV). Immanuel graduates attending Lutheran North include Juniors Nathan Saleminck, Nate Wittler, Jackson Holmes, and Cassie Pura; Sophomore Lexi Lebovski; and Freshman Derricka Moore. Lutheran North appreciates your prayers and support as it continues to serve its diverse educational community whose unity is in Jesus Christ. They exist to nurture young Christians for further education and Christian service. Go Crusaders!



SAVE THE DATE



This year's Immanuel Golf Tournament is **Sunday, August 28, 2022**, at Florissant Golf Club. 12:00 Registration and lunch, 1:00 Shotgun start. The cost is \$85 per golfer.

We are also looking for sponsors (\$750 Tournament Sponsor, \$300 Exclusive Hole Sponsor Plus, \$250 Exclusive Hole Sponsor, \$150 Partial Hole Sponsor). All proceeds benefit Immanuel Athletics and Immanuel Tuition Assistance Fund.

Forms can be found on the Welcome Center Desk or online at [2022 Immanuel Athletics Golf Tournament](#)

For more information or any questions, please contact Tara Copeland at tcopeland@ilsolivette.org.



基督之光 华人教会
LUTHERAN CHINESE MISSION
LIGHT of CHRIST

Light of Christ received new members through Holy Baptism!

On June 26th we welcomed our newest members, Jonathan and his wife Charlene, through the rite of Holy Baptism. They both came to LOC about a year ago and they had been actively participating in our regular weekly activities. They gave a joint testimony after the baptism about their faith journey below. Let us rejoice and keep them in our prayers as they continue to grow in their faith and life.

“Just a couple of years ago it was hard to imagine that one day we would be baptized. Though we both came from families of Christian faith, we did not grow up as Christians and went through a long journey to get here today. We have Christian parents and a great grandfather, who was a pastor. However, for many years we have been busy with other things that we thought were more important; for example, earning a higher degree, finding a better job, building a successful career. We thought we could achieve anything as long as we worked hard. Yes, we have achieved some so-called success; however, there is always a vacuum inside of us that we couldn't seem to fill. We often felt alone, worried, vulnerable and uncertain about the future. There never seemed to be an end to our constant struggles. We were like hamsters on a wheel, mechanically repeating our daily activities.

During the last 10 years or so, we did have some opportunities to join a church. For one reason or another, there was not a good fit. In late 2019, we settled down here in Saint Louis. In a new place, not knowing many people around, we felt very disconnected. The thought of searching for a church surfaced again. Meanwhile, we somehow received several religious mailings. Thinking back now, we realize that it was the Holy Spirit calling us to action. We gathered a list of churches in the area and eventually were drawn towards Immanuel / Light of Christ. That was surely also the work of the Holy Spirit. We first met with sister Helen who was so welcoming and gave us a thorough introduction. The first Bible study we joined on the same day was led by sister Jiang Hui, who was so devoted to God's words. Both of them played such an instrumental role when we were just stepping into Light of Christ.

When we started to participate in Sunday worship and other fellowships, there were so many brothers and sisters who

genuinely cared about us and supported us. So many names came to our mind, like brother Tian Nan, sister Ling Xiao, sister Cindy, Shan MaMa, Liang MaMa. The list got longer and longer. If we planned to talk about all the details, we will need another 1-2 hours just for that. In addition, Pastor Shaw, sister Helen and sister Jiang Hui even took extra time and came to our house to help us learn God's words and pray together with us. For the first time in our lives, we learned that we were born as sinners, our only savior is Jesus who died on the cross for our sins, and by believing in Him we have salvation and eternal life through Christ. God's grace and work have changed our life perspectives. HE has helped us fill the vacuum that we struggled to fill for so many years. Even though we continued to face struggles and sins, we knew that we are now part of God's family, united to serve His greater purpose for each of us.

When we were thinking about being baptized, Pastor Lim and Yin Leng, Pastor Shaw and sister Jiang Hui provided us with a lot of personal guidance. They helped us crystalize the importance of baptism in our pursuit of our Christian faith and encouraged us to take this leap of faith.

Today is our new birthday together, even though in the flesh we were not born on the same day. This symbolizes a new life and a new beginning for us. It is also the end of our old Adam and all the sins associated with it. Through Baptism, we want to become true children of God and have the Holy Spirit guide and protect us in our pursuit of a true Christian life.”



OUR COMMUNITY

WOMEN'S GUILD LWML

Calling all Immanuel ladies! Women's Guild invites you to a Cup-o'-Salad Supper on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 6:00. Everyone should bring one cup of their favorite salad ingredient to add to the big bowl of lettuce. The resulting salad is truly fabulous! Dressings, cheese and crackers, and dessert are provided. Following dinner, we will kick off our new year of fellowship and fun.

If you are not already a Guild member, please come as our guest! We meet the first Tuesday of each month, September through June. Some months begin with a light dinner at 6:00; others begin at 7:00 and end with dessert. Meetings include a devotion, a short business meeting, and an activity – which may be a game, a guest speaker, a party, or.... YOU fill in the blank! We are always open to new members, new ideas, new opportunities! Please come and be a part of our growth!



MEN'S CLUB

Meetings–Sept. 6 and Oct. 4, 7:00 pm

Immanuel Men's Club will have their



monthly meetings in both September and October, dates and times as shown above. More details of the meetings will be shown in the Church Announcements several weeks prior to the meetings. You don't need to be a member to attend. Guests are always welcome! Refreshments are served after the meetings.

FAMILY CAMPOUT

September 16-18, 2022

Everyone is welcome – join the fun! All the cabins at Sam A. Baker State Park have been reserved by Immanuel families, but a change in plans has made one available. If you are interested in a cabin, call Jenny Hackmann ASAP: 314-770-2886 (home) or 314-420-8347.

Campsites are readily available! So if camping is your "thing", make a reservation by calling 573-856-4411.

Come and enjoy the beautiful park, refreshing water, and fun fellowship. It's always a great, relaxing weekend!

Bryan and Jenny Hackmann are the coordinators of this event. If you plan to join the group as campers, or if you find it necessary to cancel your cabin reservation, please call Jenny.



COMMUNITY CARE TEAM

16th ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

The Community Care Team's 16th Annual School Supply Collection took place during June and July. The CCT used their own funds to purchase \$2,500 of gift cards for the four organizations supported this year. The contributions received from members were used to lessen the total cost to the CCT. The gift cards were purchased through our school's PSCE and were used as follows:

- \$1,000 VISA gift card for Immanuel Lutheran Day School
- \$500 VISA gift card for Lutheran North Junior High students
- \$500 Walmart gift card for Concordia Seminary
- \$500 Walmart gift card for Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA)



The VISA gift cards were given to the schools to purchase the supplies they determined were needed. The Walmart gift cards were used by the CCT to purchase supplies that we donated to Concordia Seminary and CFNA. These organizations were thrilled to receive our gifts and were very appreciative.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's collection! Supplies were purchased for over 100 students. Thank you for your continued generosity every year!



Care Team

Our Mission: To reach out in compassion and care to those in need in our community in the name of Christ.

INBOUND FAMILIES

Send a birthday card to our Immanuel Inbound Family! Your cards mean so much. Be sure the recipient's name is on the envelope. Simply place cards in the black mail box located in the atrium. Cards are delivered by a volunteer. Birthday cards are available while supplies last.

Cards are due on **Sunday, August 28**, at 10:30 am for Zane Zeable, Jacqueline Molitoris, and Dorothy Knoll. Questions? Contact Diane Tallyn, 314-910-2032.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

- Continued faithful food pantry donations help keep this ministry ongoing. Thank you!!
- Wow! The Kaslin family recently held a neighborhood food pantry drive and received a total of 170 items! Thank you!!
- The Concordia Food Bank and Jewish Food Pantry are so appreciative of our continued monthly support!

The pantries do not accept expired food or food without an expiration date. Only perishable items are accepted at this time. Baby food, baby formula, and travel size items are accepted. A Food Pantry Wish List is available at the Food Pantry table near the church elevator. Brown grocery bags with and without handles are greatly appreciated! Donations may be left at any time on the food pantry table. Contact Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 with any questions.



8TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COTTAGE

Save the Date: Tuesday, November 29th

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Shoppers: Immanuel Students, Immanuel Members and their families.

Prices: \$2, \$3, \$4, and \$5

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Jobs include assisting our young shoppers, checking out, and helping bag the gifts. Questions? Contact Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 or Rachel Erdmann (636) 447-1361



FEEDING THE HOMELESS

The first Monday of each month the Immanuel Community Care Team provides a dinner meal to the 60 homeless men at the Sts. Peter and Paul Shelter in Souland. The men are very thankful! It is truly an experience to witness. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, 2022 is now complete. Please consider being a volunteer for 2023! Menus, pans, and monies to cover the cost are available upon request. Contact Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 or Suzanne Hough (314) 346-6310 with any questions.

Aug. 1 - Prepare, Deliver & Serve: Kent & Diane Tallyn and Gary & Kathy Rodenberg

Sept. 5 - Prepare, Deliver & Serve: Dan Krenning Family



ATTN: ALL ORGANIZATIONS

Making plans for the coming year? Please submit your activity dates for Sept. 2022 through Aug. 2023 to the church office by Aug. 31 so they can be placed on the master calendar. Electronic submission can be made to cbaur@immanuelolivetite.org. Thank you!



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Do You Have a College Student?

Immanuel would like to keep connected to your college student while he/she is away at college. If you would like for your college student to receive a care package each semester this year, please email the student's name and school address to Michele Zalmanoff at michelezhome@charter.net. If you have any questions you may call or text Michele at 314-560-2816.

YOUTH GROUP

THANK YOU!

Immanuel Youth had a wonderful time at the LCMS Gathering this summer! We are grateful for your love and support these past years, in order that we might be able to attend. In a way unlike any other, the LCMS Gathering provided an opportunity for us to connect with other Lutherans our age, hear stories of God's work in the church, increase in our faith walk, create new memories, and learn how we can serve others for the sake of God's kingdom.

We would like to thank those who helped us attend, or those who in any way supported us. Please join us at the Whispering Hills clubhouse (12545 Markaire Dr., 63146) from **6:30pm-7:30pm on Thursday August 11**, for light refreshments, a short presentation including stories from our youth, pictures, and fellowship! (Youth, you are welcome to come early at 2:30pm, for swimming, sand volleyball, tennis, and other fun opportunities.)



EVENTS

Join us **SUNDAYS** in between services at 9:30 for fellowship and devotions— bring a friend!

We meet every Sunday night at 6:30-8:00 for a small devotion, food, and fun activities! Contact Pastor Schrader for more info.

GREETERS LIST

Notes To Greeters:

Please note on your personal calendar, and trade with someone if you have a conflict. Badges are in the Volunteer Room. **More Greeters are always welcome.** Please call Judy Meyr (314-265-1182) if interested in this service to the Lord.

August 2022

Sat. 8/6: 5 pm Lorna & Christine Arbet

Sun. 8/7: 8 am Duane & Bette Bude
10:30 am Bill & Eileen Bunte

Sat. 8/13: 5 pm Leslie Elgert

Sun. 8/14: 8 am Casey & Barb Kiehl
10:30 am Luther & Lori Lunn

Sat. 8/20: 5 pm Jerry & Mary Edsen

Sun. 8/21: 8 am Leon & Carol Mittler
10:30 am John & Suzanne Domalewski, Joan Ritze

Sat. 8/27: 5 pm Becky Shaw

Sun. 8/28: 8 am Velma Rohan & Judy Meyr
10:30 am Barbara Stuckman & Carla Bennett

September 2022

Sat. 9/3: 5 pm Lorna & Christine Arbet

Sun. 9/4: 8 am Duane & Bette Bude
10:30 am Bill & Eileen Bunte

Sat. 9/10: 5 pm Leslie Elgert

Sun. 9/11: 8 am Casey & Barb Kiehl
10:30 am John & Suzanne Domalewski, Joan Ritze

Sat. 9/17: 5 pm Luther & Lori Lunn

Sun. 9/18: 8 am Leon & Carol Mittler
10:30 am Tim & Cheryl Schaff

Sat. 9/24: 5 pm Sue Wyland & Betty Crane

Sun. 9/25: 8 am Velma Rohan & Judy Meyr
10:30 am Diane Tallyn

AUGUST 2022

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14 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship 6:30 Sr. High Youth	15 9:00 Ladies Bible Study	16 6:30 Council Meeting	17 9:30 Bazaar	18 9:00 Quilters	19 5:30 Family Game Night	20 9:00 Back to School Event 2:00 LOC Jr. Youth 5:00 Worship
21 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship 6:30 Sr. High Youth	22 9:00 Ladies Bible Study	23	24 ILS First Day of School 9:30 Bazaar	25 9:00 Quilters	26	27 2:00 LOC Jr. Youth 5:00 Worship
28 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship 1:00 Golf Tournament 6:30 Sr. High Youth	29 9:00 Ladies Bible Study	30	31 9:30 Bazaar	 Our Mission Statement: Connected in Christ—Compassion for All		

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Morning Schedule <u>Immanuel:</u> 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship		Sunday Morning Schedule <u>Light of Christ:</u> 10:30 a.m. Worship		1 9:00 Quilters	2	3 2:00 LOC Jr. Youth 5:00 Worship
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