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 News and Happenings for the “Connected-Compassion” Community

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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

GOLFERS NEEDED

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024

Florissant Golf Club
 12:00 Registration and Lunch
 1:00 Shotgun Start

\$85/golfer (\$50/elementary or middle school student golfer)

Sign up here! [Golfer Registration Form](#)

Please consider being a sponsor for this year’s Athletics Golf Tournament. All proceeds from the tournament go to support the athletics program at Immanuel. Donations are also appreciated. Sign up here: [Sponsor Registration Form](#)

- Tournament Sponsor \$750 (Includes foursome for golf tournament)
- Exclusive Hole Sponsor Plus \$300 (Sign with name/logo and includes sitting at sponsored hole on day of tournament)
- Exclusive Hole Sponsor \$250 (Sign with name/logo)
- Partial Hole Sponsor \$150 (Shared sign with name/logo)

Please contact Tara Copeland at tcopeland@ilsolivette.org for more information about the event.



OFFICIAL ACTS

RECEIVED BY TRANSFER

Dale & Nancy Nichols from Our Redeemer,
Overland

RELEASED

Jared Snyder to Hope Lutheran, Maryville, MO
Jared & Laura Eggerman (Caleb & Luke) to
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

REMOVED BY OWN REQUEST

Jennifer Leonard-Schmidt (Gwendolyn &
Elizabeth)

BAPTISMS

Creed Creath, May 15, 2024
Olivia Karg, May 17, 2024

DECEASED

Sheila Stelzer, May 16, 2024
Guy Miller, June 3, 2024
Nancy Kieffer, June 18, 2024
Christian Guebert, June 26, 2024

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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September 8

October/November Issue

Articles can be placed in the Anchor
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a **Microsoft Word** document type format
(* .doc) to anchor@immanuelolivette.org

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Christine Nixon– Principal
Adam Schoedel– Grade 8
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Rachel Larson– Grade 4
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Hailey Cole– Grade 1
Lisa Mull– Kindergarten
Bethany Greatens– Pre-Kindergarten
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Anna Iannucelli– Jr. Preschool
Tara Copeland– Athletic Director
Keith Huckshold-Algebra Teacher

ELDERS

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Joshua Horst

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FROM THE PASTOR

Believer. Disciple. Member.

In the Church, a **believer** is one who believes in God, believing in what Jesus has done by His perfect life, death and resurrection to save people from their sins. A believer trusts enough to commit; think of a little child on the edge of a pool, believing that their parent will catch them, trusting enough to commit to jumping. Of course, using this analogy makes it seem that the ability to believe, trust and commit lies within a believer. Rather it is outside of us coming through the work of the Holy Spirit, so a believer confesses, *“I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.”* Knowing this, to be a believer is the beginning of our faith walk in and with Jesus, believing brings us into the Church.



Disciple is not a word that we use often at Immanuel; to be a disciple (if we think of the first twelve) is to be a student or a pupil, one who follows the teachings of a teacher. In the Church, to be a disciple includes an aspect of public recognition, a public confession if you will, that the disciple is a follower of the triune God. Disciples confess God the Father as the One who has created them and all things; confessing God the Son as the One who has paid the price to free them from their sin; confessing God the Holy Spirit as the One who brings them to believe in and have faith and trust in Jesus. Jesus reminds us that disciples follow the teachings that come from His Word, **“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples...”** (John

8:31). Another aspect of being a disciple is the love and care that is shown to fellow believers, **“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”** (John 13:35).

To be a **member** implies that you are a part of something, i.e. the Church, the body of believers, fellow disciples of Jesus. In his letter to the Corinthian church, the apostle Paul shares this idea of the Church and membership in it as being a part of a body. Imagine an individual member of the body, a hand or foot or eye, saying to the rest of the body, **“I don’t need to be a part of you, I will be just fine on my own.”** How absurd would that be? In the same way, St. Paul draws the parallel to believers needing to be an active part of the Church, the body of Christ; each believing disciple has a part to play, a role to carry out. To be separated from the body is spiritually disastrous, because not only is a member separated from fellow believers, but ultimately from Christ who is the head.

Believer. Disciple. Member. How are you doing in these roles? Where do you need encouragement? As Pastor, it is my hope that you truly believe in Jesus, trusting in Him for your eternal salvation. By God’s grace, I pray that your life is one of discipleship, daily remembering your baptism, spending time in the study of God’s Word, faithful in coming to the Lord’s Table receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. And led by the Holy Spirit, may you be blessed as a member of the body of Christ, both at Immanuel and in the Church at large. **The body needs you**, you have gifts to share; and **you need the body**, for the love, care and encouragement that come from God and from other members of the body of believers in Jesus.

—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.*

ENDURE

School is around the corner, and we look forward to having a campus full of students, faculty and staff. The lessons and daily interactions will be a blessing for all. Our theme for the year comes from Hebrews 12:1-3. It reads, *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."*

Because our Lord and Savior endured the cross and its shame, we are able to endure trials, temptations and challenges in life. By faith, we run with confidence the race He has set for each of us, fixing our eyes on Him. It is with great joy that we are assured of the strength He provides to continue on our life journey.

Our school year, or race, will soon begin and I ask you to keep us in prayer. The endurance Christ provides will allow us to daily show His love, forgiveness and protection. The learning opportunities and interactions with one another will foster educational growth and development. Thank you for your constant support and love for our school ministry. I can already tell it's going to be a year full of blessings!

In His Service,
Christine Nixon
Principal



RUN
Confident in Christ

Immanuel Lutheran School
Olivette, Missouri
2024-2025



Back to School Orientation

Mark your calendars! This year's Back to School Orientation will look a little different as it will take place on Thursday, August 15. There will be a morning session from 10-1p.m. and an afternoon session from 4-7 p.m. Parents will use two sign-up links to reserve their conference time with the student's teacher, as well as choosing a time to get their picture taken. Families will meet other staff and faculty, sign up to volunteer in various ways, pick up their themed t-shirts, and make sure to turn in all required forms. This day always brings a sense of excitement and anticipation as we await the year to begin!

WELCOME OUR NEW TEACHERS

Mr. Adam Schoedel will join Immanuel as the 8th grade homeroom teacher. He will teach 6-8th grade Science, 5-8th grade PE, 7-8th grade Religion, and 8th grade Math. He will also serve as Athletic Director and coach basketball.

Adam has been teaching and coaching for 11 years – first at Lutheran High School in San Diego and then at Lutheran North Middle & High School in St. Louis. He earned his bachelor's degree from Concordia University Chicago and his master's degree from University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Adam and his wife, Amanda, have three daughters - Maeve (6), Laine (3), and Faye (1). Outside of the classroom, he enjoys spending time outdoors, playing sports, cheering on our local sports teams, and fixing up his old brick home in University City.

Mr. Keith Huckshold will join Immanuel as the Algebra teacher. He is a lifetime resident of the St. Louis area. He lives in Creve Coeur with his wife Sandy. They have two sons, Kevin and David, who also live in the St. Louis area. Their family has been members of Immanuel since the early 1980's and both of their sons were confirmed at Immanuel.

Keith graduated from Horton Watkins High School in 1967. He earned Engineering degrees at Washington University. He worked as a Guidance and Control Engineer at McDonnell Douglas/Boeing until he retired in 2011. While still at Boeing, he worked through an on-line program to obtain teaching certification in Physics 9-12 and Mathematics 9-12. He has had jobs as a substitute in the Ladue, Parkway and Bayless school districts. He worked one year teaching Physics and Robotics at DeSmet High School and four years at the Barat Academy teaching Precalculus. He has also been involved with high school age Robotics teams for the past 9 years.

Immanuel is blessed to have these new teachers as part of our church and school community. We know the Holy Spirit will guide them as they shine their light and inspire our students throughout this academic year. We extend a warm welcome to them and will keep them in our prayers!

ILS SPIRIT WEAR



Support your ILS athletes! Volleyball, Soccer, and Cross Country Spirit Wear is available now to purchase.

Volleyball and Soccer can be purchased through **Pam Bunte**; 217-637-3465 and will be ready the last week in August.

Cross Country and non-athletic Spirit Wear can be purchased through **Dot-the-i**; <https://dottheimbroidery.com/shop#!/Immanuel-Lutheran-School-Olivette-ILS/c/128383833>



DO YOU HAVE A COLLEGE STUDENT?

Immanuel wants to stay connected to our college students! If you would like for your student to receive a care package from Immanuel each semester, please email the student's name, school address, and birthdate to Michele Zalmanoff at michelezhome@charter.net. Even if this info stayed the same from last year, please re-send it. If you have any questions, you may call or text Michele at 314-560-2816.

ALL IMMANUEL SCHOOL ALUMS!

If you graduated from Immanuel Lutheran School, or are the parent of a graduate, please let us know of any significant events or honors bestowed while in high school or beyond. You may send a printed description, picture, and/or link which includes the pertinent info to ILS secretary, Ksenia Mirly at kmirly@ilsolivette.org or to Rita Eckert at anchor@immanuelolivette.org. The information will be posted on the new "ILS Alum News" display board in the school main hallway and included in the subsequent issue of *The Cross Connection*. Don't be shy! Help us celebrate our school and our graduates!



“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20, NIV

Since the beginning of June, we have been reminded of the Great Commission at Light of Christ each Sunday through the Church and Missions Bible Study series during the Sunday School hour. The Chinese adult class is led by missionary Tina Wong. The series takes us through the Scripture, explaining God’s mission and the Church’s role in it. Tina also shared practical ways of how the congregation can make mission plans and how each member can participate in mission work, demonstrated in the Early Church as recorded in the Scripture.



The month of June has been a busy month at LOC, especially on June 8th. We gathered in the morning as Pastor Lim delivered the final lesson of the Discipleship training series on “Fellowship with God” and “Helping Each Other” in discipleship and obedience, as part of Jesus’ command of *“teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you”*. The lesson concluded in late afternoon as we prepared to join our brothers and sisters at Immanuel for the 180th anniversary celebration.



A week after, the children celebrated

Father’s Day with a joyful song. The worship service is followed by the annual BBQ, with over 140 in attendance.



The LOC Family Tree has added 3 new “leaves” in June, as Hao Zhang, Zhiqiang Fan and Yongqin Jiang were received as new members.

The highlight of the month is our first Affirmation of Marriage Vows service on June 30th. Twelve married couples renewed their marriage vows. Many of the couples were married before they became Christians and did not have wedding ceremonies. The twelve couples renewed their vows, exchanged wedding rings and received God’s blessings. One of the couples actually celebrated their 25^h anniversary that day. It was a touching moment to hear each spouse make the vow saying “I choose you again today as my wife/husband, promising to love and cherish you until the end of our days.”



God continues to speak to us through His Word in worship and through the Church and Mission study in July. We daily see God’s rich blessings and His marvelous work among us as we participate in His Great Commission. To God be the glory!

OUR COMMUNITY

WOMEN'S GUILD LWML

Calling all Immanuel ladies! Women's Guild invites you to a refreshing salad dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. Everyone should bring one cup of their favorite salad ingredient to add to the big bowl of lettuce. 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. We either begin with a light dinner at 6:00 or we begin our meeting at 6:30 and end with dessert. Each month includes 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 Immanuel Women's Guild.



MEN'S CLUB

Immanuel Men's Club will not have an August meeting but there will be a September meeting that will be held on the 3rd at 6:00 pm. The September meeting normally includes an activity and a cookout. More details of the meeting will be shown in the weekly Church Announcements several weeks prior. You don't need to be a member to attend and guests are always welcome. So, please plan to join us in September.



FAMILY CAMPOUT

September 20-22 at Sam A. Baker State Park

Everyone is welcome... the more the merrier!

All cabins are filled with Immanuel folks at the present time. But campsites are available! Just pack up your gear and enjoy the great outdoors in a beautiful setting! Please let Jenny or Bryan Hackmann know if you plan to camp, 314-420-8347. They can get you the number to call!

For those of you who like to plan ahead, our date is already set for next year: September 5-7, 2025!



COMMUNITY CARE TEAM

"Thank you!" for all the food pantry donations purchased monetarily or by Thrivent card. The **Concordia Food Bank** helps our seminary families with their food/personal hygiene needs. The **Jewish Food Pantry** was started in 1991 serving 40 families. Now the largest food pantry in the region, it serves people from 72 different zip codes throughout St. Louis City and St. Louis County. They provide at least 10 days of food, including kosher options, and personal care items to **more than 6,000** children, adults, and seniors **every month**. The staff and a volunteer workforce of more than 200 people ensure its smooth operations. Community members who visit the food pantry are often experiencing hardships in addition to hunger including unemployment or underemployment, lack of access to health care, and housing insecurity. If donating monetarily, make your check out to **Immanuel Lutheran** and on the **memo** line write **Food Pantry**. We are happy to do the shopping for you, or, pick up a list of food pantry suggestions on the food pantry table near the church elevator. Food donations may be left on the table at any time. Questions? Contact Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 or diane_tallyn@hotmail.com.



Care Team

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

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION RECAP

The Community Care Team's 18th Annual School Supply Collection took place during June and July. The CCT used our own funds to purchase \$2,500 of gift cards which were used to purchase Visa gift cards for the four organizations we supported this year. The gift cards were purchased through our school's PSCE and used as follows:

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

The gift cards were given to Immanuel and Lutheran North to purchase the supplies that they need most. The Community Care Team used \$1,000 in gift cards to purchase school supplies for Concordia Seminary and CFNA. They each received \$500 of school supplies. All our recipients were thrilled and very grateful.

Thank you to all our Immanuel members who contributed to this year's Collection! Supplies were purchased for at least 100 students. Your ongoing generosity...for 18 years!...has enabled many students to get their school year off to a good start. Thank you so very much!



IMMANUEL INBOUND FAMILY



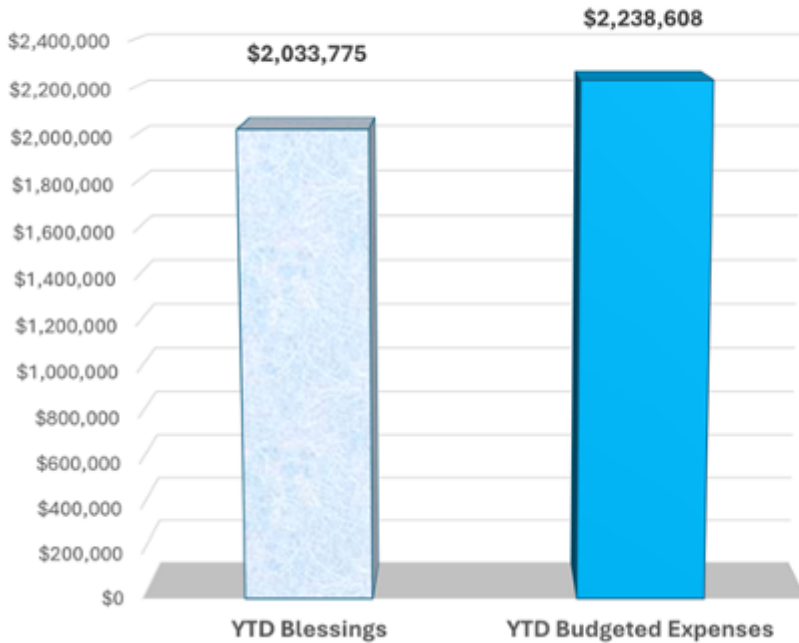
August Birthday - Zane Zeable

Cards are due Sunday, August 11 at 10:30 am

Birthday Cards are available while supplies last. A black mailbox in the atrium is available for all birthday cards to be delivered to the Inbound. Make sure the recipient's name is on the envelope. Cards will be delivered by an Immanuel volunteer. Questions? Contact Diane Tallyn (314-910-2032 or diane_tallyn@hotmail.com).

BOARD OF STEWARDS

Current 2023-24 Year Blessings vs. Expenses



YTD Results: **-\$204,833**



Immanuel's Fiscal
YTD (11-month)
results:

July 1st, 2023
thru
MAY 30th, 2024

Sources:
Immanuel's Treasurer
& Business Office

WAYS TO GIVE!

1 in person
*Check or cash
in the offering plate!*

2 auto-pay
*Set up through your bank!
One-time or Recurring.*

3 click!
on Immanuel's website



One-time or Recurring

GROUPS STARTING AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER!

CONNECT

Immanuel Small Groups

YOUTH AT IMMANUEL NEWS

Immanuel-Olivette Sr. Youth Event

Sunday, August 18, 3:00 pm

Aloha Shave Ice & Mini Golf

*Didn't get the email to RSVP, please contact
the church office for details.*

SAVE THE DATE!



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 2024

- Sat. 8/3: 5 pm Margaret Watkins
 Sun. 8/4: 8 am Luke & Barb Burkemper
 10:30 am Diane Tallyn
- Sat. 8/10: 5 pm Jerry & Mary Edsen
 Sun. 8/11: 8 am Ken & Rita Eckert
 10:30 am Greg & Sherry Miller
- Sat. 8/17: 5 pm Leslie Elgert
 Sun. 8/18: 8 am Leon & Carol Mittler
 10:30 am John & Christa Hellert
- Sat. 8/24: 5 pm Sue Wyland & Betty Crane
 Sun. 8/25: 8 am Bob & Angie Sudbring
 10:30 am Judy Meyr
- Sat. 8/31: 5 pm Becky Shaw

September 2024

- Sun. 9/1: 8 am Duane & Bette Bude
 10:30 am John & Suzanne Domelewski
- Sat. 9/7: 5 pm Jerry & Mary Edsen
 Sun. 9/8: 8 am Mark & Char Gordon
 10:30 am Tim & Cheryl Schaff
- Sat. 9/14: 5 pm Leslie Elgert
 Sun. 9/15: 8 am Rae Mohrmann
 10:30 am Greg & Sherry Miller
- Sat. 9/21: 5 pm Ricki Grabski
 Sun. 9/22: 8 am Bob & Angie Sudbring
 10:30 am Jerry & Margaret Watkins
- Sat. 9/28: 5 pm Bert & Rolf Kaslin
 Sun. 9/29: 8 am Lois Stiegemeier
 10:30 am Diane Tallyn

ATTN: ALL IMMANUEL GROUPS

Making plans for the coming year? It is important for you to submit your activity dates for August, 2024 through July, 2025 to the church office ASAP so they can be placed on the master calendar. First come, first served; please do not assume facility availability. Electronic submission can be made to cbaur@immanuelolivette.org.

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

"To know where you're going, you have to know where you are from." This is the theme of the new 8-week Bible study ***From There to Here: The Bible to Immanuel Lutheran Church***. In this study we will explore how over the centuries God's people have faced wars, divisions, and cultural changes while trying their best to follow Jesus. Sometimes they were successful; other times not so much. However, in all cases we have something to learn from our brothers and sisters in Christ about what it means to be Christians in tumultuous times. Don't expect a boring list of dates and names. This study is focused on the here and now, even while we learn from the past. Christian Dollar, former Immanuel fieldworker and current doctoral seminary student, is leading the Bible study that meets in the fellowship hall 9:30-10:15 each Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to grab a cup of coffee and attend this informative class.

GOD'S GROUNDS GARDENERS (GGG)

Immanuel Church is God's house, making the surrounding property God's grounds. Immanuel tries to keep God's buildings and grounds in good repair and appealing and, for the most part, has been highly successful in doing so. A landscape company takes care of all the grass areas. Once a year, if needed, a group effort of spreading mulch is scheduled. Some years, all members are invited to a work day to clean up leaves.

But a plan is being made to more effectively maintain all the perennial beds from April through October. Volunteer helpers are asked to sign up for the GGG and do raking, weeding, trimming, dead-heading flowers, watering, etc. as needed in specific areas.

Bedding areas in need of regular care include:

- Surrounding Immanuel's sign
- Next to the front of church
- Along sidewalks in front of church
- Along the East side of main school building
- Two large planters by main entrance (includes planting)
- Courtyard between church and school
- Front of East Building
- Around the perimeter of East Building



Work can be completed at the convenience of the gardener...daytime or evening...as long as it doesn't interfere with church or school events in that space. Time spent on the GGG qualifies as ILS parent service hours.

The hope is to get several volunteers for each area. Gardeners may work together or take turns. It will be the gardeners' responsibility to see what needs to be done and take care of it in a timely manner. Questions and problems should be directed to Bryan Hackmann, Facilities Manager.

Please consider serving God and Immanuel while enjoying the outdoors and lovely Immanuel campus! Fill out a paper form found on the table next to the church office, or sign up electronically [here](#), or use the QR above.

WELCOME IMMANUEL'S VICAR!

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

It is with joy and thanks to God that I begin my vicarage for this coming year. My wife and I have heard many wonderful things about your congregation and are looking forward to meeting everyone. Your commitment to welcoming me into your midst as a vicar shows your dedication to the training and raising up of future pastors for the church.

I am originally from Evansville, Indiana, just under three hours east of St. Louis. I went to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis right after graduating from college. I was part of the pre-seminary program at Concordia University Wisconsin, where I studied Philosophy and Theological Languages. (Go Falcons!) This coming year, I am looking forward to getting hands-on experience in the church after spending the last several years in the classroom. My interests include reading (especially theology, philosophy, and fiction) and short distance running.

My wife, Jenna, is from Denver, Colorado. We met at CUW and got married in the summer of 2022 before going to seminary. Jenna studied Early Childhood Education and Special Education at CUW and takes a lot of joy in little children. She taught a 3-year-old class at St. Paul's Des Peres for a year before we had our little boy. Jenna enjoys playing piano, all kinds of cooking and baking, and spending time with our siblings and their families, who are also attending Concordia Seminary. Last summer, we welcomed our first child, Henry, into our family. He is 13 months old and is learning how to walk. Henry is full of smiles and has plenty of energy to keep us moving and on our toes!

For this coming year, I am especially eager to learn from Pastor Karg and the many others gathered in your community. The experience I will gain is valuable in my formation for service in Christ's church. I also delight to hear of your school and the wonderful opportunities that arise in teaching children. It will be wonderful to be involved in a Lutheran school and see how everything works alongside the congregation.

I am praying for your encouragement, hope, and comfort in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am grateful for this opportunity to grow and learn at Immanuel and ask that you would also remember my family in your prayers as we begin the year of vicarage. We feel very welcomed and are excited to be part of your church community. God's blessings!

Peace be with you,

Vicar Joshua Horst

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for food & fellowship at a


BREAKFAST POTLUCK



Sunday, September 1, 2024, 8:00 am to 9:15 am
A single church service follows at 9:30 am
Suggestions for sharing: Egg and other breakfast bakes, sausage, bacon, muffins, fruits, juice, etc.

AUGUST 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 9:30 Quilters	2	3 5:00 Worship		
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4 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship 6:30 Sr. High Youth	5	7 9:30 Bazaar	8 9:30 Quilters	15 9:30 Quilters 10-1; 4-7 ILS Orientation	16 5:00 Worship	17 5:00 Worship
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25 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship 6:30 Sr. High Youth	26	28 9:30 Bazaar	29 9:30 Quilters	30 NO School	31 5:00 Worship	

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship	2 Labor Day Church & School Offices Closed NO School	3 6:00 Women's Guild	4 9:30 Bazaar	5 9:30 Quilters	6	7 5:00 Worship
8 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship Cross Connection	9	10	11 9:30 Bazaar	12 9:30 Quilters	13	14 5:00 Worship
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