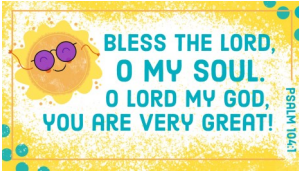


THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER



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From Your Pastor

Christian recording artist Toby Mac released a song this year by the title *God Did It*. It is a song about trusting God in even the most desperate situations and seeing Him work in His time and His way for our good. Here are some of the words of *God Did It*:

*I see you out there hangin' on, don't you let go
Even though you don't love His timin,'
You still believe in the story He's writin.'
(So hold on) we're countin' on the long game.
(Hold on) you're 'bout to see the real thing.
(Hold on) and we'll be sayin' at the end of it all.
'Ain't nobody but God did it' (God did it).
There's no way around—
Some things you can't explain away.
Too good for me to doubt.*

I really like those lyrics, especially because there have been and still are many times in my days when I don't love God's timing. We have many times when we have "why" questions in life, don't we? But we still believe in all of the promises of God. We believe He is at work in all things to achieve His purposes in us and through us for the glory of Jesus our Savior. And so, we're *countin' on the long game*, as the song says. St. Paul wrote, "Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:12-14).

There is another refrain at the end of *God Did It*, where Toby Mac sings about how to press on:

*When life was pushin' down, prayers were goin' up
When life was pushin' down, prayers were goin' up
When life was pushin' down, prayers were goin' up
God did it! God did it!*

The words are describing what God's Word calls "tribulation." The word tribulation literally means "pressure." Tribulation is pressure exerted

upon us Christians by the sinful world around us and by our own sinful nature to conform to the pattern of this sinful world. The devil is behind it all. Tribulation is not just any trouble; it's the trouble, the pressure that the devil uses, trying to silence our faith, even separate us from faith in Jesus.

And what about you? How do you respond to the pressure of tribulation when it comes to your life? Maybe it comes from without, from those who mock you because of your faith, maybe even your family members. Maybe your tribulation arises from within as Satan causes you to doubt God's love as you endure illness or pain, or financial pressures, or any other sorrow. These pressures are common in one way or another to every Christian. How do we respond when we are feeling the pressure of life which shouts in our face: "God is not there! God is not for you!"?

Here is how we respond:

*When life was pushin' down, prayers were goin' up
When life was pushin' down, prayers were goin' up
When life was pushin' down, prayers were goin' up
God did it! God did it!*

When we face the pressure of life's tribulations we are not to be "anxious about anything," but present our requests to God! We "think about these things . . . and practice things"—God's promises in Jesus—whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, and praiseworthy (Phil. 4:4, 8-9). We respond in faith and pray to our great God who loved us so much He did not hold back His own Son but gave Him up for us all to be our Savior and deliver us from every evil! How will He not also, with Him graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:32)

I love it: *When life was pushin' down, prayers were goin' up*—I think I'll teach the kids in a Children's Message to sing it! Listen for it!

Your fellow-servant for Christ,

Pastor Mahuken

Mother's Day 2025

On May 11, 2025, the children invited their mothers to join them at Sunday School for breakfast and board games. Thanks to everyone who joined us!



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DAY



Celebrate summer with food, fun and friends!



Free summer meals
are available for all
children and teens
18 and under.



Schleswig Community School is offering FREE pick-up meals for anyone 18 yrs. or younger!

Monday-Thursday 11:00 - 12:00

Main Entrance of the School Building

June 2 - July 24, 2025

Your meal will consist of lunch, as well as, breakfast for the next day!

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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JUNE 28TH

SCHLESWIG COMMUNITY
GOLF COURSE

Check-in: Time to be
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support Unity Ridge
Lutheran Schools

See you there!
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June 1.....	Lowell Lee Liam Palmer
June 2.....	Dorothy Ruser
June 4.....	Austin Hennings Charlee Rohlf
June 5.....	Dennis Bruhn Josie Jepsen Derek Rothe
June 6.....	Dalton Fredericks Aden Hennings Shawn McFarland Jada Vandenburg
June 7.....	Karla Gross
June 8.....	Dianna Jepsen Gage Miller Summer Walker
June 9.....	Theresa Beeck
June 10.....	Trey Kluender
June 11.....	Robin Ellerbeck Oliver Nahnsen
June 12.....	Taylor Hennings Rhett Jepsen
June 14.....	Sophia Morgan Barb Pedersen
June 15.....	Mike Hargens
June 16.....	Autumn Johannsen
June 17.....	Ashley Hanke Cara Jorgensen
June 18.....	Kyle Bubke Rachel Mentink Kay Riessen
June 19.....	Brittany Bremser
June 20.....	Grant Clausen Kevin Richardson Darren Wessel
June 21.....	Dakin Schultz James Vandevanter Kelly Wessel
June 22.....	Peyton Hanke
June 23.....	Loren Jepsen
June 24.....	Jacee Jepsen
June 25.....	Calli Korner Dakota Thomsen
June 26.....	Dayna Beeck Lylian Morgan Shelley Segebart
June 27.....	Nancy Kline
June 28.....	Laura Ernst Nicole Koch Kelly Korner Brad Riessen
June 29.....	Kassidi Hennings



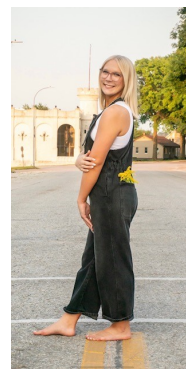
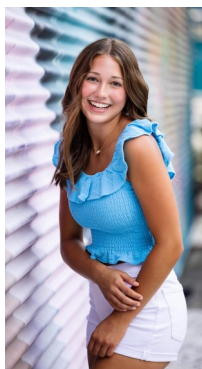
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Connor & Madison Krajicek.....	June 4, 2022
Travis & Lynette Aldag.....	June 6, 2016
Mike & Tracy Beeck	June 6, 1992
Dale & Jackie Petersen.....	June 6, 1970
Craig & Val Teut	June 7, 1986
Peter & Josie Bekkerus (1 st)	June 8, 2024
Jordan & Madison Richardson (1 st)	June 8, 2024
Loren & Debbie Goettsch.....	June 10, 2017
Jared & Kayla Clark.....	June 12, 2010
Michael & Gail Hatfield	June 12, 1993
Matthew & Kirsten Maschmann.....	June 12, 2021
Jon Jr. & Dorothy Pingel	June 12, 1994
Joel & Sandy Bubke	June 14, 1994
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Nick & Deidra Brown	June 16, 2012
Zach & Tricia Bielenberg.....	June 17, 2016
Jerry & Barb Ernst (50 th).....	June 21, 1975
James Jr. & Melinda Fredericks.....	June 22, 1991
Luke & Alexa Lenhart	June 22, 2019
Bryan & Brenda Brinkley.....	June 23, 1990
Dennis & Lori Kline	June 23, 1984
Chris & Kathy Sands	June 24, 1961
Chanc & Jackie Palmer	June 25, 2011
Larry & Anne Abbe	June 26, 1976
Ryan & Jennifer Doxsey.....	June 26, 2011
Eric & Renae Schneider	June 26, 2004
Todd & Kris Schultz	June 26, 1992

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omissions or corrections.*

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CONGRATULATIONS! Immanuel's 2025 High School Graduates



**Kamden Bruhn, Josie Jepsen
and Savannah Steinkuehler**



July 1.....	Madison Krajicek
July 2.....	Ashley Beeck
July 3.....	Bruce Namanny
July 4.....	Zachary Rohlf
July 5.....	Don Clausen
	Curtis Korner
	Seth Pingel
	Tim Stoppel
	Carter Weiss
July 6.....	Garrett Beeck
	Dennis Kline
July 7.....	Ezden Hargens
	Randy Martinson
	Stratton Stoppel
	Julie Teut
July 8.....	Barb Moeller
	Brandy Porter
July 9.....	Stacey Dimig
	Dration Palmer
July 10.....	Theodore Aldag
	Trevis Beeck
	Duane Jacoby
	Megan Reetz
	Emily Segebart
July 11.....	Haley Ernst
	Whitney Ernst
	Henessey Harm
July 12.....	Stephanie Prussing
	Stefan Wunschel
July 13.....	Laura Beeck
July 14.....	Edna Johannsen
July 15.....	Kristin Palmersheim
	Charles Rohlf
	Lowell Teut
	Ross Wood
July 16.....	Eileen Hennings
	Clayton Stoppel
July 17.....	Kyler Bruhn
	Bryli Bubke
	Madison Cruz
	Leroy Hight
	Winsor Johannsen (1)
	Eric Schneider
July 18.....	Jordan Richardson
	Pastor Steve Schulz
July 19.....	Janette Clausen
	Harry Riessen
July 20.....	Pastor Kurt Kaiser
	Gavin Schneider
July 22.....	John Hennings
	Katie Hennings
	Cathy Namanny
July 23.....	Kyle Jepsen
July 24.....	Andrew Bachman
	Dennis Gierstorf
July 26.....	Lukas Bornhoft
	Angela Korner
July 27.....	Alyssa Dimig
	Adam Nahnsen
	Brock Schneider
	Renae Schneider
July 29.....	Matthew Riessen
	Andres Velasquez
July 30.....	Grace Langholdt
	Rick Lorenzen
	Adam Schoenfeld
	Kyle Schultz
July 31.....	Delores Bumann (93)
	Donavon Gierstorf
	Ava Jacobson
	Lori Segebart



Dane & Kasey Lee	July 5, 2014
Francisco & Madison Cruz	July 6, 2019
John & Janice Hennings	July 6, 1996
Bret & Shandi Steinkuehler	July 7, 2007
Cody & Tiffany Friedrichsen	July 8, 2016
Devin & Kelsi Jepsen	July 10, 2010
Gerald & Grace Langholdt	July 12, 1964
David & Lisa Jepsen	July 13, 2002
Austin & Heather Aldag	July 15, 2018
Loren & Janice Jepsen	July 15, 1967
Jake & Tiffany Schneider	July 16, 2005
Brad & Monica Detlefsen	July 17, 1999
Jason & Carrie Bubke	July 19, 2008
Mark & Theresa Beeck	July 25, 1992
Bruce & Cathy Namanny	July 30, 1988
Jeramie & Jaime Streck	July 31, 1999

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From the Church Record Book



Baptized: "Let the little children come unto Me...."

Ezra Rey Khan, born September 16, 2022, son of Sophia Khan, was baptized on May 17, 2025.

Willow Jean Khan, born August 16, 2024, daughter of Sophia Khan, was baptized on May 17, 2025.

Vacation Bible School !!!

Sessions for children that just completed Preschool-6th Grade



Sunday-Thursday
July 13-17

5:00 p.m. Supper
5:30-8:00 p.m. VBS

This summer, we're going on an *epic* adventure through Australia, and you're invited! We'll encounter amazing animals, lush landscapes, stunning sea life, and wondrous wilderness.

And most importantly, we'll be guided by our Savior, Jesus, who tells us, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" in our theme verse, John 14:6.

~ THE LWML INVITES ALL LADIES ~



We held our monthly meeting on May 1st. Our afternoon included a Bible Study, business meeting and time to enjoy visiting along with desserts.

The National LWML Convention is getting close. It will be in Omaha June 26-29. We have several members that are planning to attend what is sure to be an inspiring event.

Immanuel has 3 members graduating from high school this year. We purchased gifts to be presented at the graduation reception on May 4th.

We also bought gifts for our Immanuel Preschoolers to be given to them at the Preschool graduation ceremony.

Visits were made this month to our church members now residing in care facilities.

Submitted by Donna Harm, Secretary



Inquiring Minds Want to Know....



If you are looking for something to clean gravestones, this product comes highly recommended by those who conserve our history.

D/2 Biological Solution is effective for removing harmful biological and air pollutant staining from many building materials including masonry, marble, granite, limestone, brownstone, travertine, terra cotta, concrete, stucco, wood, canvas, vinyl and aluminum siding.

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- <https://www.walmart.com/ip/D-2-Biological-Solution-Reusable-Spray-Bottle-32-Fluid-Ounce/930743590>

From Your library . . . "Have we got a book for you!"



There is a three-book series in the library, **Uncommon Heroes**, authored by Dee Henderson—"True Devotion", "True Honor", and "True Valor". These three books are a must read if you are a fan of suspense and military heroes.

"True Devotion" is a story of a lifeguard, Kelly Jacobs, who is a widow of a Navy Seal, and her late husband's best friend, Lt. Joe Baker, who is also a Navy Seal. It deals with the fact that Kelly's husband was not killed in action, but actually murdered and the man that killed her husband is back and closer than Kelly or Joe realize.

"True Valor" gives the reader a chance to see the true meaning of a hero. Gracie is a Navy Pilot and Bruce works the Air Force Pararescue division. Working dangerous missions, Gracie and Bruce are often far from one another and when Gracie's plane is shot down behind enemy lines, Bruce's one and only mission is to get her out alive.

"True Honor" is the story of Darcy St. James, a CIA officer, and a Navy Seal, Sam Houston, who is a member of the Naval Intelligence Program. Darcy is after the man who knew about September 11 who chose to profit from it by keeping silent. Now the information Darcy is uncovering has Sam's team deployed all over the world and the terrorists involved have chosen a next target and Darcy is high on the list.

Dee Henderson, in writing this series, has given the reader a must read if that reader is a fan of suspense and military heroes while weaving a tale of God, devotion to country, and telling the story of those left behind.

—Submitted by Karen Wood





It's our last newsletter for the school year. As I am typing, we have five days remaining with students. It's bittersweet. If you've been a part of education yourself, you know that about April the children (and staff) seem to catch a touch of "spring fever." Oh, don't get me wrong, we aren't seeing poor behaviors. We're just experiencing a level of excitement and anticipation which I don't think anyone even realizes is happening. I'm going to share a story of something that transpired this morning as I left home and hopefully it will demonstrate what I feel like we're seeing in our classroom.

I drove out of my lane heading for work today and took note of the lilies growing. We have a row of trees lining our driveway and decided a few years ago to transplant lilies and hostas. Why? We didn't want to have to keep weed-eating it and the mower doesn't fit between the trees. It's interesting that a few weeks ago, the lilies couldn't even be seen popping out of the ground. Today, they are almost full sized. Of course, while I can see the greenery and admire their health, I also know more beauty is coming. Since I have had the pleasure of watching this process take place for years, I know the flowers won't be far behind. I haven't walked up close to see if the hostas are peeking out yet, but I know they won't be far behind. They always seem to be a bit slower to spring forth especially when they're planted under a tree. It's so exciting to watch! (Well, if you're into watching this type of thing which I clearly am!)

There were so many applicable lessons for our classroom and spiritual walk observing the plants along the driveway. It's amazing to watch something that has been dormant under the ground coming to life in full force. It's also amazing to see how it comes back bigger and better than last year. The children and their spiritual walk are really no different. They are bubbling with this sense of excitement and don't even know what's behind it. Yet, I believe there has been all kind of growth going on "under the surface." (like the flower bulbs) They've been absorbing the truths of God's Word all year. They've experienced watering, rest, good soil, and heat. The afternoon

students know they are almost finished at Immanuel and while sad to be leaving they are over the moon excited. They'll be going to "the big school" next year. As instructors, we know they're just getting started. They will have the summer to rest, run free, and experience all things wonderful for children. Yet, the blooming may still be on the horizon. We get to continue to watch them as their walk with Jesus blossoms into something even more beautiful than it is today. They will carry the aroma of Christ into their new classroom. We pray others will experience Jesus just by being in their presence. As a class, I pray they will be a garden of beauty where others want to hang out just to be with Jesus because His Presence is so strong in them.

Yet, there is an equal level of anticipation for those hostas. The students who are currently attending our morning class. The ones who we will have the pleasure to continue to minister to next year. They aren't quite as far out of the ground yet spiritually. We know they are just younger. We are grateful to have another year enjoying watching what God will be doing in their lives. The joy we feel because we get to continue to invest is deep. God loves us so much through them! We pray He uses us to show His love to them as well.

By the time you are reading our newsletter, the halls here will be quiet once again. The room will collect some summer dust and the coat hooks will remain bare with no backpacks in sight. Yet, it is a gift knowing that the children have left with what we hope is a backpack full of Jesus and His love! We pray they know He will never leave them or forsake them. We pray they will hold His hand and walk with Him all the days of their lives. We pray they will know the joy and grace that comes from a personal relationship with our incredible and loving Savior.

Blessings to you and your family this summer.
Mrs. Gustafson



(This picture is from our Graduation ceremony held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025.)



"Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way." Psalm 85:11-13

For over 124 springs, laypeople like you of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod have answered the call of the Lord to serve His beloved children in many ways in partnership with Lutheran Family Service. This spring, LFS is responding to the needs expressed by more LCMS pastors and churches, as we prepare to Grow & Go by increasing our ministry of counseling, supporting, and loving people in new states & communities.

You love your pastor, and so do we! Today, we invite you to join us in a fun way to show your support for him, as you partner with LFS to grow our network of care to your neighbors. We will present your pastor with a gift card for a night out when at least 10 new partners from your church step up between May 1 and June 30, and each make a gift of at least \$10 to support those in need who are served by LFS.

You will help both LFS and your pastor Grow & Go; and will support and extend the ministry of love, mercy and care that we are called to accomplish together for our neighbors in need, including projects like mental health counseling, adoption, support for wives of LCMS pastors, unplanned pregnancy support, congregational outreach and more.

Be one of the 10 from your congregation to join us in this important extension of Christ-centered mission and ministry through Lutheran Family Service. Make your gift today, as together we trust in the promise of our God, as the Psalmist concludes, "Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way."

Donations can be made by filling out the paper form on the Narthex table at church and placing in the offering plate or online at: <https://lutheranfamilyservice.networkforgood.com/>



IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL
TUITION ORGANIZATION

"From seed... Let the little children come to me..."

Your donations to the IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO) will provide you a substantial tax credit and help Unity Ridge Lutheran School in Denison.

For the 2025 tax year, the legislature has allocated \$20,000,000 for Tuition Tax Credits for the STO program across the state of Iowa so ILSTO will have \$892,362 in tax credits to distribute to donors and has set a goal to raise \$1,189,816. We are currently at 5% of our goal.

We need your help to raise this money. Current tax laws have changed, so please consult your tax preparer for the impact on your own tax situation. Contact Dewey Torkelson for more information 712-260-2991.

Iowa District West — Youth Gatherings

Registration coming this fall

Junior Youth Gathering October 18-19, 2025
The Sheraton-West Des Moines
Theme: Not Just Water
Theme Verse: Titus 3:5

Senior Youth Gathering November 21-23, 2025
Holiday Inn at the airport-Des Moines
Theme: God's Calling For Your Life
Theme Verse: Ephesians 2:10



Updates from Camp

Summer isn't even here yet and it's been a busy time at Camp Okoboji! We've been blessed to serve several groups with their stay at Camp.

Camp Okoboji is in great need of additional cleaning staff as well as two summer cooks! Please spread the word. Contact Kellie at 712-337-3325.

On Saturday, April 26, Camp Okoboji Lutheran Association hosted 60 delegates representing their congregations for the 2024 Annual Meeting. In attendance were members from the Camp Auxiliary, Board members, and many guests. It was great to have so many with us! The day included a presentation of 2024 year-end financial statements. Camp is in good financial shape for the short-term and to invest in the Long-Range plan, and finished the year in the black by \$23,703.52

Camp Okoboji also recognized two "Friends of Camp," Jim Schroeder (IDW Giving Planning Counselor) and Carole White (retired LCEF District VP). We are grateful for their years of dedicated support of Camp Okoboji!

Join us Saturday, June 14, for a freewill lunch beginning at 11:00 am, shop at the craft table, view and examine the quilts and enjoy the afternoon bidding on the quilts of your choice to support the Auxiliary as they raise funds for Camp Okoboji.

THANK YOU to volunteers and groups who give so generously of their time and talents in serving Camp Okoboji.

- Many, many thanks to the volunteers who joined us for Volunteer Weekend!
- I can't thank enough the volunteers that helped us with the Wittenberg Academy Family Retreat this year—we can't do it without you, thank you!
- Special "THANKS" to the volunteers who served as delegates to the Annual Meeting.

Camp Wants and Needs

- Outdoor Rocking Chairs
 - Laundry soap, bleach and hand soap
 - Queen-size mattress pads
 - New commercial grade vacuums
 - Thrivent Action Team Cards
- (contact Kellie for potential project 712-337-3325)

CAMP OKOBOJI SUMMER 2025

Discipleship Programs

May 30-June 1...Kids' Kamp
June 5-8...JOY Camp #1
June 22-26...Cub Week #1
June 29-July 4...July 4 Family Retreat
July 6-12...Junior High Week
July 10-13...JOY Camp #2
July 13-19...Cub Week #2
July 20-26...Youth Week (High School)
July 27-August 1...Family Retreat #1
August 3-8...Family Retreat #2

Other Events

January 24-26...Family Ice Fishing Retreat
May 2-4...Spring Volunteer Work Weekend
June 8-10...Iowa District West Convention
June 14...Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction
June 15-21...Minneboji Lutheran Camp
May 25-August 31...Sunday Worship
1st Sundays of the Month (May-October)...Brunch
October 10-11...Fall Volunteer Work Weekend

For more information and to register, visit campokoboji.org



Support Disaster Response in the Midwest and South

An Appeal Letter from LCMS Present, The Reverend Doctor Matthew Harrison

Dear fellow redeemed,

In the last week, severe storms in the Midwest and South have caused significant property damage, injury and loss of life. The effects have been felt in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana and beyond.

The Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response, is actively reaching out to those in and closest to the affected areas to ask how the LCMS can best help and support them. Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) have already been deployed to clear away fallen trees and assist with debris removal.

Individual congregations like Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Louis are already reaching out to their local communities with material assistance and the love of Christ. Read about the damage in the St. Louis area. <https://reporter.lcms.org/2025/recovery-begins-st-louis-tornado/>

Your longstanding, joyful generosity to — and partnership with — LCMS Disaster Response means that our Lutheran congregations and trained responders are immediately acting whenever catastrophe strikes. For example, after a tornado hit the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, last week, resulting in the postponement of commencement, LERT volunteers worked to remove debris so that it could be held just 24 hours later.

Your ongoing prayers and voluntary, joyful support are essential. As we use your offerings given in response to recent disasters, any gift the Lord allows you to provide will make a difference in the lives of people who are hurting — now and even weeks or months into the future.

Will you help sustain the church's ability to respond immediately to any disaster, taking steps to meet real physical needs while also providing Gospel-centered care for the soul? Please prayerfully consider a contribution only as the Lord allows, whenever He might make that possible. If you are led by God financially to support the response of the church to this spring's storms, the following donor-restricted accounts are being utilized:

The LCMS Disaster Response—Strategic Use fund. Visit lcms.org/give/disaster or mail a check to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or LCMS, at P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. On the memo line, write “Disaster Response—Strategic Use (TR9206)”; or

The LCMS Disaster Response—Tornado Relief fund. Visit lcms.org/give/tornado or mail a check to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or LCMS, at P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. On the memo line, write “Disaster Response—Tornado Relief (NM8050-26050).”

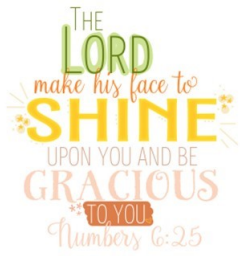
For anyone living in or near an affected disaster area, the LCMS also encourages you to connect with local congregations (any that are taking action, such as Bethlehem Lutheran) and your respective LCMS district office for guidance about supporting a local response.

As the Body of Christ, who continually receive His gifts of Word and Sacrament, we breathe in the Gospel and exhale mercy and love toward our neighbor. Your gifts help us to be the church, especially when our neighbors have suffered a natural disaster like the recent events in the Midwest and South. Thank you for your continued, faithful and joyful partnership.

Sub Cruce (Under the Cross),
Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

P.S. When God's people supply generous offerings to support an LCMS response to a disaster event, they provide Christ's mercy to our neighbor in close proximity to God's Word and Sacrament. This is important because victims of disaster, amid some of the worst days of their lives, can receive care for both body and soul, hear the Gospel and receive the comfort that only Jesus and His Word can give.





JUNE 2025

Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Schleswig, Iowa



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																																										
1 9 a.m. Worship w/HC 10:15 SS & BC 1 p.m. Schleswig Sharks 4-H	2	3	4 6:30 Bible Study	5 1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study	6	7 5 p.m. Worship w/HC																																										
8 Pentecost 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 SS & BC <-District Convention @ Camp Okoboji-> 	9	10	11 6:30 Bible Study	12 9 a.m. Quilting 6:30 pm Bible Study	13	14 Flag Day  5 p.m. Worship w/HC																																										
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Summer 2025 Newsletter

Blessings! Greetings in Christ from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. As I near graduation, I just want to thank you for the generous blessings that you have given to me in being donors towards my education over the last 4 years. Your generosity is helping me continue down the path of becoming a pastor and now that has come to a completion.

To God be the glory! In Christ, Daniel Brummet

Life Updates

- Call Day has come and gone and the verdict is in: Daniel Brummet, Associate Pastor, Resurrection Lutheran Church in Spring, TX. Although the title says Associate Pastor, I am being sent by Resurrection as a church planter to start a new church in the Willis and New Waverly, TX area. I am super excited to join Jesus on His mission and I feel like this is the best fit I could've asked for. God is good! Now it's time to get to work!
- As I wrote in my last newsletter, Sarah and I found out that we are pregnant! Over Easter, we had a gender reveal party and found out that we have having a GIRL! We already had a name picked out and Lily Grace Brummet is projected to be born in early October!
- I can't believe that my seminary journey is coming to an end, but there is much joy and excitement in what is ahead. As one chapter ends, another begins. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we near graduation on May 16th and beyond!

He is risen! His is risen indeed, alleluia!

~Daniel Brummet

Encouragement from God's Word

"He is not here, He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Luke 24:6-7

Prayer Requests

- For our next transition and move to Texas.
- To keep Sarah and baby Brummet healthy throughout our pregnancy and into birth.
- That God would continue to raise up laborers from His harvest. That He would continue to be at work in His church, growing His kingdom and bringing new believers to faith!

(Daniel Brummet has been the recipient of Immanuel's support through the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Adopt-A-Student program.)

¡AMIGOS EN CRISTO and GRACIA!

News from *Las Iglesias Evangélicas Luteranas*
Amigos en Cristo in Denison and Gracia in Storm Lake
Pastor Pedro Lopez

Greetings from your IDW Hispanic ministries. We are at the end of our spring ESL classes at St. Paul, Carroll and Hartley. We want to thank the churches and all our volunteers for making this ministry a great outreach; without you this would not be possible. This has been a great way to meet new people and invite them to our Worship Services, Bible Studies, Praise and Prayer, in the different areas of our Hispanic Ministry outreach that continue to be a blessing to many including the hosting congregations, the students, the teachers and volunteers.

At our Ministry in Denison, we continue to have our Worship service every Sunday at 2:30 pm and offer home Bible studies as needed. Bringing new people into the ministry is our priority here. Please continue to pray for our Denison group.

Here is a brief recap of your Hispanic Ministry in other areas of IDW.

- * At St. Paul-Carroll, we continue to have Bible study on Saturday evenings for Praise, Prayer and Bible study. We continue to work with new families that we met during the spring ESL class. Our ESL class will end on June 6. Paquita has been collaborating with ladies from St. Paul to have a Spanish area at the library. A book cart will be brought out on Saturdays during our Bible Study and people can check out books.
- * In Storm Lake, we continue at Grace where we have our Sunday worship service at 11 am. We also volunteer at St. John's for the swaddling clothes program. Friendships are developing. Our prayer is that this will help in the planning of a new ESL class again soon and that these families will visit our Sunday Worship service. We continue to offer Bible study Wednesdays either at Grace or home depending on schedules.
- * We began a Bible study at Faith-Early. As of now, Bible studies will be on Mondays at 1 pm. We are still trying to decide if this time will stay since contact people there have different work schedules. They work at Tyson and run a restaurant 6 days a week. Keep this new ministry in your prayers.
- * At Hartley, our ESL class ended on May 19. The ESL kids' ministry is doing great, thanks to Heather Nitzel, DCE Justin and all the volunteers. They have been learning about God and the craft projects are wonderful. They have learned hymns with me. I play the guitar and they use other instruments. They joined us in worship at the National Day of Prayer Service. They have fun doing this while their parents learn English. We started Bible studies led by Deacon Noel on Saturdays at 6:30 pm. Please pray for this to grow.

Please continue to pray for us, that the Lord enlightens us as we continue to share the Word of God.

Bendiciones a todos, Pastor Lopez

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