

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Lee Hagan, Pastor Gary Griffin, Reed Fuemmeler, Finley Kukal, Donna Kyler, Stephanie Van Ulft née Wehrman, Sonie Walker, Connie Finley as she recovers from a heart procedure; Pike Bucane, son of Lane and grandson of Erryl & Linda Schilling who is being evaluated for tachycardia at Children's Mercy in KC.

**Circuit Congregation:** Good Shepherd Carthage and Pastor Silas Mehl

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:** 2/1: Dayton Lassater; 2/2: Dwight Schnelle, Michelle Brewer; 2/4: Connie Singleton

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 62

**STEWARSHIP OF TREASURES:** \$6,013.88

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES:** Isaiah 58:3-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12;(13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

#### **THOSE WHO SERVE US IN FEBRUARY**

Organist: Phyllis Obert  
Elder: Lee Eggerman, Dwight Schnelle  
Ushers: Sean Watson, Michael Thieman, Talan Richter, Reed Spinks, Cole Kelly  
Altar Guild: Communion – Michelle Brewer & Kirsten Allison  
Paraments – Kyla Lasater & Jennifer Theiman  
Flower Coordinator – Maria & Amy Schnelle  
Acolytes: 2/1 Dela Mathia & Whitlee Combs

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Pastor Kennell will be resuming Confirmation Class beginning January 25. A meal will be provided for approximately 20 students before the class at noon. There is a sign-up sheet on the communication table for volunteers willing to prepare a meal. Thank you!

**WORSHIP SERVICES at GOOD SHEPHERD:** Pastor Griffin is covering Good Shepherd Chapel and Communion Services.

**VISITING PASTOR:** If you or a family member is hospitalized, shut-in, have a prayer request, or if you desire a visit, please contact or text Pastor Backs at 417-840-1610.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITY:** The church secretary is planning on retiring in the near future. Interested candidates please contact the office at 417-232-4642 or email [churchoffice@immanuelcms.com](mailto:churchoffice@immanuelcms.com)

#### **ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

##### **Sun Feb 1**

8 am Bible Study (Cafeteria)  
9 am Worship / Communion  
10:15 to 11:15 am Bible Study and Sunday School  
11:15 am Confirmation Class with meal – Meeting Room

##### **Tues Feb 3**

9 am Dorcas Quilters  
1:30 pm Good Shepherd Communion Service

##### **Wed Feb 4**

8 am Chapel  
6:30 pm Bells  
7:30 pm Adult Choir  
8 pm Elders

##### **Thurs Feb 5**

6 pm LWML

##### **Fri Feb 6**

2-4 pm Food Pantry

##### **Sun Feb 8**

8 am Bible Study (Cafeteria)  
9 am Worship  
10:15 to 11:15 am Bible Study and Sunday School

**JYF / LYF VALENTINES' MEAL and PANCAKE TUESDAY** sign-up sheets are on the communications table. Respective dates are Sunday morning, February 15 and Tuesday, February 17 from 5-7 pm (need help from 4 – 8 pm).

#### **HOW CAN I HELP?**

**SCREENS and SOUND** – We are in need of volunteers to operate the screens and sound for Worship Services. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Lori Eggerman at 417-429-6077.

**ALL 2025 COMMITTEES** – your detailed annual committee reports and summaries **FOR ALL COMMITTEES** for 2025 are now due for the annual report of the church. Please submit via email or hard copy to the church secretary as soon as possible. Thank you to the VBS, Stewardship, Christmas/Easter, JLF / LYF, and PTL committees.

## SHINE! Registration Now Open

Here we go again, Missouri District! Our annual statewide servant event—SHINE!—will take place April 10–19, 2026. As in previous years, the concept is simple: form a group, identify a need in your community, and let God's light shine by serving your neighbors. It's all about living out Matthew 5:16!

New in 2026! Participants are free to wear whatever suits them this spring. It could be your brightest outfit to match our theme Bible verse, a servant event T-shirt from another year, or you can purchase the 2026 SHINE! T-shirt at a special online store created by Rod's Sports & Apparel just for this occasion.

Head to [mo.lcms.org/shine](http://mo.lcms.org/shine) to register your team and shop for T-shirts. Got questions? Contact Leah Sieveking at [leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org](mailto:leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org) or 314-590-6211.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP** begins on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The theme this year is **GLITTERING VICES**. What is a vice? A vice is a habit we've formed over time that is detrimental to our lives and especially to our Christian faith. These vices cling to the self, to the things of this world and to our desires. The trouble is, we hardly recognize many of these habits and behaviors as dangerous. In fact, at times, they truly seem to "glitter" in their appearance.



Indeed, vices "glitter" with the appearance of providing "do-it-yourself" shortcuts to happiness and success, so we take the bait and pursue them. We bow down to them with the intention they will bring good to our lives. We trust in them, because they glitter, but then, they fail us every time. In the passion account of our Lord Jesus that we will hear and read in the midweek worship; we'll see vices on display time and time again as sin rears its ugly head in the lives of the disciples.

As we journey through the Lenten Season, we not only see these vices in the lives of the disciples, we will examine our own hearts to recognize the vices that dwell within us, sometimes deep within us and that we at times fiercely defend. Then we'll consider what kinds of virtues, that is, good habits, we can cultivate in places of vices. When we endeavor to fear, love, and trust in God above all things, we increasingly free our hearts from the grips of idolatrous vice. Good habits drive away our bad habits. Living in faith in Jesus, we find ourselves more willing and active in loving God and our neighbor.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vice</u>	<u>Virtue</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
Feb. 18	Gluttony	Fasting	<i>"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."</i> (Matthew 4:4)
Feb. 25	Greed	Generosity	<i>"For one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."</i> (Luke 12:15)
Mar. 4	Pride	Humility	<i>"When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom."</i> (Proverbs 11:2)
Mar. 11	Sloth (laziness)	Diligence	<i>"Could you not watch with me one hour?"</i> (Matthew 26:40)
Mar. 18	Envy	Kindness	<i>"For they knew it was out of envy that they Had delivered him up."</i> (Matthew 27:18)
Mar. 25	Anger	Forgiveness	<i>"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."</i> (Luke 23:34)

**Welcome to Worship!**  
**February 1, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Immanuel's Mission**  
**Statement:** *The mission of God's people who have been brought together as one Body in Christ at Immanuel Lutheran Church is growing in personal faith in the Triune God and Sharing the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ with each generation.*

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES**

**MTG ROOM – book of Proverbs**

**CAFETERIA – Trusting God**

**SPECIALS ROOM – Marriage and Family**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church & School**

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
P. O. Box H, (212 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street),  
Lockwood, MO 65682  
Sunday Worship: 9 am  
Sunday School/Bible Class: 10:15 am  
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Pastor: Currently Vacant

Interim Principal: Mrs. Amy Schnelle - 417-693-0852  
e-mail: [principal@immanuelcms.net](mailto:principal@immanuelcms.net)

Mrs. Sarah Baugh, Director, Early Childhood Center  
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[LCMS: LCMS.org](http://LCMS.org); Missouri District: [MO.LCMS.org](http://MO.LCMS.org)

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The Lutheran Hour: AM 860, Sun 9:30 am; FM 104.1, Sun 6:30 am; FM 90.1, Sun 8:00 am

**PRAYER CHAIN:** The Prayer Chain, organized by the LWML, is a group of disciples that will immediately pray for a specific need. Please obtain permission of the family before calling Liz Hand (417-262-2097) to request prayers.

*(Communion Policy) In preparation for the Lord's Supper, we recognize that we are sinners, are sorry for our sins and desire the Lord's forgiveness. In the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we believe that the Lord is bodily present in, with and under, the bread and the wine. Our Lord offers Himself in this sacrament to assure us of our sins forgiven through Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross. Living in that forgiveness, we intend with God's help to amend our sinful life.*

*Guests who are communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and have visited with one of our Pastors and have communed in the past, are invited to come forward for communion. If you are not a member and wish to be placed under the spiritual care of our Pastors and this congregation, you are invited to visit with either of our Pastors.*