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"A picture is worth a thousand words."

So it has been with Luther's Coat of Arms, pictured above. It has spoken to Lutheran Christians of many languages for several centuries now. And its picturewords are those which point to comfort and eternal joy, also for us this very day.

We have Luther's own explanation of its design from a letter written to Lazarus Spengler, government clerk at N^{α} uremberg.

Honorable Sir and Respected Friend:

I will give you my first thoughts... which I intended to have engraven upon my seal, as expressive of my theology.

The first thing was to be a cross (black) within the heart, having its natural color, to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saved us. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness."

Now although the cross is black, mortified, and intended to cause pain, yet does it not change the color of the heart, does not corrupt nature, that is, does not kill but keeps alive. "For the just shall live by faith," but by faith in the Savior.

But this heart is fixed upon the center of a white rose, to show that faith causes joy and consolation and peace, not as the world gives peace and joy. For this reason the rose is white, and not red, because white is the color of all angels and blessed spirits.

This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-colored ground, to denote that such joy of faith in the spirit is but an earnest and beginning of heavenly joy to come, as anticipated and held by hope, though not yet revealed.

And around this ground-base is a golden ring, to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless, and more precious than all joys and treasures, since gold is the best and most precious metal.

Christ, our dear Lord, be with your spirit unto eternal life. Amen.

Reformation Sunday is on October 27th. We will be celebrating the same clear biblical message of grace through Christ which the reformers clarified and proclaimed-- the message proclaimed by the seal.

And we will offer our own heart-felt thanks around the saving cross at Immanuel's Altar as we receive its assurance and renewal and eternal treasure once again by means of Word and Sacrament.

Please join us!

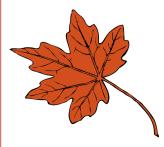
VOTERS ASSEMBLY – Summary Report for September 22, 2024 Meeting

The following is a summary of the results of the agenda items discussed in the meeting:

- 1. Motion was unanimously passed to assign Rev. James Bauman as the Pastoral Delegate and Mr. Al Thilk as Lay Delegate to attend the 2025 Northern Illinois District (NID) triennial convention in March 2025.
- 2. The Election of the Directors and Board Members was voted on and passed unanimously. The Board membership is in this newsletter.
- 3. The proposed budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 June 30, 2025 was presented, and a motion was passed unanimously to approve the fiscal year budget. A copy was distributed in the meeting and is available on request.
- 4. A presentation of bids received for replacement of the Parsonage windows was distributed and discussed, and a motion was passed unanimously to replace all the windows in the house except the garage window with a budget of \$42,000.00. Selection of manufacturer and cost within the budget will be determined by October 15, 2024. A stewardship presentation for a special fund to defray the cost and replenish the church's savings and investments accounts is planned in the next months.

David Schroeder

Treasurer



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH OFFICERS 2024 – 2025(26)

For Complete Ba	allot Acceptance		
POSITION # - Board of Directors	OCCUPANT (E-even years, O-odd years)	TERM EXPIRES	<u>VOTE</u>
Executive Director #E Assistant Ex. Director #O Recording Secretary #E Treasurer #E	TBD N/A TBD David Schroeder	6/30/26 6/30/25 6/30/26 6/30/26	
Financial Secretary Financial Secretary Business Manager #O	Beverly Bayes TBD - Optional	6/30/26 6/30/26 6/30/25	\equiv
BOARD OF LAY MINIST	RY (5 MEMBERS)		
Director #E Member Member Member Member	Al Thilk David Schroeder Marty Starrett Gary Luper TBD	6/30/26 6/30/26 6/30/25 6/30/25 6/30/26	
BOARD OF CHURCH PR	OPERTIES (5 MEMBERS))	
Director #O Member Member Member Member	John Moninger William Bayes Terry Kainz <u>TBD</u> TBD	6/30/25 6/30/26 6/30/25 6/30/26 6/30/26	

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION (4 MEMBERS)

To be combined with Evangelism

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP (4 MEMBERS)

To be combined with Lay Ministry



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BOARD OF PARISH FELLOWSHIP (5 MEMBERS)

Director #E	Beverly Bayes	6/30/26	_
Member	Carol Tresnak	6/30/25	
Member	TBD	6/30/25	_
Member	Marcia Johnson	6/30/26	_
Member	Barbara Platter	6/30/25	
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BOARD OF EVANGELISM (3 MEMBERS)

Director #O	Sally Hover	6/30/25
Member	Heather Murray	6/30/26
Member	Bonnie Hulke	6/30/25
Member	John Moninger	6/30/26

BOARD OF YOUTH MINISTRIES (3 MEMBERS)

To be combined with Evangelism

Board Members - half of each Board is to be elected each year.

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PEACEMAKERS
WHO SOW IN
PEACE REAP A
HARVEST OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS.

James 3:18

WE ARE COLLECTING FOR THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

If you would like to donate, please drop off in the box located in the Narthex. Thanks to everyone who has already made contributions.



Top Items needed:

White Rice
Spaghetti Noodles /Sauce
Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup
Instant Potatoes
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Cooking Oil
Canned Tuna/Chicken
Canned Vegetables



FALL POTLUCK OCTOBER 13TH



Please join us for our Fall Potluck luncheon that will take place immediately after the Service.

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting and providing drinks and paper goods. Sign up in the church narthex with how many will be

there and what you will be bringing. Fellowship, Food and Fun are good for the Soul!

Check out our magazine rack in the Narthex.

We have our new Portals of Prayer

Hope-Full Living and

Lutheran's Women's Quarterly



October Birthdays

10/02 Bill Bayes 10/03 Gale Schroeder 10/07 Lynn Zillmer 10/10 Mike Ongchangco

10/16 Sally Hover

10/25 Cassandra Murray-Verley



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN YOUTH





Starting a New Season

Surge began a new season on September 15th 2024. The kids listened as we learned that God is with, even when things may seem overwhelming. The story of "David and Goliath" was our text in the Bible.

The High school group this year will be talking about tough spiritual questions like, "Why is there suffering if God is good?"

The 4th and 5th graders will be studying the stories from the Bible, including the stories of Elijah and How Jesus healed the 10 lepers.

The youngest class will also be learning

the same bible stories but in an easier format.

If you know any kids in the area ages 4-15 that you think may be interested, please pick up an information sheet and a registration form for them along with a schedule for the rest of this school year and tell them to give it a try.

We are thankful for those willing to help out this year including Pastor Bauman, John Moninger, Kevan Bauman, Diane Stevens and Lynn Zillmer.

May God bless this year as we carry His Word to this next generation.



Excerpt from the NIDnews.org Fall 2024 newsletter.



President's Commentary from Ministry Update Fall 2024:

This edition of the Ministry Update is a response to the thoughtful question, "What does the Northern Illinois District do, anyhow?"

What the Lord does is perfect, but what we do is not. The Lord is faithful, even when we are faithless and try to control what we can't. Our strength and hope are in Jesus, as they have always been. We are given wisdom by the Holy Spirit...and given each other.

I can assure you that no one who serves at the NID serves with the goal of keeping a bureaucracy alive. We're serving the Lord, His Church, and His work. Serving the front line is what congregations, schools, ministries, workers (called and lay) are doing among the faithful, and for those in our communities who are disconnected from Christ and His salvation.

It's a little like as a young Pastor when I was asked, "I see what you do on Sunday, but what do you do the rest of the week? Here are some things we get to do in support of those on the front lines of the Church...

- Visit congregations, schools, ministries, called workers, and lay leaders. This is intentional and regular to be supportive and encourage our bond of love and theological commitments in the LCMS.
- Work with congregations who are in a vacancy or are in the call process. We are grateful for our Circuit Visitors who serve
 locally and faithfully. The challenge is great with fewer workers, more retirements, and concern for who will serve in the future.
 And, the financial support of workers continues to stretch congregations, schools, and ministries.
- Provide Ecclesiastical Supervision, which is entrusted by the LCMS to the NID President, that we might watch our life and doctrine closely. (I Tim 4:16)
- Consult with congregations, schools, ministries, as well as with called and lay workers. Sometimes, in the midst of a crisis, but
 often, because most people in the church want to see ministry flourish. It's exciting to hear the ministry and mission hopes and
 dreams in the NID.
- Manage the roster of workers including 321 pastors; 694 teachers and administrators; 26 deaconesses; 62 Directors of Christian Education/Directors of Christian Outreach, Directors of Family Life Ministry, Director of Church Ministries; and 7 parish musicians. (This includes our retired workers and those on candidate status.)
- Care for and support our professional church workers who have joys, sorrows, dilemmas, as well as challenges physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Provide financial scholarships for those preparing for professional church work. As a district, we support all those from across the NID who are on that path. Some of them return to serve here!
- Represent the LCMS to the northern third of Illinois and represent the NID at various meetings of the LCMS, including the Council of Presidents, Concordia University Chicago, and most recently, at a summit on LCMS Smaller Congregations. (Almost 80% of LCMS congregations have less than 100 people in worship on a weekend.) We love and value all of our congregations, both large and small, because Jesus does!
- Encourage partnerships and relationships between congregations, schools, ministries, and local gathering of circuits.

I know that I do not do my work perfectly. I ask the Lord's forgiveness and yours. I know the NID does not do its work perfectly. None of us do, right? But, Jesus did and does! When all is said and done, we are Stronger Together, as we are led and upheld by the One who is Lord of the Church and our only Savior!

Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss

President

LCMS Northern Illinois District



October 2024 Schedules



Lay Minister Schedule

October 6 - Marty Sterrett & Al Thilk

October 13 - Al Thilk

October 20 - Dave Schroeder

October 27 - Al Thilk & Gary Luper



Reader Schedule

October 6 - Adele Pikora

October 13- Al Thilk

October 20- Dave Schroeder

October 27– Sally Hover

If you would like to volunteer to serve please call the office.

If unable to serve when scheduled, please try to find a substitute. Also notify the church office as soon as possible (630 837-1166 or immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net) Thank you!



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Hispanic Ministry Church

Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00:p.m.
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Friday - 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight
The last Sunday of every month
1:00 p.m. - 6:30:p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous
Monday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Octoberfest Potluck Luncheon				Service at the Oaks at Bartlett 1:30 p.m.		8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
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