



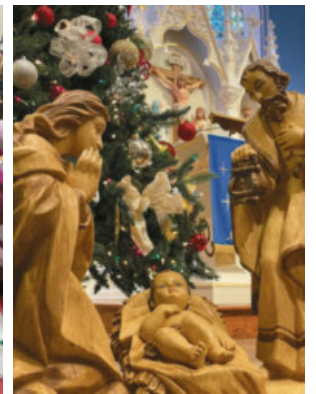
The Epiphany  
of Our Lord

January 8-10, 2022

## † Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran! †

### Christmas Around Immanuel

Youth Ministry enjoyed some Christmas fun with the Junior and Senior Youth, including candy cane games, fashion show, cookie bake off and much more! Immanuel's Preschool children told of Jesus' birth with Christmas in Our Jammies and at Sunday School the kids celebrated with Jingle Jam! There were also many opportunities for worshipping our newborn King!



### Immanuel's GENERATIONS Campaign Update

**Base GENERATIONS Goal:**  
\$ 900,000  
(Now through December 31, 2022)

**Gifts Pledged to Date:**  
\$480,860

**Pledges Received:** \$294,269  
**Remaining Pledged:**  
\$186,591

**Unpledged funds received:**  
\$181,438

**Donations (since 11/1/21):**  
\$ 475,707

### The Chosen Bible Study

Pastor Ryan will continue *The Chosen* Bible Study, about the life of and times of Jesus, on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Google Meet. This study will meet for 5 more sessions. The link to join can be found on Immanuel's website: ImmanuelStCharles.org under Featured Events.



If possible, please watch each episode before the Bible Study. You can download *The Chosen* app on your phone to watch for free, or through FaithChannel (see page 6) or contact Pastor Ryan for help. Please join us!

### Italian Dinner & Auction

hosted by Youth Ministries

**Saturday, January 29th @ 6:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall**

Tickets are now on sale at Immanuel's website under Featured Events. Tickets are \$15 and include delicious pasta, salad and bread. There will also be a silent auction and the dessert auction will return this year! A carryout option is available for \$20 (and can be picked up at 7:00 pm that evening). Thanks for supporting Immanuel's youth as they attend the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Houston!



# Immanuel News & Notes

## Ministry Expansion

Immanuel's Ministry Expansion purchase of the two final properties (Doughnut King/St. Charles Decorating and Mirage Photography Studio) will take place in mid-January. In order to close the sale in mid-January a short-term bridge loan is needed while Generations Campaign donations and other reimbursements are received. A congregation vote to approve this short-term bridge loan is scheduled to take place the weekend of January 15-17. Eligible voters will be able to cast a ballot after each weekend service or via the Internet. Please refer to the bulletin insert for details of the purchase and voting process.

## Immanuel's Guest WiFi

If you use Immanuel's Guest WiFi, please note that the credentials have changed. On your device look for ILSGuest and then connect using a password of ILSC1847



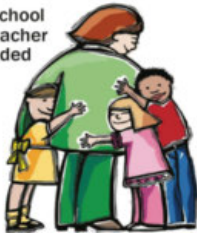
## Ushers Needed

There is a big need for ushers for the 8:00 and 9:30 services on Sunday mornings. If you are able to help out once a month, with flexibility when needed, please call the church office at 636-946-2656 or Bob Cushman at 636-734-1236.

## Preschool Teacher Needed for 2022-2023 School Year

Immanuel is seeking a full-time preschool teacher for the upcoming school year. Our purpose at Immanuel Early Childhood is to open the little ones' hearts to the love of Jesus, their Savior. Teachers implement developmentally appropriate educational experiences for young children and assess their progress. They maintain a clean, safe and engaging learning environment, and foster the cognitive, social emotional and spiritual needs of each child. Applicants must demonstrate a love for teaching young children and serving families. The candidate shall hold a current teaching certificate from the state of Missouri and it is preferred that they hold a degree in Early Childhood education. Interested applicants may send a resume to Scott Huster, Principal [shuster@immanuelstcharles.org](mailto:shuster@immanuelstcharles.org) or Elissa Beaver, Early Childhood Director [ebeaver@immanuelstcharles.org](mailto:ebeaver@immanuelstcharles.org)

Preschool  
Teacher  
Needed



## Dorcas Sewing Ministry News

Dorcas Work Day has been canceled for the month of January. Our next Work Day will be Thursday, February 3, 9:30-11:00 am in the Lower Level of the Fellowship Hall. If you need to pick up more fabric or supplies just let me know and I will meet you at the Fellowship Hall. Once again we are in need of financial assistance to mail packages, buy fabric and buy needed supplies.

Great News! We have reached our goal of 8,274. Just to make the next goal more challenging and fun for our ladies, I have set the next goal to be 10,000. WOW! I know they can do it, I just don't know when. (Of course, if we have a few more sewers we can reach that goal sooner :). Thank you again for your prayers and support. Please call Betty Moser if you have any questions, suggestions or need to pick up / drop off supplies (636.724.9866).

## Immanuel Men

We are called in scripture to be spiritual leaders in our households. Let's make 2022 the year. We have 3 weekly men's bible studies: Wednesdays at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, Thursdays nights at 8:00 pm in the lower level of the Fellowship Hall, or Saturday mornings at 8:00 am at the Crooked Tree coffee shop. Give one a try. Call the Church Office (636.946.2656) if you have any questions.

## January Journey with Jesus through the Entire New Testament

Pastor Schmieding will continue his daily devotionals on the New Testament. They will provide a basic summary, doctrinal highlights, power passages and practical application comments based on each of the 27 books of the New Testament. These are sent out via eblast or posted on the website so you may feed and strengthen your faith in Christ.



Immanuel Lutheran Church is a member of  
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod—[www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)



## Pastoral Staff and School Administration

**Rev. Scott A. Schmieding**  
Senior Pastor

**Rev. Ryan Taylor**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Allen W. Schade**  
Pastor Emeritus

**Rev. Dr. Martin Conkling**  
Visitation Pastor—Part-time

**Matt Gerzevske**  
Vicar

**Jolene Siebarth, DCE**  
Director of Christian Ed. ~ Youth Ministry

**Maggie Warner, DCE**  
Director of Christian Ed. ~ Children's Ministry

**Andrew Schempf**  
Director of Worship & Music

**Dr. Rachel Hahn**  
Assoc. Dir. of Music Education & Worship

**Erik Burgdorf**  
Business Manager

**Scott Huster**  
Principal

**Sonya Timmerman**  
Assistant Principal

**Elissa Beaver**  
Director of Early Childhood

### To email any staff member:

First initial last name  
[@immanuelstcharles.org](mailto:@immanuelstcharles.org)  
i.e. [jdoe@immanuelstcharles.org](mailto:jdoe@immanuelstcharles.org)

## Our Mission

We live to **connect** people with Jesus,  
**grow** in relationship with Christ,  
and **serve** one another in love.

## Worship Information

### Sanctuary

Sundays 8:00 & 9:30 am & Mondays 6:30 pm  
Holy Communion celebrated on the 1st  
and 3rd Sunday/Monday

### Fellowship Hall

Saturdays 5:00 pm & Sundays 10:45 am  
Holy Communion celebrated on the 2nd  
and 4th full weekend  
5:00 pm—Interpreted for deaf/hard of hearing

### Video Service

The 8:00 am service will be live-streamed  
each week to YouTube. (Search for  
Immanuel Lutheran St. Charles)

**Nurseries**—closed at this time

### Off-Site Senior Worship

**The Boulevard**—1st Wed., 1:30 pm  
**Clarendale**—1st Wed., 3:00 pm  
**Lake St. Charles**—2nd Wed., 1:15 pm  
**Mt. Carmel**—3rd Wed., 1:30 pm  
**Cedarhurst**—4th Wed., 2:15 pm  
**Windsor Estates**—TBD



## Sunday Bible Classes & Sunday School



Beginning at 9:30 am on Sundays:

### Sunday School Classes

See the latest info at Immanuel's website (ImmanuelStCharles.org) under Ministries > Children's Ministry. Contact Maggie Warner (Birth to Grade 5) or Jolene Siebarth (Grades 6-12) for more info (contact info on Page 4).

**Birth-Preschool (0-4 & parents)—Toddlin' for Jesus** Meets in Room 102.

**Kindergarten—Grade 5** Begins in the Gym. Students picked up in the Preschool Hallway.

**Grades 6-8**  
Topic: Preparing for Christmas; Meets in the Student Learning Center (School, Lower level, by the Art Room).

**Adult Study—Dining Hall**  
Dr. Mark Rockenbach will lead through February 12th. His topic will be: "How to Address Life Issues using the Practical Theological Framework".

**High School—Youth Room Fellowship Hall LL**  
Join us for Bible study and donuts!

**Women's Study—FH LL**  
"Jesus, the God Who Knows Your Name" by Max Lucado.

**Baptism Class—School Library**  
9:30-10:15, 1st Sunday of the month—Upcoming classes: Jan 9th & Feb 6th

The Baptism Ministry Action Team hosts this preparatory class "Not Just Plain Water" for parents who are planning a baptism for their child. In Baptism, our gracious Lord adopts our children as His own, forgives sin and creates faith.

**Starting Point Class—Room 308**  
This class provides an overview of the basics of the Bible. Great for 'newbies' and as a refresher for longtime members. At the conclusion you are welcome to become a member of Immanuel. Call Beth in the Church Office (636.946.2656) for more info on becoming a member.



## Upcoming Activities

**Baptism Class—Sunday, January 9th, 9:30 am, School Library** (see left)

**The Chosen Bible Study—Tuesdays through February 8th, 7:00 pm**  
Join Pastor Ryan via Google Meet on Tuesdays through February 8th to discuss the series "The Chosen". *The Chosen* is a television drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, portraying Jesus "through the eyes of those who met him." It digs deeper into the backstories and context of the people and events of the gospels. Find Google Meet info on Immanuel's website under Featured Events.



### B-I-N-G-O!

**Senior Game Day—Thursday, January 13th, 1:00-3:00 pm, FH LL**

Come play Bingo and enjoy fellowship, a devotion, prizes and dessert. Please call the Church Office to make reservations (636.946.2656).

**Merry Pairs Sing-along—Sunday, January 16th, 3:00 pm, FH**

Meet in the Fellowship Hall to go out as group and sing to shut ins, then return for Italian Meal in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 12th. All Married Couples are welcome to join us, we have lots of fun, lots to share and typically have lots to eat (including dessert). Bring a side, salad or dessert. For RSVP or to get more info talk with Ruth Wiley, Call/Text Debbie Poertner 636-248-0288 or email daniel.poertner@yahoo.com .

**Mothers' Club Alumni & Friends—Tuesday, January 18th, Noon, FH LL**

We will have hot dogs and chili for lunch and dessert will be provided. There will be a movie and popcorn also. As always, guests are welcome.

**Naomi Circle Event—Learn About the Maji**  
**Wednesday, January 19th 11:00-1:00 pm, FH**

Come hear Bri, a message she brings  
About wise men, some say were kings.  
Travelers from the east  
To Bethlehem came.  
A star to follow.  
A King they gain.  
Come and see!



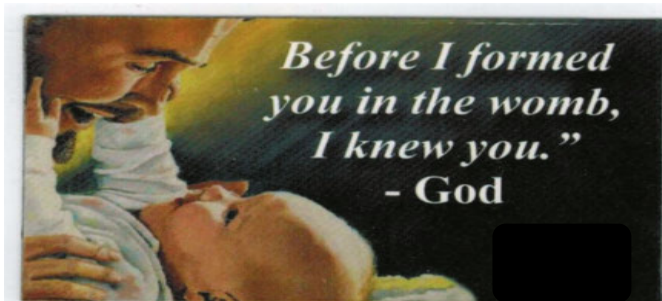
Bring a \$5-7 wrapped gift and a friend! Lunch will be served. RSVP to Diann White (636.724.4513) by Tuesday, January 11th.

**Merry Pairs Sweetheart Dinner—Sunday, February 6th**  
More info coming soon!

**Italian Dinner hosted by Youth Ministries—Saturday, January 29th**  
Tickets are now on sale at Immanuel's website for \$15 and include delicious pasta, salad and bread. There will be a silent auction & the dessert auction will also return this year. Auction items needed (see front page & page 6 for more info).

**Women's Retreat -- WonderFull World -- February 19, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**  
Enjoy a whirlwind tour of the seven continents where we will explore the wonders of God's world.

**Ladies Night Out—Tuesday, March 29th, 7:00 pm**  
The Yellow Umbrella by Dr. Holly Brand will show us how to let your light shine in a dark world.



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN KIDS MINISTRY

Maggie Warner, DCE—Children's Ministry (mwarner@immanuelstcharles.org)

**Sunday School:** K-5 Sunday School is starting up a new unit all about self-control. We're learning all about Jesus' temptation in the desert and learning that you too can be ready to do the right thing. Registration is always open, so come to the gym at 9:30!

**Toddlin' to Jesus:** for all children birth-preschool. Parents, please come with your child for an hour of faith, fun, & fellowship with other parents, no matter the age of your child!

**Faith Milestones:** Parents of 4 year olds- mark your calendars for a new faith milestone at worship services February 12-14. Your child will be receiving a prayer box with many useful prayers written to help aid including prayer as a daily part of life.

**Parent Cue:** Time with our children is crucial, yet it's hard to come by. Parent Cue is created to help you use the time you already have to help strengthen the relational rhythm of your home, elevate important conversations with your child, and connect you to your church so we can support your family. Download *Parent Cue* app for free today from your App Store!

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

# MOMENTUM

Jolene Siebarth, DCE—Director of Youth Ministry (jsiebarth@immanuelstcharles.org)

**SUNDAY MORNING HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY**—Join us from 9:30-10:30a.m. in the Youth Room. On January 9th we will continue a 4-week study on "The Nativity". Join us for Bible study and donuts!

**2022 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING**— We are 180-ish days away from "In All Things" in Houston! Please take note of the upcoming GROUP BUILDS for all youth participants and adult leaders:

**Sunday, January, 23** - 6:30-8p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, February 9** - 6:30-8p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Are you in grades 8-12 and want to go to the Gathering in July 2022? Contact DCE Jolene to see how you can sign up.

**PARENT AND YOUTH GROUP MEETING** - All youth heading to the Youth Gathering and parents: Join us for the Group Meeting on Sunday, January 9 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will cover details about the Italian dinner/auction and share updates.

**LCMS YOUTH GATHERING LEADERSHIP TEAM** - Sunday, January 9 from 6-8p.m. in the Youth Room. Leslie has a devotion and Steve has the snacks.

**SAVE THE DATES: Youth Gathering Fundraisers**—January 29, 2022 - Italian Dinner & Auction (purchase tickets on the website); February 19, 2022—3-on-3 basketball tournament; April 9, 2022 - Trivia Night; April 16, 2022 - Easter Egg Hunt & Carnival; May 29-June 4, 2022 - Rummage Sale

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY**—Join Mr. McSwain in the Student Learning Center on Sunday, January 9th from 9:30-10:30 am.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Junior Youth Spring Retreat - April 22-24, 2022

**ITALIAN DINNER**—Tickets on sale through the Immanuel website! Don't forget to get auction donations! Contact Leslie Breite with any ??? about the auction.

**YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER INTERN**—College students: If you are finishing up your second year of college or beyond in the spring of 2022, consider applying to be the summer Youth Ministry Intern! This paid position is part-time from mid-May to mid-August. If you are interested in applying, please contact the Church Office.

**JANUARY CONFIRMATION MODULE**—The third Wednesday all-Confirmation module for youth and parents is on January 19. This will also be the service module for third quarter. Please note: the time for January is from 5-7:30p.m. We will be learning about Trinity Soulard's ministry to the homeless in their community and will be helping with projects that they will take back and distribute.

**ITALIAN DINNER** - Youth gathering teens: how are your ticket sales coming? Don't forget to work on selling a minimum of 8 tickets! Tickets can be purchased from our website.

**CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAYS** - Classes are back on Wednesdays from 6-7:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## Calendar Items

### Sunday, January 9

- 8:00 & 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (see page 3)
- 9:30 am Bible Study (Dining Hall)
- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (FH LL)
- 9:30 am Baptism Class (School Library)
- 9:30 am High School Bible Study (FH LL)
- 10:45 am Worship—Band Led (FH)
- 12:00 pm NYG Group Meeting (FH LL)

### Monday, January 10

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (FH)
- 6:00 pm Properties (FH LL)
- 6:30 pm Social Ministries (FH LL)
- 6:30 pm Worship (Sanc)
- 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (FH LL)

### Tuesday, January 11

- 7:00 am Quilters (FH LL)
- 6:30 pm Quarterlife (Atrium)
- 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (FH)
- 7:00 pm "The Chosen" Study (Zoom)

### Wednesday, January 12

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study (FH LL)
- 8:25 am ILS Chapel (FH)
- 8:30 am Joy in the AM Bible Study (FH LL)
- 9:00 am Lifelight Bible Study (FH LL)
- 3:45 pm ILS Faculty Meeting (FH LL)
- 6:00 pm Community Confirmation (FH LL)

### Thursday, January 13

- 8:00 am St. Charles Circuit Pastors (FH)
- 8:30 am Hungry Hearts Bible Study (FH LL)
- 8:30 am Grace Place Bible Study (FH LL)
- 1:00 pm Senior Game Day (FH LL)
- 6:00 pm Early Childhood Family Night
- 6:00 pm Grace Notes Handbells (FH)
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Music Room)
- 8:00 pm Men's Bible Study (FH LL)
- 8:00 pm Brass Ensemble (Sanc)

### Friday, January 14

### Saturday, January 15

- 7:30 am Men's Bible Study (off-site)
- 9:00 am Christmas Décor Removal
- 5:00 pm Worship w/ Deaf Interpreter (FH)

### Sunday, January 16

- 8:00 & 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (see page 3)
- 9:30 am Bible Study (Dining Hall)
- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (FH LL)
- 9:30 am High School Bible Study (FH LL)
- 10:45 am Worship—Band Led (FH)
- 3:00 pm Merry Pairs Sing-along (FH)
- 4:00 pm YM Small Groups (FH LL)

For a full calendar— ImmanuelStCharles.org  
Select Resources (top) then select Calendar



## Attendance Totals

### Weekend of Dec 18-20

Sat. 5:00—156;  
Sun. 8:00-152, 9:30-112, 10:45-164;  
Mon. 6:30—64 = 648 Total

**Online Views**—40+;  
**Adult Bible Study**—46;  
**Sunday School** (Toddlin' to Jesus through High School)—71

### Christmas Eve

2:00—396; 4:00—415; 6:00—175;  
10:00—279 = 1265 Total

**Online Views 6:00**—140+  
**Online Views 10:00**—140+

### Christmas Day

9:30—275 = 275 Total  
**Online Views**—200+

### Weekend of Dec 26

Sat. 5:00—N/A;  
Sun. 8:00-99, 9:30-N/A, 10:45-211;  
Mon. 6:30—N/A = 310 Total

**Online Views**—120+;  
**Adult Bible Study**—N/A;  
**Sunday School** (Toddlin' to Jesus through High School)—N/A

### New Year's Eve

5:00—89  
**Online Views**—100+

### Weekend of January 1-3

Sat. 5:00—44;  
Sun. 8:00-93, 9:30-74, 10:45-132;  
Mon. 6:30—65 = 408 Total

**Online Views**—250+;  
**Adult Bible Study**—N/A;  
**Sunday School** (Toddlin' to Jesus through High School)—N/A

## Contributions

**General Fund Offerings**  
from December 18-20—\$59,912

from December 26—\$71,620

from January 1-3—\$

Required Weekly Need for Ministry  
(Budget) - \$49,230



## Immanuel Lutheran School

We thank God that since 1848 Immanuel is a place for children to experience excellent academic, music, drama, STEM, athletic programs (and much more!) all in a Christ-centered atmosphere! If you, or someone you know, is looking for an excellent Christian school (Preschool 2 through Grade 8), you can find out more about the National Blue Ribbon education and view a Virtual Tour of the School at:



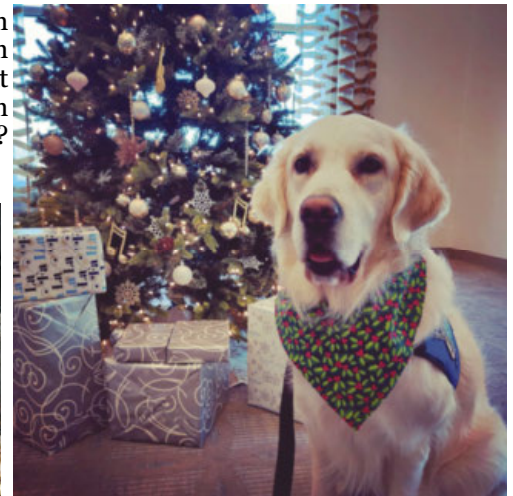
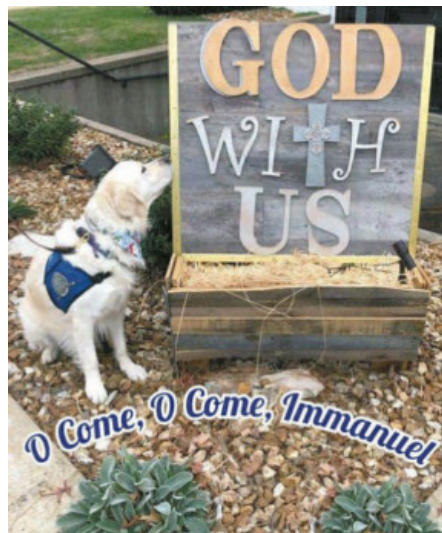
God's Son was before all else,  
and by Him everything  
is held together.  
Colossians 1:17

**VisitOurSchool.org**

or call 636.946.0051 for more info & to schedule a tour

## Zillah Comfort Dog

Be sure to look for Zillah on Instagram and Facebook too! Just search for Zillah Comfort Dog. Have a request for a visit or event? Want to become involved with the Comfort Dog Team? Need more info? Contact Holly @ 314-960-0919.



### Zillah's verse—Psalm 57:1

*Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.*



Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

If you would like more information about Stephen Ministry and how you could become involved or would like to have a Stephen Minister contact you, please contact the Dan or Bev Ramage at (636.949.5463).

## Lutheran High News

(LutheranHighStCharles.com)

### Enrollment for 2022-23 Now Open!

Visit [www.lutheranhighstcharles.com/admissions/apply-now/](http://www.lutheranhighstcharles.com/admissions/apply-now/) to enroll; contact Micah Braddy, Director of Enrollment, if you have any questions or to schedule a visit.

**LHS Winter sports** - Girls Swimming, Boys & Girls Basketball, and Wrestling - are in full swing; schedules are on the LHS website. Come out and support LHS student-athletes.



## More Items of Interest

### Adult Bikes Needed

Volunteers in Medicine (S. Duchesne in St. Charles) is a group of doctors, nurses and others who volunteer their time to help the uninsured of St. Charles and Lincoln Counties. Their clients must also meet federal poverty guidelines. They tell us that one of their greatest issues is clients' lack of transportation. So we started a bicycle program fueled by donated bikes. We are receiving numerous requests for bicycles. VIM determines that this is their only means of transportation before a bike is provided.



If you have an adult bike, in good working order that you would like to donate, please contact Gail Blackman (314-780-9956) and he will arrange for pick-up. Only bikes that are in good working order that can be put on the road with minor adjustments will be accepted. Cost of parts prohibit accepting bikes that need major repairs. Thank you for your kind consideration. You can find out more about VIM at: [volunteersinmedicinestcharles.org](http://volunteersinmedicinestcharles.org)

### Items Needed for Italian Dinner & Auction

Auction items are needed! If you have an item to donate (ie - event, tickets, basket, etc) or if you would like to donate to the dessert auction, please pick up an auction donation form in the Church Office. Thank you for your support of our youth and their participation in the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston!

### High School Students—Careers for Christ Weekend @ CUC

Concordia University in Chicago will host Careers for Christ Weekend February 4-6. Check-in is at 6:30 pm on Friday, February 4th and the weekend concludes after brunch on Sunday, February 6th. Cost is \$75/person, with includes housing, meals, a Chicago dining experience, transportation and a t-shirt. Register at [CU-Chicago.edu/C4C](http://CU-Chicago.edu/C4C) by Tuesday, February 1st @ 5:00 pm.

### Interested in a Fall 2022 Trip to Germany?

Pastor Schmieding invites you to join him on a trip to Germany, which will include visiting important Martin Luther and Reformation Sites, World War 2 sites, a monastery brewery, and to see the Passion Play, performed once every 10 years in Oberammergau. The trip will be from **September 14-23, 2022**. A brochure with travel details and itinerary is on the table in the Atrium or Fellowship Hall or you can go to: [registernow.ittworld.com](http://registernow.ittworld.com) with a tour code of: Schmieding22. Please contact Pastor Schmieding directly via text or voice at 225-802-8602 with questions.



### Free Faith & Family Movies, TV Shows and More on FaithChannel

Stream worldwide; watch on any device, anytime. FaithChannel.com is now live on Apple TV, Roku, Android TV's, Amazon Fire and more. Visit their website or download the FaithChannel App to start streaming movies, children's programming and the first season of "The Chosen".

### Thrivent Action Teams Needed by Youth Ministries

Please contact Jolene Siebarth (636.946.2656) if you have a team you can share.

### Concordia Seminary Continuing Education

Check out the many opportunities offered by the Seminary—a Pre-Lenten Workshop, Faith & Film Festival, Lay Bible Institute (Feb 12—"Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow" - led by Emeritus President Dr. Dale Meyer), Multiethnic Symposium and Faith & Writing Workshop. There is more information about each course and you can register by going to: [csl.edu/resources/continuing-education](http://csl.edu/resources/continuing-education)



### Girlfriend Gathering @ Chapel of the Cross, St. Peters—February 25-26

Save the Date! The theme for this year is "Pray More, Worry Less" based on Philippians 4:6-7. Keynote speaker, Sarah Salzberg, will help apply God's teaching about worry to our daily lives. Beginning January 30th you can register at: [chapelofthecrosslutheran.org](http://chapelofthecrosslutheran.org) by clicking on the Praying Hands. Questions—email: [girlfriendgathering@gmail.com](mailto:girlfriendgathering@gmail.com) or call 636.928.5885.

## Helpful Items

### Immanuel's Website

For the latest Church & School information, to view Connections, find info about upcoming events, sign up for Eblasts, make prayer requests, view the calendar and more—go to:

[ImmanuelStCharles.org](http://ImmanuelStCharles.org)

### Calendar of Events

From website > Resources > Calendar

### To reserve facilities:

Contact Connie Ohmes in the Church Office ([kohmes@immanuelstcharles.org](mailto:kohmes@immanuelstcharles.org))

### Social Media-Facebook & Instagram

Follow both the Church and the School (and Zillah Comfort Dog too!)

### Bible Bubbles—Small group study

For more info go to Immanuel's website > Resources > Bible Bubbles.

### Prayer Chain—To request or to join,

contact Ruth Wiley (724.0282 or [wileycoyote809@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wileycoyote809@sbcglobal.net)).

**Immanuel Church Library**—Now open in the Atrium.

### Scrip Sales—Gym Lobby—On Sundays

9:00-10:45 am. App RaiseRight can also be used with code FL9EB7LL1LL96. Contact Angie Iver (314.599.4380; [Angela.Iver@gmail.com](mailto:Angela.Iver@gmail.com)).

**Lutherans for Life**—Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life. ([LutheransforLife.org](http://LutheransforLife.org))

### Worship Totes ("Busy Bags")

— On the back wall of the Atrium or in the Fellowship Hall outside the Coat Room; totes on the lower rack are for younger kids, and on the upper rack for older kids.

### Listen Everywhere

—App for the hearing-impaired available in the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall. Look for info posters with instructions to use your smart phone and stream real-time audio. Contact Galen Stanley (636.373.1534) for info.

### Giving Options

—Vanco Mobile is available for all Apple and Android devices. For those without a mobile device there is an Electronic Giving authorization form in the Church Office.

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### Deadlines

**Connections**—Items must be received by Monday at 5:00 pm for the following Sunday.

### Prayer Requests & Altar Flowers

Info must be received by Thursday at 5:00 for inclusion in weekend bulletins.

For Connections, Prayers and Flowers you may email info to Chris Schikore at [cshikore@immanuelstcharles.org](mailto:cshikore@immanuelstcharles.org)



## Earliest Gravestone in the Immanuel Cemetery Restored

The earliest tombstone in the old original section of our cemetery has been restored. This is the stone that marks the grave of the first burial in our cemetery, that of Heinrich Wilhelm Ruehenpohl. He died September 1, 1850, at just 38 years old, and was buried soon after on the plot of land the congregation had purchased May 15, 1850, from Jacob and Eizabeth Grueling to serve as our first burial ground. The stone was broken many years ago by vandals and had



lain on the site of his grave since that time. A picture of the broken stone and the restored stone are shown. We are pleased to have this significant monument restored to its former prominence. Ruehenpohl played a significant role in the schism in the Friedens Church that led the Lutheran part of that congregation to leave and found Immanuel Lutheran Church in September 1847. (Thanks to Robert Sandfort for sharing this information & pictures)

## Serving the Church in Russia

The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Russia, graduates men, not only to serve as pastors in the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church, but in other confessional churches in and around Russia. What's more, of the 11 Lutheran seminaries founded since the 1990s,



10 have suffered significant challenges. The Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk is the only confessional Lutheran seminary still fully operating in Russia and the surrounding area. Saving it is essential! To find out more about our mission please visit our website: <https://savetheseminary.org>



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