



2026

Immanuel Lutheran Church

*"Grace Happens
at the Church on
the Hill"*

Sunday Schedule Discipleship Classes 9:15 Worship 10:30

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Lutheran Congregations
in Mission for Christ



Pastor Caleb Bahr

*¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.
1 Peter 2:16*

Hello ILC,

The United States of America was founded by Christians and with Christian principles in mind. There are many in our nation that would rather forget this fact, but that is part of living in a nation that was designed to preserve freedom. The founding fathers intended that each individual should be able to worship God in his or her own way. When you look at the words of our founding fathers, you will see that even they exemplified this principle. Some were about as close to atheists as one could get at the time, and some were men of deep, living faith. God has done great things through His people here in America over the past 250 years, and I pray He will do much more through the people of this nation.

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday this month, it is good to look back at those who first brought forth on this continent a new nation. There is much that the example of their faith can teach us. Here is a prayer for this fourth of July, one our first President offered:

Oh, eternal and everlasting God, direct my thoughts, words and work. Wash away my sins in the immaculate blood of the Lamb and purge my heart by Thy Holy Spirit. Daily, frame me more and more in the likeness of Thy son, Jesus Christ, that living in Thy fear, and dying in Thy favor, I may in thy appointed time obtain the resurrection of the justified unto eternal life. Bless, O Lord, the whole race of mankind and let the world be filled with the knowledge of Thee and Thy son, Jesus Christ. – George Washington

Peace be with you,

Pastor Caleb

JULY ALTAR GUILD:

Becky Wardwell
Nancy Werchan

JULY LECTORS:

7/5/26 Greg D'Amore
7/12/26 Cheryle Kruger
7/19/26 Eileen Storm
7/26/26 Priscilla Pippo

JULY ACOLYTES:

7/5/26 Sarah
7/12/26 Sarah
7/19/26 Makenzie
& Analise
7/26/26 Fellowship Hall

JULY USHERS:

Becky Wardwell Council
Brian Wardwell

JULY FLOWERS:

7/5/26 Marvin & Diane Stromberg,,
in honor of their daughters' birthdays
(Lindsay & Cassie)
7/12/26 Rick & Cheryle Kruger, in
honor of their 46th Annivcrsary
7/19/26 Robert & Donna Rinehart,
in honor of their 72nd birthdays (on
the 7th & 14th)
7/26/26 Nancy Werchan, to the
glory of God

**JULY
BIRTHDAYS**

Bryan Haun.....2nd
Harvey Johnson.....3rd
Adam Kruger.....3rd
Jennifer Taylor.....3rd
Norm Bailey.....4th
Robert Tieman.....6th
Robert Rinehart.....7th
Cheryle Kruger.....9th
Leonard Hoff.....9th
Teresa Wendland.....13th
Donna Rinehart.....14th
Jim Compton.....20th
Sheila Donohue.....26th
Brian Wendland.....26th
Evelyn Remmert.....30th
Gene Townsend.....31st

**Lucky Duck**

Join us on **Tuesday, July 21st at 11:30 a.m.** for our next get-together.
Great time to visit/catch up & get to know members better, while enjoying
good food. Order your food & meet in the party room.

FAITH CARDS — \$1

**Stop and check them out—
they are beautiful!!**

**It's Gathering Time! #CALLED2026 ~~ by Bryce Formwalt**

Have you ever sensed God nudging you? Ever get the feeling that God had something more for you in this life? If so, you are in good company! Across Texas and around the world, God still calls ordinary people like you and me into his extraordinary Kingdom work. The key question for us is how do we recognize and respond to being called? This summer, we will be exploring this question together. On July 24-25, Lutherans from across Texas will gather in New Braunfels for our 17th Annual LCMC Texas District Gathering. I personally would like to invite you to join us.

Our theme this year is CALLED, based on 2 Timothy 1:9: *"He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began."* This grounds our understanding of what it means to be called: not because we have earned anything, but by God's own purpose and grace. The truth proclaimed here once again is that God delights in calling ordinary, unfinished people to be equipped and commissioned for Kingdom mission and ministry.

To be clear, this Gathering is for everyone. This is not a pastors' conference; it is not a church assembly for voting delegates; nor is it only for church council members to attend. This Gathering is for you! This weekend is a divine invitation for you to join our church family reunion. Come and see, for it is good! Experience uplifting worship, faithful teaching, inspiring messages, and great food and fellowship. And through it all, we pray that each of us may be better equipped to discern how God is calling us.

This year we are blessed to welcome three dynamic keynote speakers. Ben Griffin is the CEO of LINC and lives in Dallas. Ben is a former church planter and pastor with a heart for equipping leaders for creative kingdom ministry. Nathan Hoff will also be joining us from Trinity Lutheran in San Pedro, California where he serves as pastor and leads an internship program that invests in the leadership development of young adults. And finally, we are also privileged to have our Service Coordinator for LCMC, Julie Smith, join us from St. Peter, Minnesota. All three speakers will challenge and help us grow in our understanding of what it means to live out our calling in Christ.

And this Gathering isn't just for adults. Our Youth Gathering and Lock-In for students grades 6 through 12 will take place right alongside the main Gathering. The Youth will also be studying the same verse from 2 Timothy and will have engaging teaching time with youth leaders and our keynote speakers. Students will get the chance to participate in a service project and will have tons of fun that's planned just for them!

Our mission is to multiply disciples and churches. Through intentional relationships, we are equipping leaders, strengthening congregations, and inspiring mission. Our Gathering each year exemplifies this focus as our church family comes together to encourage and love one another for the sake of mission. See you in New Braunfels!

Our Annual Gathering is July 24-25 in New Braunfels, Texas. Register online: www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering

REMINDER:
**SEMI-ANNUAL
 CONGREGATIONAL
 MEETING**
JULY 26th
Following the service



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our noisy offering for the next few months will be for Shoe-box supplies/Shipping & Christmas Gift Catalog items.

Thank you ILC members for your continued support to helping & blessing families & children!

July 2026 Prayer Calendar

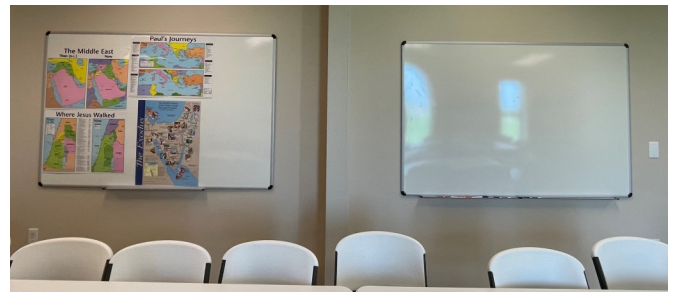
- 7/1 For the worshipping members at Salem Lutheran Church in St. Francis, KS - the church being struck by lightning and burning to the ground
- 7/2 For Bethesda Lutheran Church in Dresser, WI
- 7/3 For Vernes Church in McIntosh, MN seeking a pastor
- 7/4 For the 250th Anniversary signing of the Declaration of Independence. God Bless America!
- 7/5 Dear Father, thank You for the gift of Your abiding presence as we look to the days ahead. Amen.
- 7/6 For St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Braunfels, TX seeking an associate pastor
- 7/7 For Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Glenwood City, WI seeking a pastor
- 7/8 For monthly fellowship meetings
- 7/9 For Bethesda Lutheran Church of Rosburg in Aitkin, MN
- 7/10 For the sick and elderly suffering with medical issues
- 7/11 For the Northwest District
- 7/12 Dear Father, thank You for Your perfect timing and to remember for everything there is a season. Amen.
- 7/13 For St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Garfield, MN seeking a senior pastor
- 7/14 For those affected by weather conditions across the United States
- 7/15 For monthly district meetings
- 7/16 For LCMC congregation in Burundi
- 7/17 For Zion Lutheran Church in Castroville, TX seeking a pastor
- 7/18 For LCMC congregations in Cambodia
- 7/19 Dear Father, we are so glad You love us extravagantly. Help us to love other that way too. Amen.
- 7/20 For all LCMC pastors, spouses and families serving in difficult and challenging environments
- 7/21 For LCMC congregations in Canada
- 7/22 For preparations in advance of the Annual Gathering
- 7/23 For newly certified clergy in LCMC
- 7/24 For the Texas District Annual Gathering & Youth Event
- 7/25 For church support staff
- 7/26 Dear Heavenly Father, help us to always give thanks to You. You are good and Your faithful love endures forever. Amen.
- 7/27 For LCMC Mission Partners
- 7/28 For LCMC Board of Trustees, Ministry Board and Staff
- 7/29 For the South American Lutheran District
- 7/30 Dear Lord, thank You for the promise of Your presence and always being close to us, even when we don't feel it. Help us to always trust You and never lose hope. Amen.
- 7/31 For Northern Plains District Convention

Sunday School Remodeling — DONE!!!!



A BIG THANKS

Thank you to Robert Borgne, Robert Rinehart, & Jimmie Sheppard for getting the wall taken down and the finishing it out. We are blessed to have these guys around to do these jobs, and give of the time & talents. Great job; looks nice!!



ANOTHER BIG THANKS

Thank you to Jimmie Sheppard for donating the white boards & 10 more Study Bibles.

Also, thank you to Randy & Priscilla Pipho for donating the bookcases.

They all look nice in the room!!



**REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE**

HILLTOP STRINGS
~~ July 26~~
in Fellowship Hall
Congregational Meeting
POTLUCK after Service
Invite family & friends.

Sunday, October 25th
More Details Coming Soon!!

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