



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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Pastor Caleb Bahr

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

2 Timothy 1:8-9

Hello ILC,

You are called by God. You were called by God to do something in His kingdom the moment He saved you from your sins. You are called to preach Jesus to people in your own particular way. The theme of the Texas district gathering this year was that we are called by God's grace and for His purpose. We were reminded that each and every believer is called by God. Your Heavenly Father has a special commission for you. And there is even more good news for you. Ordinary things are also part of the call of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Every occupation has its own honor before God. Ordinary work is a divine vocation or calling. In our daily work no matter how important or mundane we serve God by serving the neighbor and we also participate in God's on-going providence for the human race. - Martin Luther

Your call is unique. Just remember that wherever you are called and whatever Jesus asks you to do, there are some things all of us are called to do. You are called to listen to His Word. You are called to pray. You are called to be prepared to talk about Jesus with anyone who asks you about Him. And in whatever else He calls you, ordinary or extraordinary, remember that God's power is at work in your life and will accomplish His purpose for you.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Caleb

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Darrell Matoska.....7th
 Ayden Trevino.....11th
 Bill Seigmund.....15th
 Dee Riley.....17th
 Shirley Mundkowsky...19th
 Janette Wendland.....23rd
 Dennis Mundkowsky..29th
 Debra Rinderknecht....30th



AUGUST USHERS:

Kristi Hoestenbach Council
 Priscilla Piphon & Randy Piphon

AUGUST LECTORS:

8/2/26 Eileen Storm
 8/9/26 Megan Kruger
 8/16/26 Kristi Hoestenbach
 8/23/26 Makenzie Kruger
 8/30/26 Phyllis Johnson

AUGUST ALTAR GUILD:

Eileen Storm
 Donna Rinehart

AUGUST ACOLYTES:

8/2/26 Krista
 8/9/26 Makenzie & Analise
 8/16/26 Sarah
 8/23/26 Makenzie & Analise
 8/30/26 Fellowship Hall

AUGUST FLOWERS:

8/2/26 Phyllis & Harvey Johnson, to the glory of God
 8/9/26 Phyllis & Harvey Johnson, to the glory of God
 8/16/26 Bobby Krueger, to the glory of God
 8/23/26 Morgan & Teresa Wendland, in honor of Juneva Randig's birthday
 8/30/26 Darrell Matoska, in honor of our pets

NOISY OFFERING MATTERS!

Noisy Offering will be collected July-September to help pay for shipping & catalog gift items for Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child. As always, your support is needed and appreciated.

~ ~ ~ Lucky Duck ~ ~ ~

Tuesday, August 18th at 11:30 a.m. will be our next get-together. Come enjoy lunch while you visit with other members, or guests. Open to anyone; invite a friend. Order your food & meet in the party room.

A New Season of Learning ~ Pastor Bryce Formwalt

As we prepare to flip the calendar to August, there is no denying it's back-to-school time! Stores are showcasing all the school supplies front and center. Moms and Dads are taking their kids shopping for new clothes and shoes and backpacks and a never-ending list of things that every parent hopes will help their son or daughter learn and grow in the new school year. Soon churches will be blessing backpacks, praying for schools, and teachers, as the buses begin to roll. For many, the end of summer is a reminder of fresh starts and new learning.

What if this became a life-prompt for our discipleship journey? As I write this, we will soon be gathering in New Braunfels around the theme CALLED. Together we are exploring 2 Timothy 1:9 and are reminded that God saves us and calls us with a holy calling, not because of anything we have earned or accomplished, but according to his own purpose and grace. That is where the Christian life begins. Yet Paul does not leave Timothy, or us, there. In 2 Timothy 2:2 he instructs young Timothy what those who are called are to do next: *What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

Notice the sequence Paul describes here: He taught Timothy. Timothy is then to entrust that same teaching to other faithful people. Then those faithful people are in turn to teach others. That is four generations of discipleship referenced in a single verse! This is how the gospel moves through history: from one disciple to another, passed down from one generation to the next. Every follower of Jesus is simultaneously a learner and a trainer: We never graduate from Jesus' discipleship training, always both learning from those who are ahead of us and teaching those who are coming after us. With that in mind, let me ask you two questions to ponder:

First, how is God calling you to keep on learning? Perhaps you join a small group or Bible study, or ask another believer to meet with and mentor you for a while. The One who called you longs to keep forming you by His grace and for His purpose. So how is God calling you to continue to grow and mature in your faith life in this new season?

Second, whom will you teach? You do not need a theology degree to be faithful to the call in 2 Timothy 2:2. You need only to faithfully pass on what you yourself have received. Teach a child, mentor a new believer, or open your home and your Bible to a neighbor. Invest in someone who will receive the Word of truth from you in the hope that in the same way one day they may invest in another.

This is the very heart of our shared mission as a District: to multiply disciples and churches. Through intentional relationships we seek to equip leaders, strengthen congregations, and inspire gospel mission. When we gather each year in July, it is never our finish line. Rather this is the starting line for a new season of learning and growth in faith. I pray that we may be hungry and eager learners and diligent, humble and faithful teachers, so that the good news we have received keeps on multiplying and being handed down from one generation to the next.

August 2026 Prayer Calendar

- 8/1 For Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Elgin, TX
8/2 Dear Lord, make us mindful of how we spend our time and help us to live in the moments You have given us. Amen.
8/3 For protection of all children
8/4 For Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Temple City, CA
8/5 For monthly fellowship meetings
8/6 Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Harlan, IA
8/7 For LCMC congregation in Cuba
8/8 For Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Royal, IA
8/9 Thank You, Lord, for the simple things in life that bring so much comfort and joy. Amen.
8/10 For Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Buffalo Center, IA
8/11 For monthly district meetings
8/12 For the Board of Trustees, Ministry Board, Staff, District and Fellowship Leaders meetings
8/13 For Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Ludlow in Ludlow, SD
8/14 For those who are less fortunate
8/15 For Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Pella in Marion, WI
8/16 Heavenly Father, thank You for answering our prayers, even when they feel impossible to us. Thank You for all of our blessings. Amen.
8/17 For Bethlehem/Elbow Lake Lutheran Church in Elbow Lake, MN
8/18 Pre-Retirement Retreat for Pastors and Spouses
8/19 For LCMC congregations in Haiti
8/20 For all LCMC pastors, spouses and families serving in difficult and challenging environments
8/21 For Southern California District
8/22 For all congregations seeking a pastor
8/23 Lord, when we are facing disappointments, help us reimagine and adjust the perfect picture in our minds, focusing on the blessings before us. Amen.
8/24 Retreat for Retired LCMC Pastors and Spouses
8/25 For church support staff
8/26 For LCMC church plant congregations
8/27 For rejoicing in the promise of eternal life
8/28 For the many gifts God gives us on a daily basis
8/29 For LCMC Mission Partners
8/30 Dear Father, slow us down so we may walk with You and not run ahead of You. Amen.
8/31 For those affected by weather conditions across the United States

Welcome

TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!!!

Jim & Kathy Compton

Dorothy Whitten

WE ARE HAPPY & BLESSED TO HAVE YOU!



ILC served at Shepherd's Heart on July 25th. Thank you to those that helped that day, and to those that gave through the noisy offering over the last couple of months.

July Memorials Report

MEMORIAL FUND

For: Betty Joan Atkins -

by Al & Jaboa Atkins

by William & Frances Albert

For: Frank Bucanek - by Al & Jaboa Atkins

For: Judith Saeger - by Al & Jaboa Atkins



Last summer, a young lady from California visited ILC for the annual Johnson family reunion. Her name is Ali Bunz and is a great niece to Harvey Johnson. After the service she asked Pastor Caleb to keep her lifted in prayer as she was concerned about her Air Force Reserve unit being deployed. Now, she is stationed in Djibouti, Africa, which is near conflicts in the Middle East. Please keep Ali in your prayers for safety for her and all those stationed in that part of the world.



LCMC National Gathering ~ Des Moines, IA ~ Oct 4-7

AUGUST 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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SS 9:15 2 WORSHIP 10:30-COMM. WOW BAKE SALE & WOW Meeting	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 SS 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 SS 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30-COMM.	17	LUNCH @ 18 Lucky Duck 11:30 COUNCIL MTG 6:00 PM	19	20 FAITH CIRCLE MEETS 1:30	21	22
23 SS 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30	24	25	26	27 FAITH CIRCLE MEETS 1:30	28	29
30 SS 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30 POTLUCK & Games after Service	31					

HILLTOP STRINGS
on August 30
in Fellowship Hall

POTLUCK & Games
after Service
Invite Family & Friends

SAVE THE DATE
Polka Service
Sunday, October 25th
More Details & Meal Tickets
Coming beginning of September

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