

May 7, 2023 Attendance & Giving			
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Weekly Income:</b>		
8am 88	Weekly Offering (Sunday	\$12,986.00	
10:15am 56	Additional Income		
11:30pm 39	(Special Gym Usage, etc.)		
Live Streamed	<u>Mortgage Reduction</u>	—	\$65.00
7 / 7 6	<b>Total Income:</b>		\$13,051.00
<b>Total: 183 / 20</b>	General Fund Weekly Need		\$10,961.54
	<b>Weekly Surplus</b>		<b>\$2,089.46</b>

### Week at a Glance —May 14--May 21

<b>Sun</b>	8am Divine Service-Comm	<b>Wed</b>	8:15 Chapel
	9:15am Sunday School-RR		8:30am Wed Warriors
	9:15am Bible Study-Sanc		6:30 Bible Study
	10:15am Family Worship Service		6:30 Estudio Biblico en Espanol
	10:30am Spanish BS & SS	<b>Sat</b>	8am Elders
	11:30am Spanish Service		<b>1-5pm Peg Rankin Retirement</b>
	2pm Basketball Pick up Game		<b>6-7pm Family Night-Gym</b>
<b>Mon</b>	11am Ladies Guild	<b>Sun</b>	8am Divine Service-Comm
	6:30pm BfPM-RR		9:15am Sunday School-RR
	7pm Boy Scouts-YR		9:15am Bible Study-Sanc
	7pm Cub Scouts-Gym		10:15am Family Worship Service
<b>Tues</b>	9:45pm Bible Study-YR		10:30am Spanish BS & SS
	6pm Spanish Class		11:30am Spanish Service
	6:30pm Hand Bell		2pm Basketball Pick up Game
	7:30pm Choir		

**SPANISH CLASS** being offered at no cost. One class a week on **Tuesdays, from 6pm to 7pm in the Youth Room. All are Welcome** Pastor Miguel's wife, Katherine, will be teaching the class.

The Church Council has established a **Building and Expansion Committee** to explore avenues to create more classroom space on our campus. This committee will consist of no more than 7 and no less than 5 members of our congregation and shall be approved by the Church Council. The scope of work shall be provided by Church Council and shall consist of engaging with specific professional in engineering, general contracting, and finance to create a plan to present to the congregation for approval. **If you would like to be on this committee**, please contact the Church Office. If you would like more information about this committee, please contact Scott Wilcox at 813-347-2789 or email [scottwilcox78@gmail.com](mailto:scottwilcox78@gmail.com)

**NIFTY FIFTY LUNCHEON—Monday, May 29th at 1pm**  
**Datz—6264 Winthrop Town Centre Ave., Riverview, FL**  
 Please sign up on sheet in breezeway.

Please check the website regularly for new news, updates and Christian resources [www.godsoloved.org](http://www.godsoloved.org). And also go to Immanuel Lutheran Church on Facebook.com—Please "like" us on there. Our new website is up and running now. Please check it out.  
**You must re-register as a member**—create a new user ID and password. It does not carry over your information from the last website.



## Blue News

Weekly Newsletter for  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church & School—Sunday, May 14, 2023**



### Bible Studies

**Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 9:45am in the Youth Room**  
**With Pastor Dan on the Gospel of Luke**

**Elder-Pastor led Bible Study in the Youth Room—Sundays**  
**9:15am to 10am Book of Acts**

This one will not split up in small groups—but be one whole class

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**  
 With Pastor Haara at 6:30pm

**Spanish Bible Studies Aprendamos Juntos la Palabra de Dios!**  
 (Wed) Miércoles-6:30pm—Separate Groups for Men-hombres,  
 Women-Mujeres Children-Ninos

**HEART AND SOLE—Raising 1500 Shoes for children at risk or abuse and neglect.** LSF serves in the Tampa Bay region through our programs in Child Welfare. Shoes are needed for children of all ages Sneakers are needed most. **New Shoes only**, please. [Lsfnet.org/heartandsole](http://Lsfnet.org/heartandsole) for more information. You may also go to our website on front page—scroll down and you may use the QR code to donate directly



**Choir practice and Hand Bells meet on Tuesday evenings. We are in need of more people for both.**  
 If you have an interest in either one, please join us  
**Tuesday evening—Hand Bells are at 6:30pm and**  
**Choir at 7:30pm. We would love to have you!!**



**Ms. Rankin's Retirement Party- Saturday, May 20th from 1pm to 5pm**  
 After 42 years of teaching, including 26 wonderful years of service to ILS, Ms. Peggy Rankin is retiring! Ms. Rankin has served ILS and ILC in many roles but most importantly she has always shared her love of Jesus Christ with the students, family, staff and congregation. We will be celebrating her dedication on Saturday. Feel free to drop in anytime during the party; we would love to see everyone there. If you are unable to attend but would like to send a special message, picture, poem or story to Ms. Rankin, please email her at [prankin@ilsbrandon.com](mailto:prankin@ilsbrandon.com). You can also go to KudoBoard in Facebook to write something to Peg. **Help with food is needed —there is a sign up sheet—please look at the list and sign up to donate some food item.**

**Please help support Immanuel Lutheran Church by going into Google or Bing and leaving a positive review.** At this time we have less reviews than any other churches in this area. We would like to get into the top 20 in the search engine optimization and this will help. Just type in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Google or Bing and go to the box at right and leave a positive review.

## SCHOOL NEWS

As many of you are aware ILS hosted a team of 5 educators from the National Lutheran School Accreditation commission this week. The team spent several days on campus observing our school procedures, interviewing stakeholders, staff and students, and reviewing the self-study completed by the staff.

I am pleased and proud to report that the NLSA team has unanimously voted to accredit Immanuel Lutheran School once again! We are so excited that the team recognized and validated the amazing things going on at ILS!

Many thanks to all who participated in the process. Let's celebrate!!  
Ms. Bonne

The ILC & S Preschool will be looking to expand our staff for the 2023-24 school year. Applicants must be 21 years of age, pass a fingerprint background check and have the minimum 45 hours Florida Early Childhood Developmental training. Please contact Beth Bruce at the school 813-685-1978 or [bbruce@ilsbrandon.com](mailto:bbruce@ilsbrandon.com) if interested.

To Enroll—call Christal Trlak at the school office for more information—  
813-685-1978

**REMEMBER TO SAVE & BRING IN YOUR BOX TOPS** Did you know that BoxTops Market-place offers gift cards for purchase to many retailers? ILS will earn eBoxTops dollars every time you shop and designate ILS for your earnings. Sign up today and shop on line to earn eBoxTops for our school! Thank you for bringing in these Box Tops..

**NO LONGER TAKING INK CARTRIDGES**

## Christian Growth & Education

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sunday School meets in the Resource Room at 9:15am  
Then disperses to classes**

If you have questions please call Beverly at the church office  
or email Neoda at [neoda.rae@gmail.com](mailto:neoda.rae@gmail.com)

**Children's Ministry has a new look!** It's still a work in progress & any suggestions are greatly appreciated, as we want to make that space more accommodating to all of our children.

Along with the activity bags, there will be a variety of activities, & crafts to take home, and many new books for reading.

The Children's Activity bags will continue to have coloring activities that correlate with each weeks Gospel reading & children's message. Special crafts to be completed at home will be available at different times.

It is our hope that together with Sunday School, VBS, your help & support that the children at Immanuel will continue to learn about God's love for them through His word.

**Please return books & crayons when leaving church so they will be available for all services.**

**Flowers on the Altar:** Just a reminder that flowers can be put on the altar in honor of birthdays and anniversaries or in memory of loved ones. **The cost is now \$25 per arrangement** and the sign-up is now in a Binder in the breezeway. They can be picked up after last service of the day. Please leave containers here or bring back on Monday.

## Stewardship Notes for May 14, 2023

John 14:15

**"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."** Jesus is clear;: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well: "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much": (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins, which causes love to well up in us and thereby keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is "love."

### 1X MINISTRY (ECHO)—MAY

**URGENT NEED: Toiletries of all types & sizes**

for men & women—please drop off in 1X Ministry box in breezeway at your earliest convenience

**Most Needed Items:**

Tuna (single serve pack); Condiments; Can Openers; Toiletries, Pop Top Cans of SpaghettiOs's, Ravioli, etc.; Ramen Noodles

**(& Pet Food)**

(Please donate only 6 & 12 count egg cartons —NO 18 count egg cartons)

As always, be sure and keep ECHO and our efforts to help them in their ministry in your prayers. **ECHO needs Volunteers!! Please stop by their North Parsons office and see how you can help!**

**ATTENTION: There is now an ECHO Thrift Store at**

424 W. Brandon Blvd.—open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 6pm

## Family Life & Youth



## Board of Property Management

1. Setup scaffolding in the gym
2. Replaced one overhead gym light bulb
3. Replaced stripped screw in North breezeway entrance door
4. Disassembled scaffolding and returned it to the barn.



**SAVE THE DATE:  
VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL**

**July 17th to 21st—  
9am to 12pm**

If you would like to volunteer  
For this please contact Neoda at  
[neoda.rae@gmail.com](mailto:neoda.rae@gmail.com)

For Children 3 yrs old  
(must be potty trained) to  
those entering into the  
5th grade. Registration  
forms are available on  
website: [godsoloved.org](http://godsoloved.org)  
Under Ministries/Children

**No Food or  
Drinks in  
Sanctuary**

