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*Freshmen Carnival:
The Fundraiser to start
off the year! Story
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This year's annual Freshman Carnival was held on Sunday, September 28th, and was put on by the Freshmen class of 2029. Freshmen Carnival is a fundraiser for the freshman class that is filled with many carnival style games, concessions, and silent auction. The freshmen class starts gathering donations over summer break for the silent auction.

The freshman had a new sword fighting game this year, where a few contestants would enter a ring and try not to get hit by opponents. Everyone had a great time playing this game, and it was very entertaining to watch! Another crowd pleasure was face painting! So many kids and adults were able to join in the fun. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Marlys Leiding and Ms. Karen Hoffman for the amazing art they both did. It turned out spectacular!

Concessions this year were very delicious, and consisted of smoked mac-n-cheese from the Hagen family, the Enter family's sloppy joes, and many other options for sides and desserts. As an attendee, I thought the freshman class did a great job with the silent auction this year. I asked their class advisor, Mr. Schrader about how it went, and he said, "The freshman did a really good job collecting donations. They had over ninety lots for the silent auction, and brought in over \$5,000 dollars worth of donations." Overall, this year's Freshmen Carnival

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Freshmen Carnival 2025



was a great experience for everyone who attended! The Freshmen class and their parents, as well as Mr. Schrader, put in lots of work towards this event. So a big thank you to everyone who helped put this wonderful event together!

By: Heidi Dick

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Student Council Elections

In the recent election we held for student body president, Co-presidents Senior Kate Cashin and Sophomore Colleen Olmanson were elected. We also have many new people joining the Student Council this year, so hopefully we see new ideas and events later on! I got the chance to talk with a few members of the Student Council, who gave me a few insights on a lot of upcoming and future events that they plan to hold.

Some of the current events that are in the works include the annual soccer and volleyball Alumni day, and also the pep rally for this year's MCAC Fall Tournament. I spoke with Co-president Colleen Olmanson who said, "We are looking to create more involvement with the students during our spirit weeks and pep rallies." The Student Council has also talked about organizing and hosting more events for our school this year.

I asked Sophomore Lucy Stratton what she would like to see, and she



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said, "I would enjoy more faith based activities, and with the Co-presidency, to see ideas that bring more school spirit, and more views to work out problems". As you may recall from our Co-president's campaign speech, they are interested in hearing the wants of the students here at Immanuel. A survey was already sent out a while back asking about changes and events we would like to see. So make sure you stay updated and respond to these surveys so our Presidents and Student Council can serve our school better!

I am looking forward to the new events and fresh ideas for this school year. I think if we all work towards showing our best school spirit, and Trojan honor along with the Student Council, we can make this an exciting and memorable year!

By: Heidi Dick

Land Purchase

For about two decades, Immanuel has been looking for a piece of land or property to buy to move the church and school. Immanuel's building is getting older, and more and more things need to be updated to meet the new building codes. A safer location with more opportunities and space for the high school, space for a preschool, and more parking for our school are also things that could be improved. In the last couple of months, Immanuel has been actively researching and pursuing multiple pieces of land in the Mankato and North Mankato area. Finally, the voters of Immanuel have narrowed down the properties to one singular property in North Mankato, a property called the "Johnson Property."

The "Johnson Property" is located between Lor Ray Drive and Lookout Drive, it consists of 37.48 acres of land for a future campus. Recently, the ERC committee gave an update to the congregation about how feasible buying this property is for us, based on a survey that was conducted. The price of the land is estimated to be \$824,560. The recent polls have shown that so far we have \$500,450 dollars committed by members or in the Land Purchase Fund. This is honestly amazing and because of generous people in our church's congregation, it is now feasible for us to buy this property! The voters and ERC are now working to finish the Letter of Intent Document with the Johnson owners and vote on a purchasing agreement, CEF loan terms and the like, as well as building a committee to work on future plans for a phased campus development!

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EVENTS

Trojan's at Home Schedule

Volleyball 10/6 JV 5:30pm V 6:45pm
10/7 JV 4:30pm V 5:30pm

Football 10/3 V 7:00pm
10/13 JV 4:30pm
10/15 V 7:00pm



New Co-Ops Creating Opportunities for Athletes

New opportunities have opened up this year for our athletes, in part, on account of not being able to support a boys soccer team this year. The sports offered this fall season through co-ops are: High School Boys Football and Cross Country through MVL; and Varsity and Junior Varsity Girls Soccer through Loyola.

In previous years, our high school boys have co-oped with Cleveland for football, and girls have co-oped with Loyola for soccer. These opportunities have many positive aspects to them. Many friendships and connections have been made, and playing with a larger group adds a level of competition that is exciting!

These additional options give kids the chance to play the sports they love, or to try something new.

Senior William Lien co-ops for football with MVL and says, *"It is an interesting experience, playing football for MVL takes us out of Mankato, so the travel has been a challenge. It (football) takes work, but is a fun experience that I would recommend to others."* Both of our seniors that play football agreed the atmosphere is great, and the MVL players and coaches are very encouraging and welcoming.

We have a few students running cross country through the program with MVL also. Junior Wyatt Lien says: *"The team has been doing great as a whole this season. Everyone has been really welcoming and nice with both Mark and I,...supportive of us and are happy we are there. This cross country team has for sure had the most uplifting and supportive teammates I have ever seen. If anyone would be considering cross country, this is for sure the team to do it with."*

Lastly a quote from Junior Heidi Dick who is now playing her second season with the more established Loyola girls soccer co-op: *"I was very happy to have the opportunity to still play soccer after we switched leagues. It has created a good way to get to know more people, and the team is very welcoming and always has a positive atmosphere."*

In conclusion, there has been all positive feedback from the athletes who have participated in a co-op. If you are interested in joining, the advice from others is to try it out!

By: Colleen Olmanson

Women's Retreat

Immanuel Lutheran Church is hosting a one day Women's Retreat on Saturday, October 25th from 9am-4pm. Ladies ages twelve and older are welcome to attend! The theme this year is *'Finding Our True Identity as a Reflection of Christ's Image.'*

Our world is becoming more obsessed with self-defined identities, so this is a much needed topic to discuss and ponder. As women of God, how we identify ourselves and how we define our purpose is vital to the health of our lives and relationships. The biblical answers to our questions of identity and purpose, as well as the road map it provides for us to live out our lives, seems increasingly counter cultural. It's crucial to arm ourselves with God's Word to overcome anxiety and doubt in regards to these things and everything else.

The retreat will be a fun-filled day of study, speakers, fellowship, food and music. If you would like to register, please feel free to talk to the church secretary, or fill out a form in the church narthex. You can also register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/wah29bfr>

1 Corinthians 3:18, *'Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.'*

Land Purchase Continued

As a Senior in highschool, I won't benefit from a new school myself. However, it makes me incredibly happy to see our school and church desire to improve to serve the next generation and be a better light for children in our community. Adding a preschool and having more space for high school opportunities would be amazing and I'm excited to see what the future holds for Immanuel.

How can you help? Donate if you can; it will help so many more students learn about the saving truths of God's word. Attend Voters meetings or other meetings regarding this purchase, even if you cannot vote you can still voice your opinion! And lastly please keep Immanuel in your prayers and pray that God uses our leaders to fulfill His Will for our school!

By: Rebecca Heinze Editor in Chief

Student Corner

Ads & Opportunities



Youth Group
Autumn Acres
Pumpkin Patch
October 8, 2025
3:30-5:30pm

Join Us!
 Study on: 'Relationship with your Parents'
 Pumpkin Picking
 Corn maze

Contact Mrs. Lien with questions



ILS 5 & 6th Grade
CRAFT & BAKE SALE
 Benefiting
Stewards of Grace Program
 Saturday, October 11th
 through
 Sunday, October 26th



SOPHOMORE FALL
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2 PM-4 PM
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Senior Spotlight

Kate Cashin Class 2026

Get to know Kate Beverly Cashin, our senior spotlight of this month! Kate started attending Immanuel Lutheran School in eighth grade. Before transferring to Immanuel, she attended Monroe Elementary School and Dakota Meadows Middle School.

Kate is proudly a co-president of the student council this year. Over the past few years, she has helped out with drama by doing makeup. On top of that, Kate is the captain and libero on the varsity volleyball team. (A libero is a defensive back row player in volleyball who wears a different color jersey.) In my

discussion with Kate's co-captain, Rebecca Heinze, she told me that Kate, *"is very passionate about volleyball and has gotten better as a team leader over the years, especially while playing libero."*

When it comes to hobbies outside of school, Kate enjoys a variety of activities that keep her busy. She loves shopping, spending time with her friends, playing pickleball, and watching shows. She also loves playing with her dog, Cali, and enjoys hosting gatherings for friends and family!

After graduation, Kate has some exciting plans; she has the intent to attend college to pursue a degree in elementary education and entrepreneurship. With this Kate hopes to become a first grade teacher and own a small business. Another big life goal would be to move to Florida and make that her home one day.

Kate has been an amazing student and a friend to all at Immanuel. We hope that Kate can pursue her

dreams of becoming a teacher, owning her own business, and moving to Florida.

On behalf of the Immanuel student body, you will be missed by many, and may God bless you.

By: *Norah Wakefield*



Picture Submitted by Kate Cashin