

The Principal's Page

Immanuel Lutheran School - Silo

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VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

The student body at Immanuel Lutheran School - Silo gathered on Veterans Day (November 11) to commemorate and honor the service of our military, both past and present. The entire student body sang the *National Anthem*. Grades 1-4 sang *God Bless Our Native Land*, and grades 5-8 sang the *Marine Hymn* and *America the Beautiful*.

Six past and present military personnel were present. Robert Baer and Richard Rinn addressed the student body about the history and meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the importance of military service respectively. The student body was very proud to express thanks for past and present service to our country through the military.

VOLLEYBALL SEASON COMPLETED

The volleyball season has been completed with mixed success. After a season mixed with both wins and losses, the team placed fourth in the conference tournament on Saturday, November 12 at RCLS. The series for the tournament play included a loss, a win, and then a loss, all of which placed the team in fourth place.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

The second quarter offerings are being designated to help Martin Luther School in Joplin, MO. Martin Luther School was damaged, but not destroyed, during the ravaging tornado last May.

An interesting side bar to this story is that congregational leadership had for some time prior to that tragedy been in conversation about how they could serve as an outreach to the community. They had the feeling that they had not been fulfilling their purpose in the community. God fixed that in a matter of minutes. Since that time they have been, and still are, serving the community in ways they could not have imagined.

First quarter offerings totaled \$597.20.

CALL PROCESS

The Call Committee, which is charged with bringing a few recommended names to the congregation for the position of principal of Immanuel Lutheran School, has been meeting and working toward that goal.

The most recent action taken by the Call Committee was to glean through a list of 16 names provided by the Minnesota South District. This list was divided into three groupings, with the top group of five names receiving the committee's strongest look. Those five individuals have been contacted and asked if there was any reason that they should not continue to be considered. Only one indicated that his name should not be moved forward.

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The next level of action includes multiple tele-

phone interviews with each candidate, and checking references. The committee feels that they are on task to present names to a congregational meeting sometime in late winter.

EDUCATION CONFERENCE

All the teachers at Immanuel Lutheran School attended the annual Minnesota South Education Conference in Mankato on October 20-21. Dr. Patrick Ferry, President of Concordia University in Mequon, WI, and Mr. Terry Schmidt, Assistant Director of Schools for LCMS, were the plenary speakers.

One of Terry Schmidt's major assignments in his position is to be the Executive Director for National Lutheran School Accreditation. It was from that platform that he presented not only his plenary session, but also some sectional presentation to smaller audiences. The attendees at the conference had many choices for attending the small group sectionals on both days.

Lutheran educators from Minnesota North District and North Dakota District joined with their counterparts in Minnesota South District at this conference.

TEACHERS HONORED

At the Education Conference described above, two of our teachers were honored for years of Kingdom Service. **Miss Sandy Engelhardt** was recognized for 35 years of teaching, and **Miss Jill Meinert** for 15 years. Each received a plaque and certificate respectively.

The district recognizes only completed years of service, and does it in the year following.

In addition, **Mr. Cletus Pfeiffer** was recognized a year late for 45 years of Kingdom Service. The reason for the delay is that this conference did not meet last fall because of the national conference.

ADVENT CHAPEL

During Advent chapel services for school will be conducted at 2 pm instead of the usual 8:10 am. This schedule begins the Wednesday following Thanksgiving (November 30) and continues until Christmas.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dec 6 Board of Education, 7 pm
Dec 23 Parent Transportation Day
Dec 24 Children's Christmas Service, 7:30 pm
Dec 26 NO SCHOOL until Jan 3 - Christmas Vacation
Jan 3 Classes resume

We partner with parents to meet the needs of God's children by providing a Christ-centered learning environment.