

**Immanuel Lutheran School
Lunch Notes & Payment Plans
2023-2024**

Dear Parents,

The state of Minnesota recently introduced a program that will permanently provide free breakfast and lunch to students as long as the school lunch program meets specific guidelines. Immanuel Lutheran School will be participating in this program and look forward to offering free breakfast and lunch to all of our students.

All families are encouraged to participate in the lunch program as it provides healthy, well-balanced meals for all of our students. If you choose to have your child bring a cold lunch, please note that there is no access to a microwave for reheating meals during the school year.

Ms. Teresa Fortsch returns as our school cook and lunch coordinator for this school year.

Lunch Program Notes

- **Free Breakfast & Lunch**
 - All students may have breakfast and lunch for free through the MN - Free School Meals Program.
- **Bulk Milk**
 - Thanks to the support of our local dairy farmers and a grant through the Midwest Dairy Association, Silo will transition to a bulk milk program. A bulk milk cooler will be purchased and will hold both white and chocolate milk. Milk will be self-serve in cups. Students will be allowed to have seconds on milk at no charge. (It is likely that for the first couple of weeks of school, milk will still be in cartons until we get all of our new equipment set up).
- **Seconds**
 - Students will not be allowed to purchase seconds if their family account has a negative balance of (\$5.00) or lower.
 - Unlimited fruits, vegetables, and bulk milk are available at no additional cost.
 - Prices for all "seconds" options are listed below.
- **Breakfast**
 - Breakfast consists of a choice of cereal or other option, choice of yogurt or string cheese, and choice of fruit or juice. Breakfast includes white milk.
 - All students may have free breakfast.
 - Breakfast will be served to the preschool students in place of a morning snack.
 - Breakfast will be served from 7:30 am to 8:10 am. On late start days breakfast will be available from 7:30-8:30 am.

Free / Reduced Lunch Program

Even though free breakfast and lunch is being offered to all students, it is still very important that families submit applications for free and reduced price student meals. The data from the approved applications is used to determine funding for other academic programs. If you are eligible for Free or Reduced Meals according to your income, please complete the application form and return it to Emily Anderson at the school office by Friday, August 25, 2023.

Please note: Free / reduced lunch benefits only apply to a full meal. If your child opts to bring a cold lunch and takes only a milk, you must pay for the milk, and no meal benefit is received for that meal. Additional entrees or sides are also at the expense of the family.

Volunteers

Our lunch program relies on the valuable help of our dedicated volunteers. We are looking for additional volunteers. Tasks include simple food prep, sanitation, serving, washing dishes, etc. Training is provided, along with a free meal! We are happy to work with a variety of schedules / times for volunteers. Even if you can help out once a month or once a quarter, we would be grateful! Schedule your volunteer hours with Teresa 507-459-7972.

Menus

The lunch menu will be available on Sycamore.

Meal Prices

Breakfast: \$1.50	Second Breakfast Entree: \$0.75	Second Side: \$0.50
Student Lunch: \$2.75	Second Entree: \$1.50	Carton of Milk: \$0.50

Payments

Payments are only required if your child(ren) will be purchasing milk a la carte or if they will be allowed to purchase seconds. Check payments are preferred. Please make checks out to: Silo Hot Lunch. As noted above, students will not be allowed to purchase seconds on "credit."

Guests:

Advance notice is requested for any guests wishing to have lunch. Guest meals must be paid on the day of the visit. Adult: \$4.95 Child: \$2.75 payable to Silo Hot Lunch.

Please complete & return to Emily Anderson at the school office by Friday, August 25, 2023

Family Name: _____

_____ I acknowledge and agree to the meal payment plan.

_____ I will apply for the free / reduced lunch program. (Please enclose application.)

_____ I am willing to volunteer. Please contact me at: _____

_____ Our family will take advantage of the free breakfast program. _____ # of children.

Signature: _____

Date: _____