

**Silo Scroll – February 2021**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church & School - Silo**  
**www.immanuelsilo.org**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the many cards, wishes of congratulations and gifts in honor of my retirement from the Ministry. I am truly grateful, not only for this, but also for the expression of Christian love that lay behind them which has developed over the many years we have been together. In doing this you are also giving a Christian witness of sharing the same love of Jesus which we have received from Him, the love of forgiveness, salvation, and the promise of everlasting life.

Words can not adequately express the joy, blessings, comfort and support you have been to me and my family while serving you here at Silo. For this I am grateful to our Lord and to you.

Thank you again for your generosity and especially for your love and kindness over the years. May God's grace be with you always.

In Christ's love,

Pastor & Jan Meilner

**Pastoral Calling Procedure**

**We are still waiting for the Minnesota South District to send us a listing of names to review for the call of a new pastor.**

**2021 Lenten Service times and Offering Designations**

Date	Offering Designation
Feb.17 6:00 P.M. Ash Wed,	LCMS World Relief
Feb. 24 6:00 P.M.	Local Lutheran Hour
March 3 6:00 P.M.	Lutheran Heritage
March 10 6:00 P.M.	Home
March 17 6:00 P.M.	Joint Seminary
March 24 6:00 P.M.	Hope Lutheran School
Maundy Thursday – April 1	6:00 P.M. District Missions
Good Friday April 2	1:00 P.M. Home
Easter Sunday April 4	8:15 & 10:30 A.M. Normal (Home)
Thurs., May 13	Ascension 6:00 P.M. Home

\*\*\*All times subject to change

## LWML – January and February 2021

LWML have not been having in-person meetings due to the COVID pandemic. On November 22, 2020 at 1:00pm the members, each in their own home, prayed the prayer dedicating to the Lord, prayer shawls to Roger and Jolene Ressie.

There will not be a Lenten Supper this year.

A donation for cookies was given to Sauer Care Center.

Of the quilts that were made this past year, 18 were donated to Grace Place Winona, MN and 20 were donated to St. Charles Resource Center St. Charles, MN.

Scrip Cards - Kwik Trip is giving 10% on Scrip cards the month of February. Scrip cards are available by contacting any of the following: Joanne Prigge 689-2163, Karen Lorch 507-951-8906, Tammy Kreidermacher 507-458-4736, Emily Anderson 796-9147 or Raeanna Tveten 507-259-7860 to get Scrip cards

**Silo Is Peanut Free!** (For the health and safety of our children)

Dear Parents:

Due to severe peanut allergies in the student body, Silo School will go peanut free.. This means peanut products will not be served or allowed in the school kitchen or classrooms. *This includes potluck dinners and other church events.*

For children with a peanut allergy, even contact with peanut residue or with other children who have ingested peanuts can prompt a serious reaction. Please avoid any items containing peanuts when sending birthday/classroom party treats, as well as when families are asked to bring baked goods from home.

Thank you for your help with making our school a safe and fun place to be!

### THRIVENT ACTION PLAN

The new "thing" is Thrivent Action Plans. Each Thrivent member 16 years or older is entitled to do two Thrivent action plans a year. Check it out online. [Thrivent.com/actionteam](http://Thrivent.com/actionteam) Ask Emily Anderson or Carol Michaelis about the Thrivent Action Plan opportunity. 1(800-847-4836)

### THRIVENT - DO YOU HAVE THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS?

**Last year's Choice Dollars must be designated by March 31**

Designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars by phone, just call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" and you will be able to direct your dollars. You will need your Thrivent ID number or social security number for verification of Identity and to direct your choice dollars. If you are not a member you can become an association member. Here is the link to Thrivent for more information [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com). Direct Choice Dollars online now or 1(800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice."

## Immanuel Lutheran School School News --- February 2021

**Second Quarter Honor Roll:** Our students have proven to be resilient and dedicated to their school work in spite of the challenges presented at times through quarantine and distance learning. We congratulate the students for their efforts and academic achievements.

### **Straight A:**

Casey Fredrickson, Owen Sauer, Magdalena Sandcork, Isaiah Tews, Tyson Prigge, Carter Lorch, William Kreidermacher, Wyatt Kreidermacher, Mallory Olson, and Clarissa Sauer

### **A**

Chase Hinckley, Autumn Pronschinske, Carter Anderson, Ryan Littlefield, Gage Pronschinske, Jayden Seng, Ava Swenson, Jessi Van Etten, Grace Schrandt, Cadence Tews, and Kalli Tveten

### **B+**

Audrey Lorch, Lyza Tveten, Kaylee Van Etten, Clara Kreidermacher, Callie Schrandt, Jackson Mueller, and Tyler Steele

### **B**

Ireland Elsing, Abby Forsyth, McCoy Heim, Matthew Smith, Trysten Verthein, and Cadence Seng

**Basketball:** After experiencing a delay in athletic competition, Silo has recently begun basketball practices. The players are all looking forward to participating in scrimmages and games as they are able throughout the next month.

Unfortunately, this year's season looks a bit different than what we are used to. Spectators at games will be limited to members of the immediate family only; however, as the high schools are doing, we intend to stream Silo's games so grandparents, extended family, and friends can also watch the games from the comforts of their own homes. We should all consider putting this into perspective and realize how truly blessed we are. We'll miss having packed stands, but know that you are supporting us from a distance.

Streaming information will be posted on the school's website and shared through the Silo Weekly Update emails from Mrs. Anderson. Please contact Mrs. Anderson if you aren't receiving these updates and would like to.

**Sent to Serve:** Our National Lutheran Schools Week celebrations and activities have been postponed to the month of February. We'll have fun with our traditional dress up days and have some creative ways to engage the students in multi-age groups for the annual Knowledge Bowl.

We also look forward to meeting virtually with Rev. Vance and Linda Becker, missionaries serving in Kenya. Students will be bringing in monetary donations that will also be used to support an organization called 4Kenyaskids and a school in Kenya called Point of Grace Academy.

# **FEBRUARY 2021 - Silo Basketball Schedule**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Boys Practice 5th-6th 3:00-5:00 7th-8th 3:30-5:30	2 Girls Practice 4th-8th 3:00-5:00	3 Boys Practice 5th-6th 3:00-5:00 7th-8th 3:30-5:30	4 <b>Roch. Home School at Silo</b> 4:00 B-girls (4th-6th) 5:15 A-girls	5 <u>2nd-5th Practice</u> *updated 1/27/21 3:00-5:00 w/ scrimmage	6
7	8 - <b>St. John's at Silo</b> 4:00 A-girls 5:30 A-boys	9 Girls Practice 4th-8th 3:00-5:00	10 Boys Practice 5th-6th 3:00-5:00 7th-8th 3:30-5:30	11 Girls Practice 4th-8th 3:00-5:00	12 <b>Jr. High at Silo</b> 4:00 7th boys 5:15 8th boys	13 ? <b>Silo at Janesville</b>
14	15 NO SCHOOL	16 ? ? at Silo 4:30 A-girls 5:45 A-boys	17 Boys Practice 5th-6th 3:00-5:00 7th-8th 3:30-5:30	18 Girls Practice 4th-8th 3:00-5:00	19 ? ? at Silo 4:00 A-girls 5:15 A-boys	20 2nd-3rd Practice 9:00-11:00 am w/scrimmage
21	22 Boys Practice 5th-6th 3:00-5:00 7th-8th 3:30-5:30  <b>Silo at Home School</b> 4:00 B-girls 5:15 A-girls	23 Girls Practice 4th-8th 3:00-5:00	24 Boys Practice <u>6th-8th</u> 3:00-5:30	25 Girls Practice <u>6th-8th</u> 3:00-5:00	26 <b>MN State Tourn.</b> At Concordia - St. Paul	27 <b>MN State Tourn.</b> At Concordia - St. Paul
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Immanuel Lutheran School is accepting registration for our Preschool program for the 2021-2022 school year.

Classes offered:

- 3 Year Old Class: Tuesday/Thursday 8:00-10:30-Tuition \$100.00/Month  
Tuesday/Thursday 8:00-3:00-Tuition \$125.00/Month  
**Students must be 3 years old by September 1, 2021 to attend this class.**
- 4 Year Old Class: Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 8:00-3:00-Tuition \$150.00/Month  
Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs./Fri. 8:00-3:00-Tuition-\$200.00/Month  
**Students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2021 to attend this class.**

All students must be potty trained.

A Registration Fee of \$50.00 is due when submitting your Registration Form.

Registration Forms can be found on the school website, on Miss Steinberg's page.

Any questions please contact Miss Steinberg ([tsteinberg@immanuelssilo.org](mailto:tsteinberg@immanuelssilo.org))

# February 2021 Lunch Menu

1 Diced ham/cheese Potatoes Sandwich Green beans Fruit	2 Cheeseburger Bun Baked beans Romaine Fruit	3 Chicken Alfredo Peas Lettuce Fruit	4 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Green Beans Fruit	5 Breakfast cooks choice Cooked carrots Lettuce Fruit
8 Soup Cook choice Corn Romaine Fruit	9 Beef Stroganoff Noodles Sandwich Green beans Fruit	10 Chicken nugget Ranch potatoes Mixed veggies Fruit	11 Chicken/gravy Mashed potatoes Sandwich Cooked carrots Fruit	12 Rock n roll wrap Baked beans Lettuce Fruit
15 No School	16 Tator tot hotdish Green beans Goldfish Fruit	17 Breakfast Cooks choice	18 Cowboy Cavatini Corn Lettuce Fruit	20 Pizza Breadstick Mixed veggies Fruit
22 Chicken fajita Spanish rice Peas Fruit	23 Goulash Romaine Mixed veggies Fruit	24 Pigs in a blanket Romaine Baked beans Fruit	25 Bbq chicken/ bun Goldfish Green beans Fruit	26 Meatloaf Mashed potatoes Cooked carrots Fruit

--MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE--Milk is served with every meal -- whole grain products are used--

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# Family Matters

A CHRIST-CENTERED RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES AND TEACHERS



## SENT TO SERVE Sent into a New Year

**M**ost of us are ready for a new year!

Last year is unlikely to go down as a favorite for many people. There may have been some bright spots — the birth of a healthy baby, a promotion or even a family move that was beneficial. There were also many down moments, which can make us eager for a new and fresh start.

How will you make the new year better? There are some things we know that we cannot control as we enter a new year. Just because we turn the calendar page over, some things will not change with the change of a number. But, there are some things we can control, and we still have new choices we can make in 2021, even though we experienced many limitations in 2020.

Some of the biggest areas where we can make choices are in our attitude and in the way we react to others and various situations. We can't always control the things that go on around us, but we can control our reaction to them and how we respond.

Our model for this is Christ Jesus Himself! Philippians 2:5-11 tells of the attitude of Christ. We read how Jesus experienced a new reality when He came from heaven to earth, how He took on a different role and how He made adjustments to His new situation. Sound familiar? Sound a bit like 2020?

Jesus was able to have a perfect reaction and make a perfect adjustment because He was perfect. Because of the



perfect life He lived, and through His death and resurrection, we are given the gift of eternal life! We will live in perfection for all eternity when we depart this world. But, until that time comes, we have work to do. We have to manage a household, parent children, go to work, serve within our church, live at peace in our community and so much more! We found out last year how hard that is to do.

The good news is that we don't go it alone. We have this same Jesus — who made all kinds of adjustments Himself — by our side. Our Lord will never leave us nor forsake us — even in trying times. He walks with us, He understands our struggles and He gives us strength to take the next steps in life. To experience His support, we only have to take it to our Lord in prayer.

Can we make the year 2021 a year of prayer? While we can't control the situations that arise, we can pray our way through them. We can let go of trying to control everything and give that control to Jesus. Can we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the name of Jesus to answer our prayers? We can! When we do, it can make a difference in our lives, in our world and in our attitudes.

## FUN FAMILY ACTIVITY //

Gather the family together in a comfortable setting, with no electronic distractions, preferably around a table (or other hard surface) to enjoy the family activity outlined below.

### PROJECT TITLE: PRAYING THROUGH THE NEW YEAR

#### PURPOSE:

To engage family members in an activity that outlines a plan for prayer in the new year, asking for God's direction and guidance in the days, weeks and year ahead.

#### OPENER:

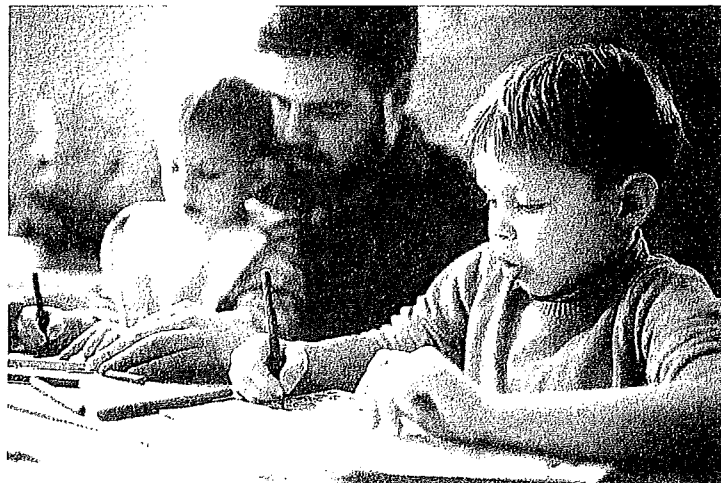
Ask the following questions in your family setting to get a conversation going.

- › What is your favorite day of the week? Why?
- › As a family, what do we usually do on Sundays?
- › What do you pray for the most?

#### FUN FAMILY ACTIVITY: Weekly Prayer Chart

##### DIRECTIONS:

1. In the place where the family members are gathered, please provide the following supplies:
  - several pieces of plain 8 ½-by-11 white paper for each member of the family,
  - one or two pieces of paper that are at least 11-by-17, and
  - markers and colored pencils of various colors and sizes.
2. Ask each family member to write the days of the week on their sheet of paper in a column down the left side, beginning with Sunday and ending with Saturday.
3. Next, ask them to write prayer requests next to the days of the week, using the same first letter as that day of the week. Example: next to Monday = Moms, Friday = Family, etc. [Hint: use Thursday's first two letters for the article "the" so that you can create a number of prayer requests (e.g., the town in which we live, the leaders of our nation, the church we attend)].
4. Encourage everyone to come up with as many words/prayer requests as possible.



5. Then, on one of the 11-by-17 pieces of paper, write the days of the week in the same color down the left column. Next, write the prayer request words for each of the days of the week that family members came up with in various other colors, so that they now all appear on one piece of paper in bright and cheery colors.
6. Once the final words have been written, have someone (who has good handwriting) write the words, "As a family, we will pray for these!" at the bottom of the page. Then, have everyone in the family sign their names at the bottom of the Prayer Chart.
7. Post the finished Prayer Chart in a prominent place in your home, and pray those prayers often — daily/weekly throughout the year!

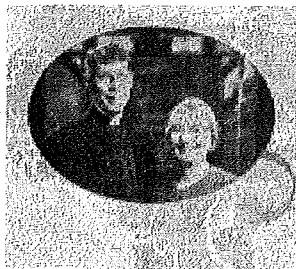
#### CLOSING PRAYER

At the close of the family session, have an adult or older sibling say the following prayer, phrase by phrase, with everyone repeating the words.

**Dear Jesus, we know that 2020 was a hard year. Comfort those who experienced pain last year. Grant us all a better year ahead. Bless us, and use us to be a blessing to others. Help us to pray to You, in all times and situations, in the coming year. In Your name.**

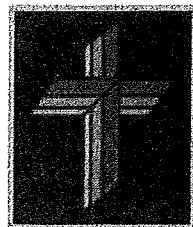
**Amen.**





# Jambo

Jesus in Action with the Matongo Beckers & Others



Newsletter of Rev. Vance and Linda Becker at Matongo, Kenya January 2021

## New Year, New Semester

Students are starting to arrive for the new semester that will start Monday. Vance is looking forward to the four classes he will teach, Homiletics (preaching), Pastoral Ministry and Counseling, Lutheran Confessions (Book of Concord) and General Epistles (James – Jude).

There were not textbooks here for these classes, but he was able to get some brought over from the U.S. and is printing materials for others. Learning from experience, he has prepared a simplified English version of parts of the Book of Concord.

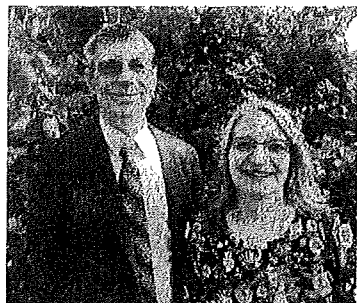
Linda will work more with chapel music and will teach a new Bible study for Deaconess students.

We both look forward to seeing returning students and new ones.

*Please pray for us,* praising God for His eternal truth, thanking Him for students who are eager to learn, and asking Him to help us and all the students to have the resources, wisdom, etc. to do our work well.

## Our "Christmas Letter"

This is about the time that Vance usually gets around to writing an annual Christmas letter, or, more



This has been a year of big changes. We abandoned heavy winter coats as we left the upper Midwest and arrived in Kenya on Jan. 15. After a week at the main office in Nairobi, we went to Iringa, Tanzania, to study Swahili at a rural camp. While we were there, Covid 19 appeared. We finished classes with our teachers on the phone

and then, because of border closures, we stayed there until late August.

Meanwhile, our second grandson was born, the first for our son and his wife. Thanks to



the internet, we may have seen as much of him as Covid would have allowed in the U.S., including his baptism and now crawling. The lockdown happened just in time for our son

often, "Epiphany Epistle" for family and friends. Well, this is it.

to work from home ever since the birth.

Also, this summer, our daughter and family moved from Oklahoma, where her husband taught at a university, to one in Mississippi which fortunately already did some online teaching. Their son is now a kindergartener in a Lutheran school and their daughter is starting to talk.



In August, we traveled across Tanzania into Kenya, to our home at Matongo Lutheran Theological College. We arrived in time to celebrated Vance's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is in a beautiful rural spot in the hills between the cities of Kisumu, on Lake Victoria, and



Kericho, a center of the tea growing area. We were able to visit wildlife parks in both Tanzania and Kenya.

We set up housekeeping in a recently built home on campus. Linda now has gardens growing and has adapted to how things are done here, with unpredictable power, water and internet.



Beginning at the end of October, Vance taught two classes, finishing the semester that began last January but was suspended in March. He spent December preparing for the next semester.

Linda has also picked up duties, including playing keyboard for chapel and being "Matron" of the deaconess students.

Meanwhile, it has been interesting to visit nearby rural churches where Vance has been invited to preach. It is always an all-day affair with great hospitality and often "adventurous" roads.

We are very happy here and staying healthy. In this year of big changes, our changeless God has been brought us through them all.

We all miss being with family and friends with the way things are this year but know that Jesus is always with us. This is why he was born, to be our Immanuel. Epiphany reminds us He is the Savior of all nations, including those where we live and serve. We look forward to when we are all gathered together again with Him in heaven.

*Please pray for us, praising God for another year of His grace, thanking Him for protecting and providing for us and asking Him to keep us and our family healthy and growing.*

## **People wonder...**

*How do people celebrate Christmas and New Year's there?*

We have learned just a bit about this. We have not seen any signs of decorations at homes or special events, but people do say they enjoy Christmas and have mentioned presents. Malls in big cities are decorated with Santa displays and lights. Of course, there is no snow or any of the traditions that go with that.

Advent services are not a thing here because people don't go out at night. What is common in December is "parish synods." People from several congregations come together for a long weekend of teaching by

visiting pastors and choirs singing. Vance taught at one nearby.

We were in Nairobi for Christmas itself. The Lutheran cathedral church there was well attended on Christmas Day. It had a lighted tree in the sanctuary

It seems common to have a big service on New Year's Day. The bell at the church here rang at 5 am and again at 5:30. Yes, that is not a misprint: 5 am. We weren't ready.

If you wonder about a question, email [vance.becker@lcms.org](mailto:vance.becker@lcms.org)

*Please pray for us, praising God for comfort and joy, thanking Him for another year of grace and asking Him lead everyone to rejoice in their savior.*

## **Bible reflection**

In order to grow a hedge between our house and the road, sticks cut from other bushes were cut, stuck into the ground and left to grow. Because of the constant sun and frequent rain here, about a third of them have taken root and sprouted new leaves.

Jesus told parables about how God's word is like seed that is planted and grows, not because of anything we do. Another parable tells how some that is planted grows while in another place it does not.

We are stuck by God into the places where we are in order to be part of how His church grows. We cannot take credit for the growth, it all depends on Him, and because of His abundant blessings, it happens.

*Please pray for us, praising God for His living and powerful word, thanking Him for bringing many to faith and asking Him to help us keep growing and bearing fruit.*

## **Swahili sample**

As they would say here,  
Salaam njema ya Krismas  
Peace good of Christmas  
na mwaka mpya wenye mafanikio  
and year new with success

**Contact us at the address below to let us know how we can be praying for you too.**

**If you get this newsletter in print but could get it by email instead, it could save funds for our ministry.**

*Email us with your name and the mailing address now receiving it.*

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Fleming, Garden City, KS 67846  
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## **Connect with us.**

Email us at [vance.becker@lcms.org](mailto:vance.becker@lcms.org) & [linda.becker@lcmsintl.org](mailto:linda.becker@lcmsintl.org), or send us postal mail at the Mission Central address below.

Help expand our network by liking [vance.becker.lcms](https://www.facebook.com/vance.becker.lcms) on facebook and sharing it and this newsletter with friends. Let us know about yourself and prayer requests. We will pray for you too.

## **Financial support**

All our funding comes through the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which is not just an office in St. Louis but the people and congregations. We are grateful for many generous people, for yearly & monthly gifts, and also single gifts.

A monthly or yearly gift is ideal, but a start-up gift is also very helpful.

- Checks written to LCMS with Becker/Kenya in the memo can be mailed to: LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-66861 or Mission Central, 40718 Highway E16, Mapleton, IA 51034-7105,

- Give on-line at [www.lcms.org/givenow/becker](http://www.lcms.org/givenow/becker)
- or [missioncentral.us/becker](http://missioncentral.us/becker)
- Give by phone at 888-843-5267.

*Please pray for us, praising God for daily providing out of Fatherly, goodness and mercy, thanking Him for those who are able to give generously, and asking Him to keep providing funds for this work.*

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

# February 2021

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	1	2	3	4 BB Home School @ Silo - Girls only	5	6 NO LVML
7 8:15 & 10:30 AM - Communion 9:30 A.M. - Bible Study & SS	8 7:00p Board of Elders BB - St John's @ Silo - A-teams	9	10	11	12 BB - Jr. High at Silo - Boys only	13 BB - Silo @ Janesville - A-Teams
14 8:15 & 10:30 AM - Communion 9:30 A.M. - Bible Study & SS	15 NO SCHOOL	16 6:00p Board of Education	17 Ash Wednesday 6:00p Communion	18	19	20
21 8:15 & 10:30 AM - Communion 9:30 A.M. - Bible Study & SS	22 Parent transportation AM only	23	24 6:00p Lenten Worship	25	26 BB State Tournament	27 BB State Tournament
28 8:15 & 10:30 AM - Communion 9:30 A.M. - Bible Study & SS BB State Tournament						



