

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL LUNCH INFORMATION 2024-2025

Snacks are allowed at the morning recess/break period. As with lunches, you are encouraged to provide nutritious snacks. High sugar foods (soda, candy bars, snack cakes, etc.) interfere with a student's ability to focus in school. **Students are not permitted to drink soda at school for lunch and/or snack.** Teachers reserve the right to only allow water in the classroom during the school day (outside of milk for lunch/snack). For pre-kindergarten, milk is purchased at the beginning of the school year for the morning snack.

Students may bring their lunch in a labeled sack or lunch container. Milk is available daily for purchase. **Immanuel does not provide refrigeration, heating, or hot water for individual student lunches.** If a child brings lunch to school, they are not to share their lunch with other students due to potential food allergies.

The school cafeteria lunch program is offered through a contract with *Fresh & Safe* and the National School Lunch Program-USDA. A school lunch is available for purchase Monday through Friday. **A school lunch includes milk for \$4.55. A reduced price meal is available for \$.40 if a student qualifies for the program. Separate milk is \$.55.** Applications for free and reduced hot lunches are provided at the beginning of the school year and can be obtained in the school office at any time during the year. If a child is taking a school cafeteria lunch, he or she may not bring snacks or other food of any kind into the room during the lunch period. This rule is strictly enforced in accordance with National School Lunch-USDA rules.

If a student not pre-order lunch for the day or bring a cold lunch from home, an alternative lunch will be provided and will consist of a carton of white milk, a sandwich or entree, a fruit and/or a vegetable. **A charge of \$4.55 per alternate lunch will be assessed to your family's Cafeteria account.** Cafeteria accounts are accessible via Sycamore.

The lunch time for each grade is established prior to the opening of school. Students are required to eat lunch unless there is a parental or medical note on file that excuses them from eating for a set date(s). If a child has any food allergies, please obtain an allergy form from the school office for your doctor to fill out and sign. Lunch menus are emailed monthly and available on the school website. Good taste dictates that students observe the common rules of etiquette, courtesy and table manners.

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- *mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture*

*Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410*

- *fax: (202) 690-7442; or*
- *email: program.intake@usda.gov*

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Recently the USDA issued new National School Lunch requirements that include the display of a poster indicating our agreement with gender/identity beliefs that are counter to a Christian worldview. This is currently being challenged in court, however, we are still required to display the poster. Immanuel's response below is also posted with the offending poster.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, School and Child Care is a LCMS Lutheran organization that believes and teaches that God's plan for humanity is to make human beings as male or female and that the two distinct genders are each genetically unique and irreplaceable in God's plan (Gen. 1:26-27). God's plan is for genetically made men and women to marry and create children, thus forming the family, which is God's first church. No effort to feed hungry people through secular funded programs changes God's commands or our obedience to that plan or to the teaching of that plan (1 Cor. 6:9-10).

Many federal laws, rules, court rulings, and prior practice recognize our religious liberties and we fully claim those rights. Immanuel Lutheran Church, School and Child Care is a member of the Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools (WCRIS), which has been protecting our religious liberty since 1974, representing nearly 800 schools state wide. WCRIS is the official state chapter of the Council for American Private Education (CAPE), which has affiliates in 36 states.

UNPAID MEAL CHARGE POLICY

The Immanuel Lutheran School lunch program has a fiscal responsibility to stay in compliance with Federal Guidelines. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to be sure funds are available for use in their student's account. However, we recognize that on occasion, parents may forget to deposit lunch money. Families with overdue balances will be contacted via email. If payment is not made within seven days of email, the student will be fed an alternative meal of a bagged lunch. Therefore, as a courtesy to our students, they will be allowed to charge meals in the following limited circumstances.

1. School students are allowed meal charges up to a cumulative limit of -\$20.00 per family.
2. Once the limit is reached, parents/guardians will be notified of the debt and available options for repayment. Immanuel Lutheran School will use all available resources to contact the parent/family to resolve the issue quickly, including (but not limited to) sending paper notices home with your student, email and verbal notification.
3. An alternate meal which may consist of a sandwich or entree, fruit or vegetable, and milk will be provided to the student as a until the account is in good standing.
4. There will be a \$4.55 charge for the alternate lunch.
5. Immanuel Lutheran School families need to have all fees, including lunch, paid or have a payment plan that has been approved by school administration in order to participate in any non-academic activities including, but not limited to, sports and student council.

FREE & REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Please see the following enclosed information as it pertains to Free & Reduced Price School Meals:

1. How to apply for Free & Reduced Price School Meals
2. Frequently Asked Questions About Free & Reduced Price School Meals for School Year 2024-2025
3. 2024-2025 Household Application for Free & Reduced Price School Meals (please note that if you received a letter of qualification in the mail you DO NOT have to complete an application)

MENUS/PRE-ORDER LINKS

Menus and pre-order links will be sent via email and ClassDojo as they become available from our food vendor. These are also available at www.ImmanuelBrookfield.org/lunch.

Please contact Mrs Maggie Uravich with any questions:

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