

# Summer Bible and Music Academy

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Hello Parents!

I am thrilled and excited to be returning to lead the Bible and Music Academy here at Immanuel this summer! First, I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I am currently a student at Martin Luther College (MLC) and will have just finished my third of five years this May. My two majors are Elementary Education and Secondary Education – Instrumental Music, so when I graduate, I will have a K-12 instrumental license in addition to my K-8 elementary license.

I grew up around music, as my mother was very involved both in church and at school. I started taking piano lessons at the age of three and continued through high school, during which I was privileged to teach piano for one year during high school through my church as well. I have been taking organ lessons for the past four years, and am currently taking lessons with Dr. Wayne Wagner. I took voice lessons all through high school, and while I am first taking lessons again next year, I have remained active in choir – something that I have participated in since seventh grade – and accompany the choir as well. In addition to this, my primary instrument (other than piano) is oboe and have been playing for the past eleven years. As a part of my major, I have also taken a Woodwinds, Percussion, Brass, and Strings method course, allowing the list of instruments I am able to play to grow to include almost every instrument.

I am extremely blessed to have grown up in a congregation that focuses on the importance of music in worship. I have been playing organ for services for the past four years and piano before that, in addition to playing oboe for various services for the last six years.

I am blessed to be here this summer where I have the privilege of teaching private lessons. I will be offering the following lessons: piano, organ, voice, oboe, flute, clarinet, saxophone, and percussion. My goal is to help you learn and grow in these areas, so I invite you to consider signing your child and/or yourself up for lessons and Immanuel's Bible Academy this summer. Everyone is welcome, including those new to lessons!

We are incredibly blessed that God has given us music. Through it, we are able to learn about how God has created and blessed each and every one of us in an amazing way. I pray that others may value music and share in its beauty – not only those learning and studying it, but those hearing it. I am excited to serve here at Immanuel to the best of my abilities, grow through this opportunity, and share the gospel through God's gift of music by sharing my love for music with you and your children!

In Christ,

**Emily Schmidt**

