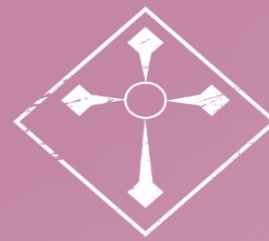


# MESSENGER

June  
2025



IMMANUEL  
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ALMELUND, MN



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*The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Almelund, MN*

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Our Mission Statement:

**A welcoming community rooted in Christ,  
Growing in faith and serving with joy!**

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As we step into June, we find ourselves surrounded by moments that ask us to pause, give thanks, and lean into the Spirit's movement among us.

We celebrate Graduate Recognition Sunday—a time to honor the hard work and accomplishments of our graduates. But more than that, it's a

moment to bless and release. These are our community's children, and now they head off into new adventures and uncharted paths. It's no small thing to stand with them, to be present in their sending, and to trust that God goes ahead of them just as God has always walked beside them.

Bring your prayers and your open hearts—we are a church that shows up for each other.

Then, on June 8th, it's Pentecost Sunday, and with it, a bit of joyful tradition: Hat Sunday. You're invited to wear a hat—any hat—rooted in religious tradition, social custom, or just your favorite ball cap. Why? Because for generations, covering one's head during worship was a sign of reverence—an acknowledgment that *something is above us, and we are not above it all*. Pentecost is about the Spirit rushing in, lighting us up, and reminding us that the church is not ours alone. Let's wear that truth with a little creativity and celebration.

While I'll be away for military training from June 2–18, the Spirit's fire continues to burn among you. Pastor Richard and Jason Fredlund will be covering down in my absence, and I know they'll bring warmth, wisdom, and presence to each Sunday. I'll be out on the Plains of North Dakota, but my prayers remain here—with you.

On Father's Day, we'll give thanks for the sacred duty of fatherhood and the many men who have shaped our lives. Whether biological, spiritual, adoptive, or mentor—fathering is a holy calling, and we'll take time to honor and bless them.

Don't forget to join us every fourth Thursday of the month for Holy smokes up at the winery—faith conversations on the edges of life and creation. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and a spirit of wonder.

And finally, we'll close the month with a Service of Healing and Pie Day. Yes, you read that right. We'll gather to pray, to lay down burdens, to ask for healing of body, mind, and spirit—and then we'll share in one of the church's most sacred gifts: pie. Because sometimes grace shows up in a crust and filling, passed down from grandma's kitchen to the table of the Lord.

As always, come join us at the ballfields—grab a patty melt, support our Lions and support this community we're all grown together.

Blessings

– Pastor Justin



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Attention 2025' Graduates** Senior Sunday Service is June 1, 2025

**Almelund Farmers Market Began its 18th Season Friday, May 23rd at Rod's Country Corner!** Come Friday afternoons from 3-6pm and check out the local items...annuals, perennials and garden plants, asparagus, rhubarb, eggs, maple syrup, honey, breads, jams/jellies, craft items and other goodies! Products change with the season. New vendors are encouraged and welcomed to join this fun community get-together. If interested, contact Pat @ 651-583-2100.

**Stewardship** will meet on Tuesday, June 3 at 1pm in the Fireside room.

**Naomi Circle** will meet on Tuesday, June 17th at Jake's On The Lakes in Center City for lunch at 11:30am. Any other members or friends are welcome to join us! If interested, please contact me so I am able to make a reservation. Thanks, Linda Peterson 612-254-4697.

**Relay for Life 2025** The organizing committee is continuing to make plans for the event which will take place on Fri Aug 22 at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church from 6-9:30 with entertainment prior to the 6 pm program. The Illuminated Immanuel Team will be selling luminaries at Immanuel Church on: July 27th, August 3rd and 17th. The Team will also be serving coffee on August 17th when dedicating them. Everyone is welcome to join our Team or come to the Relay. Cancer touches all of us unfortunately. Help us raise money for research to beat it.

You can contact me with any questions @ 651-775-1233 or [jnoordergraaf@yahoo.com](mailto:jnoordergraaf@yahoo.com). Thank you, Jeske

### **Volunteers needed-**

The church council has approved a sub-committee of volunteers to make food (hot dishes) for funerals again. We need volunteers to help prepare food, with opportunities available on weekdays and weekends. Your time and effort, even if it's just an hour or two, is greatly appreciated. The service groups will serve the food and will continue to provide the desserts, beverages, set-up and clean-up. If you would like to lend a hand and volunteer to help or if you have questions, contact Loraine Rue at 651-583-3412.

### **Library News**

We're grateful to Kris Koran for donating the following book to our library! Many thanks!

A Journey Of Grace: The Formation Of A Leader

And; A Church By Herbert W Childtrom

**Memorial Committee** will meet on Monday, August 11th at 5:00 pm

## Sunday School News

Sunday School gave \$91.75 this year in offering to Soldier's 6, the organization that trains service dogs for veterans and first responders, when they came to visit and tell us about their mission on 5/4/25. Way to go kids & families!

Thank you to Soldier's 6 for visiting church and Sunday School - it was very interesting to hear how they help veterans and first responders to get trained service dogs at little to no cost to them. It was also great to hear how many of these dogs are provided from animal shelters, including North Woods Humane Society in Wyoming, MN and Coco's Heart Dog Rescue in Somerset, WI. Soldier's 6 is not only helping humans, but dogs as well! A special thanks to Dez for visiting and being such a good boy!

Thank you to the congregation for supporting them with \$331.02 given to Soldier's 6 in noisy offering; As well as \$142.00 from the coffee money, and \$310.00 from personal giving. That's a total of \$874.77.

If interested in learning more about their organization, following their activities or supporting them further, please visit their website at: [www.soldiers6.com](http://www.soldiers6.com).

### - Christian Education Committee

We have finished another school year for Sunday School and appreciate all the teachers, parents, kids and other helpers at all the events in Sunday School and church.

We will be looking at Vacation Bible School next and are looking for all sorts of volunteers to support this annual 4 evening event in August. Please let Teresa, Val, Jenny, Pastor, Cami or Amanda know if you are interested in planning and/or helping!

**The Immanuel Quilters** are taking a summer break June, July, & August.

Our graduation quilts are all stitched and ready for all our graduates.

The next quilting day will be Tuesday, September 9th. If you would like fabric to sew on a hot summer day, please feel free to check out the fabric in our quilting room. If you want help, ask any of the quilters.

We wish everyone a very happy summer!

Martha Strecker. 651-341-3885

**The Women of the ELCA** Our 2025 meeting dates will be held at church, in the Fireside room at 10am on the following dates.

July 14 with Sarah circle to lead; October 13 Naomi circle to lead

Our planning meeting for 2026 will be held on January 12, 2026 with Sarah circle to lead. All Women are welcome come join us!

There are many blank **patriotic cards** by the greeting cards in the Fellowship hall. Please feel free to take and use them.

## Prayer Shawl Update

There are many more shawls available in Room C for gifting & you are encouraged to give them to anyone in need of feeling God's presence and comfort. Please sign the sheet you'll find there and take a card for gifting. Gift bags & tissue paper are also available for you to use.

Our shelves are still overflowing with donations of yarn!! Bundles have been put together for future prayer shawls and are available for anyone to pick up and be creative. You are invited to come and check out the array of yarn and colors, pick some out and join us on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 1:30 PM in the Fireside Room. We knit, crochet, have tea & a treat and enjoy fellowship while relaxing to music. If you haven't had the opportunity to learn how to knit or crochet, and would like to give it a try, we would be happy to help you get started. All supplies are available. Please call Joanne at 651-278-2686 with any questions.

## Created & Becoming

### Faith Conversations at the Edges of Life and Creation

*Fourth Thursday of every month | Wild Mountain Winery*

6:30 PM – Come early for wine, stay for the conversation!

### June – Faith in the Dawn of A.I.: Who Are We Becoming?

As technology advances faster than ever, what does it mean to be human?

We'll explore ethics, intelligence, and the spiritual implications of A.I.

### July – Genetic Engineering: What Does It Mean to Be Human?

CRISPR, cloning, and gene editing challenge us to ask: where is the line between healing and playing God? This session dives into embodiment, identity, and bioethics.

### August – Evolution, Theology & Cancer: God's Tools for Creation

Is God at work in natural selection? What do illness and survival reveal about divine purpose? We'll wrestle with how science, suffering, and spirituality intersect.

### September – End Times: Apocalypse, Renewal, and the Big Picture

Are we living in the last days—or just beginning again? Join us to explore biblical prophecy, popular myths, and hopeful visions of renewal.

### October – Creation & Earth Care: Partners in a Living World

We close the series grounded in our shared home. What does it mean to be stewards of creation? We'll explore eco-theology, sustainability, and sacred responsibility.

Join us for a monthly series where science, culture, and faith meet in honest dialogue. Brought to you by **Immanuel Lutheran Church of Almeland** and **First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Taylors Falls**.

**Tune in our Daily Texts**, Monday through Saturday on our Facebook Page [@immanuelchurchofalmeland](https://www.facebook.com/immanuelchurchofalmeland)

A daily devotional time based on an Old and New Testament Bible verse based on a Moravian Church tradition and Ground Up Grace Publications Daily Texts 2025 books.



**COMING SOON!!! "Patty Melts" at the Almelund Lion's Ball Field!** The 10th season begins Wednesday, June 11 - running through July 30. Serving starts at 5:30. The "crew" will be cooking Patty Melts, Cheeseburgers, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries & Cheese Curds - chips, candy & beverages available. Don't miss these fun, summer nights to meet up with friends and neighbors. What a Great Way to support the Almelund Lion's Club! See You There!!

**NOISY OFFERINGS ARE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
We express our thanks to all those who provide special music with a Special Thank You to those who travel a distance to share their talents. We would like to show our appreciation by gifting these musicians with a gas card through, the "Noisy Offerings". So - **SAVE YOUR CHANGE** and let's make a Joyful Noise Unto The Lord!!!!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
By end of day Monday, June 16; The third Monday of the month.

**PROOFREADING:**  
Of newsletter @ 1:00 Wednesday, June 18; in the Fireside Room.

**NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY:**  
Will be Friday, June 20 @ 10:00 in the Fireside Room. Volunteers can fill newsletters with offering envelopes and label for mailing.  
Thank you for your help!  
Mark Weslander

## Class of 2025 Baccalaureate Service



**Wednesday, June 4, 7:00 p.m.**  
**North Branch Area High School Auditorium**

Baccalaureate is a time where the community and area churches gather together to honor the graduating class. All senior students, their families, and the public are invited and welcome to this ecumenical service. The service is not required but optional. This year's Baccalaureate will include music, scripture, speaker, prayer, and blessing for the

Class of 2025.

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## THANK YOU

**Parish Care Team** Thank you very much for the Easter Lily. It smells good. Thank you to Dianne for bringing it and for the chocolate bunnies. You and Chocolate = Good.

Thank you!  
Love, Jody

**Dear ILC:** Thank you for letting us use the church in March for our 4-H quilt camp. We had both girls and boys participate. We had a fun time. Here is a donation for letting us use the church. The dining hall really works great for sewing.  
Gwen Swenson  
Clothing & Quilting Committee  
Chisago County 4-H

**Thank you to Prayer Shawl Committee** for the beautiful Prayer Shawl. And thank you to everyone for your prayers.  
Cindy Weslander

**Dear Prayer Shawl Ladies,**

My dear friend, Gwen Swenson, when I told her I was scheduled for hip replacement in 2 weeks, offered a Prayer Shawl to me. I'm very grateful for this loving gift. It's a nice reminder to pray to our Lord. Thank you for serving God in this way.

In Christian Love,  
Kenne Keocher  
The church is so beautiful and welcoming.

**Thank you so much** to all Sunday School teachers and substitute teachers for all your help this year! What a great group of people to work with as a team. Thank you to all the parents and kids who came to learn about God and Jesus! See you all at church, out and about, and at VBS in August!  
- Immanuel Sunday School

# Sunrise River Trio

## 2025 Summer of Music

Date	Venue	Time
June 15 Sunday	<b>Wild Mountain Winery</b> 16906 Wild Mountain Rd, Taylors Falls	1:00 – 3:00
June 27 Friday	<b>Brickfield Brewing</b> 30 W. Olson Drive., Grantsburg, WI	5:00 – 8:00
July 12 Saturday	<b>Cornerstone Pub</b> 26753 Forest Blvd., Wyoming, MN	12:00 – 3:00
July 13 Sunday	<b>Wild Mountain Winery</b> 16906 Wild Mountain Rd, Taylors Falls	12:30 – 2:30 Church service prior
August 9 Saturday	<b>Cornerstone Pub</b> 26753 Forest Blvd., Wyoming, MN	3:30 – 6:30
August 10 Sunday <i>Tentative</i>	<b>Wild Mountain Winery</b> 16906 Wild Mountain Rd, Taylors Falls	1:00 – 3:00



**Randy ♪ Momoh ♪ Dwight**  
**Join the Fun!**

**Thank you** to everyone who donated food, money, and lent a hand with setup, serving, and cleanup for the Memorial Day dinner. Your generosity and support made the Memorial Day dinner a success. A heartfelt thank you to our amazing church members for their hard work in making it happen. Your kindness shines brightly in our community.

Service Group C

**Many thanks** to all of you who offered prayers and expressed concern for me while hospitalized after emergency surgery May 8 and for my following recuperation and healing! Your prayers were heard and are being answered! The healing process will continue!! Thank you friends!!!

Joanne Johnson

**Dear Members,**

We would like to extend our appreciation for your collection and donation of food to the Viking Vittles Program. The only way this program is sustainable at current levels is with the continuing support of caring people like the members of your congregation.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

The Outreach Team at Trinity Lutheran

**Immanuel Lutheran—**

Just wanted you to know that what you did was... well...wonderful.

Thank You and God bless you!

Thank you for the use of the church hall and many blessings to our folks. 60 years of marriage and 50 years as members of ILC.

Love and Prayers

The Noyes Family

**Thank you** all so very much for having us. You were so very welcoming to Ed, K9 Dez & I. We enjoyed our time. Huge thanks & appreciation for your donations. We are at an all time high right now with our training bills & vet bills. This will help so much. Many blessings to you all, and enjoy your summer.

All our best,

Ed, K9, Dez & Dana

**A wonderful and beautiful** community togetherness as we got together on Memorial Day to remember. A Ceremony—A meal, many workers doing something so important to each of us—

Stewardship

**Thank you** for joining us as we celebrated our milestone 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We are blessed and grateful to have so many friends and family like you. The abundance of congratulations, heartfelt wishes, and continued influx of cards have been wonderful.

Your overwhelming support and love are truly appreciated.

Sincerely, Don and Pat Noyes

## CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES

Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165

**Sunday, June 1, 2025**

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025**

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025**

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754

**Thursday, June 5, 2025**

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.

Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.

Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church

**Monday, June 9, 2025**

These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

Barnabas, Apostle

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.

Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379

**Saturday, June 14, 2025**

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015

**Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931

**Saturday, June 21, 2025**

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

John the Baptist

**Tuesday, June 24, 2025**

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530

**Wednesday, June 25, 2025**

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560

**Wednesday, June 25, 2025**

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444

**Friday, June 27, 2025**

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202

**Saturday, June 28, 2025**

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

Peter and Paul, Apostles

**Sunday, June 29, 2025**

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

# June 2025

Notes:

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Seventh Sunday of Easter—White</b> 9:00 Communion Graduation Dedication Worship Live and Online; W/Noisy Offering	<b>2</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours 10:00 WOW Practice	<b>3</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours 9:00 Worship Team 1:00 Stewardship Meets In the Fireside Room	<b>4</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours 1:30 Prayer Shawl Meets	<b>5</b> Bulletin Deadline	<b>6</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours; Bulletin Printed 3-6 Almelund Farmer's Market	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Day of Pentecost—Red</b> 9:00 Worship Live and Online; W/ Children's Sermon Also hat day; wear a hat to church	<b>9</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours 10:00 WOW Practice 5:00 Property Meeting 6:00 Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours 9:00 Worship Team Quilters will not meet in summer	<b>11</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours 5:30 Patty Melts @ the Ball Park	<b>12</b> Bulletin Deadline	<b>13</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours; Bulletin Printed 3-6 Almelund Farmer's Market	<b>14 FLAG DAY</b>
<b>15 The Holy Trinity—White FATHER'S DAY</b> 9:00 Worship Live and Online W/ Children's Sermon	<b>16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours	<b>17</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours 9:00 Worship Team 11:30 Naomi Circle Meets @ Jake's On The Lakes	<b>18</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours 11:00 <b>Newsletter</b> is ready for proof reading in the Fireside room 10:00 Parish Care Meets 1:30 Prayer Shawl Meets 5:30 Patty Melts @ the Ball Park	<b>19</b> Bulletin Deadline	<b>20</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours; Bulletin Printed 10:00 <b>Newsletter Assembly</b> in the Fireside room 3-6 Almelund Farmer's Market	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Second Sunday after Pentecost—Green</b> 9:00 Communion Worship Live and Online; <b>PICK-UP NEWSLETTERS</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours 6:00 Worship & Music Meeting	<b>24</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours 9:00 Worship Team	<b>25</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours 5:30 Patty Melts @ the Ball Park	<b>26</b> Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Holy Smokes @ Wild Mtn. Winery	<b>27</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours; Bulletin Printed 3-6 Almelund Farmer's Market	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Third Sunday after Pentecost—Green</b> 9:00 Worship Live and Online;	<b>30</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours	<b>31</b> 9:00-3:00 Office Hours 9:00 Worship Team	<b>EACH SUNDAY</b> 10:00 Coffee is Served 10:30 Counters Count Offering	4:30 am Every Tuesday Kim's Kleaning		



As you celebrate  
your Birthday,  
remember to  
celebrate your  
Spiritual  
Birthday each year.  
Light a candle  
to remember your  
Baptism, too.  
God Bless you on  
your special days!

- 1 Goldeann Carlson, Lindsey Thorsen, Adam Oknich, Henry Carlson
- 2 Bruce Nelson, Douglas Peterson, Kylie Bauer
- 3 Gwen Swenson, Willa Tauer, James Rue
- 4 Derek Meyer
- 5 Philip Larson
- 7 Diane Rothe
- 8 Stacy Burnside, Travis Mohn, Paul Mohn
- 9 Mike DeVault, Soua Carlson
- 10 Sharon Thiel
- 11 Ellie Lehto, Vern Johnson, Angela Ryberg
- 15 Harlan Bostrom
- 16 Cindy Weslander, Skip Buck
- 19 James Mielke
- 22 Carl Sandberg, Lillian Tauer
- 23 Jackson Thelander
- 25 Gary Peterson, Dale Rue, Chad Lindgren,  
Coralee Muggli, Paige Lutz
- 27 Dave Rue, Dana Johnson, Dennis Peterson
- 28 Kenrick Waldemar
- 30 John Ryberg



## Thank you to those helping with the Worship Services!

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Lynn Schultz	Mark Weslander	Richard Sellman	Linda Mielke	Chris Schumacher
<b>Ushers</b>	Zach Rivard Family	Zach Rivard Family	Zach Rivard Family	Zach Rivard Family	Zach Rivard Family
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Dave Rue	Loraine Rue	Nancy Nadeau	Julie Johnson	
<b>Camera Tech</b>	Matt Oknich	Dave Rue	Jodi Johnson-Waldemar	Vern Johnson	
<b>Children's Sermon</b>					
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Quilters & S.S. Teachers		Sarah Circle		Tora Carlson Family
<b>Teachers</b>	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School

### Communion Servers:

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** - Clay Ryberg, Clay Larson, and Amanda Cook

**Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Julie Weller, Beth Berger and Jeff Lutz

### Communion Wine - Wild Mountain Winery

### Communion Wafers now used

**Reader Coordinator:**      **June :** Linda Mielke

**Altar Guild:**      **June :** Linda Meyer & Diane Rothe



# Financial Recorder's Report for Year to Date of April 2025

Code	Fund	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
1	GENERAL	\$17,408.00	\$10,845.00	\$14,966.65	\$17,084.00	\$60,303.65	\$56,309.53
2	UNDESIGNATED	\$455.00	\$110.00	\$190.00	\$195.00	\$950.00	\$870.00
3	SYNOD		\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,400.00
4	LUTHERPOINT			\$83.25	\$150.00	\$233.25	\$140.00
5	LUTH. SOC. SERV.	\$20.00	\$50.00	-	\$25.00	\$95.00	\$50.00
6	ITONYA TANZANIA MISSION	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	-	\$300.00	\$25.00
7	WORLD HUNGER				\$50.00	\$50.00	
10	LOOSE	\$453.00	\$428.00	\$663.50	\$852.00	\$2,396.50	\$1,924.00
11	FELLOWSHIP DINNERS			\$99.00	\$152.00	\$251.00	\$578.69
12	LENT			\$437.00	\$97.00	\$534.00	\$1,020.00
13	MAUNDY THURSDAY			\$15.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$40.00
14	GOOD FRIDAY			\$15.00	\$33.00	\$48.00	\$60.00
15	EASTER				\$1,003.00	\$1,003.00	\$808.00
18	USE OF CHURCH		\$250.00	\$235.00	\$235.00	\$720.00	\$790.50
20	NOISY OFFERING		\$279.09	\$119.57	\$136.66	\$535.32	\$487.01
21	BUILDING FUND	\$105.00	\$230.00	\$340.00	\$345.00	\$1,020.00	\$1,297.00
22	CdFee	\$11.70	\$4.75	\$13.90	\$13.65	\$44.00	\$71.35
24	CHRISTIAN ED		\$190.00	-	\$5.00	\$195.00	\$-
26	SHARE MINISTRY			\$2,300.00	\$4,600.00	\$6,900.00	\$-
27	Grants			\$317.00	-	\$317.00	\$-
30	YOUTH GROUP				\$150.00	\$150.00	\$-
31	YOUTH MISSION TRIP		\$2.00	-	-	\$2.00	\$25.00
34	WORSHIP & MUSIC		\$25.00	-	-	\$25.00	\$-
40	FOOD SHELF			\$25.00	-	\$25.00	\$-
50	ENDOWMENT FUND			\$31.25	-	\$31.25	\$25.00
60	SPECIAL DONATIONS				\$120.00	\$120.00	\$2,259.08
91	MEMORIAL GARDEN				-	\$100.00	\$1,220.00
90	MEMORIAL		\$100.00	-	\$2,605.00	\$2,605.00	\$-
Totals		\$18,552.70	\$13,013.84	\$20,351.12	\$28,261.31	\$80,178.97	\$69,400.16



## Three Ways to Give!

Thank you so much for your financial gifts which support Immanuel's ministry. We ask you to prayerfully do what you can to support Immanuel's mission.

### Give in Person

When you attend worship in person, you are welcome to place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed during the service. Offering envelopes, like the one included in this newsletter, are available in the pews.

### Give by Mail

You can also mail your offering to the church, using the offering envelope provided in this newsletter at:

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
37515 Park Trail  
Almelund, MN 55012

### Give Online

Giving through our website is a quick and easy way for you to give and for the church to receive your gift. Go to [www.ImmanuelAlmelund.com](http://www.ImmanuelAlmelund.com) and click on "Make a Gift." You can designate how you want it used and if you want to make a one-time gift or ongoing contribution. It is recorded just as if you had placed it in the offering plate. Whatever way you give your gifts, thank you for your support of Immanuel's ministry. We couldn't do it without you!

## SUMMER CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE

<b><u>FREE!</u></b>	Lutheran Bible Camp, Grantsburg, Wisconsin "God's Word Comes Near" Join the fun and make new friends while enjoying your time by the lake	<b><u>FREE!</u></b>
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### It's great to be alive in God's great Northwoods!

**Parents:** Get your kids signed up! **Grandparents:** Get your grandkids signed up! **Kids:** Invite a friend, or a cousin, or a sibling! Even if the are not members of Immanuel, we will pay their entire cost of camp!

***Immanuel will pay for your camp experience!!***

There are one, two and five-day opportunities. This is for children entering grades 1-12. Just put your registration form in the offering plate on Sunday or place in the WELCA mailbox located by the church office.

For further information go to [www.lutherpoint.org](http://www.lutherpoint.org) or [info@lutherpoint.org](mailto:info@lutherpoint.org)

### 2025 Summer Schedule

	1st - 4th Grades	4th - 6th Grades	7th - 9th Grades	Adventure Camps	Family Camps
June 22 - 27	1st & 2nd Grade Overnight (June 23 & 24)	4th - 6th Grade	7th - 9th Grade	4th - 6th Grade Fish Camp & Horse Camp	Grandparent/ Grandchild Camp (June 25 - 27)
June 29 - July 1 (HALF WEEK)	3rd & 4th Grade & 1st & 2nd Grade DAC (July 1)	4th - 6th Grade	7th - 9th Grade	7th - 12th Grade Canoe Trip	
July 9 - 11 (HALF WEEK)		4th - 6th Grade	7th - 9th Grade	7th - 12th Grade Night Life	Grandparent/ Grandchild Camp
July 13 - 18	1st & 2nd Grade Overnight (July 14 & 15) & 3rd & 4th Grade (July 16 - 18)	4th - 6th Grade	7th - 9th Grade	7th - 12th Grade Fish Camp	
July 20 - 25	3rd & 4th Grade (July 23-25) & 1st & 2nd Grade DAC (July 21)	4th - 6th Grade	7th - 9th Grade	Horse Camp	Grandparent/ Grandchild Camp (July 20-22)
August 3 - 8		4th - 6th Grade	7th - 9th Grade		Family Camp

## Christian Ed meeting Minutes – 4/24/25, 5:30pm

Attended by: Teresa, Jenny, Pastor Justin, Valerie & Julie

### **Old Business:**

Reviewed minutes from 3/17 – Prayer Pillows turned out beautiful, may put small prayer book in the pocket in the future. Holy Week Adventures worked well with the Lent Service, should do that again. 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Palm Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt went well, may need to space out when these events occur.

### **New Business:**

#### **Sunday School**

Soldier's 6 – May 4<sup>th</sup> – Amanda sent out a postcard to families

They are to speak to all as part of the Children's sermon and spend some time with Sunday School kids during Sunday School  
Sunday School offering to be given to them and Noisy Offering as well

Val put together the May Sunday school materials

Last Day of Sunday School – May 18<sup>th</sup>

Also will do 1<sup>st</sup> Communion for Vada and Rylee who were unable to do it with the others on May 18<sup>th</sup>

No regular lesson, may watch the video  
Outside if possible

Play games

Ice cream bars/sandwiches

Teachers are Dana, Amanda & Katie

Pick up beach balls/bubbles – have some items for prizes

Val ordered a kit while at the meeting

Jenny also ordered some John 3:16 beach balls during the meeting

May use the blow up bounce house, could still do outdoors and play games in grass near the labyrinth. Could use a generator for bounce house or maybe power at the school pavilion

### **Milestones**

Earth Care – all Sunday School families

Wild River State Park has free Earth Day events on Saturday 4/26, free entrance

Pastor announced that families could meet there and bring their own lunch

No one was signed up, maybe try again next year

### **Adult**

Holy Smokes – starting for summer months at Wild Mtn Winery  
4/24 - last Thurs of the month at 6:30pm

## **May Meeting**

Change from 5/18 to Wednesday 5/28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30

Discuss VBS Curriculum, possible changes to Confirmation

### **Memorial Committee Meeting Minutes May 4th, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chair Gwen Swenson

Present: Joanne Johnson, Jody Johnson, Vickie Johnson, Ashley Larkin, Connie Linder, Gwen Swenson, and Clay Ryberg (Church Council Representative)

Minutes of the February 17th meeting were approved, the Treasurer's report was accepted

#### **Old Business:**

Committee received and reviewed 6 applications for 2025 scholarships. Currently there are 3 active scholarships: Ada Ogren, Irene Hasselquist, Ray & Dory Johnson. A recipient was selected for each scholarship; per suggestion of the family, an additional scholarship was awarded from the Ray & Dory Johnson fund since there had not been an award made from this scholarship in 2024. Recipients will be notified and requested to attend the June worship service where they will be officially declared. Memorial Committee was very pleased with the strong interest in scholarships this year, and encourage all to apply again in 2026.

Memorial Committee is moving forward to restart the Mission Investment program which provides children baptized at Immanuel Lutheran a small initial fund donation as a baptismal gift. This fund earns a bit of interest and allows parents/others to continue to make deposits into the fund until the child's 18th birthday. Committee will research when this program was last implemented and gather additional information for the restart process.

#### **New Business:**

Committee discussed request for information to be utilized during Lamp Post Sunday event(s) coming this fall. A brief hand-out piece describing Memorial Committee activities to be developed and provided to Stewardship committee for this event.

A funds request from Church Council was received and approved for the replacement of damaged/curling carpet tiles in the fellowship area downstairs for an amount up to one thousand (\$1000) dollars; monies will draw from the Irene Lundquist refurbishment donation. This project to be completed during the summer months. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Next meeting dates are scheduled as follows: Monday, August 11th at 5:00 PM (Fireside Room); Monday November 10th at 5:00 PM (Fireside Room); Sunday January 25th at 10:15 AM following Worship (Fireside Room)

## **Stewardship Committee Meeting Notes**

**May 6, 2025**

Members Present: Natalee Oknich, Cami Peltier, Julie Weller, Kris Koran, Linda Peterson, Sharon Thiel

April Minutes were approved.

Devotions by Natalee Oknich were given.

Season of Renewal: Next Meeting with Justin Grimm is May 31. Vision Statement was discussed.

Pictorial Directory: There has not been many changes in it so decision to have it printed was put on hold.

Destiny Peltier is designing a "Sorry We Missed You" card to put in the welcome baskets. They will be left with the basket when the visitor cannot find anyone home.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2025

Devotions: Cami Peltier

### **Worship & Music Minutes ~**

Has not yet met because of storm warnings on the scheduled date.

### **Property Committee Minutes May 12, 2025**

Present : Pastor Justin, Don Noyes, Dave Rue, Marlin Ness Bob Rothe, Jeff Lutz. Perry Lindberg.

Meeting called to order by Marlin @ 5:05

Pastor Justin Lead us in prayer '

Last meeting was March no minutes available

Discussed automatic doors -

Main discussion was on the Restoration & Repurposing of Old Fellowship Hall & Kitchen - Dan Anderson is going to be contacted  
The kitchen would be main priority

Ac is being checked out by Scandia Heating & Ac this coming Wednesday

Discussion of lost flashing on roof of Church south east corner- Marlin was going to check into finding someone to repair it

Discussion of retaining wall & driveway out of kitchen to road ,

Meeting was adjourned by Marlin@ 5:55

Respectfully submitted by Perry Lindberg

## **Immanuel Lutheran- Church Council Meeting 5/12/25, 6pm**

**Attendees:** Beth Berger, Amanda Cook, Pastor Justin Fenger, Julie Johnson, Clay Larson, Jeff Lutz, Clay Ryberg and Julie Weller

**Devotions lead by:** Julie Johnson

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Amanda Cook made the motion to accept the prior meeting minutes without changes. Julie Johnson seconded the motion. MSP

### **Old Business:**

**TV in Sanctuary-** Tabled

**Season of Renewal-** The week of 5/19 there will be a coaching meeting for the committee.

**Upping Spending in Constitution, Congregational Meeting, Credit Card Update-** Tabled

**Kyle attendance at council meetings-** Kyle does not want to attend the monthly meeting. She is available via the phone during the meetings for any questions we have.

**Mutual Ministry Meeting-** We have quarterly meetings with First Lutheran at this time we are not forming a special committee for Mutual Ministry. It will be covered at the quarterly meetings.

### **New Business:**

**Funeral cost list-** We reviewed the list and discussed the current funeral cost suggestions. MSP to accept the changes as discussed.

**Restoration plan for downstairs-** We spoke about Phase one only. Next step is to speak to Dan about his availability and the parts of the plan he wants to take on.

**Annual training conference-** Pastor Justin will be at the Annual Training Conference June 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. While he is gone Richard Baumann will lead Sunday service on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Jason Freedman will lead service on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**New covenant-** New covenant was reviewed. No changes are needed.

### **Reports and Committee Report:**

All reports and meeting reports were reviewed. Motion to make the reports and meeting reports record. MSP

### **Offering Securer:**

Sunday, May 25th – Julie Weller

Sunday, June 1st- Clay Ryberg

Sunday, June 8th – Julie Johnson

Sunday, June 15th- Julie Weller

Sunday, June 22nd – Amanda Cook

Sunday, June 29nd – Julie Johnson

### **Communion Servers:**

Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - Clay Ryberg, Clay Larson, and Amanda Cook

Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Julie Weller, Beth Berger and Jeff Lutz

**Devotions for next month's Council Meeting-** Clay Larson

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer.**