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MESSENGER

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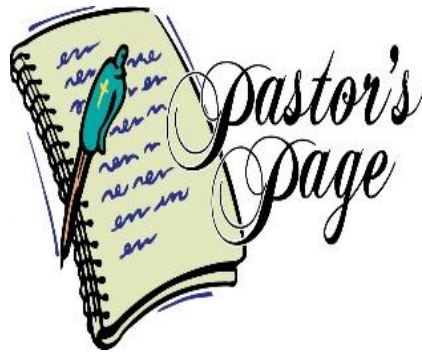


The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Almelund, MN

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"Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." — John 16:7



I have been trying to figure out how to prioritize this summer. I'm sitting at about an 80% solution, which I keep telling myself is fine even though some part of me feels like I should have had this figured out weeks ago.

But honestly, it doesn't take much to get to 80%. How many days can you really take off in the summer? Not many. Limited. I've got projects waiting around the house and the garden, but I already know I'll run out of growing season before I run out of plans. The frost will come early, like it always seems to. Limited. And then there's money, the constant governor on everything. But here's the thing I keep bumping into: even if I had unlimited money, I still wouldn't have unlimited time.

Every Sunday we are drawn to an unlimited God in a very limited world.

You'd think that would be cruel to worship a God who has no concept of being limited, who set the sun and the moon, the day and the night, who built the whole created order on rhythms and boundaries... and then placed all of those limits on us while He goes on without constraint. We have to schedule our worship. We have to protect the Sabbath on purpose, or the week will swallow it whole. We even have to prioritize the very thing that is supposed to be our rest.

So how do we experience a God without limits?

We don't, actually. Not first. What we have is something stranger and far kinder. We have a God who emptied himself, who became one of us and walked among us. We worship a God who *was* limited and constrained and who felt it deeply. That is why, in John's Gospel, Jesus talks about the necessity of facing his own end. He had to go, he said, so that he could send another, an Advocate, the Spirit, the one who moves us past our limits and carries Jesus' message everywhere. The limited God opens the way for us to belong to the unlimited one.

That is the gift hiding inside our limits. To be created by a limitless God, and created *with* limits, is not a cruelty. It's an invitation. God sets these

constraints, day and night, season and frost, the eighty percent we can actually manage, and through them invites us, finite as we are, into His limitless presence. Not by pretending we are infinite, but by honestly admitting that we are not.

Maybe that's exactly where the peace is. Not in finally landing unlimited time or unlimited money or the perfect summer plan, but in the season itself, day and night, minute by minute, breath by breath. Breathe in. Count the breaths. Give thanks. And trust that each ordinary moment carries its own power to redeem, to restore, to recharge, because it belongs to Christ, and through Christ, so do you.

So maybe that is the real invitation into this summer. Not to conquer it. Not to optimize it. Just to live it, limit by limit, in the presence of the God who made the limits and then stepped inside them for us.

Eighty percent is enough. It always was.

Grace and peace, Pastor Justin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Almelund's Farmers Market is well underway - Rod's Country Corner, Friday afternoons - 3-6:00. Check out the variety of local items...plants, produce, eggs, maple syrup, honey, breads, jams/jellies, wood crafts, floral bouquets - Products change with the season. New vendors are encouraged and welcome!!! If interested, contact Pat @ 651-583-2100.

Parish Care Team will meet August 3rd, 2026, at 9:00am

Hannah Circle will meet Wednesday, July 1st at 6:00 PM.

The Naomi Circle will meet at 9:30am on July, 21st at the home of Karen Goodlander. Hope to see you there.

Community Dinner Update

The Parish Care team has volunteered to serve the month of November for the community Dinner. Thank you so much for your willingness to serve.

Notice !

The July Community Dinner will be held outside at the Museum. We will be cooking hot dogs and brats with all the fixings. Salads and desserts will be available as well! Come, bring the kids to enjoy the playground equipment and meeting your neighbors!

The Stewardship Committee

July: Stewardship, picnic at the Museum

August: Sarah Circle

September: open

October: Prayer Shawl

November: Parish Care Team

December: Education Committee

Thank you to all those who have supported this worthwhile event! If you'd be interested in hosting for either of the above posted open months, please contact a member of the stewardship committee.

IT'S HERE!!! The 11th Season of "Patty Melts" at the Almelund Lions Ball Field! Meet up with family & friends Wednesdays in July - Serving starts at 5:30. The "crew" will be cooking Patty Melts, Cheeseburgers, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries & Cheese Curds. Don't miss these fun, summer nights - July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (last Patty Melt). Thanks for supporting the Lions - See You There!!

Luther Point Campership

Parents: Get your kids signed up! **Grandparents:** Get your grandkids signed up! **Kids:** Invite a friend, or a cousin, or a sibling! Even if they 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 register on line.

For further information go to www.lutherpoint.org or info@lutherpoint.org

Summer 2026

	1 st - 4 th Grade	4 th - 6 th Grade	7 th - 9 th Grade	Adventure Camp	Family Camp
Week 1 June 21 - 26	1 st & 2 nd Grade Overnight (June 22 & 23)	4 th - 6 th Grade	7 th - 9 th Grade		Grandparent/ Grandchild (June 24 - 26)
Week 2 June 28 - 30 (HALF WEEK)	3 rd & 4 th Grade	4 th - 6 th Grade	7 th - 9 th Grade	7 th - 12 th Grade Night Life Camp	
Week 3 July 5-10	3 rd & 4 th Grade (July 8 - 10)	4 th - 6 th Grade	7 th - 9 th Grade	5 th - 12 th Grade Horse Camp	Grandparent/ Grandchild (July 5 - 7)
Week 4 July 12 - 17	1 st & 2 nd Grade Overnight (July 13 & 14)	4 th - 6 th Grade	7 th - 9 th Grade	4 th - 6 th Grade Fish Camp	Family Camp
Week 5 July 19 - 24	3 rd & 4 th Grade (July 19 - 21)	4 th - 6 th Grade	7 th - 9 th Grade	7 th - 12 th Grade Fish Camp	Grandparent/ Grandchild (July 22 - 24)
Week 6 July 26 - 31	1 st & 2 nd Grade Day at Camp (July 27)	4 th - 6 th Grade	7 th - 9 th Grade	5 th - 12 th Grade Horse Camp 5 th - 12 th Outpost Camp	



Graduates Tate Klanderud, Jocelyn Meyer



Scholarship recipients; Brody Rothe, Brooke Rothe, Eric Nadeau, Tate Klanderud & Dayne Meyer



Youth Group mission trip

WELCA meeting dates for 2026-
 July 12, after church - Sarah Circle in charge
 October 11, after church - Naomi Circle in charge
 January 11, 2027, Sarah Circle in charge

Doug O. was the winner of
 the quilt from Memorial Day.

The Immanuel quilters are taking summer break. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8th. If anyone wants fabric to sew at home during the summer months, please check our quilting room. There are also some kits and patterns available! If you would like help, please ask any quilter. We still are in need of any color gently used sheets for backing of



tied quilts. Hope everyone is having a great summer!
Martha Strecker. 651-341-3885

Holy Smokes!

Mark, your calendars - Holy Smokes is at Wild Mountain Winery on Thursday, July 23 at 6:30 PM.

Holy Smokes is a relaxed, come-as-you-are gathering for good conversation, faith questions, and community. Grab a bite or a drink if you'd like, pull up a chair, and join us for an evening of laughter, thoughtful discussion, and connection.

All are welcome—bring a friend!

Faith Conversations Widening Circles

*Starting with I/Me, and widening outward, — relationships,
church and community*

EVENT DETAILS

Wild Mountain Winery
4th Thursday of the
Month
6:30 PM
April–October 2026

4th Thursday • 6:30 PM



April — INDIVIDUALISM: Me, Myself, & I Alone

May — Law & Gospel: Captured & Free

June — The Myth(?) of Christian Self-Help

July — My Story. Your Story. God's Story

August — Mental Health (It's NOT just you...)

September — Listening 101: Listening as the First Act of Love

October — Figuring Out Forgiveness



All are welcome

Good conversation • good community

Tune in our Daily Texts, Monday through Saturday on our Facebook Page [@immanuelchurchofalmelund](#)

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 2026 books.

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!!!!

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

	Donated	Paid Out
2023	\$ 914.85	
2024	\$1,668.48	\$2,550.00
2025	<u>\$2,202.17</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Totals	\$4,785.50	\$3,550.00

THANK YOU

I'd like to thank everyone for all your prayers sent during my stroke. My recovery is slow and steady, but I am doing better. Thank you also for the beautiful prayer shawl, it so kind of you to send it!

Kyle Peterson

Thank You:

Many thanks to our Youth Group for providing roses to the ladies of the ILC, on Mother's Day. It was a wonderful way to recognize the women of the congregation. Bless you!

A HUGE thanks to all our faithful Sunday School teachers for their dedication to the children of Immanuel. We appreciate the time and energy you've put toward their learning about our Christian faith.

We're grateful to the Immanuel membership for sending us to the St Paul Area Synod Assembly in May.

This year, among other important Synod business, we elected a new Bishop! After the third ballot, Justin Grimm, who currently serves as Director of Evangelical Mission and assistant to Bishop Patricia Lull, was elected. Bishop-Elect, Justin Grimm will be installed on September, 13th, 2026. We appreciate giving us this opportunity to serve ILC in this way.

Linda Peterson, Beth Berger and Julie Weller.

A huge thank you for all that helped clean the sanctuary. Your hard work and dedication truly made a difference. And a special thank you to the 5 children that helped us!!! Thank you once again for your willingness to lend a hand and for your support and love for our church.

Fri., July 10,

4:30-6:30

Community Dinner

Free!

Everyone Welcome!

Great Fellowship!

Meet your friends & neighbors!

***Immanuel Lutheran Church
Almelund***

Come & Bring a Friend!

2nd Friday Each Month 4:30—6:30 pm



Obituary for
Donald Franklin Peterson
August 14, 1925 – May 7, 2026

Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Joanne, and close friend, Carmen. He is survived by his sons, Jeff (Marilyn) of Maple Plain, MN, David (Jodi) of Buffalo, MN, and Todd (Kelly) of Frostproof, FL; his daughter, Gretchen (John) of Duluth, MN; eight grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

Donald was born in Taylors Falls MN to Frank and Mabel Peterson (Hall) and raised on his parent's farm in Almelund, MN. He attended Taylors Falls High School where he met the love of his life, Joanne, followed by their graduation and marriage on June 24th, 1945, while Donald was on leave from the Army.



Donald proudly served in the US Army 6th Infantry Division in the South Pacific and was aboard ship in the Philippine's staging for the invasion of Japan just prior to the bombing. He then served in South Korea and was Honorably Discharged in October 1946. Following military service, Donald attended Macalester College and graduated with a degree in 1950.

Donald and Joanne moved to Minneapolis following his military service and then to Richfield, MN in 1950 where they bought a home and raised four children. Donald had a long and highly regarded career in the Homeowners Insurance Industry employed at Austin Mutual Insurance Company throughout and from which he retired in 1994.

Donald's lifelong dream of owning a cabin on a northern Minnesota lake became a reality more than 50 years ago when he and Joanne purchased property on Lake Washburn in Outing, MN. After Donald retired in 1994, they made their lake home their permanent residence, and over the years it became a gathering place for family and friends. To their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Donald was "PaPa" and Joanne was "Gami," and many of their fondest memories were made at the lake. As one family member said, "The place was magical—warm, joyful, and full of fun and togetherness."

Donald could be stubborn, but he was also strong, deeply determined, and a hard worker—someone his family could always count on. He was a man of high moral character who cared deeply for those around him. Raised in the Swedish Lutheran tradition, he carried a strong faith in God throughout his life.

Family would like to thank all the staff at Haven Homes Assisted Living, Transitional Care, and St. Croix Hospice for your wonderful care, love, and support. Memorials preferred to: The Alzheimer's Assoc. (Alzheimer's Assoc. of MN, 7900 W 78th St, Suite 100, MPLS., MN 55439

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue 9:00-3:00 Office Hours
A time for coffee and fellowship is enjoyed after every Sunday service		
5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Communion Worship Service Live and Online W/Noisy Offering 11:00 First Ev. Lutheran Service	6	7 9:00 Worship Team
12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Worship Service Live and Online After church; WELCA by Sarah Circle 11:00 First Ev. Lutheran Service	13 5:00 Property 6:00 Council	14 9:00 Worship Team
19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Communion Worship Service. 11:00 First Ev. Lutheran Service	20 6:00 Chris. Ed. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 9:00 Worship Team 9:30 Naomi Circle @ Karen Goodlander's
26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost PICK-UP NEWSLETTERS 9:00 Worship Service Live and Online 11:00 First Ev. Lutheran Service	27 6:00 Worship & Music	28 9:00 Worship Team

Wed 9:00-3:00 Office Hours	Thu	Fri 9:00-3:00 Office Hours	Sat
1 1:30 Prayer Shawl 6:00 Hannah Circle	2 Bulletin Deadline	3 Bulletin Printed 3-6 Almelund Farmer's Market At Rods	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
8 5:30 Patty Melts at the Ball Field	9 Bulletin Deadline	10 Bulletin Printed 3-6 Almelund Farmer's Market At Rods 4:30-6:30 Community Meal	11
15 1:30 Prayer Shawl 5:30 Patty Melts at the Ball Field	16 Bulletin Deadline	17 Bulletin Printed 3-6 Almelund Farmer's Market At Rods	18
22 10:00 Newsletter is ready for proof reading 5:30 Patty Melts at the Ball Field	23 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Holy Smokes @ Wild MTN Winery	24 Bulletin Printed 10:00 Newsletter Assembly 3-6 Almelund Farmer's Market At Rods	25
29 1:30 Prayer Shawl 6:00 Hannah Circle 5:30 Patty Melts at the Ball Field	30 Bulletin Deadline	31 Bulletin Printed 3-6 Almelund Farmer's Market At Rods	1 August

Thank you to those helping with the Worship Services!

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	
Scripture Reader	Dwight Johnson	Mitchell Lutz	Julie Weller	Emma Cook	
Ushers	Marty Johnson	Marty Johnson	Marty Johnson	Marty Johnson	
Sound Tech	Dave Rue	Loraine Rue	Nancy Nadeau		
Camera Tech	Matt Oknich	Dave Rue	Jodi Johnson-Waldemar		
Children's Sermon	Pastor Justin	Pastor Justin	Pastor Justin	Pastor Justin	
Coffee Servers			Julie Johnson Tora Carlson		
Teachers	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	

Communion Servers:

Sunday, July 5th- Clay Ryberg, Perry Lindberg, Beth Berger

Sunday, July 19th- Amanda Cook, Norm Peterson, Julie Weller

Communion Wine - Wild Mountain Winery

Communion Wafers now used

Reader Coordinator **July:** Lynn Schultz

Altar Guild: **July:** Diane Rothe, Tora Carlson



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 Joyce Sellman, Carl Abbott
- 3 Kelsey O'Donnell
- 4 Greta Stanek
- 7 Gary Weness, Kim Raschke
- 8 Vada Fenger
- 9 Cami Peltier, Lynn Carlson, Kelsey Larson
- 10 Henrietta Hendrickson
- 11 Scott Lundquist, Trent Johnson, Dunken Buckingham
- 12 Peter Anderson
- 13 Lori Lundquist
- 14 Jennifer Rambow
- 16 Dan Pearson, Tony Klanderud
- 17 Jody Johnson
- 20 Emily Koran
- 21 Matthew McKenzie, Connor Paavola
- 22 Julie Abrahamson, Elizabeth Hays
- 23 Lydia Hall, Mike O'Donnel
- 24 Ethan Thelander, Robert Nelson, Steve Sellman
- 26 Jennifer Oknich, Mason Marosc hek, Henry Wyandt
- 27 Zachary Wendel, Bridget Olson
- 28 Fred Marosc hek
- 29 Dana Mary Johnson
- 30 Tony Koran
- 31 Michael Johnson

Financial Recorder's Report for Year to Date of May 2026

Code	Fund	26-May	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
1	GENERAL	\$ 15,483.67	\$ 67,165.67	\$ 74,214.65
2	UNDESIGNATED	\$ 280.00	\$ 1,372.50	\$ 1,130.00
3	SYNOD	\$ 450.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,600.00
4	LUTHER POINT	\$ 142.00	\$ 807.00	\$ 233.25
5	LUTH. SOC. SERV.	\$ 140.00	\$ 482.50	\$ 95.00
6	ITONYA TANZANIA MISSION	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 300.00
7	WORLD HUNGER	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00
10	LOOSE	\$ 385.00	\$ 2,440.00	\$ 2,903.50
11	FELLOWSHIP DINNERS	\$ -	\$ 341.10	\$ 1,569.00
12	LENT	\$ -	\$ 1,026.00	\$ 534.00
13	MAUNDY THURSDAY	\$ -	\$ 37.00	\$ 25.00
14	GOOD FRIDAY	\$ -	\$ 85.00	\$ 48.00
15	EASTER	\$ -	\$ 622.00	\$ 1,003.00
16	THANKSGIVING			
17	CHRISTMAS	\$ -	\$ 30.00	
18	USE OF CHURCH	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 920.00
20	NOISY OFFERING	\$ -	\$ 523.84	\$ 1,171.34
21	BUILDING FUND	\$ 534.00	\$ 1,626.50	\$ 1,643.47
22	CdFee	\$ 28.40	\$ 133.20	\$ 57.90
23	SAMPLER	\$ -	\$ 4,972.60	
24	CHRISTIAN ED	\$ -	\$ 115.00	\$ 195.00
26	SHARE MINISTRY	\$ 2,130.00	\$ 10,650.00	\$ 9,030.00
27	Grants	\$ -	\$ 679.00	\$ 660.00
30	YOUTH GROUP	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
31	YOUTH MISSION TRIP	\$ 152.00	\$ 902.00	\$ 2.00
33	WELCA			
34	WORSHIP & MUSIC	\$ -	\$ 12.50	\$ 25.00
36	QUILTERS MINISTRY			\$ 2.00
40	FOOD SHELF			\$ 25.00
50	ENDOWMENT FUND			\$ 31.25
60	SPECIAL DONATIONS	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 1,955.16	\$ 594.00
90	MEMORIAL			\$ 100.00
91	MEMORIAL GARDEN	\$ -	\$ 1,707.00	\$ 2,605.00
92	ALL SAINTS			
97	Fund Transfers	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,544.04
	Totals	\$ 21,245.07	\$ 100,770.57	\$ 107,461.40



TITHES & OFFERINGS

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 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!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

By end of day Monday, July 20; The third Monday of the month.

PROOFREADING:

Of newsletter Wednesday, July 22 @ 10:00; in the Fireside Room.

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY:

Will be Friday, July 24 @ 10:00 in the Fireside Room. Volunteers can fill newsletters with offering envelopes and affix the labels for mailing. Thank you for your help!

Mark Weslander

Christian Ed meeting Minutes - 6/15/26, 6pm

Attended by: Pastor Justin, Teresa, Jenny & Julie

Old Business: Reviewed April Meeting minutes, May meeting was canceled due to only a couple people being able to make it

New Business:

Sunday School

- Discussed curriculum - Pastor has decided to speak with the teachers individually, as it is difficult to get everyone to a meeting at the same time. We have discussed in committee already, how and what the teachers like about the curriculum and what they would like to see improved, could be on a flash drive to take home, for example. He will also discuss what they would like to see happen with Sunday School with them. Do they want to teach again, should Sunday school be at a different time, such as during fellowship after church, or on a Wednesday evening? Do we need more volunteers? Should we send out a poll to families to see what would work better as far as timing? We would like to come up with a plan that makes things easier for teachers, parents and kids going forward. We would like to have Sunday school be an enjoyable experience for the kids and the teachers.
- New leadership
 - No one has currently stepped up to be the Sunday School Leader/Coordinator - should we do an add in the newsletter/bulletins?
 - VBS - Beth Berger is leading, curriculum is picked - it will be from Grow again and is called What's Cookin'?

- Teresa had Cami ask where this is at as far as planning, discussed that maybe for now anyone with questions should go to Pastor
- Cami has asked for 1 Thrivent card, Teresa let everyone know that there should be one more available for additional items needed - Beth can go to Linda Mielke to get that and T-shirts
- It will be Aug 10th-14th (after Threshing show again), will need to coordinate with others for volunteers and food - Diane Rothe generally handles the meals with food from Threshing show and donations
 - Soldier's 6, Noisy offering, Pastor said this should be July 5th

Milestones - none left for this school year

Adult

- Holy Smokes - at Wild Mountain Winery - 4th Thursday, 6:30pm
 April thru October, Faith Conversations Widening Circles, June - The Myth of Christian Self-Help, July - My Story. Your Story. God's Story

Other

- Cradle Roll - Jenny will up with JoAnne Johnson, for a meeting with Jenny, JoAnne, Mark and Pastor Justin - tentatively August 4th
 - Pastor will order the new cubicle storage for all classrooms - will be smaller, and still use craft shelves currently in Classroom B
 - CE has decided to do Community meal on December 11th and combine it with the Parent's night out event we have been doing

Property Committee Minutes June 8, 2026

PRESENT: Harland Carlson, Don Noyes, Bob Rothe, Dave Rue, Norm Peterson, Marlin Ness, Julie Weller, Perry Lindberg,

Meeting Called to Order by Marlin at 4:57

Correction on last month's Minutes - Harland Carlson was present

Old Business:

Waiting on Electrician on break Room remodel / Old Kitchen

Zac Rivard is going to check out Diah Washer

Windows & screens were washed May 3 for a cost of \$360, comments were made that they did a very good job. Discussed how often to have done, maybe every other year. They hadn't been done for several years.

Mud Jacking was discussed, and decided to not do, areas of concern are marked with yellow paint.

Tuck Pointing still in process by Dan Anderson

Stewardship Committee Meeting Notes

June 1, 2026

Members Present:

Kris Koran, Natalee Oknich, Cami Peltier, Linda Peterson, Maureen Peterson, Julie Weller, Pastor Justin Fenger

May 2026 minutes were approved as presented

Devotions - given by Julie

Old Business:

- Community Dinner for July will be covered by the Stewardship Committee and August will be Sarah Circle.
- Thank You assignment for the Messenger - Linda will write a thank you for the July and August newsletter.
- Next Meeting Date and Time: August 3, 2026 at 10:00 am.
- Devotions: Kris
- Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting June 8, 2026

Attendees: Beth Berger, Amanda Cook, Perry Lindberg, Norn Peterson, Clay Ryberg, Chris Schumacher, and Julie Weller

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Norn Peterson made a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes without changes. Amanda Cook seconded the motion. **MSP**

Old Business

- **Restoration:** Ongoing, Currently the breakroom next steps is Electrician and plumber.
 - **Shared Ministry:** Ongoing.
 - **Vacuum:** Is still planned but has not been purchased yet. Julie Weller to purchase.
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New Business

- **Financial Secretary:** We have hired a new Financial Secretary. Her name is Jen Beck she will be working 4 hours a week. Currently Kyle is training Jen.
- **Open music position:** We have a fill-in piano player for when Momoh leaves however the position has not been filled.
- **Donation to 2nd grade Leukemia patient:** A motion was brought forth to donate \$2,000 to a family in North Branch whose daughter is battling Leukemia. Name being withheld from notes for privacy. **MSP.**
- **Freeman Wedding and Rehearsal:** Planning is under way for the rehearsal dinner. Momoh and Amy are expecting around 75 people. The youth of church will be servers and will serve the guests beverages. Youth should arrive at 4pm and are expected to be needed until 7:30. The rehearsal is at 3pm and they are expecting that guests will be downstairs by 5:30pm There will be a buffet style Taco bar. All food has been donated with the exception of the taco shells. MSP to purchase taco shells from North Branch Don Julio's in the amount of \$100.
- **Sign repaint or replace:** The old sign needs to be repainted and moved to where the fire number is located. The sign is in rough shape, and the time of the worship service needs to be updated vs. just covering it with tape like it is now. Norm Peterson will talk with Todd to see what can be done.

All reports and meeting materials were reviewed. A motion was made to record the reports and meeting minutes. **MSP**

Offering Securers

- Sunday, July 5th – Perry Lindberg
- Sunday, July 12th – Clay Ryberg
- Sunday, July 19th – Norm Peterson
- Sunday, July 26th Chris Schumacher

Communion Servers

- Sunday, July 5th – Clay Ryberg, Perry Lindberg, Beth Berger
- Sunday, July 19th- Amanda Cook, Julie Weller, Norm Peterson

Devotions for Next Month's Council Meeting: Norm Peterson

Next Meeting: July 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Immanuel Lutheran Church July 2026

37515 Park Trail

Almelund, MN 55012-7511

Change Service Requested

**Non-Profit
Organization
Permit #5**

**Center City, MN
55012**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Companion to Ilonya Congregation -
Tanzania, Africa**

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Administrative Assistant/Financial Recorder:

Mark Weslander 651-431-8941; office@immanuelalmelund.com

Financial Secretary:

Custodial: Kim's Kleaning

Organist/Choral Director:

Accompanist: Pat Remer

**Cemetery Groundskeeper: Daryl Abrahamson
(651)674-2419; Julie.L.abrahamson@gmail.com**

Youth Group: Jason Fredlund 651-208-5915;

DeeDee Fredlund 651-206-1190

Sunday School:

Our Mission Statement:

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