In Word & Deed

"God With Us"

Oct—Nov 2026



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From the Pastor's Desk

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ!

I have been thinking about fear a lot recently, especially as it pertains to the current state of affairs in our country and society. Fear is a natural part of being human. It can alert us to danger, focus our attention, and help us respond quickly. We should not be ashamed when fear arises; it is one of the ways our bodies try to protect us. Yet fear can also narrow our vision. When we feel threatened - by uncertainty, change, or people whose lives and perspectives differ from our own - we may become defensive, cling tightly to what is familiar, and stop listening. We may mistake discomfort for danger or difference for a threat. The very response meant to protect us can then close us off from learning, relationships, and grace. I feel that this is one of the main contributing factors to the division and growing distrust we are finding so pervasive in our current time.

Our bodies help explain why fear happens and why it closes us off. The sympathetic nervous system is like an alarm and accelerator: it prepares us to fight, flee, or freeze by speeding the heart, tightening the muscles, and directing attention toward possible threats. The parasympathetic nervous system is more like a brake and recovery system: it slows us down, supports rest and digestion, and helps us feel safe enough to think clearly, listen carefully, and connect with others. We need both systems. Both belong to God's good creation, and each has a purpose. Fear is not a moral failure or evidence of weak faith; it is a human signal asking for our attention. However, this signal does not have to become our guide or our main motivator, and it need not determine how we treat our neighbor.

This distinction matters when we read scripture. Commands such as "do not fear" and "do not be afraid" - which appear close to 150 times when related expressions are included, though totals vary by translation and counting method - form one of scripture's most pervasive pastoral refrains. Again and again, God meets people who are anxious, overwhelmed, or uncertain about what lies ahead. God's response is not exasperation: "Why are you still like this?" Nor does God demand that frightened people simply become braver on their own. Instead, God offers presence, help, promise, and a path forward. The biblical invitation not to fear is therefore less a scolding than a steady hand placed upon a trembling shoulder: You are not alone. I am with you.

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." ***—Isaiah 41:10 (NRSVue)***

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." ***—John 14:27 (NRSVue)***

This reassurance is especially important when fear arises in our shared life. A congregation, a family, a community, or even a nation can become so intent on guarding what it knows that it leaves little room for a new voice, an unfamiliar story, or a neighbor whose experience challenges old assumptions. God's presence does not promise that every conversation will be easy. It gives us something better: enough safety to remain at the table, enough humility to admit what we do not know, and enough love to see another person not as a problem to solve but as someone who bears the image of God.

God's reassurance does not shame us for having a nervous system. It steadies us so fear need not have the final word. When we feel ourselves closing down, we can pause, breathe, pray, and remember: God is with us. We might quietly ask questions like, "What am I afraid of right now?" "What might the other person be afraid of right now?" and "What would love invite me to do next?" From that grounded place, we can ask a question instead of making an assumption, listen instead of withdrawing, and meet difference with curiosity rather than suspicion. We may not lose every fear at once, but we can take one faithful step toward another person.

Courage is not the absence of fear. It is the freedom, given by God's presence, to remain open - to learning, to our neighbor, and to the new thing God may be doing among us. When fear closes the door, God's patient reassurance invites us to open it again, trusting that the one who says, "Do not be afraid," is already waiting on the other side.

In Christ,

Pastor Dan

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Communion by Table

For many years, Immanuel served communion at the altar.

Pastors Dan and Nathan would like to return to serving the elements from a communion table while keeping the service accessible to members who cannot climb the altar steps.

Beginning October 4th, communion will be served "by table" on the first Sunday of each month in the same area currently used.

Those communing will take an empty cup from the tray, proceed to a communion station, and gather in a line of six or seven to receive the elements before returning to their seats for the next group of 6 or 7 to form a line.

Pastors Nathan and Dan will dismiss each group together. If you have any questions, please talk with Barb Larsen or Mary Olson.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
33rd Annual Fall Festival Dinner



Sunday, November 1, 2026
10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Curbside Only

(*We will deliver to your car*)

Menu:

Roast Pork, real mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, corn, cranberries, roll & slice of pie

Pie Choices:

Apple, Pumpkin, Cherry

We encourage all to buy their tickets early as we are selling **700** tickets only!!

Tickets are available at Ox & Wren, Angie's Beauty Shop and the Immanuel Lutheran Church Office

Meal tickets: $15.00

Confirmation & GLOW



October 7 - BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Oct & Nov GLOW & FAITH FORMATION

5:00 - 5:45 p.m. - Meal
5:45 - 7:00 p.m. - Worship & Evening Classes & Activities

No classes on Wednesday, Nov 25th (enjoy your Thanksgiving week!)

We encourage families to come to dinner at 5:00 - 5:45 and plan to stay for a short worship service together followed by fun, games, prayers, lessons & music. What a great way to spend some family time together in Christ's LOVE!



2027 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING
IMAGINE more

"Attention High School and 8th grade youth!

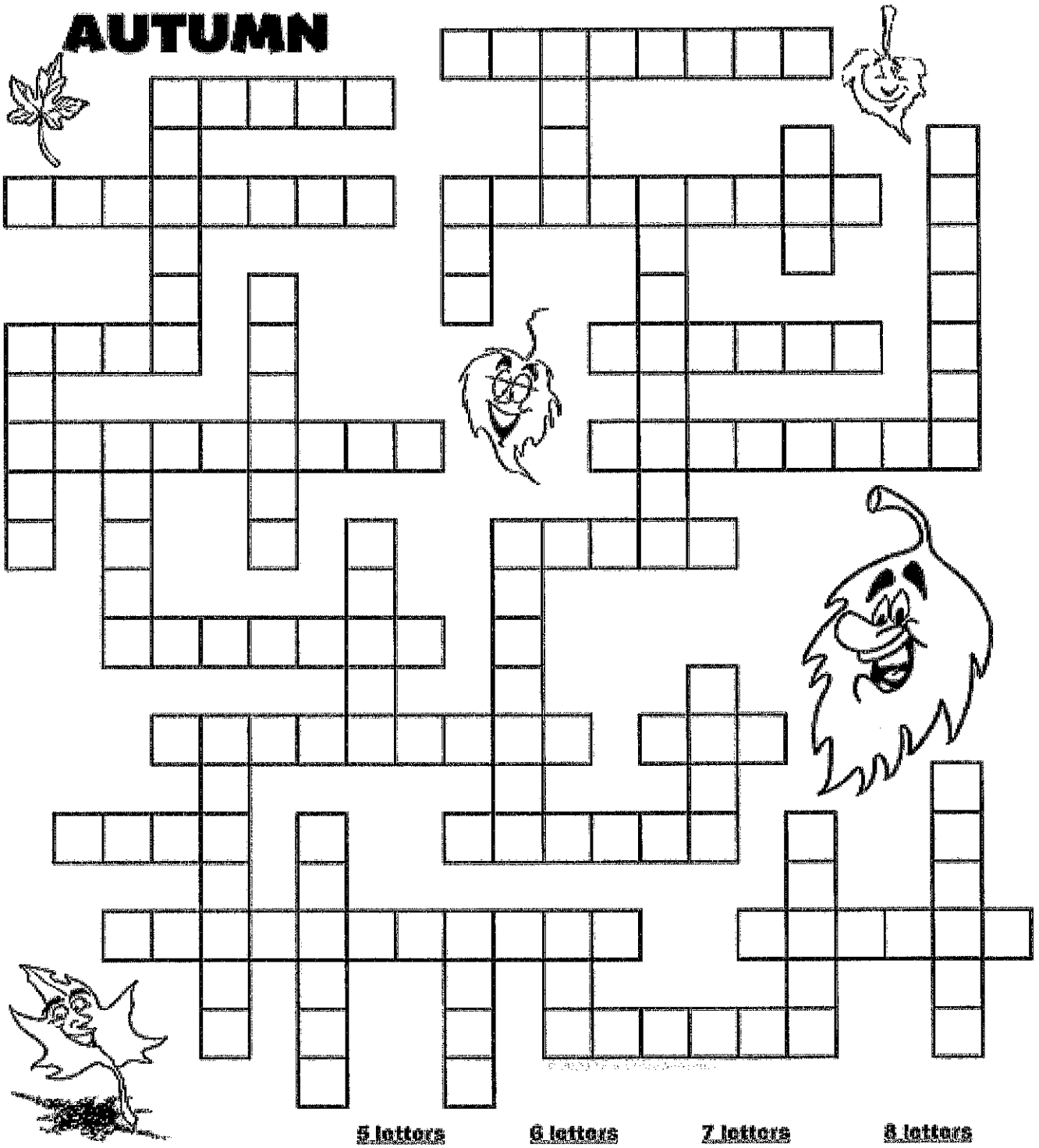
The ELCA Youth Gathering is next summer, June 28-July 2, 2027 in Minneapolis, MN.

Youth who will have completed 8th grade through those who have just graduated Highschool at the time of the gathering are eligible to attend.

Youth and Families can visit the website @ elca.org to learn all about this incredible event. Truly a "once in a lifetime" celebration for many. Please reach out to Pastor Dan if you should have ANY questions as we begin to register attendees and make plans for travel, food, housing, etc.

We look forward to having you join us as we prepare to "Imagine More!"

KIDZ KORNER



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pinecones

October 2026– Worship Assistants

	GREETERS/USHERS	COMM. ASSISTS	WORSHIP LEADER	LECTOR	ACOLYTES	SOUND SYSTEM	PROJECTION
October 4 2026 Sunday	Charlotte Hebrink Mary Olson	Merle & Marge Sovereign	Cindy Yslas	Karen Nance	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Lisa Lienhard
October 7, 2026 Wednesday	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	5th & 6th Graders	Al Voyna	Bob Gast
October 11, 2026 Sunday	Louie & Lisa Lienhard	Sharon Ollendieck Judi Bina	Tanya Fencl	Jenny Matt	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Dave Matt
October 14, 2026 Wednesday	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	5th & 6th Graders	Al Voyna	Bob Gast
October 18, 2026 Sunday	Kelly Praska LaVonne Beck	Bill & Cheryl Seele	Scott Wiley	Bill Seele	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Jenny Matt
October 21, 2026 Wednesday	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	5th & 6th Graders	Al Voyna	Jenny Matt
October 25, 2026 Sunday	Mary Gunhus & Martha Rasmusson	Manley & Linda Bigalk	Dale Vagts	Dale Vagts	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Matt Gates
October 28 2026 Wednesday	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	5th & 6th Graders	Al Voyna	Jenny Matt



New Communion & Prayer Cards

New pew cards are coming soon. With the changing needs at Immanuel the existing communion cards have been redesigned. This new card format will allow registering for communion on the front side and submitting a name to be added to the Prayer List on the back side. We look forward to hearing your feedback.

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November 2026— Worship Assistants

	GREETERS/USHERS	COMM. ASSISTS	WORSHIP LEADER	LECTOR	ACOLYTES	SOUND SYSTEM	PROJECTION
Nov 1, 2026 Sunday	Mike Henry Dave Matt	Cindy Brookins Phyllis Barth	Sonia Ollendieck	Karen Nance	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Bob Omat
Nov 4, 2026 Wednesday	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	5th & 6th Graders	Al Voyna	Jenny Matt
Nov 8, 2026 Sunday	Gary & Sharon Johnson	Merle & Marge Sovereign	Sue Easler	Sharon Johnson	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Al Voyna
Nov 11, 2026 Wednesday	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	5th & 6th Graders	Al Voyna	
Nov 15, 2026 Sunday	Mike Henry Bob Omar	Rod & Nancy Bakken	Cindy Brookins	Rod Bakken	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Bob Gast
Nov 18, 2026 Wednesday	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	5th & 6th Graders	Al Voyna	Jenny Matt
Nov 22, 2026 Sunday **9:00 a.m.**	Louie & Lisa Lienhard	Sharon Ollendieck Judi Bina	Tanya Fencl	Dale Vagts	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Dave Matt
Nov 22, 2026 Sunday **7:00 p.m.**	ILC will provide ushers	**ECUMENICAL SERVICE**	Pastors	Pastors	ILC	ILC	ILC
Nov 25, 2026 Wednesday		NO WEDNESDAY	WORSHIP SERVICE				
Nov 29, 2026 Sunday	Charlotte Hebrink Mary Olson	Gary & Sharon Johnson	Lindsey Johnson	Marlene Michel	Matt Hemann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Lisa Lienhard



Help Needed

Worship & Music is seeking one or more volunteers to refill the altar candles with oil every two weeks. If you are interested, please speak with Barb Larsen or Mary Olson.

October 2026

Communion is offered at all Sunday Services

Sun		Mon	Tue
Pastor Dan Office Hours: **Mon & Tues - Off** **Wed - 9-4** **Thur - Off** **Fri - 9-4** **(Visits & By appointment)**	**Cindy's Office Hours:** **Mon -Thurs** **8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** **Office Closed Fridays!**		
4 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Study Group 9:00 a.m. Worship - Pastor Lokker 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship - Peace **6:00 p.m. NO Adult Study w/Pastor Dan**		*5* *Pastor's Day Off*	*6* **4:30 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry** 
11 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Study Group 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship - Orleans Noon - Pastor Appreciation Lunch - Orleans **6:00 p.m. Adult Study w/Pastor Dan**		*12* *Pastor's Day Off* 	*13*
18 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Study Group 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship - Orleans **4:45 p.m. Mutual Ministry Meeting** **6:00 p.m. Adult Study w/Pastor Dan**		*19* *Pastor's Day Off*	*20*
25 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Study Group 9:00 a.m. **Reformation Worship** **Affirmation of Baptism** 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship - Peace **6:00 p.m. Adult Study w/Pastor Dan**		*26* ***WIC*** *Pastor's Day Off*	27

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Check us out LIVE on Facebook each Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m.

Radio Broadcasts on KCZQ radio FM 102.3: Sunday morning services at 9:00 a.m.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Backpacks **6:00 p.m. Board Mtgs**	2 ***Office Closed!***	3
7 **5:00 p.m. Community Meal** **5:45 –7 p.m. GLOW Worship, Classes & Activities** **6-7 p.m. Faith Formation**	8 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Backpacks ***10:30 - Pastors to Ministerium Mtg @ CHS***	9 ***Office Closed!***	10
14 **9:30 a.m.** ***Circle of Grace Mtg*** **5:00 p.m. Community Meal** **5:45 –7 p.m. GLOW Worship, Classes & Activities** **6-7 p.m. Faith Formation**	15 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Backpacks **6:30 p.m. Council Mtg**	16 ***Office Closed!***  ***Nov Newsletter Items***	17
21 **5:00 p.m. Community Meal** **5:45 –7 p.m. GLOW Worship, Classes & Activities** **6-7 p.m. Faith Formation**	22 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Backpacks	23 ***Office Closed!***	24 
28 **5:00 p.m. Community Meal** **5:45 –7 p.m. GLOW Worship, Classes & Activities** **6-7 p.m. Faith Formation**	29 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Backpacks	30 ***Office Closed!***	31 ***HALLOWEEN!!!***  ***4:30-6:30*** ***TRUNK or TREAT*** ***Cresco Fitness Center***



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1 ***Daylight Savings Time!!*** 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Study Group 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  ***FALL DINNER!! 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*** 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **NO Adult Study w/Pastor Dan**		*2 Pastor's Day Off*	*3* ***Get Out & Vote!!!*** 
8 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Study Group 9:00 a.m. **All Saints Day Worship!!** 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adult Study w/Pastor 		*9 Pastor's Day Off*	*10 Office Closed!*
15 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Study Group 9:00 a.m. Chicago Folk Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adult Study w/Pastor Dan		*16 Pastor's Day Off*	*17*
22 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Study Group 9:00 a.m. Worship - Chicago Folk Service 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 6:00 **NO Adult Study w/Pastor Dan**	**7 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - ILCe**	*23* ***WIC*** *Pastor's Day Off*	24 8:30 a.m. Backpacks
29 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Study Group 9:00 a.m. Worship - **Advent #1** 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adult Study w/Pastor Dan		***30*** *Pastor's Day Off*	

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			
4 **5:00 p.m. Community Meal** **5:45 –7 p.m. GLOW Worship, Classes & Activities** **6-7 p.m. Faith Formation**	*5* 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Backpacks **6:00 p.m. Board Mtgs**	*6* ***Office Closed!***	*7*  ***5-9:00 p.m. Veterans Banquet EXPO Center***
11 9:30am ***Circle of Grace Mtg*** **5:00 p.m. Community Meal** **5:45 –7 p.m. GLOW Worship, Classes & Activities** **6-7 p.m. Faith Formation** ***(Cindy to Veterans Day Activities)*** 	*12* 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Backpacks 4:30 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry ***(Moved back 1 week)***	*13* ***Office Closed!***  ***Dec Newsletter Items Due***	*14*
18 **5:00 p.m. Community Meal** **5:45 –7 p.m. GLOW Worship, Classes & Activities** **6-7 p.m. Faith Formation**	*19* 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Backpacks **6:30 p.m. Council Mtg**	*20* ***Office Closed!***	*21*
25 NO WED NIGHT ACTIVITIES **NO EVENING WORSHIP (See Sunday, November 22md for details of Thanksgiving worship)**	*26* Happy Thanksgiving!! 	*27*  ***Trees picked up from Curtis'*** ***Office Closed!***	*28*  ***9:00 a.m. Decorating the Church for Christmas!! Come out and join us!!***

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
TREASURER'S REPORT

2026

Al Voyna - Treasurer

Treasurer's Report Summary

GENERAL FUND	**August**	**Year to Date**	
Beginning Balance	**-$12,776.07**	**$3,148.92**	**General Fund**
General Fund Income	$15,687.90	$121,602.92	**Savings Account**
Reimbursed Income	$0.00	$15,506.25	**$34,283.87**
Reimbursed Expenses	$0.00	-$3,407.67	
Miscellaneous Income	$13,706.06	$74,562.54	
Miscellaneous Expenses	$0.00	-$181.79	**Rent 2026**
Coffee Fellowship	-$30.15	-$451.46	**$8,000.00**
General Fund Expenses	-$6,236.50	-$64,982.05	
General Executive Committee Expenses (Payroll)	-$19,375.17	-$154,821.59	**ILC Miller Fund**
GENERAL FUND	**-$9,023.93**	**-$9,023.93**	**Account Balance**
Operating Loan	$0.00	$0.00	**$384,209.36**
Savings income	$0.00	$0.00	**31-Jul-2026**
Savings expense	$0.00	$0.00	
Debt Reduction Income / Fall Dinner	$0.00	$0.00	
Debt Reduction Exp /Op Loan / Savings / Payment	$0.00	$0.00	
General Fund Ending Balance	**-$9,023.93**	**-$9,023.93**	
Men's Breakfast			**A Sommer CD**
Beginning Balance	**$730.28**	**$276.72**	**$0.00**
Men's Breakfast Income	$113.00	$1,641.00	
Men's Breakfast Expense	-$170.75	-$1,245.19	
Ending Balance	**$672.53**	**$672.53**	
Hands of the Master			
Beginning Balance	**$1,337.59**	**$2,687.59**	
Hands of the Master Income	$0.00	$600.00	
Hands of the Master Expense	$0.00	-$1,950.00	
Ending Balance	**$1,337.59**	**$1,337.59**	
BENEVOLENCE FUND			**Sent to the ELCA**
Beginning Balance	**$2,525.63**	**$1,730.57**	**August**
Income	$1,324.10	$12,219.68	**$799.10**
Expenses	-$1,149.10	-$11,249.62	**2026**
Ending Balance	**$2,700.63**	**$2,700.63**	**$11,850.10**
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND			**Pledged**
Beginning Balance	**$11,228.42**	**$8,704.42**	**$15,500.00**
Income	$415.00	$7,739.00	
Expenses	$0.00	-$4,800.00	
Ending Balance	**$11,643.42**	**$11,643.42**	
Luther League Account			
Beginning Balance	**$2,911.60**	**$5,099.63**	
Youth Income	$14.00	$1,580.00	
Youth Expense	$0.00	-$3,754.03	
Ending Balance	**$2,925.60**	**$2,925.60**	
Checking Account Balance	**$10,255.84**	**$10,255.84**	

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Council Minutes – August 20,2026

President Bob Omar called the Congregation Council to order August 20, 2026, 6:10 pm. Present were Pastor Daniel Baldwin, Vice-President/Secretary Gary Johnson, Treasurer Alvin Voyna, Karen Nance, Sarah Grainger and Tanya Fencl. Pastor Dan Baldwin gave opening devotions.
AGENDA: Motion by Al Voyna to approve and seconded to approve agenda. Motion carried.
MINUTES: Motion by Sarah Grainger to approve and seconded to approve the minutes of July 2, 2026. Motion carried.
REPORTS:

A. Pastor Nathan was attending his children school orientation.
B. Pastor Dan
   1. Reported his vacation time.
      1. 7 work weekdays, 1 Sunday for total of 8 days
      2. 2 days Continued Education, Dubuque, Iowa
   2. GLOW 2026-2027 Volunteer Training
   Training sessions are planned for Wednesday August 19, 2026, at 6:00 pm and Sunday August 23,2026 at 1:00 pm. GLOW Schedule (5:00 – 7:00 pm) Rotation (4 stations, 4 groups) Overview of Volunteer Roles: Shepards, Station Leaders, Music Leaders, Greeter/ Registration, Hall Helper/ Shuttler, Kitchen Help, Reserve Team. Training Resources are Available.
   3. Part of the Volunteer training Pastor Dan reviewed the Youth Protection Policy.
   4. Reported 22 students will begin Faith Formation this school year.
   5. Will perform his first Wedding for Immanuel Lutheran Church. Will occur at White Haus, Waukon for Madison Brace and Brandon Hayes.
   6. Handed out to Council Members a copy of the new Constitution of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Highlighted Chapter 12 – Congregation Council Member role. Council Members to read on their own.

Treasurer Report: Al Voyna reported he closed the A. Sommer CD transferring money to the general fund account to support payment of expenses. Pastor Dan Baldwin made motion to accept Treasurer report. Seconded. Motion carried.
OLD BUSINESS: None
NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Dan reported that Board report forms will go to Gary Johnson to set Agenda for Council Meeting. Board Chairman will complete the Council Board Report Form and submit to designed council liaison promptly following Board meeting. Anything that Council needs to be voted on will go on Council Consent agenda, with rational at least one line a month to communicate. Treasures report will also go to Gary Johnson. After Church Council action on Consent agenda, Council Liaison will report to assigned Board Chairman the Council's action. Council liaison will also provide help to fill board membership to 3.

Assignment of Council Members to Boards.
Steward & Finance - Al Voyna, Christian Education - Tanya Fencl, Worship & Music - Karen Nance, Properties - Gary Johnson, Social Ministry - Sarah Grainger

Wedding Policy from Worship and Music Board
Additions and corrections given. Al Voyna accepts with changes made. Second. Motion carried.

Funeral Dinner guidelines from Worship and Music Board.
Additions and corrections given. Al Voyna accepts with changes made. Second. Motion carried.

Adjusting distribution of funds from Stewardship and Finance Board.
Sarah Grainger accepts. Seconded. Motion Carried.

Print Large Bulletins for Orleans/Peace (5-10 copies/ week)

Online Giving Launch - Al Voyna checking on action to be taken by Stewardship & Finance to put a plan in place for giving.

Next meeting: Sept 24, 2026, 6:30 pm. Motion by Al Voyna to adjourn. Meeting closed w/the Lord's Prayer.

This is a summary of the minutes of the August meeting. Full minutes will be available after formal approval by council at the next meeting.



Radio Broadcast Sponsorship!

October & November 2026

Oct 4, 2026	In honor of the Neal & Sarah Lienhard family. Neil & Sarah Lienhard celebrated their 48th Wedding Anniversary on July 7th, 2025. Also in honor today of the Ida and Walter Lienhard Family and Brother Don Lienhard who passed away in October at age 92 and sister Madonna Lienhard Davis who passed away on Feb 1, 2025 at the age of 95.
Oct 11, 2026	In loving memory of her parents Evelyn and Vernon Gronbach. Evelyn was born on May 30,1922 and passed away in 1979 and Vernon was born on October 9, 1916 and passed away in 2000. Sponsored by Sue Easler and the entire family.
Oct 18, 2026	In celebration of the 63rd Wedding Anniversary of Manley & Linda Bigalk, Married on October 12, 1963, we congratulate them on this remarkable milestone!
Oct 25, 2026	In honor of our Confirmand today, Miss Zoey Lindstrom and in great appreciation of the Faith Formation education she received leading up to her Affirmation of Baptism today. May she continue to grow in her spiritual journey. Sponsored today by members of the Immanuel Lutheran Family.
Nov 1, 2026	In loving memory of Eugene Gunhus, who was born April 7, 1939 and died November 8, 2007. Sponsored by this wife Mary and the entire Gunhus family.
Nov 8, 2026	In loving memory of Rita Gamez. Rita was born on September 16, 1925 and died on November 11, 2021. Remembered today by son Mick & Jolene Gamez & family.
Nov 15, 2026	In loving memory of Judy Jacobson who just recently joined our Lord in Heaven. Sponsored by Jim & Sue Sovereign and many members of the Immanuel family.
Nov 22, 2026	In loving memory of Alan Burnikel who was born November 26, 1962 and died on November 29, 2002. Sponsored by his mother Carol Burnikel and family.
Nov 29, 2026	In celebration of the 67th Wedding Anniversary of Dale & Joyce Vagts. Married on December 5th, 1959, we congratulate them on this momentous milestone!



MUSIC & WORSHIP BOARD UPDATES



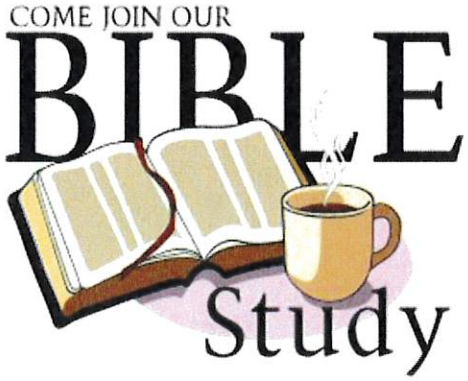
All Saints Sunday

On All Saints Sunday, November 8th, Lutherans commemorate all baptized believers, particularly those who were baptized or have passed away this past year. During the All Saints worship service, a votive candle will be lit & a bell rung, as each name is read.

PLEASE SUBMIT NAMES YOU WISH READ (to the office) BY NOVEMBER 1ST.

Reformation Sunday

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses on the door of the Wittenburg Castle Church and reshaped Western Christianity. We commemorate this Reformation on Sunday, October 25th. To symbolize the fiery power of the Holy Spirit and the bold courage of the 16th-century martyrs and reformers, the congregation is encouraged to wear RED!!



Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
in the Conference Room
All are welcome!



WELCA Circle of Grace meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Please come out and join them for a time of treats, fellowship, prayers & laughter!!

Men's Breakfast Club meets each Thursday Morning at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall - All men interested in ***Bible Study, Coffee & Waffles*** are welcome to attend!

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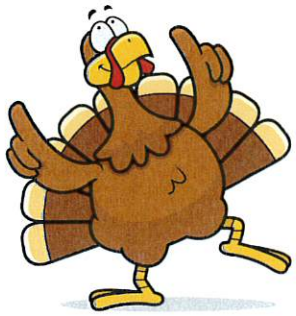

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