



In Word & Deed



"God With Us"

Sept - Oct 2026

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From the Pastor's Desk

A Simple "Thank you."

What a change two simple words can make. "Thank you" is a move from greed to generosity, from "It's never enough..." to "Wow, what a gift!" It's a life changing leap of faith, but it's as simple as two little words. Henri Nouwen writes, "Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity, I know I am moving from fear to love." "Thank you" receives generosity and recognizes the simple gift that all life comes from the generosity of God. As someone recently told me, "You can't out-give God!" Thank you is a faith commitment, a living, breathing confidence that there is nothing that can take away God's love for you most clearly given in Jesus Christ. "Thank you" lives out the deep trust that God's generosity is steadfast and will not run out even when the crosses of life come to bear.

Probably the opposite of 'thank you' is the old, and often misunderstood, biblical word 'sin.' Martin Luther often defined 'sin' as being "turned in on oneself." This is the belly button world of ingratitude, the world where greed takes you, where you think you deserve more than you've got. The world of sin, of being turned in on yourself, is the world where you look only to yourself to receive all the good things of life. When caught in the world of sin you look to yourself to be your own god, and that is simply something you cannot be. It's always helpful to remember God is God, you are not (see Isaiah 55:9 - "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts that your thoughts"). There is no way to say "thank you" in the world of sin, unless you are looking in a mirror, and that gets old pretty quick. The world is much bigger than your little belly button. The God of generosity breaks open this "turned in" world with a cross, comes to you and says that since all are sinners and "have fallen short of the glory of God, all are justified by his grace as a gift" (Rom 3:23). This is the world of forgiveness, of redemption by faith alone in Jesus Christ. For this, a drop-jawed "thank you" is about the only thing to say.

'Thank you' expresses my joy at the way Immanuel, Orleans, and Peace have listened to and embodied God's generous call to life in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and have extended God's own generosity, even to me. For the

way you have lived out your faith, taking a leap of faith into shared ministry this year, "Thank you." For the way that I want to live my life in light of the grace of God's promises, and the way that relationship is reflected in you, "Thank you." For the way in which we all, together, live by faith into the abundant life God is calling us to, a life of thanksgiving, a life of forgiveness, a life of service in love, "Thank you."

As we continue to follow God's leading in our shared ministry, I invite you to say a simple 'Thank you,' to God, to one another, because generosity and thanksgiving are the life to which God is calling us. Thanks be to God!

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan

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**ORLEANS LUTHERAN CHURCH
FALL DINNER
AND
SILENT AUCTION**

**Sunday September 13th
Serving from 11 – 1
Meal \$18.00**

**Ridgeway Community Center
690 County Street Ridgeway, IA**

**Featuring:
Mike Reicks
3 pc Chicken Dinner
And Homemade Pies**

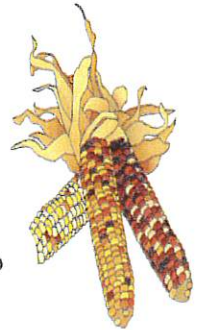
**Carry Outs Available
Phone: 319-240-3761**



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)



Men-
Roast n
We Need YOU ... on the
Fall Dinner Committee!
(Looking for new bodies &
new ideas!) as we
Ticken, wren, Angie's Beauty Shop
and the Immanuel Lutheran Church Office



Meal tickets: \$15.00



Confirmation & GLOW

Sept 2nd - GLOW RALLY NIGHT!!!

5:00 - 5:45 p.m. - Meal

5:45 - 7:00 p.m. - Rally Night Fun!



Sept 9th - GLOW & FAITH FORMATION

5:00 - 5:45 p.m. - Meal

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

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 LOVE!



"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!"

IMMANUELS' 2026 CLOTHING GIVE AWAY

We are truly overwhelmed with gratitude to all the members of Immanuel and residents in Cresco and surrounding communities who helped make this year's give-away a HUGE success! This year we received many comments about the nice quality of the clothing and the many new items. There are always a number of people who volunteer, ranging in age from 9, (Kenedy) and 12 (Bella) to 89; helping in whatever capacity needed. We would like to thank the 10-12 ladies & young girls who moved and set up items downstairs a few days before the give-away along with other volunteers who moved boxes and racks after church.

Thanks to Cindy who did numerous tasks in the office and Phyllis who once again was our old and new "sock sorter" to make the event run smoothly. We also would like to recognize the Immanuel men and women who moved boxes and racks, picked up tables/chairs, carried boxes and racks of clothing downstairs, and cleaned up after the event by setting chairs/tables back up and carrying left over clothing to Al's van, contacted the Cresco Home Providers, Community Action, and our Cresco nursing homes.

We advertised in various ways throughout the community through posters, the radio station and TV. A thank you to Rod who sorted on Wednesdays this summer and then organized MANY tables and racks of clothing for children through adults. We offered 361 pairs of shoes, bedding, over 100 bed pillows, winter hats and many items for home use. Once again we offered new socks and underwear to all children and because of the many monetary donations we were also able to purchase new jeans in various sizes.

After closing on Saturday, workers selected clothing and packed boxes for the elementary school, Kessel Kids, the school nurse, Crestwood shirts for the Crestwood Clothes Closet plus 1 other surrounding schools for their clothes' closets, onesies for baby kits at Notre Dame parish, Foster children parents, the homeless Veterans "Stand Down" event in Mason City and the West Union Correctional Facility, shoes to Notre dame and boxes of clothing to the Methodist church in Floyd. Other items left were delivered to the Depot in Decorah who use their profits to help other churches and organizations in the area. Thanks to Al for delivering the boxes.

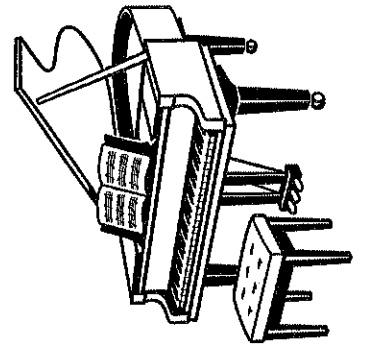
We want to thank all of you who were involved in donating gently used and new clothing, several members purchased new jeans and others donated money toward the purchase of new socks and underwear. Besides our members, much of our clothing donations came from Cresco and surrounding communities, the County Store, along with money from several area churches, community members and organizations. The local TV and radio station did a superb job in advertising at no cost. We saw many returning visitors but also a lot of new people who mentioned they would be back next year. We had visitors from surrounding communities along with people from as far away as Nicaragua, Mexico, Ecuador and Indonesia!! ... thanks to their employment at Plantpeddler.

Many grandparents came to select clothing for their grandchildren whose families were going through tough times or were raising their grandchildren. Many older adults also selected needed clothing. Over 250 people came and were very polite, respectful and thankful, including the children. All the workers agreed that the time involved with this project was so worthwhile when seeing the smiles on children, parents and older adults faces.

Once again, this event could not have taken place without all the thoughtful members who gave of their time, money and clothing. The give-away comes at no cost to the church, affects so many in a positive way and sends people home with bags of clothing and sincere thankfulness! What a beautiful way to show God's love to others!

September 2026 Worship Assistants

	GREETERS/USHERS	COMM. ASSISTS	WORSHIP LEADER	LECTOR	ACOLYTES	SOUND SYSTEM	PROJECTION
Sept 2, 2026 Wednesday	Confirmants	Confirmants	Confirmants	Confirmants	5th & 6th Graders	Al Voyna	Jenny Matt
Sept 6, 2026 Sunday	Steve & Wendy Johnson	Bill & Cheryl Seele	Cindy Yslas	Bill Seele	Matt Hermann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Jenny Matt
Sept 9, 2026 Wednesday	Confirmants	Confirmants	Confirmants	Confirmants	5th & 6th Graders	Al Voyna	Al Voyna
Sept 13, 2026 Sunday	Dale & Joyce Vagts	Rod & Nancy Bakken	Tanya Fencil	Rod Bakken	Matt Hermann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Bob Omar
Sept 16, 2026 Wednesday	Confirmants	Confirmants	Confirmants	Confirmants	5th & 6th Graders	Al Voyna	Jenny Matt
Sept 20, 2026 Sunday	Louie & Lisa Lienhard	Phyllis Barth Cindy Yslas	Sonia Ollendieck	Cindy Yslas	Matt Hermann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Matt Gates
Sept 23, 2026 Wednesday	Confirmants	Confirmants	Confirmants	Confirmants	5th & 6th Graders	Al Voyna	Jenny Matt
Sept 27, 2026 Sunday	Mary Gunhus Matha Rasmusson	Gary & Sharon Johnson	Sue Easler	Sharon Johnson	Matt Hermann & Kim Steven	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Bob Gast
Sept 30, 2026 Wednesday	Confirmants	Confirmants	Confirmants	Confirmants	5th & 6th Graders	Al Voyna	Jenny Matt



A Thank You is Due ...

A new adjustable piano bench has been purchased for the sanctuary grand piano. Dennis and Rhonda Vobr donated this beautiful, comfortable bench through memorial gifts from the Ray Vobr Memorial Fund. The old bench can now be used to store music. Thank you to the Vobr family for blessing Immanuel's musicians, from our regular Sunday musicians to the young musicians who share their gifts during special services.

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	Youth Attending Worship	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 FencI	Jenny Matt	Youth Attending Worship	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	Lindsey Johnson	Bill Seele	Youth Attending Worship	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	Youth Attending Worship	Al Voyna, Arlyn Grube & Matt Gates	Matt Gates
October 28 2026 Wednesday	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	5th & 6th Graders	Al Voyna	Jenny Matt



“I LOVE YOU” ~ God

You may have seen the beautiful HEART sign on the side of the shed placed there last week. This luminous project was the incredible brainchild of Sonia Olleneck, along with the Hands of the Master team and in production with K & M Metal Designs, it came to fruition. Thank you Sonia for making this amazing project come to life in your thoughts & donation. We are all blessed for it!

Sun	Mon	Tue
Pastor's Office House Monday - Off Tues - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Wed - 9:00 am - Noon Thur - 9:00 am - Noon	Cindy's Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. <i>Fridays - Office Closed</i>	
Pastor Nathan Vacation 8-15 Sept		1  4:30 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry—Featherlite Bldg Fairgrounds
6 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. - Worship (O) 6:00 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Dan	7 <i>Pastor Off!</i> Labor Day!! <i>Church Office Closed!!</i> 	8 Pastor Nathan Vacation
13 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. - Worship (P) 11-1 p.m. - ORLEANS FALL DINNER!!! 6:00 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Dan	14 Vacation 8-15 Sept <i>Pastor Off!</i>	15 
20 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. - Worship (O) NO 6:00 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Dan (vacation)	21 WIC <i>Pastor Off!</i>	22 6 p.m. Shared Ministry Steering Committee @ ILC WELCOME AUTUMN!
27 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship (P) 6:00 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Dan	28 <i>Pastor Off!</i>	29

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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 am
 and "Devotions to Begin Your Day" Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:05 am

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. GLOW RALLY Night!!	3 7:00 a.m. <i>Men's Breakfast</i> 6:00 Church Board Mtgs	4 <i>Office Closed!!</i>	5
9 8-15 Sept	10	11	12
9:30 a.m. <i>Circle of Grace</i> 5-7 p.m.— <i>GLOW & Faith Formation Classes/Worship</i>	7:00 am <i>Men's Breakfast</i>	<i>Office Closed!!</i> <i>Remember!!</i> 	5:00 p.m. <i>Church Service - Old Stone Church</i> <i>Newsletter items Due!!</i>
16	17	18	19
5-7 p.m.— <i>GLOW & Faith Formation Classes/Worship</i>	Pastor on Vacation 7:00 am <i>Men's Breakfast</i> CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES 17-19 Sept	<i>Office Closed!!</i> 17-20 Sept CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES 17-19 Sept	 CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES 17-19 Sept
23	24	25	26
5-7 p.m.— <i>GLOW & Faith Formation Classes/Worship</i>	7:00 a.m. <i>Men's Breakfast</i> 6:00 p.m. Council Mtg	<i>Office Closed!!</i>	
30			
5-7 p.m.— <i>GLOW & Faith Formation Classes/Worship</i>			

October 2026

Communion is offered at all Sunday Services

Sun		Mon	Tue
<u>Pastor Dan Office Hours:</u> Mon & Tues - Off Wed - 9-4 Thur - Off Fri - 9-4 (Visits & By appointment)		<u>Cindy's Office Hours:</u> 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 - Orleans 6:00 p.m. Adult Study w/Pastor Dan		5 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	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 - Peace 6:00 p.m. Adult Study w/Pastor Dan		12 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 	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 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	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 <i>WIC</i> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	27
			

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14 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 6:00 p.m. Council Mtg	16 <i>Office Closed!</i>  <i>Nov Newsletter Items</i>	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 <i>Office Closed!</i>	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 <i>Office Closed!</i>	31 HALLOWEEN!!!  4:30-6:30 TRUNK or TREAT Cresco Fitness Center

Treasurer's Report Summary

GENERAL FUND	July	Year to Date	
Beginning Balance	-\$16,317.98	\$3,148.92	General Fund
General Fund Income	\$14,230.70	\$106,875.02	Savings Account
Reimbursed Income	\$0.00	\$15,506.25	\$48,283.87
Reimbursed Expenses	\$0.00	-\$3,407.67	
Miscellaneous Income	\$15,599.80	\$59,896.48	Rent 2026
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	-\$181.79	
Coffee Fellowship	-\$76.56	-\$421.31	
General Fund Expenses	-\$7,355.08	-\$58,745.55	
General Executive Committee Expenses (Payroll)	-\$18,856.95	-\$135,446.42	ILC Miller Fund
GENERAL FUND	-\$12,776.07	-\$12,776.07	
Operating Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	Account Balance
Savings income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$386,515.58
Savings expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	30-Jun-2026
Debt Reduction Income / Fall Dinner	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Debt Reduction Exp /Op Loan / Savings / Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	
General Fund Ending Balance	-\$12,776.07	-\$12,776.07	
Men's Breakfast			A Sommer CD
Beginning Balance	\$740.28	\$276.72	
Men's Breakfast Income	\$150.00	\$1,528.00	\$0.00
Men's Breakfast Expense	-\$160.00	-\$1,074.44	
Ending Balance	\$730.28	\$730.28	
Hands of the Master			
Beginning Balance	\$1,787.59	\$2,687.59	
Hands of the Master Income	\$0.00	\$600.00	
Hands of the Master Expense	-\$450.00	-\$1,950.00	
Ending Balance	\$1,337.59	\$1,337.59	
BENEVOLENCE FUND			Sent to the ELCA
Beginning Balance	\$2,125.63	\$1,730.57	July
Income	\$1,731.30	\$10,895.58	\$981.30
Expenses	-\$1,331.30	-\$10,100.52	2026
Ending Balance	\$2,525.63	\$2,525.63	\$11,051.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND			Pledged
Beginning Balance	\$11,178.42	\$8,704.42	\$15,500.00
Income	\$50.00	\$7,324.00	
Expenses	\$0.00	-\$4,800.00	
Ending Balance	\$11,228.42	\$11,228.42	
Luther League Account			
Beginning Balance	\$1,766.60	\$5,099.63	
Youth Income	\$1,145.00	\$1,566.00	
Youth Expense	\$0.00	-\$3,754.03	
Ending Balance	\$2,911.60	\$2,911.60	
Checking Account Balance	\$5,957.45	\$5,957.45	

SUMMARY OF IMMANUEL'S SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING JULY 26, 2026

TREASURER'S REPORT: We are 50% of the way through this budget year:

	General	Benevolence	Capital Improvement
We have received anticipated income	24%	101%	145%
We have expended anticipated expenses	104%	124%	192%
We now have a balance of	(\$ - 16,317.98)	\$2,445.99	\$11,178.42
Checking account balance of \$1,280.54, a savings account balance of \$33,904.03 and a ILC Miller Fund account balance of \$387,160.18.			

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT: Pastor Baldwin expressed his appreciation of the welcome he has felt at all three parishes and said the Shared Ministry has been a blessing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 1: Adoption of a New Mission Statement. Motion passed to adopt Immanuel's new mission statement: "By God's grace, Immanuel Lutheran Church is a faith community striving to love and serve as disciples of Jesus".

Resolution 2: Nomination and Election of 2026 – 2027 Leadership

Congregation Officers: President: Bob Omar, Vice President/Secretary: Gary Johnson, Treasurer: Alvin Voyna

At Large Members: Sarah Grainger, Karen Nance, Tanya Fencil

Mutual Ministry: Rod Bakken, Judi Bina, Dale Vagts, Jenny Matt, Jackie Tallman

Administrative Boards: Parish Fellowship, Christian Education, Church Properties Evangelism & Social Concerns, Stewardship & Finance and Worship & Music. Administrative Boards are still present but not voted on. There is a minimum of three on a board. Board members choose the chairperson. If more members are needed, the boards can ask for other people to help.

Committees: Audit Committee: Linda Bigalk, Florene Holten, Dave Matt

Nominating Committee 2026/2027: Vickie Grube, Scott Wiley, Sheila Omar

Long-Range Planning: Rod Bakken, Brad Holten, **OPEN**

Endowment & Memorial: Chairperson Dennis Vobr, Secretary Sue Easler, Linda Bigalk, Steve Johnson

Voting Members to Synod and C3 Conferences: Rod Bakken, Nancy Bakken, LuAnn Gast

There was discussion about shortening certain segments of the Sunday morning worship service so that it fits into the one hour allotted on the radio. By a raise of hands, it was voted to retain the "Choral Benediction". Suggestions are welcome.

Pastor Dan presented information about the connection between the ELCA and Immanuel. The purpose of the church is "to love one another" and as Jesus said "may they be one as we are one". The ELCA is in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. There are global ministries, 65 regional synods and local congregations.

TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:

The *In Word & Deed* newsletter is available on the website, by e-mail, in the lobby and by mail (contact the office to be added to the mailing list).

Gary Ferrie of Stewardship and Finance said our offerings are not meeting our budget but we are making progress. "We can do this."

The Fall Dinner needs a chairperson.

Barb Larsen was happy to report the new piano bench has been purchased. The money came from the Raymond Vobr fund which is part of the Memorial Fund.

This is a summary of the minutes of the July 2026 Semi-Annual meeting.

Full minutes will be available after formal approval.



Radio Broadcast Sponsorship!

September & October 2026

Sept 6, 2026

In honor of the 65th Wedding Anniversary on September 9th, 1961 of Wayne & Evelyn Stapeklkamp as we celebrate this amazing milestone ... we also honor what would have been the 62nd Wedding Anniversary for Wayne & Ellen Halstead who were married on Sept 8th, 1964. Sponsored today by both their families and in honor of these very special days and remarkable milestones!!

Sept 13, 2026

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Sonia Ollendieck in gratitude for the prayers and support of the Immanuel family.

Sept 20, 2026

In loving memory of Kenny Hebrink. Kenny was born on March 30, 1943 and passed away on February 27, 2025. Charlotte and Kenny were married 58 years ago this week on Sept 16, 1967 and we congratulate them. Sponsored today by Charlotte and the entire Hebrink family.

Sept 27, 2026

In loving memory of Roger Brookins. Roger was born September 24, 1944 and passed away on October 29, 2013. Sponsored today by his daughter Cindy & her entire family.

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

OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

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.



A MESSAGE FROM WORSHIP & MUSIC



Since the new board structure was implemented, our board believes this is a good time to remind everyone of the many parts of our worship service. We want to explain what our board oversees and what each group does. Because there is too much to cover in one message, we will share the information in parts.

What Do We Do?

Altar Guild - Many may not be aware of the several responsibilities of the Altar Guild.

Vestments & Paraments - Displaying, cleaning, and storing paraments and linens appropriately. All linens and paraments are stored in the closet in the room to the right off the sacristy.

Fill Candles - Regularly check all the candles and refills with oil as needed.

Candlelighter/Snuffer - Light the altar and special candles, when applicable, and change the wicks as needed.

Holy Communion Vessels - Prepare the communion table and altar for Sunday services and any other event requiring communion. Altar communion vessels should be handled with gloved hands. Gloves are stored in the closet in the room off the sacristy.

After Worship - Clean up the sanctuary of unused bulletins and miscellaneous garbage after each service. Ensures pew pencils are kept sharpened and offering envelopes and communion cards are kept stocked.

Hymn Selection Committee - This committee chooses songs for worship services and seeks to match music to the sermon theme, keep a balance of old and new songs, and helps the congregation learn new music. This committee meets once quarterly and selects hymns for an entire church quarter. The committee uses the ELCA Lectionary schedule to assist matching the theme of the services. Pastor/s usually attend and lend input on appropriate hymns.

COME JOIN OUR
BIBLE

Study

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!

Join us on Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. (in the community room) with Pastor Dan, as we delve into the Lessons of the Bible, the Gospel teachings, and the many discussions and conversations that take place each week. Along with Holy Communion, the evening is full of fellowship, learning & spiritual devotions!!



Bible Study



Prayers & Ministry



Prayers of Healing, Comfort and Guidance

Derek Grube, Jordon Grube, Jackson Ollendieck, Malissa Kappes, Vince Kappes,
Gayland Peter & Brian Stapelkamp

Loved Ones Serving Our Country

For all our service men & women serving our Country ~ Families ... please let the office know of your family member currently serving to be listed here by name. Thanks!

Friends & Family in Care Centers or RHSHC

Sara Breitsprecher, Dick Franks, JoAnne Kratz, Sandra Peter & Helen Schmauss

Please let the office know if members listed in the newsletter are no longer needed on the prayer list, are no longer in the military or have been added/deleted as residents at the nursing homes....thanks!!

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