



St. Paul Epistle August 2026

Summer Worship Challenge - Have You Done Your Visit?

Have you taken the opportunity to visit Immanuel for a Sunday worship service yet this summer? If you haven't, now is the time. During the month of August, worship should follow the usual patterns, which means that it is easy to switch back and forth. Pr. Anthony and I didn't know if you believed us when we mentioned how similar the services are, so we wanted to put together a comparison chart for you. And fun fact! Most ELCA Lutheran worship services look similar to these formats - part of the reason we use the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal is so that a Lutheran can walk into a church anywhere in the country and still be able to participate in worship.

ILC - Starts at 9:00 am	SPLC - Starts at 10:45 am
Bell Rings to Begin Worship	Prelude
Gathering Song	Welcome & Announcements
Welcome & Announcements	Children's Message
Children's Message	Confession & Forgiveness OR Thanksgiving for Baptism
Confession & Forgiveness OR Thanksgiving for Baptism (sometimes with a song of confession)	Gathering Hymn/Song
Opening Hymn/Song	Greeting
Greeting	Kyrie
Prayer of the Day	Prayer of the Day
First Reading	First Reading
Psalm	Psalm
Second Reading	Second Reading
Gospel Reading	Gospel Reading
Sermon	Sermon
Reflection Hymn/Song	Hymn/Song of the Day

Apostles' Creed	Apostles' Creed
Prayers of Intercession (accompanied by music)	Prayers of Intercession
Offering - led by the children	Offering - led by the children
Offering Song	Offering Song
Offering Prayer	Offering Prayer
Preface	Preface
Holy, Holy, Holy	Holy, Holy, Holy
Words of Institution	Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer	The Lord's Prayer
Lamb of God & Communion Distribution	Lamb of God & Communion Distribution
Prayer after Communion	Post-Communion Blessing
Blessing	Prayer after Communion
Closing Hymn/Song	Blessing
Benediction	Sending Hymn/Song
Sending Hymn/Song	Dismissal
	Postlude

So there you have it! Not so different after all. Both Immanuel and St. Paul have services that are traditional, feature contemporary music, or are a blend of the two. Both congregations gather before worship to drink coffee and chat before worship, and both congregations are incredibly welcoming of children and have different ways for them to be involved in or learning during worship. Both buildings are accessible. Also, both of our worship services are livestreamed on Facebook, which means that you can even switch which service you are watching from home to try something new without leaving your house!

As we are in partnership with one another, it's important for us to spend time with each other, especially in our different worship spaces. We are encouraging you all to participate in this not only because it is fun to explore different services, but it's important for us to get to know members from Immanuel as people we work and worship alongside for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please trust us when we say that you will be welcomed no matter what building you step into for worship, and it might be more fun than you originally expected.

Blessings, Pr. Riley

Worship Assistants Serving in August

Saturday August 1 ~ at Immanuel
Saturday August 8 ~ Robin Colglazier
Saturday August 15 ~ at Immanuel
Saturday August 22 ~ Patti Larsen
Saturday August 29 ~ at Immanuel

Sunday August 2 ~ Glen Hughes
Sunday August 9 ~ Marian Myers
Sunday August 16 ~ Laurie Perry
Sunday August 23 ~ Lester Hallquist
Sunday August 30 ~ Joyce Craney



We remember those who have passed away this summer...
Peg Miller on May 16th and Tim Garnhart on July 4th.

WELCA Coffee

Wednesday, August 12 ~ 9 am

**All are welcome to gather for
a delicious breakfast treat, hot coffee, and great
conversation!**



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, August 28

Noon to 5 pm

at St. Paul

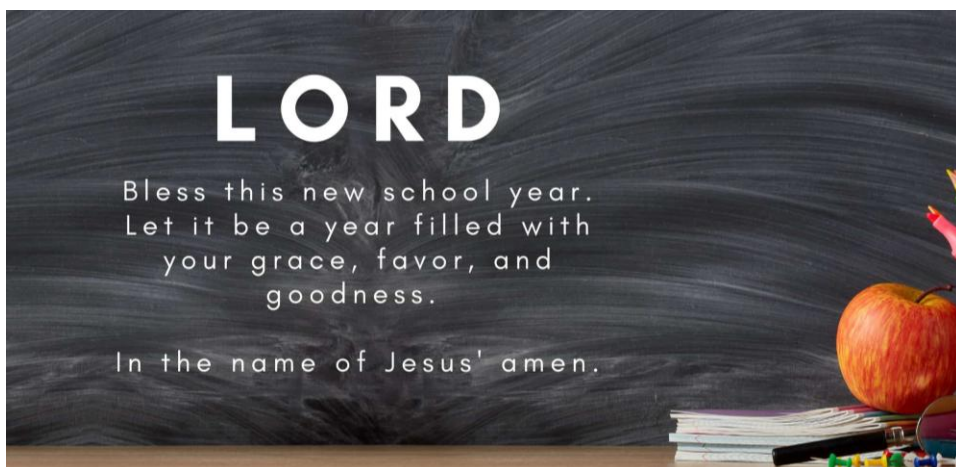


**St. Paul is involved in the community by
hosting United Way Summer Eats.**



**Thanks be to God for the many volunteers
who help with this vital program.**

Please remember to
pray for those going
back to school this
month.



We celebrate August birthdays...

1 Janet Searls
9 Suzanne Bollman
10 Lisa Guenther
12 Harlyn Tourtillott
17 Jett Gaffey
18 Carol Moon
19 Kayla Fordham
23 Lauren Weaver
24 Griffin Kobus
26 Patti Larsen, Hakeem Banks
27 Marcia Hallquist
31 Rachel Kobus

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
everyone born in the month
AUGUST

What a blessing it is to worship together!
Thank you to all who came to the Petunia Fest community worship service!



Thank you, Property!

An enormous thank you to the Property Committee for relocating pews in the sanctuary on Monday, July 20th. It took about 5 hours, but the result is incredible.

If you see Lester, Bill, Lyndon, Chuck, John, or Mike (ILC member) please say thank you and compliment their hard work.



Northern
Illinois
Synod

Women of the **ELCA** 

WELCA Northern Illinois Synod Annual Convention
Saturday, September 19th
(registration forms are available in the Gathering Area)

Dixon Habitat for Humanity
Joint work day ~ Saturday, September 19th
Sign up will be available in the Gathering Area soon!



COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR:



LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

SCHOOL KITS

The following items are included in one school kit. Please consider purchasing and donating enough school supplies to fill 1 kit, or any combination of single items from the following list. Items may be dropped off at St Paul anytime before September 7. The donations dropbox is located in the Gathering Area. The July and August children's offerings will support LWR school supplies and shipping costs. Children and youth and adult volunteers will be packing the kits on Sunday, September 13 (Rally Day) 9:30-10:30am.

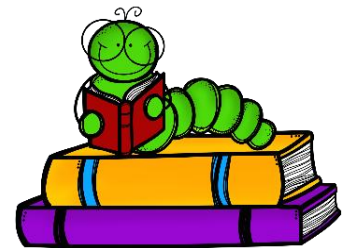
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

lwr.org/kits

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE 2 ½" eraser

Be on the lookout for book study details



RUMMAGE SALE September 11 & 12

thrivent[®] is making an even bigger **IMPACT!**

St Paul is proud to be enrolled in the Thrivent Choice[®] program. As a Thrivent Choice-enrolled organization, we can receive grant funding through Choice Dollars[®], fee-free donations and hands-on support from client-led Thrivent Action Teams. We've seen firsthand the impact these programs have on our ministries. Last year St Paul received thousands of dollars in directed Choice[®] dollars and through Thrivent Action Teams. We're truly grateful for your continued support. To learn more about how you can make a difference with Thrivent, visit thrivent.com/generosity and speak with Gerad or one of the pastors. Pick up an informational flyer on the table in the gathering area by the TV. We give thanks to God for all who support St Paul through Choice dollars and Action Teams and for all gifts of time, talents and treasures.



SPLC/ILC

August

YOUTH NEWS

TWO CHURCHES, ONE MISSION



CALLED TO SERVE VBS 2026

Recap

Last month over 70 individuals participated in our joint VBS program:

CALLLED TO SERVE!

Night #1: We Served the World: little hands and feet made 50 LWR Baby Kits!

Night #2: We Served People We Don't Know: Little hands and feet made over 50 cards for residents of our local nursing homes!

Night #3: We Served Our Church Community: little hands and feet created murals in the Sunday School & Youth Room at ILC.

Night #4: We Served People We Know: little hands and feet served each other through team building obstacle courses and one mighty game of tug-o-rope! Little hands and feet won against the adult leaders!!

Their hands and feet may have been small, but the difference they made was **MIGHTY!**



August

CHILDREN'S OFFERING:

SPLC:



LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF
SCHOOL KITS

ILC:



BUDDY BAGS
OF DIXON



Thanks to all who supported the ILC/SPLC youth food tent during the Petunia Fest Parade! Both youth groups each made \$233!



St Paul Back-to-school blessing - Sunday, August 9, 10:45am worship

Rally Day Sunday School Kick-off at St Paul

Sept 13, 9:30 - 10:30 AM: yummy snacks, LWR school kit packing service project, meet your Sunday school leaders, find your classroom, and stay for 10:45 AM worship.

Class begins Sept 20!



Parents/guardians, scan **here** to register your student(s) for Sunday school and teen youth group on Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30am! Or visit: stpauldixon.org/youth-ministry

2027 ELCA Youth Gathering Minneapolis, MN June 28-July 2, 2027

Get ready for an unforgettable faith-filled adventure! Thousands of Lutheran youth and young adults from across the country will gather in Minneapolis for worship, service, learning, music, and community. This incredible event is an opportunity to deepen your faith, make lifelong friendships, and experience the church in a whole new way.



If you are a student who will be entering high school or older by the summer of 2027 and are interested, please attend a short **informational meeting at 2pm on Sunday, August 23 at Immanuel.**

elca.org/gathering

Questions? Contact **Gerad** or **Somar**.

The fun CONTINUES THIS SUMMER!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Learn. Grow. Laugh. Serve. Love. All in God's amazing grace.

JOIN US!
SUNDAY MORNINGS
9 AM

AUGUST 9

AUGUST 16

AUGUST 23

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL: **AUGUST 2** **AUGUST 30**

Let's grow in FAITH, FUN & FRIENDSHIP!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY!

A DAY OF FAITH, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026

9 AM - 1 PM

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

MINI-CARNIVAL FOR KIDS

LWR HYGIENE KIT PACKING FOR ADULTS

MUSIC

WORSHIP

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is Welcome!!

BRING YOUR FAMILY, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, AND LET'S KICK OFF AN AMAZING YEAR TOGETHER!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1013 Franklin Grove Rd
Dixon, IL 61021

Come for the **FUN**.
Stay for the **FAITH**.
Leave with **→ FRIENDS!**

Sunday School Officially Begins September 21st at 9 AM Service.

Contact us: **SPLC:** Gerad Von Holten

Email: youth@stpauldixon.org

ILC: Somar Bryson

Email: yfdirector@ilcdixon.org

GROW IN FAITH.
BUILD FRIENDSHIPS.
FOLLOW JESUS.

CONFIRMATION

2026-2027

ARE YOU ENTERING 6TH - 8TH GRADE?

Join us for an exciting 3-year journey of faith, learning, service, and fun!

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation helps students learn to:



LIVE among God's faithful people



HEAR God's Word and share in Holy Communion



PROCLAIM the Good News of Jesus through words and actions



SERVE others by following Jesus' example



STRIVE for justice, peace, and love in God's world.

3-Year Rotation



Parent/Guardian & Student Orientation



SUNDAY,
AUGUST 23RD
1:00 PM

AT IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

We will learn about the Old Testament, the New Testament, the history of the church, our creeds, sacraments, and what it means to have a life-changing, ever-growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

At the end of this journey, students decide whether to make a public affirmation of their faith and commit to the promises listed above.

Old Testament
Life leading up to Jesus

1

Catechism

What it means to be Lutheran & the Sacraments

2

New Testament
Life with Jesus.

3

KICK-OFF RETREAT!

September 18-19

at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Camp (LOMC) in Oregon, IL

A weekend of faith, fun, worship, and building friendships!

FIRST CLASS



**Sunday,
October 4th
1:00-2:30 PM**

AT IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

CLASS SCHEDULE



Classes will be held on the **1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month from **1:00-2:30pm.**

Oct. - Dec. at ILC
Jan. - May at SPLC

MID-SEASON HIGHLIGHT

QUAKE EVENT

Worship, speakers, music, games, & more!

Wisconsin Dells
February 2027



FAITH. FRIENDS. PURPOSE. A FUTURE WITH JESUS.



QUESTIONS?

Contact the church office or speak with Gerad or Somar. We'd love to walk this journey with you!

August

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 9am Sunday School @ ILC	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 NO Sunday School @ ILC	3	4	5	6	7	8
Ms. Somar on VACATION						
Ms. Somar will return from vacation on Sunday August 9 th , 2026						
9 9am Sunday School @ ILC SPLC Youth Committee mtg - 9:30am SPLC back-to-school blessing	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9am Sunday School @ ILC	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9am S.S. @ ILC Confirmation orientation @ ILC - 1pm ELCA Youth Gathering mtg @ ILC - 2pm	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 NO Sunday School @ ILC	31	1	2	3		
Ms. Somar will be at Wartburg Seminary for Prolog week. First week of classes.						

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 5:30 pm Worship at Immanuel
2 10:45 am Worship Praise Band	3 10:30 am Prayer 6:00 pm Property Committee meeting	4 9:00 am joint staff meeting at Immanuel 9:00 am Line Dancing	5 1:00 pm Worship & Music Committee 3:00 pm Christian Ed/Faith Formation Committee meeting	6 11:00 am Chair Yoga	7	8 5:30 pm Worship at St. Paul
9 9:30 am Youth Council meeting 10:45 am Worship Back to School blessing Executive Council	10 10:30 am Prayer	11 9:00 am joint staff meeting at Immanuel 9:00 am Line Dancing 10:00 am Social Ministry meeting	12 9:00 am WELCA Coffee 2:30 pm Finance Committee meeting 5:30 Praise Band rehearsal	13 11:00 am Chair Yoga	14 1:30 pm Liberty Court	15 5:30 pm Worship at Immanuel
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23 10:45 am Worship 1:00 pm Confirmation Orientation at Immanuel 2:00 pm Youth Gathering meeting at Immanuel	24 10:30 am Prayer 2:00 pm Church Council Epistle Items due	25 9:00 am joint staff meeting at Immanuel 9:0 am Line Dancing	26 10:00 am Care Ministry meeting	27 11:00 am Chair Yoga	28 noon - 5:00 pm Blood Drive	29 5:30 pm Worship at Immanuel
30 10:45 am Worship	31 10:30 am Prayer					

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