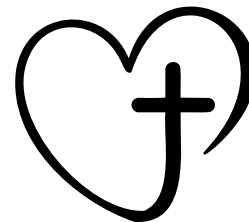


Church

TALK



SEPTEMBER 2026

As summer begins to come to an end, we can already see the signs that fall is on its way. The days are getting a little shorter, school has started, routines are changing, and our calendars are beginning to fill up once again. The same is true here at Immanuel. Sunday School is returning, confirmation classes are beginning, Bible studies and activities continue, and before we know it, the church calendar will be filled with all the things that come with the fall season.

There is something exciting about this time of year. After the different rhythm of summer, fall brings us back together and gives us opportunities to reconnect, learn, serve, and grow in faith. But it can also feel busy. There are school activities, sports, meetings, appointments, church events, and all the responsibilities of everyday life competing for our attention.

And still, the Gospel rings true.

In the midst of changing schedules and changing seasons, the good news of Jesus Christ does not change. God is still with us. God still loves us. Grace is still grace. The promise made to us in baptism remains: You are a beloved child of God. Maybe that is something we need to remember as we enter another busy season. Church is not simply one more activity to squeeze onto an already crowded calendar. Church is where we are reminded who we are and whose we are. It is where we gather around Word and Sacrament, where we pray for one another, where children hear the stories of faith, where young people are encouraged to ask questions, and where people of every generation are reminded that they have a place in the family of God.

As Sunday School returns, we have the opportunity to share the faith with another generation. As confirmation begins, our young people will have the opportunity to wrestle with questions about God, Scripture, faith, and what it means to live as Lutheran Christians. And as all of us return to the routines of fall, we have another opportunity to grow together as the body of Christ. There will always be change. Seasons change. Children grow. Traditions evolve. Communities change. Even the way we do ministry changes as we discover new needs and new opportunities around us.

But through all that change, the heart of who we are remains the same. We are people gathered by God's grace and sent into the world to share God's love.

So as summer gives way to fall and the church year becomes busier, may we remember why we do all these things in the first place. It isn't simply to fill a calendar or keep programs going. We gather, learn, worship, serve, and fellowship because through these things God continues to shape us into the people God is calling us to be.

The seasons may change. Our schedules may change. Our ministries may change. **And still, the Gospel rings true: God is with us.** And because God is with us, we can step faithfully into whatever this new season brings.

In Christ's peace,
Deacon Brandi Painter



IMMANUEL MONTHLY GIVING

As of 07/31/2026

	2025	2026
JAN	\$13,802.67	\$ 4,990.80
FEB	\$15,085.30	\$ 12,455.30
MAR	\$8,635.57	\$ 24,294.10
APR	\$15,677.16	\$ 8,241.24
MAY	\$5,487.31	\$ 7,570.95
JUN	\$12,372.66	\$ 5,299.55
JUL	\$6,036.30	\$ 5,567.30
AUG	\$9,469.30	
SEPT	\$4,839.10	
OCT	\$6,526.83	
NOV	\$7,094.65	
DEC	\$18,774.27	
TOTAL	\$123,801.42	\$68,419.24

7/31/2026

CHECKING ACCOUNT

General Account	-\$1,627.91
Specified Memorial	\$1,595.57
Unspecified Memoria	\$2,986.17
Immanuel Nov June Acct. balance	<u>\$2,953.83</u>
Bank statement bal.	\$ 3,107.78
Outstanding Checks	\$153.95

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Immanuel CDs	\$100,711.45
Cemetery Improvements Checkin	\$7,095.85
Cemetery CD	\$ 73,052.78

The Church Office will be closed on September 7th in observance of Labor Day.



Deacon Brandi Office Hours

Subject to change:

Mon - Thurs

8:30am - 4:00pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays you may find that I am making visits or attending Cluster meetings. Friday will be my day off. Please feel free to stop by and chat as needed.

Cell Phone: 832-362-2886

Email:

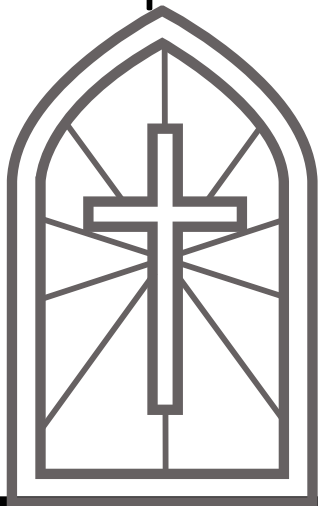
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Income	Jul 2026
Bank Interest	
Cemetery Checking Accou	14.52
Cemetery Improv CDs	338.79
Church CDs	391.07
NOW acct	11.76
Total Bank Interest	756.14
Donation	
Cemetery	150.00
Total Donation	150.00
Offering	
General	5,567.30
Total Offering	5,567.30
Total Income	6,473.44
Gross Profit	6,473.44
Expense	
Benevolence	
Mission Share	666.67
Total Benevolence	666.67
Other	
Cemetery Improv.	37.36
Unspec. Memorial	337.00
Total Other	374.36
Our Church Home	
Acctng-Milbrath-Sayler	125.00
Insurance	1,073.46
Utilities	810.63
W-2 Wages - FICA Withho	430.83
W-2 Wages - Net Earnings	1,421.72
Total Our Church Home	3,861.64
Our Pastorial Ministry	
Car Expense	126.15
Furniture & Fixtures	51.50
Housing Equity	1,139.75
Pars Improv-Maint.	426.65
Pastor Share of Pension C	-379.65
Pastor Transition	4,273.04
Professional Exp.	57.23
Salary	9,899.95
Utilities	518.75
Total Our Pastorial Ministry	16,113.37
Our Worship Service	
Office Expenses	119.75
Parish Ed	129.00
Worship Supplies	24.95
Total Our Worship Service	273.70
Total Expense	21,289.74
Net Income	<u>-14,816.30</u>

September 2026 Worship Servers

DATE	ACOLYTES	USHERS	LECTORS	COMMUNION SERVER	LAPTOP
September 6, 2026		Steve Nordby & Dan Kock	Alisha Stone	Brenda Hefner	Aric Hall
September 13, 2026		Marlin & Lynn Papenhausen	Claudet Wege		Denise Olsen
September 20, 2026		Ron Jorgensen & Wanda Durham	Kevin Krei		Jeremy Hall
September 27, 2026		Kevin & Sheri Krei	Denise Olsen		Robert Colwell
October 4, 2026		Tina Naslund & Aaron Olsen	Bob Hansen	Alisha Stone	Charlotte Hall

Confirmation
begins
September 16th
6pm



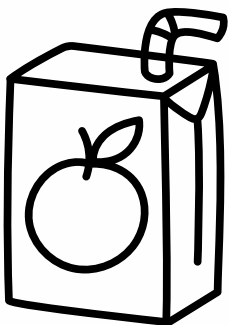
Visitation Team

Meeting

September 15th at 6:30pm



If you are interested in doing home visits please join us before the church council meeting on the 15th. We will discuss who needs to be on the list and a schedule.



Rally Sunday

September 13th



Join us in the basement after worship to celebrate a new Sunday School Year. There will be cookies, juice, coffee and fellowship. Bring your favorite cookies to share!

Immanuel Lutheran Congregation Legal Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Present: Deacon Brandi Painter, Josh Jorgensen, Lori Arduser, Karla Hansen, Denise Olsen, Annette Sudbeck, Terry Wilkerson and Wanda Durham.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Josh Jorgensen.

Deacon Brandi led devotions.

Property Report: Kevin Krei gave the Council an update concerning leveling the south part of the cemetery and reseeding the grass. MSC to approve leveling, applying new soil and mechanical seeding of grass using cemetery funds up to \$3200.00. Discussed a proposal to install a suction point to reduce radon in the parsonage. MSC to accept Corey Schold's bid from All Around Services LLC, Norfolk and Craig Lordemann to hardwire the electric system. Discussion made on purchasing a new bulletin board. Discussed the buying back of two cemetery plots. MSC to refund money for two cemetery plots to non-members at purchase price.

Consent Agenda items reviewed.

Secretary Minutes: Accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: CD #25627 cashed and funds placed in the NOW Account. MSC to approve Treasurer's Report.

ILCW: Stewardship project for August will continue with school kits.

Luther League Report: Discussion was made concerning the possibility about having Luther League.

Office Report: None

Evangelism Committee: None

Deacon's Report: Received first month curriculum for Wonder On The Go. Confirmation classes will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6 P.M. beginning on September 16. Discussed the Tithly church management software, Immanuel Vision Foundation grant, synod Broken Open Grant of \$1000.00 to eligible congregations and TechSoup approval,

Chairman's Report: Name plates being ordered for Pastor's pictures.

Parish Ed Committee: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussed streaming of church services.

MSC to adjourn at 8:20.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Wanda Durham.

September 2026 Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 B-day: Nelda Cautrell, Jerry Puppe	3 B-day: Kayton Hall	4 B-day: Terry Burbach, Colton Jansen	5
6 10:00 am Worship w/ HC*	7 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED B-day: Trevor Hallman	8 2:00pm – Circle of Hope @ Embers B-day: Brett Rathgeber, Karen Schulz	9	10 B-day: Keith Bartling, Julie Hefner	11	12
13 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am - Worship B-day: Robert Colwell, Ethan Rogers	14	15 6:30pm Visitation 7:00pm - Council meeting B-day: Carrie Benson, Melody Storm	16	17 1:30pm - Park View Haven worship 2:15 + Embers Worship	18 B-day: Randy Papenhausen	19
20 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am - Worship Anniv.: Kerry & Janice Hefner	21 B-day: Burnell Stone	22	23 B-day: Patricia Russell	24 B-day: Lexie Hansen, Vee Lage Anniv.: Donald & Judy Jorgensen	25 CHURCH TALK DEADLINE B-day: Jay Hall	26 B-day: Eugene Rathgeber
27 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am - Worship B-day: Patricia Gall	28 2:00pm -Love Thy Neighbor Quilt Circle	29 B-day: Marvel Benson	30 B-day: Shelly Jansen, Keely Lingenfelter			

Church Office Hours: Mon-Tue-Wed-Thu 8:30-11:30 am

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*HC- Holy Communion

Church Council, 2026

- Josh Jorgenson - Chairperson
- Terry Wilkerson - Vice Chairperson
- Randy Papenhausen - Treasurer
- Lori Arduser - Financial Secretary
- Wanda Durham - Secretary
- Thomas Brummels
- Karla Hansen
- Denise Olsen
- Annette Sudbeck

On this Labor Day, bless the work of
our hands, grant rest to the weary,
provide for those seeking work, and
help us honor the dignity and
contributions of all who labor.

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