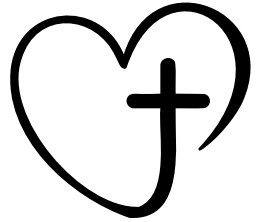


Church TALK



JULY 2026

New Beginnings

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As I begin this new chapter of ministry with you, I simply want to say, thank you.

From the very first moments I arrived, I have been welcomed with open arms, kind words, smiling faces, delicious food, and generous hearts. Every conversation, every handshake, and every invitation has reminded me that the church is not just a building—it is a family of faith that reflects the love of Christ.

Starting somewhere new can be both exciting and a little intimidating. There are new names to learn, new traditions to discover, and new rhythms to embrace. Yet throughout Scripture, God has a habit of meeting people at the beginning of something new. Abraham set out for an unknown land. Moses led the Israelites into a new future. The disciples left familiar lives behind to follow Jesus. And after the resurrection, Christ met his followers with a simple but powerful greeting: "Peace be with you," inviting them into a new beginning filled with hope.

Every day God offers us the gift of beginning again. In baptism, we are claimed as God's beloved children and sent into the world renewed by grace. We don't have to be perfect, have all the answers, or know exactly what lies ahead. We simply trust that God is already at work, leading us one faithful step at a time.

As I settle into life here, I look forward to getting to know each of you, hearing your stories, celebrating your joys, and walking with you through life's challenges. I am excited to discover the ways God is already moving in this congregation and to join you in the ministry of loving God and loving our neighbors.

Together, we will worship, serve, laugh, pray, learn, and grow. Together, we will celebrate milestones and support one another in difficult seasons. Together, we will continue to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

Thank you for making this new beginning such a joyful one. Your kindness has already been a blessing to me, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside you.

May we embrace this season with open hearts, trusting that "the one who began a good work among us will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

I look forward to all that God has in store for us.

With gratitude and hope,
Deacon Brandi Painter 

May 2026

Income

Bank Interest

Cemetery Checking Acc	4.94
Cemetery Improv CDs	227.20
Church CDs	515.87
NOW acct	28.56

Total Bank Interest

776.57

Donation

Cemetery	8,175.00
Total Donation	8,175.00

Offering

General	7,310.45
Jingle Offering	60.50
Offering - Other	200.00
Total Offering	7,570.95
Thrivent Choice Dollars	184.00

Total Income

16,708.52

Gross Profit

16,708.52

Expense

Benevolence

Mission Share	2,066.67
Specified Donations	445.31
Total Benevolence	2,511.98

Other

Cemetery Improv.	29.67
Total Other	29.67

Our Church Home

Acctng-Milbrath-Sayler	175.00
Insurance	1,061.46
Maintenance	418.51
Utilities	496.71
W-2 Wages - FICA Withl	459.78
W-2 Wages - Net Earnin	1,607.57

Total Our Church Home

4,219.03

Our Pastoral Ministry

Car Expense	579.28
Health & Adm	1,109.38
Housing Equity	1,139.75
Pars Improv-Maint.	769.24
Pastor Share of Pensior	-379.65
Pension (Add Pastor Cc	379.64
Salary	3,799.08
SS Allow	377.83
Utilities	374.00

Total Our Pastoral Ministry

8,148.55

Our Worship Service

Altar Guild	9.97
Office Expenses	399.31
Total Our Worship Service	409.28

Total Expense

15,318.51

Net Income

1,388.01

IMMANUEL MONTHLY GIVING

As of 05/31/2026

	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	
JUL	\$6,036.30	
AUG	\$9,469.30	
SEPT	\$4,839.10	
OCT	\$6,526.83	
NOV	\$7,094.65	
DEC	\$18,774.27	
TOTAL	\$123,801.42	\$57,552.39

5/31/2026

CHECKING ACCOUNT

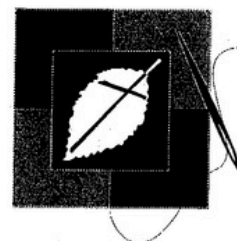
General Account	\$23,723.47
Specified Memorial	\$1,595.57
Unspecified Memoria	\$3,323.17
Immanuel N May Acct. balance	\$28,642.21
Bank statement bal.	\$ 31,378.34
Outstanding Checks	\$2,736.13

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Immanuel CDs	\$100,209.54
Cemetery Improvements Check	\$13,659.66
Cemetery CD	\$ 58,679.87

Save The Date

July 19th will be the installation service for Deacon Brandi. The Call Committee will be hosting a meal after the service.



Carol Joy Holling Camp, Conference & Retreat Center

Quilt Auction

Saturday, July 25, 2026

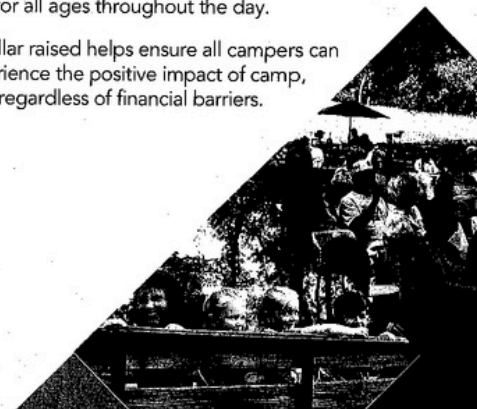
Join us for one of our most beloved traditions
the 38th annual Quilt Auction!

Enjoy a day at Carol Joy Holling Camp, connecting with the camp community and our 2026 Summer Ministry team. There will be hundreds of beautiful quilts, a delicious lunch, and activities for all ages throughout the day.

Every dollar raised helps ensure all campers can experience the positive impact of camp, regardless of financial barriers.



Scan the QR Code to
view the schedule and
preview quilts.



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: DcnBrandiP@gmail.com

July 2026 Worship Servers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>COMMUNION SERVER</u>	<u>LAPTOP</u>
July 5, 2026		Val & Nick Sovereign	Mike Olsen	Lynell Fiscus	Ron Brodersen
July 12, 2026		John & Beth Wood	Jay Hall		Aric Hall
July 19, 2026		Rod & Charlotte Hall	Randy Papenahausen	Angie Hall	Denise Olsen
July 26, 2026		Todd & Katie Hahne & Aubrey	Bob Hansen		Robert Colwell
August 2, 2026		Dallas & Becky Graham	George Hefner	Sheri Krei	Charlotte Hall

- Reminder cards will also be sent in the mail when you are asked to serve. Thank you.

--As in the past, if this service doesn't work for you, it is your responsibility to find a sub.

We have communion scheduled for the rest of the year. Please use this as your serving schedule for Communion Servers 2026. Thank you

Communion Server Schedule 2026	
July 5	Lynell Fiscus
July 19	Angie Hall
August 2	Sheri Krei
August 16	Julie Hefner

Sept. 6	Brenda Hefner
Sept. 20	Wanda Durham
Oct. 4	Alisha Stone
Oct. 18	Lisa Papenhausen
Oct. 25	Carol Benson

Thank You

The Church Council would like to recognize the extraordinary generosity of an anonymous member of our congregation for their funding of the recent parsonage renovations, including the purchase of a new washer and dryer. Your thoughtful gift has been a tremendous blessing to our church and to Deacon Brandi as she begins her ministry with our congregation. We are deeply grateful for your steadfast support and the lasting impact your gift will have for years to come.

The Church Council extends our sincere thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and talents in preparing the parsonage for Deacon Brandi. Your willingness to serve and your many acts of kindness have helped make the parsonage a warm and welcoming home. Your generosity, dedication, and servant hearts are a wonderful reflection of Christ's love. Thank you for sharing your time and gifts in service to our congregation. May God bless each of you.

Immanuel Lutheran Congregation Legal Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

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

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

Josh led devotions.

Consent Agenda items reviewed.

Secretary Minutes: Accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Discussed benevolence mission share and specified donations and also cemetery improvement donations. MSC to approve Treasurer's Report.

Property Committee Report: Upgrades were made to the parsonage. This included new stair rail, new washer and dryer and new flooring in basement and on steps. A new water heater was installed in December. Discussed putting new shades on bay window in parsonage. The parsonage was tested for radon. A big thank you to the people who helped with the clean up night at the parsonage. Lights in both church offices need to be changed out. Also discussed updating lighting in church basement. The cemetery committee is in the process of watering the trees at the cemetery. Thank you to Josh and Henry Jorgensen for filling holes at the cemetery prior to Memorial Day.

ILCW: The ILCW is donating 5 quilts to Camp Carol Joy Holling for the annual quilt auction to be held on July 25.

Luther League Report: None

Office Report: The pastor's office has been cleaned out.

Evangelism Committee: The Evangelism Committee sponsored a coffee for Pastor Marilyn's farewell.

Deacon's Report: Question and answer session. Discussed office hours, monthly newsletter and Sunday bulletins.

Chairman's Report: Deacon Brandi's installation is scheduled for July 19. Discussed changing codes to office and parsonage doors. Also discussed removal of the parsonage land line phone.

Parish Ed: Vacation Bible School was very successful. Thirty-seven kids attended, including the youth helpers.

Old Business: Discussed engraving of Pastor's names.

New Business: Discussed the History Committee, Cemetery history, renter's insurance and parsonage use agreement.

Completed a walk thru of the pastor's office.

MSC to adjourn at 9:00.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Wanda Durham.

July 2026 Immanuel Lutheran Church

 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 B-day: Randy Fox Anniv.: Bob & Nancy Hansen	2 B-day: Mary Biltoft Sheri Krei	3	4 Independence Day
5 10:00 am Worship w/ Holy Comm.	6 Anniv.: Keith & Lynda Bartling	7	8 B-day: Heather Hall, Ben Hefner	9	10	11
12 10:00am - Worship SOTW B-day: Maisie Hansen Anniv.: Marlin & Lynn Papenhausen	13	14 1:30pm - Circle of Hope B-day: Jason Frerichs Anniv.: Kevin & Sheri Krei	15 B-day: Trevor Hefner, Keeyan Bartling	16 1:300pm - Park View Haven & Embers Worship Anniv.: Jeff & Carol Wolfe	17	18 B-day: Ryan Stone Anniv.: John & Beth Wood
19 10:00am - Worship SOTW Installation of Deacon Brandi Painter, meal to follow service B-day: Earl Papenhausen	20 B-day: Charlotte Hall, Anderson Hall, Angie Hall Anniv.: Bill & Rhonda Strivens	21 7:00pm - Council meeting Anniv.: Monty & Brenda Hefner, Burnell & Sandie Stone	22 Anniv.: Rod & Carol Benson	23 B-day: Saylor Sarnes	24 CHURCH TALK DEADLINE	25 B-day: Dallas Graham, Karla Hansen
26 10:00am - Worship SOTW	27 2:00pm -Love Thy Neighbor Quilt Circle B-day: Roger Hahne	28 7:00pm CCC mtg.	29	30 B-day: Betty Colwell	31	

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

Email address: ilccoleridge@gmail.com

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

Have a safe and happy
4th of July holiday.

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