



Immanuel's Story

November 2025

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Birthdays

2	Erinn Hoyt
3	Chad Hage, Tom Webber
4	Jim Christenson, Diane Hummel, Alyssa Laffin
6	Laura Heins
7	Sienna Miller
8	Jill DeCent, Mancel Mitchell
9	Geraldine Cronk, Dave Peterson
13	Rose Strom
14	Gary DeBoer
15	Bella Oren
16	Mary Zillmer
18	Erica Sadlo
20	Jennifer Wodarz
21	Pat Neros, Shirley Sanborn
23	Missy Foote
24	Amy Stanfield
25	Marc Henrichs
28	Hannah Pederson
29	Mary Johnson, Steve Perpich Jr
30	Marsha Olson

Anniversaries

1	Bruce & Mary Oliphant (1959)
2	Garry & Lynda Nelson (1973)
8	Rick & Deb Koop (1975)
11	Mike & Eileen Patrick (1960)
18	Lynn & Shelly Harker (1972)
26	Dennis & LuAnn Henrichs (1966)
28	Carl & Jeanne Kurtz (1987)



September 28	94
October 5	119
October 12	104
October 19	123

MEAL WITH A MISSION, 2026

If you or your organization would like to provide a Meal with a Mission in 2026, please call the church office and speak to Deb Eatros.



Heavenly Father,

You are the source of all that is good and abundant in our lives. Teach us to be faithful stewards of the gifts You have entrusted to us. May we give generously of our time, talents, and treasures, not out of obligation, but out of love and gratitude for all You have done. Help us to reflect Your grace and kindness in our giving, so that we may bring hope and joy to others, in Jesus name, Amen.

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET REPORT

	<u>SEPTEMBER - 25</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER- 24</u>	<u>YTD 2025</u>	<u>YTD 2024</u>
BUDGET	35,848	37,553	322,632	337,977
GENERAL FUND GIVING	37,105	32,200	282,299	297,858
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE	20,762	36,937	274,612	313,761
NET INCOME	16,343	-4,737	7,687	-15,903



Please be looking for this year's Stewardship letters and 2026 pledge cards.

Major Capital Improvement Fund

9/30/2025

September 1, 2025 **Balance:** **\$51,546.13**

Deposits: \$972.49

Reserve: \$250.00

Immanuel Forward: \$22,761.52

Withdrawals: \$52,257.52

September 30, 2025, **Ending Balance:** **\$23,272.62**





November 2025 Worship Service Schedule



Altar Guild – Gary & Sandi Erickson
SRT #2, Leader – LuAnn Henrichs

November 2

Greeters: Bob & Pat Neros
Lector: Barb Hakes
Offering Counters: Paula Traylor & Bonnie Goshey
Lock church after worship: Pat Neros

Ushers: Hal & Judy Kirchoff
Communion: Paula Traylor
Tech: David Pundt and Jack Schubert

November 9

Greeters: Roger & Sandy Twigg
Lector: Jack Schubert
Offering Counters: Jody Bunio & Sandi Erickson
Lock church after worship: Marian Segersten

Ushers: Jim & Paula Traylor
Communion: David Pundt
Tech: Vicki Burlet and Jack Schubert

November 16

Greeters: Jon & Audrey Wittnebel
Lector: Judy Kirchoff
Offering Counters: Erinn Hoyt & Darlene McNally
Lock church after worship: Char Kinzer

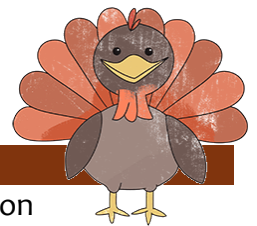
Ushers: Nick Zilmer & Dan Beseman
Communion: Char Kinzer
Tech: Jack Schubert and Terri Wisniak



November 23

Greeters: Youth
Lector: John Klopfleisch
Offering Counters: Deb Koop & Sue Schubert
Lock church after worship: Dave Peterson

Ushers: Youth
Communion: Tom Nixon
Tech: Jack Schubert



November 30

Greeters: Nancy Heise & Marian Segersten
Lector: Pam Klopfleisch
Offering Counters: Pam Ballard & Marian Freese
Lock church after worship: Marian Segersten

Ushers: Jeff & Marsha Olson
Communion: Bonnie LaPierre
Tech: Dave Peterson and Jack Schubert

MEAL WITH A MISSION
November 16
10:30am – Benefitting: R.E.C.



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NOVEMBER 8, 2025

PROJECT DROP OFF

Your projects and crafts can be brought to the church on Thursday, November 6th before 4:00 and Friday, November 7th by 1:00 to be priced and displayed.

HELP NEEDED

A note to our men---Please arrive at church on Thursday, November 6 at 8:30am. We need help taking down tables and moving chairs from the fellowship room and help hauling display furniture from the garage. This should only require an hour or two of your time.

We will also need help on Saturday, November 8th at 1:15 to move the furniture and display items out to the garage. The tables and chairs will need to be set back up in the Fellowship Room so the room is ready for coffee and donuts on Sunday.

A note to our ladies—We need help on Thursday November 6th at 10:00. The furniture will need a good wipe down to be ready to display our beautiful items on them. If you would like to bring treats to share that would be great! We look forward to working with you. Many hands make lite work.

Organizing the Spirit of Christmas bazaar together takes involvement from our entire Immanuel Church Family. The money raised will go to help the many in need in our community. We appreciate everything each one of you do to help make the Bazaar a success! If you have never been involved with helping with the Bazaar, now is the time to talk to Carol or Patty. Additional help is always needed.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, give one of us a phone call or tap us on the shoulder during fellowship hour after church services.

Blessings,

Carol Pundt-218-678-3256 (land line)

Patty Kahnert – 612-385-2917 (cell)

2025 Spirit of Christmas Bazaar

Raffle tickets are still available, for \$1.00 each on Sunday, November 2nd and the day of the Bazaar, November 8th. We have many great items raffle ticket items.

Confections-Marsha Larson

Confections will be made at the church on Thursday, November 6th at 9:00am. They will be packaged and wrapped at 10:30am. The packaging will finish up on Friday morning.

If you are making confections at home, please bring them to the church on Thursday, November 6th from 9:00 – 11:00am in the morning to be packaged when the confections made at church are packaged.

If you have questions, please contact Marsha Larson at 218-316-2459.

Bake/Canned Items For Sale-Deb Kreller-218-820-6219

The bake sale continues to be a popular at the Bazaar. Any and all baked goods and your home canned items are great sellers. Bring your delicious goodies to church by (noon)12:00pm Friday November 7th.

Children's Christmas Store-Vicki Burlett-612-418-1989

How old were you when you realized that Christmas wasn't just about what you were "Getting", but it was also about what you were "Giving"? We will be offering an opportunity for children to enjoy the spirit of Christmas, the "spirit of Giving," by shopping for their parents, grandparents, siblings, in our Children's Christmas Store at the Christmas Bazaar on November 8th. The store will be open from 8:30am-12:30pm, with a variety of items for sale, at a minimal cost. Children will be able to choose gifts for those important people.

Cashiers – Paula Traylor, 218-546-6502

Paula will be contacting volunteers to be cashiers. Clean shopping bags with handles can be dropped in the hallway near the offices. No plastic grocery bags please.

Wreaths – Sandy Davis, 218-838-9675

We will be cutting the greens on Saturday, Nov 1st at 1pm at the Kehl house and making wreaths on Sunday, Nov 2nd at 1pm at the Kehl house. Please dress for the weather and bring gloves and cutting tools. ***If anyone has a garage heater that the group can use, please contact Sandy.***



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14 NIV

I have found a multiage curriculum for Sunday school which is well designed. I have teachers who are prepared each week and 50% of the time there are no students. All children aged 4-11 are welcome including visitors. Students are dismissed after communion for a 30 min lesson. Here are some examples we studied.

Lesson 1: we studied creation and talked about how we can care for God's world.

Lesson 2: we talked about God creating people and how we are all unique and special. We talked about how we could serve God.

Lesson 3: We learned about Noah and that God is faithful and keeps his promises.

Lesson 4: God guides. The story is about God leading Abraham to the land of Canaan. We need to trust and follow God's guidance.

On October 26th we had 7 students affirm their baptismal promises in the rite of confirmation. Confirmation occurs after a period of instruction, where baptized individuals publicly affirm their belief in the triune God, to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper. Each confirmand was required to write a faith statement about their beliefs and how they plan to live out those beliefs in the church and their community. This year's confirmands were Jackson Eberly, John Frahm, Chase Horner, Svea Johnson, Taya Mohs, Wyatt Perpich, and Hunter Van Horn. Congratulations!!

All youth from 7th-12th grade are welcome on Wednesday evening for Confirmation and youth group sessions. I would like to thank the parents for bringing their children to confirmation and youth group sessions and invite them to stay and join us anytime. Our youth group is studying Youth Alpha series which explores questions of life and faith, lead by young people from a variety of countries. Confirmation sessions continue studying the 10 commandments.

If you would like to learn more about our youth programs, please contact me at youth@immanuelcrosby.org. Respectfully submitted, Nancy Heise



Confirmation Class of 2025, left to right back row: Taya Mohs, Wyatt Perpich, Jason Eberly, Chase Horner Front: Svea Johnson, John Frahm, Hunter VanHorn

The following **Memorials** were given by:

- ✝ Jeff & Marsha Olson, for Malawi food program, in memory of loved ones
- ✝ Hal & Judy Kirchoff, for Milestone Ministry, in memory of Dan Meyer
- ✝ Stan & Mary Nagorski for Quilters, in memory of Dan Meyer

November Lectionary Scripture Readings

Nov 2	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Nov 9	Job 19:23-27a	Psalm 17:1-9	2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
Nov 16	Malachi 4:1-2a	Psalm 98	2 Thess 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Nov 23	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Nov 30	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matt 24:36-44

New Property Decisions: The Immanuel Forward finance committee, which put together the package to mortgage and finance the house and property to the east, has recommended that we initially rent the house to help pay off the \$95,000 mortgage. Details of how the property was financed and current committee plans are available in the church hallway under the council and staff photos. The council will be posed with the rental decision at their November meeting.

Message from Char Kinzer, Council President

Allow me to take a bit of newsletter space to reflect on some observations.

Transition:

Immanuel is still early on in this perhaps once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of pastoral transition, between seated pastors. It's a clear chance to look at who we are, to challenge who we've been, and to embrace who we can be. Our interim process is not yet clear, but we'll get there. I like to think of it as construction. If the weather is not right, if equipment breaks down, there are delays.

I pray that for this immediate future, we look at all the good we have among us. We focus on really listening to what God and the Holy Spirit may be telling us. And, most of all, that we have our eyes wide open, so that we might embrace a path that God may be leading us in our transformation and transition.

I anticipate the groundwork is being laid.

Church services: Recently, we've once again been given the opportunity to fend for ourselves, short-term, because of medical reasons.

That situation has found us blessed with having a retired Pastor in our midst. Pastor Don Rasmussen has graciously provided sermons, blessed the Lord's sacraments, and presided over Confirmation in the unplanned absence of Pastor Ian. Don has teamed up with Mark Carlson, who has also shared his time and talent with personal sermon messages and helped during worship services.

We are grateful for the volunteers working the audio/visual equipment that is in need of some surgery itself. (Council will address the equipment failure of October 26 and expedite upgrades.)

We are also so fortunate that we have Debbi Carlson as our office manager, who is the glue that keeps it together by scripting and establishing the worship services every week!

We are thankful, God.

In closing, I ask that you share your thoughts and questions with me or other council members, so we have open dialogue as we progress through the coming months and plan for a new year.

THANKSGIVING

PRAISE OUR LORD AND SAVIOR

Thanksgiving is a time to pause and **give thanks** for the abundance in our lives. We recognize that every good thing comes from God and that God is the source of all blessings, both material and spiritual. Gratitude is given to God for His goodness, love, and character as the creator and sustainer of life. This includes **giving thanks** for the gift of salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection, which provides all believers with eternal life.

The apostle Paul tells us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, **with thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". Philippians 4:6-7

The true meaning of Thanksgiving is an attitude of constant gratitude to God that involves worship, praise and sacrifice, acknowledging Him as the source of all blessings. We can express this through offerings, praise, and prayer, recognizing that everything is a gift from God and a response to His goodness and grace.

Paul also writes "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God the Father through Him". Colossians 3:17

Let thankfulness be a part of our daily lives, which includes acts of charity, sharing blessings with others and caring for those who are in need. Our mindset should reflect Jesus' character, in whatever we do or say, is done with a grateful heart. We do this for God's glory and honor and to express our gratitude for every blessing bestowed on us.

Submitted by Paula Traylor
Prayer Team Leader

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES & Church Box #

Pastor Ian Hewitson		Vacant	
Jerry DeCent	50	Tom Nixon	7
X Char Kinzer	104	X Peter Nordell	222
Bonnie LaPierre	119	X David Pundt	295
X Debbie Lindahl	125	X Paula Traylor	145

OPENING PRAYER:

Char Kinzer opened the meeting with prayer at 6:33 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Addition(s) to Agenda: New Business #7, Stewardship Letter

Agenda Acceptance: A motion by Paula Traylor was seconded by Peter Nordell to accept the agenda that was approved by voice vote.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a community of faith that welcomes all people:

- to GATHER in worship
- to GROW in God's Word and grace
- to GO forward in faith to serve others in Jesus' name

CELEBRATING THE JOYS OF IMMANUEL:

The return of Wing and a Prayer, Don Rasmussen's sermon, Mark Carlson's participation, continued good attendance, Nancy Heise stepping up to youth needs, support and help in the audio/visual department.

DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL MINUTES for September 15, 2025

FINANCIAL REPORT

Discussion

Acceptance: On a motion by Peter Nordell and seconded by Debbie Lindahl, the Financial Report was accepted by a voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Buildings and Grounds

- a. **Report on current maintenance:** Buildings and Grounds committee reported that they completed a number of seasonal tasks and replacements.

2. Budget/Finance

- a. **Staff positions to budget for 2026:** The Personnel Committee will review and make recommendations to budget for the positions of Office Manager, Finance Manager,

two music specialists, a Custodian, and a Part-time Youth Coordinator.

b. Other recommendations

c. Personnel – Wage/annual review; Family Ministry/Youth program leadership position:

On a motion by Paula Traylor as seconded by Peter Nordell, the Council approved by voice vote the hiring of Nancy Heise as a part-time Youth Program Coordinator for the remainder of the school year.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Audio/Visual Equipment Upgrade:** The bid from Stewart Sound Systems was referred to the Finance/Budget Committee to budget for 2026.
2. **Youth Center request for help and support:** The request was referred to the Youth Advisory Committee and Nancy Heise to see if the youth may want to consider a volunteer day to help.
3. **ILC membership roster review:** Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Council vacancy:** The Nominating Committee, Tom Nixon and Nancy Evans, will be asked for recommendations.
2. **Thanksgiving Eve Praise and Pie service:** On a motion by Debbie Lindahl as seconded by Peter Nordell, the event was cancelled for this year.
3. **Immanuel Forward (former Kehl property) project:** On a motion by Debbie Lindahl as seconded by Paula Traylor, the Council approved by voice vote expenditures up to \$3,000 for repairs to the Kehl Property to be deducted from the Major Capitol Maintenance Fund, #1135.
 - a. **Yard maintenance needs:** Peter Nordell volunteered to mow the grass and mulch the leaves.
 - b. **Rental recommendation:** Tabled until repairs are completed.
4. **Annual grad blast support – hold until 2026:** Tabled until next year's budget begins.
5. **Proposal to sell two vacant lots:** On a motion by Debbie Lindahl as second by David Pundt, the council approved by voice vote to bring a proposal before the congregation, at the Annual Meeting in February, to sell the two vacant lots Immanuel owns at the corner of 6th Ave and 4th Street.
6. **Security plan for terroristic threats:** Peter Nordell will talk to the Crosby Chief of Police for his recommendations. Char Kinzer will search for policy recommendations from other organizations.
7. **Stewardship Letter:** Paula Traylor and Char Kinzer will develop the stewardship letter for the 2026 giving mailing to go out in November.

COMMUNION ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER

December 7 Paula Traylor
December 14 Bonnie LaPierre
December 21 Peter Nordell, David Pundt
December 24 2pm TBD 4pm TBS

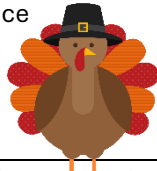
THE LORD'S PRAYER

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion from Debbie Lindahl and seconded by Paula Traylor, the Council by voice vote adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING November 18, 5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:30am Worship – Churchyard 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Fellowship/Coffee 1pm Wreath Making at Kehl House	3 8am-3pm Home School Community 4pm TOPS 	4 9am Staff Meeting 9am Quilting 12pm Renewal Group 3:30pm Bible Study – D. Kreller 	5 Bazaar Set up 8am Bible Study – N. Evans 9:30am Making Confections 10am Bible Study – P. Collignon 5-7:30pm Confirmation	6 Bazaar Set up Craft Delivery 7am Men's Den 6pm Churchyard Practice	7 Bazaar Set up Bake Sale & Crafts Delivery 	1 9:30am The Right Path Recovery Mtg 1pm greens prep @ Kehl House 
9 8:30am Prayer Fellowship 9:30am Worship – Traditional 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee	10 4pm TOPS	11 9am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Ruth Circle 3:30pm Bible Study – D. Kreller 	12 8am Bible Study – N. Evans 10am Bible Study – P. Collignon 5-7:30pm Confirmation	13 7am Men's Den 9:30am Finance Committee Meeting 6pm Churchyard Practice	14 	8 SPRIT OF CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 8:30AM – 1PM 
16 9:30am Worship – Contemporary 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Meal with a Mission (for REC)	17 8am-3pm Home School Community 4pm TOPS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18 9am Staff Meeting 9am Quilting 12pm Renewal Group 1:30pm Tabitha Study 3:30pm Bible Study – D. Kreller 5:30pm Council Mtg	19 8am Bible Study – N. Evans 10am Bible Study – P. Collignon <i>No Confirmation or Youth Night</i>	20 7am Men's Den 6pm Churchyard Practice 	21	22 9:30am The Right Path Recovery Mtg
23 9:30am Worship – Blended 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee	24 8am-3pm Home School Community 4pm TOPS 	25 9am Staff Meeting 3:30pm Bible Study – D. Kreller	26 8am Bible Study – N. Evans 10am Bible Study – P. Collignon Assemble & Mail Newsletter	THANKS GIVING CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	28	29 9:30am The Right Path Recovery Mtg Hanging of the Greens – 9:30am 
30 9:30am Worship – Blended 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee			November 2025			

