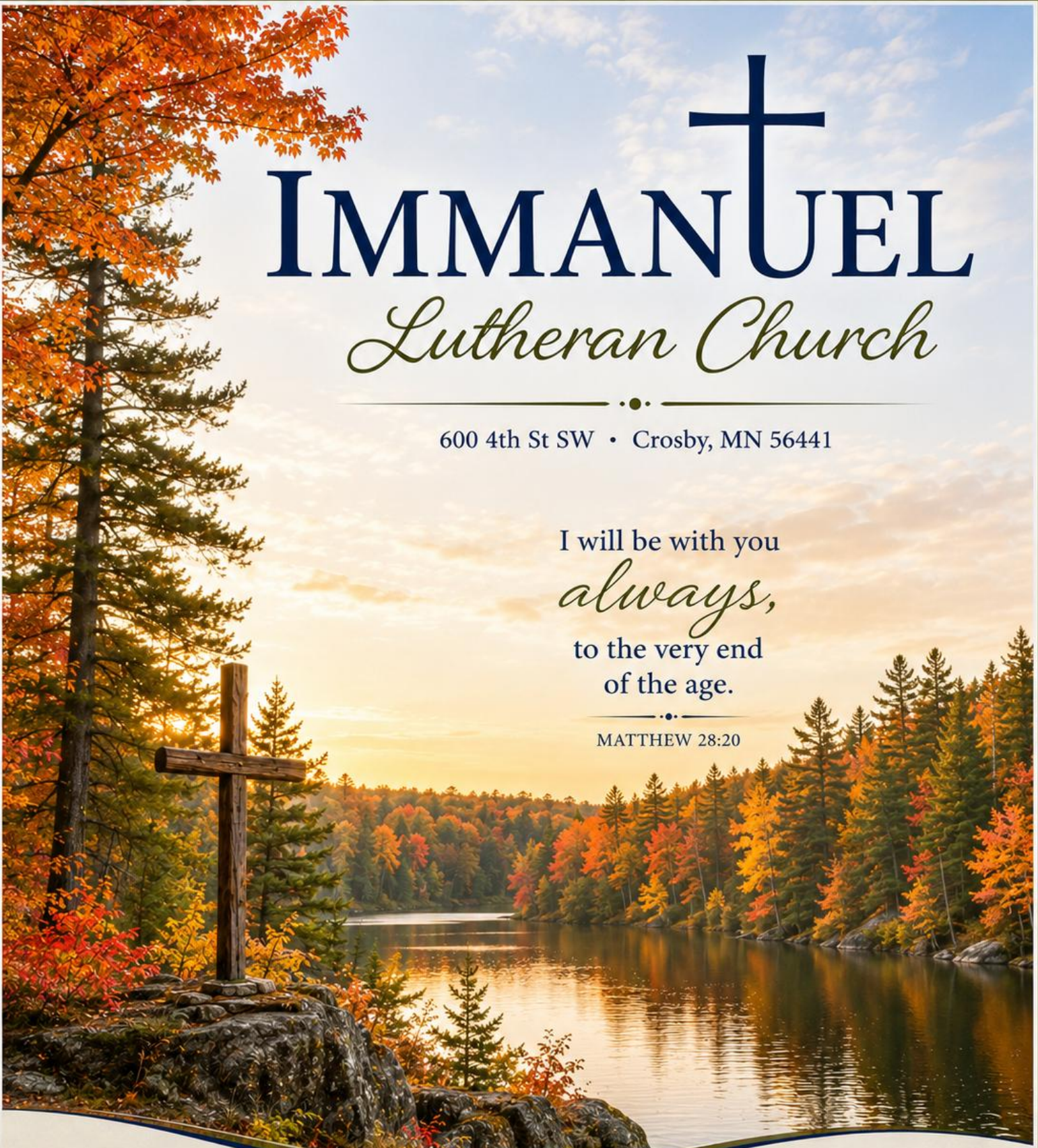




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I will be with you
always,
to the very end
of the age.

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The Vision That Sustains Us



There can be no question about the beautiful, bittersweet reality of this moment: Stephen, the church's first martyr, saw the risen and ascended Jesus standing in glory at the right hand of God the Father. To be a martyr simply means to be a witness—someone whose life so radiates the truth of Christ that they are willing to hold fast to it, even at the cost of their very breath. And so, it was for Stephen.

Yet, that breathtaking glimpse into the heavens was not the first time Stephen had seen his Savior. long before the skies parted, Stephen had been gazing intimately at Jesus through the pages of the Old Testament. As he read the ancient stories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, his heart saw Christ. When he meditated on God's dramatic deliverance of His people from Egypt and their journey into the Promised Land, he recognized the hand of the Redeemer. Through the songs of the psalmists and the urgent cries of the prophets, Stephen heard the unmistakable voice of Jesus speaking to His church.

When Stephen was hauled before the Sanhedrin, facing heavy and hostile charges of blasphemy, he didn't shrink back. Instead, out of a deep well of love and pastoral concern, he opened up the Old Testament for his accusers. He gently but boldly tried to pull back the veil so that they, too, might see and hear the very Jesus they were blindly persecuting.

It was this deep, enduring vision of Jesus in the Scriptures that gave Stephen the supernatural courage to stand firm in that courtroom. He knew exactly where the trial would lead, yet he was sustained by a deeper truth.

His steadfast faithfulness was met with an extraordinary gift of grace: as he looked up from the hostility of the world, his spiritual sight became a literal reality. Heaven opened, and he saw the Son of God standing at the right hand of His Father, as if rising to welcome His weary servant home.

From a human perspective, we might be tempted to look at this scene and think the early church could ill afford to lose a leader and witness of Stephen's caliber. It feels like a tragedy. But in the economy of God's grace, Stephen had drawn so close to the heart of heaven that stepping across the threshold to be with Jesus was only a short, gentle step.

His suffering and physical death were not a failure of his faith, nor were they a failure of God's protective care. They are a profound reminder that God weaves even our deepest pain into a tapestry that brings glory to Himself, ultimately drawing each of us home to His eternal glory.

A Prayer for the Journey

Father, open our eyes today that we, too, might see the glimpses of glory You have woven into our lives and Scripture. Open our ears to truly hear Your truth above the noise of the world and soften our hearts to receive Jesus freshly as our Savior, our Guide, and our Lord. **Amen.**



BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Lindsey Knoll |
| 2 | Audrey Webber |
| 3 | Ron Larson, Richard Leino
Jim Patrick |
| 4 | Kermit Olson |
| 5 | Bronson Ballard, Dotty Hayes |
| 7 | Becky Pakarinen |
| 10 | Sarah Pederson |
| 11 | Rachel Aulie, Elaine Karel |
| 13 | Shayne Jacobs |
| 14 | Mary Ellen Stolle |
| 18 | Judy Running, Dan Wisniak |
| 19 | Noah Larson, Sandy Solom |
| 21 | Frank Foote, Braylon Kannel |
| 22 | Kay Partello |
| 25 | Brody Chamberlin, Bennett Kannel,
Bonnie LaPierre |
| 26 | Josie Chamberlin, Virgil Panitzke |
| 27 | Chip Polich |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| John & Karen Rosecrans (1980) |
| Mark & Sue Bliss (1989) |
| Grant & Kim Gibson (1995) |
| Jerry & Jill DeCent (2010) |
| Bill & Glenda Langton (1959) |
| Dan & Terri Wisniak (1970) |
| Karl & Mary Ellen Perry (1984) |
| Bob & Pat Neros (1965) |

NEW MEMBERS

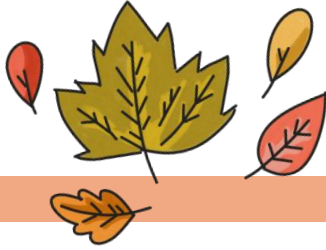
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| Nathan & Anna Ernst; Beckam, Kason
and Rhett |
| Peter & Sarah Lueck; Sutton and Case |
| Chuck & Shirley Soderholm |

ATTENDANCE

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| August 30 | 107 |
| September 6 | 117 |
| September 13 | 114 |
| September 20 | 120 |



October 2026 Worship Schedule



Altar Guild – LuAnn Henrichs

SRT Leaders – No. 1 Elaine Karel & Vi Klungness

October 4

Greeters: Dale & Vi Klungness

Lector: Nancy Meyer

Offering: Paula Traylor & Liz Mattson

Church Lockup: Marian Segersten

Ushers: Jeff & Marsha Olson

Communion: Paula Traylor

Tech Support: David Pundt & Jack Schubert

Lawn Care: Wade Burlet

October 11

Greeters: David & Carol Pundt

Lector: David Pundt

Offering: Erinn Hoyt & Darlene McNally

Church Lockup: Char Kinzer

Ushers: Randy & Amy Stanfield

Communion: Char Kinzer

Tech Support: Jack Schubert

Lawn Care: Mark Carlson



October 18

Greeters: Dan & Terri Wisniak

Lector: Terri Wisniak

Offering: Pam Ballard & Marian Freese

Church Lockup: Dan Wisniak

Ushers: Nick Zillmer & Dan Beseman

Communion: Wade Burlet

Tech Support: Vicki Burlet & Jack Schubert

Lawn Care: Dennis Henrichs

October 25

Greeters: Dave & Mary Peterson

Lector: David Peterson

Offering: Bonnie Goshey & Sandi Erickson

Church Lockup: Pat Neros

Ushers: Gary & Sandi Erickson

Communion: David Pundt

Tech Support: Dave Peterson & Jack Schubert



2026 SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

It has been decided The Spirit of Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday November 14th from 8:30am to 1:00pm.

Please consider helping the Committee Team Captains with the activities listed below. **For those of you who have not been able to help in the past, it is our hope you can find an activity to become involved in. It is a great fellowship and a great way to meet new people.** Starting Sunday October 17th I and or Patty Kahnert will be available for questions at the end round table closest to the window in the fellowship hall.

Thank you to all the Team Captains who attended the meeting on September 16th and your commitment to the 2026 Spirit of Christmas Bazaar

TEAM CAPTAINS

- Money and Cash Boxes-Nancy Evans (Treasurer) SEE REMINDERS FOR INFO.
- Wreaths- Jeanne Kurtz & LuAnn Bergerson
- Bake Sale-Deb Kreller
- Confections-Marsha Larson
- Raffle-Marsha Larson, Nancy Nyvold and Judy Kirchoff
- Publicity-Marian Segersten
- Flyer Distribution-LuAnn Henrichs
- Sweet Shop- Judy and Hal Kirchoff
- Cashier-Paula Traylor (Cashier Manager)
- Hallway Decorations-Mary Ellen Perry
- Furniture Set-Up and Take Down-Our Immanuel Guys
- Craft Display Set-Up-Karen DeBoer; Judy Kirkoff; Nancy Nyvold, Kim Gibson
- Pricing-Kay Gaudette & Judy Running
- Personalization-Sharon Simons, Kim Gibson & Karen DeBoer
- Kid's Activities - Vicki Burlett
- Chocolate Covered Cherries-Claudia Tessmer, Birdie Walth, Meredith Bloedel
- Rolls, Coffee & Cider-Pam Klopfleisch
- Table Set Up and Decorations on Tables For Coffee and Rolls-Jan Doonan
- Set Up and Display Items and Putting Bows on Wreaths -Mary Nagorski
- Prayers-Judy Burson
- Calligraphy Ornaments-Judy Running & Sharon Simons
- Music-Judi Burson, Mitch Mitchell, Rick Koop



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RAFFLE

The Spirit of Christmas Raffle Tickets, costing \$1.00 each, will be available in the church bookstore corner on the four Sundays leading up to the Bazaar, October 18th, 25th and November 1st and 8th as well as the day of the Bazaar, Saturday, November 14th and off site from Marsha Larson, Nancy Nyvold and Judy Kirchoff. **Please bring your raffle items into the church office the morning of October 15th.**

This year's raffle items are listed below:

- Butternut Blanket Chest – handcrafted by Jeff Olson
- Cribbage Board – handcrafted by Jack Schubert
- Scandinavian Wood Tine Box – handcrafted by Jeff Olson
- Handmade Quilt (70" W x 62" L) – handmade by Betsy Santi
- Handmade Mittens and Scarf – donated by Kim Gibson
- Original Water Color Painting by Audrey Wittnebel

Marsha Larson (218-546-6065), Nancy Nyvold (612-804-4917) and Judy Kirchoff (218-820-2802) are the team captains for the bazaar raffle. They will need additional help with ticket sales. Please do not hesitate to let them know you can help.

SOME REMINDERS:

- Artists and Crafters-November 14th is just around the corner.
- Bakers and Canners-We hope you are canning what you will be donating!
- Bags: Please start saving shopping bags with handles for the bazaar.
- **For Purchase Reimbursement:** Expense Reimbursement Forms will be on the back counter top in the church office. Please give the form and receipt to Nancy Evans.

Everyone, your creative talents and gifts are a blessing to the community! Lets make this Bazaar a great community success!

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to phone Carol Pundt (218-678-3256/land line) or Patty Kahnert (612-385-2917/cell).



OCTOBER LECTIONARY TEXTS

Oct 4	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalms 80:7-15	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Oct 11	Isaiah 25:1-9	Psalms 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Oct 18	Isaiah 45:1-7	Psalms 96:1-13	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Oct 25	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalms 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36



Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the September Meal with a Mission benefitting the Cuyuna Range Food Shelf. We raised a “whopping” \$1660! AWESOME! Thank you for your continued support of the Cuyuna Range Food Shelf!

Pat Neros



Given by Shelly Beseman for Immanuel Forward in memory of Peggy Beseman

Given by Dan & Delores Beseman for Youth Ministry in memory of Peggy Beseman

Evening Bible Study Opportunity!

Kim Gibson will be leading a Bible study on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the fireside room. The study topic is Genesis. There is a sign-up sheet on the high table in the fellowship hall, or contact Kim directly at 218-821-8747.



GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET REPORT

	<u>AUGUST 26</u>	<u>AUGUST 25</u>	<u>YTD 2026</u>	<u>YTD 2025</u>
BUDGET	34,858	35,848	278,864	286,784
GENERAL FUND GIVING	27,728	24,594	235,362	245,194
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE	27,352	23,007	238,518	253,715
NET INCOME	375	1,587	-3,156	-8,521

Major Capital Improvement Fund



August 1, 2026	Balance:	\$20,084.48
	Deposits:	\$409.55
	Reserve:	\$250.00
	Withdrawals:	\$0.00
August 31, 2026	Ending Balance:	\$20,744.03

Immanuel Forward Mortgage

08/01/2026	Balance:	\$70,505.25
	Monthly Payment (\$722.16)	289.21 – Principal
	Principal Payments:	\$10,508.17
08/31/2026	Ending Balance:	\$59,707.87



*****Memorial/Honorarium Donations please consider these Ministries:*****

TRANSITION FUND MAJOR CAPITAL FUND IMMANUEL FORWARD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING.

A Prayer for the Month of October

Heavenly Father:

Thank You for carrying me through the past months and bringing me safely to the start of October. You have been my shelter in every storm and my strength in every weakness.

I place every single day of this new month into Your hands. Direct my steps, align my choices with Your will, and grant me the wisdom to use my time wisely.

Calm any anxiety in my mind and quiet any fear in my heart. Let Your supernatural peace rule over my thoughts, my emotions, and my home.

Bless the work of my hands. Provide for my needs, open new doors of opportunity, and turn any obstacles into stepping stones.

Surround my family with Your protection. Keep us unified in love, fill our home with laughter, and guard our health.

Ignite a fresh hunger for Your word and a deeper joy in my walk with You. Let this month be a season of breakthrough, growth, and quiet reflection on Your faithfulness.

Thank You for going ahead of me and making a way.

May the month of October bring you deep peace, renewed strength, and a rich harvest of God's goodness.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Paula Traylor
Prayer Team Leader

Malawi



The above pictures are from the project in Kanyenyeva thanking us for the provisions to the children and volunteers. Whatever we give is appreciated so much!

MOCP has a new campaign called *Fill the Suitcase with Book Lights*. The students that come to the project live in huts with no electricity. As a charity, we can purchase the lamps at half price (\$12 each). The literature indicates that 100 lamps can be packed into a large suitcase while staying within the 50 lb. limit. The company also claims that a letter describing them as humanitarian aid will typically allow the suitcase to travel without charge and be accepted as standard luggage (even though they all have small lithium batteries).

Envelopes for donations and a sample Luke light are on the Malawi shelf outside the sanctuary doors. See the website Unite to Light if you would like details on the lamps. unitetolight.org

The project has 3 new students that qualify for higher education. We are so excited that one of the 3 is a young woman.



Who knew when we helped finance a well that God would make it so much bigger!!

Legacy Coalition Grandparenting Summit Notes:

Saturday, September 19, Heritage Church in Baxter hosted a remote broadcast of a national Legacy Coalition Grandparenting Summit held in Frisco, Texas, where thousands of people were introduced to a number of keynote speakers focusing on youth, grandchildren and family ministry through the message of encouraging grandparents to pass on a legacy of leading children to Jesus.

Six of us from Immanuel attended to glean not only what we might be able to do for our own grandchildren, but how we might help mentor and lead future generations in the community and Immanuel in our mission forward.

We learned to see this life in the perspective of eternity. We should be living our short lives not for the now, but to live and pray and work with others to place our goal on eternal life with God. Grandparenting influence is to share our faith so we can live in eternity with our grandchildren and the children we mentor.

Takeaways:

- God has given us the job of being a servant to assist children in teaching what is true, training them how to live righteously.
- Parents are the primary influence on the faith of children. Grandparenting ministry is a God-given assignment and challenge we should accept and embrace.
- Your walk and your words are being watched, and you are a mentor. Your words empower their identity. Your words and actions matter.
- Parents exert far and away the greatest influence on children, but what if the home is broken? Can we, as Immanuel help to fulfill that need?
- The church family is the surrogate family to children.
- According to Dr. Josh Mulvihill, a study showed our most productive years are 60 to 70! This fits our church average age. The second most productive years are 70 to 80 and the third most productive are 50 to 60. He said that age does not inhibit fruit bearing that grandparenting is a ministry. We are disciples of Christ to pass on the faith. Faith forms in childhood.
 - 2 Timothy 1:5 Paul says to Timothy: *I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.*
- In today's world, we have an obligation to show Hope, Stability, and a refreshing modeling of our hope in Jesus Christ. We need to nurture and disciple the next generation, giving hope and stability vs. talking about the struggles and nature of the world today. Our message is about the eternal promise we have to live "Eternally, forever with God."

A key takeaway is we now have youth, whether it be few or many, that will need us to teach the confirmation classes and mentor youth after the October students are confirmed. We're thankful for those that have offered to help beginning in November. And, we have faith that we will see many more mentors reaching out to Nancy Heise, who will coordinate our needs.

Wade and Vicki Burlet, Nancy Heise, Char Kinzer, Kim Waffensmith and Terri Wisniak

October Youth Update

We are in the process of revising Confirmation at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Following a meeting with several parents of our 8th graders, I learned that they prefer in person confirmation on Wednesdays to an online program. Last year we alternated confirmation and youth group on Wednesdays which caused some confusion for families. The Luther House of Study program is currently set up as 2 years of study, one being 25 lessons on the Bible, and the second year is 25 lessons on the small catechism. Last year we completed the 9 lessons on the 10 commandments (9-10 are taught together), and 3 lessons on the Lord's Prayer. These lessons alternated with Youth Alpha on youth group nights.

This year I have planned the 4 lessons on the sacraments of Baptism and Communion to be lead by Meredith Bloedel and Paula Traylor between September 16 and October 7. Thank you for stepping up and leading these lessons. It is important for the students to understand that in Affirming their Baptism through Confirmation, that are taking on the promises made for them at Baptism to grown in the Word and be active adult members of God's family here at Immanuel.

The remainder of this year in confirmation will be focused on bible study; I have chosen 16 of the 25 lessons for the remainder of this year starting with lesson 1 The Bible- what to look for and expect on November 4th. Nancy Evans has volunteered to lead November 4th and 11th. I have tried to schedule around early out days, and school breaks to improve attendance.

How can you help? Volunteer to lead a week or 2! I will coordinate meals and communication however cannot commit to teaching every week this year. The lessons are approximately 45 min long and can be reviewed on the Luther House of Study website. Students arrive between 5 and 530, have a meal at 530 taking turns to say a mealtime prayer. 615-630 is an ice breaker activity and the lesson time is 630-730 ending in sharing of highs and lows and the Lord's Prayer.

I need someone or team to Lead November 18th, and the first 3 Wed in December, then we will break until January 6. If we can get a group of mentors to lead these lessons, we show our youth that they are valued as a part of our congregation. We will always have at least 2 adults present each evening.

Please contact me with any questions.

Nancy Heise
218-838-7004

Fall is a Wonderful Time for Immanuel



Life at Immanuel is ‘Buzzing’!

If you need the Fireside Room for a meeting, you’ll need to get on the calendar, because it’s busy. Bible Studies are back in full swing and a new evening group is being organized. Nearly a dozen small group listening sessions, hosted by the Transition Steering Team, are helping us form a vision and path forward so we're better equipped to discern the kind of pastoral leadership God is preparing us for. The transition team is to be commended for their unwavering dedication to this task.

Ten confirmation students are back, with six of them finalizing their lessons for this year’s October 25 confirmation. It was a joy to see them come together using our newly purchased ballfield to run off energy after enjoying Wednesday suppers made by Chef Liz Mattson. Thanks, Liz!

We are in the much-needed process of updating our membership roster, so we have a truer picture of active voting members before anticipated important future congregation meetings.

Pastor Ian is starting another adult Sunday School class on October 18.

Reverend Pam Thorson, our NALC Minnkota Mission District Dean, has offered to come and meet with us. She makes it a practice to visit as many churches in the district as possible. She will provide the sermon on October 11 and will meet with Council at a retreat that day to share what NALC has to offer. The retreat will help the Council get our arms around next steps in preparing for the call process. Pastor Pam is dual-affiliated, as Immanuel is, with LCMC and NALC, so she is knowledgeable with both.

The Fall Potluck was a great success, thanks to everyone! It feels good to gather and eat a meal together. Thank you everyone! So often, I think of things and activities that need to happen and worry, overly so: How the heck are we going to pull that off? And then, I am constantly reminded and almost scolded by God to STOP that!

We are Immanuel – “God with us”.

I welcome your thoughts, always. — Char

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2026 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES

X Meredith Bloedel	X Debbie Lindahl
X Wade Bulet	X Brian Marquart
X George Erickson	Mary Ellen Perry
X Pastor Ian Hewitson	X David Pundt
X Char Kinzer	Paula Traylor

OPENING PRAYER: Pastor Ian led us in opening prayer.

CALL TO ORDER: President Char Kinzer called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Addition(s) to Agenda/Agenda Acceptance: Add New Business #2 Council Retreat.

Brian Marquart moved the agenda be approved as amended; George Erickson seconded his motion, and it was approved by voice vote

JOYS OF IMMANUEL: Seven confirmands are finishing up and meeting tomorrow night with Meredith Bloedel leading the lessons, Paula Traylor helping; We've had a few new confirmation lesson leader volunteers step up; Baptism next Sunday; the membership transfer of the Soderholm family.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Discussion/Acceptance: Brian Marquart moved that the \$1,000 fee for the Crisis Line be returned to the Benevolence Fund. Meredith Bloedel seconded his motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

George Erickson moved the Financial Report be accepted. Brian Marquart seconded his motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and Investment:

Website Committee: Pastor Ian shared a report by Deb Eatros, chair of the committee. He presented a report of the committee's activity to include posting the Pastor's Page from our newsletter and link to Crosby Happenings. Deb and Jeremy will go through all pages and remove those no longer relevant.

Buildings and Grounds:

1. **Security Camera Proposal:** Brian Marquart moved that we accept Jeremy Grabian's bid for security cameras for three doors for exterior cameras only at this time for \$4,425. Debbie Lindahl seconded his motion, and it was approved by voice vote. Purchase will come from the Major Capital Fidelity money market account, and the use of a matured Fidelity CD if necessary.

2. **Consider Parking Lot resurface:** Wade Burlet moved that we accept a bid from Jet-Black to repair, sealcoat and stripe the parking lot for \$9,999.97. The fee will come from the Major Capital Fidelity money market account. A mature Fidelity CD can be used if necessary. Debbie Lindahl seconded his motion, and it passed by voice vote.

Transition Steering Team: Nancy Evans presented a report from the Team. She said the small group presentations were going well. Most attendees were eager to take the next step towards getting our next permanent minister. She also suggested we change the constitution to read that an odd number of members serve on the Call Committee. The Constitution now reads that the Committee shall have six members. Nancy said the small group presentations should be done by the end of September.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Ian moved we welcome the Lueck family into Immanuel Lutheran Church membership by profession of faith and baptism, and the Soderholm family by transmittal letter. Brian Marquart seconded his motion, and it passed by voice vote.

Pastor Ian encouraged attendance at the Legacy Coalition Grandparenting Summit to be held at the Heritage Church in Baxter on September 19, 2026 from 8:30 am to 4 pm. The Executive Board of the Council passed a motion to pay for those attending. The motion of the Executive Board was approved at an earlier meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Updating Membership Rolls:** Char Kinzer reported that a membership committee had taken a lot of time to review our membership rolls and created letters, series of personal letters and a plan for personal phone calls to contact members who have not been active for a while. This work is necessary as we prepare our profile and update our membership numbers to present a true picture of active and inactive members before calling a new pastor. Char will send copies of the letters via email to council for their information. Letters will be sent soon.
2. **Confirmation/Youth Update:** Meredith Bloedel said there were seven confirmands scheduled to attend the first teaching session Wednesday night, September 16. Liz Mattson has agreed to cook supper.
3. **Committee Identification and Modifications:** Mary Ellen Perry has completed the committee review. Char Kinzer suggested it be presented at the upcoming Council Retreat for implementation in the Continuing Resolutions Document which identifies structures of committees.
4. **Church Security Policy:** A report is in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Praise and Pie Service:** Tabled
2. **Christmas Eve Service time change:** The 8 pm service has been canceled.
3. **Council Retreat:** Char Kinzer proposed a council retreat to get the Council behind determining next steps moving forward with the transition process. She reported that Reverend Pam Thorson, our NALC District Dean, has offered to preach and greet our congregation and meet with council for a retreat. Char will work with her to find an upcoming date. The retreat will focus on next steps

in the transition process, NALC's potential role in helping us with next steps in our search for a new minister and setting timelines. A target of October 11 is being researched with Pastor Thorson for the retreat.

4. COMMUNION ASSIGNMENTS FOR NOVEMBER:

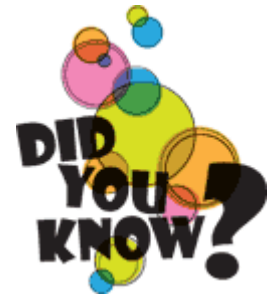
November 1: Meredith Bloedel; November 8: Paula Traylor; November 15: Char Kinzer; November 22: George Erickson; November 29: Brian Marquart

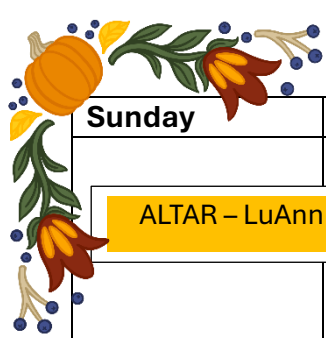
THE LORD'S PRAYER: Council closed with the Lord's Prayer

ADJOURNMENT: Wade Burlet moved that we adjourn at 7:32 pm. His motion was seconded by George Erickson.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING October 20, 2026

- We use recorded organ music during Worship occasionally because we need to fill in the gaps not covered by our musicians, Judi Burson and the Churchyard Band. We have made many attempts to find additional musicians with no success. If you know of someone who could be contacted, please call the church office.
- God loves a cheerful giver—but He also accepts from a grouch.
- Six people from our congregation attended the Legacy Coalition Summit for Grandparents at Heritage Church in Baxter on Sept 19.
- The “What’s Happening” email that is usually sent out of the ILC office will now be sent on Thursdays.
- God doesn’t call the qualified—He qualifies the called.
- Pastor Ian will be attending the LCMC Gathering in West Des Moines October 4-7.
- We are thankful for a wonderful Potluck held on September 20!
- Six new members were received on Sunday, Sept 20: *Chuck & Shirley Soderholm and Peter & Sarah Lueck and their children Sutton and Case.*
- Worry is like a rocking chair—it keeps you busy but gets you nowhere.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ALTAR – LuAnn Henrichs		SRT Team #1 Elaine Karel & Vi Klungness		1 7am Men's Den 6pm Churchyard Practice	2 	3
4 9:30am Worship 10:30am Meal with a Mission for Cuyuna Range Youth Center	5 4pm TOPS <i>Lawn Care Wade Burlet</i>	6 9am Staff Meeting 9am Quilting 12pm Renewal 3:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Transition Comm Mtg	7 8am Bible Study 10am Bible Study 5-7:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Bible Study	8 7am Men's Den Committee Mtg 6pm Churchyard Practice	9	10 All Day TOPS Event at ILC
11 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship	12 4pm TOPS <i>Lawn Care Mark Carlson</i>	13 9am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Ruth Circle 3:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Transition Comm Mtg	14 8am Bible Study 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Bible Study	15 7am Men's Den 8:30pm Building & Grounds 9:30am Finance Meeting	16	17
18 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:45am Adult Class 	19 4pm TOPS <i>Lawn Care Dennis Henrichs</i>	20 9am Staff Meeting 9am Quilting 12pm Renewal 1:30pm Tabitha Study 3:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Council Mtg 6:30pm Transition Comm Mtg	21 8am Bible Study 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Bible Study 	22 7am Men's Den 6pm Churchyard Practice	23 CHURCH CARPET CLEANING	24 12pm—4pm Private Event
25 9:30am Worship & Confirmation 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:45am Adult Class	26 4pm TOPS	27 9am Staff Meeting 3:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Transition Comm Mtg	28 8am Bible Study 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Bible Study	29 7am Men's Den 6pm Churchyard Practice	30	31

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