

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Messenger

Strum, Wisconsin

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Immanuel's Women of the ELCA



Happy 4th of July!
It's time for family, fun and fireworks.
Let the Celebration begin!



Chanhassen update: Our date is Wednesday, September 24th to see Grease (Note: fourth Wednesday). Grease is back! Greased back hair and leather jackets, ponytails and poodle skirts, fast cars and rock 'n' roll. Experience the nostalgia of high school in the 50's: peer pressure, love, and teenage life set against the campy backdrop of Rydell High. Discover the drama, comedy, and pop-culture that made Grease one of the most popular productions of all time! Don't forget the music with songs like "Summer Nights," "We Go Together," "Greased Lightning" and "Beauty School Dropout," plus many more. **Check your schedules and sign up now or call Karen Franson at 715-695-3553. Cost is \$110.** Arrive at Chanhassen at 10:30; we will be skipping Bachmans this year. We will be arriving early at Chanhassen. They no longer do backstage tours, but they do have a couple of shops and a pub to explore. Seating starts at 11:00 am. Pick up times are Osseo Evangelical Lutheran at 7:25 am; Strum Immanuel at 7:50 am; Eleva 4-corners at 8:00 am; Eau Claire Immanuel at 8:25 am. Return times: Eau Claire at 5:25 pm; Eleva at 5:50 pm; Strum at 6:00 pm, and Osseo at 6:22 pm.

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I am hopeful that the last part of the above verse from the gospel author Luke is so at your home because I hope to be the one knocking at your door this summer. It has long been a goal of mine to spend far less time in the pastor's study and more time in company of God's people.

Don't get me wrong, the pastor's study is a wonderful setting in which to read, reflect upon, and ready oneself for sharing the story of God's love for His people. However, not many of God's people live their lives within the confines of any pastor's study and it is far too easy to let the experience of faith become too much of an academic exercise.

It is no secret that I enjoy being with people, something that has been heavily curtailed of late. We have a number of folks whose connection to Immanuel has been less personal than what it once was. It's time to reunite members of Immanuel in a more personal way.

With this goal in mind I offer you fair warning...I'm headed your way. But don't worry, I won't arrive unannounced and I do not intend to violate anyone's desire to keep their home as their sanctuary. My plan is to call ahead to see if you would indeed answer the door if I came a knockin'.

I hope to see you soon.
Pastor Terry Lorenz



Rev. Terry Lorenz, Pastor - Immanuel Lutheran Church
715-533-8121 - July 2025

UPGRADING OUR MUSICAL WORSHIP LEGACY

Over 60 years old, the organ console is in dire need of a major overhaul. Levsen Organ Company submitted a bid to rebuild it and also add a record/play feature.

With a bid just under \$91,000, the congregation voted to have the console rebuilt. Scheduled to start after Easter 2026, we have one year to raise the money.

This requires an aggressive commitment from the congregation. Please prayerfully consider how the pipe organ enhances worship and consider a donation to the Organ Refurbishment Fund. Immanuel is also equipped to accept IRA distributions and corporate stocks and securities; contact Tom Wagener or Karin Back for more information.



Goal (Easter 2026): \$90,867

Amount Raised: \$26,157.51 (28.8%)

Amount Remaining: \$64,709.49

To keep an eye on how we are progressing toward our goal, check the Organ Fund meter in the main entrance of the church created by Kent and Karen Nelson.

WELCA CONTINUED

The WELCA Bible Study will meet Wednesday, July 9th at 1:30 pm for those who would like to continue our journey together. We usually don't have business meetings during June or July. In the case where one is needed, we will call for a special meeting and then continue with our Bible study: The Women of Faith Series, Discovering God's Will for Your Life, Chapter 7 "Praying for God's Will." Our business meetings will resume on August 6th. We have several items to discuss including the Apple Pie Project.

The Pleasantville Women's Club is going on a Mystery Trip on August 14th, 2025 and would like to invite the Strum ladies to go along again this year. More information to follow. Pick ups will be at the townhall in Pleasantville and Osseo Lutheran Church. Call Karen Franson at 715-695-3553 or Jean Herman at 715-695-3347 if interested.

The next Triennial Gathering is in Des Moines, IA, July 16-19th, 2026

16TH ANNUAL DAYLILY DIG FOR MALAWI

The 16th Annual Daylily Dig for Malawi, Africa will be held on two weekends, July 18-19th and August 1-2nd from 9 am until 1 pm all four days. You select, we dig. Donations all go to support our Malawi companions. Questions? Email daylilydig@gmail.com

Sundance Hill Farm
5207 70th St
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729



STRUM AREA FOOD PANTRY



Strum
Food Pantry

Saturday, June 7: 9 AM - 11 AM
Wednesday, June 18: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

PHYLLIS SEMINGSON**Organ Refurbishment**

Jim & Barb Nicolet
 Robert & Jill Olson
 Dale & Charlene Olsen
 Darlene Pederson
 JD & RK Stokes
 Phyllis Olson
 Dan & Barb Adams
 Paul & Mary Gullicksrud
 George & Lois Johnson
 Tom & Gloria Wagener
 Robert & Lori Olson
 Gary Hanson
 Dave & Colleen Berge
 Jim & Judy Foss

EDNA LOPEZ**Organ Refurbishment**

Judy Clark
 Dave & Colleen Berge

RONALD GULLICKSRUD**Organ Refurbishment**

Ruth Gullicksrud

LAVERNE GULLICKSRUD**Organ Refurbishment**

Ruth Gullicksrud

DOUG HILLESTAD**Organ Refurbishment**

Jim & Kris Husby

LECTORS NEEDED

We are searching for folks who would be willing to serve as lectors through the summer months when our confirmation students are not in class. Generally speaking, your duties would be to lead the responsive reading of the psalm near the beginning of the service and then, later in the service, read the Old Testament lesson. Michelle has put together a binder with all the summer readings we'll be using. Readings can also be sent to you early in the week. If you can help by serving as a lector, please sign up for Sundays in the narthex or contact the church office. Thank you for your consideration.

Pastor Terry

SUPER SUMMER SOUNDS

Sign up to provide a special musical offering during worship! Seeking musicians, instrumental or vocal, to provide special music for the months of June, July and August. Please call the office at 715-695-3511 or Jeanette at 715-308-4069.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

A WARM
 WELCOME TO
 THE NEWEST
 MEMBERS OF
 IMMANUEL
 LUTHERAN
 CHURCH:

Garen, Stephanie, and Addilyn Monson
 Keenan, Kayley, and Spencer Kelly
 Adriana Castorena
 Justin, Jillian, and Sadie Knutson
 Andrick Gonzales
 Marston and Sonny Hageness
 Dominic Scheel
 Cohen Nysven

Thanks be to God for all members of the Body of Christ here in this place!

Weekly Contributions & Expenses - General Fund

	May 1-3	May 4-10	May 11-17	May 18-24	May 25-31	Total
Contributions	0.00	4,110.39	2,619.02	5,881.07	2,271.24	14,881.72
Expenses	0.00	295.02	3,977.38	724.00	6,886.97	11,883.37
Net Contributions	0.00	3,815.37	(1,358.36)	5,157.07	(4,615.73)	2,998.35

General Fund Profit & Loss

May 2025

Contributions	14,881.72
Expenses	
Building	0.00
General Operating	11.60
Ministry	109.99
Office	224.81
Pastoral	6,216.86
Support Personnel	4,189.68
Utilities	1,130.43
Total Expenses	<u>11,883.37</u>
Net Contributions	2,998.35

ORDINATION OF JOHN BAYNTON

By the grace of God and the call of the church, **John Baynton** will be ordained to word and service in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church on **August 16th at 2pm at Wartburg Theological Seminary, 333 Wartburg Pl. Dubuque, IA.** The color of the day is red. Clergy are invited to vest in Red or Rainbow.

Members of Immanuel, John's home congregation, are welcome to attend if possible. Prayers are always welcome and appreciated.

Council Designated Funds

Parsonage Fund

Beginning Balance, Apr 1	\$26,899.57
Receipts	550.00
Disbursements	<u>(82.99)</u>
Ending Balance, Apr 30	\$27,366.58

Parsonage-Escrow

Beginning Balance, May 1	\$4,387.83
Receipts	250.00
Disbursements	<u>(0.00)</u>
Ending Balance, May 31	\$4,637.83

Housing Allowance Funds

Beginning Balance, May 1	\$55.19
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	<u>(0.00)</u>
Ending Balance, May 31	\$55.19

Money Market Account Interest

May 31, 2025	\$311.94
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Donor Designated Funds

Building Fund

Beginning Balance, May 1	\$6,083.90
Receipts	53.00
Disbursements	<u>(485.31)</u>
Ending Balance, May 31	\$5,651.59

Building Fund (Roof) CD

Ending Balance, May 31	\$84,524.42
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Local Missions

Beginning Balance, May 1	\$346.92
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	<u>(0.00)</u>
Ending Balance, May 31	\$346.92

Music Fund

Beginning Balance, May 1	\$2,408.92
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	<u>(5.99)</u>
Ending Balance, May 31	\$2,402.93

Organ Refurbishment Fund

Beginning Balance, May 1	\$7,099.61
Receipts	269.50
Disbursements	<u>(0.00)</u>
Ending Balance, May 31	\$7,369.11

Social Concerns

Beginning Balance, May 1	\$1,102.07
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	<u>(0.00)</u>
Ending Balance, May 31	\$1,102.07

Strum Area Food Pantry







Beginning Balance, May 1	\$8,810.25
Receipts	250.00
Disbursements	<u>(0.00)</u>
Ending Balance, May 31	\$9,060.25

Sunday School

Beginning Balance, May 1	\$1,095.32
Receipts	3.73
Disbursements	<u>(0.00)</u>
Ending Balance, May 31	\$1,099.05

Youth Fund

Beginning Balance, May 1	\$10,124.73
Receipts	10.00
Disbursements	<u>(0.00)</u>
Ending Balance, May 31	\$10,134.73

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		11:30 AM Senior Meals		11:30 AM Senior Meals Office Closed	Happy 4th of July 	9 AM - 11 AM  Strum Food Pantry
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:30 AM Community Worship Service at Pleasantville Ballpark	Pastor's Day Off	11:30 AM Senior Meals	1:30 PM WELCA Bible Study 	11:30 AM Senior Meals		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30 AM Worship/ Communion 9:30 AM Coffee Hour	Pastor's Day Off	11:30 AM Senior Meals	4:30-6:30 PM  Strum Food Pantry	11:30 AM Senior Meals		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30 AM Worship/Baptism 9:30 AM Coffee Hour	Pastor's Day Off	11:30 AM Senior Meals		11:30 AM Senior Meals		
27	28	29	30	31		
8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Hour	Pastor's Day Off	11:30 AM Senior Meals		11:30 AM Senior Meals		

Strum Senior Dining at Immanuel Lutheran Church**Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 AM; Catered by Sweet Temptations.**

Reservations are required by 9 AM the Monday prior by calling 715-695-3511.

The **suggested donation is \$5.00 per meal**, which is given at the meal site.

The Senior Dining program relies on contributions from our customers so that we can serve more meals. You're welcome but not obligated to contribute.

July 2025**July 1 & 3**

Tuesday: Brats, Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, Watermelon, Chips, Dessert

Thursday: Veggie Soup, Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap, Fruit, Dessert

July 8 & 10

Tuesday: Chicken Sandwich, Broccoli Salad, Dessert

Thursday: Scalloped Potatoes, Ham, Veggies, Dessert

July 15 & 17

Tuesday: Baked Cod, Rice, Roasted Veggies, Dessert

Thursday: BBQ on a Bun, Pasta Salad, Peaches, Dessert

July 22 & 24

Tuesday: Ham Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Dessert

Thursday: Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Veggies, Dessert

July 29 & 31

Tuesday: Chicken Salad Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Dessert

Thursday: Tater Tot Hotdish, Fruit, Dessert

Now introducing a salad option! When making your reservation you can now request the "hot" lunch item or a salad option. Please note the salad option will not come with the sides listed with the main option, only the dessert!

July's Salad Option is **Chef Salad**

Ham, Turkey, Swiss Cheese, Shredded Cheddar, Sliced
Parmesan, Tomato, Onion, Egg and Choice of Dressing

Tuesday, July 9th at 12:30 pm: **Senior Medicare Patrol Training**– Interactive presentation to uncover ways to prevent fraud and abuse. Participants will learn about current scams and how to safeguard sensitive information. Following the Senior Meal.

*Menu items are subject to change due to item availability and unexpected shortages or shipment delays.



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God's work. Our hands.

This is Christ's Church.

There is a place for you here.

We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person — questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Monday: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Church Council

Kris Husby, President

Bob Schlink, Vice-president

Gloria Wagener, Treasurer

John Eide, Secretary

Dean Anderson, Member-at-large

Tyler Back, Member-at-large

Need Offering Envelopes?

Please contact Michelle
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