

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Messenger

Strum, Wisconsin

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Immanuel's Women of the ELCA



*****NOTE DATE CHANGE***** Due to a conflict with Western Dairyland's RSVP Volunteer Recognition event being held on September 3, with registration starting at 11 am, which involves several members of our WELCA; our date has changed to Thursday, September 4th at 1:30 pm for our business meeting. A check for \$4,500 was given last month to the Organ Fund. Our Bible Study will follow for those who would like to continue our journey together. We are on Lesson 9: "God Wants Holiness."

Chanhassen update: **OUR BUS IS FULL, payment is due now! I will have a back up list for cancellations.**** 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. **Call Karen Franson with questions 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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Yehiel Curry Elected ELCA Presiding Bishop

Yehiel Curry, recently elected as the fifth presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the first of African descent, emphasizes the importance of not only naming but embodying the church's vision. He believes leadership should involve shared responsibility and participation, particularly through equipping and supporting lay leaders as congregational structures shift.



Curry's journey into ministry was shaped by his background in social work, teaching, and community engagement. Drawn into the church through Shekinah Chapel and its mentoring program, he discerned a call to ministry despite initial hesitation. He became a mission developer, completed theological education, and eventually served as pastor of Shekinah before being elected bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod in 2019 and chair of the Conference of Bishops in 2024.

Reflecting on his path, Curry credits the church's support for nurturing his call and hopes his presence in leadership inspires others to see themselves represented. He describes himself as a "return on investment," highlighting how church resources and encouragement helped shape his ministry and leadership.

WELCA CONTINUED

The Apple Pie Project is coming soon - September 29 (make boxes); September 30 and October 1 (make pies). Please mark the dates on your calendars as we will need peelers, crimpers, rollers, slicers, and mixers. We also need help to carry the kettles of peeled apples to the slicer in the kitchen and to carry bags of apples to the table for peeling. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated - whether they can stay all day or just a few hours. Lunch is provided both days with fresh apple pie for dessert.

The Apple Pie Project is a great fundraiser for our WELCA group which donates money to our congregation's projects as well as ELCA and miscellaneous causes. The cost of the pies this year will be \$12. If you have questions, call Maxine at 715-695-3588.

The Bruce Valley Church Lutefisk-n-Meatball Dinner is scheduled to be held on Sunday, October 12th with dine in or carryout available.

The next Triennial Gathering is in Des Moines, IA, July 16-19th, 2026. The theme for the 2026 Triennial Gathering is "I am Worthy" based on Psalm 139:14: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." This statement serves as a reminder of God's promise to be with us, even in times of devastation and division. By repeating the phrase "I am Worthy" we can recognize the Holy Spirit's ongoing work in our lives. Learn more about the 2026 WELCA Triennial Gathering at the website: <https://welcatg.org>. This website is updated regularly with information about speakers, workshops, hotels, and more! Plus they are looking for sponsors, vendors and exhibitors.



The Program Year Returns

This morning there was more noise outside the church than there has been in a while. The day of this writing coincides with the day that school begins for the students of our district along with many other districts around us. Outside the church there are students

running up and down the sidewalk, calling to one another to give chase if they dare. It's fairly easy to see and hear that, as one of them spots the bus headed their way, there is great excitement in the air. The seasons are changing more noticeably each day and the familiar, more structured routines are resuming their grip on us.

The same holds true for life within our church as the more leisurely pace of summer shifts into the faster pace of our program year. In short, the ministries mentioned below, along with other ministry opportunities outside of our congregation resume their regular schedules. This too is an exciting time of the year within the church.

Weekly Worship Schedule: Continues on Sunday morning with the 8:30 service with Coffee Hour to follow.

Sunday School: We will begin the 2025-26 Sunday School year on Rally Sunday, September 7th with the installation of teachers, blessing of students, a send-off to meet teachers, and an invitation for the whole family to take part in the Pancake breakfast. This year we welcome several new teachers and a new Sunday School director.

Confirmation: Confirmation begins with an orientation for incoming first-year students on Wednesday, September 10 at 6 p.m. Regular classes for all student begin on Wednesday, September 24 at 3:45 in the Fireside Room.

Grief Support: Our monthly grief support sessions will resume on Tuesday, October 14th from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Thereafter we will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Men's & Women's Bible Studies: The men meet weekly on Mondays at 8 am in the chapel. The WELCA meets on the first Wednesday (*first Thursday just for this September*) at 1:30 in the fellowship hall.

Strum Area Food Pantry: The dedicated folks who staff the food pantry do so year-round. Regular hours are the 3rd Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:30 pm and the 1st Saturday from 9 to 11 am. Donations of labor, food and financial support are always welcome.

Other Ministries & Activities Including: Quilting, Hand-bell Choir, Ladies Exercise Group, Local Coffee Fellowship, Senior Choir, and opportunities to serve as an: usher, council member, lector, communion assistant, soloist, help with the Thanksgiving Dinner, etc.

*I thank you for your participation in the life of our church
and your partnership in proclaiming the gospel in the name of Jesus Christ,
Pastor Terry Lorenz*

Immanuel Lutheran Council Meeting
August 14, 2025

Present: Pastor Lorenz, Kris Husby, Bob Schlink, Gloria Wagener, Dean Anderson, Tyler Back and John Eide

Guests: Valerie Lorenz, Tom Wagener

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. Thank you Pastor Terry and Valerie for hosting the council for tonight's meeting.

Reflection and Prayer by Pastor Lorenz.

The May regular minutes were approved via e-mail. (There were no meetings in June or July)

The July Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion was made to approve by Bob Schlink, secondly by Tyler Back. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Ordination of John Baynton this Saturday, August 16th at 2 pm. Pastor Paul and I will be attending. The church has purchased a home communion kit to present to him.

Sunday School teachers, so far Matt Nelson, Amanda Daley and Kate Back have indicated they will teach. Matt N would like to team teach. We also need someone to do music, I have reached out to Sophia, Quinn and Myla.

Confirmation schedule is done. Orientation will be Sep 10 at 6 p.m. Classes begin on September 24. Class at ILC will be from 3:40 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.

Three upcoming baptisms

September 14, 2025 Riley Eberhart

September 27, 2025 Beckett Fales (not at church)

October 19, 2025 Engevold baby

Air conditioning in the sanctuary, it didn't seem to be working today during the funeral. Also, I hear what sounds like the AC unit on the north side of my office kick on frequently and shut right off.

The last Sunday of the month will be with guitar and keyboard accompaniment, September 2025 through April 2026.

Old Business**Building Maintenance**

The new livestream seems to be working well, other than an echo with the sound that has been detected. Will check a couple of things to see if we can get it fixed.

Rafters/Soffets/Louvours are planned to be painted and/or replaced, yet this fall.

The Education wing/Administrative halls will be cleaned/waxed/burnished yet this fall.

Roof Project - nothing new to report.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the floor project in the Sanctuary.

Organ Console Refurbishment (Upgrading our Musical Legacy)

A payment in the amount of \$36,346.80 is now due. Money from the Organ Fund, \$9,182.11; a donation of \$4500 from WELCA and money from an estate gift will be used to make this payment was made on a motion by Dean Anderson, second by Bob Schlink, motion carried.

New Business

Sunday School planning is underway. As mentioned in the Pastor's Report, we do have some teachers, but continue to look for more, including substitutes. Rally Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, September 7th with a Pancake Breakfast.

Discussion on church office hours beginning in September. Michelle has requested to change her hours from 4 hours on Sunday to 2 hours Sunday. The council agreed to go ahead with this change. Office hours beginning in September are as follows:

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - Closed

Saturday - Closed

A new website and email address for the church have been created. Information will be provided in upcoming newsletters and bulletins. If the old website or email address are used, they will be redirected to the new website/email address. Pastor Terry's email remains the same.

Last year's ushers will be contacted to see if they want to serve again this year. Should anyone want to serve as an usher or in any other capacity in the church, please let us know.

Discussion on CBELC and estate money recently received. CBELC money will be put in the money market and estate money will be used towards the Organ Fund and the balance put into the Building Fund.

The next Joint Parish meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel.

The September Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned following the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Eide
Secretary

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: \$57,486.20 (63.3%)
Amount Remaining: \$33,380.80

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.

STRUM AREA FOOD PANTRY



Saturday, September 6: 9 AM - 11 AM
 Wednesday, September 17: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

General Fund	Total	Annual Budget Avg/Mo	Over/(Under) Monthly Budget	Annual Budget	Budget Remaining
Contributions	5,316.00	10,416.67	(5,100.67)	125,000.00	60,242.32
Electronic Contributions	3,239.35	2,508.33	731.02	30,100.00	11,617.01
Memorials & Other	572.76	1,550.00	(977.24)	18,600.00	12,276.76
Total Contributions	9,128.11	14,475.00	(5,346.89)	173,700.00	84,136.09
Building & Property	59.00	1,250.00	(1,191.00)	15,000.00	8,142.16
General	162.60	75.00	87.60	900.00	255.20
Ministry	1,852.16	500.00	1,352.16	6,000.00	422.08
Office	337.87	283.33	54.54	3,400.00	1,570.04
Pastor	6,546.69	6,340.49	206.20	76,085.92	31,882.09
Payroll	3,602.27	4,757.20	(1,154.93)	57,086.44	27,404.28
Utilities	1,499.86	1,216.67	283.19	14,600.00	6,667.87
Total Expenses	14,060.45	14,422.70	(362.25)	173,072.36	76,343.72
Net Contributions	(4,932.34)				

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
CD-Roof	84,524.42	-	-	84,524.42
Checking Account	22,721.05	11,938.97	21,787.07	12,872.95
Money Market Accounts				
Building	5,513.11	-	6,050.00	(536.89)
General	50,660.55	7,418.15	2,623.00	55,455.70
General - Housing Allowance	55.19	-	-	55.19
Benevolences	2,858.45	-	-	2,858.45
CBELC	-	27,786.84	-	27,786.84
Daughters of the King	4,391.10	-	-	4,391.10
Fellowship	466.75	-	-	466.75
Library	251.60	-	-	251.60
Local Missions	346.92	-	-	346.92
Music	2,402.93	-	416.55	1,986.38
Organ Fund - Refurbishment	7,984.11	1,198.00	-	9,182.11
Parsonage - General	27,577.78	550.00	-	28,127.78
Parsonage - Property Tax	4,887.83	250.00	-	5,137.83
Social Concerns	1,102.07	-	-	1,102.07
Strum Area Food Pantry	9,160.25	620.00	546.44	9,233.81
Sunday School	1,099.05	-	-	1,099.05
Youth - General	7,202.46	5.00	14.97	7,192.49
Youth - Luther Park	1,650.00	-	-	1,650.00
Prepaid Pastoral Expenses	6,822.96	6,307.83	6,243.38	6,887.41
Prepaid Postage	27.01	-	14.60	12.41
Total Assets	241,705.59	56,074.79	37,696.01	260,084.37

**SHIRLEY MYREN****General Fund**

Dale & Sharon Anderson
Kelly Tollefson-Oium

Organ Refurbishment

Dave & Colleen Berge

MARY SALAVA'S SISTER, RUTH**Organ Refurbishment**

Deloris Sather

JIM TOCKO**Organ Refurbishment**

Tom & Gloria Wagener
Dave & Colleen Berge

DAVE BJORKLUND**Organ Refurbishment**

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WALLACE "BUTCH" BACK**General Fund**

Deloris Sather
Hensel & Betty Vold
Dennis & Maxine Ulberg

HARRIET GILBERTSON**Organ Refurbishment**

Dave & Colleen Berge
Tom & Gloria Wagener
Doris Anderson
Jim & Judy Foss
Family & Friends
George & Lois Johnson
Ardell & Wyllis Olson
Paul & Mary Gullicksrud
Craig & Jodie Semingson
Lois Hulberg
David & Diane Thronson
Mr & Mrs Sobolewski
John & Mary Stendahl
Bill & Jennie Stewart



HONORARIUMS

In honor of Dale & Charlene Olsen's 70th Wedding Anniversary from Tom & Gloria Wagener to the Organ Refurbishment Fund.

Thank You...

- To Immanuel's Women of the ELCA for their generous donation to the Organ Refurbishment Fund.
- To the estate of Margaret Hill for her generous bequest to church improvements.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	2	6
	Pastor's Day Off LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	11:30 AM Senior Meals		11:30 AM Senior Meals 1:30 PM WELCA Meeting		9 AM - 11 AM 
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30 AM Rally Sunday Worship 9:30 AM Pancake Breakfast 9:45 AM Sunday School	Pastor's Day Off OFFICE CLOSED	11:30 AM Senior Meals	6:00 PM Confirmation Orientation Meeting	11:30 AM Senior Meals	1 - 4 PM Quilting	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30 AM Worship/Communion/ Baptism/3rd Grade Bibles 9:30 AM Coffee Hour 9:45 AM Sunday School	Pastor's Day Off	11:30 AM Senior Meals	4:30-6:30 PM 	11:30 AM Senior Meals		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Hour 9:45 AM Sunday School	Pastor's Day Off	11:30 AM Senior Meals	3:45 - 4:45 PM Confirmation Class	11:30 AM Senior Meals	1 - 4 PM Quilting	
28	29	30				
8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Hour 9:45 AM Sunday School	Pastor's Day Off 9 AM Apple Pie Project (Box Assembly)	9 AM Apple Pie Project-Pie Making		<i>September</i>		

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.

SEPTEMBER 2025

September 2 & 4

Tuesday: BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Dessert

Thursday: Burgers, 3 Bean Salad, Dessert

September 9 & 11

Tuesday: Ham Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Dessert

Thursday: Southwest Shrimp Salad, Dessert

September 16 & 18

Tuesday: Turkey BLT Wrap, Soup, Chips, Dessert

Thursday: Chicken & Rice Hotdish, Veggies, Dessert

September 23 & 25

Tuesday: Baked Cod, Rice, Veggies, Dessert

Thursday: Reuben Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Chips, Dessert

September 30

Tuesday: Chicken Alfredo, Veggies, 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!

September's Salad Option is **Chicken Poppyseed Salad**

Chicken, Craisins, Walnuts, Feta, Red Onions, Poppyseed Dressing

- Follow us on Facebook! @ADRCofTrempealeauCounty
- Senior Dining menus may be found on our website:
www.co.trempealeau.wi.us/adrc

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



Sunday School

at Immanuel
Lutheran Church in
Strum begins on

Rally Sunday, September 7, 2025

Enrollment for all students, members and non-members, is now open for children entering *Grades 4K through 6th Grade this fall.*

Schedule for Rally Sunday:

- ✦ Installation of Teachers & Blessing of Students – at 8:30 service.
- ✦ Meet your teacher – 9:45 in Sunday School Rooms
- ✦ Followed by a Pancake Breakfast – 9:30-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Please call the church office with any questions 715-695-3511

Students at Immanuel Lutheran will follow a lectionary based curriculum which is in synch with lessons read in worship. Our intention is for them to learn through classroom activities, singing, worship and in sharing their faith in close, personal, and safe relationships with others.



Let the little children
come to me,
and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.

Mark 10 : 14



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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.

<http://www.elca.org/>

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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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