

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Messenger

Strum, Wisconsin

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Immanuel's Women of the ELCA

Our WELCA will meet on **Wednesday, June 3rd** at 1:30 pm for those who can make it. 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, Living Above Worry and Stress, Chapter 6 "Good Ventilation."

Peace Lutheran of Pigeon Falls is having a WELCA Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, June 17th at noon. LOCATION: Our Savior's Lutheran Fellowship Hall; 36197 Main Street; Whitehall, WI. Due to the Sanctuary remodeling at Peace Lutheran, this year's salad luncheon is being held in Whitehall. Their speaker is Pastor Mary Ann Bowman. The program is "Rooted in Grace in The Steps of The Apostle Paul."

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 WELCA has their own storage room now. If you can't find your cake pan or bowl it could be there. Our room is located downstairs in the basement. Go all the way through the hall and go through the double doors; last room on the right.

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Pastor Terry Lorenz

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Worship Time Change
Effective Sunday, June 7,
2026, Worship will begin
at 10:30 AM with Coffee
Hour prior to worship at
9:30 AM until May 31,
2027.

Chanhassen update: Our date is Wednesday, September 16th, we will be seeing The Musical Fable of Broadway: Guys and Dolls. A charming but broke gambler, Nathan Detroit is short on cash for the biggest craps game in town and the authorities are breathing down his neck. Meanwhile, longtime girlfriend and club performer, Miss Adelaide is tiring of their 14-year engagement with no wedding in sight. Nathan looks to fellow high-roller Sky Masterson for cash, and the two concoct a bet for Sky to whisk the strait-laced missionary Sarah Brown off to Havana. Sarah is determined to save the souls of the gamblers, setting in motion a series of events where love and redemption intersect.

Frank Loesser's vibrant musical score makes Guys and Dolls a true crowd-pleaser featuring songs like "Luck Be a Lady", "A Bushel and a Peck", and "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat". Chanhassen Dinner Theatres brings you all the thrills, laughs, and song when you come and experience Guys and Dolls! **Price: \$115. Pick-up times: Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church 8:00 am; Immanuel Strum 8:20 am; Immanuel Eau Claire 8:50 am.**

The Pleasantville Women's Club is going on a Mystery Trip on Thursday, August 13th, 2026 and we would like to invite the Strum ladies to go along again this year. Pick-ups at Pleasantville Townhall 7:15 am and St Peter and Paul's Independence at 7:45 am; cost is \$108. More information to follow. Call Karen Franson at 715-695-3553 or Jean Herman at 715-695-3347 if interested.

THE QUIET POWER OF FAITHFULNESS

The greatest forces in the universe are rarely spectacular. Gentle summer showers often do more lasting good than hurricanes, though they draw little attention. The world depends on the faithfulness, loyalty and dedication of countless people whose names are never known.

Every life, no matter how humble, has a role in shaping a better world and a more beautiful tomorrow. It is easy to overvalue what seems impressive and underestimate what appears ordinary. Yet lasting change is most often built through quiet commitment, patient service and faithful hearts doing what matters most, day after day.

STRUM AREA FOOD PANTRY

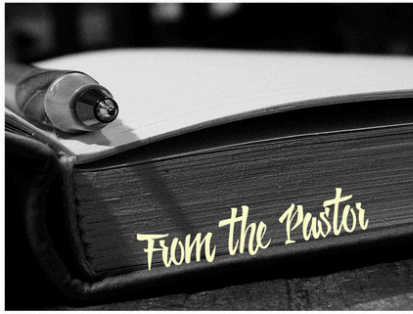
Saturday, June 6: 9 AM - 11 AM
Wednesday, June 17: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."
~Robert Louis Stevenson

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Available opportunities to serve in June: Sunday, June 7, 14, 21 and 28. If you would like to host a coffee hour, but are unsure of what to do, guidelines and suggestions are available in the office. Signup sheets are located on the table in the main entrance by the bulletin board.





Are You Ready To Spend A Little More Time Outside Enjoying The Beauty And Wonder Of God's Creation?

I know that I am! I am a big fan of the wonder and beauty of God's creation. As a young boy I recall my siblings and I spent most of the summer outside. When school let out we all tucked away our school clothes and broke out the more ragged offering of summer attire - cutoff shorts and threadbare hand-me-down shirts. My three brothers and I all got in line for our summer haircut which was something my mother called a "Heini". At first, I was excited to get such a fancy sounding hairstyle but later, after watching the neighbors shear their sheep, I decided that we had received pretty much the same sorta haircut.

I have fond memories of having the run of the farm throughout most of the early summer. When the chores were done we headed for the creek to try to catch chubs with a makeshift net or collect tadpoles by the handful. The chubs we studied carefully and then let them go. The tadpoles we kept in buckets under watchful eye because the transformation into a frog or toad was a source of great wonder. My mother was a big fan of cucumbers and an even bigger fan of having us kids plant, weed, harvest and transport cucumbers to a place in Eleva we called the Pickle Factory (not at all an accurate understanding of what went on there) where an old neighbor named Otto Timm payed us what we considered to be a very large amount of money for cucumbers (again, not all that accurate).

Later in the summer when the temps soared we slept outside under the stars when it was too hot in the upstairs of the old farmhouse. During the day there were berries to pick: first the strawberries, then blackcaps, then blackberries, and eventually the elderberries - all the while wondering when the raspberries would finally stop. I recall eating most of what I picked but that must not have been so with my siblings because we always ended up with an impressive collection of canned jellies and jams to enjoy throughout the winter months.

In hindsight I have come to appreciate the complexity, adventure, mystery, and bountiful offerings of summer and the collective effect those things have had on shaping my early theology. In the absence of attending Sunday School or church I came to know God in the one seed that becomes the source of much food, in the incomprehensible nature of a clear night sky, and in the wonder of new life in the arrival of a newborn. As I recall, I believe God himself liked to spend a little time outside looking around, marveling at the work of His own hands and proclaiming creation to be good and very good.

May you have a blessed and enjoyable summer enjoying God's creation.
Peace and Joy,
Pastor Terry Lorenz

Immanuel Lutheran Council Meeting

April 9th, 2026

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

Special Guests: Tom Wagener, Dan Kantos

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Reflection and Prayer given by Pastor Terry.

March minutes approved via email.

Treasurer's Report

Gloria read the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by John Eide and seconded by Bob Schlink, motion passed.

Pastor's Report

Confirmation update: 4 of the 5 second year students have indicated that they intend on Affirming their Baptism on Sunday, May 3, 2026. One second year student has decided to wait.

ILC should be receiving a check for \$2,500, our half of the \$5,000 donation for youth activities in the parish.

Mission Trip, summer of 2026 - June 21–26 in Duluth, MN

Sophia Larson-Yepez, Quinn Kensmoe, Aubri Rustad, and Myla Segerstrom.

\$100 from each family

\$1276 from fund raising

\$2095 due by May 1*

We'll need \$819 to get all registrations paid, plus \$100 for gas. Bob made a motion to give the group \$1500, a second by Tyler, motion carried

Canoe Trip June 7-10 to Sylvania Wilderness Area, UP of Michigan

- Group of 6 will be going. It will cost approximately \$400 for the whole group. Tyler made a motion to give up to \$750 for the trip, a second by John, motion carried.

We have ordered a second Communion kit, as Ramona has been working with someone who may be interested in helping with home communion. Also, all kits will be brought to the 1st Sunday Service of the month so they can be filled and consecrated on the altar along with communion for those in attendance.

Summer Bulletins are planned to be used again this year. Readings for each Sunday will be in binders for lectors and will publish list of readings in the bulletin.

Old Business

Building Maintenance

- Electrical panel is up to date
- Need electrical cords for serving in the chapel

Sanctuary - Possibly creating a separate funding account

Spring Clean up is planned for April 26th, prior to Confirmation Sunday.

General Maintenance

- No new business

Organ Console Refurbishment / Chancel Area

- Discussion was had on remodeling the sanctuary with Tom & Dan, including moving the choir to north end of Sanctuary. Moving those pews to balcony, angle the organ at a 45-degree angle, so it faces West (a request from Jeannette) and possible moving the grand piano.

Motion was made to adjourn after the Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer was prayed by attendees

Adjourn at 5:55

Respectfully Submitted

John Eide

APRIL GENERAL FUND REPORT

General Fund	Total	Annual Budget Avg/Mo	Over/(Under) Monthly Budget	Annual Budget	Budget Remaining	Budget Remaining Avg/Mo	% of Budget Avg/Mo
Contributions	11,146.00	10,416.67	729.33	125,000.00	88,122.92	11,015.37	107.0%
Electronic Contributions	2,101.28	2,516.67	(415.39)	30,200.00	21,996.06	2,749.51	83.5%
Memorials & Other	628.38	1,133.33	(504.95)	13,600.00	9,372.42	1,171.55	55.4%
Total Contributions	13,875.66	14,066.67	(191.01)	168,800.00	119,491.40	14,936.43	98.6%

	Total	Annual Budget Avg/Mo	Over/(Under) Monthly Budget	Annual Budget	Budget Remaining	Budget Remaining Avg/Mo	% of Budget Avg/Mo
Building & Property	59.00	1,208.33	(1,149.33)	14,500.00	11,186.55	1,398.32	4.9%
General¹	88.00	75.00	13.00	900.00	625.40	78.18	117.3%
Ministry	439.67	500.00	(60.33)	6,000.00	3,189.10	398.64	87.9%
Office	60.00	141.67	(81.67)	1,700.00	1,348.89	168.61	42.4%
Pastor²	6,946.77	6,717.17	229.60	80,606.06	47,009.62	5,876.20	103.4%
Payroll³	4,844.79	4,812.94	31.85	57,755.29	39,524.96	4,940.62	100.7%
Utilities⁴	1,087.29	1,075.00	12.29	12,900.00	8,597.08	1,074.64	101.1%
Other Expenses⁵	353.83						
Total Expenses	13,879.35	14,530.11	(650.76)	174,361.35	111,481.60	13,935.20	95.5%

Net Contributions (3.69)

EXPLANATION OF EXPENSES OVER BUDGET

General - Late fee on credit card \$39.00.

Pastor - Payments to D.F. and M.W. for Pulpit Supply during Lent (Round Robin) \$639.89.

Payroll - Quarterly State Income Tax Withholding payment of \$637.86.

Utilities - Budget pay for Midwest Gas increased by \$258.00 per month.

Other Expenses - Ricoh Finance Agreement payment of \$250.00 and reimbursable expenses of \$103.83.

ADRC SENIOR DINING

Register by 9 AM the day prior to meal service by calling 715-695-3511.

June 2026

Salad Option: Poppy Chicken Salad

(Mixed Greens, Feta, Chicken, Red Onions, Walnuts, Craisins, Poppy Dressing)

Catered by Sweet Temptations
Suggested donation is \$5 per meal.

- Tuesday, June 2:** Chicken & Dumplings, Veggies, Dessert
- Thursday, June 4:** Spaghetti w/Beef & Pork Sauce, Side Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
- Tuesday, June 9:** Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Dessert
- Thursday, June 11:** Chicken Stir Fry, Veggies, Rice, Dessert
- Tuesday, June 16:** Pork, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Veggies, Dessert
- Thursday, June 18:** Burgers, Chips, Pasta Salad, Dessert
- Tuesday, June 23:** Salmon, Veggies, Rice, Dessert
- Thursday, June 25:** Shrimp Tacos, Rice, Dessert
- Tuesday, June 30:** Baked Chicken Breast w/Lemon Cream Sauce, Pasta, Veggies, Dessert

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF APRIL 30, 2026

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance	
CD-Roof	86,561.20	-	-	86,561.20	
Checking Account	30,680.90	17,344.34	31,321.57	16,703.67	
Money Market Accounts	Building	4,165.11	20.00	-	4,185.11
	General	31,348.65	17,823.54	3,900.00	45,272.19
	General - Housing Allowance	55.19	-	-	55.19
	Benevolences	2,863.45	-	-	2,863.45
	CBELC	22,786.84	-	-	22,786.84
	Daughters of the King	4,391.10	-	-	4,391.10
	Fellowship	287.86	-	-	287.86
	Immanuel's Seniors	445.54	-	-	445.54
	Library	251.60	-	-	251.60
	Local Missions	209.79	-	-	209.79
	Music	1,848.72	172.00	3.75	2,016.97
	Organ Fund - Refurbishment	35,103.00	115.00	-	35,218.00
	Parsonage - General	30,225.28	550.00	25.00	30,750.28
	Parsonage - Property Tax	4,525.69	250.00	-	4,775.69
	Sanctuary Improvement Fund	-	50.00	-	50.00
	Social Concerns	1,167.07	-	18.47	1,148.60
	Strum Area Food Pantry	18,634.25	10.00	-	18,644.25
	Sunday School	2,741.29	-	-	2,741.29
	Thanksgiving Dinner	2,500.00	-	-	2,500.00
	Youth - General	7,083.50	2,733.00	2,345.00	7,471.50
Youth - Luther Park	3,190.00	-	-	3,190.00	
Joint Parish Account	5,034.90	6,307.63	6,312.44	5,030.09	
Total Assets	296,100.93	45,375.51	43,926.23	297,550.21	

Equals designated contributions
Equals Designated expenses plus Money Market Interest of \$454.94
All designated, undesignated, and other expenses*
All designated, undesignated, and other revenue less Money Market interest of \$454.94
Immanuel's payment to joint account plus interest earned

*\$15,000 transferred from General Checking to Money Market - General Fund

SUMMER 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 day's 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.



JUDY HAUKENESS

General Fund

- Friends & Family
- Darrell Gunderson
- Sonny & Diane Davidson
- S Weiss
- Deloris Sather
- Larry & Julie Wayne
- Sharon Nelson
- Ronald & Ardyth Brenner
- Dale & Linda Rustad
- Yvonne Williams
- Roderick & Gea Nelson

- Emily Knudtson & Don Weber
- Karin Back
- Craig & Jodie Semingson
- Karl & Carol Galstad
- David & Claudia Sather
- Michael & Amy Bartels

Strum Area Food Pantry

- Tom & Gloria Wagener

Sanctuary Improvement Fund

- Jim & Kris Husby

Music Fund

- Scott & Mary Bjorgo

CRAIG CARLSON

General Fund

- Jim & Judy Foss

REFLECTING THE FATHER'S NAME



Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, “I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father’s life.” For those blessed with a father they admire and respect, such a decision can be deeply shaping. How might it influence the way you set priorities, live with integrity, or serve as a positive example to the young people watching your life?

For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may this be our prayer and intention:

God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strengths and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread your love, kindness and care far and wide, and may others see you in me. Amen.

FROM GRATITUDE TO FAITHFUL PRAISE





Gratitude is the beginning of faith; faith leads us to the ultimate gratitude.

Gratitude is often the first quiet step of faith. Before answers come, before circumstances change, gratitude teaches the heart to notice God’s presence and provision. Scripture reminds us, “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV). Giving thanks, even in uncertain moments, opens our eyes to God’s faithfulness already at work.

As gratitude grows, it naturally leads us into deeper trust. When we remember what God has done, faith finds solid ground. “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1, KJV). Gratitude strengthens that hope by anchoring it in God’s past mercies. Each thankful prayer becomes a reminder that the same God who carried us before will carry us again.

Faith, in turn, leads us to ultimate gratitude, not just for blessings received, but for God himself. “Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift” (2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV). This gratitude reaches beyond circumstances and rests in Christ, the greatest gift of all. When gratitude begins our journey and faith guides our steps, our hearts learn lasting praise, thankful not only for what God gives, but for who he is.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Pastor's Day Off	11:30 AM Senior Meals	1:30 PM WELCA	11:30 AM Senior Meals	Office Closed	9 AM - 11 AM 
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Worship/Communion	Pastor's Day Off	11:30 AM Senior Meals		11:30 AM Senior Meals	Office Closed	
	*** CANOE TRIP JUNE 7-10 ***					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Worship/Communion Office Closed (Funeral)	Pastor's Day Off	11:30 AM Senior Meals	4:30-6:30 PM Food Pantry 	11:30 AM Senior Meals	Office Closed	Newsletter Deadline
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Worship	Pastor's Day Off	11:30 AM Senior Meals		11:30 AM Senior Meals	Office Closed	
Father's Day	*** MISSION TRIP TO DULUTH JUNE 21-26 ***					
28	29	30				
9:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Worship	Pastor's Day Off					



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Monday: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Church Council

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Bob Schlink, Vice-president

Gloria Wagener, Treasurer

John Eide, Secretary

Dean Anderson, Member-at-large

Tyler Back, Member-at-large

**Need Offering
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