

# The Immanuel Lutheran Church Messenger

Strum, Wisconsin

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## Immanuel's Women of the ELCA



The WELCA will meet on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. We will have a short business meeting and continue our new Bible Study. We will continue with Chapter Three "Worry Warts."

**Our annual Prayer Breakfast has been moved to Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am** to accommodate our speaker. This year Jamie Halverson will be joining us as our speaker. He will be back in Wisconsin for a couple of weeks. Jamie comes to us from Papua New Guinea. He joined the Wycliff Bible Translators in 2004. In 2006 Jamie arrived in PNG as a pilot/mechanic. He flies a Cessna 206. The Cessna 206 is a versatile, six seat, high wing utility aircraft known as the SUV of the air. It's excellent for families, cargo, and bush flying due to its robust build, large cargo doors, and ability to operate from short, unimproved strips. Serving groups: 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Chairpersons: Betty Vold, Diane Thronson, Helen Beebe, and Emily Knudtson are serving. Sign-up sheets will be out soon.

**NOTE: Our Ladies Day Out has been changed to Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict with the Confirmation Banquet.** We will meet at the church at 10:30 am and carpool to Chippewa Falls to see "The Ultimate Potluck: A Celebration of Favorites." 2026 marks a major milestone for **The Looney Lutherans**; it's their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! After two decades of touring and six previous appearances at the Heyde Center, the Loonies are back with a special "Anniversary Show: created just for this occasion."  
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This performance brings together some of their most beloved moments and fan favorites from over the years. Whether you've enjoyed all six shows or are experiencing the Looney Lutherans for the first time, this is your chance to celebrate their unique humor, music, and fun in a one-of-a-kind event. 5-Star Catering is providing a theme appropriate meal featuring a savory chicken pot pie, Waldorf salad, dinner and a dessert. I have booked 2 tables (16 seats); the cost is \$39. Call Karen Franson to reserve your spot at 715-695-3553. **ASAP if interested. There are only 5 seats remaining.**

**\*\*\*DATE CHANGE: Save the New Date! WELCA Summer Retreat at Luther Park Bible Camp is Monday and Tuesday, June 29-30, 2026. Pati Kachel is the speaker this year.**

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.

**Chanhassen update: Our date is Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**\*\*\*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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## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Available opportunities to serve in March: Sunday, March 8, 15, and 22. 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.



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**STRUM AREA FOOD PANTRY**

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

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## What's for Lunch?

If you're joining us for the meals served at Immanuel Lutheran and provided by the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Trempealeau County the options for lunch are a great plenty. Each Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. the ADRC provides a variety of nutritious and delicious meals for those 60 or over. Offered along with each meal is a generous helping of fellowship – a wonderful time to catch up with old friends or make some new ones. If you are interested in taking part in the Senior Meals program at Immanuel Lutheran call the church office a day in advance at **715-695-3511**. All 60 and over are welcome!

## What About After Lunch?

Well, I am sure glad you asked. After our Senior Meals Immanuel offers a nice variety of activities for groups or individuals who might like to help pass the cold winter afternoons in the company of friends and neighbors.

Thanks to a generous gift from our Endowment Fund Immanuel Lutheran has purchased a bingo game (including local prizes), cards, games, puzzles, and grownup coloring materials.

***All are invited to game days whether you participate in the meal or not, just come on by around noon and have some fun while exercising your brain.***

**HOWARD HANSON**

**General Fund**

- Dave & Jean Herman
- Jim & Judy Foss
- Craig & Jody Semington
- Randy & Catherine Johnson
- Christ Drew
- Dave & Judy Hageness
- Chuck & Diane Thronson
- Dave & Linda Johnson
- Mike & Louise Loken
- Greg & Kaye Krueger
- Don & Julie Christ
- Paul & Amber Moltzau
- Carmen Ellifson
- Brent & Stephanie Austin
- Ron & Marlene Onstad
- Julia Bjorgo
- Deloris Sather
- Tony & Tami Monson
- Hensel & Betty Vold



**Organ Refurbishment Fund**

- Dennis & Maxine Ulberg
- Gary & Debra Ottestad
- Bonnie Myhers & Dan Kantos
- Tom & Debbie Peterson
- Ardell & Wyllis Olson
- Bob & Lyn Schlink
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- Eric & Karen Franson
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- Peter & Rita Berge
- Dennis & Judy Clark
- Bob & Martha Solfest

**Building Fund**

- Mark & Vickie Hanson

**West Beef River Cemetery**

- Joanne Brion
- The Hanson Family

**IN HONOR OF LOIS HULBERG'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

**Organ Fund**

Lois' Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren

**LEROY SCHULTZ**

**Youth Fund**

Julianne Booth



**EASTER LILIES & MEMORIALS**

To purchase an Easter Lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please complete this form and return to the church office by **Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**. Plants may be taken home anytime following Easter worship.

In lieu of purchasing an Easter Lily, a monetary donation may be made to a church fund of your choice. All memorials must be received by **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the Easter bulletin. Thank you!

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_ (number of plants) x \$9.50 each = \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to give a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ fund.

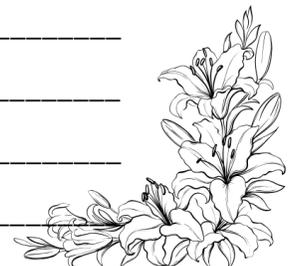
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In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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From \_\_\_\_\_



**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.

**MARCH 2026**

**Salad Option: Chicken Teriyaki Salad**

(Lettuce, grilled chicken with teriyaki, carrots, tomatoes, onions, peppers, sesame seeds, and pea pods with a side of honey teriyaki)

- Tuesday, March 3:** Stuffed Peppers with Rice, Fruit, Dessert
- Thursday, March 5:** Creamed Chicken and Biscuits, Peaches, Dessert
- Tuesday, March 10:** Tater Tot Hotdish, Dessert
- Thursday, March 12:** Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Dessert
- Tuesday, March 17:** Corned Beef, Red Potatoes, Cabbage, Dessert
- Thursday, March 19:** White Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Mexican Green Salad, Dessert
- Tuesday, March 24:** Shrimp Pesto Pasta, Veggies, Dessert
- Thursday, March 26:** Crab Cakes, Rice, Roasted Veggies, Dessert
- Tuesday, March 31:** BBQ on a Bun, Chips, Potato Salad, Dessert

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

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

**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: \$88,816.20(97.7%)**  
**Amount Remaining: \$2,050.80**

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.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:30 AM Worship/Communion 9:30 AM Sundaes on Sunday: Bob & Lyn 9:45 AM Sunday School	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study Pastor's Day Off	11:30 AM Senior Meals	1:30 PM WELCA Bible Study 5:30PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Lenten Service	11:30 AM Senior Meals		9 AM - 11 AM 
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31				
8:30 AM Palm Sunday Kids Sing 9:30 AM Pancake Breakfast	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study Pastor's Day Off	11:30 AM Senior Meals				



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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/>

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Sunday: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

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**

**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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