

# Senior Sunday/Sweatshirt Sunday - May 5

## Join us for Sunday Worship at 8:30 AM

Coffee Hour following service at 9:30 AM

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Immanuel Lutheran Church ▪ 109 Elm Street ▪ Strum, Wisconsin

# The Church Messenger

MAY 2024



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Sunday:	7:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Monday:	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday:	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday:	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday:	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday:	CLOSED
Saturday:	CLOSED

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Sunday	May 5
WELCA Heyde Center	May 14
Confirmation Banquet	May 15
Confirmation Sunday	May 19
Baccalaureate	May 22
CBELC Graduation	May 23

## WELCA News

By Karen Franson  
Mission Growth Officer

Happy Mother's Day! The days are getting longer, the grass is turning green, and spring is in the air. The WELCA will meet on **Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. (Note: second Wednesday)** due to conflicts with the Osseo Salad luncheon that is on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**\*\*\*NOTE DATE CHANGE\*\*\*** On **Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** we are off to the Heyde Center to see Ole & Lena's Family Reunion. Snooty cousin Mildred sent out invitations to the whole family inviting them to a big family gathering at Ole and Lena's farm. The only problem is she neglected to ask Ole and Lena if they would host. Although caught by surprise, Lena loves the idea. Ole on the other hand has other plans. Can Sven help Ole get out of going to the reunion? I have reserved 16 seats, all seats have been spoken for at this time. Call Karen Franson at 715-695-3553 if interested as some may cancel. Cost is \$37.00. **CALL ASAP.** We will meet at the church at 10:30 am and carpool.

The Confirmation Banquet will be held on **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm. Serving groups 5 & 6; chairpersons: Camille Skoug and Bonnie Andrus are serving.

On **Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, WELCA will be providing a light meal after the 6 pm Baccalaureate service.

Luther Park's Annual Women's Retreat is scheduled for **June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**, 2024. All the women of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin are

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Maybe you used to serve God's people of Immanuel Lutheran by showing up to pass out bulletins, greet folks, and help gather the offering along with the other ushers. Perhaps you used to spend an hour on Sunday mornings answering the many questions of a classroom of curious Sunday School students. Was that you in the row of altos who once offered your voice with all the other voices of the sopranos, tenors, and basses to embellish worship with songs of praise? No matter if you

once did, are still doing, or have always told yourself one day you would try it - ***we could really use your help right about now*** with these and a dozen other ways in which you can help to put our church back together. We are in need of ushers, lectors, Sunday School teachers, communion servers, greeters, choir members, help with numerous committees, etc. In short, ***we need you to help us be God's church in a fuller sense.***

For whatever reason (and I don't intend on spending too much time trying to figure out why) a number of ministries seem to have fallen by the wayside at Immanuel. Folks, it's time to put things back together for the sake of the work we've been called to in the name of Jesus Christ.

This might seem like the wrong time of year to mount a campaign seeking help at church with the program year soon coming to an end and as we slip into the summer schedule. But may I remind you that our church needs a steady supply of helpers and leaders year-round. Secondly, we are working hard to prepare now for the program year which returns in mid-September shortly after Labor Day. We want to be in the best position possible when we reach out to invite our children back to Sunday School, our confirmands back to Confirmation, and our people back to the many other ways in which we encounter Christ and grow in faith and service in his holy name.

***I'll be lookin' for you and countin' on you to be a part of our renewed commitment to be God's Church here in this place,***  
Pastor Terry Lorenz

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invited to attend one day or both. More information will be distributed when it is available.

Peace Lutheran of Pigeon Falls in having a WELCA Salad Luncheon on **Wednesday, June 12, 2024** at noon. The program 'Find the Joy' will be presented after lunch by guest speaker Susan Kay Dahl. Susan is a Lord-loving, Bible believing Spark of JOY. Through rapid-fire, humorous visuals, analogies, riveting stories, random songs and Scriptures you'll be entertained, inspired and equipped to wake up smiling and refreshed, every morning, ready for anything.

Chanhassen Update: Our date is **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** to see Beautiful, The Carole King Musical. (NOTE: third Wednesday)

We have been invited to the 2024 Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization Convention at Spirit Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. It is **September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**. The theme is Caring for God's Creation. Join us for singing, praying, fellowship, laughter, worship, keynote speakers, awareness sessions, and more. Each church unit is entitled and invited to send a voting member to our business session Friday evening. Saturday's agenda includes worship, speaker, and workshop sessions. We are still planning and will share more details in the next Northwester.

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## Memorials

### DALE FRANSON

#### St. Paul's Cemetery

Dennis Mathson

### RALPH KISOR

#### General Fund

Mark & Tracy Rogness and Family

Paul & Mary Gullicksrud

### JANET COLE

#### General Fund

Tom & Gloria Wagener

#### Building Fund

David & Jean Herman

Dan & Barb Adams

Angela Mosbach

### MEMORIAL FUNDS:

#### *Immanuel Lutheran Church:*

- ◆ Building Fund
- ◆ Daughters of the King/Jr. DOK
- ◆ Elevator Fund
- ◆ General Fund
- ◆ Library
- ◆ Local Missions Fund
- ◆ Music/Organ Fund
- ◆ Social Concerns
- ◆ Strum Area Food Pantry
- ◆ Sunday School
- ◆ Youth Fund

*When writing a check to the following organizations, please make the check payable to the specific organization. Please do **NOT** write the check to Immanuel Lutheran Church.*

- ◆ Creative Beginnings Early Learning Center (CBELC)
- ◆ Endowment Fund
- ◆ WELCA

#### **Cemetery Funds:**

- ◆ Hamlin Cemetery
- ◆ St. Paul's Cemetery
- ◆ West Beef River Cemetery



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## Congratulations Graduates!

Please join us on **Sunday, May 5 at 8:30 AM** for Senior Sunday. Immanuel's Women of the ELCA have a special gift for our graduating seniors in honor of your accomplishment.

This year's Baccalaureate service will be hosted by Immanuel at **6 pm on Wednesday, May 22**. Immanuel's Women of the ELCA will be providing a light meal after the service.



# Council Minutes

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## Immanuel Lutheran Council Meeting April 9, 2024

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

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Rev Lorenz led a time of reflection and opening prayer.

March meeting minutes were reviewed and approved via email prior to the meeting. Motion by Bob Schlink to accept the March minutes, second by Gloria Wagener. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Motion by Tyler Back to accept the March Treasurer's Report, second by John Eide. Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning the funds in the Designated Building Fund for the roof regarding moving the funds to a CD to earn more interest until they are needed for the new roof. Motion by Bob Schlink to move \$80,000 from the Building Fund to an 11-month CD at CCU, or at CCFBank if it is able to match or beat CCU's interest rate, second by Dean Anderson. Motion carried.

### CBELC Update

CBELC update given. CBELC has been informed of the rent increase beginning July 1, 2024. Pastor Terry is working with Katie to start doing some things with the kids in the fall. A Sunday School room that was being used for storage by CBELC has been reclaimed.

### Pastor's Report

- Installation Service
  - The Installation service order is done, both presidents and three other folks from the call committee will be taking part.
  - Rev Diane House, assistant to the bishop for the NW Synod will be taking part as the presiding minister.
- Confirmation
  - Five students have begun classes to complete their second year and be ready to affirm their baptism at the worship service on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (we had to change the date in order that all five families could attend).
  - Confirmands have been scheduled to help lead worship services by serving as acolytes, crucifers, and lectors.
- Worship Bulletins
  - Done through mid-September; this gives a little breathing room to focus on other things.
- Summer Bulletin
  - I'm proposing the use of the same bulletin from Memorial Day to Labor Day. It is a framework of the service and allows for more spontaneous or extemporaneous parts done by those who lead.
    - Psalms are used as the call to worship.
    - Hymns are announced on the day of.
    - Lessons are not printed in the bulletin (copies could be made available if any were interested in having them).
- Guitar Led Worship
  - I have spoken with Gabe Koxlien and he has offered to help lead a more casual/contemporary worship service with guitar accompaniment either occasionally or in a regular monthly rotation.

# Council Minutes (continued)

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## Old Business

### Building Maintenance

Spring cleaning and organizing: The double Sunday School room is cleaned out except for desks and chairs. West side room is cleared except for desk and tables. Items that may be donated are going to the High School. Two high school students in a leadership class need volunteer hours and will be assisting with various cleaning and organizing projects. The Library still needs to be organized in the Fireside Room. Four Sunday School classrooms will be available in the Fall as well as the Fireside room.

Elevator: A service call was placed to All-Star Elevator. Currently waiting on a call back to set up time for repairs. The service call fee is \$200. They will provide an estimate if any major repairs are necessary.

Sunday School was discussed. The last day of Sunday School will be May 12. No update on Vacation Bible School.

Confirmation update was discussed in the Pastor's report.

## New Business

The council would like to bring back and/or establish committees such as the Altar Guild/Flowers, Holiday/Special Events, Board of Education, etc. A contact (go-to) person would need to be established first.

Job descriptions for the Parish Administrator and Janitor were provided to the council for review. The janitor's job description was revised in 2021. The Parish Administrator's job description is over four pages long, has not been revised in over 10 years, and reads more like a task list. The council will work on summarizing responsibilities of the Parish Administrator and removing items that are no longer required.

Ushers: Jim Husby has volunteered to be head usher and has contact several people to put together an usher list. If anyone is interested in ushering, contact Jim.

Offering: The counting process was provided to the council for review. The process for coffee hour donations will be posted in the kitchen. Kris Husby, Gloria Wagener, Bob Schlink, and Dean Anderson will be trained on the counting procedure. The Executive Committee is to have access to the drop safe.

Immanuel is providing full scholarships to Luther Park Bible Camp for kids to attend this summer. Coffee Hour proceeds during April and May will go to the Youth Ministry Fund.

Sunday, May 5, 2024 will be a "Sweatshirt Sunday" with spring cleanup after worship and a cookout style lunch at 11 am. Tasks to be completed include outdoor cleaning and well as indoor. Kids can go play during cleanup; need volunteers to provide adult supervision.

The Joint Parish Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at Elk Creek. The split remains unchanged at 60/40. The opportunity to hold more joint worship services was discussed.

The next council meeting is on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6 pm.

## Other

Discussion was held regarding planting a tree to replace the old ash tree that was cut down.

Office hours are to return to what they were in December. Future changes in office hours must be approved by the council.

Meeting was adjourned following the Lord's Prayer.

# Financial Report - March 2024

## Weekly Contributions & Expenses

<b>Mar 1 - Mar 9</b>	
General Fund Contributions .....	\$4,342.69
Expenses .....	(3,236.71)
<b>Net Income (Loss) .....</b>	<b>\$1,105.98</b>
<b>Mar 10 - Mar 16</b>	
General Fund Contributions .....	\$3,589.49
Expenses .....	(4,467.80)
<b>Net Income (Loss) .....</b>	<b>(\$878.31)</b>
<b>Mar 17 - Mar 23</b>	
General Fund Contributions .....	\$1,408.25
Expenses .....	(894.29)
<b>Net Income (Loss) .....</b>	<b>\$513.96</b>
<b>Mar 24 - Mar 30</b>	
General Fund Contributions .....	\$1,966.82
Expenses .....	(7,454.53)
<b>Net Income (Loss) .....</b>	<b>(\$5,487.71)</b>
<b>Mar 31</b>	
General Fund Contributions .....	\$3,649.00
Expenses .....	(241.80)
<b>Net Income (Loss) .....</b>	<b>\$3,407.20</b>
Total Contribution .....	14,956.25
Total Expenses .....	(16,295.13)
<b>Net Income (Loss) .....</b>	<b>(\$1,338.88)</b>

## Contributions & Expenses Comparison

	Average per month		
	March		
	2022	2023	2024
<b>Contributions</b>	12,372.14	10,710.71	11,284.28
<b>Expenses</b>	12,684.11	13,494.13	10,678.36

## Year-to-Date Contributions & Expenses

<b>January 1 - March 31</b>	
General Fund Contributions	\$33,852.83
General Fund Expenses	(32,035.08)
<b>Net Contributions (Loss)</b>	<b>\$1,817.75</b>

## Condensed P&L for March

General Fund Contributions	\$14,956.25
Building / Property	(2,790.10)
General Operating	(94.61)
Ministry	(1,055.85)
Office	(280.40)
Pastor	(5,943.42)
Payroll	(5,228.26)
Utilities	(902.49)
Total Expenses	(16,295.13)
<b>Net Contributions (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$1,338.88)</b>

## Donor Designated Funds

### Building Fund

Beginning Balance, March 1	\$115,899.24
Receipts	2,231.00
Disbursements	(9.98)
<b>Ending Balance, March 30</b>	<b>\$118,120.26</b>

### Daughters of the King

Beginning Balance, March 1	\$4,391.10
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	(0.00)
<b>Ending Balance, March 30</b>	<b>\$4,391.10</b>

### Local Missions

Beginning Balance, March 1	\$346.92
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	(0.00)
<b>Ending Balance, March 30</b>	<b>\$346.92</b>

### Music / Organ Fund

Beginning Balance, March 1	\$3,178.42
Receipts	177.00
Disbursements	(0.00)
<b>Ending Balance, March 30</b>	<b>\$3,355.42</b>

### Social Concerns

Beginning Balance, March 1	\$1,055.08
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	(0.00)
<b>Ending Balance, March 30</b>	<b>\$1,055.08</b>

### Strum Area Food Pantry

Beginning Balance, March 1	\$7,279.55
Receipts	20.00
Disbursements	(521.25)
<b>Ending Balance, March 30</b>	<b>\$6,778.30</b>

### Sunday School

Beginning Balance, March 1	\$2,416.13
Receipts	123.95
Disbursements	(0.00)
<b>Ending Balance, March 30</b>	<b>\$2,540.08</b>

### Youth Fund

Beginning Balance, March 1	\$8,779.79
Receipts	1,794.00
Disbursements	(0.00)
<b>Ending Balance, March 30</b>	<b>\$10,573.79</b>

## Council Designated Funds

### Parsonage Fund

Beginning Balance, March 1	\$20,821.50
Receipts	550.00
Disbursements	(298.90)
<b>Ending Balance, March 30</b>	<b>\$21,072.60</b>

### Parsonage-Escrow

Beginning Balance, March 1	\$3,398.58
Receipts	250.00
Disbursements	(0.00)
<b>Ending Balance, March 30</b>	<b>\$3,648.58</b>

### Housing Allowance Funds

Beginning Balance, March 1	\$9,900.00
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	(738.37)
<b>Ending Balance, March 30</b>	<b>\$9,161.63</b>

# MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <b>Reservations are <u>REQUIRED</u> for Senior Meals and must be received no later than <u>9:00 AM on Monday &amp; Wednesday</u></b> </div>						
5 8:30 AM Senior Sunday/ Communion/Sweatshirt Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Endowment 11:00 AM Lunch	6 Pastor's Day Off 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study	7 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Senior Meals	8 1:30 PM WELCA	9 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Senior Meals 1 - 4 PM Quilting	10 11	11 9 - 11 AM Food Pantry
12 8:30 AM Worship/ Communion 9:30 AM Coffee Hour 9:30 AM Sunday School Happy Mother's Day!	13 Pastor's Day Off 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study	14 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Senior Meals 10:30 AM Heyde Center WELCA 6 PM Council Meeting	15 5 - 7 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Confirmation Banquet & Practice	16 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Senior Meals	17 18	
19 8:30 AM Confirmation Sunday 9:30 AM Coffee Hour	20 Pastor's Day Off 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study Newsletter Submission Deadline	21 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Senior Meals	22 6:00 PM Baccalaureate Light meal to follow	23 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Senior Meals 6:00 PM CBELC Graduation in Chapel	24 25	1:30 PM Eleva-Strum Graduation
26 8:30 AM Worship 11 AM Celebratory Dinner	27 Pastor's Day Off 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study	28 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Senior Meals 12:00 PM Pop-up Food Pantry at E-S School	29	30 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Senior Meals	31	

# Strum Senior Dining at Immanuel Lutheran Church



## May 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

				Tater Tot Hotdish, Raw Veggies, Bread, Dessert		
		Baked Chicken Breast w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Bread, Dessert		Chicken Caesar Salad, Veggie Soup, Bread, Dessert		
		Chicken Taco Salad, Chips, Dessert		1/2 Turkey Wrap, Soup, Chips, Dessert		
		Creamed Chicken over Biscuits, Fruit, Dessert		Hot Dish, Raw Veggies, Bread, Dessert		
		BBQ Beef, Fried Potatoes, Raw Veggies, Dessert		BBQ Pulled Chicken Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Dessert		

**Reservations required 24 hours in advance by calling 715-695-3511**

**Meals served on Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30am. Suggested donation is \$5.00.**







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# 2024 SWEATSHIRT SUNDAY

Roll up your sleeves and help make quick work of cleaning up Immanuel. Wear your sweatshirt, t-shirt, jeans to church and we will get started following worship. Volunteers are needed to help with cleaning out flower beds, cleaning up the yard, light raking, putting new mulch down and more. We are also working on a list of things that need to be done inside the church.

For those looking for fellowship, and yardwork is not for you, join us for lunch. We will be serving lunch starting at 11 a.m. Hot dogs, brats, burgers and all the fixings!

May 5, 2024

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

If you are able to help, please contact:

Church office at: 715-695-3511  
or Kris Husby at: 715-530-2025



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Custodian ..... Jean Herman

### **Creative Beginnings Early Learning Center (CBELC)**

Director .....Katie Feltz  
Assistant Director.....Dusti Bolgrin  
Teacher .....Shayla Paxton  
Teacher ..... Paige Nelson  
Teacher .....  
Assistant Teacher..... Tarin Bratsven

### **Council Members**

President.....Kris Husby  
Vice-president ..... Bob Schlink  
Secretary..... John Eide  
Treasurer..... Gloria Wagener  
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Member-at-large..... Tyler Back  
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