

# 2024 IMMANUEL STAFF AND COUNCIL

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 Outreach.....Rick Johnson  
 Property Management.....Steph Drange  
 Worship and Music.....Anne Oldakowski  
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# Immanuel Lutheran News

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*Called and united through the Gospel of  
 Jesus Christ, our mission is to proclaim  
 and respond to God's presence among us.*

October 2024

## From the Desk of Pastor Nate...

Autumn blessings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It has been such a joy to return to our programming of music, fellowship, and education.

We are down to the final three installments of our journey through Mark. This month's set of readings are from Mark 11:1-12:44. Let me offer a few thoughts about this section of Mark.



In 11:1-11, Jesus enters Jerusalem after spending his entire ministry in Galilee. He enters on a colt, which is certainly a connection to him being the Messiah, but Mark doesn't make this explicitly clear. But the crowd shouts "Hosanna," which means "save us." And they connect him to King David. They are hoping he will be their political ruler and save them from Rome. But notice how immediately after entering Jerusalem, he exits the city and stays in Bethany. Jesus is not here to take up permanent residence. He is just a pilgrim passing through.

In 11:12-14, Jesus curses a fig tree that isn't producing fruit. Which is a strange miracle. But it is likely symbolic of his next stop, which is the temple (Mark 11:15-19). It isn't bearing fruit either and will need to be replaced with something new. This is an illusion to Jesus himself. He will become the new center of worship and hope for God's people.

Needless to say, these words and actions from Jesus cause tension, and the chief priests scribes and elders question "by what authority" Jesus was doing these things (11:27-33). And in his answer, Jesus makes it clear that these things he is doing are from God.

Moving to chapter 12, Jesus tells a parable that is clearly meant to further dig at the authority of the religious leaders. And they spend the rest of the chapter trying to undermine and trap him. Instead, by verse 34, at least one scribe is on board with Jesus' teaching.

But the end of this chapter is the pinnacle of Jesus' critique of the Temple. Jesus teaches them that the Temple has become so corrupted that people think it's their pathway to God's love and approval. So much so that the religious leaders with their standards and practices "devour widows' houses" (12:40). Just then a widow comes in and puts all she has in the Temple treasury. Rather than see this as an act of generosity, we should lament that this system has asked so much of her.

These chapters set up the rest of the narrative, as Jesus gives his own life in costly service to widows, orphans, sinners, outcasts, and anyone else in need of God's love, mercy, and grace. We come to him and receive all that we are at no cost to us. We will unpack the rest of the story in the months ahead.

Humbly in Christ,

Pastor Nate

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

GENERAL FUND	
8/4/2024	5440
8/11/2024	3828
8/18/2024	2751
8/25/2024	6863
Electronic Giving	420
Direct Deposit	8089
<b>TOTAL GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>27391</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Benevolences	0
Programs	1136
Staff including taxes and benefits	23775
Operations	500
Building Expenses	1065
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>26475</b>
<b>Gain/Loss</b>	<b>916</b>
<b>General Fund Register Balance as of 08/31/2024</b>	<b>107615</b>

# FINANCIAL UPDATE



	RESTRICTED			
	Balance 8/1/2024	Gifts & Additions	Payments	Balance 8/30/2024
Backpacks for Kids	\$10,334			\$10,334
Bell/Carillon	\$250			\$250
Cooking Matters (Ministerial Association)	\$1,094			\$1,094
Congregational Life	\$2,000			\$2,000
Easter Giving Blitz	\$100			\$100
Good Samaritan	\$2,314			\$2,314
General Reserve Funds	\$10,849			\$10,849
Giving Tree	\$1,718			\$1,718
Global Mission	\$1,645			\$1,645
Library Fund	\$125			\$125
Luther Crest Scholarships	\$472			\$472
Lutheran World Relief	\$315			\$315
Medical Mission	\$5,000			\$5,000
Organ Fund	\$537			\$537
Parish Nursing	\$487			\$487
Piano Fund	\$413			\$413
Soup Tuesday	\$620			\$620
Scholarship Fund	\$5,570			\$5,570
Sunday School	\$292			\$292
Thrivent Micro Grant	\$1,266			\$1,266
VBS	\$377	\$50	\$552	-\$125
Wadena Food Shelf/Food Shelf	\$3,612	\$100		\$3,712
Wednesday Offering	\$281			\$281
Worship and Music	\$2,514			\$2,514
YAGM	\$7,116			\$7,116
<b>Restricted Fund Register Balance</b>	<b>\$59,301</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>551.89</b>	<b>\$58,899</b>

BUILDING FUND	
<b>Building Fund Balance 8/1/2024</b>	24958
Deposits & Interest	430
Payments	
<b>Building Fund Register Balance 8/30/2024</b>	<b>25388</b>

The council met on Sunday, September 8, 2024. President Mike Brunsberg called the meeting to order.

**Congregational Life:** *Peggy Larson*– Did not meet. The committee hosted the congregational fall Kick off meal on September 4th. Approximately 100 people were served.

**Outreach Evangelism:** *Rick Johnson*– A committee met on September 8 to review cards previously received with any questions or concerns. These cards will be available each Sunday with the Sunday bulletin. Hosts will be at the service to receive any completed cards or to answer any questions.

**Parish Education:** *Vacant*–Did not meet

**Property Management:** *Steph Drange* – The committee has been reviewing ideas for a screen/screens that would be used during Sunday service. Also being reviewed are lighting and electrical needs and handicapped parking issues.

**Worship and Music:** *Anne Oldakowski*– Did not meet. Next meeting will be Sept. 9th.

**Youth Leadership:** *Katie Johnson*–Did not meet

**Immanuel Church Women:** *Diane Teigland*– Bible Study will resume the second Tuesday of each month with quilting on the 3rd Mon & Tues.

**Lead Pastor:** *Pastor Nate Loer*—August & September highlights: **1.** August was a month of continued weekly worship which went well. I also got my boys moved off to school, celebrated my dad's 80th birthday and enjoyed a week of vacation August 25th to September 1st. **2.** Did a funeral service for Lavonne Evans on August 31st. **3.** I continued to work with two couples who will be married in September. **4.** We did our first Backpacks for Kids food pack on September 5th. **5.** Have spent lots of time getting ready for fall, especially Wednesday worship and confirmation lessons. **Coming Up:** **1.** Backpack blessing/Bible giveaway (3 year olds & 3rd graders) September 11 & 15th. **2.** God's work/ Our Hands Sunday will be September 15th. **3.** Will be working with nine, 10th graders affirming their faith this fall. Confirmation Sunday is Oct. 27th.

**Financial Secretary Report:** *Given by Sue Johnson* – The total of Sunday general offerings counted and deposited in August was \$19,032.00. This does not include direct deposits.

**Treasurers Report:** *Jena Osberg* – This information will be reported at the next scheduled council meeting.

**Finance Committee:** *Bryan Greenwaldt* – Did not meet, but will meet on Tuesday, September 17th

**Other Business** – Sunday, September 15th will be a picture taking day for the church directory. Mike Brunsberg and Jena Osberg will assist with this project on that date. The Endowment committee will meet on September 23rd. The committee welcomes all ideas for future projects.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Margie Anderson to adjourn. Katie Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

# What's Happening

- October 1**  
9 am – Staff Meeting
- October 2**  
12 pm – Rotary (#1 G.Kluenenberg)  
Wednesday Discipleship Schedule (See below)  
(note supper time change)  
7:30 pm – ILC Youth Council Meeting
- October 3**  
1 pm – MAC/NAPS  
2:30 pm – Backpack Food Pack (elementary)
- October 6**  
Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)  
85+ Member Recognition—Following worship in Fellowship Hall
- October 7**  
9 am – ICW Block Cutting  
12 pm – Foster Grandparent Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- October 8**  
9 am – Staff Meeting  
1:30 pm – ICW Bible Study
- October 9**  
12 pm – Rotary (#2 D.Haraldson)  
Wednesday Discipleship Schedule (See below)
- October 10**  
1 pm – Dementia Education Event  
6 pm – Northstar Round Table Meeting
- October 12**  
8am–6pm – Facility in Use

### Sunday Worship Schedule


- 8:30 – Coffee Fellowship
- 9:30 – Worship (LIVE on YouTube)
- 9:30 – Radio Broadcast 920 AM or 101.7 FM



### Wednesday Discipleship Schedule

- 4:30–5:45 pm – Supper (note time change)
- 6:00 pm – Worship
- 6:45–7:30 pm – Education/Confirmation
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice


- October 13**  
Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)  
(Youth Led Service)
- October 15**  
9 am – Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm – Dinner Club @ Larry's Family Pizza
- October 16**  
12 pm – Rotary (Catered)
- October 17**  
10:30 am – Catholic Charities Frozen Meal Distribution
- October 20**  
Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)
- October 21**  
9 am – ICW Church Mice
- October 22**  
9 am – ICW Church Mice  
11 am – Dementia Caregiver Support Group (Friendship Room—All are welcome!)
- October 23**  
12 pm – Rotary (#3 N Overland)  
Wednesday Discipleship Schedule (See below)
- October 27 – Reformation Sunday**  
Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)  
Confirmation during 9:30 am worship
- October 28**  
2 pm – Book Club (Friendship Room)
- October 29**  
9 am – Staff Meeting
- October 30**  
12 pm – Rotary (Catered)  
Wednesday Discipleship Schedule (See below)
- October 31**  
4:30–5:30 – Trunk or Treat/Sloppy Joe Supper



If you have not done so already, please submit a recent photo of you and your family to complete our ILC Directory to:  
[church@wadenaimmanuel.org](mailto:church@wadenaimmanuel.org)


### Confirmation Sunday

**October 27, 2024**




10th graders preparing to affirm their faith:

Samuel Church  
Noah Drange  
Addison Fink  
Leah Kircher  
Ben Kreklau  
Kendra Miller  
Will Osberg  
Kaia Roemmich  
Jenna Yglesias



**Wednesday-Night Meal**  
**Time-Change**  
**4:30–5:45 pm**

Youth-Led Service  
October 13th  
Sign up on the bulletin board!!




**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
Trunk or Treat  
4:30–5:30 pm  
October 31  
4:30–5:30pm Sloppy Joe Supper



### 85+ Immanuel Member Recognition


Join us Sunday October 6 @ 9:30 am worship as we honor and recognize our long time members for their many years of dedication to Immanuel! Muffins and fruit will be served following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**Donations Needed!**  
Please donate candy or prizes for our Trunk or Treat event!  
Donations can be fed to the monster in the concourse through October 25!



**THE IMMANUEL YOUTH LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS**

## MOVIE DAY AT IMMANUEL



Fellowship Hall  
Sunday, October 13  
10:30 am–12:00pm  
Ages: Kindergarten through Grade 5

### Women's Discipleship


Block Cutting – Monday, October 7 @ 9:00 am  
Monday, November 4 @ 9:00 am

Bible Study – Tuesday, October 8 @ 1:30 pm (August Gather Study)  
Tuesday, November 12 @ 1:30 pm (September Gather Study)

Quilting – October 21 & 22 @ 9:00–2:00 pm  
November 18 & 19 @ 9:00–2:00 pm

### Wednesday Discipleship OCTOBER Menu

October 2: Chicken with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
October 9: Ham & Cheese Sliders with Fries  
October 23: Chicken Patty with Chips  
October 30: Taco Bar

Thank you to all who contributed time, supplies, & monies to the Lutheran World Relief School Kits! We assembled 101 kits this year! These kits are sent to thankful children in 14 countries; Guatemala receives the most kits. While free public education is available in most countries, a lack of school supplies can still keep a child from the gift of learning. I can remember the joy of new crayons, and I bet you can too! Monetary donations are always welcome. \$14 covers the cost of one kit, and any amount is appreciated. Thank you again! ~ Audrey

Dear Immanuel Family

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and emotional support. You certainly helped lift us and give us strength on Bob's cancer journey during the past months. Immanuel has always been there for each other and during trying times. Special thanks to Nate for his phone calls and visits. We are assured that through God's grace, Bob is now safe in his new heavenly home.

Thanks be to God!

*Donna Grendahl & Family*



Dinner Club will meet  
Tuesday, October 15  
@ 5:30 pm  
Larry's Family Pizza

### Backpacks for Kids

OUR NEXT FOOD PACK IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 @ 2:30 PM IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA. COME AND HELP US PACK 350 BAGS OF WEEKEND FOOD FOR LOCAL STUDENTS IN NEED!



### ILC Book Club

Monday, October 28 @ 2 pm in the Friendship Room  
*The Water is Wide* by Pat Conroy  
Anyone is welcome to attend!

