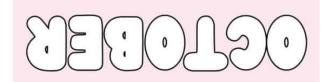
2024 IMMANUEL STAFF AND COUNCIL

Staff Lead Pastor.......Nate Loer Youth & Family Spiritual Gifts Coordinator.....Elana Seibert Administrative Secretary.....Tracy Church Custodian.....Ellen & Doug Carlstrom Bookkeeper......Jil Fiemeyer Choir Director......Deb Haraldson

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President	Mike Brunsberg
Vice President	Margie Anderson
Secretary	Jeanne Olson
Treasurer	Jena Osberg
Financial Secretary	Sue Johnson
Financial Vice-Secretary	Jane Bagstad
Congregational Life	Peggy Larson
Education	vacant
Finance	Bryan Greenwaldt
Outreach	Rick Johnson
Property Management	Steph Drange
Worship and Music	Anne Oldakowski
Youth	Katie Johnson

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Immanuel Lutheran News

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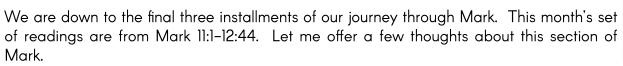


Called and united through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our mission is to proclaim and respond to God's presence among us.

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 programing of music, fellowship, and education.





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,

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Pastor Nate

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



	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		
Restricted Fund Register Balance	\$59,301	150.00	551.89	\$58,899		

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

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

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 dads 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.







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.



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

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 Time-Change 4:30-5:45 pm

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

Join

US

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

Dear Immanuel Family

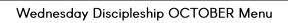
Thank you so much for all of your prayers and emotional support. You certainly helped lift us and give us strength on Bob's cancer journey during the past months. Immanuel has always been there for each other and during trying times. Special thanks to Nate for his phone calls and visits. We are assured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

Donna Grendahl & Family



Thank you again! ~ Audrey

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



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.



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 Meetina

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

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 Conrou Onyone is welcome to attend!