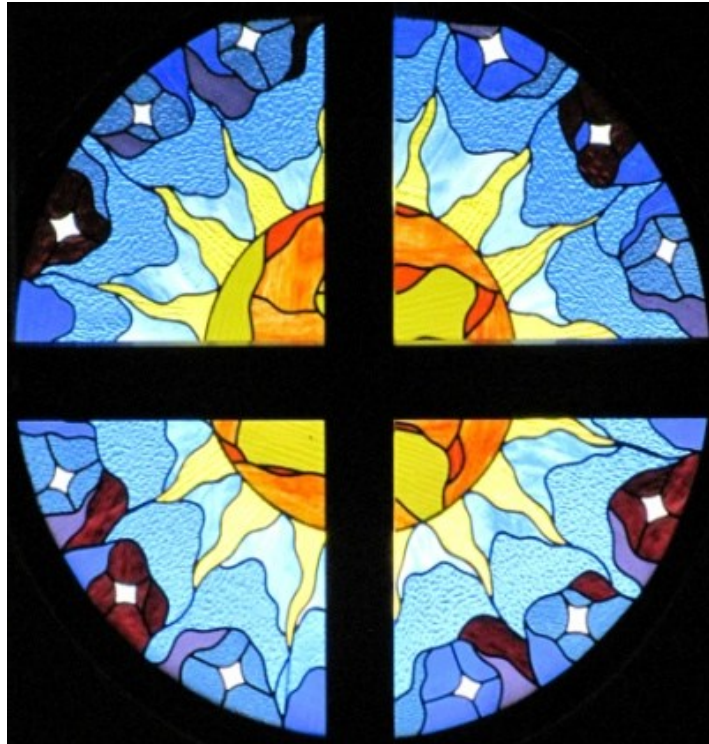


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

May 2025 Newsletter



Worship and Communion
Sunday services ~ 9:00 a.m.
* In-Person * Live Streaming

Faith Formation
Faith Formation ~ 10:00 a.m.

Office Hours
Kelly in office
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 am - 1 pm

Find us on Facebook at Immanuel Lutheran Washington Iowa and online at luthwash.org

YouTube- [luthwash](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) * Email us at luthwash@hotmail.com

Come visit us at 1226 East Washington Street, Washington, Iowa 52353

Church ~ 319.653.3950

Attendance

Wednesday, April 2
6:00 pm ~ 15

Sunday, April 6
9:00 am ~ 63 Offering ~ \$1613

Wednesday, April 9
6:00 pm ~ 30

Sunday, April 13
9:00 am ~ 80 Offering ~ \$3780

Thursday, April 17
6:15 pm ~ 27

Sunday, April 20
9:00 a.m. 101 Offering ~ \$2138

Sunday, April 27
9:00 a.m. 62 Offering ~ \$2440

**Birthdays
For May**



- 1- Nancy Baker
- 4- Anna Gaughan
- 5- Scott Bartholomew
- 7- Corrine Martin
- 16- Carol Woodruff
- 18- Martin Runaas
- 29- Brayden Zywiec

UPCOMING MEETINGS

To have your meetings listed,
please let Kelly know when they are held.

Council- Sunday, May 4th at 11 am

**Anniversaries
for May**



29- Steve & Kathy Vetter

HACAP

Your dollar buys more when HACAP orders food,

consider sending a few dollars to:

HACAP

2175 Lexington Blvd # 1
Washington, Iowa 52353

Help your local families during this difficult time.

Thank you, DeAnn



ENCORE EXPRESS

Encore at Immanuel Meals this month:

Thursday, May 8

and

Thursday, May 22

Serving at 11:30 a.m.

Check Facebook for the menus.



RSVPs are required. *See you there!!*

Luther League ended the year with
games, supper, and ice cream.
Another great year in the books!



Hello Immanuel,
I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for the thoughtful package I received in February. It truly meant a lot to me to receive such kind messages and goodies while being at school. Your unwavering support and encouragement since I've been away have been such a blessing, and I am incredibly grateful for this community.
Thank you again for your kindness and generosity!
Lucas Kroll



Thank you, thank you for the nice surprise- especially since Carrie's husband and son, Brian and Thomas delivered and had a nice visit around the kitchen table. It was a double surprise. It is good to be remembered.
Doris Moore

Dear Immanuel,
Thank you so much for the Valentine's package! I appreciate all the cards and treats. Thanks again,
Caitlin Kroll

Special thanks to Landon for being my confirmation sponsor. You have opened my eyes to thinking more about my faith. Also, thank-you to the congregation for supporting me not only in confirmation but throughout my life. I know that my church family will always be with me.
Thank-you
Clayton Bartholomew

Thank-you to all the Sunday school teachers that have dedicated their Sunday mornings along with planning time during the week this year. It is great to have people like you as part of our congregation. Our youth are becoming more familiar with their faith because of you.
Thank-you - The Bartholomew Family

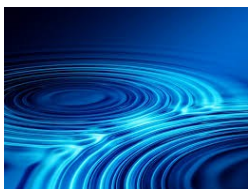
Thank you for the Palm Sunday palm and goodie bag from all of you at our church. Kathleen and Jim Almelien.

I would like to thank everyone at Immanuel for remembering me on my birthday! Evelyn Brown

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church friends-

We'd like to thank your group for your years of Saturday Kitchen support. Your continuous support mean so much! Our Saturday Kitchen guests are fortunate to have your group as one of our 2025 hosts.

Joe & Marde McConnell
(full letter posted in hall)



**Centering Prayer:
Saturday, May 10th
Saturday, May 24th
8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.**

Deacon Fran Victor will be leading an hour of contemplative prayer in Immanuel's sanctuary (practicing social caring and wearing masks) the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month; 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. The hour begins with Centering Prayer and then moving into Lectio Divina (using a verse of scripture as the basis for prayer). No experience is necessary in either prayer practice to participate. No reservations needed, just come and enjoy the hour of contemplation. If you would like to join this intimate group, but are new to this type of prayer, come at 8:15 a.m. for explanation. **“God's first word is silence.” – Thomas Keating**

LSI proudly serves Iowans in all 99 counties through our services of Mental Health, Early Childhood, Foster Care & Adoption, Global Greens, People with Disabilities, and Immigrant & Refugee Community Services. We serve individuals of all ages, from families with newborns navigating the early stages of parenthood, to Refugee and Immigrant elders, as well as children at every stage of development. Our heart beats for the people we serve. We empower families and communities by recognizing and honoring the strengths and gifts of every individual.

A Story of Resilience: Aime's Journey from Refugee to Entrepreneur

In 2010, Aime fled the war in Congo, seeking safety for herself and her future. She first found refuge in Tanzania before making her way to the United States, later that year settling in South Dakota. There, she worked with Palance Autism, dedicating herself to helping others. During this time, Aime met her husband, and together they built a family, eventually welcoming five children. In 2012, Aime and her family moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where she began working with TPI, a wind energy company. For ten years, she juggled the demands of her job while raising her children. However, when TPI closed in 2022, Aime saw the chance to create a new path – one that would allow her to spend more time with her family and pursue a career more aligned with her values.

Determined, Aime enrolled in Lutheran Services in Iowa's childcare program in October 2022. With their support, she launched her own daycare business in 2023. Today, Aime cares for six children in her daycare, providing a safe and nurturing space for them to grow while also staying closely connected to her own family. Aime's story is one of resilience, growth, and the courage to start over. From fleeing her home to building a business in a new country, she has transformed her challenges into opportunities for herself, her family and her community.



Message from Paul Weller!

These are called star magnolias (*Magnolia Stellata*). They are beautiful. We picked them for many reasons, the name "star," the blooming time around the Easter season, the color white (again, Easter), and for the contrast of the white flower color against the dark brick... too bad we can't plan the plant phenology around the Easter holiday... anyway that's the story.



*Saturday Kitchen
is May 10th*

Sign up on hall table.

507.5

This is the total number of volunteer hours by
14 volunteers for
Encore at Immanuel.

These hours are from April 1st, 2024 to March 31, 2025

We could not possibly host this program without all of you. I'd like to express my gratitude for your dedication and time. You make such a positive impact. Your valuable contributions to this organization and to our community is unmatched. Thank you for your willingness to help.

The financial committee would like to share the finalized numbers for the month of March. These numbers are in summary of our income and expenses:

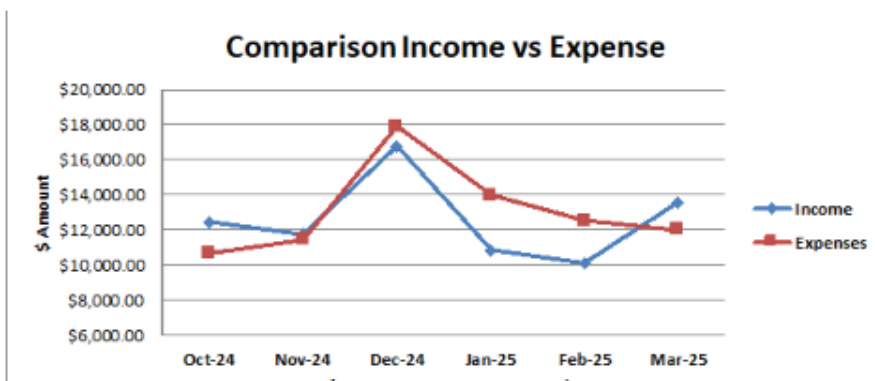
It is exciting to state that we had a small positive balance in the amount of \$1,517.82 for March 2025. We had a larger positive balance in March 2024 of \$6,796.89. Looking at the spreadsheet you can see that the majority of this difference is the pastor expense. Please note that we have received the Riverboat Foundation Grant in the amount of \$49,502.00 for the outside spruce up. The grant has gone towards the accounts that paid the bills and is not included in these amounts.

March gets me excited for the months to come. The winter blues are starting to pass, nature is changing daily and everything is starting to come to life. When the world around us comes to life the color of green becomes vibrant. One of the most apparent meanings of the color green in the Bible is association with life and growth. Just as plants flourish and thrive with the presence of water and sunlight, the color green signifies the vibrant and abundant life that God offers. Life and growth is something that we all can learn from and enjoy each day. Each morning that our feet touch the floor is a day to be thankful for and a reminder to live life to the fullest. Living life to the fullest means we all have something that we can learn and grow. In this season of life & growth I challenge everybody (no matter your age) to live life to the fullest and to do something new.

Is it attending church more often? Is it helping a neighbor in need? Is it slowing down in your personal life and taking time for yourself? Is it giving a few extra dollars to a charity or your church? Is it trying something new or out of your comfort zone in the community or your church? Whatever it may be I want you to feel “green” about it, be vibrant, and be proud of the life God has offered you.

Please let the finance committee know if you have any questions.

Make Today Great – Michelle Bartholomew, Ray Poe, John Harris



Income:	2025 March	2024 March	YTD Totals
Envelope Offering	\$10,977.00	\$8,672.00	\$58,441.00
Other Income	\$2,595.40	\$3,605.03	\$15,528.39
Total Income:	\$13,572.40	\$12,277.03	\$73,969.39
Pastor Expense (6100)	\$4,451.88	\$0.00	\$28,937.22
Staff Expenses (6100)	\$2,844.68	\$2,156.41	\$19,424.31
Building & Grounds (6200)	\$3,051.99	\$1,635.83	\$14,981.53
Fellowship / Supplies (6300)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$294.09
Faith Formation (6400)	\$13.00	\$100.00	\$960.75
Worship Expense (6500)	\$459.58	\$486.50	\$3,116.43
Benevolence Expense (6600)	\$734.91	\$500.00	\$4,012.61
Administrative Expense (6800)	\$498.54	\$801.40	\$6,865.14
Total Expenses:	\$12,054.58	\$5,480.14	\$78,592.08
Net Operating Income / Loss	\$1,517.82	\$6,796.89	\$4,622.69



Service Date	Acolyte	Communion	Greeters	Reader	Tech	Ushers
May 4	Evan Woline	Christina Woline	Marilyn Bennett and DeAnn Hakert	Beverly Bailey		Stephen Bay, Gary Fischer, and Ryan Woline
May 11	Axel Six	Beverly Bailey	The Bartholomew Family	Christina Woline		Scott Bartholomew, Clayton Bartholomew, and Landon Coker
May 18	Grace Taylor	Naomi Erickson	The Taylor Family	Linda Brown		Bob Coker, Jason Taylor, and Rob Taylor
May 25	Bentley Striegel	Tricia Kroll	The Woline Family	Tricia Kroll		Brad Kroll and Aaron & April Six

Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26

