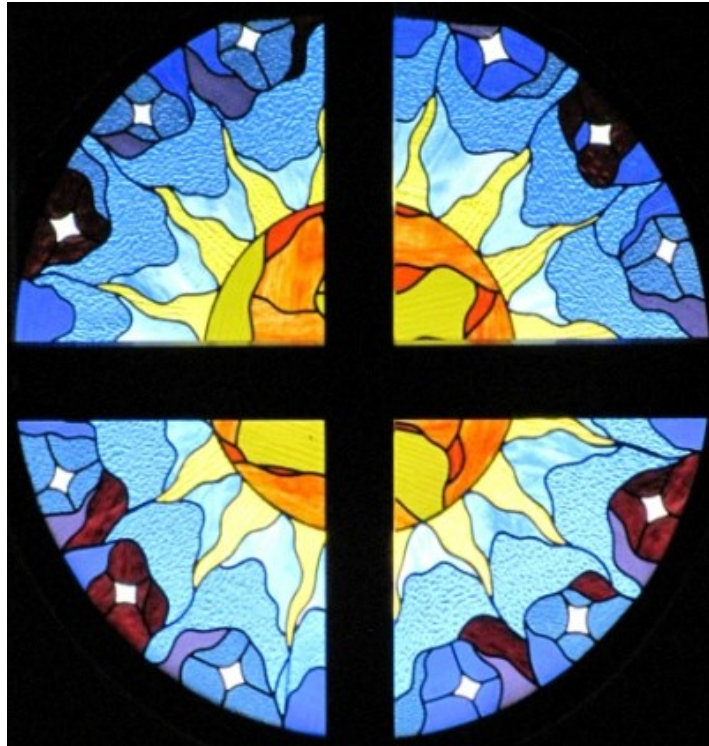


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

November 2025 Newsletter



Worship and Communion
Sunday services ~ 9:00 a.m.
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/luthwash) * Email us at luthwash@hotmail.com

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

Church ~ 319.653.3950

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, October 5

9:00 am ~ 56 Offering ~ \$2162

Sunday, October 12

9:00 am ~ 70 Offering ~ \$1830

Sunday, October 19

9:00 a.m. ~ 41 Offering ~ \$7090

KINNICK ~ 27

Sunday, October 26

9:00 a.m. ~ 35 Offering ~ \$1610

KINNICK ~ 22

Noisy offering

October and November going to the Luther league
for the Christmas shopping for their adopted family .

December and January is for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" community project .

Birthdays For November

12- Alta Poe

16- Steve Vetter

21- Lucas Kroll

22- Clayton Bartholomew

23- Francis Johnston



Anniversaries for November

10- Peg & John Harris

28- Stan & Sharol Kroll



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

Immanuel's Annual
Meeting will be held on
Sunday, November
16th, 2025

The devotional booklets,
"Christ in Our Home" for October,
November, & December are now
available in the Hallway.

Please take one for yourself and
one to pass along to someone else.



ENCORE EXPRESS



Encore at Immanuel meals this month:

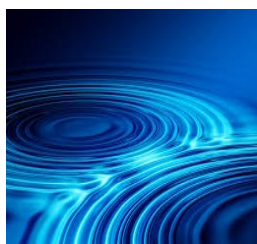
Thursday, November 13th

ONLY ONE IN NOVEMBER

Serving at 11:30 a.m.

Check Facebook for the menus.

RSVPs are required. *See you there!!*



Centering Prayer:

Saturday, November 8 and Saturday, November 22

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**

In 2024, SNAP benefits provided 99 millions meals across 7 counties, including Washington. On November 1st, those benefits may not come to hundreds and thousands of our neighbors. We do have food banks in our county, but they are only equipped to fill in the gaps, not to be a primary food source. The food pantries across the same seven counties provided 11 million meals last year. A coalition of Washington country citizens would like you to realize the we have the power to make a difference in our neighbor's lives, right now. For every \$1 donated to the Food Reservoir, the main source of food for HACAP and all of the food pantries in our county, 5 meals can be bought. We are asking for donations that will be delivered directly to HACAP. The money will be used to buy meals for those who are currently hungry and for those who may, in a week, find themselves with no resources to feed their families. We are asking now, so that the food will be available on November 1st if the benefits are not released. If the SNAP benefits are released, the food pantries have a jump start on Thanksgiving. You may notice other actions around the county also to help feed our neighbors. Volunteer at one of the many food pantries if you can. It will take us all to make up for millions of missed meals. Luke 3:11 And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

Peg Harris for Julie Gentz.

To Immanuel Lutheran Church-

Thank you so much for your generous gift of 22 bags filled with books, stuffed animals, and inspirational bookmarks to support Four Oaks foster and adoptive services. We are grateful for your donation and the impact it helps us make for foster and adoptive families across Iowa.

We are deeply grateful to have you with us in this work. Together, we are making a difference for children who deserve to feel safe, supported, and loved.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth O'Neill

President & CEO

Four Oaks

Full thank you letter on fellowship hall bulletin board.

Immanuel's H.O.P.E. offering was fantastic this fall! We did not send any kits to Lutheran World Relief in April as we usually do. Some of us were "out of commission" at that time, so opted to send all in the fall.

We were blessed to have Yaro and Mary Chmelar and Ron and Char Andersen set off to Cedar Rapids with their vans fully packed on October 18, 2025. They delivered 90 quilts, 47 health/personal care kits, 22 baby layette kits and 104 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. A check to help shipping cost in the amount of \$50.00 was also included.

The school kits were gathered and packed by our Faith Formation students and teachers. The rest was created and packed by the 5 women of H.O.P.E. being Wilma McKinstry, Doris Moore, Georgean Roffman, Jane Kruse and Deb Simmering (with some help from Dave Simmering as well.) We are a small group, but mighty and would love to have any and all help possible. We inherited enough boxes and boxes of sheets and material that Nancy Baker had accumulated for us, to create quilts for several years to come!

Several people have also contributed by using their Thrivent Cards to purchase the batting that goes inside of the quilts.

We have been blessed to be able to help people with needs for these kits throughout the world for a long time and pray that this service will continue for years to come!

Deb Simmering, H.O.P.E. volunteer

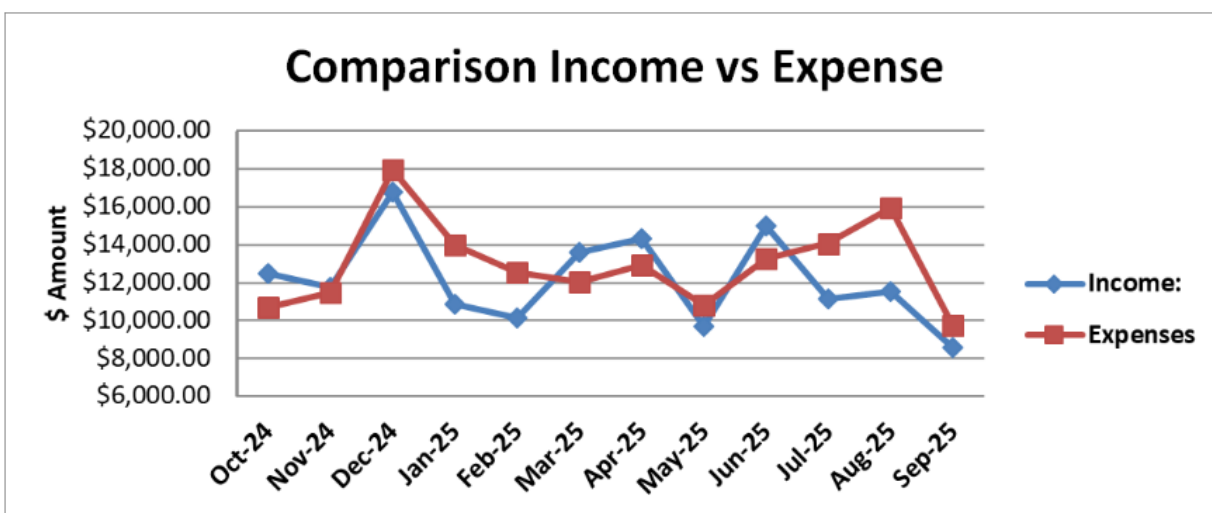
The financial committee would like to share the finalized numbers for the month of September. These numbers are in summary of our income and expenses:

We continue to plug away on the similar track each month. Thankfully this month's numbers were closer to balancing out. As we don't like to see the summer go the fall season is also just as wonderful. With all the beautiful colors of fall, take a moment to yourself to take them all in. Enjoy the world around you to the fullest because God has provided us a wonderful place to be.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

God Bless! Michelle, John, Ray

	2025	2024
	September	September
Income:		
Envelope Offering	\$7,887.00	\$8,371.00
Other Income	\$704.03	\$2,786.24
Total Income:	\$8,591.03	\$11,157.24
Payroll Tax - Retention Credit		
Pastor Expense (6100)	\$4,451.88	\$2,225.94
Staff Expenses (6100)	\$2,256.37	\$3,957.28
Building & Grounds (6200)	\$2,319.31	\$2,996.19
Fellowship / Supplies (6300)		
Faith Formation (6400)	\$288.09	\$755.07
Worship Expense (6500)	\$424.51	\$325.45
Benevolence Expense (6600)	-\$450.00	\$729.59
Administrative Expense (6800)	\$450.24	\$547.34
Total Expenses:	\$9,740.40	\$11,536.86
Net Operating Income / Loss	\$1,149.37	\$379.62



Immanuel Lutheran Church's Children's Christmas program JOY to the WORLD will be held on Sunday Dec 21 at the 9 am service .

If your child can't be in the program due to other commitments please let me know asap.

Four Practice Sundays are Nov 16, Nov 23, Dec 7 and Dec. 14 during the FF hour from 10 am until 11 am. There will be NO classes or practice on Nov 30 th (Thanksgiving weekend) .

Thanks . Any questions please let me know .

Linda Brown , director

319/863-3387 cell

camimaudegeorge@gmail.com



Being a kid today isn't easy. Our youth face challenges each and every day. One of the most powerful gifts we can give them is prayer.



I am looking for church members who will commit to being Prayer Partners for our youth. Each volunteer will be paired with a student to pray for throughout the school year.

Your prayers can make a real difference—helping our young people know they are loved, supported, and lifted up by their church family.

If you're willing to be a Prayer Partner, please let April Six know. (aprilleighsix@gmail.com or 319-541-1532)

Let's surround our youth with prayer and encouragement as they grow in faith and face life's challenges together. ☺☺

Luther League met in October to Trick or Treat for HACAP. The competition was close this year but Team April edged Team Tricia by a few items (rumor has it for the third year in row ☐) Over 200 items were collected! Our monthly lesson was about 'putting others first' and your support helped us to serve others! Thank you!



Faith Formation packing school kits.





Service Date	Acolyte	Communion	Greeters	Reader	Tech	Ushers
November 2	Grace Taylor and Tegan Bartholomew	Beverly Bailey	Michelle Bartholomew and Clayton Bartholomew	Linda Six	Thomas Lueck	Landon Coker, Craig Bartholomew, and Scott Bartholomew
November 9 KINNICK	Evan Woline and Armor Six	Christina Woline	Ron & Char Andersen	Georgian Roffman	Steve Vetter	Steve Vetter, Stephen Bay, and Ron Andersen
November 16 Annual Meeting	Paige Woline and Ainsley Six	Tricia Kroll	DeAnn Hakert and Beverly Bailey	Tricia Kroll	Thomas Lueck	Brad Kroll, Aaron Six, and Ryan Woline
November 23 KINNICK	Evan Woline and Bentley Striegel	Peg Harris	Stan & Sharol Kroll	Deb Simmering	Steve Vetter	Gary Fischer and Bob Coker
November 30	Armor Six and Axel Six	Steve & Kathy Vetter	Angela Taylor, Emma Taylor, and Grace Taylor	Linda Brown	Christina Woline	Rob Taylor, Jason Taylor, and Stephen Bay

**Whether you're sweeping, picking up, or simply lending a hand, your service is an act of faith and love - making a difference for our church! KINNICK upcoming dates:
LAST TWO DATES!!**



**November 9
November 23**



**Our next Saturday Kitchen will be
Saturday, December 6th.**