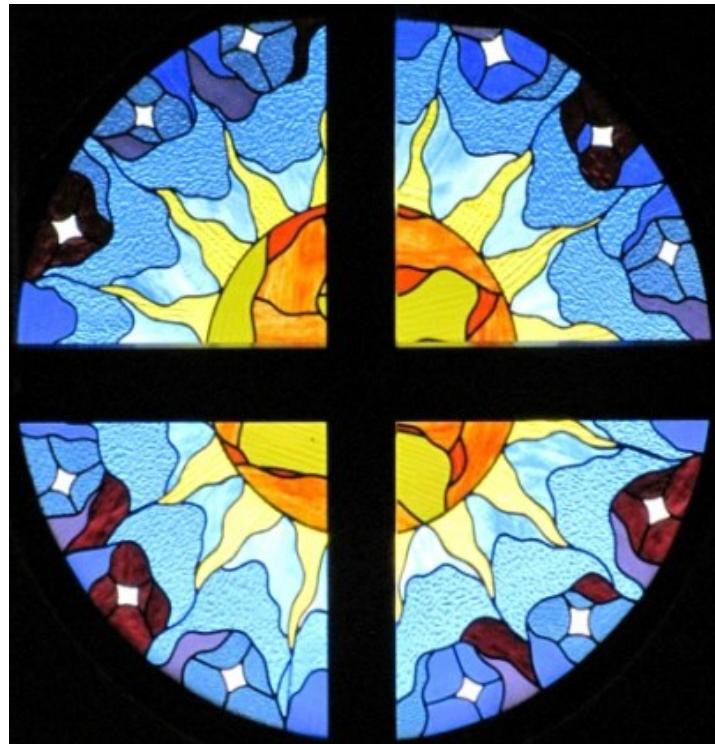


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

*January 2026 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](http://luthwash.org)

YouTube- luthwash \* Email us at [luthwash@hotmail.com](mailto:luthwash@hotmail.com)

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

Church ~ 319.653.3950

## Attendance & Offering

**Sunday, November 30**

No service, cancelled weather

**Sunday, December 7**

9:00 am ~ 50 Offering ~ \$42930

**Sunday, December 14**

9:00 a.m. ~ 59 Offering ~ \$2525

**Sunday, December 21**

9:00 a.m. ~ 111 Offering ~ \$3451

**Wednesday, December 24**

5:30 p.m. ~ 85 Offering ~ \$1228

**Sunday, December 28**

9:00 a.m. ~ 49 Offering ~ \$3300

## **Noisy offering**

January ~

“Sleep in Heavenly Peace” community project.

## **Birthdays For January**

7- Naomi Erickson

7- Sherry Ives

8- Bill Runaas

8- Jim Six

11- Marty Westen

14- Tricia Kroll

17- Brian Lueck

18- Ray Poe

18- Mary Gail Lyons

24- Ainsley Six

25- Ellis Almelien

28- Angela Taylor

31- Ron Andersen



## **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

## **Anniversaries for January**

22- Ray & Alta Poe



The devotional booklets,

**“Christ in Our Home”**

are now available in the Hallway.

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



ENCORE EXPRESS

Heritage  
Area Agency on Aging

HuVee  
EMPLOYEE OWNED

Encore at Immanuel meals this month:

**Thursday, January 8**

and

**Thursday, January 22**

Serving at 11:30 a.m.

Check Facebook for the menus.

RSVPs are required. *See you there!!*

Another great Children's Christmas program was performed at Immanuel on Dec. 21. The following children along with their parts were:

Kennedy Striegel—Mary

Armour Six—Joseph

Ellis Almelien—Mary's donkey

Clayton Bartholomew—Shepherd and Wiseman

Axel Six—Shepherd and King Herod

Anker Six—Shepherd and Camel

Anders Almelien—Shepherd and Camel

Evan Woline—Shepherd and Wiseman

Bentley Striegel—Shepherd and Wiseman

Marcus Gutierrez—Shepherd and Camel

Ainsley Six—Main Angel and Scribe

Tegan Bartholomew—Angel and Scribe

Avenley Six—Angel and Scribe

Nora Gutierrez—Angel and Priest

Amaya—Angel and Priest

Grace Taylor—Mama Sheep

Martin Runaas- Lamb

Lilly Runaas-Lamb

Benson Striegel—Toddler Jesus

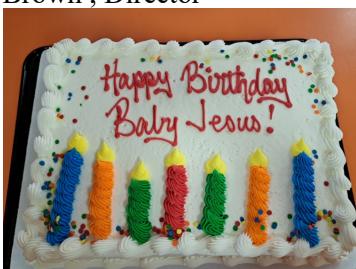
Paige Woline—Narrator

Our musicians were Emma Taylor-clarinet, Thomas Lueck-tenor sax, John Harris-trumpet, Mike Jewell-, piano and tech support, and Brayden Zywiec and Bev Bailey- alto sax. Our support people who helped put this program on were Deb Simmering —publicity and costumes, Angela Taylor, Christina Woline, Kelsey Striegel, and April Six —costumes , Rob Taylor — costumes and stage hand, Ron Brown, Jason Taylor, and Ben Striegel —stage hands, Kelly Smith —program printing and design, Steve Vetter, tech support and Kennedy Striegel - loan of her doll for Baby Jesus. Also thanks to all the teachers and Education team members for their help and input and to the HS students for their willingness to help in any way they could . This year we did two acts for the program which took more time and hard work . Faith Formation students , you did such a great job listening and being respectful . It was a joy to work with you ! The congregation really liked our program. One member told me it was one of the best we have done !

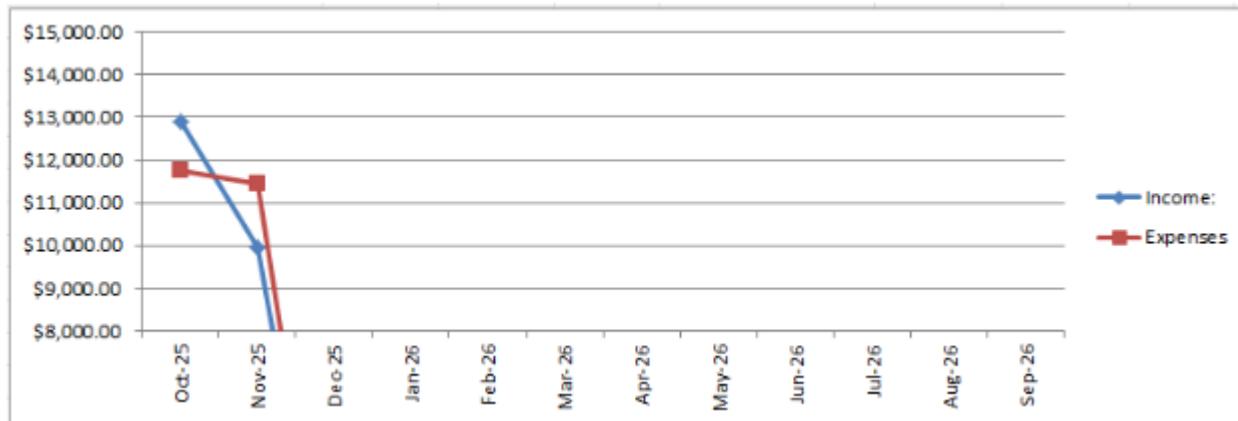
Thanks again, everyone!

I hope you all have a very blessed new year,

Linda Brown , Director



	November 2025	November 2024		
<b>Income:</b>				
Primary Offering	\$8,632.00	\$8,693.50		
Other Income	\$1,322.06	\$12,083.90		
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$9,954.06</b>	<b>\$20,777.40</b>		
			<b>Payroll Retention Credit</b>	
Pastor Expense (6100)	\$4,451.88	\$4,451.88		
Staff Expenses (6100)	\$3,193.21	\$3,271.81		
Building & Grounds (6200)	\$2,588.59	\$1,653.68	Operating Accounts	\$23,909.98
Fellowship / Supplies (6300)	\$0.00	\$0.00	Other Accounts	\$93,354.83
Faith Formation (6400)	-\$71.12	\$135.68	Total Bank Accounts	\$117,264.81
Worship Expense (6500)	\$23.69	\$669.84		\$106,212.43
Benevolence Epense (6600)	\$541.40	\$500.00		
Administrative Expense (6800)	\$710.23	\$771.61		
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$11,437.88</b>	<b>\$11,454.50</b>		
<b>Net Operating Income / Loss</b>	<b>\$1,483.82</b>	<b>\$9,322.90</b>		



Income in 2025 is significantly lower, due to a Payroll Tax Retention Deposit that we received in 2024.

Expenses are nearly identical year over year.

With the weather already in full force and the pattern for the next few months is an uncertainty. This may lower our Sunday offerings, cause higher heating and maintenance costs (snow removal), and unpredictable expenses due to storms. This weather related factors in the coming months could impact our financials.

When you are able to safely make it to church please take into consideration these unknowns.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season. God Bless!

Finance Chair – Michelle

I want to thank all my church family for all the cards, letters, candy, visits, gifts, etc. when I was at the Presbyterian Home and since I have been home. I still have the neck brace on, can't drive my car, I am doing a lot better, have a dr. visit Jan 16-26. I hope to remove the brace. Thank you all for the prayers, love you all, God bless.

Corrine Martin



A huge THANK YOU to the Adult Choir for the Christmas Choir Program on December 14th!

A special thank you to Mike and Debbie Jewel and

Virginia Bordwell for going "above and beyond" in making things go smoothly!

Sara

Thank you to the congregation for the Christmas gift of Chamber Bucks. I will enjoy spending them. It is my pleasure to serve as your Financial Secretary.

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Deb Shepherd

Thank you to the Immanuel Council and church members for the Chamber Bucks at Christmas. I really do appreciate it and it's nice to be remembered.

Happy New Year,

Ron Brown

Thank you, Immanuel. Your thoughtful gift of Chamber Bucks, truly brightened my day. I appreciate you taking the time to think of me during this Christmas season. I am humbled and sincerely grateful for you all.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Kelly Smith



**Centering Prayer:  
Saturday, January 10th and Saturday, January 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**

The sew ladies ventured out in the cold to deliver 16 handmade quilts to Hospice of Washington County. We are so proud of our quilt ministry at Immanuel. Our quilt ministry sees donating quilts as a representation of "the hands and feet of Jesus" and to share Christ's love in our community.



Our sew ladies are at it again!! On Monday, they donated 13 quilts to HACAP/Toys For Tots. We have an amazing group and are so proud of their work and their impact on our community. You are the hands and feet of Jesus and we are grateful for you all!!

Our volunteers helped with loading and unloading toys for the Toys for Tots distribution days at Immanuel.

On December 14th Luther League was able to shop for our adopted family. We were able to provide many gifts for the two kids and some holiday gifts for the entire family. Thank you for your generosity!! Merry Christmas!



**Our Encore Christmas lunch was so much fun and it's because of our volunteers!! They are like the best toppings you can get for hot chocolate!!**





Service Date	Acolyte	Communion	Greeters	Reader	Tech	Ushers
January 4	Evan Woline and Axel Six	Naomi Erickson	Ron & Char Andersen	Linda Six	Brian Lueck	Aaron Six, Gary Fischer, and Bob Coker
January 11	Paige Woline and Ainsley Six	Tricia Kroll	Ryan & Christina Woline	Linda Brown		Landon Coker, Scott Bartholomew and Craig Bartholomew
January 18	Grace Taylor and Tegan Bartholomew	Bev Bailey	Angela Taylor and Emma Taylor	Angela Taylor		Jason Taylor, Rob Taylor, and Craig Bartholomew
January 25	Bentley Striegel and Armor Six	Christina Woline	Bev Crandall and Gene Booth	Georangean Roffman		Ryan Woline, Stephen Bay, and John Harris



## Christmas Poinsettias

Stephen Bay

Ray & Alta Poe

Dave & Deb Simmering

Beverly Bailey- In honor of parents and brothers

Ron & Char Andersen- In honor of our parents

Stan & Sharol Kroll- In memory of loved ones

Scott & Michelle Bartholomew- Barb Bartholomew and grandparents

Naomi Erickson- In memory of Ken Erickson and loved ones

Kroll Family- In memory of Cindy Carey

Buchholz Family- In memory of Lee, Lois, and Brad Buchholz

Ron & Linda Brown- In memory of granddaughter, Paula, her great- grandparents, and her uncle, Gary.

Mike & Debbie Jewell- In memory of parents- Clarence & Ethel Jewell, parents- Bobby & Betty Voss, and brother, Craig Voss