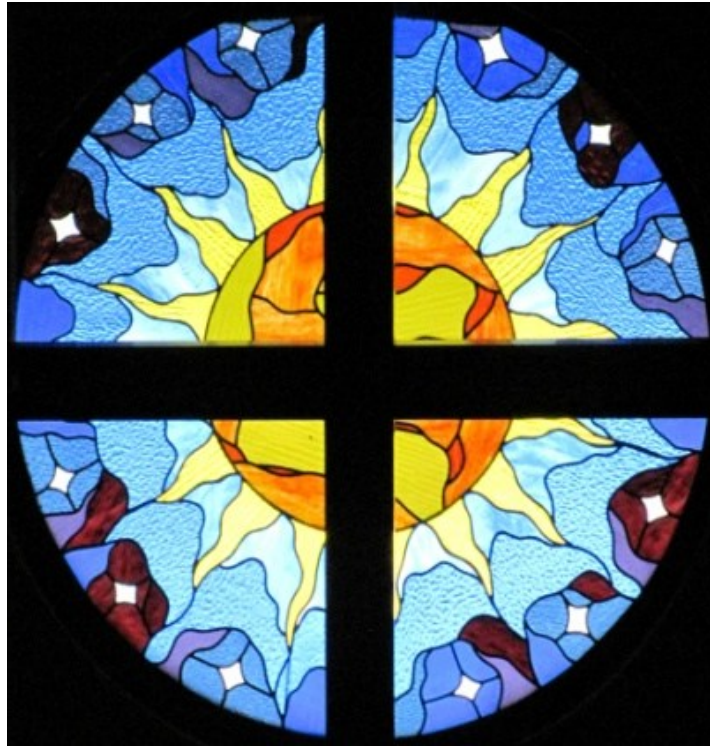


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

*May 2026 Newsletter*



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

*Faith Formation*  
*Resumes in September*

*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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) \* 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

Wednesday, March 25

6:15 p.m. ~ 21 Offering ~ ?

Sunday, March 29

9:00 am ~ 78 Offering ~ \$1815

Thursday, April 2

6:15 p.m. ~ ? Offering ~ ?

Sunday, April 5

9:00 a.m. ~ 114 Offering ~ \$3024.30

Sunday, April 12

9:00 a.m. ~ 68 Offering ~ \$1350

Sunday, April 19

9:00 a.m. ~ 49 Offering ~ \$2737

Sunday, April 26

9:00 a.m. ~ 89 Offering ~ \$1715

## Noisy offering

Confirmation student projects

### Birthdays For May

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



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



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### Anniversaries for May

- 29- Steve & Kathy Vetter



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

Encore at Immanuel meals this month:

**Thursday, May 14**

**and**

**Thursday, May 28**

Serving at 11:30 a.m.

Check Facebook for the menus.

RSVPs are required. *See you there!!*



**Centering Prayer:**

**Saturday, May 23**

**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**

**Christian Sympathy**

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to the family of

+Andrew Almelien (Jim & Kathleen Almelien’s son)

May his family find comfort and peace  
in the promise of the resurrection of Christ.

# March Financial Update: A Season of Renewal and Faith

As we enter the season of spring—a time of renewal, growth, and new life—we are reminded of God’s continued faithfulness in every season, including in the life of our church.

In March 2026, total income was \$11,965. While this is slightly lower than March of last year, our primary offerings remain steady. Like the early signs of spring, these consistent gifts are a reminder that even small, faithful acts build the foundation for growth and flourishing ministry.

Total expenses for the month were \$15,429, reflecting increased investment in areas such as staffing, building care, and faith formation. Just as spring calls for tending the soil and planting seeds, these expenses represent our commitment to nurturing the ministries that help our congregation grow in faith, serve others, and stay connected as a community.

For March, expenses exceeded income, resulting in a net operating loss of \$3,464. While this can feel challenging, it is also part of a larger season of planting and preparation—trusting that what is sown now will bear fruit in the months ahead.

We are grateful to share that our overall financial position remains strong, with total bank balances of \$166,249, significantly higher than this time last year. This stability is a testament to God’s provision and your ongoing generosity.

As we continue through this season of renewal, we give thanks for each of you. Your support helps cultivate a vibrant, growing church where faith can take root and flourish. Together, we trust that God is bringing new life and continued blessings to our shared ministry.

Income:	March-26	March-25			
Primary Offering	\$10,491.00	\$11,102.00			
Other Income	\$1,474.50	\$51,840.97			
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$11,965.50</b>	<b>\$62,942.97</b>			
RRR Income		\$49,502.00			
		<b>\$13,440.97</b>			
				<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
				<b>March</b>	<b>March</b>
Pastor Expense (6100)	\$4,451.88	\$4,451.88	Operating Accounts	\$67,381.58	\$46,024.32
Staff Expenses (6100)	\$3,773.87	\$2,844.68	Other Accounts	\$98,867.20	\$91,315.95
Building & Grounds (6200)	\$3,707.72	\$2,046.29	<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$166,248.78</b>	<b>\$137,340.27</b>
Fellowship / Supplies (6300)					
Faith Formation (6400)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00			
Worship Expense (6500)	\$961.25	\$459.58			
Benevolence Expense (6600)	\$1,000.00	\$734.91			
Administrative Expense (6800)	\$534.62	\$498.54			
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$15,429.34</b>	<b>\$11,035.88</b>			
<b>Net Operating Income / Loss</b>	<b>\$3,463.84</b>	<b>\$2,405.09</b>			



*We appreciate our volunteers!!*

We celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Week on Thursday, April 23rd during our Encore lunch and while we only snapped a few pictures, we are thankful to ALL of our volunteers. Our volunteers have put in 633 hours in one year to run our lunches. We could not have an Encore at Immanuel lunch twice a month without them!!

*Thank you!!*



WOMEN IN ACTION



The Women in Action Bible Study group will have lunch  
at Circa 59 restaurant on

**Friday, May 29th at 11:30 a.m.**

Anyone is welcome to join us.

**Please RSVP to Deb Simmering by Wednesday, May 20th.**

We will then take the summer off and resume our study in September.

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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



# Graduation PARTY



We invite you to join us in celebrating Brayden Zywiec's graduation! A party will be held in the fellowship hall on **May 9th from 12:00–4:00 PM**. All are welcome to stop by, share in the celebration, and wish Brayden well on this exciting milestone. The Zywiec Family

Please join us in celebrating Emma Taylor's graduation. Her party will be held in the fellowship hall on **Saturday, May 23 from 1 - 4 pm**. Come celebrate with us and congratulate Emma.

- The Taylor Family

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Our heartfelt thank you to those who met at Werner Fick's place in Kalona on April 17th to load 350 boxes of school kits onto the U-Haul truck to deliver for Lutheran World Relief. The boxes were loaded in record time to beat the oncoming storm. We made it! Thanks to **Stan Kroll, Jay Carey, Ryan Woline, Ron Brown, Deb Simmering, and Dave Simmering!** We have the opportunity to help Werner pack these school kits in the future. He has generously gifted Immanuel with \$10,000.00. We would like to help him in this venture. Stay tuned for future dates!





Service Date	Acolyte	Communion	Greeters	Reader	Tech	Ushers
May 3	Tegan Bartholomew	Naomi Erickson	Bev Bailey and Naomi Erickson	Molly Zywiec	Brian Lueck	Craig Bartholomew, Gary Fischer, and Robert Coker
May 10	Evan Woline and Axel Six	Christina Woline	Bev Crandall and Gene Booth	Bev Bailey	Steve Vetter	Ryan Woline, Steve Vetter, and Landon Coker
May 17	Ushers	Steve & Kathy Vetter	Stan & Sharol Kroll	Linda Brown		Scott Bartholomew, Clayton Bartholomew, and Stephen Bay
May 24	Armor Six and Anker Six	Tricia Kroll	Tricia Kroll and Chirstina Woline	Christina Woline		Ryan Woline, John Harris, and Aaron Six
May 31	Bentley Striegel and Kennedy Striegel	Bev Bailey	Linda Six and April Six	Deb Simmering		Gary Fischer, Landon Coker, and Robert Coker



There will be a special fellowship following worship on **Sunday, May 31st.** In honor and to celebrate Steve & Kathy Vetter's 50th Anniversary.

The sign up to bring refreshments or to contribute monetarily is on the hall table. Questions contact Stephen Bay.