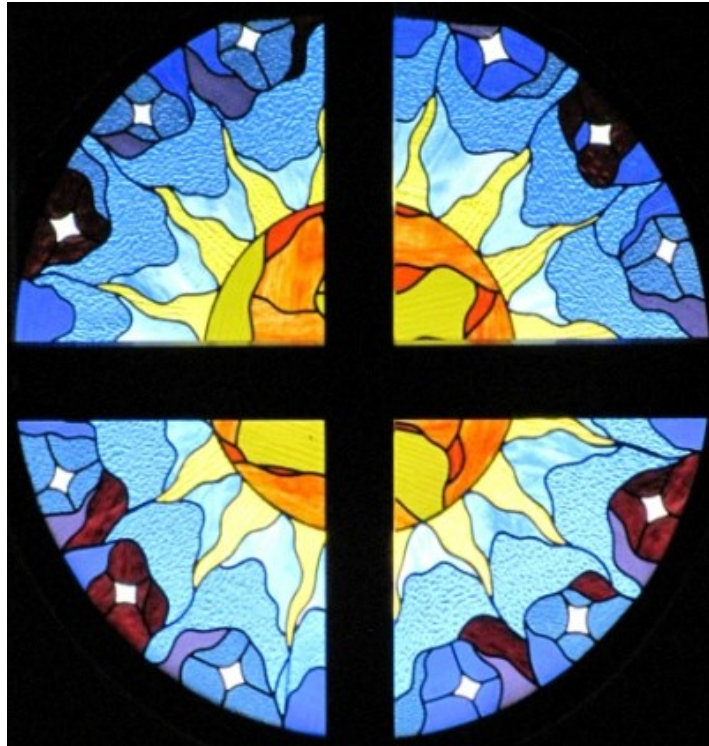


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

September 2026 Newsletter



Worship and Communion
Sunday services ~ 8:30 a.m.
Live Streaming

Faith Formation
KICK OFF Sunday, September 13th

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

NO SERVICE AT IMMANUEL ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th

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, August 2

9:00 am ~ 50 Offering ~ \$2278

Sunday, August 9

9:00 a.m. ~ 60 Offering ~ \$1872.20

Sunday, August 16

9:00 a.m. ~ 47 Offering ~ \$2416

Sunday, August 23

9:00 a.m. ~ 52 Offering ~ \$1766

Sunday, August 30
NO SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

Noisy offering

For September and October is for Luther League Christmas shopping for a family

Birthdays For September

8- Audrey Wubbena
9- Tegan Bartholomew
10- Jon Runaas
16- Dale Venzke
17- Peg Harris
19- Ken Baker
21- Marilyn Bennett
22- Carrie Lueck
24- Brad Kroll
24- Robert Coker
26- Charlotte Andersen
28- Tracy Almelien
30- Sara Bartlett



Anniversaries for September

2- Yaro & Mary Chmelar
5- Ron & Charlotte Andersen



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



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, September 10

and

Thursday, September 24



Serving at 11:30 a.m.

Check Facebook for the menus.



RSVPs are required. *See you there!!*



We have openings for running the tech during worship. Are you interested? We can train you!! Contact any tech member and sign up for a time slot.



**Centering Prayer:
Saturday, September 12 and Saturday, September 26
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**

Immanuel Lutheran Church 2026-2027 Faith Formation Calendar

Date	Lesson
September 13 th -Kinnick	Joseph Helps his family
September 20 th -Kinnick	The vineyard workers
September 27 th	The chief priests
October 4 th -Kinnick	Parable of the vineyard
October 11 th	The wedding banquet
October 18 th	Paying taxes
October 25 th	The greatest commandment
November 1 st -Kinnick	Be humble
November 8 th	Ten bridesmaids
November 15 th -Kinnick	Christmas Practice
November 22 nd	Christmas Practice
November 29 th	Thanksgiving Break-No FF
December 6 th	Christmas Practice
December 13 th	Christmas Program, Baby Jesus's Birthday
December 20 th	Christmas Break-No FF
December 27 th	Christmas Break-No FF
January 3 rd	Jesus the word
January 10 th	Jesus' baptism
January 17 th	God calls Samuel
January 24 th	Jonah and the big fish
January 31 st	Teaching and Healing
February 7 th	The Transfiguration
February 14 th	Noah's Ark
February 21 st	Abraham and Sarah's Visitors
February 28 th	The Ten Commandments
March 7 th	The Light of The World
March 14 th	Spring Break-No Ff
March 21 st	Holy week
March 28 th	Easter Sunday- No FF
April 4 th	Doubting Thomas
April 11 th	The Great Commission
April 18 th	The Good Shepherd
April 25 th	Last Sunday of FF/No confirmands
May 16 th	Senior Sunday/Cake Reception
June 6 th	VBS 2027



Faith Formation for all ages

resumes

Sunday, September 13th.

We'll see you then!!

Collecting School Kits Items

We will be collecting school kits items for Lutheran World Relief.

Bring your donations during the month of September.

You are welcome to donate monetarily also.

Faith Formation kids will be putting them together in October.



KINNICK DATES

Which dates did you sign up to help?

Sunday, September 6

Sunday, September 13

Sunday, September 20

Sunday, October 4

Sunday, November 1

Sunday, November 15

Saturday, November 28



IMPORTANT DATES



Sunday, August 30th– NO SERVICE AT IMMANUEL– Worship will be at the Washington Methodist Church at 10 a.m.

Sunday, September 6th– Worship will now start at 8:30 a.m. with Pastor Runaas. Our first KINNICK Clean-up.

Sunday, September 13th– Faith Formation KICK OFF. Kindergarten– 5th grade will begin in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, September 20th– Luther League ~ 5-6:30 p.m.

Thank you Immanuel Lutheran for rewarding me with a scholarship. The University of Northern Iowa has brought me so many new opportunities and I'm grateful for the financial support from our congregation.

Thank you again for supporting me through my education!

Caitlin Kroll

Thank you for all the birthday cards I received.

Bev Crandall

Dear Members and Friends of Our Congregation,

Summer is a wonderful time to slow down, enjoy time with family and friends, and appreciate the many blessings God has provided. As we enjoy the longer days, vacations, community activities, and the beauty of the summer season, we are also reminded of the importance of faithfully supporting our church throughout the year.

In July 2026, our primary offering totaled \$8,697.00, compared with \$8,062.00 in July 2025. We also received \$1,647.57 in other income, bringing our total July 2026 income to \$9,461.84. Last July's income was higher because it included an \$8,536.99 retention credit, resulting in the total income of \$19,591.04.

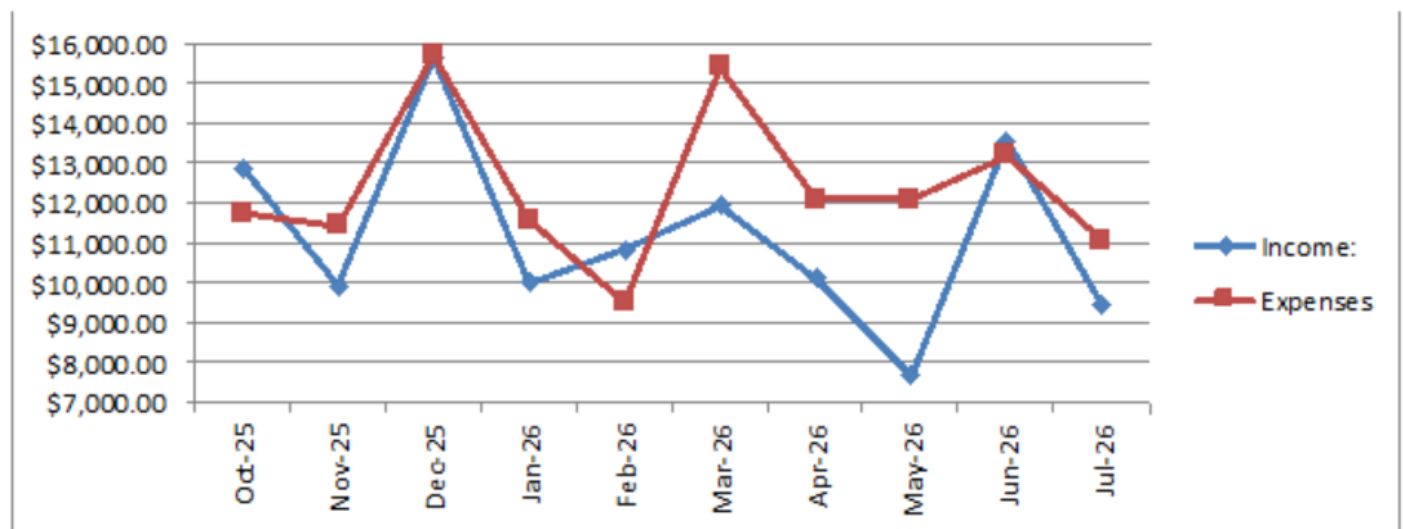
Our total expense for July 2026 were \$11,082.30, compared with \$14,068.99 in July 2025. July ended with a new operating loss of \$1,620.46. This is a reminder that even when summer attendance and routines may vary because of vacations, travel, and other seasonal activities, our church's expenses continue throughout the summer.

Our overall financial position remains positive. At the end of July, total assets were \$156,772.48, compared with \$142,007.62 at the same time last year. We also have \$40,000 in a Money Market / CD account, providing financial stability.

Summer brings many opportunities to enjoy God's creation—from warm evenings and sunny days to family gatherings, community events, and time spent outdoors. In the midst of these summer activities, we encourage everyone to remember that our church and its ministry continue throughout the season.

Thank you for continuing to give faithfully, participating in worship, and support our church family during the summer months. Every offering prayer, volunteer hour, and act of kindness makes a difference and helps our congregation continue its mission.

With gratitude and summer blessings – Michelle





Service Date	Acolyte	Communion	Greeters	Reader	Tech	Ushers
September 6 KINNICK	Bentley Striegel and Kennedy Striegel	Steve & Kathy Vetter	Naomi Erickson and Beverly Bailey	Beverly Bailey	Tugg Vetter	Robert Coker, Landon Coker, and Steve Vetter
September 13 KINNICK	Tegan Bartholomew	Naomi Erickson	Bev Crandall and Gene Booth	Georgan Roffman	Tugg Vetter	Craig Bartholomew, Ron Andersen, Stephen Bay
September 20 KINNICK	Bentley Striegel and Kennedy Striegel	Beverly Bailey	Stan & Sharol Kroll	Deidra Baker	Tugg Vetter	Bev Bailey, Deb Shepherd, and Peg Harris
September 27	Evan Woline	Christina Woline	Tricia Kroll and Christina Woline	Tricia Kroll	Brian Lueck	Ryan Woline, Brad Kroll, and Gary Fischer



A LOOK ahead at Luther League for the 2026-27 year

Sunday, September 20th 5-6:30pm

Sunday, October 18th 5-6:30pm

Sunday, November 15th 5-6:30pm

Sunday, December 13th 10:45am -12:30pm

Sunday, January 17th 5-6:30pm

Sunday, February 21st 5-6:30pm

Sunday, April 18th 5-7pm