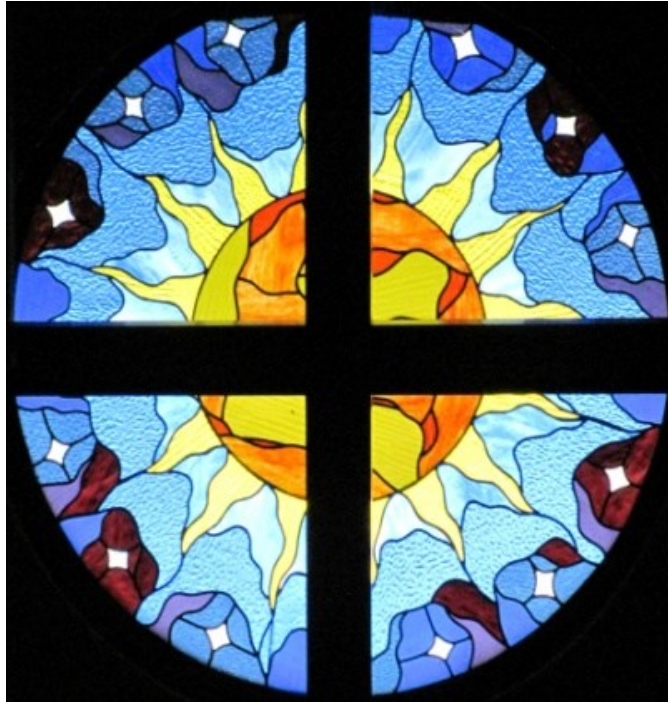


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love.

October 2026 Newsletter



Pastor

Pastor William Runaas
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Worship and Communion

Sunday services ~ 8:30 a.m.
Live Streaming

Faith Formation

Sundays ~ 9:45 a.m.

Office Hours

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, September 6

8:30 am ~ 43 KINNICK ~ 20

Offering ~ \$3298

Sunday, September 13

8:30 a.m. ~ 52 KINNICK ~ 24

Offering ~ \$3085

Sunday, September 20

8:30 a.m. ~ 34 KINNICK ~ 18

Offering ~ \$2996

Sunday, September 27

8:30 a.m. ~ 50 Offering ~ No count until Friday

Noisy offering

For October is for Luther League Christmas shopping for a family

Birthdays For October

1- James Almelien
5- Linda Brown
6- Aaron Six
7- Jane Runaas
8- Donna Manfull
14- Doris Moore
15- Pam Johnston
17- Emma Lueck
20- Ron Brown
21- John Harris
23- Deb Simmering
23- Paige Woline
25- Benson Striegel
25- Linda Six
26- Dave Simmering
28- DeAnn Hakert
30- Ryan Woline



Anniversaries for October

5- Rich & Deidra Baker
7- Jason & Angela Taylor
24- Ron & Linda Brown
28- Dave & Deb Simmering



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



Area Agency on Aging



Encore at Immanuel meals this month:
Thursday, October 8
and

Thursday, October 22

Serving at 11:30 a.m.

Check Facebook for the menus.

RSVPs are required. *See you there!!*



Trick or Treat for HACAP

It's about that time for a Luther League favorite!

Luther League will be trick or treating for HACAP on

Sunday, October 18th from 5:30-6:15pm.

If you are willing to leave some canned/boxed food outside your door,

please let April Six know.

This is always a fun event with some healthy competition for the kids!



August Financial Update

As we say goodbye to summer and begin settling into our fall routines, it is a wonderful time to pause and give thanks for the many blessings God continues to provide for our congregation. August is often a month of transition. Families are enjoying those last days of summer, children are heading back to school, and our calendars begin to fill up again with activities, meetings, worship, and fellowship. Before we know it, our church is back into its familiar fall rhythm.

We are especially thankful for the continued generosity and faithfulness of our congregation. In August, we received \$8,771.10 in total income, including \$8,286.00 in Primary Offerings and \$485.10 in Other Income. Our expenses for August totaled \$15,184.31. Part of this expense is 3 weeks' vacation that we owed Pastor Cindy in the amount of \$7,790.79. This was a one-time expense and should not be considered a reflection of our normal monthly pastor expense. After accounting for our income and expenses, August ended with a net operating loss of \$6,413.21. Although our expenses were greater than our income this month, we are thankful for the financial resources God has provided and for the continued faithful stewardship of our congregation.

Looking Toward Fall

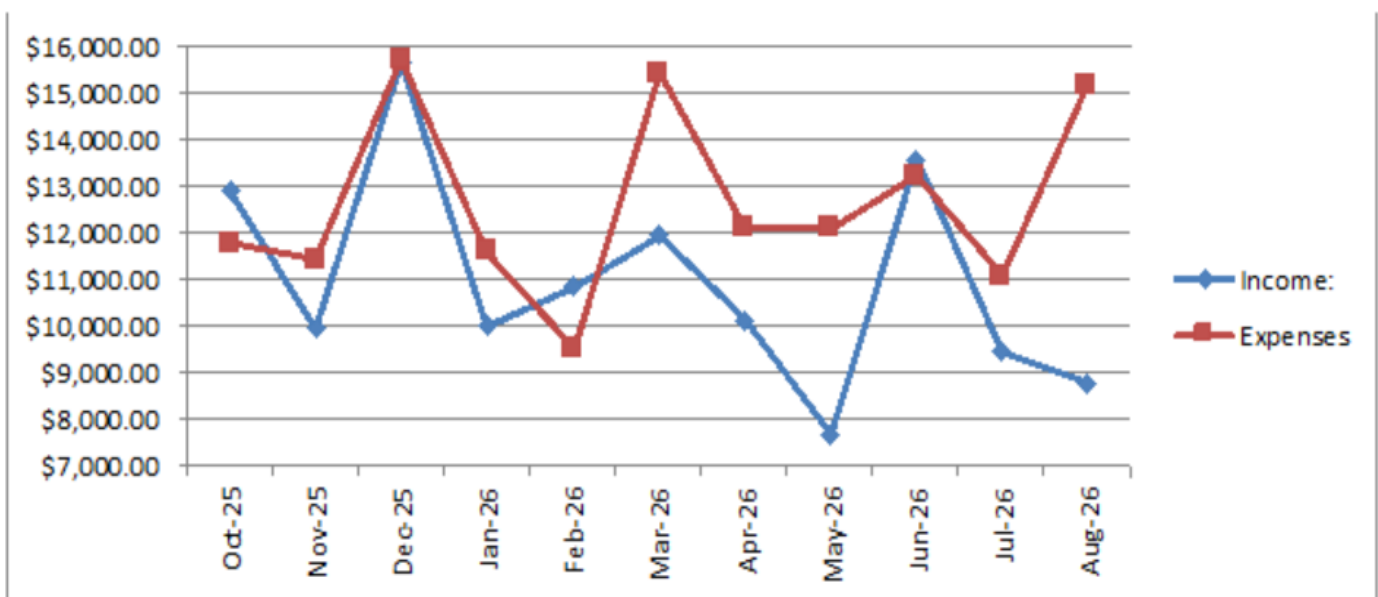
There is something special about this time of year. The slower pace of summer begins to change, school buses are back on the roads, schedules become more predictable, and our church family begins coming together again in our regular fall routines. These routines are more than just things on our calendars. They give us opportunities to worship together, learn together, encourage one another, and serve those around us. It is in these everyday moments that our church family grows stronger.

As we enter this new season, we encourage everyone to find ways to reconnect, get involved, and share in the life of our congregation. Whether it is attending worship, helping with a church activity, volunteering, giving, or simply reaching out to someone who may need a friendly hello, each of us has something important to offer.

Thank you for your continued prayers, your generosity, your time, and your willingness to support our church. We are blessed to have such a caring congregation, and we look forward to all that God has in store for us as we begin another season together.

May this fall bring renewed energy, new opportunities, and many reasons to be thankful.

With grateful hearts, we look forward to sharing the season ahead with you!





90th Birthday Celebration for Doris Moore

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Open House from 2-4 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church

1226 E Washington St, Washington Iowa

RSVP to harris.peg@gmail.com or text 319-653-1866

KINNICK DATES

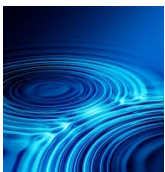
Which dates did you sign up to help?

Sunday, October 4

Sunday, November 1

Sunday, November 15

Saturday, November 28



Centering Prayer:

Saturday, October 10 and Saturday, October 24
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**



H.O.P.E., (Helping Other People Everywhere) volunteer group, met each Tuesday morning this year to work on mission projects. A small but mighty group of 5 women and 1 man, so far have created:

114 Quilts, 30 Health care kits and 21 Baby kits. These kits and 40 quilts are being sent to Lutheran World Relief in October to Cedar Rapids. Deciding to donate to local organizations, 70 quilts are being donated to the Washington Hospice for their clients, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, that builds beds for children so they don't have to sleep on the floor, and to HACP for their Christmas gift project. These projects as well as the school kits that will be assembled by Faith Formation students will be blessed during church services Oct. 11.

We have been blessed with ample fabric donated primarily from Nancy Baker's previous efforts for the tops and bottoms but still need to purchase the batting for the middle as well as threads, scissors and pins. Immanuel provides a generous fund for purchasing such supplies but we still could use help from anyone because we use a LOT of batting to make all the quilts. We can always use donations of good used (baby to 2T size) t-shirts, sleepers, hooded jackets, unfolded cloth diapers, receiving blankets, soap and dark colored hand towels. Garage sales, Goodwill or other thrift stores are a good source for some of the items throughout the year. Thank you for sharing your love with our neighbors in need and letting them know they are not alone.



Luther League **Low down**

September started with a bang for Luther League. We had three Kinnick clean ups in a row. We are very thankful to all those who have assisted with clean up so far!

We had our first meeting on the 20th. Our theme was Let's 'TACO' about Jesus. We ate tacos, talked about Jesus, used TACOS to help with our prayers, and played a few games.



Luther League Calendar for the 2026~27 year

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



Service Date	Acolyte	Communion	Greeters	Reader	Tech	Ushers
October 4	Bentley Striegel and Kennedy Striegel	Beverly Bailey	Naomi Erickson and Beverly Bailey	Peg Harris	Tugg Vetter	Gary Fischer and Ron Andersen
October 11	Tegan Bartholomew	Naomi Erickson	Aaron & April Six	Tricia Kroll		Scott Bartholomew, Craig Bartholomew, and Stephen Bay
October 18	Evan Woline	Christina Woline	Ryan & Christina Woline	Angela Taylor		Jason Taylor, Rob Taylor, and Landon Coker
October 25	Bentley Striegel and Kennedy Striegel	Tricia Kroll	Bev Crandall and Gene Booth	Christina Woline		Ryan Woline, Gary Fischer, and Aaron Six

