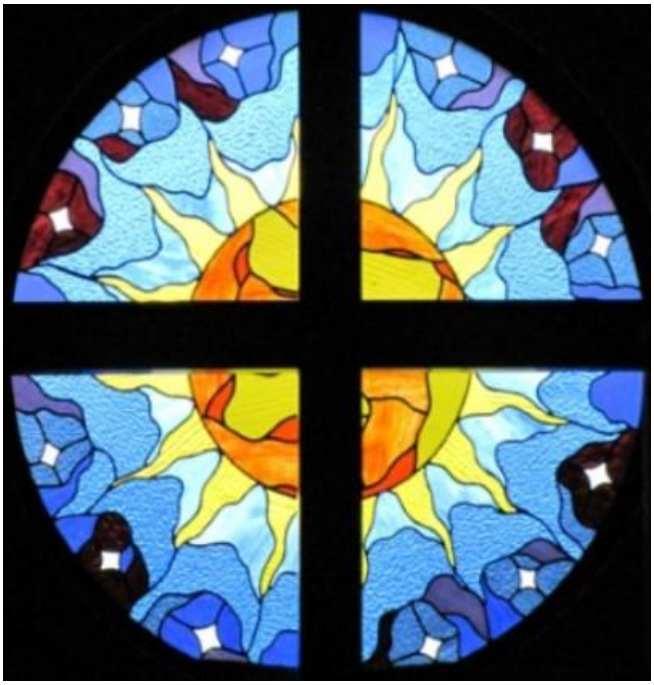
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share Christ's Love

December 2026 Newsletter



Pastor
Pastor William Runaas
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Worship and Communion
Sunday services- 8:30 a.m.
In Person and 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 * Email us at luthwash@hotmail.com*
Come visit us at 1226 E Washington Street, Washington, Iowa 52353
319.653.3950

Attendance and Offering

Sunday, November 1
8:30 a.m. - 35 KINNICK - 28
Offering- $1872

Sunday, November 8
8:30 a.m. - 50
Offering- $2130

Sunday, November 15
8:30 a.m. – 31 KINNICK- 19
Offering- $2510

Sunday, November 22
10:00 a.m. – 64- Annual Meeting
Offering- $1235



Birthdays for December
2- Stephen Bay
8- Landon Coker
14- Sandy Weller
18- Bill Zywiec

Anniversaries for December
16- Bill & Jane Runaas
31- Jim & Kathleen Almelien

Your dollar buys more when HACAP orders food. Consider sending a few dollars to:
HACAP
2175 Lexington Blvd. #1
Washington, Iowa 52353
Help you local families in need.
Thank you, DeAnn

The Devotional booklets,
"Christ in Our Home"
are now available in the hallway.
Please take one for yourself and one pass along to someone else.

ENCORE CAFÉ

Encore at Immanuel Meals this Month:

Thursday, December 10th

ONLY ONE THIS MONTH

HACAP will be here
Serving at 11:30 a.m.
Check Facebook to see menu.

RSVPs are required.

See you there!!

Dear Immanuel,
Thank you for my college care package. I enjoyed reading cards from you.
I am very grateful for the gift cards.

Thank you,
Emma Taylor



Luther League Calendar for the 2026-27 year

Sunday, December 13th 10:45am -12:30pm
Sunday, January 31st 6-8 pm with UP Church- Note time and location change
Sunday, February 21st 5-6:30pm
Sunday, April 18th 5-7pm

A Season of Thankfulness and Faith

	2026 October	2025 October	2024 October
Income:			
Primary Offering	$15,317.00	$12,832.00	$11,556.90
Other Income	$354.79	$73.83	$916.42
Total Income:	**$15,671.79**	**$12,905.83**	**$12,473.32**
Gift / Donation			
Pastor Expense (6100)	$5,294.12	$4,451.88	$4,451.88
Reim 40% - Keota	($2,117.64)		
Staff Expenses (6100)	$3,991.41	$2,263.07	$2,395.97
Building & Grounds (6200)	$3,213.62	$2,941.19	$1,702.11
Fellowship / Supplies (6300)	$0.00	$31.53	$0.00
Faith Formation (6400)	$449.00	($12.28)	$520.30
Worship Expense (6500)	$407.89	$666.75	$449.00
Benevolence Epense (6600)	$873.76	$500.00	$783.98
Administrative Expense (6800)	$743.65	$906.87	$379.61
Total Expenses:	**$12,855.81**	**$11,749.01**	**$10,682.85**
Net Operating Income / Loss	**$2,815.98**	**$1,156.82**	**$1,790.47**

	2026 October	2025 October	2024 October
Operating Accounts	$54,224.28	$25,443.64	$42,557.87
Other Accounts	$61,062.80	$92,878.40	$52,849.94
Total Bank Accounts	**$115,287.08**	**$118,322.04**	**$95,407.81**
CD @ Hills Bank	$40,698.70		

As we enjoy the beauty of fall and reflect on the blessings of the harvest season, we are reminded of God's continued faithfulness and the generosity of our church family.

October has been an encouraging month for our church! Total income reached $15,671.79, an increase of more than $2,765 compared to October of last year. This growth reflects the continued generosity and commitment of our congregation. With October expenses being $12,855.81, our church finished the month with a positive operating balance of $2,815.98. This is a significant improvement over last October's $1,156.82. Our total bank account balances stand at $115,287.08, with an additional $40,698.70 invested in a certificate of deposit at Hills Bank.

These numbers represent more than dollars and cents. They reflect the faith, generosity, and dedication of a church family working together to support God's ministry. As the leaves change and fall reminds us of the beauty of each season, we are thankful that God's love and faithfulness remain constant. Thank you for continuing to give, serve, pray, and grow together. May we carry grateful hearts into this season and continue sharing God's blessings with others!
God Bless – Michelle



Centering Prayer

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

Our H.O.P.E Workers made and donated 20 quilts to our local hospice- Hospice of Washington County. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication.

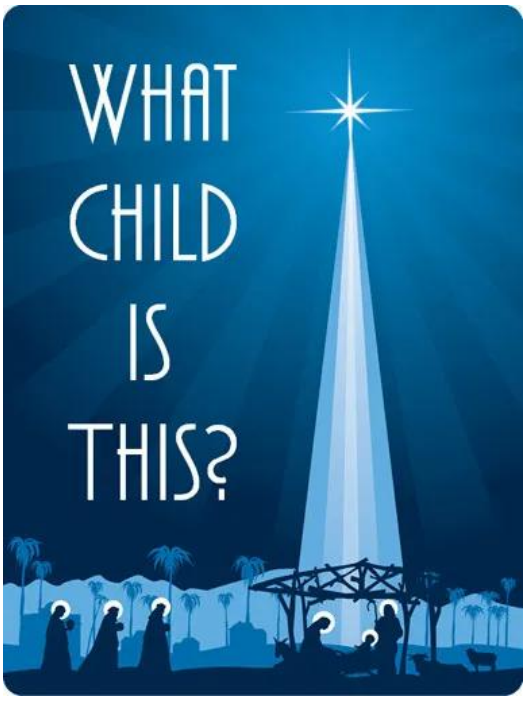
Immanuel Lutheran Church' s youth presents

WHAT CHILD IS THIS ?

Sunday , Dec 13, 2026 at 8:30 am service .
Following church service join us for Jesus' Birthday party !

Faith Formation info :
Remaining rehearsal for program are Sunday Dec 6, at 9:30 am . We will rehearse at least til 10:30. If needed we may go to 11 am .. no later . It's very important that all youth attend this rehearsal.

Dec 13 is our program at 8:30 . Youth and volunteers should be in fellowship hall no later than 8:15.



FF will now start at 9:30 .

No FF on Dec 20 and 27
Classes start again at Jan. 3

Linda Brown

Luther League Lowdown:

On Sunday the 15th, our group joined the UP and Methodist youth groups for an evening of fun. We met at the UP Church for games and pizza. A fun time was had by all!











Service date	Acolyte	Communion	Greeters	Reader	Tech	Ushers
December 6	Evan Woline	Naomi Erickson	Christina Woline and Paige Woline	Christina Woline		Ryan Woline, Gary Fischer, and Steve Vetter
December 13	Ushers	Tricia Kroll	Angela Taylor and Alyssa Cornell	Linda Six		Jason Taylor, Rob Taylor, and Stephen Bay
December 20	Tegan Bartholomew	Christina Woline	Michelle Bartholomew and Taylor Bartholomew	Deidra Baker	Brian Lueck	Scott Bartholomew Craig Bartholomew, and Clayton Bartholomew
December 24 6 p.m.	Ushers	Bev Bailey	Naomi Erickson and Bev Bailey	Deb Simmering		Need Volunteers
December 27	Bentley Striegel and Kennedy Striegel	Steve & Kathy Vetter	Bev Crandall and Gene Booth	Tricia Kroll		Stephen Bay, Gary Fischer, and Ron Andersen

December Happenings

Friday & Saturday, December 4th & 5th Tour of Homes of Faith- 4 p.m.-8 p.m.
Thursday, December 10th- Encore at Immanuel
Sunday, December 13th Children's Christmas Program, Jesus' Birthday, and Luther League
Saturday, December 19th Bell Ringing at Fareway 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Sunday, December 20th Choir Program NO Faith Formation
Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve Worship Service 6 p.m.
Sunday, December 27 NO Faith Formation
Thursday, December 31st- Office CLOSED- Happy New Year!