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The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Almelund, MN

Our Mission Statement:
**A welcoming community rooted in Christ,
Growing in faith and serving with joy!**

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The new school year is upon us with fall activities marking our calendars. The business of summer has ended only to gear up for the fall harvest. The wheel of time keeps spinning and it never gives us enough to time to catch our breath. Our hope over the next church year is to continue in opening up our church to give pause and peace in the midst of a spinning world that seems unrelenting at times. We hope to offer up moments of gathering where nothing is expected other than show-up. We want to offer moments in your day just to reflect and pray. We hope to offer opportunities for retreats (youth, woman, men and family). We hope during this new school year Immanuel will lend itself opportunities for your renewal to let you catch your breath if just for a moment.

Blessings this Fall

Pastor Justin

Tune in our Daily Texts, Monday through Saturday on our Facebook Page [@immanuelchurchofalmelund](https://www.facebook.com/immanuelchurchofalmelund)

A daily devotional time based on an Old and New Testament Bible verse based on a Moravian Church tradition and Ground Up Grace Publications Daily Texts 2023 books.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION; NEW EMAILS:!!!

Church Email:	office@immanuelalmelund.com
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

By end of day Monday, October 16.

Please have all reports, announcements, thank you's and corrections in by this time.

PROOFREADING:

Of newsletter @ 1:00 Wednesday, October 18, in room B. Your help will be greatly appreciated. All are welcome.

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY:

Will be Thursday, October 19 @ 11:00 in the Fireside Room.

Volunteers can fill newsletters with offering envelopes and label for mailing. On Sunday morning service: October 22, members can pickup their own newsletter in the gathering area.

Thank you for your help! Mark Weslander

NOISY OFFERINGS ARE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

We express our thanks to all those who provide special music with a Special Thank You to Momoh's friends who travel a distance to share their talents. We would like to show our appreciation by gifting these musicians with a gas card through, the "Noisy Offerings". So - SAVE YOUR CHANGE and let's make a Joyful Noise Unto The Lord!!!!

The Immanuel quilters will meet Tuesday, October 10, 10am-2pm. Pot-luck lunch at noon! Everyone welcome. If you are looking for a fun summer project, there are boxes of squares in the quilting room, waiting to be sewed. Our upcoming projects include quilts for any spring graduates. Everyone welcome.

Naomi Circle meets at church on Tuesday, October 17 at 9:30. Hostess is Cami Peltier.

Almelund Sampler is Back!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 22 - 1-4:00.

The afternoon begins at 1:00 with a "sampling of music". After the program, LeeAnn Vande Kamp, "Auctioneer Extraordinaire" will take charge of the Live Auction. Donations of **NEW** items would be appreciated. Worship & Music will serve Layer Cakes and beverages.

Beer and Hymns

MiChiLu brings back Beer and Hymns. Reformation Sunday Oct 29 4:00 pm at the Uncommon Loon. Hoist your Stein and lift your voice

Join us for Holy Smokes the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 pm. Faith conversations around the fire-pit. There will always be enough s'mores and hot cocoa to go around.

Confirmation starting Oct.1 Discovering the New Testament and travels of Paul. Confirmation is Oct 1 and 15 after church down in Youth Room.

Children Bibles and Blessing during Worship Oct 8th with Bible class for parents and students after worship in old fellowship hall

Prayer Shawl Update

Our shelves are overflowing with a recent generous donation of yarn!! Bundles have been put together for future prayer shawls and are available for anyone to pick up and be creative. You are invited to come and check out the array of yarn and colors, pick some out and join us on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Fireside Room. We knit, crochet, have tea & a treat and enjoy fellowship while relaxing to music. If you haven't had the opportunity to learn how to knit or crochet, and would like to give it a try, we would be happy to help you get started. All supplies are available. Please call Joanne at 651-278-2686 with any questions.

Blessing of Prayer Shawls will be on Sunday, October 29.

WELCA News

Check out the greeting cards for sale in the dining room. New ones have been added. Selections include graduation, Father's Day, weddings, baby, birthday, get well, sympathy, and many other. You can buy a single card or a whole box. There is a container for your payment which supports WELCA.

Attention - Singers Needed During Taylors Falls Lighting Festival

Tyler Olson will direct the community chorus for the Choral Vespers held Saturday, November 25, 4:30 pm, during Taylors Falls Lighting Festival. Olson's experience in directing the choir at Trinity Lutheran Church, North Branch, demonstrates his success in bringing out the best in those who sing. Pat Remer is the accomplished accompanist. The service is thought to be the centerpiece of the three-day festival.

We need singers, past participants and first timers, both men and women, for this unique service. There are five Sunday evening rehearsals: October 22, 29, November 5, 12 and 19, starting promptly at 6:30 pm to 8 pm at the 1861 United Methodist Church, 190 W Government St., where the service is also held. Please pre-register using wwymd@aol.com to sign in. Leave your name, voice range and telephone number. You will receive direct email communications and additional information.

Thank you for your participation.

THANK YOU

Martha,

Thank you for the lovely note and beautiful prayer shawl. I have wrapped it around me many times thinking of the special ladies in your prayer group who make the lovely shawls.

It was quite a shock to get the multiple myeloma diagnosis, but made up my mind to start treatment as soon as possible

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness. I cherish the shawl.

Char

Prayer Shawl Group of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Almelund,


Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

Love,

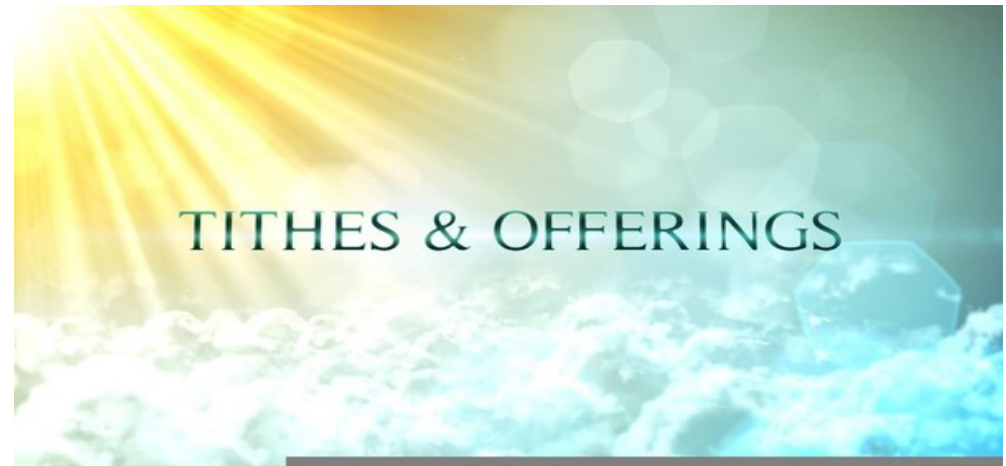
Tina

Many, Many THANKS to everyone who helped in any way with Almelund's 28th Apple Festival. What a great day we had to celebrate this fun, educational community event. We often hear how much people look forward to this experience and without all the awesome volunteers, the event would not be the success it is. So,

Thank You Volunteers for continuing to make

"Almelund the Busiest Small Town in Minnesota" 

Financial Summary as of September 17, 2023
Financial Recorder, Mark Weslander



Fund	Description	Total 2023	Past Year
#3	General	\$133,148.14	\$113,990.06
6	Benevolence	\$5,150.55	\$5,094.00
#4	Building Fund	\$3,594.75	\$2,284.00
#8	Loose	\$2,414.69	\$1,141.87
#7	Initial	\$0.00	
	Memorials	\$460.00	\$1,480.43
#10	Fellowship Dinners	\$1,309.87	\$3,206.29
12	Special Donations	\$4,270.15	\$533.00
#22	Lent	\$1,379.00	\$1,380.00
#20	Maund. Thr./Good Friday	\$226.00	\$145.00
#23	Easter	\$650.00	\$2,493.66
21	Easter Memorial Garden	\$1,120.00	\$2,385.00
#13	Thanksgiving	\$0.00	\$0.00
#25	Christmas	\$100.00	\$0.00
#15	Office Reimbursement	\$100.00	\$0.00
#16	Use of Church	\$897.00	\$902.00
#27	Sampler	\$0.00	\$0.00
#38	Pastor's Elec. Reimb.	\$0.00	\$0.00
#18	Wedding Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
#	Online Service Fee	\$184.10	\$215.30
	Actual Totals	\$155,004.25	\$135,250.61

Three Ways to Give!

Thank you so much for your financial gifts which support Immanuel's ministry. We ask you to prayerfully do what you can to support Immanuel's mission.

Give in Person

When you attend worship in person, you are welcome to place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed during the service. Offering envelopes, like the one included in this newsletter, are available in the pews.

Give by Mail

You can also mail your offering to the church, using the offering envelope provided in this newsletter at:
 Immanuel Lutheran Church
 37515 Park Trail
 Almelund, MN 55012

Give Online

Giving through our website is a quick and easy way for you to give and for the church to receive your gift. Go to www.ImmanuelAlmelund.org and click on "Make a Gift." You can designate how you want it used and if you want to make a one-time gift or ongoing contribution. It is recorded just as if you had placed it in the offering plate. Whatever way you give your gifts, thank you for your support of Immanuel's ministry. We couldn't do it without you!

TOTAL GENERAL GOAL = FUNDS MARKED #

	Total 2023	Goal	Plus/Minus	%
Gen. Budget	\$140,408.80	\$133,509.06	\$6,899.74	105.2%
Bene. Budget	\$5,150.55	\$8,296.19	-\$3,145.64	62.1%
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH				
BENEVOLENCES				
FINANCIAL RECORDER				
MARK WESLANDER				
Benevolence (Undesignated)				\$1,870.00
Synod				\$2,725.00
Lutheran Social Service				\$220.00
Luther Point Bible Camp				\$74.25
Itonya Comp. Cong. in Tanz.				\$100.00
World Hunger				\$161.30
TOTAL				\$5,150.55

CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES

Wednesday, October 4

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Wednesday, October 4

Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this work by Moravian deaconesses he met. The mother-house he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

Friday, October 6

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Saturday, October 7

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

Sunday, October 15

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

Tuesday, October 17

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

Wednesday, October 18

Luke, Evangelist

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

Monday, October 23

James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

Thursday, October 26

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

Saturday, October 28

Simon and Jude, Apostles

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as the "zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

Tuesday, October 31

Reformation Day

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

Wednesday, November 1

All Saints Day

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

Friday, November 3

Martin de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Martin was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pentecost 18—Green 9:30 Communion Worship Live and Online; W/Noisy Offering Confirmation After Church 10:30 Coffee Served 11:00 Counters count offering	2 10:00 WOW Practice	3 9:00-5:00 Office Open 9:00 Worship Team	4 9:00-3:30 Office Open 1:30 Prayer Shawl Meets	5	6	7
8 Pentecost 18—Green 9:30 Worship Live and Online; Distribution of children’s Bibles 10:30 Coffee Served 11:00 Counters count offering	9 COLUMBUS DAY 9:00-5:00 Office Open 10:00 WOW Practice? 5:00 Property Meeting 6:00 Council Meeting	10 9:00-5:00 Office Open 9:00 Worship Team 10:00-2:00 Quilters meet W/Potluck @ noon	11 9:00-3:30 Office Open	12	13	14
15 Pentecost 18—Green 9:30 WOW Communion Worship Service Live and Online Confirmation After Church 10:30 Coffee Served 11:00 Counters count offering	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:00-5:00 Office Open 5:00 Stewardship Meeting	17 9:00-5:00 Office Open 9:00 Worship Team 9:30 Naomi Circle meets @ church 6:30-7:30 HOLY SMOKES	18 9:00-3:30 Office Open 10:00 Parish Care Team Meets 1:00 Newsletter is ready for proofreading in room B 1:30 Prayer Shawl Meets 5:00 Memorial Comm. Mtg.	19 11:00 Newsletter Assembly in the Fireside room	20	21
22 Pentecost 18—Green 9:30 Worship Live and Online; 10:30 Coffee Served 11:00 Counters count offering PICK-UP NEWSLETTERS 1:00-4:00 Sampler	23 9:00-5:00 Office Open 6:00 Worship & Music	24 9:00-5:00 Office Open 9:00 Worship Team	25	26	27	28
29 Reformation Sunday—Red 9:30 Worship Live and Online; W/Healing Service & Blessing of the Prayer Shawls 10:30 Coffee Served 11:00 Counters count offering 4:00 Beer Hymns @ Uncommon Loon	30 9:00-5:00 Office Open	31 HALLOWEEN 9:00-5:00 Office Open 9:00 Worship Team				

Thank you to those helping with the Worship Services!

	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29
Scripture Reader	Dwight Johnson	Gwen Swenson	Sharon Thiel	Tracy Tolzmann	Linda Mielke
Ushers	Bob & Diane Rothe	Todd & Cami Peltier	Julie Weller		Julie Weller
Sound Tech	Dave Rue	Steve Blomquist	Nancy Nadeau	Julie Johnson	
Camera Tech	Matt Oknich	Tracy Tolzmann	Jodi Johnson-Waldemar	Vern Johnson	
Children's Sermon	Teresa Carlson	Jeske Noordergraaf			
Coffee Servers	Naomi Circle	NONE	Parish Care Team	NONE	NONE
Teachers	Dana, Cami, Teresa	Valerie Amanda, Kris	Dana, Cami, Teresa	Amanda, Kris	Valerie, Cami, Kris

Communion Servers:

October 1 Tora Carlson; Marty Johnson; Bob Rothe
October 15 Steve Peterson; Richard Sellman; Julie Weller

Communion Wine - Wild Mountain Winery

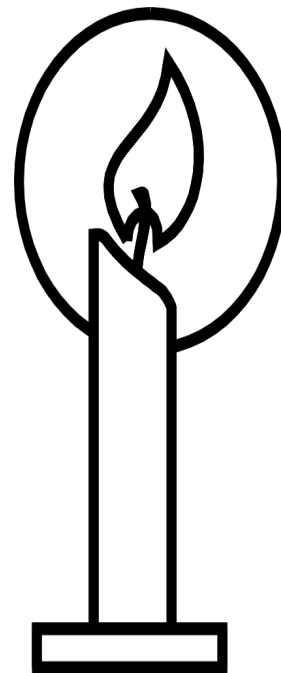
Communion Wafers now used

Reader Coordinator: **October:** Joanne Johnson

Altar Guild: **October:** Joanne Johnson & Diane Rothe

As you celebrate your Birthday, remember to celebrate your Spiritual Birthday each year. Light a candle to remember your Baptism, too. God Bless you on your special days!

- 1 Kristopher Koran
- 2 Brad Johnson, Christine Loyas
- 3 Mark W. Johnson, Jason Fredlund, Calvin Flanery
- 4 MacKenzee Hays
- 5 Clay Ryberg, James McCarthy
- 6 Jeremy Larson
- 7 Kevin Noyes, Christopher Peterson
- 8 Ashley Becker, Wade Bergerson
- 9 Sheila Smith, Momoh Freeman
- 10 Austin Holmes, Ella Tuhy
- 11 Judy Nelson
- 12 Kenzey Rothe
- 13 Joey Zillmer, Gretta Rivard, Kristi Johnson
- 14 Lois Ness, Ethan Ekstrom, Heather Johnson
- 15 Nick Wiberg, Kevin Nadeau
- 16 Chad Burnside
- 21 Shelby Armstrong, Emma Cook
- 22 Wyatt Lutz
- 23 Casey Sandberg
- 27 Aaron Schultz, Martha Strecker
- 28 Jared Rothe
- 30 Angel Marshall
- 31 Robby Rothe, Linda Carr



Minutes of Property Committee Meeting
September 11, 2023

Present: Pastor Justin, Harland Carlson, Joanne Johnson, Perry Lindberg, Marlin Ness, Don Noyes,
Todd Peltier, Norm Peterson, Bob Rothe
Marlin called the meeting to order.
Pastor Justin led us in prayer.
Minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting were reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roof shingles have not been finished. Marlin called again & left a message.

Thank you notes were sent to Gustafson's, Roy Ramberg & Preferred Paving. Additional thank you will be sent to Amador Township for their coordination of the resurfacing project.

Parking lot has been marked for parking.

Water usage is being monitored.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cracks in the cement along pavement on the north side will be sealed.

Dan Anderson will do snow plowing again this winter for \$75 each time. He will also continue work inside the church beginning in October.

MSP we recommend to Church Council \$1,000 be budgeted for lawn maintenance.

A cone, instead of a post, will be placed at end of sidewalk for driving safety on east side.

Worship & Music requested a small refrigerator for altar flowers & will be purchased with Memorial Funds.

A bladder needs to be put on the NW flat roof before winter.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting:

October 9, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Worship & Music Minutes - August 28, 2023

Present: Pastor Justin, Tora Carlson, Laurie Peterson, Pat Remer, Diane Rothe, Dave & Loraine Rue, Sharon Thiel, Mark Weslander

Absent: Momoh Freeman

Diane called the meeting to order and gave devotions.

Old Business:

Reviewed June 26th minutes – No July meeting.

Children's Sermons:

- September 24th/Rally Sunday– Sharon

Pat will start work on the schedule for the Sunday School year beginning with October.

Recap Worship Services/Events:

- July 2nd...Patriotic Worship Service/Communion/Noisy Offering [\$93.50]

- July 9th...Worship/Baptism of Henry Larkin, son of Ashley & Jordan Larkin.

- July 16th...**NO WOW Service**/Communion/Youth Recapped their Mission Trip

- July 23rd...Worship

- July 23rd...MiChiLu Reboot – 5:00 Potluck @ Lion's Park, Lindstrom.

“God's Work, Our Hands” event will take place sometime in 2024 Spring.

- July 30th...Worship/Healing Service (5th Sunday of the month)/Blessing of the Luminaries

- August 6th...Worship lead by Jason/Noisy Offering [\$78.73] Jason did a good job leading the service and gave a great message!

- August 6th...1:00 - Luther Point Auction. Several from Immanuel took part in their festivities!

- August 13th...Almelund Threshing Show – 9:00 Polka Worship Service with Pastor Justin giving the message and the Kings Men providing music @ the grounds – No service @ Immanuel

- August 14th – 17th...VBS began with food service groups providing a light supper @ 5:30 – Classes from 6-8:00. Good turn-out for VBS

- August 19th... Immanuel Gathering @ Wild River State Park from noon to 3:00 celebrating VBS week – event was cancelled because of the heat and lack of participants.

- August 20th... WOW/VBS Service/Communion. Great VBS turn-out for the service. Pastor Justin involved the kids several times during the service. Great Service!

- August 27th...Worship/Baptism of Kora Mae Johnson, daughter of Kayla & Brandon Johnson

Upcoming Dates:

- September 3rd...Worship/Communion/Noisy Offering
- September 10th...Worship/Blessing of the Back Packs
- September 17th...NO WOW/Worship/NO Communion. Pastor Justin & family will be gone for a National Guard commitment. Jason will fill in.
- September 17th...Apple Festival, 11-4:00
- September 24th...Rally Day/Reception of New Members/"Men of Immanuel" serve Pancake Breakfast – have 7 guys now, and that should be enough.
- November 10th...Turkey Bingo @ Shafer Township Hall

Sampler Date: Sunday, October 22nd 1-4:00. Will include a silent auction – Pastor Justin will take this on (he would like to do this as it will be a good way for him to connect with community members and area businesses). Asked Mark to put a notice in the bulletin asking for donations of **NEW** items for the Live Auction. Pat will contact LeeAnn VandeKamp to see if she can be the auctioneer that afternoon. NO dinner this year – but, Worship & Music will provide layer cakes (2 each) and beverages.

Altar Flowers and worship supplies which includes candles, communion supplies, linen upkeep, etc. – some money has recently been donated specifically for real flowers. There is \$2,300.00 in this fund as of 8/22/23. There is a need for an extra fridge to store the flowers – would go by the old kitchen next to the youth fridge - there is enough money in Memorial to purchase a full size fridge. Also, would need to have a working sink in the old kitchen - ask Property Committee to take care of this. Sharon donated a dorm fridge which Altar Guild has a use for.

Special Music: Audra Rambow has gone back to school, however will be done by Thanksgiving – would then be available for special music and to talk about her trip, "Cruz Mission".

New Business:

Worship Team – Services are planned through September 10th.

Other:

- **Sanctuary TV:** A suggestion that a 75" TV on a stand with rollers, would be beneficial. Easy to roll in/out as needed. Because of the windows in the sanctuary, it is hard to see a power-point presentation. 2 good examples of this were the 2023 Good Friday service and the Youth Group Mission Trip. Pastor Justin will look into this.

- **Video Capabilities:** Discussed the addition of a large screen for projection of the service format. Pastor will also look into this possibility and bring info to the next meeting. At this point, this is just a thought!

- **Words for Special Music:** Mark was asked to print the words in the bulletin as sometimes it's hard to understand what is being sung.

- **Sunday School Curriculum:** There will be a new scripture reading series beginning September 24th/Rally Day from Orange Company. Sunday School lessons will follow the same lectionary the congregation will use in worship. Hopefully, this will allow the possibility of conversation between kids and parents/grandparents etc. The Sparks Bible will not be used for now.

- Pastor Justin informed the committee of a joint meeting Wednesday, August 30th – 6:30 @ Chisago Lake Lutheran Church involving First Lutheran, Taylors Falls and Immanuel. The conversation will be to explore the possibility of a shared ministry.

- **Food Service Groups:** Discussion on the smallness of some of the groups and the difficulty in getting people to help. It may be time to redo the lists. A reminder that there is a list in the kitchen of volunteers who would be willing to help if needed.

Prayer Concerns: Pastor Justin led us in prayer for all concerns mentioned.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, September 25, 2023

Devotions: Dave

Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes For September 18, 2023

Members: Cami Peltier; Julie Weller; Kris Koran; Mark Weslander; Sharon Thiel; Steve Peterson and Pastor Justin Fenger

Present: Cami, Julie, Kris, Mark, Sharon & Pastor.

Opened meeting @ 5:00 pm. Kris read devotions.

-Rally Sunday is this Sunday with new members joining and an awesome pancake breakfast by men of ILC.

-Possible gifts for new members: Card, Flower, Pictures and a Cookbook.
-A new church directory was discussed to take care of it ourselves by using a phone to take pictures and directing the pictures to the Realm System data base..

-We also discussed our planning calendar and will be focusing on November for Stewardship month. We want it to be a time of thanks for a wonderful year and create excitement for our time & talents into 2024.'

Devotions for the next meeting will be given by Mark

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Mark Weslander

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Sellman at 6:00 P.M.
Members present: Richard Sellman, Steve Peterson, Dave Rue,
Tora Carlson, Julie Weller, Marty Johnson, Bob Rothe, Todd Peltier
and Pastor Fenger.

Also present: Mark Weslander.

MSP - to approve minutes from Special council meeting August 20, 2023,
and Regular council meeting August 14, 2023.

MSP - to approve additional items on agenda.

MSP - to approve agenda.

Opening Devotions were read by Marty Johnson.

U-TURN chapter 9 was discussed about Taking Holy Risks.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Kitchen - nothing

Electric/gas stove update - an electric stove is not feasible, cost \$12,000.00.

There are no upgrades for our current stove, new cost \$11,000.00.

Sanctuary painting update - will start again in October.

Realm update - Matt Mitchell has been coming regularly to help with this,
and working on website. Has updated Church emails, has not
worked on website yet. New accounting system will be a process,
everything has been transferred to new computer. Will start using
new accounting system in January 2024. Also, working on
computer in balcony. Tech team will meet September 19, 2023.
Won't have to wait half hour to download service, will be done
immediately.

ILC Brochure - on hold for time being.

Sanctuary air conditioning update - tabled

New kitchen refrigerator - purchased, delivered and installed by Home
Depot. Funds coming from memorial fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Chisago County Historical Society will be hosting a fundraiser at the
Amador Heritage Center September 24, 2023. In case of inclement
weather they have requested to use the church.

MSP - to waive fees if using the Church.

Pastor Justin has looked into Verizon to have a speedier internet service.

After much research this won't be happening. Pastor has talked to
Frontier and Church will remain with them. Will now go with
paying once a year and this will save the Church \$30.00 to \$40.00
per month.

MSP - to accept this proposal from Frontier.

Families in need - another local resident (Melissa Rambow), has suffered a
stroke and is in P.T., which has high copays and now is having heart
issues. The Council recommended donating \$3000.00 from The
Tithing Outside our Walls Fund.

MSP - to approve \$3000.00 from this fund and Dave Rue will
deliver the check.

Worship and Music has requested a new refrigerator to put altar flowers in.
A new refrigerator will be purchased from Home Depot for \$928.00
and will be delivered free of charge.

MSP - to approve \$928.00 for new refrigerator. Money will come
from Memorial kitchen fund.

REPORTS

Financial Recorder and Secretary Reports - were discussed and found to be
satisfactory.

MSP - to accept Financial reports.

Committee reports were discussed. MSP- to accept all reports.

Pastors Report - about 30 kids participated in VBS. Everyone involved,
from leaders to volunteers did a great job. All the planning from
food to projects was a great success

Today was Patriots Day and Pastor thanked all first responders who
are so generous giving their time.

Pastor will be away Sunday September 17, will be NO communion.
The August 30th meeting with Synod and Taylor's Falls was
discussed. About 14 from Immanuel attended, have not heard any
response from First Lutheran since that meeting. Will be having
another meeting when Synod representatives will be available to
attend.

A new computer was discussed for Pastor. It may help for speedier
internet. MSP - for Pastor to purchase a NEW computer.

Communion servers for 10/1 - Marty, Bob and Tora
10/15 - Steve, Richard and Julie

Devotions for October - Todd
Chapter 10 of U-Turn.

Closed with the Lords Prayer
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.