

July 2016



Worship Schedule

Sunday

9 AM : Worship
10 AM: Coffee Hour

No second service through the summer.

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The Church Messenger

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Stewardship of God's Earth

By Jim Tocko

We all like to moan and groan about how there is not enough money in the family budget at the end of the month. There is a simple step to save the average family \$1,500 dollars a year. Stop wasting food! It sounds flippant, but it is not. About 40 percent of the food produced in America goes to waste. I wonder how many leftovers get thrown away because they get "lost" in the back of the refrigerator shelf. Reducing food waste takes planning and discipline. Use up your leftovers by making catchall dishes like soups, stir-frys, fried rice, frittatas, etc. Use stale bread to make French toast, croutons, or bread pudding. Lettuce usually lasts longer in the crisper while mushrooms, apples and peppers last longer outside of the drawers. Don't get freaked out by the expiration dates. Use your judgment. If it smells good and tastes good, it's good. Left-over potatoes are ideal for potato pancakes. Poultry bones can be used for soup. If all else fails, compost kitchen scraps and yard wastes. Don't compost dairy or meat.

I wish you the love of friends and family and peace within your heart.

Community Outreach & Food Programs

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD FOOD DISTRIBUTION (FIRST TUESDAY):

Tuesday, July 5, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Parking is available on Elm Street and along 5th Ave N. Please use the Main entrance on Elm Street and bring a basket or tote with you to carry your items. Volunteers are welcome, and appreciated, to help unload the truck and set up tables at 9:00 a.m. and/or to help distribute the food and clean up.

STRUM AREA FOOD PANTRY (FOURTH TUESDAY):

Tuesday, July 26, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room

COMMUNITY CLOSET:

Gently used clothing of all sizes; children through adult; available to the public free of charge during normal office hours: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

A Message from Pastor Ken

“All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God’s goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.” Acts 2:44-47

“Stewardship means belonging to God. It means allowing God to rule our lives, putting God in charge of everything, including our time and our money” Mark Allen Powell, Professor of New Testament Studies, Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

Summers are really tough financially around churches in America. People are enjoying their summers and when they can make it on a Sunday morning...well, let's face it, we don't carry cash or a checkbook around with these days. We might have the inclination to give, but we just don't have any cash. Sound familiar?

So, in an effort to support and to maintain the wonderful ministries of our congregation, we are offering new **21st century ways** for people to offer their support.

Text-to-give

Grab your phone and text our keyword “immanuelstrum” to 77977. You will receive a text back with instructions to start the giving process (first time – 30 seconds; after that – under 10 seconds). Tap the link, and you're ready to give!

Giving link on our Website

Simply go to our website and click on the donate tab.

Pushpay App

Download the Pushpay App from the Android Play or the Apple App Store. You can also text “pushpay” to 77977 and receive a link back to download the app. From there making a contribution is as easy as 1, 2, 3. Open the app, choose who to give to, enter the details, and you're done, in only seconds! Be sure to make our church a favorite by selecting the star in the upper right corner of the App to easily find it later.

Church App

We are currently building a custom church app you can download to stay connected with everything here at Immanuel. You can access sermons, events, and give, right through our Church's app. Just go to your phone's app store, search for “Immanuel – Strum” and download. The app will be ready for rollout by August.

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We will continue to offer ways to give directly from a bank account, which allows more of your donation to go into supporting God's work.

Thank you in advance for considering these news ways to support **your church!**
brother ken

Council Minutes - May 2016

May 10, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
Opening prayer with Pastor Ken

Members present: Pastor Ken, Michelle Peaslee, Kate Back, Camille Skoug, Dan Bjerke, Jim Tocko and Howard Hanson.

Approval of March council minutes: Approved
Approval of April council minutes: Approved
Approval of April Treasurer's report: Approved

New Business:

To insure we only have to install the air conditioning units one time, we will be purchasing new air units with money from the building/window fund. Approved by Dan Bjerke and second by Kate Back.

Pastor's Report:

- Saturday, May 22, 2016 Pastor will be going to the Synod Assembly.
- Because of so many things going on this summer, second service discussed changing the service to a time during the week.
- Pastor has decided, instead of making a garden in front of the parsonage, that they will plant tomato plants in their flower garden and have a garden on wheels that they can wheel anywhere the sun might be.

Closing Prayer
Adjournment: 7:50pm

Warmest Regards,
Kate Back

Birthdays - July

Clarice Bergerson1
Bob Schmidt.....5
Wendy Glenz.....6
Charlene Anderson7
Josh Bjorgo8
Cloe Olson8
John Runkel9
Margaret Severson.....9
Sherry Bjerke10
Jean Amundson11
Dawn Erickson11
Dawn Hering11
Patricia Runkel11
Tom Wagener11
Denise Boehne.....12
Florine Koxlien12
Ashlyn Bates13
Char Myhers.....13
Allen Olson.....14
Owen Dregney15
Tonya Tonn15
Amy Olson.....18

Jean Nelson..... 19
Xadon Franzwa 20
Scott Bjorgo 23
Dan Myren 25
Chris Cuddy..... 27
Paula Gullicksrud..... 28
Frederick Rindal 29
Scott Thronson 29
Clark Williams..... 31



"May you have all the joy your heart can hold, all the smiles a day can bring, all the blessings a life can unfold. May you have God's best in everything."

Memorials



LILLIAN HAMMER (MAY 8)
West Beef River Cemetery
David & Diane Thronson

GENE HOMAN (MAY 5)
General Fund
Jeanette Berg
Joanne Brion
David & Jean Herman
Eric & Karen Franson

MEMORIAL FUNDS:

Immanuel Lutheran Church funds: Building, Community Dinners (Village Café), Community Cupboard Food Distribution, Creative Beginnings, Daughters of the King/Jr. Daughters, Endowment, Social Concerns, Strum Area Food Pantry, General, Library, Music, Sunday School, Window, Youth, WELCA

Cemetery Funds: Hamlin Cemetery, St. Paul's Cemetery (Strum), West Beef River Cemetery

When writing a check, please make the check payable to the individual memorial fund.

Financial Report - May 2016

May 1 - May 7

General Fund Contributions..... \$3,741.06
Expenses (\$580.30)
Net Income (Loss)..... **\$3,160.76**

May 8 - May 14

General Fund Contributions..... \$3,201.00
Expenses (\$1,052.12)
Net Income (Loss)..... **\$2,148.88**

May 15 - May 21

General Fund Contributions..... \$3,426.00
Expenses (\$4,963.42)
Net Income (Loss)..... **(\$1,537.42)**

May 22 - May 28

General Fund Contributions..... \$2,363.00
Expenses (\$1,027.28)
Net Income (Loss)..... **\$1,335.72**

May 29 - May 31

General Fund Contributions..... \$1,933.43
Expenses (\$9,152.20)
Net Income (Loss)..... **(\$7,218.77)**

Total Contributions..... \$14,664.49
Total Expenses (\$16,775.32)
Net Income (Loss)..... **(\$2,110.83)**

Liabilities (Line-of-Credit)

Balance, May 1 **\$5,869.37**
Loan Advance 3,620.00
Balance, May 30 **\$9,138.37**

Restricted Fund Accounts

Building Fund

Beginning Balance, May 1 \$1,916.83
 Receipts \$0.00
 Disbursements (\$0.00)
Ending Balance, May 31 \$1,916.83

Daughters of the King

Beginning Balance, May 1 \$257.29
 Receipts \$167.00
 Disbursements (\$352.50)
Ending Balance, May 31 \$71.79

Library Fund

Beginning Balance, May 1 \$240.76
 Receipts \$0.00
 Disbursements (\$0.00)
Ending Balance, May 31 \$240.76

Music Fund

Beginning Balance, May 1 \$1,205.05
 Receipts \$40.00
 Disbursements (\$0.00)
Ending Balance, May 31 \$1,245.05

Contributions & Expenses Comparison

Average per month

January - May

	2014	2015	2016
Contributions	15,152.11	15,424.15	16,093.68
Expenses	16,579.63	16,008.74	17,204.73

Percent of Monthly Budget Allowance

General Fund Contributions	91.1%
Other Contributions	82.8%
Benevolences	100.0%
General Operating Expenses	101.2%
Ministry	114.1%
Office	102.7%
Pastor	94.9%
Payroll	99.9%
Property	77.0%
Utilities	85.6%

Condensed P&L for May 2016

General Fund Contributions		14,664.49
Benevolences	500.00	
General	837.79	
Ministry	361.09	
Office	643.22	
Pastor	6,828.12	
Payroll	5,592.45	
Property	256.57	
Utilities	1,756.08	
Total Expenses		16,775.32
Net Income (Loss)		(2,110.83)

Social Concerns

Beginning Balance, May 1 \$1,113.26
 Receipts \$81.10
 Disbursements (\$0.00)
Ending Balance, May 31 \$1,194.36

Sunday School

Beginning Balance, May 1 \$493.33
 Receipts \$10.00
 Disbursements (\$184.53)
Ending Balance, May 31 \$318.80

Window Fund

Beginning Balance, May 1 \$4,313.90
 Receipts \$0.00
 Disbursements (\$0.00)
Ending Balance, May 31 \$4,313.90

Youth Fund

Beginning Balance, May 1 \$5,110.43
 Receipts \$393.25
 Disbursements (\$1,764.88)
Ending Balance, May 31 \$3,738.80

Worship Assistants

GREETERS

July 3 Jeff & Jill Koxlien
July 10 Ron & Char Myhers
July 17 Rick & Tracie McSorley
July 24 Jon & Amy Olson
July 31 Deloris Sather & Mary Salava

READERS

July 3 Jeanette Berg
July 10 Brian Schadrie
July 17 Ron Myhers
July 24 Jodie Semingson
July 31 Jim Tocko

ACOLYTES

July 3 Cole Larson
July 10 Juan Mora Bates
July 17 Gary Rivard
July 24 Gracie Schadrie
July 31 Quinton Schiefelbein

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

July 3 Lois Hulberg & Mary Salava
July 17 Jim Tocko & Marie Murrell

ALTAR GUILD

July 3 Joan Brenengen
July 17 Marlys Bjorklund
Robes Joan Brenengen
Flowers Mary Gullicksrud & Judy Foss

USHERS

* Jon Olson, Jim Husby, Robert & Barrent Herman,
Tyler Back

*Denotes Team Captain

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

July 3 No Coffee Hour
July 10 The Tobiasons
July 17 Host(s) Needed
July 24 Host(s) Needed
July 31 Host(s) Needed

WANTED: Coffee Hour Hosts! Please contact the office at (715) 695-3511 if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

What's New at Luther Park? *by Kay Moen-Urseth Member of the Board of Directors*

On Thursday, June 9th, Luther Park Board of Directors hosted a welcome picnic for the summer staff – this year there are 36. Pastors Brad and Bert, our grill masters, grilled brats with all the fixins'; plus, we provided delicious salads, chips, and desserts. After dining, the summer staff concluded the evening with a very uplifting worship service. What a wonderful group of talented young people from the United States and around the world! Summer camp officially began with the arrival of the first campers on Sunday, June 12th. New friends, a deeper faith, and new memories are being made each week. As of June 15th, 930 campers are registered for this summer!

Saturday, August 13 beginning at 10 a.m.: Plans for **Heart for Luther Park**, our one big fundraiser for the year, include viewing beautiful quilts inside the Chapel, and, depending on the weather, auctioning those quilts outside this year. Our auctioneer is former Bishop Bob Berg. Silent auction items will still be displayed in the Fireside Room of the Chapel. Donations of quilts and silent auction items are welcome. Dinner will be available for purchase beginning at 11 a.m. This year the menu includes grilled chicken, potato salad, baked beans, dinner roll, pickles and a beverage. Pie and ice cream will also be available for purchase. Kids' Day Camp for children in attendance is available for \$15 and includes lunch, swimming, crafts and FUN!

New this year: Raffle tickets for: 1) Courtyard Steps Quilt valued at \$1,000; 2) Two Registrations for 2017 Summer Camp valued at \$750; 3) Chain Saw Carved Bear valued at \$500. Plus, Dave Dobbs is offering a separate raffle the day of the event for a Brick-Oven Pizza Party (within a 40 mile radius) valued at \$750. A 2nd day raffle is for a kayak with paddle. All Drawings will take place beginning at 3 p.m. during the Heart for Luther Park event. **Please plan to attend to support the ministry at Luther Park!**

Thank you to ALL who work at Luther Park and to those who attend camp. We thank you for your support and appreciate your continued prayers.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
31 9 AM Worship/Holy Communion 10 AM Coffee Hour			July 2016			1 Pastor's Sabbath	2
3 9 AM Worship/Holy Communion 10 AM Coffee Hour	4 CBELC Closed Office Closed	5 9 AM FMP Truck & Set up for food distribution 4:30 - 6 PM Community Cupboard Food Distribution-Chapel Ronnette Returns from Vacation	6	7	8 Pastor's Sabbath	9	
10 9 AM Worship/Holy Communion/Renee Preston 10 AM Coffee Hour Hosts: The Tobiasons	11	12 6 PM CBELC Board Meeting 7 PM Council Meeting	13	14	15 Pastor's Sabbath	16	
17 9 AM Worship/Holy Communion 10 AM Coffee Hour	18	19	20	21	22 Pastor's Sabbath	23	
24 9 AM Worship/Holy Communion 10 AM Coffee Hour 4:30 - 6:30 PM Community Dinner	25	26 9 - 11 AM Food Pantry	27	28	29	30	

WELCA News

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

There is no General Meeting for the month of July.

Our August General Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 3 at 1:30pm, in the basement Parish Hall. After the Business Meeting and Election of 2017 Officers, Karen Franson will give a Program titled: The Inviting Colors of Fall. Refreshments will also be served.

Be sure to look for Sunday bulletin announcements about this year's Dairyland Conference Retreat at Camp Lutherwood.

It will be held in August and is a wonderful overnight treat!

Thank you to Serving Groups 2, 9, and 13 for serving in June. Your service is a gift you are giving to others in God's name.

This month we give thanks for our sister-in-faith Janet Hammerstad Back.

In September we will be switching the usual Chanhassen Trip with November's General Meeting. On Wednesday, September 14 at 1:30pm, we will have a General Meeting, and discuss Programs for 2017, as well as the usual Business Meeting items, including possible updates to our local WELCA Constitution and changes to Serving Group Chairs.

Yours in Christ,
Sara Heck
WELCA President

Miscellaneous Announcements

Family Friendly Summer Monday Nights in Osseo's Central Park
New Local Farmers Market from 6 pm to 8:30 pm with
Local Artists at ParkBeats Summer Music Series from 5:30 pm to 8 pm



Buy local farmers' eggs, meat, cheese, fruits, and veggies...
Choose from local crafts, including custom-made Amish furniture, homemade soaps, lawn/garden decore,
and more...15 local vendors (and, growing!)

Every Monday night in Central Park from June 27 through September 12 (except July 4), 6 pm to 8:30 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/movingosseoforward>

Presented by the Osseo Commercial Club

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Strum, Wisconsin! We are a church family of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who as disciples of Christ, are gathered together to *embrace, encourage, and extend faith, hope, and love in Christ*. Embrace, encourage, and extend: these three descriptive words sum up the mission of our congregation in following the command of Christ to love one another. Through worship, education, fellowship, and service, we share that love for each other and our community so that lives may be enriched and faith strengthened. Immanuel Lutheran Church is a congregation that is steeped in history while also engaging the context of the village of Strum, the community as a whole, and the world. Come and see! There is a place for you!

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Pastor..... Rev. K D Taylor
Parish Administrator Michelle Peaslee
CustodianRonnette Nelson
Organist/Music Director Jeanette Tobiason
Sunday School Directors..... Tera Gullicksrud & Sherry Bjerke

Creative Beginnings Early Learning Center

Director.....Keri Solberg
Lead Teacher—Monkey Room..... Dusti Bolgrin
Lead Teacher—Lily Pad Room Kayla Sauers
Lead Teacher - Busy Bees RoomMandi Taylor
Lead Teacher—Forest Friends Room Keshia Coleman

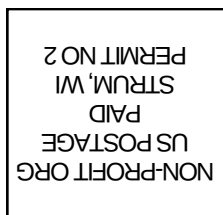
Council Members

President..... Jim Tocko
Secretary..... Kate Back
Treasurer..... Michelle Peaslee
Member-at-large..... Dan Bjerke
Member-at-large..... Howard Hanson
Member-at-large..... Camille Skoug

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