

One thing is needed.



Luke 10:42



welcome to

IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior!

Thank you for joining our church family for worship this morning. Immanuel is a Bible based Christian congregation and so our worship reflects deep devotion to God and to His Holy Word. We especially welcome any guests or visitors and invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway of the church and invite you to join us again.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE is printed in this bulletin and will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary.

RESTROOMS are located at the bottom of the stairs to the right when you exit the narthex into the school building.

AMPLIFYING HEADSETS are available in the Deacons room. Please see any usher if you would like assistance.

THE MOTHER'S ROOM is next to the bookshelf and stained glass window in the corner of the entryway and is meant only for women and children. Fathers may use the bathroom in the upstairs school hallway. Kid's bulletins and quiet bags can also be found in the entryway.

QUESTIONS? Please contact the Deacon on duty or any of the ushers. They would love to assist you!

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? Scan this QR code to learn more about what we believe at ImmanuelMankato.org



Septuagesima Sunday

SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Worship Supplement (p. 12)

The Invocation

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

Congregation (C): (*spoken*) **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn *TLH 44 “Ye Lands, to the Lord”*

Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt. *Psalm 51:2,5*

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will. *1 John 3:1*

C: (spoken) Amen!

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich [man] glory in his riches; **24** But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:27-2:4

Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, **28** and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God. **29** For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, **30** having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me. **1** Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, **2** fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. **3** Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. **4** Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: ♫ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Luke 11:28; John 20:31

Installation of Church Leaders for 2026

Those who have been elected to serve Immanuel as a Church Officer or on a Church Board, or who has been called to assist with the preaching and teaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments on behalf of our congregation will be installed into their offices and calls.

Church Officers

- Karl Friedrichs (*Vice President*)
- Craig Stelter (*Treasurer*)

Church Boards

Education

- Brandan Heinze
- Charles Olmanson
- Ben Stratton

Elders

- Anthony Greve
- Daniel Pfeiffer

Deacons

- Paul Bade
- Austin Lien

Property

- Jason Dick
- Ben Hanel
- Evan Matzke

Pastoral Assistants (*Community Bible Studies and Worship services, and administration of the Sacraments*)

- Vern Frank
- Norm Greve
- Tony Harris
- John Heinze
- Tom Lentz
- Doug Libby
- Paul Nolting
- Larry Overbeek
- Will Roettger
- Russ Schmidt
- Brian Stearns

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge

both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

WS 780 “Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give”

Sermon

Luke 10:38-42

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. **39** And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. **40** But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." **41** And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. **42** But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

One Thing Is Needed

Preaching today: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

Offertory

WS p.16

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence.
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.

Psalm 51:10-12

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Hymn

TLH 443 v.6,8

C: ♪ For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven,
For Means of Grace and hopes of Heaven,
What can to You, O LORD, be given, Who gives us all?
Dear LORD, from You we all derive
Our life, our gifts, our pow'r to give.
Oh, may we ever with You live, Who gives us all!

The General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is
in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

COMMUNION SERVICE

P: The LORD be with you.

C: (spoken) **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: (spoken) **We lift them up unto the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD, our God.

C: (spoken) **It is good and right to do this.**

Psalm 136

P: It is truly fitting, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, Who with the multitude of Your saints have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with endurance the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we exalt and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus **†** *Holy*

♪ **Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of Sabaoth adored;**
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the LORD;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

The Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

John 20:19

Agnus Dei **†** *Lamb of God*

♪ **O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord,**
whose blood, once shed, true life restored,
impart Your joy, our faith increase.
Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

John 1:29

Distribution Hymns

TLH 330 “I Come to Thee, O Blessed Lord”

TLH 305 “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

TLH 309 “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

Nunc Dimittis † Now Let Depart

♪ O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

♪ All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving

♪ My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood
be for my soul the highest good!

Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be
gracious to you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give
you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

TLH 366 v.1,6 “One Thing's Needful”

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Our Practice of Close Communion	Communing
<p>A Holy Sacrament - Holy Communion is correctly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what CHRIST does for us.</p> <p>Spiritual Unity - God’s Word also presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; Rom. 15:5,6).</p> <p>Close Communion - We ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church to come forward for Communion at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours (Rom. 16:17-18).</p> <p>Visitors - If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, you are invited to speak with the pastor about this at your convenience. We’d love to have you!</p>	<p>Kneeling rail - Members who have difficulty at the kneeling rail may sit in the front pews. The pastor will bring communion to you there.</p> <p>Balcony - Any communicants sitting in the balcony should please come down to the narthex for direction to the table.</p> <p>Direction - Communicants are ushered to the communion table. If you desire the bread in your hand, simply extend your hand to the pastor as he approaches you with the bread. Those desiring an individual cup, please take a cup when the tray is offered. The common cup will follow.</p> <p>Gluten Free Bread / Non-alcoholic Wine - Communicants can find these items on the way up to the Lord’s Table.</p> <p>Cup disposal - Please dispose of your individual cup in the baskets located on each side or in the center aisle.</p>



LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
(JAN 24-25 REPORTED)
Budgetary
\$11,128.98 Current Expenses

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION
\$385 CLC General Budget (CBP)
\$75 CLC Kinship

Non-Budgetary
\$200 Land Purchase
\$54 Benevolent

Memorials
In Loving Memory of Alice Naumann
\$25 Undesignated

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Saturday Worship 1/24: **45**

Sunday Worship 1/25: **136**

Saturday Bible Class: **6**

Sunday Bible Class: **46**

Sunday School: **17**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Old Main/ AZ Pioneer Home	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd , 4 th Monday	Worship	
Latitude	Yes	10:00 AM	Evey Tuesday	Study	19
Oak Terrace (Assisted)	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	5
Oak Terrace (Independent)	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	11
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	16
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	7
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	28
Ladies Bible Study	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Friday	Study	
Mankato Lodge	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					95
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Group - 7pm February 11th

Ash Wednesday Service - February 18th 6pm

Lenten Soup Supper - February 18th 5pm

THIS WEEK

Sat Jan 31	6:00p	Divine Worship Service with Communion
	7:00p	Bible Class
Sun Feb 1	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	9:00a	Sunday School
	9:00a	Bible Class
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service with Communion
		Live Stream – CLICK HERE
	12:00p	Upper Hallway Reserved-Private Event
	6:00p	Sunday Night Basketball
Mon Feb 2	7:00p	Recessed Voters' Meeting
Wed Feb 4	5:00p	6 th -8 th Grade Non-ILS Doctrine Class
Thur Feb 5	6:15p	Church Choir Practice
Fri Feb 6	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	7:00p	Ladies Bible Study- Church Basement
Sat Feb 7	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
	7:00p	Bible Class
Sun Feb 8	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	9:00a	Bible Class
	9:00a	Sunday School
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service
	12:00p	Grade School Jamboree
	12:30p	Immanuel Women Who Hike
	6:00p	Sunday Night Basketball

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNICATION AT IMMANUEL is very important to the ministry that God has entrusted to us all. To keep those lines of communication open, email groups have been created so that you can voice your thoughts and concerns to the appropriate leaders and boards at Immanuel. To communicate with any of the groups below, simply address an email to the corresponding email address and it will be sent to the entire group.

Board of Education:	Board-of-Education@ImmanuelMankato.org
Board of Elders:	Board-of-Elders@ImmanuelMankato.org
Board of Deacons:	Board-of-Deacons@ImmanuelMankato.org
Board of Property:	Board-of-Property@ImmanuelMankato.org
Finance Committee:	Finance-Committee@ImmanuelMankato.org
Church Council:	Church-Council@ImmanuelMankato.org

IMMANUEL WOMEN WHO HIKE Our winter hike is scheduled for **Sunday, February 8th starting at 12:30pm**. Due to unexpected schedule changes Hilary cannot lead this hike. If you can take charge of this hike, please let the church office know so you can be made into the contact person.

BOARD OF EDUCATION The ILS Board of Education is accepting nominations for a full-time 1st/2nd grade classroom teacher to begin the 2026-27 school year. The position may include teaching elementary art as agreed upon between the Board of Education and the successful candidate. Debra Mayhew, who has served in that role this past year, has been nominated. Please direct any nominations and/or questions to board-of-education@immanuelmankato.org or the Immanuel Lutheran School principal at rick.mariner@immanuelmankato.org.

VOLUNTEER JUDGES NEEDED This year, Immanuel Lutheran School is hosting its first Bible Fair! Students in grades 3 through 6 will prepare displays and presentations about different people from the Bible. They will present their work to judges who will assess each student's work according to a provided rubric. To help make the Bible Fair a success, we need individuals who are willing to listen to and judge student presentations. Please let us know if you would be willing to participate as a judge for our Bible Fair on **Tuesday, February 24th, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the church basement**. Please contact stephanie.roettger@immanuelmankato.org if you would like to volunteer as a judge or if you would like more information.

VIRTUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT WATCH PARTY Join women of Immanuel for a watch party for the 2026 Press Pause: Press Pause: The Future is the Lord's Virtual Women's Retreat. This retreat brings together women across the country in a few hours of fellowship and growth. Immanuel Mankato will host a watch party in the church basement for the retreat for anyone who would like to join the retreat together. Coffee and snacks will be provided. If you have questions, email kjstelter@gmail.com or if you'd like to join the retreat from your home or elsewhere, here is the link to register.

Press Pause: The Future is the Lord's.

Saturday, January 31, 2026, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m (Central Time)

Register now: <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause26>

ARTS CAMP Arts Camp will run March 27-29, 2026, and could use your help! We are looking for volunteers; no arts talent required! How can you help?

- Plan and lead a class
- Lead a planned class
- Supervise (overnight/daytime or other)
- Prepare, serve, and clean up a snack/meal
- Donate supplies or sponsor a camper scholarship
- Many other opportunities!
- Always prayers and encouragement for others to come!

Registration for Arts Camp 2026 opens February 1st at 12 pm CST. You can find the registration link and link to volunteer on our Facebook page "Immanuel

Arts Camp" or at immanuelmankato.org/school/arts-camp/. Arts Camp is for students in grades 5th-8th at Immanuel Mankato, March 27-29, 2026. Contact Amber Casto if you have any questions! artscamp@immanuelmankato.org

YOUTH GROUP Our next Youth Group Bible Study & Fellowship event is scheduled for **February 11th at 7pm**. Contact Hilary Lien with questions.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Plate Offerings

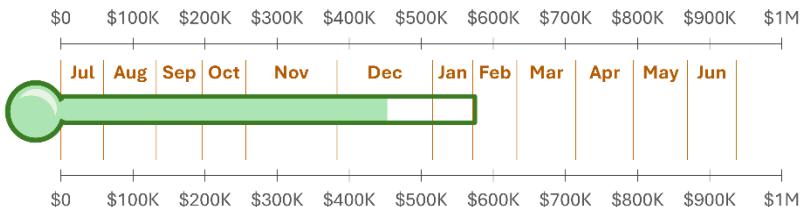
As Of 1/25/2026

Total Need: \$936,655

Remaining Need (January): \$118,888

Received To Date: \$452,675

Remaining Need (Fiscal Year): \$483,980



* Monthly grid based on past contribution patterns, to give us a convenient pace to follow.

CLC SYNOD NEWS Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has received the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Iron River, MI, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Ev. Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. RETIREMENT Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN, has announced his retirement as of January 31, 2026. Pastor Hein has also resigned from the CLC Board of Regents. <> Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD, announced his retirement in summer 2026. APPOINTMENT Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has been appointed by President Michael Wilke and has accepted the call to serve on the CLC Board of Regents. Pastor Eichstadt will serve as interim CLC Secretary until a permanent appointment is made to fill that position.



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We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(1st Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew	DEACON Brent Schreyer
ORGANIST Friedrichs/Schreyer	SCREEN Furst / Carstensen
HEAD USHER Austin Lien	ASST USHER Karl Friedrichs
USHERS Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hagen, Alan Olmanson, Brent Schreyer, Philip Stelter, Ross Theneman, William Roettger	
COMMUNION SET UP Williams, Hoffman & Theneman	
COMMUNION DISTIRUTION D Pfeiffer, W Roettger	

Serving Us Next Weekend

(2nd Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann	DEACON Mac Friedrichs
ORGANIST Laura Heinze	SCREEN A Lien
HEAD USHER Paul Bade	ASST USHER Mike Schweim
USHERS Jeremy Hanel, Scott Kruse, Kaden Kruse, Todd Kruse, Alex Matzke, Justin Mueller	

Sermon Notes

Text _____

Theme _____

Notes _____

Specific Law (How does this text point out my sin?)

Specific Gospel (How does this text point to Jesus?)

Specific Application (How does this text teach me to live?)
