

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday Worship Services

9:00am Fellowship Hour
9:30am Bible Study
10:30am Worship Service

Highest Heights, Deepest Depths

No matter how high we soar into space,
Even if we could somehow soar out of our own galaxy,
Through the blackness of space and the colors of nebulas
Past shining stars as numerous as the children of Abraham,
Still Your love would be with us.

And no matter how often we plumb the ocean's depths,
In the trenches where there is no light,
Only cold and pressure and creatures we are only just discovering,
As far away from us as our sins are from You,
Still Your love is there.

The apostle wrote that neither height nor depth
Can separate us from Your love, O God,
And though he did not know
Just how high the heights nor how deep the depths,
He did know You and the greatness of Your love.

~Elizabeth Crouch

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL REPORT
JUNE 2025**

RECEIPTS:

General Fund:

Offerings	\$11,515.00
Other Income	20,471.80
Budgeted Items	0.00
Non-Budgeted Items	<u>73.17</u>
TOTAL FOR MONTH	\$32,059.97

EXPENDITURES:

General Fund:

Non-Budget Items & Special Designated	\$6,439.65
Capital Fund	1,720.00
	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL FOR MONTH	\$8,159.65

This report shows exactly where Immanuel stands regarding budget expenses funded by weekly offerings.
Our General Fund balance through June 2025 is \$64,396.00 compared to expenditures of \$62,590.65 leaving a surplus of \$1,805.35 for the year.



Just wanted to drop a quick note on our time at the 41st Biennial Convention in Omaha, Nebraska, the end of June, which was amazing as usual! From the opening Communion service, to the mission walk, to the walk in the rain, to the hugs and laughter, ending with the Closing Service. Our very own Cindy Jackson was involved with "Heart to Heart Sisters" and Victoria Niesel was part of the "Young Women's Representatives". We were all so proud of these amazing women! Our last biennium mite goal was surpassed, and we have a new goal for the next two years of \$2,622,270 which has been approved to fund 33 mission grants! We have grown closer to GOD and with each other. Oklahoma City 2027 next time -- *"For a little piece of heaven, Come to OKC in 2027!"*

Sister in Christ,
Deborah Allen

KEEP SAVING THOSE MITES-they are unbelievably powerful!!!

TO PROMOTE OR NOT TO PROMOTE?

The Johnson Amendment has been a rule where the Internal Revenue Service forbade Churches from, among other like activities, endorsing a candidate for an elected political office. But that rule, rarely enforced, is now being altered to allow endorsements without tax-exempt penalties. So, what does our congregation do? Some churches have long promoted candidates despite the rule.

For Lutherans, we recognize the concept of two kingdoms, one earthly and one heavenly. (Sometimes called the Kingdom of the Left and Kingdom of the Right.) While we respect, and individually even get involved in, government of the earthly kingdom, we must always take care not to impede our ability to serve and support our neighbors. And our neighbors may have sincerely held different views of government or of secular laws. So, alienating our neighbors, members or not of our congregation, may inhibit our real purpose as a church.

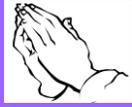
Our church purpose is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen, to worship God, and to learn and study God's Word, the Scriptures. The message may be confused or lost or ignored if we enter the realm of promoting or placing emphasis on politics and political offices. That does not mean we cannot as a church voice opinions which are Biblical and which conflict with unbiblical legislation or rules or candidate positions. However, no one candidate is likely to be completely consistent with our Christian message and views.

Consequently, Pastor McMullin and I have both decreed that we will not endorse any candidate during any worship service, and especially from the pulpit. We have long prayed for government leaders regardless of political party affiliation. Our focus is to preach Christ crucified, not who should be president or governor or any other political office. We would discourage anyone preaching at our sanctuary from making some endorsement as well.

Pastor McMullin and I may have held viewpoints on people, and those may not be identical. We often talk about different persons or issues in gatherings, and it is not too hard to get some idea of our separate positions. Yet, holding views and preaching during a worship service can be two different things and we try not to confuse our message or cause offense, except where we proclaim the Law as recorded in Scriptures.

We may not always be perfect in this regard, but we do try to keep these matters separate so that the clear message from the Bible, God's Holy Writ, is not compromised, confused or lost. If you hear otherwise, then please feel free to let us know. God bless.

----- Ron Schaulat, Parish Assisting Minister



Those in Need of Prayer



For Illness or Health Matters

Jolene Keister

Lon Keister

Betty Mahan

Bill Mahan

Cathy Adams

Amber Runge

Robert Hansen

Ruthie Gable

Joyce Kaldahl

Karen Rumsey (niece of Ruthie Gable and wife of Rev. John Rumsey of Our Savior, Guthrie)

Tim Reeves (friend of the Hulings)

Sharon Hoover (co-worker of Laura Schaulat)

Leonard Mahan (son of Betty & Bill Mahan)

Ray Wayman (friend and neighbor of Chuck Dixon)

Dorothy Rumsey (Ruthie Gable's sister)

Mike Gable (Clark Gable's brother)

Meredith McCay (stepmother of Scott McCay)

Kristina McCright (Connie McCright granddaughter in law)

Other prayers

Our Call Committee

Youth attending the LCMS National Gathering

Christians worldwide

Those suffering from loss of family or property in recent Texas, New Mexico, Florida and Louisiana



"God is the Father who is full of mercy and all comfort. He comforts us whenever we have trouble..." (1I Corinthians 1:3-4)



August Sunday Scriptures



If you are unable to worship in person with us, please follow along with us on YouTube at Immanuel Lutheran OKC or through our Facebook site. Below is the Scripture lessons for the month:

August 3	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
August 10	Genesis 15:1-6	Hebrews 11:1-16	Luke 12:22-34
August 17	Jeremiah 23:16-29	Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3	Luke 12:49-53
August 24	Isaiah 66:18-23	Hebrews 12:4-24	Luke 13:22-30
August 31	Proverbs 25:2-10	Hebrews 13:1-17	Luke 14:1-14

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1. Mrs. Theresa (Ramsey)
2. Jonathan Steele
4. Patsy Patric
Wanda Ward
6. Mrs. Connie McCright
Mrs. Emily (Dittelmier) Gallegos
9. Mrs. Holly (Hansen) Valouch
16. Mrs. Ladonna Meinders
17. Kelley Chambers
20. Rachel Brainard
22. Mrs. Margie Carr
23. Katelyn Simmons
24. Christine James
27. Tony Finley
30. William Jackson
31. Cody James

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8. Rev. Mark & Tracey Stillman (1982)
24. Tony & Amanda Finley (2008)
31. Lon & Jolene Keister (1973)



August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 FELLOWSHIP 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM WORSHIP (W/COMM) 10:30AM	4	5	6 5:30-7:00PM – Church Family Night/ Supper	7	8	9
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