

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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God
Bless
America



Sunday Worship Services

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

Sparks of light fill the air
As the sun sets and night falls.
Living stars,
Gentle lightning,
Fireflies glowing to find one another.
Though their light is brief,
They are among Your most beautiful creations,
A reminder of Your light that guides us to You.

~ Elizabeth Crouch

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL REPORT
MAY 2025**

RECEIPTS:

General Fund:

Offerings	\$9,095.00
Other Income	0.00
Budgeted Items	0.00
Non-Budgeted Items	<u>118.36</u>

Capital Fund: Parking Lot

0.00

TOTAL FOR MONTH \$9,213.36

EXPENDITURES:

General Fund:

Non-Budget Items & Special Designated	\$5,657.03
Capital Fund	1,621.27
	<u>0.00</u>

TOTAL FOR MONTH \$7,278.30

This report shows exactly where Immanuel stands regarding budget expenses funded by weekly offerings.
Our General Fund balance through May 2025 is \$52,906.00 compared to expenditures of \$56,151.00 leaving a deficit of \$3,245.00 for the year.



GOD WITH US WEDNESDAY is a time of dinner, fellowship and worship. Be a part of this time of sharing, food and praise to God. This Wednesday we commemorate the apostles St. Peter and St. Paul.



Let us give thanks for our freedom to worship our Lord and proclaim His Gospel to all the world. How blessed we are to be able to proclaim Jesus in this world! We also thank all those who have sacrificed their lives for this freedom. When you see a service man and woman, let him or her know that you appreciate what he or she is doing for our country. Let us give thanks for the leaders of this beautiful country and pray that our mighty Lord would guide them to make wise and godly decisions that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in godliness and honesty.

ENDURE

The Gathering (formerly known as The National Youth Gathering) theme for this year's event during this month is from Hebrews 12.1-3 which references that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ endured hatred from sinners and the crucifixion on the cross --- all for us.

As a word, "endure" is to persist, to suffer firmly and patiently, to tolerate. For our youth, the example of Christ Jesus (a) reiterates what Jesus has done for all of them, and (b) reflects how they are to be in a world where many aspects seem uncertain if not anti-Christian and unpopular.

Young people desire to be popular. That's the curse of social media. The "friends", the "likes", the "views", the positive comments. We are now reading about youth who harm themselves, commit suicide, quickly explode into crimes of murder and vandalism. While today's teenage pressures are no more than in the past, the character has changed dramatically. It's no longer 'no phone call' or 'no one invited' me, to something more widespread. And bad actors can seek to prey upon vulnerable youth more easily, or 'bully' with anonymity.

Compounding this is the 'social gospel' message of 'love over all' that some Christian churches are proclaiming. St. Paul warns us about the perverted "gospel" in Galatians 1.6-10, which is really no good news, no gospel, at all. Carnal desires are lust, not love; it perverts God's love for us.

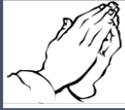
We must encourage our youth to take confirmation and confirmation vows more seriously; to demand better teaching from youth leaders about staying the course in the Word (Scriptures). We must encourage our youth to endure even when society and popularity seems against that which we proclaim. We should always advise our youth, or be available to advise without suffocating them, to endure and hold fast to God's Word of mercy and grace. We must correctly remind our youth of what God expects from us, the Law to be obeyed, and how forgiveness is available when we inevitably fall. We must also be an example of endurance to our youth in living and even in confessing when we, too, mess up. That is 'love for others.'

When so-called 'celebrities' proclaim their beliefs or acts which are contrary to God's Word, we must educate our youth that they are confused sinners too, and that we should pray for those falling away but not follow them; rather follow Christ who endured all things for us.

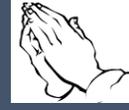
Most of all, we must pray for our youth, the ones here at Immanuel OKC and the 20,000+ who are traveling and gathering in New Orleans.

The Gathering is NOT perfect. It is not a magic cure for all problems and all issues our youth face. It does not guaranty that youth attending will always remain faithful. However, it is a tool for us and for our youth to use to learn and to praise together. Godspeed to them all!!

--- Ron Schaulat, Parish Assistant 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

Chuck Dixon

Ruthie Gable

Joyce Kaldahl

Meredith McCay

Karen Rumsey (niece of Ruthie Gable and wife of Pastor John Rumsey of Our Savior Guthrie)

Leonard Mahan (son of Betty & Bill Mahan)

Tim Reeves (friend of Hulings)

Sharon Hoover (co-worker of Laura Schaulat)

Ray Wayman (friend and neighbor of Chuck Dixon)

Elizabeth Frye (teen friend of Alison Hogan)

Tyler Boston (co-worker of Mike Hogan)

Petula Graham (co-worker of Laura Schaulat)

Dorothy Rumsey (Ruthie Gable's sister)

Mike Gable (Clark Gable's brother)

Other prayers

Our Call Committee --- as they continue the search for a new pastor

Our Congregation and Leadership -- that we may faithfully proclaim the Word and minister to those in need; for our members to be involved and led to learn and serve

Camp Lutherhoma---restoration after tornado damage and thanksgiving for protection of campers and staff

Ladies of LWML --- as they travel and meet in convention

*“God is the Father Who is full of mercy and all comfort. He comforts us whenever we have trouble...”
II Corinthians 1:3-4*



July 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:

July 6	Isaiah 66:10-14	Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18	Luke 10:1-20
July 13	Leviticus 19:9-18	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
July 20	Genesis 18:1-10a	Colossians 1:21-29	Luke 10:38-42
July 27	Genesis 18:20-33	Colossians 2:6-15	Luke 11:1-13

We have several Luther's Small Catechisms in paper form available for you to give to anyone you speak with. They are a great way to share the teachings of the Bible in a simple format.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1. Samantha Jackson
4. Mrs. Cathy Adams
Cooper Jackson
6. Julien Jackson
7. Abigail Cage
9. Scott Kastner
10. Mrs. Mary Jane Southwick
Mrs. Martha Ellington
11. Hannah Cage
12. Clark Gable
16. Mrs. Laurie Niendorf
21. Jerry Geurin
Allison Hill
22. Steven Jackson
26. Mrs. Linda Nees
27. Pastor Clinton McMullin
28. Chad McMullin
30. Benjamin Holt

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

14. Rev. Blair & Kim Clark (41)
22. Brad & Sara Cage (25)
23. Bryon & Elizabeth Crouch (3)
31. Tommy & Samantha Jackson (21)





July 4th

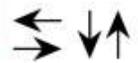
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FIREWORKS
HISTORY
JULY
PRIDE

LIBERTY
DECLARATION
FAMILY
INDEPENDENCE

NATION
SUMMER
PATRIOTISM
FREEDOM



JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 "4th of July Service" FELLOWSHIP 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM WORSHIP (W/COMM) 10:30AM	7	8	9 5:30-7:00PM – Church Family Night/ Supper	10	11	12
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