

NEWS & NOTES—WEEK OF MAY 10TH TO MAY 16TH, 2026

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This Week at Immanuel

<u>Sunday 10</u>	<u>Monday 11</u>	<u>Tuesday 12</u>	<u>Wednesday 13</u>	<u>Thursday 14</u>	<u>Friday 15</u>	<u>Saturday 16</u>
-9:00 am: Worship Happy Mother's Day	-7:00 pm: Sarah Circle		-9:00 am: 3D in the Upper Room -9:00 am: Rebecca Circle, Meets at Claddagh, Phyllis Chiglo and Kari Neumann Hostesses -10:30 am: Bible Study @ Immanuel -3:00 pm: Spring Grove Nursing Home Worship -7:00 pm: Immanuel Council Meeting	-1:00 pm: Do Day -6:30 pm: Bible Study @ Imman. -1:30 pm: Claddagh Worship Bulletin Submission Deadline 8 am		

Birthdays this Week: Kasey Rask, Bernard Schwanbeck, Sharon Schulte, Logan Koepke, Parker Rounsville, Aimee Wiebke, and Todd Meiners. Happy Birthday everyone!!!

Remembering Those who Died within the Last 20 Years: Tom Renslo, Harold Quinnell, Loren Doering, Heidi Berge, Adolph Olson, and Marvella Kinneberg.

Please lift up in prayer: Emily Douglas, Patricia Holdmeyer (mother of Ryan Holdmeyer), Tim Schroeder, Gayle Grippen, Karen Meiners, Noah and family, Roger Vick, Tom Danielson, Orville Larson (Grandpa of Emily Riley), Don Zoubek (Uncle to Geoff Mell), Rachel Storlie, Donna Schulze, John Stange (cousin to Pastor), Gladys Tegtmeier (moved to Claddagh), and Phyllis Duxbury (Bethany St Joseph Care Center, La Crosse).

If you would like a prayer request to be added, please contact the church office.

The next blood drive: Is being held in Caledonia at Four Seasons Community Center will be held on **Wednesday, June 17 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.** There is a huge need for blood donations and it only takes a short time to help save lives! Please consider donating. If you would like to schedule an appointment, you may do so online at www.redcrossblood.org or by messaging on the Facebook page "Caledonia-MN Community Blood Drive", or contacting Bonnie Giesler, Vicki Kruckow, or Donise Heiller-Becker. Thank you for your help in saving lives!

Need Something Shredded? Because of the amount of shredding that Immanuel needs to do, the church council recently purchased shredding services through Woodland Industries. If you have items that you would like to have shredded, you can bring them to the church office and put them in the shredding bin. The council does ask that you make a donation for this service. It is also limited to members of Immanuel.

WELCA Baby Kit Donations: Are you a Kohl's shopper and have unused Kohl's Cash available? Please consider using your Kohl's Cash for essential WELCA baby kit items. Items urgently needed are socks and t-shirts size 6 months – 24 months/2T (note that NO camouflage, religious symbols, flags, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces are allowed). Lutheran World Relief now requires 2 pairs of new socks for each baby kit. Please leave the items in the WELCA containers under the church mailboxes. Thank you!

WELCA Flannel Sheets and Pillowcases Donations:

Also of need are Flannel sheets and pillowcases. WELCA members are looking for gently used flannel sheets of any size (both fitted and flat) and flannel pillowcases. These linens will be made into diapers for mission baby kits, with each kit containing 4 diapers. Please leave the linens in the WELCA containers under the church mailboxes. Thank you!

We Need Your Help:

If you would be willing to donate a Thrivent Grant to the Backpack and School Supply Giveaway we would love that help. You can email helpinghandsbackpackgiveaway@gmail.com or speak to Jan Klug or Tricia Babinski.

Bible Study: How Did We Get the New Testament?

May 13 at 10:30 am/May 14 at 6:30 pm: From Lists to Canon: Technology, Time, and Distance

Scam Alert: Once again Pastor Meyer has been a victim of a scammer. Several Immanuel members received emails or text messages claiming to be Pastor Meyer (even the email address the messages came from look like pastor sent the messages). These emails asked that you purchase gift cards for him so he can distribute them to “needy women” in the church. I will never ask you to do such a thing. If you ever wonder, please call pastor directly.

Summer Eats Update: Come have coffee and sign up to help on May 10 and May 17!

We have had so many offers to help with our summer meals program and we are very thankful. It’s finally time to sign up! We will be serving coffee and treats in the social hall following church services on May 10 and again May 17. We can answer your questions and help you choose someday(s) to help. Bring your calendars and we’ll find a day or two that will work for you.

Financial Update

The Stewardship Committee, along with the Immanuel Council, wants to keep you informed about our financial position. As a congregation, we ended 2025 with income that was approximately \$15,500 less than our expenses. However, because of reserve funds from previous years, we were able to meet all of our financial obligations.

Through the first four months of 2026, giving has decreased by 13% (\$10,700) compared to 2025, and our General Fund income is down 9.5% (\$7,051.62). At the same time, expenses have increased by nearly 10% (\$8,192.12). As a council, we believe we have a responsibility to keep you informed of our current financial situation.

A reminder that there are many ways to contribute to what God is doing in and through Immanuel. You can set up automatic withdrawals through your bank, give through an app (Vanco Mobile), or write checks to mail or place in the offering box. In addition, Immanuel will be setting up a QR code to provide another convenient way to give using your cell phone.

Your financial contributions support the work God is doing through us, serving our neighbors both near and far through the ministries of Immanuel, the La Crosse Area Synod, and the ELCA. We are grateful for all the gifts that are given.

We'll make dinner for you!
**SYTTENDE MAI
MEATBALL DINNER**
Sunday, May 17 - \$15 each
10:30 a.m. until sold out
Drive-thru / Carry-outs

MENU: meatballs in gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, dinner roll, lefse, rømmegrøt, dessert

DRIVE THRU: Turn on 2nd Ave SE (by Roble Funeral Home) and watch for people to direct you around the block to Trinity's parking lot. Follow along to place your order, meals will be brought to you, exit onto Main Street.

Youth Fundraiser for activities and events. Thank you!