

NEWS & NOTES—WEEK OF MAY 31ST TO JUNE 6TH, 2026

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This Week at Immanuel

<u>Sunday 31</u>	<u>Monday 1</u>	<u>Tuesday 2</u>	<u>Wednesday 3</u>	<u>Thursday 4</u>	<u>Friday 5</u>	<u>Saturday 6</u>
-9:00 am: Worship	- Office open 8:30-1:30	-Office open 8:30-1:30	-Office open 8:30- 1:30 -9:00 am: 3D Group	- Bulletin Submission Deadline 8 am	-Office open 8:30-1:30	

Birthdays this Week: Naomi Fruechte, Zach Mikula, Kevin Schroeder, Donna Schulze, Ryan Holdmeyer, Isla Klug, Pastor Steven Meyer, Brent Knutson, Lisa Meiners, Luke Vesterse, Rodney Vetsch, Hannah Rousville, Betty Schmitz, Madeline Mullins. **Happy Birthday everyone!!!**

Remembering Those who Died within the Last 20 Years: Richard Penrose, Jeanette Rohde, and David Olson

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 (Home).

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

Also pray for Beverly Aasum Dave Erickson for the loss of their son and brother Peter Erickson

Watch this space for Summer Eats updates weekly!!

Week 2 (the week of June 8) Summer Eats will be serving berries (any kind), orange slices, carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, crackers, popcorn, veggie straws (all in individual size bags). **All donations welcome.** You can email immanuelsummereats@gmail.com with any questions.

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, calling 1-800- RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or by messaging on the Facebook page “Caledonia-MN Community Blood Drive”. Thank you for your help in saving lives!

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 new pairs of 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: 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.

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.

Summer Sunday School: This is a new option this year that Stephanie Mell will be leading. Once a month from May to August, I will have Summer Sunday School during the church service like our traditional Sunday School Program. The theme is "What a Mess!" where we'll be talking about why the world is so messy and how Jesus loves messy people! And it wouldn't be complete without messy projects!

June 7th - Jesus Loves a Good Mess - Jesus love messy people.

July 12th - Confess Your Mess - Let's be honest about sin.

August 9th - Address Your Mess and Address Their Mess - His grace covers our sin and forgive like Jesus.

*Stephanie will be looking for a few volunteers to help with each session, please let me know if you're willing to help out! If you have **confirmation aged kids, this will count** towards confirmation requirements.*

Sugar Creek Camp: We will be heading back to Sugar Creek for Explorers Camp! This one-day adventure will include Bible Story time and a variety of activities that may include fun games, nature time, swimming, crafts, pony time and exploring the camp valley! This will also be a great opportunity for our youth to experience Sugar Creek before considering an overnight program. Day campers must be entering Kindergarten through 6th grade to attend. More details to follow!

Church Picnic Gathering at Beaver Creek State Park - Sunday, June 28th: The Engaging Children Initiative (ECI) Task Force is hosting a picnic at the park shelter at Beaver Creek from 3pm until 7pm with food, yard games, exploring, and ending with a camp style campfire worship!

Thank you to:

Pastor Lisa Shank for today's service and to all of today's volunteers!