



Immanuel News

The newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greeley, Colorado

October 2026

OK, for all of October, Jesus is battling it out, Sunday mornings, with the chief priests, Pharisees, scribes and elders; the leaders of the Jewish people. They want to get rid of Jesus and he wants them to see how far off the mark they are from the real leaders God wants them to be. Jesus uses several parables to make his point and; in each, things go badly for those chosen by God who do not fulfill their responsibilities to care for God's people. Come watch the fireworks.

October is also a month when harvest time is in the air, a time of in-gathering to prepare for the days ahead: silage for the herds, pumpkins for the larder and pumpkin "patches", fruits and vegetables for canning, and harvest festivals to celebrate what God has graciously provided throughout the year. Here at Immanuel we have two important celebrations that reflect God's gracious giving. The first is Sunday, October 18. Like "Homecoming" at your favorite Alma Mater, it is a day of gathering together to celebrate our community in Christ. God, through the work of the Holy Spirit, has brought this community, Immanuel Lutheran Church, together in Greeley, CO.

Immanuel is God's gift to each of us, a gift to Greeley, and a gift to the world. Through the love we share with each other and the world, in service, worship, prayer and financial support, God is present. As we look to the coming days, the beginning of our Vicar Roberto's service among us, the completion of our patio structure, and the opportunities to be God's presence through worship and service, we pledge ourselves anew to be God's hands doing God's work. Come early October 18 to enjoy some coffee, tea, sweets and fellowship in celebration of our life together.

A second Sunday that celebrates God's presence among us is Reformation Sunday, October 25. We do not see it an accident that Martin Luther and the other reformers of his time, challenged and reshaped the Christian church of their day. God working through them not only brought the church 'back on track', as it were, but deepened our understanding of life as God's people in this world. We of Immanuel are Lutherans, a "reforming" people, and on this Sunday we rejoice in that identity even as we open a "door" to deepen a vision of our future. Come celebrate on October 25 our heritage and our future!

God's peace, Pastor Embree

WORSHIP

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 4 — 10:30 Worship—*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
October 11 — 10:30 Worship— *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*
October 18 — 10:30 Worship—*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*
October 25— 10:30 Worship—*Reformation Sunday*



Sunday, October 25, 2026

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

INSTALLATION FOR Roberto Tello-Molina

We have set a date and time for Roberto's Installation as Vicar on Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 p.m., at Immanuel with Bishop Meghan Johnston Aelabouni presiding.

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Please plan to attend!

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY
October 22 at 9 am



Please bring your gloves & rakes
Help make Immanuel shine!

Pavilion Update

Thanks to our contributors –
We now have **\$60287.00** committed
To the pavilion.

Our estimate to complete it is approximately \$100,000.

So...we are on our way
Please consider contributing to this project.

As of Sept 24, 2026



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed items, helped empty the stage and Sunday school room, set up, organize, price, moved items out on sale days, manned the checkout tables, delivered furniture, fed the workers, managed the money, packed up after the sale, delivered unsold items to Bargain Box and Arc, cleaned up the fellowship hall, vacuumed and locked up after a successful week with a total of \$5654.95 as of 9/21/26.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Cheryl Clausen, Janet Crespin, and Katy Sickles.

YOUTH & FAITH FORMATION

Bible Study

Adult Sunday Bible Study group
Please join us in the Library, next to the Kitchen.



FIRST SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, October 4th and November 1st

SCHEDULE:

9:00am – Snacks Together in Annex Youth Room
9:15am – 5th Grade & Younger (Youth Room)
9:15am – Middle School & High School (Annex - Upstairs)
10:00am – Back Together for Fun & Games in Youth Room

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Sign up to help with Youth Group!

We need two (2) volunteers each month to sign up to help with the young group for First Sundays Youth Group, October and November. If you are available or have questions, please contact the office (970) 352-3003 or Cheryl Clausen (970) 978-0726. Resources are available for lessons!

PRAYER & CARE



Prayer Team

The prayer team is keeping you in our prayers. If you have a request, contact pastor or prayer cards are available and may be left in the box at the back of the church. You can also contact anyone on the prayer team or call the church office with your request.

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Connie Deines Janet Willis

GIVING & SERVICE

Free Little Red Barn Pantry

Please consider bringing shelf-stable, non-perishable food items to place in the barn each Sunday so our pantry will stay stocked and continue to be a blessing for our neighbors in need! Please just make sure your donations are not past their expiration date.

Travel-sized shampoo & conditioner, toothbrushes, and bars of soap are also appreciated.



Let's work together to FILL THE BARN!

LUTHERAN EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY

Support Campus Ministry: Bring a Meal to Sunday Dinner Church

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Support campus ministry and students in Greeley for the fall semester by signing up to bring a meal for our Sunday evening Dinner Church gatherings. These meals are a weekly anchor in our community, and students look forward each week to eating together. Your help providing the food for these meals makes this time together possible. Thank you! Find more details and open dates on our Meal Train page:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/ynk9ey/updates/lm0dw6>

If you are able, please plan to eat with us!



Gathering around a meal together is such an important part of our ministry, and we couldn't do it without you! Thank you so much for being a meal donor!

Pastor Sheryl

Interim Campus Pastor

Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry @ UNC Greeley

CHURCH COUNCIL



<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Budde, Cindy	Secretary
Clausen, Cheryl	
Crespin, Janet	
Elmquist, Julie	President
Johnson, John	Vice President
Larson, John	
Sickles, Katy	

EFTF –Endowment Foundation Trust Fund

The Endowment Foundation Trust Fund (EFTF) uses interest earned on the donations in the trust fund to support special needs and work of the church that is not covered by the church budget. If you have a special need in mind, please submit a request for fund disbursement. The EFTF Committee considers requests quarterly. Please see an EFTF Committee member if you have questions or pick up a request form from the EFTF mailbox in the church office.

Committee members: Janet Crespin, Amy Herold, Elaine Holbrook, Janet Johnson

GIA Clothing Bank



Several Greeley-area churches sponsor and help operate the Greeley Interfaith Assn. Clothing Bank, located at 228 N. 9th Ave., Greeley.

The hours open are 10:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

The Clothing Bank accepts gently used items of clothing and sells them to the public at a reasonable cost. Proceeds of the sales cover operating expenses and then go toward community scholarships and grants.

Volunteers are always needed. Volunteers sort clothing, price the clothes, place on the racks, and check out customers at the cash register. Volunteers also receive a discount for clothing purchases when they work.

See Julie Elmquist, Cindy Thompson, Brenda Turnwall or Katy Sickles for more information. Love to see you there.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

- Sunday School students and staff will sponsor a mission of sock collection this fall
- Pledge Sunday will be October 25, 2026
- Fall Clean-up Day will be October 22nd at 9:00 am

Please join us for our next meeting on
Tuesday, October 13th @ 6:30 p.m.

Tied in Faith...

Will meet on Tuesday, October 6,
Thursday, October 15, and
Saturday, October 31



Our logo—with the cross, water and a white lily—identifies women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as children of God; baptized, forgiven, adopted into God's family, full of grace and hope in eternal life. It is a reminder of the growth, beauty, and vitality that rises out of that life-giving baptismal water. It is also a reminder of the mission of the church to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).



Audio/Visual (AV) Committee

After reviewing the requirements for Immanuel Lutheran Church (ILC) and evaluating proposals from vendors, the AV committee recommended proceeding with a **Single Projector/Dropdown Screen solution** (proposed by UE Productions). This direction best aligns with our core principles of stewardship, simplicity, and preserving the aesthetic integrity of our worship space.

Key Benefits of this choice:

1. **Superior Livestreaming:** The 3-camera system provides a more professional and inclusive experience for homebound members.
2. **Comprehensive Audio:** The inclusion of specific piano and room micing ensures the music ministry is captured with high fidelity for both recordings and the live feed.
3. **Environmental Stewardship:** Centralizing the display reduces long-term maintenance and energy waste compared to managing multiple hardware units
4. The electrical improvements needed have already been completed thanks to the generosity of Meyer Electric. UE Productions will be purchasing the equipment soon and arranging for an installation date thereafter. Install date is TBD
5. We look forward to the improvements for individuals worshipping both in church and virtually!

Many thanks to the AV Committee for their work throughout the process, including Matt Denman, Stan Elmquist, John Larson, Lelyn Larson and Pete Budde.

Groups Meeting at Immanuel

TOPS—9:00-10:30 am
Tuesdays

Pastor Feo Group

Thurs — 7-9

Sunday—4:30-7:00 pm



2026

October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:00 am-Youth Group 9:15 am-Bible Study 10:00 am-Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am- Holy Communion	5 Common Sense Kleaining—Church	6 ★ 9:00 am—Tied in Faith	7 ★	8 †	9 †	10
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Thanks to our Volunteers!

October 2026

October 4:

Greeter:	
Ushers:	Ron & Cindy Thompson
Assisting Minister:	Julie Elmquist
Lector:	Julie Elmquist
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson
Tellers:	Marvin & Connie Deines

October 11:

Greeter:	Janet Willis
Ushers:	Matt & Molly Ward
Assisting Minister:	Cindy Budde
Lector:	Molly Ward
Communion Setup:	Molly Ward
Tellers:	Vera Sylvester, Brenda Turnwall

October 18:

Greeter:	Vera Sylvester
Ushers:	John Johnson & Sally Stewart
Assisting Minister:	Janet Willis
Lector:	Luke Larson, Jack Larson
Communion Setup:	Sue Morse
Tellers:	Linda Sample, Janet Johnson

October 25:

Greeter:	Vera Sylvester
Ushers:	Katy Sickles, Juan Cruz
Assisting Minister:	Cindy Budde
Lector:	Pete Budde
Communion Setup:	Linda Cruz
Tellers:	Janet Crespín

CONTACT INFORMATION

Bridge Pastor:	Pastor Bill Embree	
Secretary:	Denise Pollard Stricker	970-352-3003
Office Hours:	M —Th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm	
	Offices closed on Fridays	
Executive Council:		
President:	Julie Elmquist	
Vice President:	John Johnson	
Secretary:	Cindy Budde	
Treasurer:	Connie Deines	
Financial Secretary:	Bob Morse	