



**Immanuel
Lutheran
Church**

All are Welcome!

October 2025 Newsletter

“Here I Stand”

Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483 in Eisleben. His father was a copper miner. Luther studied at the University of Erfurt and in 1505 decided to join a monastic order, becoming an Augustinian friar. He was ordained in 1507, began teaching at the University of Wittenberg and in 1512 was made a Doctor of Theology. In 1510 he visited Rome on behalf of a number of Augustinian monasteries and was appalled by the corruption he found there.

Luther became increasingly angry about the clergy selling 'indulgences' - promised remission from punishments for sin, either for someone still living or for one who had died and was believed to be in purgatory. On October 31, 1517, he published his '95 Theses', attacking papal abuses and the sale of indulgences.

Luther had come to believe that Christians are saved through faith and not through their own efforts. This turned him against many of the major teachings of the Catholic Church. In 1519 -1520, he wrote a series of pamphlets developing his ideas. Thanks to the printing press, Luther's '95 Theses' and his other writings spread quickly through Europe.

In January 1521, the Pope Leo X excommunicated Luther. He was then summoned to appear at the Diet of Worms, an assembly of the Holy Roman Empire. He refused to recant, and Emperor Charles V declared him an outlaw and a heretic. Luther went into hiding at Wartburg Castle. In 1522, he returned to Wittenberg and in 1525 married Katharina von Bora, a former nun, with whom he had six children.

In 1534, Luther published a complete translation of the Bible into German, underlining his belief that people should be able to read it in their own language. The translation contributed significantly to the spread and development of the German language.

Luther's influence spread across northern and eastern Europe and his fame made Wittenberg an intellectual center.

Luther died on February 18, 1546 in Eisleben, the same city as his birth.

WORSHIP

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 5—*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

October 12—*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

October 19—*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

October 26—*Reformation Sunday*



Sunday, October 26, 2025

Time of Transition and the Call process

The Council appointed Call Committee is: Pete Budde, Julie Elmquist, Janet Johnson, John Larson, and Araceli Olguin.

On September 4, Cindy Budde and Julie Elmquist had a Zoom meeting with Pastor Sara Wirth from the Rocky Mountain Synod to go over the next steps.

Pastor Sara held a Zoom meeting with the Call Committee September 15, and a Zoom meeting with the Council on September 16.

The committee is now working on finalizing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). Because the last MSP included Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry (LECM), we are updating to remove those references.

Both Transition Teams (ILC and LECM) decided independently to not continue as a shared ministry. Immanuel will seek a part-time pastor, so this will be reflected in the MSP.

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION



September 2, 2025

Dear Immanuel Lutheran members,

Thank you very much for the May 2025 donation of \$1,270!

Every month, two Rocky Mountain Synod pastors go to two Colorado Veterans Homes (in Rifle and Denver) to conduct worship services for veterans.

Veteran Servant Corps Project pays these two pastors \$200 per service (plus mileage to the pastor who drives round trip from Grand Junction to Rifle).

Your generous donation supported 3 months in 2025!

It would be my honor to come to Immanuel again to preach/teach. Many thanks again.

Vicky Daub, VSCP Executive Director (and former Immanuel member)

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY October 11th at 9 am



**Please bring your gloves & rakes
Help make Immanuel shine!**

Seeking nominees/volunteers for ILC AV Technology Committee

Looking for 3 (and not to exceed) 5 members of technology committee to:

- Determine AV requirements and functionality for worship space (and potentially fellowship hall)
- Evaluate what portion of grant funds should be set aside for operations (technician) and maintenance of system
- Summarize components and capabilities of existing AV equipment
- Identify minimum of two vendors who can present proposals for potential systems
- Coordinate presentations to congregation
- Select vendor to complete installation, configuration, and training

Ideally, candidates would have some understanding of contemporary AV capabilities to integrate an in-church experience with remote worship attendance. Must be open to envision changes to worship space and experience (understanding existing church population and desired demographic) as part of evaluation process. Contact a council member, or Pete Budde.



YOUTH & FAITH FORMATION

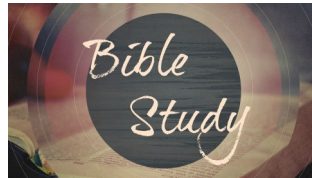
Youth Christmas Program Coordinator Needed!



We are looking for one or two persons to coordinate the Youth Christmas Program. These people will select the program and coordinate volunteers for various tasks, such as: costumes, music, cookie reception, and goodies bags.

If interested, please call the church office (970) 352-3003 or Julie Elmquist at (970) 371-2734.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY



Adult Sunday Bible Study group
is using the Luther Seminary series "God Pause."
We meet at 9:15 am in the Library (room next to kitchen).
If you would like to receive the emailed study,
please contact Paula Powell at ppowell76@gmail.com



FIRST SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, October 5th and November 2nd

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 Julie Elmquist (970) 371-2734. Resources are available for lessons!

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 **CAMPUSMINISTRY**

Support Campus Ministry: Bring a Meal to Sunday Dinner Church

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/lmOdw6>

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



PRAYER & CARE

Always Say A Prayer Team



The Prayer Team is here for you. If you have a request, you can fill out a prayer card and leave it in the box at the back of the church or contact anyone on the prayer team or call the church office with your request. We are keeping you all in prayer, especially during this time of transition.

Roma Arithson Connie Deines
Sharrol Bernahl Diane Filipe
Janet Willis

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Memory Makers in October



To celebrate "Cromptoberfest" the first 10 people to RSVP & attend Memory Makers in October will receive **FREE GIFTS!**

Pack a lunch, gather your supplies, and let's enjoy quality time together working on scrapbooks, digital books, cards, & other paper projects.

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Hours: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church – 1865 14th Avenue, Greeley

Host: Amy Herold – A Creative Memories Independent Consultant

www.creativememories.com/user/amyherold

Don't Delay, Reserve Your Spot Today.

Need more details or have questions –

CHURCH COUNCIL



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Vacant			

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: Cindy Thompson, Jacqui Larson,
Janet Crespin, Janet Johnson, Elaine Holbrook

GIA Clothing Bank



September 2025

3 Grants Awarded:

- ☐ \$6,000 to High Plains Housing Development Corp to furnish a StarRise Apartment.
- ☐ \$1,000 to the City of Greeley Homeless Solutions Dept for the new Overflow Shelter.
- ☐ \$500 to Weld Community Foundation as a Good Planter sponsor of their Spread the Good Luncheon.

Vouchers and Sales for the month of July are:

- ☐ Vouchers - 404
- ☐ Voucher Sales - \$1,709
- ☐ All Sales - \$4,683

Volunteers are always needed. **Clothing Bank is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, the 3rd Wednesday and Thursdays.** See Julie Elmqvist, Cindy Thompson, Brenda Turnwall or Katy Sickles for more information. Love to see you there.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Council Highlights

- Fall clean up day will be 10/11/25 at 9:00am
- Council is looking for someone to volunteer as the Christmas Program Coordinator.
- 2 new A/V techs have been hired, Lorenzo and Aiden. Stop by on Sunday and say hello!

**Please join us for our next meeting
on Tuesday, October 14 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Tied in Faith...

**Will meet on Tuesday, October 7,
Thursday, October 16 and
Saturday, October 25 at 9:00 am**



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).

October Birthdays

- 7 Valorie Martensen
- 13 Tom Morrison
- 18 Cindy Budde
- 22 Linda Cruz
- 23 Elisabeth Peterson
- 26 Eveline Clum
- 27 Arthur Hawkins
- 30 Paula Powell



October Anniversaries

- 11 Wayne & Sharroll Bernahl
John & Michelle Larson

If we have missed your
birthday or anniversary, please call the church office so that we
can update the records



October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9:00 am-Youth Group 9:15am-Bible Study 10:00am-Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am- Holy Communion	6 Common Sense Kleaning—Church 6:30 pm– 9:30 pm—Sue Morse-Fellowship Hall	7 9:00 am—Tied in Faith	8	9	10	11 9:00 am— FALL CLEAN-UP 9:00 am—4:00pm Memory Makers Fellowship Hall
12 9:15am-Bible Study 10:00am-Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am- Holy Communion 11:30 AM-Prayer Team	13 Common Sense Kleaning—Annex 9:30 am—2:00 pm—ILC at GIA Clothing Bank	14 6:30 pm—Council Meeting	15	16 9:00 am—Tied in Faith	17	18
19 9:15am-Bible Study 10:00am-Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am- Holy Communion	20 Common Sense Kleaning—Church	21	22	23	24	25 9:00 am—Tied in Faith
26 REFORMATION Sunday 9:15am-Bible Study 10:00am-Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am- Holy Communion	27 Common Sense Kleaning—Annex 9:30 am—2:00 pm—ILC at GIA Clothing Bank	28	29	30	31	

Thanks to our Volunteers!

October 2025

October 5:

Greeter:	Ron & Cindy Thompson
Ushers:	Ron & Cindy Thompson
Assisting Minister:	Julie Elmquist
Lector:	Luke Larson, Jack Larson
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson
Communion Ass't:	Marvin Deines
Tellers:	Marvin & Connie Deines

October 12:

Greeter:	Vera Sylvester
Ushers:	Matt & Molly Ward
Assisting Minister:	Julie Elmquist
Lector:	Molly Ward
Communion Setup:	Molly Ward
Tellers:	Vera Sylvester, Brenda Turnwall

October 19:

Greeter:	Vera Sylvester
Ushers:	John Johnson & Sally Stewart
Assisting Minister:	Cindy Budde
Lector:	Pete Budde
Communion Setup:	Sue Morse
Tellers:	Linda Sample

October 26:

Greeter:	Karen Karst
Ushers:	Katy Sickles, Pete Budde
Assisting Minister:	Cindy Budde
Lector:	Janessa Padilla
Communion Setup:	Amy Herold
Tellers :	Janet Crespín

CONTACT INFORMATION

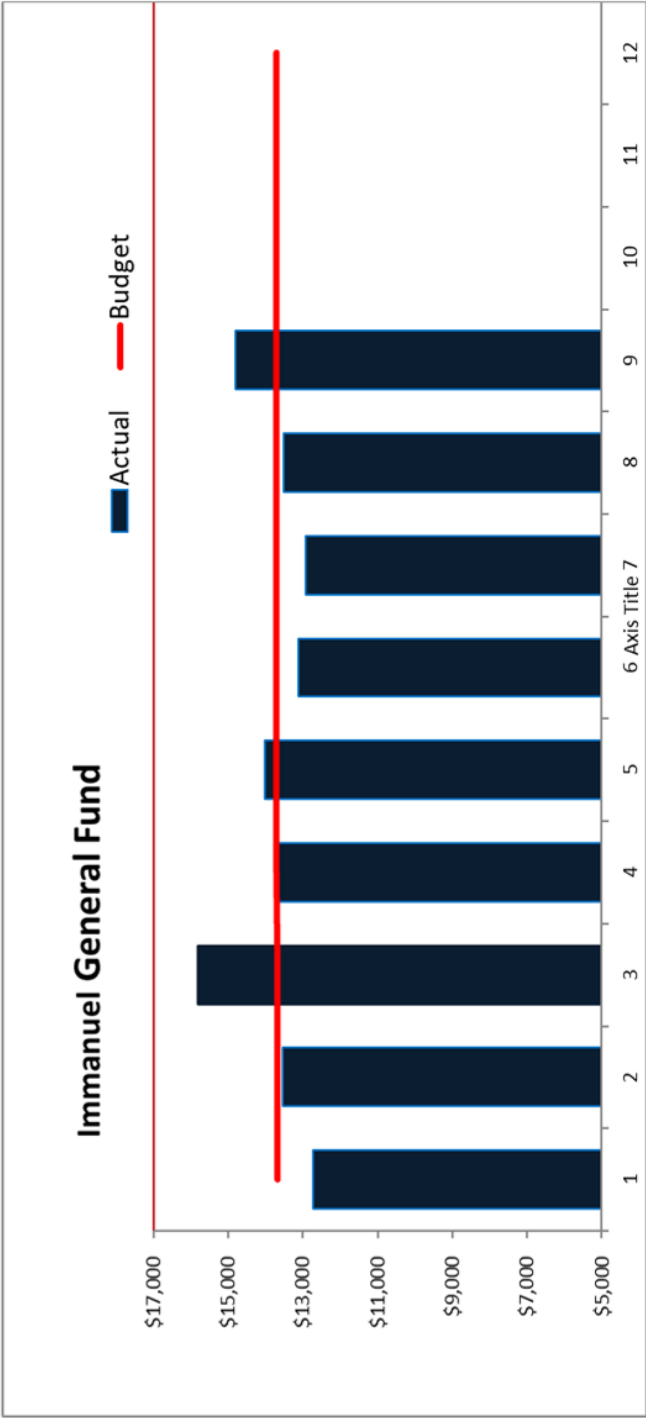
Pastor:	Vacant	
Secretary:	Denise Pollard Stricker	970-352-3003
Office Hours:	M —Th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm	
	Offices closed on Fridays	

Executive Council:

President:	Julie Elmquist	(h)970-330-6679 or (c)970-371-2734
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Treasurer:	Connie Deines	(c)970-378-1475
Financial Secretary:	Bob Morse	(c)303-359-5919

Receipts thru SEP 2025

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS		IMMANUEL LUTHERAN											
DESCRIPTION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Year to Date
Budget	13,716	13,716	13,716	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	13,717	123,450
Actual	\$12,735	\$13,532	\$15,802	\$13,700	\$14,017	\$13,124	\$12,918	\$13,521	\$14,818	\$0	\$0	\$0	124,167
Under (Over)	981	184	(2,086)	17	(300)	593	799	196	(1,101)	13,71	13,717	13,717	384



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PURPOSE STATEMENT

IMMANUEL IS CALLED TO PROCLAIM THE
LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF
CHRIST; TO PROVIDE PLACES AND
OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND
FELLOWSHIP; AND TO BE THE SPIRIT OF
CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

We welcome and encourage submissions for our newsletter. Please make all submissions in writing. We prefer that the material be submitted in electronic form, if possible. All material is subject to editing for content, clarity and style, as needed. The deadline for the newsletter is the **15th** of every month.

Please forward your submission by mail to 1865 14th Ave., Greeley, CO 80631, by fax to 970-352-7096, or by email to office@immanuelgreeley.org

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Return Service Requested

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