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Membership Rolls - What They Are & Why They Matter

As I've mentioned in worship for the past few months, and as some of you may have heard in other conversation, the Consistory and I have been working to clean up our membership rolls.

What prompted this project was that at the beginning of the year we noticed a lot of names on the Annual Report envelopes that even folks like then-President Thieleke didn't recognize. Recognizing that this was an issue, and with my background in Conference administration, I suggested that we make a digital copy of our membership records so that we could review them and clean them up as needed. The Consistory agreed, and Elder/Church Historian Maeuser lent me the official Immanuel Membership Cards and I digitized them all.

At the end of the digitization process, the records stand as follows:

- Active Members (cards as written): 749
- Former Members (death, transfer, or erasure): 2,488
- Total Members: 3,273

Obviously, we don't have 749 active members. So, upon review I discovered that 273 "active" members were last accounted for in or before 1925; so over one hundred years ago. I sent this list to the Consistory to review, and at our meeting on August 10th we voted to remove these names. Elder/Church Historian Maeuser will be marking this on the cards in question, and I will be updating the digital list.

Our next step will be for Elder Thieleke, Elder/Church Historian Maeuser, and ideally one non-Consistory member of the Church (inquiries are being made), with myself acting as secretary, to look through the remaining names and see who all we don't recognize and bring those names to the Consistory for review.

I'm writing to tell you all this because I believe in transparency, and because I want to assure you all that we are not purging the membership rolls just for the sake of removing names - far from it.

The purpose of Church membership rolls is to facilitate the full participation of all members in every aspect of the life of the Church - worship, sacraments, education, formation, fellowship, benevolence, administration, etc.

To do that we need to know who is actually attached to our community. If someone has moved out of the area, found a different Church home, or the like it does neither them nor us any good to keep them on the records. It does them no good because they can't or don't want to participate in our activities, and it does us no good because we end up wasting money (via Conference membership dues, postage, and the like) and time reaching out to folks who are simply not present. In a similar vein, having an inaccurate and bloated membership list makes it harder to connect with folks who are or desire to

be part of our community (including folks who may have drifted away in the interim without a pastor, those who are homebound, together with a number of others). You'll remember how Rev. Huntzinger was calling the membership to try to reconnect with folks post-COVID; an accurate membership list would have made that expression of pastoral ministry much easier for him.

All that to say, the Consistory and my goal with this cleaning up of the membership records is primarily focused on making our outreach to and fellowship with our current members easier, on lowering unnecessary cost to the Church, and on providing a clean and accurate list from which to engage in various ministries - whether pastoral or administrative. So, please bear with us and do not worry too much about changes to the records. You have my word that we will be as transparent with this clean-up process as we can be. To that end, following this pastoral letter please find a list of the 273 former members whose last date of contact was one hundred years or more ago, together with the last date of contact.

As always, if you have any comments, questions, or concerns about this project, please feel free to speak to either myself or a member of the Consistory.

God Bless!

Pastor Sean Cornell (they/them)

Appendix to Pastoral Letter:
Names of those Removed from Membership
After 100+ Years Without Contact

Achtermann	Paul	circa. 1924
Appel	Conrad	10/20/1871
Arpke	Adolf Carl	4/6/1884
Arpke	Albert Otto	2/26/1905
Arpke	Clara Louise	4/6/1884
Arpke	Gertrude Amanda	9/30/1900
Arpke	Martha Sophie Margaretha	2/16/1896
Arpke	Otto Lorenz	4/6/1879
Arpke	Richard Calvin	4/4/1890
Baars	Friedrich Wilhelm	circa 1892
Backerhaus	Edward Christ	3/25/1910
Backerhaus	Pauline	12/22/1907

Badertscher	Johannes	4/11/1874
Becker	Wilhelm F.	circa. 1902
Begemann	Catherine	11/21/1858
Best	Emil Christopher	4/5/1903
Best	Friedrich Johann	5/26/1912
Best	Hertha (Hattie) Bertha	3/31/1901
Bierbaum	Emma	4/6/1900
Bierbaum	Herman Heinrich	4/6/1900
Bierbaum	Paul	12/23/1900
Bierhaus	Friedrich Wilhelm	3/23/1883
Bodenstab	Louise	4/29/1866
Bossard	Anselm	4/13/1868
Bossard	Guido	4/14/1876
Bossard	Helena Dolores	5/1/1870
Bossard	Ida Theodora	_/_/1873
Bossard	Markus	4/6/1879
Brill	John	5/10/1885
Bruegger	Ludwig	10/6/1878
Bruegger	Samuel	6/1/1907
Brugger	Johanna Bertha	circa 1888
Brunoehler	Walter Johannes	10/4/1903
Christ	Jacob	5/7/1884
Clemens	Bertha Emily	1/6/1866
Conrad	Wilhelm Edward	4/3/1874
Delorme	Erdman	3/3/1880
Dickmann	Arnold	circa. 1869
Diehm	Friedrich	11/4/1891
Diehm	William	2/7/1883
Domeier	Sophie	3/7/1858
Doth	J.	10/24/1861

Dreker	William	2/7/1883
Druffel	Margarite Dorothea Louise	11/21/1858
Dumin	August	3/28/1923
Eck	Gottfried Carl	circa. 1886
Eck	Lina Wilhelmina	circa. 1886
Eikemeier	Sophie	5/17/1871
Eishold	Edna Olga	3/31/1901
Elliker	Emilee	4/3/1887
Engelking	Friedrick	5/30/1858
Engelmeier	Adolf	circa. 1853
Engelmeier	Sophie	_/_/1864
Engemann	August Karl	12/26/1874
Fintelmann	August Ferdinand	3/30/1888
Fintelmann	Christian Friedrich	4/6/1884
Foemmel	Caroline	_/_/1859
Franz	Lydia Bertha	4/3/1898
Freis	George	12/26/1869
Friedeichsmeier	Friedrich	3/28/1923
Froneberg	Walter Heinrich	2/12/1924
Gerlach	Albert	4/6/1884
Gerlach	Heinrich Leonard	3/29/1896
Gerlach	Herman	4/14/1876
Gerlach	Otto	4/3/1887
Gersmann	H.	5/7/1879
Goerrig	Samuel Emmanuel	4/5/1925
Goetsch	Otto Friedrich	3/28/1902
Gosse	Johann Ferdinand	4/8/1900
Griebe	Wilhelmina	10/19/1856
Grundmeier	Friedericke	5/1/1870
Grundmeier	Wilhelm	4/14/1876

Grunewald	Ella Lydia	5/7/1889
Hall	Kurt	3/8/1914
Hameister	Elise Margaetha	circa. 1847
Hanisch	Caroline Louise	3/23/1883
Hanisch	Gertrude Anita Anna	6/10/1906
Harp	Amanda Rebina	7/30/1870
Harp	Ida Mathilda	3/30/1877
Harre (Meierkort?)	Otto	12/2/1870 (?)
Heckmann	Dolores Louise Emma	6/1/1919
Henschel	Clarence Bernhard	7/21/1891
Hollensteiner	August	4/29/1866
Hollensteiner	Simon Heinrich	5/10/1857
Janssen	Johann	4/7/1882
Jaschob	Edward	circa. 1923
Jasmann	William	11/7/1919
Joerris	George	4/14/1876
Kaiser	—	3/14/1861
Kaiser	Ferdinand	5/17/1871
Kaiser	Heinrich	5/8/1869
Kaiser	Lina	7/27/1864
Kaiser	Ludwig	5/17/1871
Kaiser	Michael	4/22/1867
Kaiser	Rebecca	_/_/1826
Kaiser	Therese	4/29/1866
Kanter	Caroline Wilhelmina	3/31/1899
Kanter	Gustav	7/8/1900
Kanter	Marie Leonore Fredricke	1/31/1892
Kanter	Viola Bernetta	6/1/1903
Karsteadt	Marian Louise Bertha	9/28/1919

Kater	Caroline Friedericke Louise	2/13/1889
Kater	Sophie Henrietta	2/13/1889
Kenter	August	circa. 1864
Kenter	Alvine	3/17/1899
Kenter	Lena	circa. 1864
Klein	Emilie	5/1/1870
Klinker	Martha	6/_/1854
Klinker	Wilhelm	6/_/1854
Klocke	August Carl	4/14/1899
Klundt	Johann	4/22/1912
Knatz	Cilla Mathilda	10/_/1916
Knatz	Elmer	3/28/1920
Knoener	Marie Sophie	10/6/1853
Koch	Wilhelmine	4/9/1875
Kohler	Peter	10/1/1882
Krackenberger	Anna Louise	2/6/1876
Kraemer	Emilie	4/3/1887
Krieger	Johannes	2/12/1924
Kriete	Carl	4/28/1866
Kriete	Christine	_/_/1860
Kriete	Friedrich	5/4/1856
Kriete	Wilhelm	5/_/1858
Krietenstein	Justine	10/16/1859
Krueger	Cooper	3/25/1912
Kuester	Anna	circa. 1903
Kuester	Catherine	circa. 1869
Kuester	Wilhelm Ferdinand	4/4/1890
Kuhn	Charlotte	_/_/1851
Kuhn	Otto	12/3/1879
Kuhn	Phillip	circa. 1861

Kunze	Ferdinand	circa 1878
Kurtz	Aaron	4/10/1892
Kurtz	Adam	1/29/1880
Laack	Leon August Conrad	4/10/1892
Land	Herbert H.	5/26/1912
Landsiedel	Louise Mina	4/11/1897
Landwehr	Milton Louis Walter	8/13/1916
Langenberg	Bertha Augusta	4/14/1889
Lienkaemper	Amanda Maria	4/7/1882
Lienkaemper	August Carl	4/7/1882
Lienkaemper	Calvin	6/7/1882
Lohmann	Albert	2/7/1883
Looser	John	2/10/1886
Luhmann	August Theodore	3/26/1880
Luhmann	Emma	4/27/1873
Luhmann	Otto George	4/7/1882
Luhmann	Simon Heinrich	4/13/1868
Marten	Gustav	9/25/1870
Marten	Johann Friedrich	3/13/1853
Martin	Carl Ludwig	4/14/1878
Maurer	Carl	5/6/1891
Maurer	Elisabeth	circa. 1869
Meier	Dietrich August	9/26/1852
Meier	Julius	4/14/1876
Meier	Laura Angelika	3/22/1891
Meier	Paul Adrian	5/10/1908
Meier (Meyer)	Carl	circa. 1852
Meierkart	Sophie	_/_/1873
Menke	Anna Marie	_/_/1865
Menke	Charlotte	_/_/1865

Menke	Friedrich August	4/2/1865
Menke	Heinrich	_/_/1865
Moersch	Augusta Catharina	circa. 1887
Muentinga	Louise	3/30/1877
Müller	Amalie	circa. 1851
Müller	Bertha	_/_/1873
Müller	Florentine (Flora)	5/1/1870
Müller	Friedeich	_/_/1848
Müller	Friedrich	4/18/1875
Müller	Mathilde	3/3/1864
Nehrling	Heinrich Karl	5/29/1853
Niedersibass	Friedricke Caroline	5/31/1853
Noah	Heinrich Herman	circa. 1870
Obermeier	Anna	5/1/1870
Oetling	Amanda Christine Dorothea	5/22/1853
Ohlmann	Friedricke Louisa	5/31/1853
Papendieck	Wilhelmina	4/27/1873
Peterhansel	Arthur	3/28/1923
Pfeiffer	Aurelia Carrie	4/17/1891
Pfeil	Valentine George	circa. 1859
Pheil (Pfeil)	Gilbert Gustav Jacob	6/3/1894
Pheil (Pfeil)	Minna Elsie Alma	11/20/1890
Ploeger	Catrina	7/11/1857
Pott	August Wilhelm	2/4/1855
Rapp	Elisabeth Mildred	6/14/1891
Rapp	Ella Sophie	3/5/1914
Rech	William	2/1/1888
Rhines	David	circa 1907
Rhines	Elva Frieda	12/22/1907
Ringer	Mina Maria Elise	4/4/1909

Ruetenick	Herman Julius	circa. 1883
Schaefer	Auguste	4/27/1873
Schaefer	Christian Jr.	5/4/1856
Schaefer	Maria	6/12/1859
Schildknecht	Norma Verena	6/30/1892
Schildknecht	Oscar Herman Eugene	2/13/1891
Schildknecht	Paul Johann Samuel	2/13/1891
Schildknecht	Rose	11/5/1890
Schildknecht	Theophil	11/5/1890
Schimpf	Anna	5/22/1893
Schleunes	Johann Heinrich	8/5/1854
Schmidt	Conrad	8/_/1862
Schmidt	William	2/12/1924
Schneider	Ferdinand	3/30/1877
Schnoepfle	Christian	2/21/1861
Schnuelle	Simon Heinrich	3/30/1888
Schnuelle	Wilhelmina (Minna) Sophie	5/17/1871
Schoon	Jergen Heinrich	6/18/1882
Schoon	Lydia	4/7/1882
Schorer	Wilhelm	circa. 1867
Schulenberg	Ida Maria	4/3/1887
Schultz	Ella Bertha	3/29/1896
Schurmann	Herma	circa. 1855
Sell	Ella	no dates of any sort on the card
Sieker	Ferdinand	5/17/1871
Siemers	Sophie	5/1/1870
Smyser	Carl	4/17/1892
Soefker	Sophia Eleanore	3/14/1875
Speckmann	Herman August	5/31/1853
Stecker	Henry	7/10/1907

Steinecker	Clara	_/_/1873
Steinecker	Enoch	5/10/1908
Steinecker	Friedrich Rudolph	8/18/1892
Steinecker	Johannes Alvin	5/26/1890
Stock	Catherine Wilhelmina	11/21/1858
Stock	Friedrich Simon	11/21/1858
Stoelting	Bertha	6/13/1867
Stoelting	Charlotte Wilhelmina	4/3/1874
Stoelting	Ernst	circa 1866
Stoelting	Louise Caroline	4/14/1878
Strassburger	Albert Johann	3/26/1880
Strassburger	Alice Emilie Elisabeth	circa 1897
Strassburger	Carl	4/22/1867
Strassburger	Christian	5/16/1853
Strassburger	Ernst Jr.	4/6/1879
Strassburger	Friedrich Wilhelm	3/30/1877
Strassburger	Gustav Adolph	4/3/1887
Strassburger	Olivia Bertha	9/30/1894
Stucki	Wilhelm Zwingli	3/28/1902
Stuckmann	Wilhelmina Charlotte	9/19/1852
Sundermann	Friedrich	circa. 1862
Sy	Florentine Amalie	10/3/1875
Sy	Karoline Amalie	_/_/1868
Tasche	John Conrad	11/3/1897
Thomas	Julie Caroline	4/3/1887
Traeger	Emma	circa. 1908
Ueltschie	Fritz	9/12/1886
Uphof	Elise	_/_/1862
Uphof	Sophia Charlorre	11/14/1851
Van Haagen	Elisabeth	10/5/1904

Van Haagen	Johannes	NA
Veenker	Geerd Aalders	1/28/1877
Vitz	Bertha Alfriede	3/25/1910
Vitz	Heinrich	10/1/1882
Vitz	Otto	6/18/1882
Volkrath	William	4/14/1876
Wagenknecht	Johanna Catharine Christine	4/3/1887
Wagner	Johann Charles August	6/12/1853
Weber	August Wilhelm	4/6/1879
Weber	Heinrich Wilhelm	4/20/1872
Weidner	Heinrich Friedrich	3/6/1853
Wessel	Elroy Oscar Otto	9/10/1916
Wessel	Gustav Theodore	4/16/1916
Wessel	Sophie Lydia	3/24/1918
Wessendorf	Christoph	circa. 1852
Wickesberg	Albert Heinrich	4/30/1881
Wickesberg	Anna Auguste	circa. 1873
Wickesberg	Wilhelmina Augustine	circa. 1875
Wienbrauck	Albert	3/28/1923
Wittenberg	Esther Elizabeth	10/1/1899
Zimmer	Jacob	circa. 1861
Zolltheis	Friedeicke Maria	8/1/1852

No Children's Sunday School This Fall:

By: Rev. Sean Cornell

Due to nobody signing up to be children's Sunday School teachers; we will not have a children's Sunday School this Fall. I apologize for this, and the Consistory will be looking at other potential options going forward.

Consistory Minutes – June 2026:

1. **Call meeting to order** – Jennifer Marten called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were Rev. Sean Cornell, Gene Maeuser, Rod Thieleke, Karl Nauschutz, Brett Koenig, Keri Koenig, and Keith Rooker.
2. **Opening prayer** – Rev. Sean gave the Opening Prayer.
3. **Review of the secretary's minutes from last meeting** (May 11, 2026) – Motion made by Keri K and seconded by Keith R. to approve Minutes. Minutes Approved.
4. **Treasurer's report** - Submitted by email and phone by Joya Cox – Joya called in to the meeting. Proceeds from the Chili Supper was put into the General Fund.

There is now a line item in the financial report for funds donated for the German visit in October.

The Memorial Fund has been moved to National Exchange Bank. There are three CDs at Cleveland State Bank that will be moved to National Exchange Bank when they reach their term.

Jennifer will be meeting with Joya tomorrow morning.

Motion made by Brett K. and seconded by Rod T. to approve report. Report Approved.

5. **Pastor's report** - Worship planning - Church events
 - a. Communion for July – 1st Sunday, July 5th
 - b. Sunday School – following up from last month – Looking at a Company called Children's Worship Bulletins. Just as the adults receive a bulletin, so would the kids, with children's activities inside. Program will potentially start in Fall.

Rev. Sean has been going through the back room getting things in order.

Pastors article about Sunday School will be in the next Newsletter.

- c. Membership update – Rev. Sean continues to work on the update. To date there are about 1500 names in the database. Once all names are in the database, the sorting/elimination of the names will begin, working toward a final list.
- d. RCCC – The Outdoor Worship will be held at Our Shepherd on July 12th at 9:00 am. A "Kids Lunch Stuff" donation will be collected and will become part of the Food Pantry's at Immanuel and St. Peter's in Kiel.

New Pastor Mike has started ministry at Schwarzwald and Malone.

Looking at a "Practical Mission Project" in 2027. Considering Flood Bucket Kits. Monies received during Lenten Worship Services will be used for the Bucket Project with the Buckets being assembled during the Outdoor Service.

A possible Christmas event is also being discussed for 2026.

- e. Regretfully remove Brian Kracht from membership due to death – Motion made by Rod T. and seconded by Keith R. to remove Brian Kracht from membership due to death. Motion Approved.

6. Old business

- a. Update credit card - cashing in reward points, any news? – No news.
- b. Updates on various building things
 - i. Door frame on north side of church – Still working on it.
 - ii. Ceiling leak in vestibule – Brett K has contacted Butch Fintelmann to look at this issue.
 - iii. Basement tiles by elevator – Still working on it.
 - iv. Water control meter – Will be installed by Neumann Plumbing in the future. Will lose a little cabinet space in the kitchen due to this installation.
 - v. Water leak on the west side of the Sunday School room – Still working on it. Additional material/soil will be added to a low spot outside at this location to direct water away from the building.

- c. TDS email account – TDS will be discontinuing e-mail at the end of October and has arranged for a cloud-based service provider for email. Our current TDS email is automatically merged into Gmail. Motion made by Keith R and seconded by Brett K to let TDS expire and use Gmail. Motion Approved. All current TDS email contacts will be notified of this change in address.
- d. Memorial Fund – update from Nicki and Joya – Memorial Fund has been moved to National Exchange Bank.
- e. German visitors in October – update from latest meeting – A request was made at the last German Visitor meeting for additional funds from the Consistory for expenses when the Germans are here in October. The Consistory is willing to look at donating more money but will wait a couple of months to see how much donation money is given. The next German Visitor meeting is Sunday, June 28th after church.
- f. Reminder that the Ice Cream Social is Tuesday, July 14th.
- g. Red Cross Designated Emergency Shelter – Rod T met with representatives from the Red Cross who toured our facilities to assess our accommodations in case they ever would need to use it. They measured some rooms and viewed the kitchen.

7. New business

- a. Baird Fund – need to vote to approve newly authorized individuals and submit meeting notes to Baird to confirm the change – Motion made by Rod T. and seconded by Brett K. to have Jennifer Marten and Joya Cox appointed as authorized representatives of Immanuel UCC to administer the Baird Accounts/Funds with all previously authorized persons removed from the accounts. Motion Approved.
 - b. Door going into the Fellowship Hall (by the women's restroom) needs to be painted – Karl N. will take care of this.
8. **Next meeting July 13, 2026** – Motion to adjourn made by Keri K. and seconded by Gene M. Motion approved at 8:37 pm.
9. **Adjourn with The Lord's Prayer** – Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

**Immanuel UCC
Fund Balance Report
June 30, 2026**

Fund	May	June	Change	Type of Change
General Operating Fund	32,036.08	34,936.70	2,900.62	Increase
Improvement Fund	10,740.31	10,801.31	61.00	Increase
Mission Fund	2,765.09	2,765.09	0.00	Same
Sabbatical Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
Christian Ed Committee Fund	2,430.40	2,430.40	0.00	Same
Youth/Confirmation Fund	3,114.09	3,114.09	0.00	Same
Con't Ed/Out of Box Fund	4,518.52	4,518.52	0.00	Same
Scholarship Fund	1,499.24	1,499.24	0.00	Same
Special Gifts Fund	65,159.09	65,436.90	277.81	Increase
Baird Savings	61,607.09	61,660.78	53.69	Increase
Parking Lot Fund	6,378.65	6,378.65	0.00	same
Woods Project	7,697.41	7,697.41	0.00	Same
Fund Raisers	3,434.46	200.00	(3,234.46)	Decrease
Rental Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
Youth Fellowship Fund	861.87	861.87	0.00	Same
Food Pantry	6,016.83	5,641.83	(375.00)	Decrease
Benevelence	3,278.00	3,376.00	98.00	Increase
Memorial Fund	0.00	12,208.32	12,208.32	Increase
Germany Visit	<u>170.00</u>	<u>1,032.00</u>	<u>862.00</u>	Increase
Total Fund Balance	<u>211,707.13</u>	<u>224,559.11</u>		
Total Changes To Funds			<u>12,851.98</u>	

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2. Opening prayer – Rev. Sean gave the Opening Prayer.

3. Review of the secretary's minutes from last meeting (June 8, 2026) – Motion made by Keith R. and seconded by Brett K. to approve minutes. Minutes Approved.

4. Treasurer's report - Submitted by email and phone by Joya Cox – Joya called in to the meeting. No issues with anything financially. Jen M. will meet with Joya tomorrow morning.

Motion made by Gene M. and seconded by Keith R. to approve report. Report Approved.

5. Pastor's report - Worship planning - Church events

a. Communion for August – Sunday the 2nd

b. Sunday School update – Vacation Bible School to be held at Our Shepard from July 27 – 31. Paint has been purchased for painting cabinets for Sunday School. Got the lumber down from the garage to be used for Sunday School. Working on going through existing books and toys. On track for starting Sunday School this fall. A sign-up sheet will be coming for volunteers to be teachers for the Sunday School.

c. Membership update – Almost through all the cards. All data should be entered by sometime next week. Cards will be going back to Gene M.

d. RCCC – Possible joint Thanksgiving Service and caroling.

e. Outdoor service recap – Outdoor worship at Our Shepard went well. The goods collected that day will be split between the food pantries at Immanuel and St. Peter in Kiel.

f. Vacation – Pastor's six-month review went well. It was stressed to the Pastor that he needs to use his vacation. Rev Sean is looking at possibly sometime in the first half of November to take his vacation.

6. Old business

a. Update on credit card points – Tracy Kracht is currently authorized to use our points on the credit card Administration website (ScoreCards Rewards). Additional people should be added as authorized users. Tracy will remain as an authorized user.

Motion made by Rod Thieleke and seconded by Keith Rooker to add Keri Koenig and Jennifer Marten as authorized users. Motion passed.

b. Updates on various building things

i. Door frame on north side of church – Still working on it.

ii. Ceiling leak in vestibule – Brett K. will check with Butch Fintelmann to see if he had a chance to look at it.

iii. Basement tiles by elevator – Still working on it.

iv. Water control meter – Has been installed. A few items remain.

v. Water leak on the west side of the Sunday School room – Material has been added to aid in draining water away from building. Complete.

vi. Painting of the door to the Fellowship Hall – Karl N is working on it.

vii. Wood frames around the outside of the windows – Still working on it.

c. TDS email – update on process to move over to Gmail by October – Rev Sean has been announcing it every week during Service and it has been listed in every bulletin. Auto reply will be set up to notify users of the change.

d. German visitors in October – At the last German visitors meeting some costs were determined for the time the Germans will be here based on the places they will be visiting. Based on those numbers, a Motion was made by Brett K. and seconded by Keith Rooker to revise the previous amount of up to \$1500.00, to up to \$3000.00 will be given for these costs. Motion passed.

7. New business

a. Banking authorizations need updating – Currently Rod Thieleke is listed on the authorized users for the checking account, safe deposit box, and Borrowing Resolutions. A Motion was made by Brett Koenig and seconded by Keith Rooker to remove Rod and add Jennifer Marten as an authorized user on the checking

account, safe deposit box and Borrowing Resolution. Tracy Kracht and Joya Cox are to remain as authorized individuals with access to the checking account and online banking. Tracy will also remain as an authorized user for the safe deposit box and Borrowing Resolution. No changes should be made to their existing access or permissions. Motion passed.

b. Rural Church Fellowship Raffle Basket – request from Carol Knoener – Carol indicated each church in the Fellowship is requested to provide a basket for raffle purposes. The raffle will take place at the Volleyball Tournament and the proceeds will be used for youth events. Motion was made by Brett K. and seconded by Keith R. to provide \$100 for providing a basket for raffle from Immanuel. The theme for the basket will be Ice Cream.

c. Memorial Committee/Nicki – possible use of some their funds – The Memorial Committee is looking into ways to spend some funds. Nicki asked the Consistory if it objected to her looking into the process of placing some Mini Splits in church. A Mini Split is a ductless HVAC system providing AC in Summer and heat in Winter. The Consistory has no objection.

8. Announcements/General Information

a. Memorial Fund has been moved from Cleveland State Bank to National Exchange except for the CDs. Those will be moved as they mature.

b. Baird account authorization is updated.

c. Ada Fire Dept. did the semi-annual inspection on 6/29. All is good.

d. Ice Cream Social is tomorrow, July 14th.

e. Thanks to Karl, Pat, Brett and Keri for dealing with the tree issues after one of the recent storms – branch on the tree by the parsonage drive and dead tree at the far end of the parking lot.

9. A Motion was made by Keith R. and seconded by Brett K. to go into Closed Session.

Motion made by Keith R. and seconded by Brett K. to go out of Closed Session.

10. Next meeting August 10, 2026 – Motion to adjourn made by Brett K. and seconded by Keith R. Motion approved at 8:40 pm.

11. Adjourn with The Lord's Prayer – Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Immanuel UCC Fund Balance Report July 31, 2026				
Fund	June	July	Change	Type of Change
General Operating Fund	34,936.70	32,930.12	(2,006.58)	Decrease
Improvement Fund	10,801.31	10,887.31	86.00	Increase
Mission Fund	2,765.09	2,765.09	0.00	Same
Sabbatical Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
Christian Ed Committee Fund	2,430.40	2,288.24	(142.16)	Decrease
Youth/Confirmation Fund	3,114.09	3,114.09	0.00	Same
Con't Ed/Out of Box Fund	4,518.52	4,518.52	0.00	Same
Scholarship Fund	1,499.24	1,499.24	0.00	Same
Special Gifts Fund	65,436.90	64,824.61	(612.29)	Decrease
Baird Savings	61,660.78	61,466.18	(194.60)	Decrease
Parking Lot Fund	6,378.65	6,378.65	0.00	same
Woods Project	7,697.41	7,697.41	0.00	Same
Fund Raisers	200.00	2,292.00	2,092.00	Increase
Rental Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
Youth Fellowship Fund	861.87	861.87	0.00	Same
Food Pantry	5,641.83	5,651.83	10.00	Increase
Benevelence	3,376.00	3,479.00	103.00	Increase
Memorial Fund	12,208.32	22,381.88	10,173.56	Increase
Germany Visit	<u>1,032.00</u>	<u>5,607.75</u>	<u>4,575.75</u>	Increase
Total Fund Balance	<u>224,559.11</u>	<u>238,643.79</u>		
Total Changes To Funds			<u>14,084.68</u>	

Mission Committee Moments:

Ice Cream Social 2026:

This year we were again blessed with beautiful weather so that many people could attend and enjoy the food, fellowship, and of course - ice cream! The profit of \$1,960.47 will go to the Mission Committee who does important work for Immanuel. THANK YOU to everyone who helped set up and take down, brought desserts, attended, purchased food, did dishes, provided donations, bought leftovers, and everyone else who supported in any way. This is such a lovely, long-standing tradition that our community has grown to enjoy also. It is so nice to see our neighbors and friends attend. We should be very proud of ourselves and these results!

Peace, Kristy Pahl

Laura's Pantry: A Community Effort:

Our food pantry continues to be a place where our congregation and community come together to help meet a very real need. We are grateful for the generous contributions received during the joint outdoor service in July, as well as the continued donations of food, supplies, and time from members of our congregation and others in the community.

This summer, the Sheboygan County Food Bank has also provided us with an abundance of fresh produce, giving our guests access to nutritious fruits and vegetables. We enjoy seeing a couple of our own members, Karl Knoener and Shawn Marten, who often drive the Food Bank delivery truck. Their willingness to serve is just one example of the many ways people contribute to making our pantry, and others across the county, possible.

We continue to welcome approximately 25 guests each week, and we are thankful to be able to provide food and encouragement to those who come through our doors. Do you remember the cereal drive last November? The incredible generosity of Howards Grove Middle and High Schools resulted in a donation so large that it took over a corner of the back Sunday School room! While that mountain of cereal seemed a little overwhelming at first, it has been amazing to watch it steadily get smaller as we are able to provide cereal to families throughout the year.

That tremendous donation has done more than fill our pantry shelves. It has also made a significant difference in how we are able to use our pantry funds. Because we had

such a generous supply of cereal, we were able to use those funds for other needed items, effectively freeing up more than \$3,500 for additional food and supplies.

It is a wonderful reminder that mission work is truly a community effort. We are so fortunate to have a congregation and community that continue to give, volunteer, pray, and find creative ways to support our neighbors. Thank you to everyone who has helped make the food pantry a place of welcome and support.

Submitted by Jennifer Marten

Rural Youth Fellowship Volleyball 2025 season:

We had another fun volleyball season this year as a joint Immanuel/Bethel team! Under head coach Eric Raquet (Bethel), we won nearly all of our games this year! This season there were 5 teams (Immanuel/Bethel, Saron, St. Mark's/St. James, and two teams from Bethlehem/St. Peter's). It's such a gift for the kids to meet other youth who are "like them" and it's beautiful to see these connections year after year. Thank you to all of our spectators and supporters!

The tournament this year was hosted by Bethlehem/St. Peter's at Bethlehem and the weather was HOT! St. Mark's/St. James won the season with the most wins as well as the tournament, and WE WON the sportsmanship award/traveling trophy this season! YAY! We always look forward to church volleyball season and already can't wait for next year!

Joyfully submitted by Kristy & Ed Pahl, youth leaders

Other Announcements:

RCCC Outdoor Worship Service

By: Rev. Sean Cornell; Photos Courtesy of Rev. Sean & Shari Ver Straate



Worshipping Community



Pastors



Miss. Millie - Our Collection Supervisor from Our Shepherd

On Sunday July 12th we gathered with our brothers, sisters, and siblings in Christ from Bethel, St. John's, and Our Shepherd for our second annual Rural Church Community Collaboration Outdoor Service. It was a beautiful and fun day for all, and we were able to collect a lot of food which was split between our pantry and St. Peter's in Kiel.



President Marten with the sorted donation piles for Immanuel & St. Peter's.

Church E-mail Change:

By: Rev. Sean Cornell & the Consistory



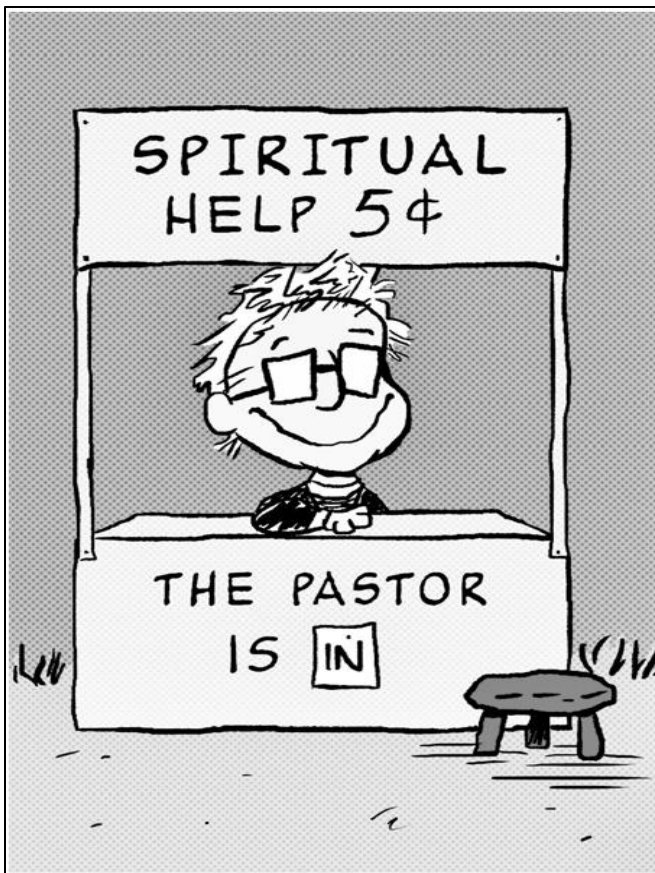
The Church has recently been informed that TDS is switching their e-mail services to a third-party provider. This means that either we get a new e-mail address or we have to pay an ongoing fee to keep our current TDS e-mail address.

Since we had to create a Gmail account last year to secure our "ownership" of the Church on Google (thank you again to our former secretary Kathy Herwig for doing this for us) the Consistory has decided to allow our TDS e-mail account to expire and move everything to our Gmail account.

What this means for you:

1. Please update your contact info. for the Church by deleting immanuel@tds.net and adding immanuelucc3694@gmail.com in its place.
2. Be aware that as of 10/31/2026 the TDS e-mail address will no longer function and if you try to use it you will get an error message.

On behalf of the Consistory and Church staff I thank you in advance for your understanding and patience; this wasn't a project any of us were expecting.



Pastor Sean's Schedule

Available:

- Sundays
(After any committee meetings)
- Mondays-Wednesdays
- Thursday Mornings
(May be helping unload pantry truck at Church)

Unavailable:

- (If it is an emergency please call)*
- Thursday Afternoons
- Fridays-Saturdays

Contact Info:

- Cell: (262) 853-9895
- E-mail: rev.swc.wi@gmail.com

Sunday, October 11 @ NOON:

CROPWALK! Signup begins at noon at Kiel city park/ St Peter's UCC. More Information to follow. Any questions contact Carol Knoener 920-377-1961 or knoenerc@gmail.com

Special 'Thank-You': to Arnie Knoener for donating time and material to fix the Big Boy Lawnmower!!!

Special 'Thank-You': to Edgar Karsteadt for handling weed control.

Congregation President Announcements:

Many Hands Make Light Work:

As summer comes to a close, I want to recognize the many members of our Consistory and congregation who have given their time and talents to care for and improve our church, parsonage, and grounds. Much of this work happens behind the scenes, but it makes a big difference.

A special thank-you to Karl Nauschutz, Mark Thieleke, and Rodney Thieleke for trimming bushes at the church and parsonage; Edgar Karsteadt for spraying weeds around the church; and Pat and Karl Nauschutz for removing the tree branch near the end of the parsonage drive. Keri and Brett Koenig and Karl also removed a downed tree from the back of the parking lot.

There has also been plenty of work on the church building itself. Ed Pahl helped declutter by taking old electronics to be recycled, Karl painted the Fellowship Hall door, took care of caulking and painting exterior doors and windows, and replaced two of the dehumidifiers in the basement. Keri, Brett, and Karl also addressed the water leak on the west side of the church.

At the parsonage, Karl, Keri, Brett, Ed, and Pastor Sean worked together to get the window air-conditioning units out of the garage rafters and installed.

As we look ahead to restarting Sunday School this fall, Pastor Sean has been busy organizing and decluttering Sunday School materials. He and Keith Rooker have also refinished and painted the cabinets to prepare the space.

Whether the job was large or small, every bit of time, effort, and willingness to lend a hand has helped keep our church welcoming, functional, and well cared for. If you see someone who helped with these projects, please take a moment to thank them and let them know their efforts are noticed and appreciated. We are grateful for the many ways our congregation continues to care for our church and one another.

-Submitted by Jennifer Marten, Congregation President

Tornado Response – Caring Beyond Our Community:

When the Fox Valley, especially Menasha, was impacted by the recent tornadoes, our congregation responded with generosity and compassion to support those facing the difficult days of recovery and rebuilding.

Through the offering on August 2nd, our congregation generously gave \$690, and the Mission Committee added \$210, bringing our total contribution to \$900. These funds have been sent to the United Way Fox Valley which has coordinated a Community Response Fund to ensure resources are directed where they are needed most.

Our congregation also contributed 10 blankets to the blanket drive organized by Saron UCC. Every donation, whether financial or through needed supplies, is a meaningful way to help our neighbors as they begin to rebuild.

Thank you to everyone who contributed through financial gifts, donations of blankets, or simply keeping those affected in your prayers. Every expression of care and support matters.

Want to help further? Additional donations can be made directly to the following organizations and efforts:

- **United Way Fox Cities:** Donations can be made through this link <https://unitedwayfoxcities.org/> OR checks can be mailed to Community Response Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Attn: Community Response Fund, 4455 W. Lawrence Street, Appleton, WI 54914. *Please write “Community Response Fund – Tornado” in the memo line.*
- **Menasha Joint School District:** Gegan Elementary School was heavily damaged, and students and teachers will need support as they rebuild classrooms and have supplies to start the year. Donations can be made at <https://menashaeducationfund.org/give.php> Or checks can be mailed to Menasha Education Fund Treasurer, P.O. Box 360, Menasha, WI 54952. *Please write “Tornado Relief” in the memo line.*
- **Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ Disaster Relief:** Donations can be made through this link. <https://tinyurl.com/wisconsinucc> Choose *Wisconsin Disaster Relief* in the dropdown menu.

Thank you again to everyone who gave. Your generosity is making a difference.

Submitted by Jennifer Marten, Congregation President

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Name:	Birthdate:
Fay Henning	9/20
Rachel Breisch	9/20
Brett Koenig	9/20
Ben Raunio	9/26
Samura Diener	9/27
Luella Landwehr	10/3
Lynne Lauer	10/4
Ed Pahl Jr.	10/9
Andrew Thieleke	10/25
Kelsey Dassow	10/25
Karl Nauschutz	10/31

Name:	Anniversary:
Kristy & Ed Pahl	9/11/2026
Kelsey & Travis Dassow	10/11/2026
Christine & Rodney Thieleke	10/23/2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL!

And

Congratulations to ALL who are celebrating Anniversaries!

*Sorry, if I forgot someone or mixed up a date.
(All dates were found in the Birthday/Anniversary Chart.)*

Blessings to you All!

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Laura's Pantry CLOSED
6 9 AM - Worship	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12 9 -11:00 AM: Laura's Food Pantry
13 9 AM - Adult Sunday School 10 AM - Worship	14 7 PM - Consistory Meeting	15	16	17	18	19 9 -11:00 AM: Laura's Food Pantry
20 9 AM - Sunday School 10 AM - Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26 9 -11:00 AM: Laura's Food Pantry
27 9 AM - Sunday School 10 AM - Worship	28	29	30			

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9 AM - Adult Sunday School 10 AM - Worship	5	6	7	8	9	10 9 -11:00 AM: Laura's Food Pantry
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18 9 AM - Adult Sunday School 10 AM - Worship	19	20	21	22	23	24 9 -11:00 AM: Laura's Food Pantry
25 9 AM - Adult Sunday School 10 AM - Worship	26	27	28	29	30	31 9 -11:00 AM: Laura's Food Pantry