



November 2025 Newsletter



THE MESSENGER

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA



A Prayer for November

Lord, I start this month with a grateful heart. I will entrust everything to you. Please fill this month with blessings and answered prayers. May this new month provide me with courage, strength, confidence, patience, self-love, and inner peace. May every day in November be filled with hope, love, and energy. Let there be joy and laughter. AMEN.

2026 Purposed Budget

Immanuel Lutheran Church Greenwood, SC

2025 Budget vs Actual & 2026 Proposed Budget

Category	2025 Annual Budget: Jan. thru Oct.	Jan.1 thru Oct. 29 YTD Actual Expenses	2025 Annual Budget	2026 Proposed Annual Budget
Grand Totals	335,993	339,485	403,192	405,741
EXPENSE CATEGORIES				
Worship				
Worship: Altar Supplies and Flowers	2,917	0	3,500	3,000
Worship: Music Supplies	250	563	300	300
Worship: Worship Supplies	1,000	848	1,200	1,000
Worship: Instrument Repair and Maintenance	2,083	1,518	2,500	2,500
Worship: Continuing Education (Worship)	250	0	300	300
Worship: Copyright License Fees	1,042	382	1,250	1,250
Worship: Supply Organist	667	1,126	800	800
Worship: Supply Pastor	1,250	463	1,500	1,500
Worship: Festive Music, Guest Instrumentalists, and Singers	6,833	10,620	8,200	8,200
Learning				
Learning: Sunday School	417	0	500	250
Learning: Vacation Bible School	417	0	500	250
Learning: Youth and Children	417	57	500	250
Learning: Confirmation	83	0	100	100
Learning: Conferences, Retreats, and Missions	167	189	200	200
Learning: Day Camp Expense (Lutheridge/Lutherock)	0	4,007	0	2,000
Learning: Mission Trip	833	0	1,000	750
Learning: Devotional Books	1,250	954	1,500	1,500
Learning: Nursery	0	0	0	0
Service				
Service: Food Pantry Expense	0	0	0	0
Service: Immanuel's Children (5280)	833	0	1,000	1,000
Service: Soup Kitchen Expense	0	0	0	0
Service: Synod/Special Offering Expense	0	0	0	
Service: Synod Apportionment	34,167	30,000	41,000	40,000
Service: GGUM/Emergency Assistance	1,167	0	1,400	1,000
Service: Synod Assembly	833	568	1,000	1,000
Service: Pastoral Discretionary Spending	1,000	333	1,200	1,200
Service: Matthew 25:40	2,083	2,500	2,500	2,500
Service: Kinard Manor	833	0	1,000	1,000
Service: Next Level (new line item) This group assisted in Hurricane Helene cleanup	0	500	0	500

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<i>Fellowship</i>				
Fellowship: Receptions and Meals	833	0	1,000	1,000
Fellowship: Fellowship Activities	208	0	250	250
Fellowship: Transportation	333	0	400	400
Fellowship: Bereavement	417	0	500	500
<i>Connections</i>				
Connections: Evangelism	2,500	546	3,000	2,500
Connections: Radio Broadcast	4,000	2,975	4,800	4,800
Connections: Welcome Packets, New Member, & Birthday Cards	667	156	800	800
Connections: Campus Ministries	833	0	1,000	500
Connections: Jail Ministry	83	0	100	100
<i>Payroll Expense- \$134,433 Total Package</i>				
Payroll Expense- Pastor: Pastor Base Salary	40,000	36,000	48,000	48,000
Payroll Expense- Pastor: Pastor Housing Allowance	35,167	31,467	42,200	44,900
Payroll Expense- Pastor: Pastor Social Security	12,494	10,547	14,993	14,993
Payroll Expense- Pastor: Pastor Pension, Health, & Life Insurance	28,750	31,427	34,500	24,540
Payroll Expense- Pastor: Pastor Auto Expense	833	0	1,000	1,000
Payroll Expense- Pastor: Pastor Continuing Education	833	1,397	1,000	1,000
<i>Payroll Expense - Staff (\$ 60,283 Total Package Dr. Will)</i>				
Payroll Expense - Staff: Organist	0	0	0	0
Payroll Expense - Staff: Music Director/Parish Administrator	43,563	39,109	52,275	50,000
Payroll Expense- Pastor: Music Director/Parish Administrator Pension, Health, & Life Insurance	0	0		10,283
Payroll Expense - Staff: Choir Director	0	0	0	0
Payroll Expense - Staff: Bell Choir Director	0	0	0	0
Payroll Expense - Staff: Children's Choir Director	499	0	599	0
Payroll Expense - Staff: Parish Administrator	0	0	0	0
Payroll Expense - Staff: Sexton	6,417	5,775	7,700	7,700
Payroll Expense - Staff: Custodian	11,667	7,115	14,000	12,000
Payroll Expense - Staff: Nursery Attendant	417	0	500	0
Payroll Expense - Staff: Ministries Facilitator	0	0	0	0
Payroll Expense - Staff: Outside Use/Wedding Fee Expense	0	0	0	0
Payroll Expense - Staff: FICA - Employer Match	3,628	3,307	4,353	4,353
Payroll Expense - Staff: Medicare - Employer Match	843	774	1,012	1,012
Payroll Expense - Staff: Federal Withholding	0	0	0	0
Payroll Expense - Staff: State Withholding	0	0	0	0

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<i>Administration</i>				
Administration: Paper	1,833	1,784	2,200	2,200
Administration: Postage	333	219	400	400
Administration: Office Supplies	333	625	400	400
Administration: Machine Service and Lease	5,417	6,180	6,500	6,500
Administration: Website and Software Subscriptions	1,667	4,165	2,000	2,000
Administration: Stewardship and Donor Envelopes	667	455	800	800
Administration: Church Management Software	833	0	1,000	1,000
Administration: Payroll Management and Reporting	750	750	900	900
Administration: Treasurer Reimbursement	1,000	0	1,200	1,200
Administration: Bank Charges and Fees	0	173	0	0
<i>Maintenance</i>				
Maintenance: Capital Project Expenses	0	0	0	0
Maintenance: Custodial Supplies	1,667	1,355	2,000	1,500
Maintenance: Electricity, Water, and Sewer	22,500	21,169	27,000	25,000
Maintenance: Telephone and Internet	4,583	3,076	5,500	4,500
Maintenance: Property Upkeep	20,833	66,265	25,000	35,000
Maintenance: Grounds Upkeep	0	306	0	0
Maintenance: Insurance	10,000	0	12,000	12,000
Security	7,800	7,740	9,360	9,360
Dedicated Expense	0	0	0	0
Total Expense Categories Total	335,993	339,485	403,192	405,741

Date Prepared: Oct. 31, 2025 Carl Hansen



Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary / Nave on
Sunday, November 9, at 10:15 a.m.

The next Church Council meeting will occur on
Sunday, November 30, at 11a.m. in the McCombs
Meeting Room.



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Are you unable to attend our 9 a.m. Sunday service? Beginning on Sunday, November 2, Immanuel will start regularly offering a second Worship service on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. The service will be shorter, around 45 minutes, and will include music as well as Holy Communion.



Also, in November, we will be having Fall Fellowship meals on Sunday evenings in the Fellowship Center. **Reservations are required. Please e-mail Dr. Will by Friday each week. (will@ilcgreenwood.com)**

LMIM meeting Saturday, November 8,
at 8:30 a.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall

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Building men for Christ



Hello ladies, we are headed to Red Bowl on Thursday, November 13, at 6 p.m. Come join us for a girls get together and celebrate each other. Sign up on the WELCA board or text JoAn Crowder at 864-942-9191. Let's join in fun and fellowship.

What You Made Possible through Matthew 2540 in 2025

submitted by Lynn Isenhower



83 children had a successful school year under the guidance of 16 loving, nurturing staff. A June mission team saw 295 patients, filled 623 prescriptions, dispensed 700 parasite treatments, 138 reading glasses, 350 fluoride treatments and handed out 800 toothbrushes & toothpaste, 2880 sanitary supplies and 14,000 vitamins. Our dentist pulled badly decayed teeth for 90 people. Our hairstylist gave 45 haircuts. The children were

delighted to visit the zoo and thrilled to get their own illustrated Bibles. The team created a hands-on student career fair and helped the daycare, pre-primary, and grades 1-6 move into new classrooms. We are breaking ground on the 7th grade classroom in November, trusting God we will raise that \$40,000 by year's end. I already have pledges for \$26,000 of that. We also have pledges for \$16,000 toward a new school van. It will be nice for the kids and teams not to be stranded by the side of the road and to have more reliable transportation for the school staff to use to obtain groceries and school supplies. I am still investigating where in Guatemala to purchase this van and how much it will cost. If you gave directly to Matthew 2540, you will receive your 2025 to date giving statement by email in November. Your official one will come in January. This one is so that you can contact Lynn if you feel there is a discrepancy or just want to know what you've given so far in case you'd like to make another donation before the year ends. (If you gave through Immanuel, that will not be noted on our email.)

Donations can always be made online at www.matthew2540.net/build-a-school or by mailing Lynn a check payable to Matthew 2540. Thanks for the support! Together we are changing lives, one child at a time.



NEWS FROM WOMEN OF IMMANUEL



Kinard Manor, the women's transitional recovery house located in Greenwood, is currently undergoing some major changes and renewal. It has recently divested from Lutheran Services of the Carolinas and is now a vital ministry solely under the South Carolina Synod.

This program will be following a treatment program titled "We Came to Believe" with a mission to offer hope, love, and a new way of life by providing safe transitional housing, teaching skills for empowerment to self-sufficiency, and facilitating possible reunification with children and families.

As a result of these changes, it is even more critical that we continue to support this ministry with not only our prayers and our love, but we will also need to help in meeting other basic needs for the success of this mission. The Ladies of Immanuel are currently gathering the following items that have been identified as a great need for the residents of the home:

BLANKETS (twin or full/new or gently used)

WINDOW BLINDS (size to be determined-see Pastor Chris)

BARS OF SOAP

BATH TOWELS (new or gently used)

HAND TOWELS (new or gently used)

WASH CLOTHS (new)

EYE MASK

SMALL BED SIDE TABLE LAMPS

LIGHT BULBS (40 watt or less)

ROOM DIVIDERS

FEMININE PRODUCTS

CLEANING SUPPLIES (WET WIPES, LAUNDRY PODS, DISHWASHER PODS, CLEANERS)

PAPER & PLASTIC PRODUCTS (TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, 13 GALLON GARBAGE BAGS, ZIPLOC BAGS, LARGE LATEX GLOVES) ** PRIORITY

ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Please place all donations in the Dot Wise Room. If you have any questions, please contact:

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OCTOBER SUNDAY,
9 A.M. WORSHIP
ATTENDANCE

10/5 - 90
10/12 - 79
10/19 - 83
10/26 - 95

*Totals include registered
online viewers.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/2 - Irene Price
Staci Setzler
11/3 - John Davis
11/9 - Nancy Nash
11/14 - Juan Luna
11/18 - Jean Boozer
Eve Vandegrift
11/20 - Bill Gilbert
Joey Holmes
11/20 - Ryan Johnson
11/23 - Carey Divilbiss
11/25 - Kat Finkbeiner
11/26 - Joe Pitts
11/30 - Laney Kinard

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/15 - Russell and Julie Hobbs
11/22 - Jim and Tiffany Johnson



Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the Fall Concert on Reformation Sunday, October 26. Many thanks also to Sue Kaufman and Zeolean Kinard for the wonderful reception. Please be sure to save the date for our next music concert on Sunday, December 7, at 4:30 p.m.

