August Pastor's Letter:

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Dear friends in Christ,

August is a month that can feel wonderfully full. Summer is still in bloom, yet the rhythms of fall begin to call us forward. We gather for worship, celebrate baptisms and weddings, enjoy parades and family reunions, welcome visitors from the synod, pick blueberries, and prepare for another school year. Life can pull us in many different directions.

In the midst of it all, Jesus gives us a simple invitation. "Abide in me as I abide in you." John 15 reminds us that our strength is not found in doing more, but in remaining connected to Christ. Just as a branch draws life from the vine, we receive everything we need from him.

As this letter reaches you, Vacation Bible School will have just wrapped up. What a joy it has been to see children, volunteers, and families gathered to sing, laugh, learn, and grow in faith. Thank you to everyone who gave their time, talents, and generous hearts to make this ministry possible. Seeds of faith have been planted, and we trust God to bring the growth.

As we enjoy these last weeks of summer and begin looking toward a new school year, may we remember that every season is a gift from God. Whether we are celebrating, traveling, working, or simply enjoying a handful of fresh blueberries, Christ walks with us. May you find rest for your soul, joy in each day, and confidence that the One who began a good work in you will carry it to completion.

Yours in Christ
Pastor Jonathan

Happy Anniversary to YOU!!

Greg & Gayle Hilgeman	***Aug. 6***
Jim & Carole Wright	***Aug. 9***
Jonathan & Kelly Dodson	***Aug. 12***
Ross & Jade Haugen	***Aug. 18***
Phil & Kyrsten Zimpel	***Aug. 21***
Dave & DeeAnn Eskeli	***Aug. 21***
Tom & Nancy Bray	***Aug. 22***
David & Teresa Haugen	***Aug. 24***
Carey & Theresa Sannes	***Aug. 31***

IMMANUEL TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance 6/1/26	***$ 7,350.44***
INCOME:	
Offerings - Sundays	$ 7,728.00
Offerings - VANCO	930.00
Ebenezer	311.63
Bethany Lutheran	5,400.00
Foster Child	27.00
Immanuel WELCA	305.00
Total Income	**$ 14,701.63**
EXPENSES:	
Pastor Salary	$4,268.71
Pastor Benefits	1,692.66
Ebenezer (Bethany Share)	1,350.00
Church Employees	698.00
Pulpit Supplies	200.00
Vanco Fee	12.87
Church Utilities	
Ottertail Power	82.40
Garden Valley Telephone	41.01
City of Plummer-Qtr W/S/G	91.00
Parsonage Utilities	
Ottertail Power	203.84
Garden Valley Telephone	100.29
City of Plummer-Qtr W/S/G	139.00
North Star Insurance	5,254.00
Work Comp Insurance	751.00
Total Expenses	**$ 14,884.78**
Ending Balance 6/30/26	***$ 7,167.29***

Debbie DuChamp, Treasurer

Happy Birthday to You!!

Shania Haugen	Aug. 1
Ginger Hruby	Aug. 2
Emily Babiak	Aug. 3
Don Fox	Aug. 6
Gerda Koskela	Aug. 6
Anne Traxler	Aug. 6
Thor Thompson	Aug. 6
Haven Lundeen	Aug. 9
Richard Froiland	Aug. 11
Addison Erickson	Aug. 13
Jacob Aakhus	Aug. 14
Krista Brenna	Aug. 17
Bret DuChamp	Aug. 17
Shar Fox	Aug. 18
Glenyce Eskeli	Aug. 19
Avory Erickson	Aug. 24
Landen Grove	Aug. 25
Stephanie Klamm	Aug. 26
Trisha Robbins	Aug. 31
Jacob Grove	Aug. 31
Ron Juneau	Aug. 31

EBENEZER TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance 6/1/26	***$ 9,041.80***
INCOME:	
Sunday Offerings	$ 1,843.00
Bethany	1,350.00
Total Income	**$ 3,193.00**
EXPENSES:	
Pastor Salary	$1,422.92
Pastor Housing	250.00
Pastor Mileage	253.75
Pension	314.22
Immanuel	138.14
Electricity	157.00
RLCo Coop	185.51
Total Expenses	**$ 2,721.54**
Ending Balance 6/30/26	***$ 9,513.26***

Gelene Lundeen, Treasurer

VBS July 2026

MISSION COMPLETE:

Bible Boot Camp: Building the Lord's Army

What an incredible week at Bible Boot Camp! We were blessed to welcome 58 youth participants who spent the week learning about the Armor of God through the stories of Adam & Eve, Zacchaeus, Joshua & Jericho, and David & Goliath.

Each evening was filled with Bible lessons, music, crafts, games, delicious meals, and plenty of laughter as our campers discovered how God equips us to stand strong in faith. By the end of the week, every camper had "put on the full armor of God" and was encouraged to go into the world ready to share God's love with others.

This wonderful week would not have been possible without our amazing team of 30 youth and adult volunteers. From preparing meals and leading lessons to organizing games, crafts, music, registration, and cleanup, their dedication and servant hearts made Bible Boot Camp a success.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated supplies, provided meals, and kept our campers in your prayers. Together, we built more than a fun week of VBS—we helped build God's Kingdom by planting seeds of faith in the lives of our children.

"Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." — Ephesians 6:11

Thank you to all the youth leaders & adult volunteers and the families for attending!
~Kale

Sunday School Starting in September!!

We are always looking for help and kids to join us for learning and fun crafts.

Please reach out to Kelly if you want to volunteer your time to help with Sunday School or if you have kids that want to join us for wonderful lessons about Jesus & God!

Kelly @ kellydodson@ymail.com or ImmanuelEbenezer@gmail.com

IMMANUEL BUILDING FUND

Beginning Balance 3/31/26	***$ 8,162.65***	
INCOME:		
April Coffee Fellowship		77.00
May Coffee Fellowship		0.00
(No Offering – Graduation Recognition)		
June Coffee Fellowship		67.00
Lucille Kvasager Memorial (4)		175.00
Glenyce Eskeli (4)		120.00
Interest on Checking Account		3.15
Total Income	**$**	**442.15**
EXPENSES:		
No Expenses	*$*	0.00
Total Expenses	**$**	**0.00**
Ending Balance 6/30/2025		***$8,604.80***

Scharlene Fox, Treasurer

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43 DONORS NEEDED

RED LAKE FALLS BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH
12:30PM-6:00PM
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Ushers at Imm. - Dean Koskela **Ushers at Eben.** - Hogan Lundeen Family	**Adult Coffee Fellowship** (*chairman) * Ross Arlt, Tom Bray	**Alter Committee at Imm.** - Arlene Froiland & Kelly Dodson **Alter Committee at Eben.** - Leann Stolaas		1
9:00 am Worship at Immanuel w/HC **No Worship at Ebenezer** 6:00 pm Worship at Bethany w/HC 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00 am Worship at Ebenezer 10:30 am Worship at Bethany 6:00 pm Worship at Immanuel (Marriage Celebration) 9	**6:00 pm Immanuel Church Council Meeting** 10	11	 12	13	14	15
9:00 am Worship at Immanuel w/HC Coffee Fellowship after Worship 10:30 am Worship at Bethany w/HC **5:00 pm Ebenezer Church Council** 6:00 pm Worship at Ebenezer w/HC 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9 am Worship at Ebenezer 10:30 am Worship at Bethany (SAM Allen) 10:30 am Worship at Immanuel (Pastor) 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:30 am Worship at Riverside Park in Red Lake Falls (Joint) 30	31					

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Rejoice Newsletter

Worship along the Clearwater River in Riverside Park, Red Lake Falls. Immediately following worship, we will have a congregation wide potluck picnic. Come one, Come all!