



November 2025 Monthly Newsletter

Congressman Bacon's visit to Immanuel Pathways in Omaha



The Immanuel Advocacy and PACE® Teams met with Nebraska's 2nd District Congressman Bacon on Monday, November 3. While we had him, we had specific questions about a new law that was passed in January 2025, the [Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act](#). This law would specifically help connect veterans to a PACE® program. This new law mandates that the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs "seek to enter into an agreement with the PACE® program operating in that area for the furnishing of such services".

Congressman Bacon and his staff are committed to following up with the Secretary and our local VA leadership regarding this law after the government reopens.

Federal Government Shutdown

The longest Federal Government Shutdown continues, but it could reopen very soon. On Sunday November 9, a compromise was reached in the U.S. Senate. The Senators moved a different continuing resolution to reopen the government through January 30 and provide funding for some agencies, including SNAP, through the end of next September. The other side of Congress, the House, must agree, and that vote to agree may happen this week.

Next Steps for Immanuel Advocacy

In December, this monthly all-staff newsletter will be sent as a post in Teams. You can follow the link to the newsletter to read it. We are building an advocacy page on Immanuel's website and will provide monthly blogs in addition to a new form of action alerts.

Action alerts will be included in the newsletter as needed. We have a new program that will have an email already to go to your elected official. All you have to do is add any personal story that you feel comfortable sharing, and it goes to all the relevant elected officials. Slowly but surely, we hope to expand this to non-employees, such as residents, participants, and others! These emails will look similar to the Preserve Medicaid emails when we partnered with Mosaic and Lutheran Family Services in May 2025.

You will also have the opportunity to sign up via your personal email to receive additional information on our advocacy efforts, including specific areas and issues. If you'd like to go ahead and sign up, [follow this link](#). If you have any trouble or questions, reach out to Tara at tmuir@immanuel.com or 402-829-2931.

Nebraska – Affordable Housing

Nebraska Affordable Housing interim study hearings in the legislature occurred on Oct. 24. There were many attendees who showed a lot of interest in [LR86](#) regarding affordable and accessible housing. Several people shared they were seniors or experiencing a mental or physical disability and expressed the importance of accessibility. More concrete ideas for bills in 2026 look like mandating accessible housing in new builds or requiring a certain percentage. The committee received a lot of input from several municipalities about [LR146](#) which focuses on community development law, though concrete bill ideas failed to arise from that discussion.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or comments.

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Immanuel Advocacy Philosophy

We aim to highlight and advocate for seniors across Nebraska and Iowa, and when necessary, in the U.S. Congress. As a faith-based, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, we do not and cannot subscribe to the beliefs of one political party over another. When issues are critical to Immanuel, the people we serve, and our staff, we will advocate for what will benefit, not detriment.

Our goal with this monthly newsletter is to present the information objectively and unbiasedly. Some issues we focus on may fall further down one side of the traditional political spectrum than the other. In these times, many issues seem to become political that they never were before, such as access to food and housing.

Any call to action is completely voluntary and should not be viewed as an expectation relating to your role with Immanuel. All calls or efforts made should be done outside of your work hours, unless approved by your supervisor. As such, calls and efforts made outside of your working hours will not be compensated by Immanuel.

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