

A big 'thank you!' to our weekly worship service volunteers!

Servers for November 12:

Lector: 8:00 Mary Kay Johnson
10:30 Erin Kelchen
Acolyte: 8:00 Miranda Brewer
10:30 Claire Cahalan
Communion: 8:00 Linda Kress, Betty Giddings,
Gene Budzine
10:30 Sheri Foster, _____,

Altar Care: Ron & Susan Oline
Ushers: 8:00 _____, _____
10:30 _____, _____
AV/Tech: 8:00 Ron Giddings
10:30 Levi DeBoer

Servers for November 19:

Lector: 8:00 Bonnie Nelson
10:30 Cara Johnson
Acolyte: 8:00 Natalie Frye
10:30 Taylor Kitner
Communion: 8:00 Linda Kress, _____,

10:30 Jen Sweeney, Ed Gipper,

Altar Care: Roger & Shirley Allen
Ushers: 8:00 Scott Frye, _____
10:30 Bill Wolfram, _____
AV/Tech: 8:00 _____
10:30 Erin Kelchen

Do you want to help?

We are looking for positive solutions to our recent financial issues. **A few members of the congregation will be holding an action task force brainstorming session on Sunday, November 12th at 11:30am, in the fireside room.** Hoping to see many of you there with some great ideas! For questions, contact Lisa Mestad or the church office.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a special congregational meeting on **Sunday, November 19, at 11:30 am**, in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to make a decision on the future of Wee Care Preschool. No other business can be discussed. The quorum for a congregational meeting is 75 voting members. **Please make every effort to attend.**

Prayers for: Deanna Miller, Todd Lewin, Craig Stalker, Sharon Naylor, Cyndi Webb, Harold & Sandy Schneider, Kay Bisinger, Scott Eddy, Arol Westervelt, Luann Gates, Louie Tudor, & Carrie Erickson.

Sympathies to: the family and friends of Doris Budzine, 97 years old, who passed away on Sunday, October 29, 2023. Services were held here at Immanuel on Thursday, November 2, with Rev. Greg DeBoer presiding.

Celebration of Life: A public celebration of life will be held for Dverg Krantz on Sunday, November 12, from 2-5 pm at Cedar Ridge Winery in Swisher, Iowa. Dress is casual for this gathering. Dverg, 80 years old, passed away on Friday, September 15, 2023.

Congratulations to: Grayson Timothy Twait, son of Jacob Richards & Tiffany Stych, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Grayson was born on September 26, 2016, in Iowa City, Iowa. His sponsors are Dustin & Karen Ireland.

Congratulations to: Owen John Schares, son of Robert & Jillian Schares, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Owen was born on June 11, 2017, at Allen Hospital in Waterloo, Iowa. His sponsors are Jesse & Alexandra Blad. His baptism buddy is Kathy Tegler.

Congratulations to: Brayton James Kuhse, son of Adam & Katie Kuhse, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Brayton was born on May 14, 2012, at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo, Iowa. His sponsors are Emily Hookom, Melissa Kuhse, & Gary Meisner. His baptism buddy is Mary Kay Johnson.

Congratulations to: Miles John Suhr, son of Delanie & Levi Suhr, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Miles was born on July 12, 2023, in Waterloo, Iowa. His sponsors are Cody & Samantha Barnes, Dylan Suhr, & Shelbie Reding. His baptism buddy is Sophie Wolf.

Military: SSG Ashley Clark & SFC David Clark (daughter and son-in-law of John & Kathy Tegler), 3071 Mondavi Crest, Schertz, TX 78154.

Youth Schedules

SWAG (5th/6th Grade)

- ◆ Wed, Nov 15, 3:30-5 pm, at church
- ◆ Wed, Nov 22, NO SWAG

BLAST (7th/8th Grade)

- ◆ Wed, Nov 15, 7-9 pm, at church
- ◆ Tues, Nov 21-Wed, Nov 22, OCC Trip
- ◆ Wed, Nov 22, NO BLAST

CONFIRMATION (8th Grade & older)

- ◆ Wed, Nov 15, 7-8 pm, Promise 2 – Classes 3
- ◆ Wed, Nov 22, NO CONFIRMATION

FORCE (High School)

- ◆ Sun, Nov 12, 5-9 pm, OCC Shopping
- ◆ Tues, Nov 14, 7-7:45 am, CAFE, at church
- ◆ Sun, Nov 19, 7-9 pm, at church
- ◆ Tues, Nov 21-Wed, Nov 22, OCC Trip

QUAKE 2024 registration is open!

QUAKE 2024 will take place February 16-18. Please complete your registration here: <https://forms.gle/ehTQdTLdNDPRdcKS8> or by scanning the QR code and turn your \$50 deposit into the church office by November 15th to reserve your spot!



QUAKE FUNDRAISER - THAT'S MY PAN!®



The youth are doing a fundraiser with “That's My Pan!®” for QUAKE! They offer a wide variety of personalized and engraved products including cake pans, Klean Kanteens®, cutting boards, and more! These would be great for Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, Mother’s Day gifts, or any other occasion! Visit the link,

https://www.thatsmypan.biz/immanuel_quake, or scan the QR code to see what is available. You *can** order online or see a youth member to place your order directly (preferred method). *We ask that if you *do* order online, please choose the local option so items are delivered to us. Choosing the “direct ship” option results in us receiving less of a profit. Thank you!

Wednesday Night Meals

If you would like to help provide food or service for a Wednesday night meal, please sign up here: <https://t.ly/WVILY> or by scanning the QR code. Financial donations can be made through offering envelopes or online.



OCC BOXES

It's time to fill a box with goodies and the message of Jesus' love! Empty boxes are in the lobby. Full boxes must be returned to church by **Sunday, Nov 19th**. Remember, no liquids or foods are allowed in the boxes. Shipping is \$10 per box. If you can cover this shipping cost, please place it in the box or pay on-line. Link can be found on the self-stick labels available at church.

OCC Shopping

FORCE youth will be going shopping to fill OCC Shoeboxes this afternoon. **Any financial donations towards this shopping trip should be turned in to Gina TODAY!**

How CAN we help others?

Let's make it a "SOUP-ER" Challenge! Can we fill the shopping cart with CANS of soup? Of course we CAN! Please bring CANS of soup to add to the cart each Sunday. The BLAST youth group will box up our CAN donation and restock the soup section at the Independence Area Food Pantry. Together Immanuel CAN bless our community in a "SOUP-ER" way! Thank you!

GIVING TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 28

We hope you will consider giving to Immanuel's general fund, with either a one-time gift or perhaps by committing to giving a specific amount consistently this next year. Each person giving adds up quickly! We are grateful for each of you and thank you for your generosity!

Giving Options

In Person: Place cash/check in the offering plate

Online: www.immanuelindee.com/giving (or scan the QR code)

Vanco Mobile App: get the free app & search for ILC of Independence

By Mail: 512 5th Street NE, Independence, IA 50644



SCRIP CARD PROGRAM

If you would like Scrip Cards prior to Christmas, your order needs to be in by **December 10th to ensure they are here in time**. Orders can still be placed on December 17th, but we cannot guarantee they will be here in time for Christmas. There will be **NO SCRIP SALES** on Sunday, December 24th or Sunday, December 31st. Remember, Immanuel earns a percentage back for every Scrip card purchased!

Open Committæe Spots

Contact the office if you would like to fill one of the open committee spots: ATM (2 spots) & Preschool Board (1 spot).

Week of 11/12/23

- Sun 12:** 8:00 am Worship
9:00 am Fellowship
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
5:00 pm FORCE: OCC Shopping
- Mon 13:** 11:30 am Shalom Circle at Pizza Ranch
6:00 pm Property
6:30 pm Women's Connection
- Tues 14:** 7:00 am CAFE
9:30 am Ladies Bible Study
1:00 pm Faith Circle at church
5:30 pm Parish Ed
- Wed 15:** 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)
9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)
3:30 pm SWAG
5:15 pm Meal
6:15 pm Worship
7:00 pm BLAST/Confirmation
- Thurs 16:**
- Fri 17:** 9:00 am Bible Study
- Sat 18:**
- Sun 19:** 8:00 am Worship
9:00 am Fellowship
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
7:00 pm FORCE

Ways for YOU to Love, Live, & Give:

- ◆ Purchase from the "That's My Pan!®" youth fundraiser for QUAKE
- ◆ Fill a shoebox or give a financial donation to OCC
- ◆ Help fill the cart with canned good donations for the food pantry
- ◆ Give a one-time financial gift to Immanuel on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28, or commit to giving a consistent amount this next year
- ◆ Sign up as a Worship Service volunteer **on the office door**
- ◆ Help provide food or service for Wednesday Night Meals
- ◆ Donate to the Wee Care Scholarship, Scholastic, or Snack Fund
- ◆ Fill one of the open committee spots
- ◆ Attend our regular Wednesday evening or Sunday morning worship
- ◆ Purchase items from the Wee Care Wishlist