

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

Servers for March 24: Palm Sunday

Acolyte: 8:00 Dickson F.
10:30 McKenna K.
Communion: 8:00 Daryl & Mary Kay J., Linda K.
10:30 Gina D., Jessica H., _____
Altar Care: Ron & Susan O.
Ushers: 8:00 _____, _____
10:30 Donny F., Ed Gipper
AV/Tech: 8:00 Ron G.
10:30 Levi D.

Servers for March 28: Maundy Thursday

Readers: 6:30 Linda K.
Communion: 6:30 Linda K., _____
Ushers: 6:30 _____, _____
AV/Tech: 6:30 Levi DeBoer

Servers for March 29: Good Friday

Readers: 6:30 Linda K.
Ushers: 6:30 _____, _____
AV/Tech: 6:30 _____

Servers for March 31: Easter Sunday

Lector: 8:00 Doug P.
10:30 Latisha S.
Acolyte: 8:00 Nyles S.
10:30 Lucas S.
Communion: 8:00 _____, _____, _____
10:30 Jessica H., Sheri F., Linda K.
Altar Care: Heidi G. & Paula F.
Ushers: 8:00 _____, _____
10:30 Donny F., _____
AV/Tech: 8:00 Kari J.
10:30 Mike S.

Prayers for: David McCollough, Klint Knutson, Janelle Brayton, Craig Stalker, Sharon Naylor, Cyndi Webb, Harold & Sandy Schneider, Kay Bisinger, Luann Gates, Louie Tudor, & Carrie Erickson.

Congratulations to: Marcus Vinicius Jesus, son of Marcus Jesus & Brittany Gosse-Jesus, who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this Sunday, March 24, 2024, at the 10:30 am service. Vini was born on June 15, 2021, in Dubuque, Iowa. His sponsors are Brianne Weber and Leonardo Araujo. His Baptism Buddy is Aly Franck.

Congratulations to: Ingrid Irene Nielsen, daughter of Ryan & Kathleen Nielsen, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Ingrid was born on December 13, 2023, in Cedar Rapids. Her sponsors are Abbie Nielsen & Kelli Frisch. Her Baptism Buddy is Sheri Foster.

Congratulations to: Landon Matthew Mestad & Austin Michael Mestad, sons of Timothy & Amber Mestad, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Landon & Matthew were born on September 7, 2023, in Cedar Rapids. Their sponsors are Travis & Lisa Mestad. Landon's Baptism Buddy is Madison Mestad & Austin's is Gavin Mestad.

Congratulations to: Amber Marie Mestad, daughter of Don Moore & Becky Railsback, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Amber was born on June 26, 1988, in Cedar Rapids. Her Sponsor is Timothy Mestad. Her Baptism Buddy is Travis Mestad.

Sympathies to: Julayne Muller and family on the death of her mother, Sally Muller, 68 years old, who passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Graveside services were held on Friday, March 22, at Oakland Cemetery in Waukon, Iowa, with Pastor Duane Smith officiating.

Youth Schedules

SWAG (5th/6th Grade)

- ◆ Wed, Mar 27, NO SWAG
- ◆ Wed, April 3, 3:30-5 pm, at church

BLAST (7th/8th Grade)

- ◆ Wed, Mar 27, NO BLAST
- ◆ Wed, April 3, 7-8 pm, at church

Confirmation (8th/9th graders)

- ◆ Wed, Mar 27, Pictures at 5 pm; Banquet at 6 pm; Presentations at 7 pm
- ◆ Wed, Apr 3, 7-8:30 pm, Promise 3 – Class 3
- ◆ Sun, Apr 7, 8 am, Affirmation of Baptism service

FORCE (High School)

- ◆ Sun, Mar 24, 6 pm, RPG Practice
- ◆ Sun, Mar 24, 7 pm, at church
- ◆ Sun, Mar 31, NO FORCE

Want to Support a Camper?

Immanuel is once again collecting funds to provide camperships to each active student wishing to attend camp. If you can help contribute in this way, please give through the offering plate, office, or online giving. Your donation will be added to your contribution report at the end of the year. Many thanks for your support of our children & youth!

Confirmation Banquet & Service

The Confirmation Banquet for the Confirmation Class of 2024 will be held on Wednesday, March 27, at 6 pm. Group and individual confirmation pictures will be taken prior to the meal. Students are encouraged to bring their families, sponsors, and confirmation partner to the banquet. Following the meal, students will present their Confirmation Projects to the group. **The Affirmation of Baptism service will be held on Sunday, April 7th at 8:00 am.** The congregation is invited to support our confirmands by attending the service on the 7th. Students will be introduced and will display their projects during fellowship on the 7th.

2024 Confirmands

Addison Beatty

Miranda Brewer

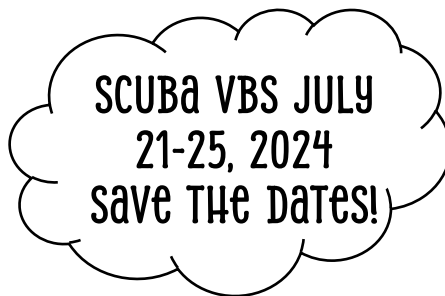
Makenna Burmeister

Claire Cahalan

Taylor Kitner

Isaak Losey

Lucas Sidles



Help Keep our Youth Program Going

We are looking for **MANY** people to complete various tasks until we hire our next youth director. If you are willing to help with *any* aspects of the Youth Program, please contact Gina or any youth board member. *We need you, Immanuel family members, to step up and help.*

Ways for YOU to Love, Live, & Give:

- ◆ Step up to help keep our Youth Program going
- ◆ Donate to the Campership fund to support Immanuel campers
- ◆ Serve as a Worship Service volunteer; sign up on the office door
- ◆ Help provide food or service for Wednesday Night Meals
- ◆ Help Immanuel earn money back by purchasing gift cards through the SCRIP program!

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 Text: Text your donation amount to 844-201-8060, then follow the link & additional prompts

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



Easter Lily Sales

TODAY, **March 24th**, is the final day to purchase an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of a loved one. They are \$15 each. You may also contact the church office to make your purchase.

Palm Sunday Breakfast

The youth will be serving breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 24, from 9:15 -10:15am. The menu for the morning is breakfast burritos, pastries, juice, and coffee. A free will offering for the meal will be collected and all donations will go toward Youth Camperships.

THANK YOU & BEST WISHES!

Please join us for a special fellowship hour (starting at 9:00 am) on Sunday, April 14, as we say "Thank You and Best Wishes" to Pastor Greg! The Fellowship Committee will be serving cinnamon rolls and yogurt parfaits. This will also be a card shower—please write a card, letter, or note and they will be collected on the 14th.

Blessing of LWR Quilts & Kits

This Sunday, March 24, the quilts and kits that will be sent to Lutheran World Relief will be blessed during both worship services. There are 59 quilts, 4 baby kits and 3 fabric kits being sent to LWR. A special thank you to everyone who sews, donates and delivers the items.

Week of 3/17/24

Sun 24:

Palm Sunday

- 8:00 am Worship
- 9:00 am Fellowship/Youth Fundraiser Breakfast
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship
- 6:00 pm RPG Practice
- 7:00 pm FORCE

Mon 25:

Tues 26:

- 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Council

Wed 27:

- 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)
- 9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)
- NO SWAG or BLAST
- NO WORSHIP
- 5:00 pm Confirmation Pictures
- 6:15 pm Confirmation Banquet
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Presentations

Thurs 28:

Maundy Thursday

- 6:30 pm Worship with First Communion

Fri 29:

Good Friday

- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Worship

Sat 30:

Sun 31:

Easter Sunday

- 8:00 am Worship
- 9:00 am Fellowship
- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 10:30 am Worship
- NO FORCE

Stewardship Statement

Yearly Offering Needed (July 2023-June 2024): \$546,802.22

Year-to-Date Offering Needed (7/1/23-3/20/24): \$395,079.71

Year-to-Date Received (7/1/23-3/20/24): \$363,489.09

Amount Owed to Bank: -\$19,879.45