

**Servers for March 31: *Easter Sunday***

<b>Lector:</b>	8:00	Doug Peterschmidt
	10:30	Latisha Smith
<b>Acolyte:</b>	8:00	Nyles Senne
	10:30	Lucas Sidles
<b>Communion:</b>	8:00	Daryl & Mary Kay Johnson, _____
	10:30	Jessica Hack, Sheri Foster, Linda Kress
<b>Altar Care:</b>		Heidi Gosse & Paula Fleming
<b>Ushers:</b>	8:00	_____, _____
	10:30	Donny Fleming, _____
<b>AV/Tech:</b>	8:00	Kari Johnson
	10:30	Mike Schroeder

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

**Servers for April 7: *Confirmation Sunday***

<b>Lector:</b>	8:00	Ann Peterschmidt
	10:30	Erin Kelchen
<b>Acolyte:</b>	8:00	Phoebie Kuhse
	10:30	Maya Jensen
<b>Communion:</b>	8:00	Sheri Foster, Linda Kress, _____
	10:30	Gina DeBoer, _____, _____
<b>Altar Care:</b>		Heidi Gosse & Paula Fleming
<b>Ushers:</b>	8:00	Daryl Johnson, _____
	10:30	_____, _____
<b>AV/Tech:</b>	8:00	Ron Giddings
	10:30	Levi DeBoer

**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:** Ruby René Kress, daughter of Travis & Danielle Kress, who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today, March 31, 2024, at the 10:30 am service. Ruby was born on August 15, 2018. Her sponsors are Jared & Kelsi Donnelly. Her Baptism Buddy is Talia Wolf.

**Congratulations to:** Marcus Vinicius Jesus, son of Marcus Jesus & Brittany Gosse-Jesus, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 24, 2024. Vini was born on June 15, 2021. His sponsors are Brianne Weber and Leonardo Araujo. His Baptism Buddy is Aly Franck.

**THANK YOU & BEST WISHES!**

**Please join us for worship (8 & 10:30) & a special fellowship hour (9:00) 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 is also a card shower—please write a card, letter, or note for Pastor Greg and they will be collected on the 14th.

## **SWAG (5th/6th Grade)**

- ♦ Wed, April 3 & 10, 3:30-5 pm, at church

## **BLAST (7th/8th Grade)**

- ♦ Wed, April 3 & 10, 7-8 pm, at church

## **Confirmation (8th/9th graders)**

- ♦ Wed, Apr 3 & 10, 7-8:30 pm, Promise 3 – Class 3 & 4
- ♦ Sun, Apr 7, 8 am, Affirmation of Baptism service

## **FORCE (High School)**

- ♦ Sun, Mar 31 & Apr 7, NO FORCE
- ♦ Sat, Apr 6, 9 am, Breakfast at church

**Youth  
Schedules**



## *Campership Season*

Immanuel has **16** kids signed up to attend EWALU this year!! We are **SO CLOSE** to reaching our goal for the Campership fund. 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*

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	Taylor Kitner
Miranda Brewer	Isaak Losey
Makenna Burmeister	Lucas Sidles
Claire Cahalan	



## *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.*

## *First Communion*

Congratulations to Ellie Burmeister, Hunter Mestad, Adaline Schares, & Jadin Stephenson who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time during the Maundy Thursday service on March 28, 2024, with Rev. Greg DeBoer.

# April book moving!

To support the community & the Friends of the Library, Immanuel youth will be moving books for the book sale, at the Independence Community Library **on Fri, Apr 12th at 1:30pm and Sun, Apr 14th at 3pm**. This would count as a Confirmation service project or Silver Cord hours. Please let Gina know if you can help out. There will be transportation available from West or the Jr/Sr high on Friday, if needed. SWAG, BLAST, & FORCE can help with this project. Many hands make light work!

## | Ways for YOU to Love, Live, & Give:

- ◆ Sign up for one of Immanuel's many committees
- ◆ Volunteer to help with VBS
- ◆ Give to Immanuel's group going to Belize
- ◆ 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Independence, IA 50644



## Annual Meeting & All-Committee Night

The **2024 Annual Meeting** will be held **at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 29**.

*All confirmed members are encouraged to attend.* The **All-Committee**

**Night** will be on **Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm**. If you wish to sign up to be on a committee, please do so on the office door.

## AN IMPORTANT NOTE

This is the ELCA Policy on Former Pastors: after Pastor Greg leaves our congregation, he will not be available to conduct or even participate in such events as funerals, weddings, hospital calls, emergency calls, or any other functions normally carried out by a pastor in a congregation.

# Week of 3/31/24

**Sun 31:**

## *Easter Sunday*

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

**Mon 1:**

**Tues 2:**

- 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Youth Board

**Wed 3:**

- 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 (until 8 pm)
- 7:00 pm Confirmation (until 8:30 pm)

**Thurs 4:**

- 7:00 pm Calico Cut-ups

**Fri 5:**

- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 12:00 pm BCHC Auxiliary Luncheon

**Sat 6:**

- 9:00 am FORCE: Breakfast at church

**Sun 7:**

## *Confirmation Sunday*

- 8:00 am Worship: Affirmation of Baptism Service
- 9:00 am Fellowship
- 9:15 am 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 (7/1/23-3/30/24): \$410,101.77

**Year-to-Date** Received (7/1/23-3/30/24): \$373,719.38

Amount Owed to Bank: -\$19,879.45

## **Call Process Update**

During both Worship services on Sunday, April 7, an update will be given to the congregation about where we are at in the Call Process.