

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

Servers for April 14: Pastor Greg's Last Sunday

Lector: 8:00 Janny B.
10:30 Erin K.

Acolyte: 8:00 Miranda B.
10:30 Taylor K.

Communion: 8:00 Betty G., Gina D., _____
10:30 Sheri F., Gina D., Jen S.

Altar Care: Roger & Shirley A.

Ushers: 8:00 Daryl J., _____
10:30 Bill W., _____

AV/Tech: 8:00 Kari J.
10:30 Erin K.

Servers for April 21:

Lector: 8:00 Connie B.
10:30 Kent A.

Acolyte: 8:00 Sawyer W.
10:30 Tavah S.

Communion: 8:00 Gene & Janny B., Linda K.
10:30 _____, _____, _____

Altar Care: Roger & Shirley A.

Ushers: 8:00 Daryl J., _____
10:30 _____, _____

AV/Tech: 8:00 _____
10:30 Aaron L.

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: Emersyn Boimah, daughter of Madison Schroder, who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 10:30 am service today, Sunday, April 14, 2024. Emersyn was born on November 22, 2021. Her sponsors are Baylee Vincent, Sydney Schroeder, Olivia Wolf, and Audrey Goedken. Her Baptism Buddy is Sherry Stevens.

Congratulations to: Ayden Gerald Hawkins, son of Drew & Shelby Hawkins, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 7, 2024. Ayden was born on November 13, 2023. His sponsors are Alex & Sara Hawkins and Lucas Farber. His Baptism Buddy is Olivia Wolf.

Congratulations to: Everett Budzine, son of Andrew & Kathryn Budzine, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 7, 2024. Everett was born on February 14, 2024. His sponsors are Matthew O'Loughlin and Aly Franck. His Baptism Buddy is Bill Isham.

Annual Meeting

The **2024 Annual Meeting** will be held **at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 29**. It is very important that all confirmed members make attending this meeting a HIGH priority. In addition to discussing our budget for the year, approving new committee members, and other annual business, it is our plan to present (and hopefully approve) the Ministry Profile that our Call Committee is working on. This is a required part of the call process, so please plan to attend.

ATTENTION IMMANUEL MEMBERS!!

As the Call Committee works on creating our profile to attract our next Pastor, we need to know what YOU'RE looking for. Please complete this survey via link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3R9773C> or QR code as soon as you can. There are also paper copies at the church which can be filled out anonymously and placed in the sermon notes box outside the Pastor's office door. **Survey deadline: May 5**



Youth Schedules

SWAG (5th/6th Grade)

- ◆ Sun, Apr 14, 3 pm, Book Moving
- ◆ Wed, Apr 17 & 24, 3:30-5 pm, at church

BLAST (7th/8th Grade)

- ◆ Sun, Apr 14, 3 pm, Book Moving
- ◆ Wed, April 17 & 24, 7-8:30 pm, at church

FORCE (High School)

- ◆ Sun, Apr 14, 3 pm, Book Moving
- ◆ Sun, Apr 14, NO FORCE
- ◆ Sun, Apr 21, 7-9 pm, at church



VBS Registration is OPEN!



Immanuel and St. John's will be diving in for some fun at SCUBA VBS!! Join us July 21-25 from 5:30-8:15 pm! Students 4YO-6th grade are invited to sign up! Cost is \$10 and covers the music, t-shirt, 5 meals, crafts, and a week full of Bible learning and fun! Any questions, contact Gina DeBoer, Gina Homan, or Cyndi Losey. Complete the registration form, <https://forms.gle/6kz5TszZLrmdh5rG9>, and share the link with friends who might be interested in joining us for VBS this summer.

VBS Volunteers Needed!



Adults & students aged 7th grade & up are invited, & encouraged, to help with VBS. We need many leaders & helpers for VBS to run smoothly. We still need many, many people to lead kids, teach crafts, act out the lessons, serve food, & so much more.

Please sign up to help at this link <https://forms.gle/zoty2EwAFkV7i6vG7> (or scan the QR code). Talk to Gina Homan, Gina DeBoer, or Cyndi Losey if you have any questions or ideas!

Summer Stretch 2024

Registration for Summer Stretch is open! Students grades 4-8th are invited to attend. Please go to this link <https://forms.gle/uyfrkpFUwFwTBoUN8> to register (or scan the QR code)! As in the past, each day we will complete a service project together in the morning, enjoy lunch together, and then spend the afternoon in fellowship, having a bit of fun! Friends are welcome to join us, but please have them sign up too! The deadline to sign up is June 2nd. A T-shirt, to be worn during service work, is included in the \$10/day fee. Contact Gina DeBoer or Ashlee Wilgenbusch with any questions.



Post-Post Prom Breakfast



All students attending ICSD prom and/or post prom are invited to Immanuel for a FREE, made-to-order breakfast on Sunday, April 28th at 4am. Breakfast will start as soon as the prize time at post prom is complete. Please be sure to sign up by scanning the QR code or going to <https://forms.gle/zthr51E9Zg8cRU5TA> if you plan to attend so we have enough food.

If you are interested in helping serve or donate to this breakfast, please contact Gina DeBoer. Thank you for helping provide a safe, fun way to end the prom celebrations!

YOUcan MISSIONS TRIP: BELIZE 2024

Immanuel is sending a mission team to Belize this summer and *YouCan* help! There are 4 youth and 3 adults from our church who will be delivering shoes, along with socks and school supplies, during their trip from June 10th – 17th, 2024. Immanuel will be collecting socks--white socks for toddler aged kids through adults, in new condition, are best. Monetary gifts are also greatly appreciated and provide greater flexibility. With these, *YouCan* allow the mission team to purchase items they may be short on, such as shoes in a certain size, or pay shipping fees for shoes being sent to Belize ahead of the team. Please make donations payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Donations will be collected through May 12th and *YouCan* drop them off to the office. *Have you ever thought you might want to go on a mission trip? YouCan!! There is still room for an additional 1-3 team members, age 13 and older. If you would like details, please visit www.youcanmissions.org or speak with Brian Kelchen, Brandy Schultz, or Jen Sweeney.*



Ways for YOU to Love, Live, & Give:

- ◆ Sign up for Council or one of Immanuel's many committees
- ◆ Volunteer to help with VBS
- ◆ Donate socks or monetary gifts to Immanuel's group going to Belize
- ◆ Step up to help keep our Youth Program going
- ◆ Serve as a Worship Service volunteer; sign up on the office door
- ◆ Help provide food or service for Wednesday Night Youth 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



Council & Committee Members Needed!

The nominating committee is currently looking for Immanuel **members who are willing to serve** on the Church Council or one of the many other committees. If you have questions or are interested in serving your Immanuel family in this way, please contact the church office or any member of the nominating committee (Matt Bader, Gene Budzine, or Bill Wolfgram). **A committee signup sheet is posted on the office door.** New Committee members will be approved at our Annual Meeting on May 29 & the **All-Committee Night**, for those new to committees **AND** returning members, will be on **Wednesday, June 12th, at 6:30 pm.**

Week of 4/14/24

Sun 14:

Farewell to Pastor Greg

8:00 am Worship
9:00 am Fellowship
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 am Worship
3:00 pm Book Moving at the Library
NO FORCE

Mon 15:

Tues 16:

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study
6:00 pm Preschool Board
6:30 pm Worship & Music

Wed 17:

7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)
9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)
3:30 pm SWAG
7:00 pm BLAST

Thurs 18:

9:00 am Life Line Screening

Fri 19:

9:00 am Bible Study

Sat 20:

Sun 21:

8:00 am Worship
9:00 am Fellowship
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
1:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use
7:00 pm FORCE

**Many
Thanks!!!**

Your swift response and generosity to the campership fund has FULLY FUNDED the camperships for this summer's EWALU attendees. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry!

Stewardship Statement

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

Year-to-Date Offering Needed (7/1/23-4/13/24): \$431,132.63

Year-to-Date Received (7/1/23-4/13/24): \$392,247.87

Amount Owed to Bank: -\$19,879.45

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.