

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

## 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 Sheri F, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Altar Care:** Roger & Shirley A.

**Ushers:** 8:00 Daryl J., \_\_\_\_\_  
10:30 Bill W., \_\_\_\_\_

**AV/Tech:** 8:00 Ron. G.  
10:30 Aaron L.

## Servers for April 28: Last Day of Sunday School

**Lector:** 8:00 Linda K.  
10:30 Brandy S.

**Acolyte:** 8:00 Olivia A.  
10:30 Keira S.

**Communion:** 8:00 Linda K., \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
10:30 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Altar Care:** Betty G. & Pat G.

**Ushers:** 8:00 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
10:30 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**AV/Tech:** 8:00 \_\_\_\_\_  
10:30 \_\_\_\_\_

**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:** Mike Schroeder who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 14, 2024.

**Congratulations to:** Emersyn Boimah, daughter of Madison Schroeder, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on 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.

## **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.

## ***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 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.**

# Youth Schedules

## SWAG (5th/6th Grade)

- ♦ Wed, Apr 24 & May 1, 3:30-5 pm, at church

## Confirmation (8th Grade)

- ♦ Wed, Apr 24, 7-8:30 pm, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Mini Retreat at church

## FORCE (High School)

- ♦ Sun, Apr 21, 7-9 pm, at church
- ♦ Sun, Apr 28, 4 am, Post-Post Prom Breakfast; NO EVENING FORCE

## 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 3YO-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! If you have 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/uyfrkpFUxFWtBoUN8> 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 4 youth and 3 adults from our church to Belize! They will be delivering shoes, along with socks and school supplies, during their trip from June 10th – 17th, 2024. Immanuel is collecting socks for this trip--white socks for toddler aged kids through adults, in new condition, are best. Monetary gifts are also greatly appreciated! 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](http://www.youcanmissions.org) or speak with Brian Kelchen, Brandy Schultz, or Jen Sweeney.*



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

- ◆ Attend Immanuel's Annual Meeting on May 29th
- ◆ Sign up for Council or one of Immanuel's many committees
- ◆ Volunteer to help with VBS or donate toward 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 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



## AN IMPORTANT NOTE

ELCA Policy on Former Pastors: Pastor Greg is not 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.

## Open House!

Independence Area Food Pantry will be having an open house at their new location, 1413 1<sup>st</sup> St. West, on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8 pm. Stop in to say "hi" and see their new place!

# Week of 4/21/24

**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

**Mon 22:**

**Tues 23:** 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study  
6:00 pm Council

**Wed 24:** 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Mini Retreat

**Thurs 25:**

**Fri 26:** 9:00 am Bible Study

**Sat 27:**

**Sun 28:** *LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL*

4:00 am Post-Post Prom Breakfast  
8:00 am Worship  
9:00 am Fellowship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
1:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use  
NO EVENING FORCE

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Our Wednesday  
Night Worship  
services have  
been put on  
hold until  
we have a  
Senior Pastor  
once again.

## Stewardship Statement

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

**Year-to-Date** Offering Needed (7/1/23-4/20/24): \$441,648.06

**Year-to-Date** Received (7/1/23-4/20/24): \$398,219.12

Amount Owed to Bank: -\$19,879.45

## 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**

