

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

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

- Lector:** 8:00 Kathy Hemsath  
10:30 Brandy Schultz
- Acolyte:** 8:00 Olivia Alber  
10:30 Keira Schares
- Communion:** 8:00 Betty Giddings, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
10:30 Ashlee Wilgenbusch, Tom Johnson, \_\_\_\_\_
- Altar Care:** Betty Giddings & Pat Gates
- Ushers:** 8:00 Bill Isham, \_\_\_\_\_  
10:30 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- AV/Tech:** 8:00 Ron Giddings  
10:30 Sidney Johnson

## Servers for May 5: Ascension Sunday

- Lector:** 8:00 Linda Kress  
10:30 Latisha Smith
- Acolyte:** 8:00 Jackson O'Loughlin  
10:30 Maya Jensen
- Communion:** 8:00 Linda Kress, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
10:30 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- Altar Care:** Ron & Susan Oline
- Ushers:** 8:00 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
10:30 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- AV/Tech:** 8:00 Kari Johnson  
10:30 Levi DeBoer

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

**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.

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

## **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, & 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.

# Youth Schedules

## SWAG (5th/6th Grade)

- ♦ Wed, May 1 & 8, 3:30-5 pm, at church
- ♦ Wed, May 15, 3:30-5 pm, Final SWAG

## BLAST (7th/8th Grade)

- ♦ Wed, May 1, 7-8 pm, Final BLAST

## FORCE (High School)

- ♦ Sun, Apr 28 & May 5, 7-9 pm, at church
- ♦ Sun, May 12, 6 pm, RPG Practice
- ♦ Sun, May 12, 7-9 pm, Final FORCE



## VBS Registration is OPEN!

Immanuel & 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 register! Cost is \$10 & covers the music, t-shirt, 5 meals, crafts, & a week full of Bible learning & fun! Contact Cyndi Losey or Gina Homan with any questions. Register here: <https://forms.gle/6kz5TszZLrmdh5rG9> (or scan the QR code) & share the link with friends who might want to join us!

## VBS Volunteers Needed!



Adults & students in 7th grade & up are invited & encouraged to help with VBS. For VBS to run smoothly, we still need many, many leaders & helpers! Please sign up to help at this link <https://forms.gle/zoty2EwAFkV7i6vG7> (or scan the QR code). Ideas or Questions?? Talk to Cyndi Losey or Gina Homan!

## Summer Stretch - Registration Open!

Students grades 4-8th are invited to attend Summer Stretch! Register here: <https://forms.gle/uyfrkpFUxFWtBoUN8> (or scan the QR code). Friends are welcome to join us, but please have them sign up too! **Sign-up deadline 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.



## Grateful...Thankful...Blessed

Please join us for worship (8:00 & 10:30 am) and a special fellowship hour (9 am) and card shower on Sunday, May 12, as we show our appreciation for Gina! The Fellowship Committee will be serving donuts and yogurt parfaits. Please write a card, letter, or note for Gina and they will be collected that day.

# 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. If you would like to donate to this trip, Immanuel is collecting new socks--white socks for toddler aged kids through adults are best. Monetary gifts are also greatly appreciated! Donations can be made payable to Immanuel & will be collected through May 12<sup>th</sup>. *YouCan* drop them off to the office. *If interested, there is still room for an additional 1-3 team members, age 13 and older. For 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
- ◆ Help Immanuel by purchasing gift cards through the SCRIP program!

## ***Council & Committee Members Needed!***

We NEED Immanuel members who are willing to serve on the 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 a member of the nominating committee (Matt Bader, Gene Budzine, or Bill Wolfram). 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 Wed, Jun 12, at 6:30 pm.

## **NEIA Synod 'C3' Ministry Fair**

All congregation members from the NEIA Synod are invited to attend the synod's first C3) Ministry Fair from 9 am-3:45 pm on Saturday, June 1, at Wartburg College in Waverly. This new event is an opportunity for lay people, pastors and deacons from across the synod to gather and learn new skills to strengthen and grow their congregational ministries. Please see the insert for additional information and let Julayne know if you are interested in attending.

## **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.

# Week of 4/28/24

**Sun 28:** 4:00 am Post-Post Prom Breakfast  
8:00 am Worship  
9:00 am Fellowship  
9:15 am LAST DAY of Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
7:00 pm FORCE

**Mon 29:**

**Tues 30:** 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

**Wed 1:** 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 Final BLAST

**Thurs 2:** 7:00 pm Calico Cut-ups

**Fri 3:** 9:00 am Bible Study

**Sat 4:**

**Sun 5:** 8:00 am Worship  
9:00 am Fellowship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
7:00 pm FORCE



## ATTENTION IMMANUEL MEMBERS!!

As the Call Committee works on creating our profile to attract our next Pastor, we need to know what YOU are 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**

## 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

**By Mail:** 512 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Independence, IA 50644



## Stewardship Statement

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

**Year-to-Date Offering Needed (7/1/23-4/27/24):** \$452,163.49

**Year-to-Date Received (7/1/23-4/27/24):** \$406,551.40