

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

Servers for April 7: Confirmation Sunday

Lector: 8:00 Ann P.
10:30 Erin K.

Acolyte: 8:00 Phoebe K.
10:30 Maya J.

Communion: 8:00 Sheri F., Linda K., _____
10:30 Gina D., Paula F., Brooke E.

Altar Care: Heidi G. & Paula F.

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

AV/Tech: 8:00 Ron G.
10:30 Levi D.

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 _____, _____, _____
10:30 Sheri F., _____, _____

Altar Care: Roger & Shirley A.

Ushers: 8:00 _____, _____
10:30 _____, _____

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

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: Ayden Gerald Hawkins, son of Drew & Shelby Hawkins, who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 10:30 am service today, 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 will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 10:30 am service today, 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.

Congratulations to: Ruby René Kress, daughter of Travis & Danielle Kress, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 31, 2024. Ruby was born on August 15, 2018. Her sponsors are Jared & Kelsi Donnelly. Her Baptism Buddy is Talia Wolf.

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.

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.** Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to serve!

Youth Schedules

SWAG (5th/6th Grade)

- ♦ Wed, April 10 & 17, 3:30-5 pm, at church
- ♦ Fri, Apr 12, 1:30 pm, Book Moving
- ♦ Sun, Apr 14, 3 pm, Book Moving

BLAST (7th/8th Grade)

- ♦ Wed, April 10, 7-8 pm, at church
- ♦ Fri, Apr 12, 1:30 pm, Book Moving
- ♦ Sun, Apr 14, 3 pm, Book Moving
- ♦ Wed, April 17, 7-8:30 pm, at church

Confirmation

We are celebrating with 8 of our youth as they Affirm their Baptism at the 8:00 am service this Sunday, April 7, 2024. Students will be introduced and will display their projects during the fellowship hour.

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.*

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!

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 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



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 12th, at 6:30 pm.** If you wish to sign up to be on a committee, please do so on the office door.

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.

Week of 4/7/24

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

Mon 8:

11:30 am Shalom Circle at Pizza Ranch
6:00 pm Property

Tues 9:

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study
1:00 pm Faith Circle at church
5:30 pm Parish Ed
7:00 pm Endowment

Wed 10:

7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)
9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)
1:00 pm IWELCA
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 11:

6:30 pm ATM

Fri 12:

9:00 am Bible Study
1:30 pm Book Moving at the Library

Sat 13:

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

**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 (7/1/23-4/6/24): \$420,617.20

Year-to-Date Received (7/1/23-4/6/24): \$386,788.51

Amount Owed to Bank: -\$19,879.45