

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

Servers for May 12: Mother's Day & Farewell

Lector: 8:00 Mary Kay Johnson *to Gina*
10:30 Sheri Foster

Acolyte: 8:00 Sawyer Wieland
10:30 Andi Burlage

Communion: 8:00 Linda Kress, Daryl & Mary Kay Johnson
10:30 Brooke Eddy, _____, _____

Altar Care: Ron & Susan Oline

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

AV/Tech: 8:00 Kari Johnson
10:30 Aaron Losey

Servers for May 19: Graduation Sunday

Lector: 8:00 Bonnie Nelson
10:30 Erin Kelchen

Acolyte: 8:00 Carver Wieland
10:30 Maya Jensen

Communion: 8:00 _____, _____, _____
10:30 Linda Kress, _____, _____

Altar Care: Betty Giddings & Pat Gates

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

AV/Tech: 8:00 _____
10:30 Kelchen

Prayers for: Mary Beier, David McCollough, Klint Knutson, Janelle Brayton, Sharon Naylor, Cyndi Webb, Harold & Sandy Schneider, Kay Bisinger, Luann Gates, Louie Tudor, & Carrie Erickson.

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 and approving 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. An approved Ministry Profile is required to continue moving forward in the call process, so please plan to attend. *A congregational meal will be served at 5:30 pm, prior to the meeting.*

Senior Sunday

Join us at either service on Sunday, May 19th, to celebrate Immanuel's High School graduates. We will bless them with a quilt during service and learn a little more about their future plans between services.

Drew Beatty

Cris Iza Mantecon

Jaxon Latwesen

Zach Sidles

Mackenzie Christian

Darek Kayser

Grace Lee

Bryce Smith

Shawn Hemsath

Drake Kayser

Abigail Peyton

Maxine White

Carter Homan

Rejoice Labib

Sydney Schroeder

Jackson Wolf

We pray for these graduates as they move onto the next chapter of their lives. We trust God will continue to guide them and protect them. We remind them that their Immanuel family is always here for them and praying for them.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR!

The Youth Board and Parish Ed Committee are pleased to announce that Cyndi Losey has accepted the Youth Director position! Congratulations and a huge thank you for committing to keep the youth programs at Immanuel strong!

Youth Schedules

SWAG (5th/6th Grade)

- ♦ Wed, May 15, 3:30-5 pm, Final SWAG

FORCE (High School)

- ♦ Sun, May 12, 6 pm, RPG Practice
- ♦ Sun, May 12, 7-9 pm, Final FORCE



VBS Registration is OPEN!

Get ready to dive in for some fun with Immanuel & St. John's at SCUBA VBS on **July 21-25 from 5:30-8:15 pm!** Students 3YO-6th grade are invited to register.

Cost is \$10 & includes 5 meals, the music, t-shirt, crafts, & a week full of Bible learning & fun!

Scan the QR code to register or use this link: <https://forms.gle/6kz5TszZLrmdh5rG9> and be sure to share the link with friends who might want to join us! Contact Cyndi Losey or Gina Homan with any questions.

VBS Volunteers Needed!



Adults & students in 7th grade & up are invited 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! **There will be a planning meeting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 9.**



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.

Camp Sunday Counselor Commissioning

On Sunday, June 2 during 9 am worship, all EWALU Summer Staff will be commissioned into service. Frank Johnson from EWALU will be here to lead worship and commission the staff. In addition, we INVITE all Immanuel campers to the service to receive a special blessing and camp gift. We pray your EWALU experience helps you to know you are created and loved by God.

BACCALAUREATE



All students are invited and encouraged to attend the community Baccalaureate service on **Wednesday, May 15th** in the ICSD Junior Senior High Auditorium. The service will begin at 7:00 pm with the kindergarten class (Class of 2036) escorting the seniors into worship. Music will be provided by local students from various churches. The message will be given by Pastor Bob Solon from Hope Wesleyan Church. Please join us to worship and bless the Class of 2024 as a community.

Council & Committee Members Needed!

We NEED **Immanuel members to serve** on the Council or on another of our many committees. **A signup sheet is posted on the office door.** We still have blanks for Council, ATM (All Things Members), Endowment, Fellowship, Parish Education, Personnel, EWALU Representative, LSI Representative, and Synod Delegates. *There is a sheet on the office door that gives a brief explanation of each committee and its duties.* Both the Treasurer and Audit Committee are voted on by the Council, but you can sign up to be considered for these. If you have questions or are interested in serving in this way, please contact the church office or a member of the nominating committee (Matt Bader, Gene Budzine, or Bill Wolfgram). New Committee members will be approved at our Annual Meeting on May 29. New and returning committee members are asked to attend the **All-Committee Night** on **Wed, Jun 12, at 6:30 pm.** **There will be popcorn served!**

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.

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
- ◆ Serve as a worship service volunteer
- ◆ Help Immanuel earn money back by purchasing gift cards through the SCRIP program!

Week of 5/12/24

Mother's Day

Sun 12:

- 8:00 am Worship
- 9:00 am Fellowship & Farewell to Gina
- 10:30 am Worship
- 6:00 pm RPG Practice
- 7:00 pm Final FORCE

Mon 13:

- 11:30 am Shalom Circle at Pizza Ranch
- 6:00 pm Property
- 6:30 pm Women's Connection

Tues 14:

- 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study
- 1:00 pm Faith Circle at church

Wed 15:

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

Thurs 16:

Fri 17: 9:00 am Bible Study

Sat 18: 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use

Sun 19:

SENIOR SUNDAY

- 8:00 am Worship
- 9:00 am Fellowship
- 10:30 am Worship

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

By Mail: 512 5th Street NE, Independence, IA 50644



Stewardship Statement

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

Year-to-Date Offering Needed (7/1/23-5/11/24): \$473,194.35

Year-to-Date Received (7/1/23-5/11/24): \$421,456.52