

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

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, Jen S., ____
Altar Care: Betty Giddings & Pat Gates
Ushers: 8:00 ____, ____
10:30 ____, ____
AV/Tech: 8:00 Ron Giddings
10:30 Kelchen

****Please note that we will move to one Sunday morning service at 9:00 am on May 26. There will be no Fellowship Hour during the summer months.**

Servers for May 26: Hymn Sing

Lector: 9:00 Kent Anderson
Acolyte: 9:00 Keira Schares
Communion: NO COMMUNION
Altar Care: Sue Gipper & Sherry McCollough
Ushers: 9:00 ____, ____
AV/Tech: 9:00 ____

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

Today we 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	Darek Kayser	Abigail Peyton	Maxine White
Mackenzie Christian	Drake Kayser	Sydney Schroeder	Jackson Wolf
Shawn Hemsath	Rejoice Labib	Zach Sidles	
Carter Homan	Jaxon Latwesen	Renee Siebert	
Cris Iza Mantecon	Grace Lee	Bryce Smith	

Class of 2024 

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.

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!

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 and Summer Staff 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.

Celebrating 35 years of Wee Care Preschool!

As this chapter closes, Wee Care invites all current and former teachers, students, families, board members, and all other supporters to an open house at Immanuel from 2-4 pm on Sunday, June 9, 2024. We hope you will join us for activities, sharing memories, and light refreshments to celebrate the truly special place that Wee Care Preschool has been.

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.

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.** There are still MANY open spots providing you an opportunity to serve your Immanuel family. 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 **Wednesday, June 12, at 6:30 pm.** **There will be popcorn served!** See below for a brief description of the duties of those committees that still have openings.

Church Council – 1 open spot: oversees the business aspects of the church; each council member sits on one committee as the council representative; the Pastor reports to this committee; manages the church budget.

All Things Members Committee – 4 open spots: works to improve Immanuel's involvement in the community; welcomes and follows up with visitors.

Endowment – 3 open spots: monitors and manages Immanuel's Endowment funds; awards scholarships to college students & gives outreach donations to community and church groups.

Fellowship – 2 open spots (each spot needs a pair of volunteers): serves goodies during Fellowship time on Sundays; coordinates church decorating at Christmas time; switches out table décor on the tables in the fellowship hall.

Parish Education – 2 spots open: makes decisions about the educational opportunities for the congregation; Youth Director reports to this committee; oversees the Sunday School and VBS programs; seeks ways to provide education to all ages of the congregation.

Personnel – 1 spot open: oversees the staffing needs of the church; creates and manages job descriptions; assures all staff reviews are completed each year; deals with staff issues if needed.

We are also looking for individuals interested in being our EWALU Representative, LSI Representative, and Synod Delegates. You can also sign up to show your interest in being our next Treasurer or being on the Audit Committee.

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 5/19/24

Sun 19:

SENIOR SUNDAY

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

Mon 20:

Tues 21: 9:00 am PK 3 End of Year Celebration
9:30 am Ladies Bible Study
6:30 pm Worship & Music

Wed 22:

7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)
9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)
6:00 pm PK 4 Graduation

Thurs 23:

Fri 24: 9:00 am Bible Study

Sat 25:

Sun 26: 9:00 am Worship



Mon 27:

Memorial Day
Office Closed

REMINDER: We will move to one worship service for the summer beginning Sunday, May 26, at 9 am. There will also be NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR during the summer months.

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 (7/1/23-5/18/24): \$483,709.78

Year-to-Date Received (7/1/23-5/18/24): \$426,966.59