

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

### 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 Kari Johnson

### Servers for June 2: Camp Sunday

**Lector:** 9:00 Doug Peterschmidt  
**Acolyte:** 9:00 Keira Schares  
**Communion:** 9:00 Linda Kress, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Altar Care:** Sue Gipper & Sherry McCollough  
**Ushers:** 9:00 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**AV/Tech:** 9:00 Aaron Losey

**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, the Call Committee will present the Ministry Profile they have been 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.*

## 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.

## Camp Sunday

All Immanuel students who will attend Ewalu this summer are invited to join us at our 9 am worship service on Sunday, June 2, where they will receive a special blessing and gift. Ewalu's executive director, Frank Johnson, will be here with about 40 Ewalu Summer Staff who will be commissioned into service, also. We pray your EWALU experience helps you to know you are created and loved by God. In addition, we will officially install Cyndi Losey as our new youth director! We hope to see many of you there!

# 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 - Sign-up Deadline June 2nd!

There's still time to register for Summer Stretch! Students in grades 4-8th are invited to attend. Please scan the QR code or use this link <https://forms.gle/uyfrkpFUxFWtBoUN8> to get signed up! **June 12th is our first get together** and as in the past, 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! A t-shirt, to be worn during service work, is included in the \$10/day fee. Contact Cyndi Losey or Ashlee Wilgenbusch with any questions.



# POOL NOODLES & MORE NEEDED!

VBS needs OODLES of foam pool noodles for use in our SCUBA decorations! They do not have to be new and if you happen to be cleaning out and find some broken ones or some that you don't need, we can use them! All sizes are needed--thank you! There will be a container in the narthex where you can drop them off. In addition, there are many more opportunities to help donate items toward VBS! Scan the QR code or go to this link: <https://t.ly/eflbi> to sign up for bringing various items in. More items will be added regularly so be sure to check back! Thanks in advance!



# VBS DECORATION PREP NIGHTS!

Please join us for any or all of our upcoming decoration prep nights for SCUBA VBS 2024!

- ◇ Wednesday, June 26 — 5:30-8:30 pm
- ◇ Wednesday, July 10 — 12:00-4:00 pm
- ◇ Thursday, July 11 — 5:30-8:30 pm
- ◇ Thursday, July 18 — TBD
- ◇ Friday, July 19 — TBD

Contact Cyndi Losey or Gina Homan if you have any questions.

## ***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** – 2 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** – 1 open spot: 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 open spot: 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.**

## **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 5/26/24

Sun 26: 9:00 am Worship



Mon 27:

**Memorial Day**

*Office Closed*

Tues 28: 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

6:00 pm Council

Wed 29: 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)

9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)

5:30 pm Congregational Meal

**6:30 pm Annual Meeting**

Thurs 30:

Fri 31: 9:00 am Bible Study

Sat 1:

Sun 2: 9:00 am Worship: Camp Sunday!

## 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 (7/1/23-5/25/24):** \$494,225.21

**Year-to-Date Received (7/1/23-5/25/24):** \$434,076.59

### 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!