

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

Servers for May 5: Ascension Sunday

Lector: 8:00 Linda Kress
10:30 Latisha Smith
Acolyte: 8:00 Jackson O'Loughlin
10:30 Phoebe Kuhse
Communion: 8:00 Linda Kress, ____, ____
10:30 Cyndi Losey, ____, ____
Altar Care: Ron & Susan Oline
Ushers: 8:00 ____, ____
10:30 ____, ____
AV/Tech: 8:00 Kari Johnson
10:30 Levi DeBoer

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, ____, ____
10:30 ____, ____, ____
Altar Care: Ron & Susan Oline
Ushers: 8:00 ____, ____
10:30 ____, ____
AV/Tech: 8:00 ____
10:30 ____

Prayers for: Mary Beier, David McCollough, Klint Knutson, Janelle Brayton, Craig Stalker, 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.*

Council & Committee Members Needed!

We NEED **Immanuel members to serve** on the Council or on another of our many committees. 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). **A signup sheet is posted on the office door.** 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!**

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

FORCE (High School)

- ♦ Sun, 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!

Get ready to dive in for some fun with Immanuel & St. John's at SCUBA VBS!! Dates are **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! Contact Cyndi Losey or Gina Homan with any questions.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/6kz5TszZLrmdh5rG9> (or scan the QR code) and be sure to share the link with friends who might want to join us!



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.



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 from June 10th – 17th. If you would like to donate to this trip, we are collecting new white socks for toddler aged kids-adults which can be dropped off in the office. Monetary gifts are also greatly appreciated! Donations can be made payable to Immanuel & will be collected through May 12th. *For details, please visit www.youcanmissions.org or speak with Brian Kelchen, Brandy Schultz, or Jen Sweeney.*



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!

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.

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.

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
Mackenzie Christian
Shawn Hemsath
Carter Homan
Cris Iza Mantecon
Darek Kayser

Drake Kayser
Rejoice Labib
Jaxon Latwesen
Grace Lee
Abigail Peyton
Sydney Schroeder

Zach Sidles
Bryce Smith
Maxine White
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.

Week of 5/5/24

Sun 5:	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Fellowship
	10:30 am	Worship
	1:00 pm	Fellowship Hall in use
	7:00 pm	FORCE
Mon 6:	7:00 pm	Youth Board
Tues 7:	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Preschool Board
Wed 8:	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
Thurs 9:	6:30 pm	VBS Planning & Decorating Meeting
Fri 10:	9:00 am	Bible Study
Sat 11:		
Sun 12:	8:00 am	Worship <i>Mother's Day</i>
	9:00 am	Fellowship & Farewell to Gina
	10:30 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	RPG Practice
	7:00 pm	Final FORCE



ATTENTION IMMANUEL MEMBERS!!

Today is the final day to fill out this survey that lets the Call Committee know what YOU are looking for as they work on creating our ministry profile, which is a necessary step in the call process. Use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3R9773C> or scan the QR code. There are paper copies in the Fellowship Hall which can be filled out & placed in the sermon notes box outside the Pastor's office door.



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 (7/1/23-5/4/24): \$462,678.92

Year-to-Date Received (7/1/23-5/4/24): \$411,060.52