

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

Servers for June 16: *Father's Day*

Lector: 9:00 Ann Peterschmidt
Acolyte: 9:00 Dickson Frye
Communion: 9:00 Linda Kress, _____, _____
Altar Care: Heidi Gosse & Paula Fleming
Ushers: 9:00 _____, _____
AV/Tech: 9:00 Aaron Losey

Servers for June 23: *Sunday of Hope*

Lector: 9:00 Latisha Smith
Acolyte: 9:00 Sawyer Wieland
Communion: 9:00 Linda Kress, _____, _____
Altar Care: Roger & Shirley Allen
Ushers: 9:00 _____, _____
AV/Tech: 9:00 _____

Prayers for: Jean Sable (mother of Cara Johnson), 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.

ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY WORSHIP

This year's July 4th Ecumenical Community Worship service at Veterans Park will be on **Sunday, June 30 at 9:30 am**. *There will be no service at Immanuel on June 30. **Immanuel is providing ushers and helping distribute communion this year. If you are interested in helping with this, please let Ed Gipper or the office know.*** Join together in the park for Worship! **In the event of bad weather, the service will be held at the Presbyterian Church.*

Ways for YOU to Love, Live, & Give:

- ◆ Volunteer to help with VBS!
- ◆ Attend the Ecumenical Community Worship service on June 30th.
- ◆ Donate items or financially toward VBS.
- ◆ Donate to LWR school kits, personal care kits, or quilts.
- ◆ Serve as a Worship Service volunteer
- ◆ Help Immanuel by purchasing gift cards through the SCRIP program!

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 is 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/eflbj> to sign up for bringing various items in. More items will be added regularly so be sure to check back! Thanks in advance!

Register for Scuba VBS today!!

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 or use this link: <https://forms.gle/6kz5TszZLrmdh5rG9> to register 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!

VBS DECORATION PREP NIGHTS!

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

- ◇ Wed, June 26 — 5:30-8:30 pm
- ◇ Thurs, July 18 — TBD
- ◇ Wed, July 10 — 12:00-4:00 pm
- ◇ Fri, July 19 — TBD
- ◇ Thurs, July 11 — 5:30-8:30 pm

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

SCHOOL KITS FOR LWR

Immanuel will once again be making drawstring backpacks to fill with school supplies and send to Lutheran World Relief so they can be sent to children in need. For the past several years we have been able to complete over 100 school kits to send to LWR. Volunteers have sewn the backpacks and then the Sunday School children fill them for us on Rally Sunday. **Can you help with this very special project?** We already have many supplies, but are in need of scissors, pink erasers, crayons, blue and black ball point pens, pencils, rulers, and pencil sharpeners. We also need individuals to sew backpacks. We supply the kits to make the backpacks, material, cord, and sewing instructions, and you would just need to sew them. We hope you will consider making or donating to this cause! All help is deeply appreciated. Thank you in advance!

Personal Care Kits & Quilts

IWELCA continues to complete service projects each year, including quilts and personal care kits, to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. If you can donate quilt material, or items for the personal care kits (bath size towel, 2 bars of soap, adult toothbrush, sturdy comb and metal nail clipper), it will greatly be appreciated. Please drop off donations in the collection boxes in the entryway at church. Many thanks for supporting this ministry in any way you can.

Sunday of Hope & Relay for Life

At the worship service on **Sunday, June 23**, we will be celebrating "Sunday of HOPE" as a part of the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life. As part of our Sunday of HOPE, we are giving you the opportunity to order Luminarias "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one. These Luminaria will be used to decorate our sanctuary for this service. They will then be displayed at the **Relay for Life event on Friday, June 28 (5:00-9:00 pm)** at the Indee Jr./Sr. High School Gym. Each Luminaria is \$5 and needs to be purchased by **Friday, June 21**. Checks can be made payable to the American Cancer Society. Please contact Ed (563-608-2173) or Sue (563-920-5119) Gipper, or the church office, if you have any questions or would like to purchase a luminaria.

Week of 6/16/24

Sun 16:

Father's Day

9:00 am Worship

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BELIZE TEAM RETURNS

Mon 17:

Tues 18: 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

Wed 19: 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)

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

Thurs 20:

Fri 21: 9:00 am Bible Study

Sat 22:

Sun 23: 9:00 am Worship: Sunday of Hope

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 (7/1/23-6/8/24): \$525,771.50

Year-to-Date Received (7/1/23-6/8/24): **\$447,094.52**

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.