

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

Servers for July 21:

Lector: 9:00 Connie Brown
Acolyte: 9:00 Keira Schares
Communion: 9:00 Linda Kress, Betty Giddings, _____
Altar Care: Ron & Susan Oline
Ushers: 9:00 John & Kathy Tegler
AV/Tech: 9:00 Kelchens

Servers for July 28:

Lector: 9:00 Erin Kelchen
Acolyte: 9:00 Nyles Senne
Communion: 9:00 Linda Kress, Sheri Foster, _____
Altar Care: Ron & Susan Oline
Ushers: 9:00 John & Kathy Tegler
AV/Tech: 9:00 Aaron Losey

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

Sympathies to: the family and friends of Janelle Brayton, 64 years old, who passed away on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. A memorial service was held at the Reiff Family Center in Independence, Iowa on Thursday, July 18. Burial took place at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Independence, Iowa.

Military: SSG Ashley Clark & SFC David Clark (daughter and son-in-law of John & Kathy Tegler), 3071 Mondavi Crest, Schertz, TX 78154.

BELIZE PRESENTATION – JULY 28!

A group of four youth and three adults from Immanuel went with *YouCan Missions* to Belize from June 10-17. They helped to deliver over 2,000 pairs of shoes to students, teachers, and community members in rural and urban communities in Belize. The team was able to experience and be immersed in Belizean culture through a Mayan culture night, a visit to the San Ignacio Farmers Market, touring the Xunantunich Mayan Ruins, delivering baskets of blessings in Santa Elena, and SO MUCH MORE! **All are invited to join us for Worship on Sunday, July 28, at 9 am, to hear more about their amazing experience!!**

SCUBA VBS is HERE!

Tonight, through Thursday, we dive into SCUBA VBS fun from 5:30-8:15pm each night! We are so excited for this week of songs, crafts, learning, and fun! There are more than 170 kids signed up and over 60 volunteers!! If you would like, you can still donate financially to VBS to help offset the costs of supplies, food, and everything else that goes into making VBS successful! Donations can be given through the offering, online at www.immanuelindee.com/giving, or to the office. Thank you all for your continued support of VBS. We couldn't do it without you!

VBS CLOSING PROGRAM!

All are invited to the VBS Closing Program on **Thursday, July 25, at 7:45 pm** to see and hear what the kids learn about during SCUBA VBS. Thank you to everyone who has and will contribute to VBS in any way!

SCHOOL KITS FOR LWR

Now is the time to buy school supplies for school kits while they are on sale! The Sunday School kids and WELCA groups are collecting donations to make school kits for LWR on Rally Sunday, Sept 8, 2024. We already have many supplies, but still need scissors, pink erasers, crayons, blue & black **ballpoint** pens (**NO GEL PENS**), pencils, rulers, & pencil sharpeners. Thanks to a generous donation at the end of last season, we have enough notebooks to fill 100 school kits, so we do not need any more. Please drop off donations in the collection box in the entryway at church.

We also need individuals to sew backpacks. The WELCA ladies 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! Many thanks for supporting this ministry!

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.

Thrivent Action Teams

Did you know if you're a Thrivent member you can apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant (up to \$250!)? There are some requirements, but if you are a team of two or more and helping someone else (which applies to most projects in the church!), the project usually qualifies for the grant.

These grants are an invaluable resource for ministry at Immanuel! They have been used to help offset the cost for Lent meals, quilting materials, filling OCC boxes, the Confirmation retreat and banquet, VBS, baptism blankets, food pantry collections, school kits, and so much more!!

If you are a Thrivent member, would you consider helping out in this way? The grants for each member are offered annually on a use-it-or-lose-it basis. If you need help filling out a grant request, or need ideas of how to use your grants, please reach out to Cyndi Losey or the office and we'd be more than happy to help!

Ways for YOU to Love, Live, & Give:

- ◆ Thrivent members: apply for an action team grant to be used for a church service project, fundraiser, or education opportunity
- ◆ Volunteer to help with VBS!
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ Volunteer as a Communion Partner

Week of July 21, 2024

- Sun 21:** 9:00 am Worship
5:30 pm SCUBA VBS!
- Mon 22:** 5:30 pm SCUBA VBS!
- Tues 23:** 5:30 pm SCUBA VBS!
- Wed 24:** 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)
9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)
5:30 pm SCUBA VBS!
- Thurs 25:** 5:30 pm SCUBA VBS!
6:30 pm Council
7:45 pm VBS Closing Program
- Fri 26:** 9:00 am Bible Study
- Sat 27:**
- Sun 28:** 9:00 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

We will resume putting this information in the announcements after we get the final numbers for the last week of the fiscal year and switch our books over to the new year. Thanks!