

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

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

Servers for August 4:

Lector: 9:00 Linda Kress
Acolyte: 9:00 _____
Communion: 9:00 Linda Kress, Nikki Schroeder, _____
Altar Care: Betty Giddings & Pat Gates
Ushers: 9:00 Ron Oline, _____
AV/Tech: 9:00 Mike Schroeder

Prayers for: Mary Beier, David McCollough, Klint Knutson, 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.

CALL PROCESS UPDATE

Our Ministry Site Profile has been submitted and accepted and is now posted on the national ELCA website for any prospective pastors to review. To put our search into perspective, there are currently 23 openings in the NE Iowa synod, 140 openings in our district (which includes Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin), and 576 openings nationally for ELCA pastors. If you know of an ELCA pastor or a Full Communion Partner pastor (United Methodist, Presbyterian (USA), Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ or Episcopal) that might be a good fit for Immanuel, please get the pastor's name and the church they are currently serving, and we will pass that information to our Synod representative who will determine interest. This suggestion came from our synod representative and has been successful in the past to fill pastor positions. Our call committee will continue to meet with our Synod representative and keep you updated on our progress.

Confirmation Partners Needed

Another year of confirmation is almost here, and we continue to offer a Confirmation Partner for our students going through the class. Please consider giving around 25 hours of your time (over the course of 2 years) to support a confirmation student. You will attend classes and learn with them, pray for them, and support them in their faith journey. You will not have to teach them but instead offer support to them, show them how to care for others and love God through your actions. Please reach out to Pastor Kristi or Cyndi Losey if you have any questions. Sign up is on the board in the fellowship hall. Thank you for prayerfully considering this need within Immanuel.

School Kits for LWR

Believe it or not, 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, September 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.

LABOR DAY HYMN SING

On Memorial Day, we (Worship & Music) changed up the annual hymn sing and we received a very positive response from you, the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church. The only negative heard was, "We didn't get to pick out our favorites." **Well, here's your chance.**

For Labor Day, we want to use the same format, but we need your input! If you have a favorite hymn, please write it on a piece of paper and insert it in the box outside the pastor's office. **We need your input by August 11.** It does take some time to put the program together. Also, if you would be interested in reading, let Ed Gipper or Jody DeBoer know.

Disclaimer – when we get an overwhelming response from you, some songs may not make it into this program. But don't despair, we'll get them in the next time and Jody will get them in one of the future services.

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!

SCRIP Coordinator Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to take over as our SCRIP coordinator. We cannot continue to operate the program without a coordinator. This individual will be in charge of placing online orders for SCRIP cards that individuals have ordered, maintaining an accurate inventory of the cards we have on hand, assuring that we have cards on hand for our most frequently purchased local businesses, counting money from purchases and preparing deposits weekly, and being in charge of the SCRIP check book. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the office or Becca West.

Week of July 28, 2024

Sun 28: 9:00 am Worship: Belize Presentation

Mon 29:

Tues 30:

Wed 31: 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)

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

6:30 pm Council

Thurs 1:

Fri 2: 9:00 am Bible Study

Sat 3:

Sun 4: 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

Yearly Offering Needed (July 2024-June 2025): \$337,079

Year-to-Date Offering Needed (7/1/24-7/27/24): \$25,929.16

Year-to-Date Received (7/1/24-7/27/24): \$18,903.20

Ways for YOU to Love, Live, & Give:

- ◆ Volunteer as our next SCRIP coordinator
- ◆ Serve as a Sunday School teacher
- ◆ Be a Confirmation Partner
- ◆ Thrivent members: apply for an action team grant to be used for a church service project, fundraiser, or education opportunity
- ◆ 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!