

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

### Servers for July 7:

**Lector:** 9:00 Janny Budzine  
**Acolyte:** 9:00 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Communion:** 9:00 Sheri Foster, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Altar Care:** Roger & Shirley Allen  
**Ushers:** 9:00 John & Kathy Tegler  
**AV/Tech:** 9:00 Mike Schroeder

### Servers for July 14:

**Lector:** 9:00 Sheri Foster  
**Acolyte:** 9:00 Natalie Nichols  
**Communion:** 9:00 Linda Kress, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Altar Care:** Ron & Susan Oline  
**Ushers:** 9:00 John & Kathy Tegler  
**AV/Tech:** 9:00 \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

## 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!!**

## VBS DECORATION PREP!

Please join us for any (or all!) of our upcoming decoration prep nights for SCUBA VBS 2024! **Wed, July 10 — 12-4 pm; Thurs, July 11 — 5:30-8:30 pm; Thurs, July 18 — 12-4 pm; Fri, July 19 — 9 am-12 pm.**

Questions? Contact Cyndi Losey or Gina Homan

# VBS is almost here!

There are just TWO more short weeks until we dive in for some **SCUBA VBS fun on July 21-25 from 5:30-8:15pm each night!** We are so excited for this week of songs, crafts, learning, and fun! We still have donation needs on the window in the fellowship hall and online at <https://t.ly/eflbj>. You can also scan the QR code above to see the list of needs. Financial donations can be given through the offering, online at [immanuelindee.com/giving](http://immanuelindee.com/giving), or to the office. Money will be used to feed the kids and volunteers each night!



You CAN still register even though it is after the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, but those registered after the deadline will not receive a t-shirt. Scan the QR code on the left or use this link: <https://forms.gle/6kz5TszZLrmdh5rG9> to register.

VBS VOLUNTEERS can sign up here: <https://forms.gle/zoty2EwAFkV7i6vG7> or by scanning the QR code to the right.

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



## 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.

### 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!

# 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 will 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! All help is appreciated. Many thanks for supporting this ministry!

## *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!

# Week of July 7, 2024

**Sun 7:** 9:00 am Worship

**Mon 8:** 6:00 pm Property

**Tues 9:** 5:30 pm Parish Ed  
7:00 pm Endowment  
7:00 pm Youth Board

**Wed 10:** 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)  
9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)  
12:00 pm VBS Decoration Prep  
1:00 pm IWELCA

**Thurs 11:** 9:00 am Life Line Screening  
5:30 pm VBS Decoration Prep

**Fri 12:** 9:00 am Bible Study

**Sat 13:**

**Sun 14:** 9:00 am Worship

## 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

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!