

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

### Servers for August 25: Back to School Blessing

**Lector:** 9:00 Brandy Schultz  
**Acolyte:** 9:00 Maya Jensen  
**Communion:** 9:00 Linda Kress, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Altar Care:** Sue Gipper & Sherry McCollough  
**Ushers:** 9:00 Ron Oline, Roger Oline  
**AV/Tech:** 9:00 Mike Schroeder

### Servers for September 1: Labor Day Hymn Sing

**Readers:** 9:00 Bonnie Nelson, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Acolyte:** 9:00 McKenna Koch  
**Communion:** 9:00 NO COMMUNION  
**Ushers:** 9:00 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**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.

## CAN YOU HELP??

There are *many* ways for you to serve others in your Immanuel family. One of those important ways is by signing up as a worship service volunteer! These opportunities do not involve a major time commitment and take place when you are already here for worship! When you sign up, you will get a reminder emailed to you from the church office during the week prior. If you’re signing up as a Lector, you will get the reading ahead of time in your email reminder. If you are interested in helping with AV/Tech, there is a little bit of training you will need to do, but that can easily be arranged to take place on a Sunday morning. ***Sign up on the office door to serve as a Worship Service volunteer today!***

## Rally Sunday—September 8!!

Sunday school kicks off for the school year on **September 8th at 10:15 am** in the sanctuary! We will hand out Bibles and install teachers during the 9:00 am worship service. *During the Sunday school hour, the students and helpers will fill school kits to donate to LWR and play outdoor games.* This is a great opportunity to **rally together** and serve God. We hope to see many of you there!

# SPONSOR A BIBLE

As a part of fulfilling our baptism promise to place the Word of God into the hands of the baptized, we will present Bibles to our 3-year-olds, 3rd graders, & new confirmation students on **Rally Sunday, Sept. 8**. A StoryBook Bible for a 3-year-old is \$20; a Student Bible for a 3rd grader is \$25. The Confirmation Bibles are a gift from the Parish Ed Committee. A list of students receiving Bibles this year is in the office. Each Bible will have a plaque in the front of it with the student's name, date, & sponsor's name in it. If you have any questions, talk to Cyndi or the church office.

## REGISTER for Youth Groups & Sunday School!

Register NOW!! Everyone needs to register their children for Youth Group & Sunday School EACH year. The first day of Sunday School is **September 8th** and all are welcome. There will be a parent/student meeting for **SWAG, BLAST, & FORCE** on **Wednesday, August 28**, food will be served from 5-6:15 pm, with youth group discussion beginning at 5:30 pm. **Please register each of your children using the QR code on the right or by going to <https://forms.gle/7RAiuDxdj7drJumV7>.**

If you are interested in teaching or volunteering to help with Sunday School, **we are still in need of a couple more people**. If you have any questions about volunteering or registering for Sunday School, please contact Cyndi Losey.



## Confirmation News!

Confirmation classes begin in September, just a few SHORT weeks away, and instruction is open to all students in 8th grade and up. If you want to learn more about Luther's Small Catechism, the Bible, what it means to be a member of the Lutheran Church, and affirm your baptism, this is for you! Classes will be on *Wednesday nights from 7-8 pm*. The confirmation program is designed to be completed in 2 years, but it is flexible enough for you to choose when you take the classes. The Affirmation of Baptism service is the first Sunday in May each year. **Sign up on the board in the fellowship hall if you plan to start Confirmation this year. An info meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 28, at 6:15 pm. Students are required to attend this meeting, with a parent, to begin confirmation.**

# ***Confirmation Partners Needed***

We continue to offer a Confirmation Partner for our students going through Confirmation. 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.

## ***Personal Care Kits***

This year, IWELCA (with the help of the congregation) is planning on collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief to send to our needy neighbors around the world. The following items are needed make **ONE** kit. (Please note that a **sturdy comb** is needed in the kits).

1. One light-to medium weight bath towel (dark color is recommended, approximately 52"x 27")
2. Two bath-size bars soap (4 to 5 oz)
3. One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
4. One STURDY comb
5. One metal nail clipper

Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Any single items can be donated, so please drop off all items in the bin located in the church narthex. Thank you again for your help and generosity with this project!

## ***Worship Service Schedule***

At a special Worship & Music Committee meeting on July 29, it was voted on by the committee that beginning with Rally Sunday on September 8, we will continue with our current schedule of **one** Sunday Worship service at 9:00 am. Sunday School and Fellowship will be held after worship at 10:15 am. We understand this is different from what we typically do in the fall, and we appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we all navigate this transition time while waiting to call our next Senior Pastor.

# Week of August 25, 2024

**Sun 25:** 9:00 am Worship: Back to School Blessing

**Mon 26:**

**Tues 27:**

**Wed 28:** 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)

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

5:00 pm "Let's 'Taco'-bout Youth" Meal

5:30 pm SWAG/BLAST/FORCE: Parent/Student Meeting

6:15 pm Confirmation Info Meeting

6:30 pm Council

**Thurs 29:**

**Fri 30:** 9:00 am Bible Study

**Sat 31:**

**Sun 1:** 9:00 am Worship: Hymn Sing

**Mon 2:** *Labor Day: Office Closed*

## 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

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

**Year-to-Date Offering Needed (7/1/24-8/24/24):** \$51,858.32

**Year-to-Date Received (7/1/24-8/24/24):** \$39,250.60

### Ways for YOU to Love, Live, & Give:

- ◆ Serve as a Sunday School teacher or helper
- ◆ 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!