

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

## **Servers for March 1: Lent Week 2**

<b>Lector:</b>	9:00	Brandy Schultz
<b>Acolyte:</b>	9:00	Camden Cahalan
<b>Communion:</b>	9:00	Daryl & Mary Kay Johnson, Betty Giddings
<b>Altar Care:</b>		Heidi Gosse & Paula Fleming
<b>Ushers:</b>	9:00	Sheri Foster & Betty Giddings
<b>AV/Tech:</b>	9:00	Ron Giddings

## **Servers for March 8: Lent Week 3 – Daylight Saving Time Begins!**

<b>Lector:</b>	9:00	Latisha Smith
<b>Acolyte:</b>	9:00	Ruby Gissel & Lorna Jensen
<b>Communion:</b>	9:00	Kathy Hemsath, Ed Gipper, Sheri Foster
<b>Altar Care:</b>		Heidi Gosse & Paula Fleming
<b>Ushers:</b>	9:00	Daryl & Mary Kay Johnson
<b>AV/Tech:</b>	9:00	Mike Schroeder

**Prayers for:** Kathy Olsen, Ron Tonn, Cassidy Thein, David McCollough, Harold & Sandy Schneider, Kay Bisinger, Luann Gates, & Carrie Erickson.

**Sympathies to:** the family and friends of Sheri Muench, 81 years old, who passed away on Thursday, February 19, 2026. Services were held here at Immanuel on Tuesday, February 24, with Rev. Ed Zaiser & Rev. Phil Borleske presiding. Burial took place at Wilson 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.

## ***Want to Support a Camper?***

Immanuel is collecting funds to provide camperships to each active student wishing to attend camp. Time spent at camp is unmeasurable in one's faith journey. As a congregation, we have promised to raise up our youth in a Christian atmosphere and teach them about the gospel. EWALU does just that! With the help of music, lessons, hikes, meals together, and games, the staff at EWALU helps children and youth learn more about themselves and their relationship with God. If you can help provide a campership for our youth, please give through the offering plate, office, or online giving. Your donation will be added to your contribution report at the end of the year. Many thanks for your support of our children and youth!

# Youth Schedules

## **SWAG** (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- ◆ Wed, Mar 4 & 11, 3:30-5 pm, at church

## **BLAST** (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- ◆ Wed, Mar 4 & 11, 7-8:30 pm, at church

## **CONFIRMATION** (8<sup>th</sup> Grade & older)

- ◆ Wed, Mar 4 & 11, 7-8 pm, class at church

## **FORCE** (High School)

- ◆ Sun, Mar 1 & 8, 11 am-1 pm, at church

# Exciting News for Immanuel!

Most of you have probably already heard the exciting news, but if not, we want to officially announce that Pastor Brian Moeller has accepted Immanuel's call to be our full-time pastor. Pastor Brian and his wife, Andrea, are coming to us from St. Petri Evangelical Lutheran Church in Flanagan, IL. ***He will preach his first Wednesday on March 18 and his first Sunday on March 22!*** Please be in prayer for Immanuel and Pastor Brian and Andrea as we all navigate this new transition!

## INSTALLATION ANNOUNCEMENT

With great anticipation and gratitude to God, Immanuel announces the installation service of our new pastor, The Rev. Brian S. Moeller. ***The installation, conducted by The Rev. Stephen P. Brackett, will take place on Sunday, April 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m. service.*** Come, let us rejoice and pray over Pastor Brian as they lead us forward!

## Hungry Youth!

We are still looking for some additional donations of snacks & boxes of juice bags to get our hungry youth through the end of the school year! Snacks should be non-perishable & individually wrapped. All donations can be dropped off in the Youth Director's office. Monetary donations are welcome!

## Easter Lily Sales

The Worship & Music Committee will be selling Easter Lilies before and after services **now through March 29**. Lilies can be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one. They are \$15 each. You may also contact the church office to make your purchase.

## ***Lenten Suppers & Worship***

We invite each of you to join us for Lenten Suppers (5:15-6 pm) each Wednesday evening prior to Lenten Worship (6:15 pm)! Both of these will begin on February 25. **There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen, above the microwave, if your group/family would like to prepare & serve a meal for these suppers. *There is just one more opening! \*Please note, there will be no meal if no one signs up.*** There will be a free will offering at each supper & the proceeds will go to a ministry at Immanuel of the server's choice.

## **Community Lenten Meals**

All are invited to attend Indee's Community Lenten Meals. These meals are sponsored by the Buchanan County Ministerial Association. Meals will be held on Thursdays during Lent at 12:00 pm, **EXCEPT** the meal on March 19, which will be at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person.

**March 5** – Immanuel Lutheran (12-1pm)

**March 12** – First Presbyterian (12-1pm)

**March 19** – First United Methodist (**6-7pm**)

**March 26** – Hope Wesleyan (12-1pm)

## **Lenten Lunch at Immanuel**

Immanuel's WELCA group will be preparing and serving the Community Lenten Meal on Thursday, March 5, from 12-1 pm. The menu will be roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, rolls, & pies. The cost is \$10 per person. All are invited! We hope to see you there!

## **THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!!**

The personnel committee is looking for additional committee members. A sign-up sheet is located on the office door. Any assistance is greatly appreciated!

## **RAGBRAI 2026**

As many of you have probably heard, Independence will host RAGBRAI overnight on **Thursday, July 23, 2026**. Immanuel is planning to provide a meal that evening and **MANY volunteers will be needed**. If you have any questions or are interested in helping with the meal, please contact the church office, Wanda Haverkamp (319-269-9130), or Ed Gipper (563-608-2173) for more info.

# Week of March 1, 2026

<b>Sun 1:</b>	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship/Sunday School
	11:00 pm	FORCE
<b>Mon 2:</b>		
<b>Tues 3:</b>	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wed 4:</b>	7:00 am	Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)
	9:00 am	Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)
	3:30 pm	SWAG
	5:15 pm	Lenten Supper
	6:15 pm	Worship
	7:00 pm	Confirmation/BLAST
<b>Thurs 5:</b>	12:00 pm	<i>Community Lenten Meal at Immanuel, \$10</i>
	7:00 pm	Calico Cut-ups
<b>Fri 6:</b>	9:00 am	Bible Study
<b>Sat 7:</b>		<i>Set your clocks ahead before bed!</i>
<b>Sun 8:</b>		<b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b>
	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship/Sunday School
	11:00 pm	FORCE

## 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 Mail:** 512 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Independence, IA 50644



## Stewardship Statement

Yearly Offering Needed (7/1/25-6/30/26): \$326,790

YTD Needed (7/1/24-2/28/26): \$219,954.70

YTD Received (7/1/24-2/25/26): \$210,158.06