

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

Servers for March 15: Lent Week 4

Lector: 9:00 Linda Kress
Acolyte: 9:00 Logan Mestad & Carson Hennessy
Communion: 9:00 Tom Johnson, Nikki Schroeder, Jen Sweeney
Altar Care: Roger & Shirley Allen
Ushers: 9:00 Bo & Andrew Smith
AV/Tech: 9:00 Mike Schroeder

Servers for March 22: Lent Week 5

Lector: 9:00 Sheri Foster
Acolyte: 9:00 Braden Michels & Troy Davis
Communion: 9:00 Daryl & Mary Kay Johnson, Betty Giddings
Altar Care: Roger & Shirley Allen
Ushers: 9:00 Ed & Sue Gipper
AV/Tech: 9:00 Erin Kelchen

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

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

Exciting News for Immanuel!

Pastor Brian Moeller has accepted the call to be our full-time pastor! He and his wife, Andrea, are coming to us from St. Petri Evangelical Lutheran Church in Flanagan, IL. ***His first Wednesday preaching will be March 18 and his first Sunday will be 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, at the 9:00 am service, with brunch to follow.*** Come, let us rejoice and pray over Pastor Brian as he leads us forward!

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.

Youth Schedules

SWAG (5th/6th Grade)

- ◆ Wed, Mar 18, NO SWAG – Spring Break
- ◆ Wed, Mar 25, 3:30-5 pm, at church

BLAST (7th/8th Grade)

- ◆ Wed, Mar 18, NO BLAST – Spring Break
- ◆ Wed, Mar 25, 7-8:30 pm, at church

CONFIRMATION (8th Grade & older)

- ◆ Wed, Mar 18, NO CONFIRMATION CLASS – Spring Break
- ◆ Wed, Mar 25, 7-8 pm, class at church

FORCE (High School)

- ◆ Sun, Mar 15, NO FORCE – Spring Break
- ◆ Sun, Mar 22, 11 am-1 pm, at church

Want to Support a Camper?

Although we already have our youth registered for EWALU, we are still collecting funds to provide camperships to each active student who wishes to attend camp. 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 & youth!

FIRST COMMUNION TRAINING: PART 2

The second session of First Communion Training will be on **Saturday, March 28, from 9am-noon**. Please contact Shelly Hanson if you have any questions. ***Students who attended the first session must also attend this session in order for their training to be complete.***

Save the Date for VBS 2026!

Immanuel & St. John's joint RAINFOREST FALLS VBS will be held July 12-16! We'll go on a wildly wonderful rainforest adventure through the mist into Rainforest Falls! Overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures and beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids will plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. Watch for registration details soon!



RAGBRAI 2026

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. There are also two signups on the office door if you would like to help or provide pies for the meal!

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

March 26 – Hope Wesleyan (12-1pm)

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!

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship: March 29 at 9:00am (there *will be* Sun. School)

Wednesday, April 1: NO WORSHIP or EVENING ACTIVITIES

Maundy Thursday Worship with First Communion: April 2 at 6:30pm

Good Friday Worship: April 3 at 6:30pm

Easter Sunday Worship: April 5 at 9:00am, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Week of March 15, 2026

Sun 15:	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship/Sunday School NO FORCE
	4:00 pm	Fellowship Hall in Use
Mon 16:	5:00 pm	ATM
	6:00 pm	Property
Tues 17:	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Worship & Music
Wed 18:	7:00 am	Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)
	9:00 am	Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women) NO SWAG/BLAST/CONFIRMATION
	5:15 pm	Lenten Supper
	6:15 pm	Lenten Worship
Thurs 19:	6:00 pm	<i>Community Lenten Meal at First United Methodist Church, \$10</i>
Fri 20:	9:00 am	Bible Study
Sat 21:		
Sun 22:	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship/Sunday School
	11:00 am	FORCE

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 Mail: 512 5th Street NE, Independence, IA 50644



Stewardship Statement

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

YTD Needed (7/1/24-3/14/26): \$232,523.54

YTD Received (7/1/24-3/14/26): \$226,025.81