

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

Servers for March 22: Lent Week 5

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| Lector: | 9:00 | Sheri Foster |
| Acolyte: | 9:00 | Braden Michels & Parker Knight |
| 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 |

Servers for March 29: Palm Sunday – Quilt & Kit Blessing

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| Lector: | 9:00 | Kathy Hemsath |
| Acolyte: | 9:00 | Troy Davis |
| Communion: | 9:00 | Kathy Hemsath, Ed Gipper, Sheri Foster |
| Altar Care: | | Betty Giddings & Pat Gates |
| Ushers: | 9:00 | Bill Isham & Bill Wolfgram |
| AV/Tech: | 9:00 | Mike Schroeder |

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

Congratulations to: Liam Lee Suhr, son of Levi & Delanie Suhr, who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today, Sunday, March 22, 2026, at the 9:00 am service. Liam was born on October 1, 2025, in Waterloo, Iowa. His sponsors are Dylan & Kenzie Suhr and Cameron Barnes & Sally Story. His Baptism Buddy is Olivia Wolf.

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

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 25, 3:30-5 pm, at church
- ◆ Wed, Apr 1, NO SWAG

BLAST (7th/8th Grade)

- ◆ Wed, Mar 25, 7-8:30 pm, at church
- ◆ Wed, Apr 1, NO BLAST

CONFIRMATION (8th/ 9th Grade)

- ◆ Wed, Mar 25, 7-8 pm, class at church
- ◆ Wed, Apr 1, NO CLASS

FORCE (High School)

- ◆ Sun, Mar 22 & 29, NO FORCE

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!

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!



Post-Post Prom Breakfast

All students attending ICSD prom and/or post prom are invited to Immanuel for a FREE, made-to-order breakfast on Sunday, April 19, at 4am. Breakfast will start as soon as the prize time at post prom is complete. Please be sure to sign up by scanning the QR code or going to <https://forms.gle/PQgruNph3KTGT9676> if you plan to attend so we have enough food. If you are interested in helping serve or donating to this breakfast, please contact Ashlee Wilgenbusch. Thank you for helping provide a safe, fun way to end the prom celebrations!



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.***

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

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

Community Lenten Meals

The final community Lenten Meal will be on Thursday, March 26, from 12-1 pm at Hope Wesleyan Church. The cost is \$10 per person. All are invited!

Lenten Suppers & Worship

We invite each of you to join us for our final Lenten Supper (5:15-6 pm) for this year on Wednesday, March 25, prior to Lenten Worship (6:15 pm)! There will be a free will offering and the proceeds will go to a ministry at Immanuel of the server's choice. ***REMINDER: There will be no meal or worship on Wednesday, April 1.***

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 22, 2026

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| Sun 22: | 9:00 am | Worship |
| | 10:15 am | Fellowship/Sunday School NO FORCE |
| Mon 23: | | |
| Tues 24: | 9:30 am | Ladies Bible Study |
| | 6:00 pm | Council |
| Wed 25: | 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 | Lenten Worship |
| | 7:00 pm | Confirmation/BLAST |
| Thurs 26: | 12:00 pm | <i>Community Lenten Meal at Hope Wesleyan Church, \$10</i> |
| Fri 27: | 9:00 am | Bible Study |
| Sat 28: | | |
| Sun 29: | | <i>Palm Sunday</i> |
| | 9:00 am | Worship |
| | 10:15 am | Fellowship/Sunday School NO 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 (7/1/24-3/21/26): \$238,807.96

YTD Received (7/1/24-3/18/26): \$232,582.81

Blessing of LWR Quilts & Kits

Next Sunday, March 29, the quilts and kits that will be sent to Lutheran World Relief will be blessed during worship. A special thank you to everyone who sews, donates, and delivers these items.