

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

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

**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

## ***There will be no Wednesday night worship on April 1.***

## Servers for April 2: Maundy Thursday w/ First Communion

**Lector:** 6:30 Mary Kay Johnson  
**Acolyte:** 6:30 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Communion:** 6:30 Sheri Foster, Linda Kress, Ed Gipper  
**Altar Care:** Betty Giddings & Pat Gates  
**Ushers:** 6:30 Daryl Johnson, \_\_\_\_\_  
**AV/Tech:** 6:30 Ron Giddings

## Servers for April 3: Good Friday

**Lector:** 6:30 Kent Anderson  
**Ushers:** 6:30 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**AV/Tech:** 6:30 Ron Giddings

## Servers for April 5: Easter Sunday

**Lector:** 9:00 Mary Kay Johnson  
**Acolyte:** 9:00 Evan Stephenson  
**Communion:** 9:00 Doug & Ann Peterschmidt, Linda Kress  
**Altar Care:** Betty Giddings & Pat Gates  
**Ushers:** 9:00 Bill Sanderson & Craig Reichmann  
**AV/Tech:** 9:00 Aaron Losey

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

**Sympathies to:** Sherry McCollough on the death of her husband, David McCollough, 65 years old, who passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. Services are pending.

**Congratulations to:** Liam Lee Suhr, son of Levi & Delanie Suhr, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on 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.

# Youth Schedules

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

- ◆ Wed, Apr 1, NO SWAG
- ◆ Wed, Apr 8, 3:30-5 pm, at church

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

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

## **CONFIRMATION** (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- ◆ Wed, Apr 1, NO CLASS
- ◆ Wed, Apr 8, **6:45**-8 pm, field trip & class

## **FORCE** (High School)

- ◆ Sun, Mar 29 & Apr 5, NO FORCE



# 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!

## Rainforest Falls VBS Planning Team

If planning, organizing, being creative, or sharing ideas, are right up your alley, we would love to have your help as we plan and prepare for our 2026 VBS. For VBS to run smoothly and be a success, we need the skills and abilities of MANY as we plan! If you would like to join the team to help plan, we will have a meeting on Tuesday, April 14, at 3:00 pm.

## After 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!



## CONFIRMATION REMINDERS

***First-year students:*** please be sure to mark your calendars! We will be meeting early for class on April 8th for our field trip. Be sure you are here and ready to leave **no later than 6:45 pm**.

***Second-year students:*** the due date for your confirmation projects is quickly approaching! Please be sure that they are turned into Shelly **no later than April 19th**. In addition, if you still need to pay your \$25 fee, you can turn it into the office or pay online at our website. Thanks!

# Easter Lily Sales

**TODAY** is the final day to purchase an Easter Lily from the Worship & Music Committee. 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.

## 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 Bishop Kevin T. Jones, 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!

## 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!

## Mini-Retreat for Women

Join the women of Immanuel for a mini-retreat on Saturday, April 25, from 5-7:30 pm! Relax and learn spiritual practices to use in your daily life to feel more connected. Please RSVP to Janny Budzine by April 19: [jbudzine@gmail.com](mailto:jbudzine@gmail.com) or 563-920-2541.

## Blessing of LWR Quilts & Kits

Today, 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.

## 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 29, 2026

**Sun 29:**

*Palm Sunday*

9:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Fellowship/Sunday School  
NO FORCE

**Mon 30:**

**Tues 31:**

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

**Wed 1:**

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

9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)  
NO SWAG, BLAST, or CONFIRMATION  
NO WORSHIP

**Thurs 2:**

*Maundy Thursday*

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship with First Communion

**Fri 3:**

*Good Friday*

NO BIBLE STUDY

6:30 pm Good Friday Worship

**Sat 4:**

**Sun 5:**

*Easter Sunday*

9:00 am Worship  
NO FELLOWSHIP or SUNDAY SCHOOL  
NO 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 (7/1/24-3/28/26):** \$245,092.38

**YTD Received (7/1/24-3/28/26):** \$235,108.60