

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

Servers for April 19: Pastor Brian's Installation

Lector:	9:00	Doug Peterschmidt
Acolyte:	9:00	Bo Smith
Communion:	9:00	Kathy Hemsath, Janny Budzine, Sheri Foster
Altar Care:		Sue Gipper & Sheri Foster
Ushers:	9:00	Mike & Dorene Hulseberg
AV/Tech:	9:00	Erin Kelchen

Servers for April 26: Last Day of Sunday School - Sundae Sunday

Lector:	9:00	Daryl Roberts
Acolyte:	9:00	Landon Allen
Communion:	9:00	Daryl & Mary Kay Johnson, Betty Giddings
Altar Care:		Heidi Gosse & Paula Fleming
Ushers:	9:00	Ron & Betty Giddings
AV/Tech:	9:00	Erin Kelchen

Prayers for: Billie Jo Tonn, Wayde Rasmussen, Loretta Rasmussen, Kathy Olsen, Ron Tonn, Cassidy Thein, Harold & Sandy Schneider, Kay Bisinger, Luann Gates, & Carrie Erickson.

Sympathies to: the family and friends of Rev. Bob Wessels, 91 years old, who entered the church triumphant on April 4th, 2026. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 25, at Immanuel. Refreshments will be served following the service

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

Council & Committee Members Needed

The nominating committee is currently looking for Immanuel **members who are willing to serve** on the Church Council or one of the many other committees. The council and committees make decisions for the church and support our members in various ways. If you feel you have the gifts and calling to serve Immanuel in this way, **a committee signup sheet is posted on the office door.** Please contact the church office or any member of the nominating committee (Charley Beltz, Erin Burmeister, & Linda Kress) if you have any questions. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to serve Immanuel and its members.

Youth Schedules

SWAG (5th/6th Grade)

- ◆ Wed, Apr 22, 3:30-5 pm, at church
- ◆ Sun, Apr 26, 11 am-6 pm, Fun Station trip

BLAST (7th/8th Grade)

- ◆ Wed, Apr 22, 7-8:30 pm, at church
- ◆ Sun, Apr 26, 11 am-6 pm, Fun Station trip

CONFIRMATION (8th/9th Grade)

- ◆ *SUN, APR 19, PROJECT DUE DATE*
- ◆ Wed, Apr 22, 7-8 pm, last class

FORCE (High School)

- ◆ Sun, Apr 26, 11 am-6 pm, Fun Station trip

Summer Stretch 2026

Registration for Summer Stretch is open! Students who have completed grades 4th-8th are invited to attend. Please complete this form <https://forms.gle/NMTuy4ZvUcLoHyRVA> (scanning the QR code will take you to the form) to get signed up! This year's dates are June 10, July 1, & August 5. The cost is \$10/day and as in the past, each day we will complete a service project together in the morning, enjoy lunch together, and then spend the afternoon in fellowship and having a bit of fun! Friends are welcome to join us, but please have them sign up too! A T-shirt, to be worn during service work, the fun activity, and lunch are included in the per day fee. Contact Ashlee Wilgenbusch with any questions.



SAVE THE
DATES!
RAINFOREST
FALLS VBS:
JULY 12-16!

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The Independence Area Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help with the Postal Drive around Independence on **May 9 from 8:00am-12:00pm**. If you are interested or for more details, please contact Ashlee Wilgenbusch by Wednesday, April 22.

Annual Meeting & All-Committee Night

The **2026 Annual Meeting** will be held **at 10:15 am on Sunday, May 31**, following worship. It is very important that all confirmed members make attending this meeting a HIGH priority. The **All-Committee Night** will be held on **Wednesday, June 17, at 7:00 pm**, following worship. All committee members, including those continuing their terms & newly elected, should plan to attend.

Confirmation Banquet & Service

The Confirmation Banquet for the Confirmation Class of 2026 will be held on Wednesday, April 29, at 6 pm. ***There will be NO regular worship service that evening.*** Group and individual pictures will be taken prior to the meal,

beginning at 5 pm. Students are encouraged to bring their families, sponsors, & confirmation partner to the banquet. Following the meal, students will present their Confirmation Projects to the group. Please RSVP using the link that Shelly sent out: <https://forms.gle/KQSRJ18QNgdAjPTS8>

The Affirmation of Baptism service will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 9:00 am. The congregation is invited to support our confirmands by attending this service. Students will be introduced & will display their projects during Fellowship that day.

Landon Allen

Logan Mestad

Evan Stephenson

Camden Cahalan

Braden Michels

Parker West

Ruby Gissel

Bo Smith



RAGBRAI - July 23, 2026

There are signups on the wall by the office window if you would like to help with RAGBRAI and a signup on the office window if you'd like to provide pies for the meal that Immanuel will host! If you have any questions, please contact Wanda Haverkamp (319-269-9130), Ed Gipper (563-608-2173) or the church office for more info.

Calling All Women!

We are so excited to invite you to **Seeding Possibilities** — an evening mini-retreat on Sunday, April 25, from 5-7:30 pm here at Immanuel. This mini-retreat is designed to help you slow down, reconnect with your heart, and discover the desires God has already planted inside you. Enjoy a light meal, meaningful conversation, and a grounding workshop to help you prepare to plant your seeds in good soil — complete with a deeply relaxing sound bath experience. Cost is \$20/person. Sign up on the board in the Fellowship Hall or contact **Janny Budzine** to register today! 563-920-2541 or jbudzine@gmail.com; call, leave a message, or text.

LWR BACKPACKS FOR SCHOOL KITS

IWELCA is looking for individuals to sew backpacks for the school kits we put together in the fall. If you would like to help with this cause, there will be kits with all the materials needed in the narthex soon. If you have questions, contact Roberta Hinman.

Week of April 19, 2026

Sun 19: 4:00 am After Post Prom Breakfast
9:00 am Worship - **Pastor Brian's Installation Service**
10:15 am Fellowship Brunch/Sunday School
NO FORCE

Mon 20:

Tues 21: 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study
6:30 pm Worship & Music

Wed 22: 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)
9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)
3:30 pm SWAG
5:00 pm Meal
6:15 pm Worship
7:00 pm Confirmation /BLAST

Thurs 23:

Fri 24: 9:00 am Bible Study

Sat 25:

Sun 26: 9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Fellowship/LAST DAY of Sunday School
11:00 am YOUTH: End of Year *Fun Station* Trip

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 (7/1/24-4/18/26): \$263,945.64

YTD Received (7/1/24-4/18/26): \$267,071.60

