

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

**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

**Servers for May 3: Confirmation Sunday**

**Lector:** 9:00 Erin Kelchen  
**Acolyte:** 9:00 Melanie Ruehlow  
**Communion:** 9:00 Tom Johnson, Nikki Schroeder, Mary Kay Johnson  
**Altar Care:** Heidi Gosse & Paula Fleming  
**Ushers:** 9:00 Bill Wolfgram & Bill Isham  
**AV/Tech:** 9:00 Ron Giddings

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

**Congratulations to:** Kinley Ann Fettkether, daughter of Shane & Molly Fettkether, who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today, Sunday, April 26, 2026. Kinley was born on October 9, 2025, in Manchester, Iowa. Her sponsors are Andy & Emily Krempges. Her Baptism Buddy is Kathy Hemsath.

**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 was held on Saturday, April 25, at Immanuel.

**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 would like 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, and Linda Kress) if you have any questions. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to serve Immanuel and its members.

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

## Youth Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

- ◆ Wed, Apr 29, 5-9 pm, Pictures, Banquet, Project Presentations

### **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.

## 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



## *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.

## **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.

## *Announcement!*

It's rhubarb season! The RAGBRAI Committee, along with our fabulous youth leaders, are planning a pie-making day from 4-6 pm on Wednesday, May 20, for rhubarb pies for the freezer. Call Wanda Haverkamp (319-269-9130) if you are willing & able to help OR for more information! If you have ideas/recipes to help us, we will take those as well. Thank you!

## **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.

## **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.

# Week of April 26, 2026

**Sun 26:** 9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:15 am *LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL*  
11:00 am YOUTH: End of Year *Fun Station* Trip

**Mon 27:**

**Tues 28:** 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study  
6:30 pm Council

**Wed 29:** 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)  
9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)  
5:00 pm Confirmation Pictures  
6:00 pm Confirmation Banquet  
NO WORSHIP  
7:00 pm Confirmation Presentations

**Thurs 30:**

**Fri 1:** 9:00 am Bible Study  
1:30 pm Book Moving at the Library

**Sat 2:**

**Sun 3:** CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Fellowship



## 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 (7/1/24-4/25/26): \$270,230.06

YTD Received (7/1/24-4/25/26): \$270,499.60