

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

Servers for May 3: Confirmation Sunday

Lector: 9:00 Brandy Schultz
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

Servers for May 10: Mother's Day

Lector: 9:00 Ann Peterschmidt
Acolyte: 9:00 Claire Johnson
Communion: 9:00 Kathy Hemsath, Janny Budzine, Betty Giddings
Altar Care: Ron & Susan Oline
Ushers: 9:00 Roger Oline & Dan Haverkamp
AV/Tech: 9:00 _____

Prayers for: Maverick Rasmussen, Billie Jo Tonn, Wayde 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 received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on 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.

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.

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 Class of 2026

Today, Sunday, May 3, we celebrate with 8 of our youth as they affirm their baptism. Students will be introduced and will display their projects during Fellowship.

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.

RAGBRAI Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting with a meal for anyone who can help with RAGBRAI in any capacity on **Monday, May 11, at 6:30 pm**, here at Immanuel.

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!

Youth Schedules

♦ All Youth: Sun, May 3, 3 pm, Book moving at the library

Summer Stretch 2026

It's your last chance to register for 2026 Summer Stretch! 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. Contact Ashlee Wilgenbusch with any questions.



VBS Registration is OPEN!



Immanuel, St. John's, and St. Patrick's will be going on a wildly wonderful rainforest adventure through the mist at *Rainforest Falls* VBS!! Join us July 12-16 from 5:30-8:15 pm! Students 4yo (potty trained & **completed PK4**)-6th grade are invited to sign up!

Cost is \$10 and covers the t-shirt, 5 meals, crafts, and a week full of Bible learning and fun! Any questions, contact Shelly Hanson. Complete the registration form here: <https://forms.gle/yfYyhmfSFdYEdwQNA> or by scanning the QR code. Feel free to share the link with friends who might be interested in joining us for VBS this summer!



BACCALAUREATE



All students and families are invited and encouraged to attend the community Baccalaureate service on **Wednesday, May 13**, in the ICSD Junior Senior High Auditorium. The service will begin at 7:00 pm with the kindergarten class (Class of 2038) escorting the seniors into worship. Please join us to worship and bless the Class of 2026 as a community.

Senior Sunday

Join us at 9 am on Sunday, May 17, to celebrate Immanuel's High School graduates. We will bless them with a quilt during service and learn a little more about their future plans during Fellowship.

Lainey Allen
Kennedi Bevans
Miranda Brewer
Bryce Christian

Zoey Jensen
Sidney Johnson
Macy Kelchen
Morgan Ristvedt

Bevyn Schultz
McAllister Sweeney



Week of May 3, 2026

Sun 3: CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:00 am Fellowship
- 3:00 pm Youth: Book Moving at the Library

Mon 4:

Tues 5: 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

Wed 6: 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)
9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)

6:15 pm Worship

Thurs 7: 1:00 pm Calico Cut-ups

Fri 8: 9:00 am Bible Study

Sat 9:

Sun 10: *Mother's Day*

- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:00 am Fellowship



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 (7/1/24-5/01/26): \$276,514.48

YTD Received (7/1/24-5/01/26): \$274,247.57

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.