

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

Servers for May 31:

Lector: 9:00 Erin Kelchen
Acolyte: 9:00 Carson Hennessy
Communion: 9:00 Tom Johnson, Nikki Schroeder, Sheri Foster
Altar Care: Roger & Shirley Allen
Ushers: 9:00 Bo & Andrew Smith
AV/Tech: 9:00 Mike Schroeder

Servers for June 7: *Camper Blessing; Sunday of Hope*

Lector: 9:00 Latisha Smith
Acolyte: 9:00 Troy Davis
Communion: 9:00 Kathy Hemsath, Janny Budzine, Ed Gipper
Altar Care: Betty Giddings & Pat Gates
Ushers: 9:00 Oline family
AV/Tech: 9:00 Aaron Losey

Prayers for: Bev Leisinger, Daryl & Barbara Roberts, Charley Beltz, Lynn Isham, Tonya (Foster) Ward & family, Maverick Rasmussen, Billie Jo Tonn, Wayde Rasmussen, Kathy Olsen, Ron Tonn, Cassidy Thein, Harold & Sandy Schneider, Kay Bisinger, Luann Gates, & Carrie Erickson.

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 **TODAY, May 31, at 10:15 am**, 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.

VBS Registration is OPEN!



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



\$15. Any questions, contact Shelly Hanson. Complete the registration form here: <https://forms.gle/yfYyhmfSFdYEdwQNA> or by scanning the QR code.

VBS Volunteers Needed!



Adults & students aged 7th grade & up are invited, **and encouraged**, to help with VBS. We need many, many leaders & helpers for VBS to run smoothly – people to lead kids, teach crafts, act out the lessons, serve food, & so much more.

Please sign up to help at this link <https://forms.gle/VLFjfKMEKJRuQ2eT9> (or scan the QR code). Talk to Shelly Hanson if you have any questions or ideas!

Rally Sunday Bounce House Fun!

We are already planning for next school year! We would like to make Rally Sunday, the Youth Kickoff, even *more* fun than last year with BIGGER bounce houses – which means we need your help! We are currently collecting donations to help cover the cost of the bigger fun. If you are interested in helping to support our activities, you can find donation boxes by the front entrance and in the fellowship hall! You can also give a donation through your offering envelope, but we ask that you please write *bounce house* in the memo. Please contact Shelly or Ashlee if you have any questions. Thank you for your generous support of our youth!

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 are kits with all the materials needed in the narthex. If you have questions, contact Roberta Hinman.

Camper Blessing

We invite all those who will be attending EWALU this summer to join us for our worship service on Sunday, June 7, to receive a special camper blessing and gift. We pray your EWALU experience helps you to know you are created and loved by God.

RAGBRAI - July 23, 2026

There are signups on the wall by the office window if you would like to help with RAGBRAI! If you have any questions, please contact Wanda Haverkamp (319-269-9130) or Ed Gipper (563-608-2173) for more info.

Health Tent Supply Drive

We will be holding a Health Tent Supply Drive that will benefit RAGBRAI. We will have tags with items needed on them and a collection box for items to be deposited in. We will also be accepting financial donations if you do not wish to purchase the items yourself. Watch for the BIKE display soon! Please contact Janny Budzine with any questions.

Sunday of Hope & Relay for Life

At the worship service on **Sunday, June 7**, we will be celebrating *Sunday of HOPE* as a part of the American Cancer Society's annual *Relay for Life*. As part of our *Sunday of HOPE*, we are giving you the opportunity to order Luminarias "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one. These Luminaria will be used to decorate our sanctuary for this service. They will then be displayed at the Relay for Life event on **Friday, June 12**, (5:00-9:00 pm) at the Indee Jr./Sr. High School Gym. Each Luminaria is \$5 and needs to be purchased by Friday, June 5. Checks can be made payable to the American Cancer Society. Please contact Ed (563-608-2173) or Sue Gipper (563-920-5119), or the church office, if you have any questions or would like to purchase a luminaria.

Grace Space

Children and families are invited to use our recently updated *Grace Space* in the back of Fellowship Hall. This is an area where children can do hands on activities to help them focus for worship, sit comfortably, and enjoy services in an environment built for them. Children are also welcome to take items back to their seats. Worship slides and audio are available for parents while in fellowship hall.

Kid Check-In

In the Narthex, you will see we now have a kid's check-in area. Write your name and what you are at church for, grab a snack, borrow some things and have a good visit!

Week of May 31, 2026

- Sun 31:** 9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Annual Meeting
- Mon 1:**
- Tues 2:** 6:30 pm Worship & Music
- Wed 3:** 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)
9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)
6:15 pm Worship
- Thurs 4:** 7:00 pm Calico Cut-ups
- Fri 5:**
- Sat 6:**
- Sun 7:** *Camper Blessing; Sunday of Hope*
9:00 am Worship

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 (7/1/24-5/30/26): \$301,652.16

YTD Received (7/1/24-5/27/26): \$296,167.08



CARS & A COOKOUT

We are so excited to invite all the men to **Cars & A Cookout** – an evening social event on Thursday, July 2, at 6:00 pm, in the North Parking Lot here at Immanuel. We'll have your cookout favorites, cool treats and drinks, cars on display, giveaways, and more! Bring your friends, your appetite, and a lawn chair. Cost is \$20/ person. Sign up on the board in the Fellowship Hall or RSVP directly to Janny Budzine (563-920-2541) by June 30 to reserve your spot.