

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

Servers for June 14:

Lector: 9:00 Linda Kress
Acolyte: 9:00 Melanie Ruehlow
Communion: 9:00 Daryl & Mary Kay Johnson, Betty Giddings
Altar Care: Betty Giddings & Pat Gates
Ushers: 9:00 Oline family
AV/Tech: 9:00 Ron Giddings

There will be NO WORSHIP next Wednesday, June 17.

Servers for June 21:

Lector: 9:00 Sheri Foster
Acolyte: 9:00 Melanie Ruehlow
Communion: 9:00 Tom Johnson, Nikki Schroeder, Jen Sweeney
Altar Care: Sue Gipper & Sheri Foster
Ushers: 9:00 Oline family
AV/Tech: 9:00 Mike Schroeder

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

Sympathies to: Betty Kress and family on the death of her husband, Lowell Kress, 89 years old, who entered the church triumphant on June 10, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am on Monday, June 15, 2026, here at Immanuel. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be held at Quasqueton Cemetery in Quasqueton, Iowa.

Sympathies to: the family and friends of Margie Wessels, 93 years old, who entered the church triumphant on May 25, 2026. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 20, 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.

All-Committee Night

The **All-Committee Night** will be held on **Wednesday, June 17, at 7:00 pm**. The current council, along with the new council members, will meet beforehand at 6:00 pm. **THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICE THAT NIGHT. *All committee members, including those continuing their terms & those newly elected, should plan to attend.*** This will act as your committee's first meeting for the new fiscal year, and you will decide as a committee who the chairperson and other officers will be. Contact information will also be collected and each committee will decide when they will meet each month.

ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY WORSHIP

This year's July 4th Ecumenical Community Worship service at Veterans Park will be on **Sunday, July 5 at 9:30 am**. *There will be no service at Immanuel on July 5. Immanuel will be providing ushers and helping distribute communion. If you are interested in helping with this, please let Ed Gipper or the office know.* Join together in the park for Worship! **In the event of bad weather, the service will be held at the United Methodist Church.*

Ecumenical Community Choir

All are invite to come and be a part of this year's Ecumenical Choir on July 5, 2026. **There will be practices on Wednesday, June 24, and Wednesday, July 1, at 6:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church.** If you cannot make it to both practices, that is fine. We would love to have you come out and join the fun. With this year being our country's 250th birthday, we would love to have a big group of singers from as many churches as possible. This is a great way to bring voices from all the churches together to celebrate the blessings of what God has given us! If you have questions, please contact Jim Brown (319-334-3689). The Immanuel church office has links for the two songs that will be sung, "Thankful to Be an American" and "Let There Be Peace".

Breakfast at the Mill

The Buchanan County Historical Society and the Independence Lions Club will be serving their annual Breakfast at the Mill on July 5, 2026. They will be serving from 8:00 am until noon. Hope to see you there!

Fourth of July Parade

The Fourth of July Parade is coming soon and Immanuel plans to participate again this year! We are looking for volunteers to join us as we walk in the parade and hand out chalk. Please sign up on the office door if you would like to join us.

Health Tent Supply Drive!

We are holding a Health Tent Supply Drive to benefit and support RAGBRAI! Look for the BIKE display in the narthex to find tags with items needed on them, along with a full list to view. When you bring your items back in, please place them in the shopping cart. We are also accepting financial donations if you do not wish to purchase the items yourself. Please contact Janny Budzine with any questions.

Church Photo Directory

A letter with photo directory information will be coming out soon if you haven't already received it! The ATM Committee decided to avoid using any specific directory company after having issues last time. The letter will also include some local photographers that have been recommended. If there is enough interest, some were willing to do some sessions at church. ***Any photos will be accepted, from professional to snap shot.*** If you need someone to take your picture, please contact Brea Bader or an ATM member to get something scheduled. More info to come.

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. **Register by June 14 to be guaranteed a T-shirt!!**

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 collecting donations to help cover the cost of the bigger fun. If you are interested, you can find donation boxes in the narthex & in the fellowship hall! You can also donate through your offering envelope; just 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!

Grace Space

Children and families are invited to use our recently updated *Grace Space* in the back of Fellowship Hall. 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 items and have a good visit!

SPRING CLEANING GARAGE SALE OUTCOME

In April, our ATM committee hosted a Spring Cleaning Garage Sale to go through things and avoid paying for a dumpster. After all the money was in and accounted for, we collected over \$700 to go into the general fund for the church!! Thanks to all that helped with this and/or came to our sale!

Week of June 14, 2026

- Sun 14:** 9:00 am Worship
VBS Registration Deadline to be guaranteed a t-shirt!
- Mon 15:** 9:30 am Lowell Kress Visitation
10:30 am Lowell Kress Funeral Service
- Tues 16:**
- Wed 17:** 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)
9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)
6:00 pm Council
NO WORSHIP
7:00 pm All-Committee Night
- Thurs 18:**
- Fri 19:** **Juneteenth**
Office Closed
- Sat 20:** 1:00 pm Margie Wessels funeral
- Sun 21:** **FATHER'S DAY**
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 (7/1/24-6/13/26): \$314,221

YTD Received (7/1/24-6/13/26): \$303,475.88

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.