

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

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

Servers for June 28:

Lector: 9:00 Kathy Hemsath
Acolyte: 9:00 _____
Communion: 9:00 Doug & Ann Peterschmidt, Linda Kress
Altar Care: Sue Gipper & Sheri Foster
Ushers: 9:00 Oline family
AV/Tech: 9:00 Aaron Losey

Prayers for: Daryl & Barbara Roberts, Charley Beltz, Lynn Isham, Tonya (Foster) Ward & family, Maverick Rasmussen, Wayde 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 were held on Monday, June 15, 2026, here at Immanuel. Burial was held at Quasqueton Cemetery in Quasqueton, Iowa.

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

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. If you have questions, please contact Brea Bader.

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!

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 invited 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".

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.

Registration is still open, but you aren't 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!

Kid at Immanuel

Kids are encouraged to visit our newly added check-in area in the Narthex. Write your name and what you are at church for, grab a snack, and borrow some items if you'd like! We also recently updated the Grace Space where children and families are invited to play with quiet toys in the Fellowship Hall or take items back to their seats. Worship slides and audio are available by request most Sundays for parents in fellowship hall. We hope your kiddo has a great visit and is ready to come back soon!

Week of June 21, 2026

Sun 21:

FATHER'S DAY

9:00 am Worship

Mon 22:

Tues 23:

Wed 24: 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)

9:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Women)

6:15 pm Worship

Thurs 25:

Fri 26:

Sat 27:

Sun 28: 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 (7/1/24-6/20/26): \$320,505.42

YTD Received (7/1/24-6/13/26): \$308,590.88

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.