

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

Servers for June 7: Camper Blessing; Sunday of Hope

Lector: 9:00 Latisha Smith
Acolyte: 9:00 _____
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

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

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.

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**, following worship. **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

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 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, 2025. They will be serving from 8:00 am until noon. Hope to see you there!

Sunday of Hope & Relay for Life

Today we celebrate "Sunday of HOPE" as a part of the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life, which will be **on Friday, June 12 (5-9 pm)** at the Indee Jr./Sr. High School Gym. Please contact Ed (563-608-2173) or Sue (563-920-5119) Gipper if you have any questions.

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.

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.

Summer Stretch 2026

June 10 is our first get together and as in the past, we will meet at 9 am and complete a service project together in the morning, enjoy lunch together, and then spend the afternoon in fellowship and having a bit of fun! 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 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!

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 June 7, 2026

Sun 7: *Camper Blessing; Sunday of Hope*

9:00 am Worship

Mon 8: **Office Closed**

11:30 am Shalom Circle at Pizza Ranch

Tues 9:

Wed 10: 7:00 am Coffee & Conversation at Em's (Men)

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

9:00 am Summer Stretch

1:00 pm IWELCA

6:15 pm Worship

Thurs 11:

Fri 12: 5:00 pm Relay for Life at ICSD

Sat 13: **Fellowship Hall in Use**

Sun 14: 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 (7/1/24-6/6/26): \$307,936.58

YTD Received (7/1/24-6/6/26): \$299,048.88

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.