

AUGUST 23, 2026 || THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to Worship at



A 3-WEEK SERMON SERIES ON NEHEMIAH

BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM,



ONE FAITHFUL PERSON
AT A TIME

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

8.23.26 || THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST || BANNER #22 "TRAIN UP"

PRELUDE & BELL	Milianna Carlson
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Grant Severson
PRAYER & CALL TO WORSHIP	Grant Severson
OPENING HYMN	<i>#453 Happy Our Home When God Is There</i>
GREETING	Grant Severson
CHILDREN'S SONG	<i>I Am the Church</i>
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING	
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Brad Skaar
	<i>Nehemiah 1; Nehemiah 2</i>
APOSTLES' CREED	Pastor Allison
OFFERTORY	<i>#678 We Are An Offering</i>
MESSAGE	Pastor Allison
	<i>Nehemiah: Why Our Church Matters</i>
WORSHIP SONGS	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i> <i>10,000 Reasons</i>
PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER	Pastor Andrew
BENEDICTION & SENDING	Pastor Andrew
CLOSING SONG	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>

CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to worship at Immanuel! With gratitude we come to give thanks to the Lord for God's boundless grace. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we extend the hand of friendship and love to all who have come.

Today's bulletin is sponsored in honor of **Duane Wheeler's** 86th birthday on August 28th. Happy birthday, Duane!

Sponsor any worship bulletin in honor or in memory of someone - perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, or special remembrances. Sponsorship is \$20 and helps us offset our printing and paper expenses. Contact the church office to schedule your sponsorship!

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Berniece Voga**, who passed away last Sunday. Her Celebration of Life will be held Friday, September 4 at 11am, with visitation beginning at 9:30am. Please keep the Voga and Waline families in your prayers as they grieve her absence here, but also celebrate her life in Christ.

Women's Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 8:30am. Next week, they move to Mondays and begin a new study, "Song of Songs: The Love We Long For" by Lisa Harper.

EPIC Kickoff Night for middle school and high school students is this Wednesday, August 26. Middle Schoolers meet from 5:45 - 7:15, and High Schoolers meet from 7:30 - 9pm. Registration links are in your weekly email and on our website.

Check out the cart in the lobby for our **Kringla and Jesus t-shirts** - they are \$15 each. Our **garden produce swap** is also on the cart - if you have extra garden produce you'd like to share, put it on the cart. Leave what you have and take what you need.

Give a secure financial gift to Immanuel online!

You can give via a debit or credit card, Venmo, Google Pay, or directly from your bank.

Please contact the church office if you have questions about your giving!



Next Sunday at 8:30am is our **Care & Visitation Team meeting** for all current and prospective members of this ministry. If you feel called to offer encouragement, prayer, or support, we'd love to have you join us.

A DAY OF BLESSING FOR THE ROLAND-STORY COMMUNITY!



Join us **Saturday, August 29**
for free family fun at
North Park in Story City!

1:00-4:00 PM

FREE FOOD, CAROUSEL RIDES, INFLATABLES, AND MORE!

Event Schedule

9am - 12pm

- Bergen Lutheran Car Wash (Roland)

10 - 11am

- Sidewalk Chalk Art in North Park (Story City)
 - *Everyone is invited to come and draw art, write scripture, and other encouraging messages on the park's sidewalks for people to enjoy!*
- Donut giveaways at 4-way stop in Roland (by Salem Lutheran) and at 4-way stop in Story City

1 - 4pm at the Story City Park/Outfield/Carousel

- Free Carousel Rides & Riverside cookies
- Free bubbles, temporary tattoos, inflatables
- Free hot dogs, lemonade, freeze pops, ice cream



HOME-DELIVERED MEALS VIA HEARTLAND SENIOR SERVICES 2026

Immanuel delivers meals via Heartland Senior Services of Ames every September. You can sign up to volunteer for a spot online (using the QR code or the link in our weekly email) or directly with the church office.

Volunteers need to pick up the meals at Immanuel at 10:45am.

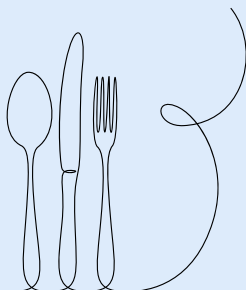
One driver is needed (but you can team up to make it more fun!), and you'll need to allow 1 hour for meal pickup, delivery, and returning the bag to the Heartland volunteer at the church parking lot.

If you have any questions regarding this volunteer opportunity, contact Milianna in the church office.

Note: no deliveries on Labor Day or weekends.

If you or someone you know would benefit from Heartland's Meals on Wheels program, please call 515-357-4573 or check out their website (heartlandofstorycounty.org) for more information and a menu.

SIGN UP HERE!



A new **Story City Community Choir** is forming this fall, led by Steve & Tressa Reisetter, with rehearsals beginning September 2 at the Story City Public Library. The choir will sing a variety of styles—religious, gospel, patriotic, spirituals, pop, and more—and plans to perform several times throughout the school year. Rehearsals will be held the first three Wednesdays of each month, with a shared meal at 6:30pm and music to follow; participants may attend weekly or learn from provided recordings and join closer to performance dates. Adults, teens, and children able to participate in rehearsal are welcome—contact Steve Reisetter (stevereisetter@yahoo.com or 763-229-4730) if you'd like to be added to the interest list.

The **Immanuel Choir** will be rehearsing on the second Sunday of the month (Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Nov. 8) from 10:45 - 11:15am to prepare an Advent Anthem for November 29. All singers (aged 6th grade and up!) are invited!

For more **church and community announcements**, subscribe to our weekly emails (contact the church office!) and grab a copy of our Fall Quarterly Newsletter on the slatwall (or see a digital copy on our website).

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

WELCOME TEAM

John Rathmacher, Brad & Julie Skaar, Jaynee Christian

READER

Brad Skaar

TECH TEAM

Jim Oberender, Bradey Haberl

ACOLYTE

Elsy Haberl

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Julie Skaar, Mary Danielson

COFFEE CART

Steve & Miriam Skartvedt

PRAYER PARTNERS

Immanuel Deacons

BANNER/PARAMENT COMMITTEE

Gloria Hill

Contact Milianna Carlson with questions or if you need assistance using Sign-up Genius.



SERMON NOTES

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Mondays - Thursdays: 9 A.M. - Noon
Fridays by appointment only

summer Sunday Schedule

8:00 A.M. RADIO BROADCAST

(KASI, 1430 A.M.)

8:30 A.M. ADULT EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. WORSHIP

LIVE STREAM

10:30 A.M. FELLOWSHIP (SOCIAL HALL)



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