

AUGUST 30, 2026 || FOURTEENTH 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

8.30.26 || FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST || BANNER #13 "FAITH"

PRELUDE & BELL	Milianna Carlson
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Pastor Allison
PRAYER & CALL TO WORSHIP	Pastor Allison
OPENING HYMN	<i>#Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty</i>
GREETING & QUILT BLESSING	Pastor Allison
CHILDREN'S SONG	<i>I Am the Church</i>
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Pastor Allison
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Lauren Crawford
<i>Nehemiah 4; Nehemiah 6:1-16</i>	
APOSTLES' CREED	Pastor Allison
OFFERTORY	<i>#678 We Are An Offering</i>
MESSAGE	Pastor Andrew
<i>Nehemiah: Stand Firm</i>	
WORSHIP SONGS	<i>Firm Foundation//Great Are You Lord</i>
PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER	Grant Severson
BENEDICTION & SENDING	Grant Severson
CLOSING SONG	<i>Living Hope</i>

CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to worship at Immanuel! The psalmist reminds us that God's name is majestic in all the earth (see Psalm 8:9, NRSV). With love for God and for one another, let us approach the throne of grace from which all blessings flow. Welcome, friends!

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!

Women's Bible Study meets Mondays at 8:30am. We'll begin a new study on August 31, *"Song of Songs: The Love We Long For"* by Lisa Harper. No study on Labor Day (Sept. 7).

Small Group Leaders Meeting: On September 2 at 6:30pm, Pastor Andrew will host all current small group leaders, and anyone interested in helping lead or forming a group! This will include some history on Immanuel Small Groups, good practices, and what benefits come from digging into these intentional times to grow and do life together.

Quilters meet this Thursday, September 3 from 9am to noon. No quilting experience needed. Bring a snack to share for coffee hour! Donations of bed sheets and pillowcases (80 - 100% cotton), fabric, and financial gifts are always needed. Contact Julie Thompson for more information.

A **Celebration of Life** for Berniece Voga 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.

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!



RALLY *Sunday!*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

A FUN,
FAITH-FILLED
DAY FOR THE
WHOLE
FAMILY!



8:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

for Kids through Adults!



9:30AM

WORSHIP

★ SECOND GRADERS
RECEIVE A BIBLE FOR
THE FIRST TIME!



★ OUR 3 & 4-YEAR-OLDS
RECEIVE A LORD'S
PRAYER BOOK!



*Come for faith.
Stay for fun!*



1:00-4:00PM

FREE
CAROUSEL RIDES!

at the
STORY CITY
ANTIQUE CAROUSEL
in the park!

TREATS WILL BE SERVED!



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OUR CHURCH NEEDS
YOU!
★ Volunteer to ★
**RUN THE
CAROUSEL!**



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13**



**1-HOUR SHIFTS
1:00 – 4:00 PM**



Immanuel Lutheran Church
is sponsoring
FREE CAROUSEL RIDES
➔ that day! ➔



**TREATS WILL BE SERVED
♥ BY THE DEACONS ♥**

*Thank you for sharing
your time and talents!*



JOIN US AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR

lunch & learn

Sunday, September 27 at 11:30 A.M.

Lutheran Distinctives

presented by Brad Waline

FREE EVENT - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - LIMITED SEATING

Event includes lunch, presentation, and Q & A

RSVP on the Sign Up Genius Link or
contact the church office directly.

SPONSORED BY THE IMMANUEL DEACON BOARD



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

Rhonda Ostrem, John & Patty Rathmacher, Lily Rathmacher

READER

Lauren Crawford

TECH TEAM

Jim Oberender, Bradey Haberl

ACOLYTE

Haidyn Oberender

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Patty Rathmacher, Mary Mechaelsen

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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