

AUGUST 31, 2025 || TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to Worship at



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8.31.25 || TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST || BANNER #20 "OPEN BOOK"

PRELUDE & BELL

Milianna Carlson

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Allison

OPENING HYMN

#686 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Allison

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Laura Severson

Proverbs 3:1-6; 3 John 1:1-15; Luke 9:23-27

NICENE CREED

Pastor Andrew

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

#678 We Are An Offering

MESSAGE

Pastor Andrew

Go That Direction

WORSHIP SONG

Cornerstone

CLOSING PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Allison

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Pastor Allison

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

How Great Thou Art

POSTLUDE

Milianna Carlson

CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to Immanuel! Friends and guests, as the end of summer nears, it's a delight to be together to praise God and share in his love. Welcome!

All 6th - 12th graders and adults of all ages are invited to **Senior Choir rehearsal** after coffee fellowship this morning! We'll meet in the choir pews from 11 - 11:30 A.M. to practice next week's anthem. We will also meet this Wednesday, September 3 from 7:45 - 8:30 P.M.

The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of **Labor Day**.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to deliver meals in September! You all stepped up to fill those spots, and every date is full! Thank you!

Our **Women's Bible Study** will meet this Tuesday, and then we'll be moving to Monday mornings, beginning September 8, with Lisa Harper's newest study, "A Jesus Shaped Life". We're having a women's breakfast that day; if you'd like to bring an item for the meal, contact Pastor Allison.

Our **EPIC** kickoff is this Wednesday. All 5th - 12th graders meet from 6 - 8 P.M., but their ministries are separate. Middle schoolers start in the Social Hall with pizza, and high schoolers meet in the youth room for dinner and small group time.

Registration for the **Immanuel Youth Mission Trip** next summer to Lake Traverse, South Dakota is open to all current 6th - 12th graders. There's an information packet on the slatwall in the lobby, and contact Pastor Allison for more information.

Our **quilters** meet this Thursday from 9 to noon. No experience necessary, and you're invited to bring a treat for coffee hour.

The **quilters** are asking for volunteers to help deliver quilts they've finished to Fort Dodge on September 13. These quilts will be distributed through Lutheran World Relief. Please reach out to Julie Thompson for more details.

The **Men of Immanuel** small group will meet for the first time this season on Saturday, September 6th at 8 A.M. in the Social Hall. All men are invited to join the group each Saturday for Bible Study, fellowship time, and of course, coffee and sweet treats. Contact Brad Waline with questions.

Rally Sunday is next Sunday! We're excited to have Christian Entertainer Dan Kirk, "The Juggler with the Yellow Shoes", during the Sunday School hour - we invite the whole congregation to join us in the sanctuary for the performance & message he brings. Parents should arrive early and drop off their kids by 8:20 so that the kids can meet their Sunday School teachers and get settled in the pews before the show begins at 8:30. We'll be collecting a freewill offering for Dan. Fellowship time after worship that day will be on the patio, with some limited seating in the lobby. There will also be free carousel rides that afternoon from 1 - 4 P.M. - stop by and grab a treat & ride the antique carousel!

Toddler Music & Story Time begins September 8th at 10 A.M. in the Chapel! If you'd like to volunteer & help this program grow, reach out to Pastor Allison.

Beginning September 14th, we will no longer be passing the **offering plates** during the worship service. Instead, we will collect your financial gifts in the offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary, where the ushers are posted.

Check out the cart in the lobby for our **Kringla and Jesus t-shirts** - they are \$20 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.

You'll notice something new in our lobby - we have two **kiosks** that allow you to register for Sunday School, sign up to volunteer, browse our Immanuel website and contact the church office! A reminder that you can access our website and act on next steps to get involved at Immanuel anytime, anywhere, by visiting our **website**, immanuelstorycity.org. And check out the **slatwall** for church and community announcements and our quarterly newsletter.



You are **INVITED** *Chaplaincy Dinner* **September 21, 2025**

Join us for a night of fellowship, delicious food, and meaningful conversation to raise money for our Chaplaincy program at Bethany Life. This special evening is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, enjoy a delightful meal, and support a cause that makes a real difference in the lives of many. Tickets are \$100 per person, and are tax deductible. RSVP to Arizza Lynch at Bethany Life by September 17.

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

USHERS/ACOLYTES

Brad Waline, Doug Mechaelsen, Cindy Blomberg, Cathy Braathun

COFFEE CART

Steve & Miriam Skartvedt

GREETERS

Shelly Rivera, Mary Mechaelsen

PRAYER PARTNERS

Immanuel Deacons

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Andrew and Pastor Allison

BANNER/PARAMENT COMMITTEE

Gloria Hill

READER

Laura Severson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Potratz family

TECH TEAM

Dean Kohlmeyer, John Rathmacher

Visit the Immanuel Kiosk in the lobby or contact Mary Mechaelsen to volunteer at church!

Dinner & Wine Tasting Survivor Style Show



Thursday, September 18, 2025

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Prairie Moon Winery

3801 W190th Street, Ames, Iowa

Style and Accessories Show by
Tres Teal and Moorman Clothiers

Join us for an evening of good food, wine & music

Raffle and Door Prizes

To Benefit Life is Bliss
Dragon Boat Team

\$35.00 per person

Pay in advance^{or} at the door

Please RSVP to:
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Life is Bliss Dragon Boat Team



The Life Is Bliss Dragon Boat Team was 'born' in 2012. The team was formed with the encouragement and support from members of the Fighting Angels Abreast Dragon Boat Team from Fort Dodge and Bliss Cancer Center to form a team in the Story County area to participate in the annual Badger Lake Dragon Boat Bash held in Fort Dodge. They wanted to spread the word about the benefits of this activity for those battling and recovering from breast cancer. Life Is Bliss Dragon Boat team was formed and it's members both survivors and supporters have found this activity to be personally rewarding. It has also been beneficial by helping to change attitudes toward "life after breast cancer," and encourages women and men to lead full and active lives. Dragon boating events help to raise funds for breast cancer research, provides awareness about living with breast cancer and the importance of early detection, as well as providing an opportunity for physical activity.

To find out more about Life Is Bliss please visit us at:
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Church Office Hours:

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

Sunday Schedule

8:00 A.M. RADIO BROADCAST
(KASI, 1430 A.M.)

9:30 A.M. WORSHIP

LIVE STREAM

10:30 A.M. COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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