

# THE IMMANUEL INFORMER

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RALLY SUNDAY & MINISTRY KICKOFFS

COMMUNITY & CHURCH EVENTS





*Building strong relationships in Christ  
and making Him known to all.*



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## Sunday Schedule

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

**8:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR**  
(CONFIRMATION & ADULT BIBLE STUDY)

**9:30 A.M. WORSHIP**  
**LIVE STREAM**

**10:30 A.M. COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**





*As summer winds down, we're gearing up for an exciting season of ministry and connection.*

*Sunday School, small groups, youth nights, and more are all starting back up in August and September.*

*There's a place for everyone—come grow, serve, & belong!*





FALL 2025 SERMON SERIES

BASED ON JIM CYMBALA'S

# CARRY THE FLAME

...BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND...

ROMANS 12:2

"DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN  
OF THIS WORLD, BUT BE **TRANSFORMED**  
BY THE **RENEWING** OF YOUR MIND.

THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST  
AND APPROVE WHAT GOD'S WILL IS—  
HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND **PERFECT WILL.**"

**ROMANS 12:2**



# CARRY THE FLAME

**by Pastor Andrew Potratz**

We are continually in need of renewal. Our bodies, spirits, and minds take a toll each day due to the pressures, stressors, and pitfalls of our world.

When we are hungry, we eat. When we are thirsty, we drink, When we are tired, we sleep. So, what do we do when we are Spiritually hungry? Thirsty? Tired?

This fall we are kicking things off with a series called "Carry The Flame." Originally written as a small group discussion, this material by Jim Cymbala will serve as the framework for our Fall Sermon Series for 2025. Last school year, we spent 33 weeks in "The Story" giving us a large overview of the greatest story ever told, and we learned much about context, timelines, and the overarching Gospel message displayed in the Bible.

This Fall, we will dig deeper. Beginning with this series, and continuing with a three-section series diving deeper into Faith, Hope, and Love, we are intentionally seeking the answer to how to address our spiritual hunger, thirst, and fatigue.

Why should we seek renewal from God? Because our lives in Christ are a journey. We haven't "arrived" until we are reunited with Jesus in the New Heaven and New Earth of Revelation. This means that now, in the flesh, we need the direction, wisdom, and power of God to rule in our lives. Not just for our sake, but for the sake of the world.

Renewal in us as individuals and families will lead Immanuel to renewal - and perhaps even revival. If you look closely, revivals are happening here in this country. Mainly, we see pockets of revival on college campuses - many tracing their roots back to the Asbury Revivals a couple of years ago (look it up if you don't know what I'm writing about!). Here in Story City, we desire the same things. To see God MOVE. To experience Jesus' GRACE. To be saturated by the presence of God's Holy Spirit.

This is what we desire, and this is what we will pursue. We invite you to join us! Dig into "Carry the Flame" this fall - and get plugged into a small group or study group to dig deeper! Ask questions and commit yourself to growing in Christ with us this fall. It's what you were made for! ✝



# What Can I Pray About?

We pray that God would bless the ministries that are launching in the fall at Immanuel and that all would grow deeper in faith as they connect with God and one another.

- We pray for discernment as Immanuel's Deacons, Trustees, Board of Education, Council, and all other leaders plan and develop new ministries and outreach opportunities for our community and association.
- We pray for the Lord to provide all that Immanuel needs from the time, talents, and support of our church family. May the LORD teach us to be faithful stewards of what He has blessed us with.
- We pray for our fall sermon series: Carry the Flame. Would the Holy Spirit revive us at Immanuel and lead us to follow the call of the Holy Spirit to "carry the flame" as we witness to a dark world.
- We pray for Kerrville Texas as they heal and rebuild after tragic floods that have taken many lives. Bring peace and comfort to them Lord Jesus!
- If you have prayer requests that you would like to share, please reach out to one of our pastors or Milianna in our office.

MY PRAYERS

MY PRAISES

PRAY MORE  
worry less





# prayer journal

[ Philippians 4:6 ]

verse  
for  
today:

today i am grateful for

prayer requests:

praise reports

my mood  
for the day:

my personal prayer requests:

today is...

1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
8 9 10 11 12 13 14  
15 16 17 18 19 20 21  
22 23 24 25 26 27 28  
29 30 31

month

year

answered  
prayers:





## attendance

### SUNDAY IN- PERSON

**June 1:** 126

**June 8:** 115

**June 15:** 107

**June 22:** 91

**June 29:** 90

**July 6:** 89

**July 13:** 97

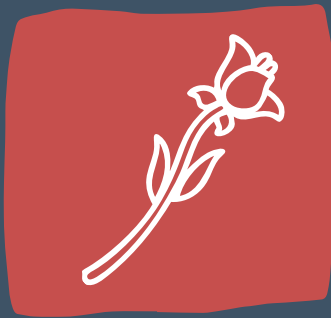
**July 20:** 105

**July 27:** 116

**SUNDAY IN-PERSON  
AVERAGE: 104**

**\*SUNDAY ONLINE  
(FACEBOOK) AVERAGE: 30**

*\*THIS ACCOUNTS FOR THOSE WATCHING  
LIVE - NOT THOSE WHO VIEW THE SERVICE  
AFTER THE LIVESTREAM HAS ENDED.*



## deaths & memorials

N/A

### Other Pastoral Acts

Baptism of Hazel Rae Nordeen. Daughter of Kyle & Ashley Nordeen. Sponsors: Doug & Briana Goodenbour, and Alex Cunningham.



To see the church's current financial report, check the lobby slatwall for paper copies.

Questions regarding the church's financial status can be directed to financial secretary, Carol Lake, or church treasurer, Chuck Carlson.



## in our prayers

- our President and administration
- Tim & Paula Tjernagel as they transition to new ministries
- those impacted by natural disasters
- those fighting or recovering from illness, chronic illness and diseases and cancer
- our congregation as we navigate new expansions to our ministry
- our government and our military leaders
- law enforcement, healthcare workers, teachers and students

Please call or email our church office to share your prayer requests and praises. If you would like to talk to a pastor about your concerns, please ask! You may remain anonymous if you'd like. You can also join our email prayer chain to receive a notice when someone requests prayer.

*How can we  
pray for you?*



# Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.  
Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks  
below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

## WORDS:

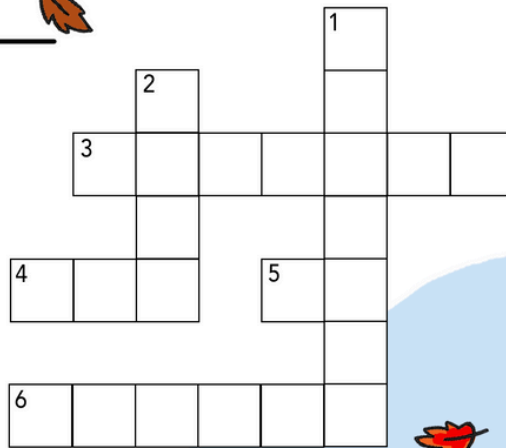
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,  
YIELDS, US, LAND

## ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

## DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.



The \_\_\_\_\_  
its \_\_\_\_\_;  
our God, \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 67:6, NIV



Create adorable sheep using  
graham crackers, marshmallows,  
and a little imagination!

## What you need:

- Graham cracker squares
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Mini marshmallows
- Large marshmallows
- Candy eyes or mini chocolate chips
- Black gel icing or mini Oreo cookie

## What you do:

1. Spread white frosting or marshmallow fluff on each graham cracker square.
2. Stick mini marshmallows all over to make the sheep's wool.
3. Cut a large marshmallow in half and stick it near the top for the head.
4. Add candy eyes and a dot of black gel for the nose. Or use a mini Oreo cookie half for a more defined face.
5. Let kids decorate their sheep however they'd like!



## Lesson tie-in

Use this treat to remind kids that  
Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

"I am the good  
shepherd: the  
good shepherd  
giveth his life for  
the sheep."

John 10:11, KJV



# August

# 2025



## weekly events

### month at a glance

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DAY	TIME	EVENT
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	8:30 A.M. 10 A.M.	Women's Bible Study Staff Meeting
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	8:00 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Radio Broadcast Worship Coffee Fellowship
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DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sat., Aug 2	--	Riverside's 5K & Quilt Auction Day
Sun., Aug 3	--	Communion Sunday
Wed., Aug 6	6:30 P.M.	Adult Bible Study with Pastor Allison
Thurs., Aug 7	9 A.M. - Noon	Quilters (Social Hall)
Sun., Aug 10	6 - 8 P.M.	EPIC Youth Water Night on the Church Lawn
Mon., Aug 11	6:45 P.M.	Made to Crave Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)
Tues., Aug 12	10 - 11:30 A.M.	Myrtle's Closet is open for shopping
Wed., Aug 13	6:30 P.M.	Adult Bible Study with Pastor Allison
Thurs., Aug 14	6:30 P.M. 7:45 P.M.	Deacons & Trustees Meetings Church Council Meeting
Sun., Aug 17	--	Service of Holy Communion after worship
Sat., Aug 23	--	We Heart Roland-Story Day (RS Ministerial Association with RSCityServe)
Sun., Aug 24	9:30 A.M.	Back to School Blessing during worship
Wed., Aug 27	6:30 - 8 P.M.	EPIC & Confirmation Drop-In Registration Night
Sun., Aug 31	11 A.M.	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting





## *birthdays*

- 8/1:** Maliyah Zerr
- 8/2:** Kevin Amundson  
Ashley Edens  
Wendell Graber  
Sharon Moore
- 8/4:** Blake Winecoff
- 8/6:** Em Quang  
Norma Sexe  
Greg Voga  
Dan Wheeler
- 8/7:** Milianna Carlson  
Kamryn Lande  
Gwen Tebben  
Karen Waline
- 8/8:** Kenadi Lowe  
Logan Voga
- 8/9:** Kenneth Stock
- 8/12:** Nancy Sargent
- 8/14:** Lisa Handeland  
Chris Hill  
Jerry Severson
- 8/15:** Chance Christian  
Rita Frette  
Dave Morris
- 8/19:** Dave Amensen
- 8/21:** Thomas Halverson
- 8/22:** Roger Oakland

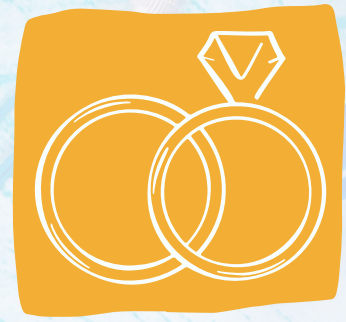
- 8/23:** Florian Tebben
- 8/24:** Marsha Taylor
- 8/26:** Eustace "ER" Lake  
Kari Schaufenbuel  
Sabrina Schaufenbuel

- 8/28:** Charlotte Loots  
Duane Wheeler  
Branch Whipple

- 8/29:** Corine Nordeen  
Trent Whipple

- 8/30:** Laura Carlson

- 8/31:** Clark Thompson



## *anniversaries*

- 8/1:** Doug & Lori Ostrem  
David & Donna Teigland
- 8/2:** Dallas & Patricia Kray
- 8/3:** John & Colleen Johnson
- 8/8:** Erik & Alaina Christian  
John & Patty Rathmacher
- 8/15:** Eric & Courtney Mensen
- 8/16:** Greg & Kathy Thompson
- 8/17:** Mike & Mary Ness
- 8/18:** Don & Lori Olson
- 8/19:** Ryan & Stephanie Charlson  
Willard & Janet Oppedal
- 8/26:** Todd & Tiffany Janes  
Jason & Kari Schaufenbuel



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# September

2025



## weekly events

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<b>MONDAYS</b>	8:30 A.M. 10 A.M.	Women's Bible Study Toddler Music & Story Time
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	10 A.M.	Staff Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	6 - 8 P.M.	EPIC Youth Program
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	8 A.M.	Men of Immanuel
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	8:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Radio Broadcast Sunday School Hour Worship Coffee Fellowship
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DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon., Sept 1	--	Labor Day - Church Office Closed
Tues., Sept 2	8:30 A.M.	Women's Bible Study with Pastor Allison
Wed., Sept 3	6 - 8 P.M.	EPIC KickOff Night
Thurs., Sept 4	9 A.M. - Noon	Quilters (Social Hall)
Sat., Sept 6	8 A.M.	Men of Immanuel KickOff
Sun., Sept 7	8:30 A.M. 11 A.M. 1 - 4 P.M.	Communion and Rally Sunday Social Hall Reserved for Mechaelsen Family Immanuel-sponsored Carousel Rides!
Mon., Sept 8	8:30 A.M. 10 A.M. 10 - 11:30 A.M.	Women's Bible Study Fall KickOff Toddler Music & Story Time KickOff Myrtle's Closet is open for shopping
Thurs., Sept 11	6:30 P.M. 7:45 P.M.	Deacons & Trustees Meetings Church Council Meeting
Sun., Sept 14	11 A.M. - Noon 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.	My Bible Class for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Graders Women's "Faith, Flannel and Fellowship" @ She Shed
Sun., Sept 21	--	Service of Holy Communion after worship





## *birthdays*

**9/1:** Mike Anderson  
Sue Uthe

**9/2:** Ben Haberl  
Kyle Nordeen

**9/3:** Hannah Larsen

**9/4:** Sue Valen

**9/6:** Gloria Hill  
Josie Reifschneider

**9/7:** Laura McIlrath  
Mary Mechaelsen

**9/9:** Aiden Mensen  
Lane Rickerl

**9/11:** Jessica Reinert

**9/13:** Hannah Larsen

**9/14:** Meredith Mullenbach

**9/15:** Veda Voga  
Asher Whipple

**9/16:** Kim Mathison  
Gene Reinert

**9/18:** Michael Hill

**9/20:** Greg Jacobson  
Jodie Rickerl  
Evan Skartvedt

**9/24:** Kay Billings

**9/25:** Camden Harriman  
Lyla Palmer

**9/26:** Paul Gallagher  
Georgia Voga

**9/27:** Elly Thompson  
Berniece Voga

**9/28:** Dallas Kray



## *anniversaries*

**9/1:** Brad & Julie Skaar

**9/2:** Dave & Carol Ann Morris

**9/3:** Dick & Arlene Willis

**9/5:** Dan & Mayumi Oakland

**9/8:** Chris & Kelly Dahl

**9/12:** Bob & Gayle Tate

**9/17:** Lee & Jodie Rickerl

**9/22:** Duane & Shirley Wheeler

**9/24:** Jeff & Charlotte Loots

**9/25:** Larry & Claudia Fuhrman

**9/27:** A.J. & Amber Christian



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# October 2025

month at a glance

weekly events

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MONDAYS	8:30 A.M. 10 A.M.	Women's Bible Study Toddler Music & Story Time
TUESDAYS	10 A.M.	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAYS	6 - 8 P.M.	EPIC Youth Program
SUNDAYS	8:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Radio Broadcast Sunday School Hour Worship Coffee Fellowship
SATURDAYS	8 A.M.	Men of Immanuel

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DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed., Oct 1	6 P.M.	First Communion Class for 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders (during EPIC)
Thurs., Oct 2	9 A.M. - Noon	Quilters (Social Hall)
Friday, Oct 3	--	Annual Report Articles, Pictures and Minutes Due
Sun., Oct 5	--	Communion Sunday First Communion for 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders
Oct 5 - Oct 8	--	LCMC National Gathering in Minnesota
Thurs., Oct 9	6:30 P.M. 7:45 P.M.	Deacons & Trustees Meetings Church Council Meeting
Mon., Oct 13	10 - 11:30 A.M.	Myrtle's Closet is open for shopping
Wed., Oct 15	--	Winter Quarterly Newsletter Submissions Due
Sun., Oct 19	9:30 A.M. 10:45 A.M. 11:30 A.M.	Pastor Appreciation during worship Annual Meeting (after worship) Coffee Fellowship
Sun., Oct 26	10:30 A.M.	Em Quang's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coffee Fellowship Time





### *birthdays*

- 10/1:** Jessica Blomberg  
**10/3:** Don Hoffmann  
Halli Oberender  
Rick Richie  
**10/4:** Jacob Eilers  
**10/6:** Jake Edwards  
**10/7:** Treanna Richie  
**10/8:** David Teigland  
Danni Whipple  
**10/10:** Joel Halverson  
Karsyn Lande  
**10/13:** Eli Dahl  
Masen Wright  
**10/14:** Sara Anderson  
**10/15:** Wyatt Lelis  
Natalie Whipple  
**10/16:** Mike Valen  
**10/18:** Luke Wyatt  
**10/19:** Amber Christian

**10/21:** Ann Lelis  
**10/22:** Sandra Kowalik  
Greg Thompson

**10/24:** Caimin Edens

**10/26:** Keira Wright

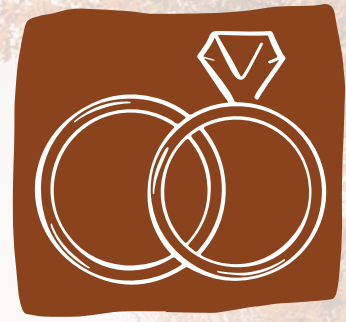
**10/27:** Will Halverson

**10/28:** Parker Mullenbach  
Dick Willis

**10/29:** Lily Rathmacher  
Merlin Wendt

**10/30:** Josiah Potratz

**10/31:** Brooks Christian



### *anniversaries*

**10/2:** Nate & Carrie Horman

**10/4:** Mike & Linda Anderson

**10/5:** Merlin & Clara Wendt

**10/9:** Eric & Jocelyn Lowe

**10/11:** Edgar & Jaynee Christian

**10/21:** Ben & Kayla Haberl

**10/25:** Don & Cathy Braathun

**10/28:** Brent & Wana Johnson



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Summer 2025  
Adult Education Study  
with Pastor Allison

## CULTURES IN CONFLICT

5-week class || July 16 - August 13 || Wednesdays @ 6:30 P.M.

**Cultures In Conflict: Paul Proclaims Jesus as Lord - Part 2.** This video study by Ray Vander Laan will immerse the group into the times and places where Paul's missionary journey was lived out. We'll meet in the Immanuel Social Hall. Each week will include a video and discussion and will last 60 to 90 minutes. Contact Pastor Allison if you have questions!

## Summer Youth events!

**AUGUST 10**

**ALL INCOMING  
5<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS  
ARE WELCOME!**

**WATER NIGHT**

**6 - 8 P.M. ON THE  
CHURCH LAWN**

MISSION OF COMFORT  
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Quilt Tying Work Days

AUG. 7 // SEPT. 4 // OCT. 2  
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.  
IMMANUEL SOCIAL HALL

No quilting experience needed. Bring a snack to share during coffee hour! Donations of bed sheets (fitted & bottom sheets, 80 - 100% cotton) and fabric can be dropped off to the church office.

**PLEASE RSVP  
TO CONNER BY  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3!**

## Myrtle's Closet

**FALL 2025 DATES**

(10 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1



**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER  
WITH MYRTLE'S CLOSET!**

Help parents shop for baby clothes & diapers!  
Training available for new volunteers.

**Thanks to our quilters for also donating  
a quilt for the Riverside Quilt Auction!**

We are in need of someone to transport quilts to Fort Dodge in September (*tentative date is Sept. 20*) - these quilts will then be sent to those who need them!

***If you're able to drive some quilts to Fort Dodge, please contact Julie Thompson.***







As we look towards the fall, we are excited to announce that we will be using a new curriculum throughout all children and youth ministries.

Grow is designed to help kids and teenagers grow closer to Jesus. Every week they'll hear directly from God's Word, taught in engaging and age-appropriate ways. Grow provides weekly lesson plans that are customizable to fit each church's needs, teaching videos that provide an introduction to each lesson, and discipleship activities.

**Grow** provides series on identity, evangelism, friendship, spiritual habits, wisdom, and doubt.

One of our goals as a church is to foster a place where kids can grow in their faith, express their doubts, learn their identity in Christ, and take what they believe and be able to share it with others. Here are a few goals that we have set for using **Grow**:

### **Spiritual Growth**

- Help youth develop a deeper understanding of Scripture in ways that connect to their everyday lives.
- Strengthen their personal relationship with God through prayer, worship, and meaningful reflection.
- Encourage the practice of spiritual disciplines, such as personal Bible study and serving others.

### **Community Impact**

- Inspire youth to serve others in church, school, and the Roland-Story community.
- Build strong friendships and a sense of belonging among youth through shared learning and activities.
- Equip youth to confidently and respectfully share their faith with peers.

### **Personal Development**

- Help youth discover their God-given talents and spiritual gifts.
- Encourage Christ-centered decision-making in relationships, school, and life challenges.
- Empower them to take ownership of their faith and grow into future leaders in the church.

### **Life Application**

- Teach youth how to apply biblical truths to real-life situations, such as navigating friendships, family dynamics, and school challenges.
- Foster resilience by helping youth rely on their faith during trials and uncertainty.
- Encourage them to integrate Christian values into their everyday decisions and actions.







# Sunday School Teachers' Meeting

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Sunday, August 31 @ 11 A.M.

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Cornerstone Room

# CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

effective September 2025

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MONDAY - THURSDAY

9 A.M. TO NOON

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call or leave us a message

515-733-4972 OR TEXT 515-357-6982

email us anytime

OFFICE@IMMANUELSTORYCITY.ORG

# Home-Delivered Meals





Immanuel delivers meals via Heartland Senior Services of Ames every September.

- **Sign up online or with the church office!**
- **Pick up meals** at Immanuel at 10:45 A.M.
- **One driver** is needed. Allow 1 hour for meal pickup, delivery, and bag return to the church.

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



The Lord gives a wide array of talents and knowledge to us all so we may serve one another through both paid and unpaid work. Thanks be to God!

*While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*

(Genesis 8:22, NASB)

The church office will be **closed**

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# Monday, September 1

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**in observance of Labor Day**





We're excited to announce a new discipleship opportunity just for high school students! This fall, we're launching a trial year of our **Youth Discipleship Mentor Program**—a small group-based experience designed to help students grow deeper in their faith through intentional, Christ-centered relationships.

This isn't a large group or a class. Students who sign up will be placed into pods of 3–4 with a trusted mentor, where they'll meet regularly to talk about life, faith, and what it means to follow Jesus in today's world.

### **Who Is This For?**

- Male High School Students (Grades 9–12): If you're ready to grow in your relationship with God and want to be part of a tight-knit group that encourages you in your faith, this program is for you.

### **What to Expect:**

This discipleship mentor program is all about **real connection**, **real growth**, and **real-life faith**. Here's a closer look at what students can expect when they sign up:

### **Small Group Pods**

Each student will be placed into a pod of 3–4 high school students, led by a trusted young adult mentor. These pods are intentionally small so everyone can share, grow, and be known in a safe, supportive environment.

### **Regular Meetings (Twice a Month)**

Pods will meet every two weeks at a time and place that works best for the group. Meetings can happen at church, a coffee shop, or someone's home, whatever fits your schedule and keeps things consistent.

### **Faith-Focused Conversations**

Each meeting will center around discussion topics rooted in Scripture and real life—covering things like identity in Christ, how to read the Bible, prayer, friendships, handling pressure, dealing with doubt, and more.

### **Prayer & Encouragement**

Each meeting includes time for prayer—sharing requests, praying together, and learning how to talk to God honestly. Students will also be encouraged to check in with each other between meetings, helping their pod feel like a faith family.

This program is about more than just attending—it's about **investing** in your spiritual life and learning what it looks like to follow Jesus with others who are doing the same.

Students who are interested in learning more about this program, please reach out to Conner Freerks via email.



# EPIC

WEDNESDAYS || 6 - 8 P.M.  
5TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE  
PIZZA || WORSHIP || SMALL GROUPS  
KICKOFF ON SEPTEMBER 3

## THRIVE Community Internship Program Overview and Fall News

Our internship program is growing! The THRIVE Community Internship Program is part of Immanuel's contribution to equipping and raising up church leaders and pastors for the next generation. Last year, we had two interns on staff, and a third adjunct intern. This fall we welcome back Conner (Youth Minister) and Isaac - and we add Grant Severson to our internship team!

Conner will continue to serve in our Youth Ministry and to develop our video and online connections. Grant and Isaac will serve in leading Bible Studies, assisting with EPIC, and stepping into our visitation ministry! All will be given opportunities to serve in worship and preach on occasion.

We ask that you continue to pray for this ministry and those immersed in it!

Sign Up   
 TO SERVE  
this year  
@ IMMANUEL

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO VOLUNTEER  
FOR WORSHIP & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES!**  
SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY, ONLINE, OR WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE.

**We will be adding a kiosk in the lobby  
so that you can sign up to volunteer,  
donate online, and register for church  
activities without having to use a phone!**

*We hope this will be something useful  
for years to come. Our plan is to have  
it up and running by Rally Sunday!*

SATURDAYS || 8:00 A.M. || SOCIAL HALL

## Men of Immanuel

BIBLE STUDY || COFFEE || DONUTS || FELLOWSHIP

**BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6**







## Sunday School

**SUNDAYS @ 8:30 - 9:15 A.M.**

There are Sunday School classes available for 3-year-olds through 5<sup>th</sup> graders starting September 7<sup>th</sup>! Each week, kids will have music time and a lesson time with their teachers.

### **Kids' Sunday Music Groups**

#### **Kingdom Kids**

(3-year-olds through 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

#### **Young Disciples**

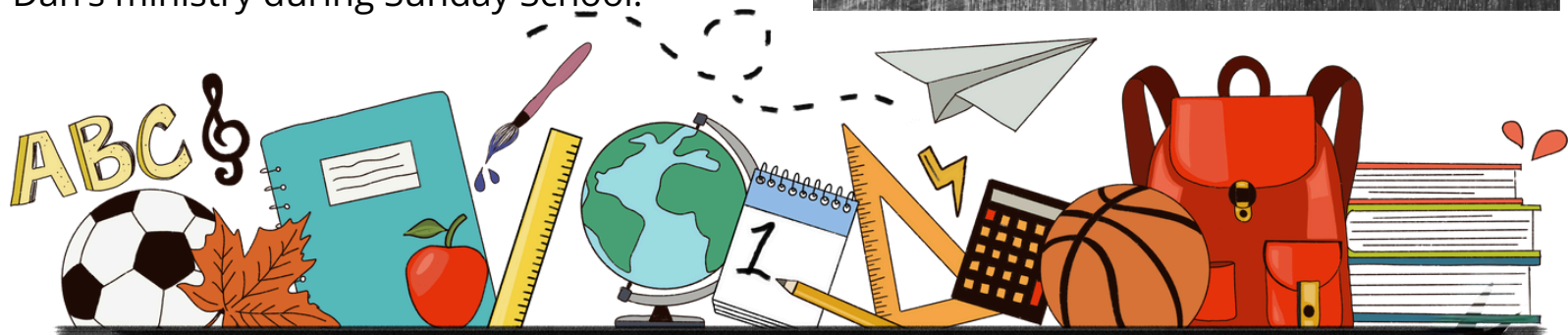
(2<sup>nd</sup> graders through 5<sup>th</sup> graders)

## Rally Sunday

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Our Sunday School year begins on Rally Sunday! We've booked a juggler for the Sunday School hour and invite all kids, families and adults to join us in the Social Hall that morning at 8:30 A.M.!

Dan Kirk, The Juggler With The Yellow Shoes, is a Christian, a comedian, a husband, a father, a fisherman, a balloon guy, a unicyclist, a teacher, a plate spinner, and a jack of all juggling, master of fun! We will be collecting a special offering to support Dan's ministry during Sunday School.



*Register for the Sunday School year with your Sunday School Teacher on Rally Sunday or contact Jaynee Christian, Sunday School Superintendent, with questions.*

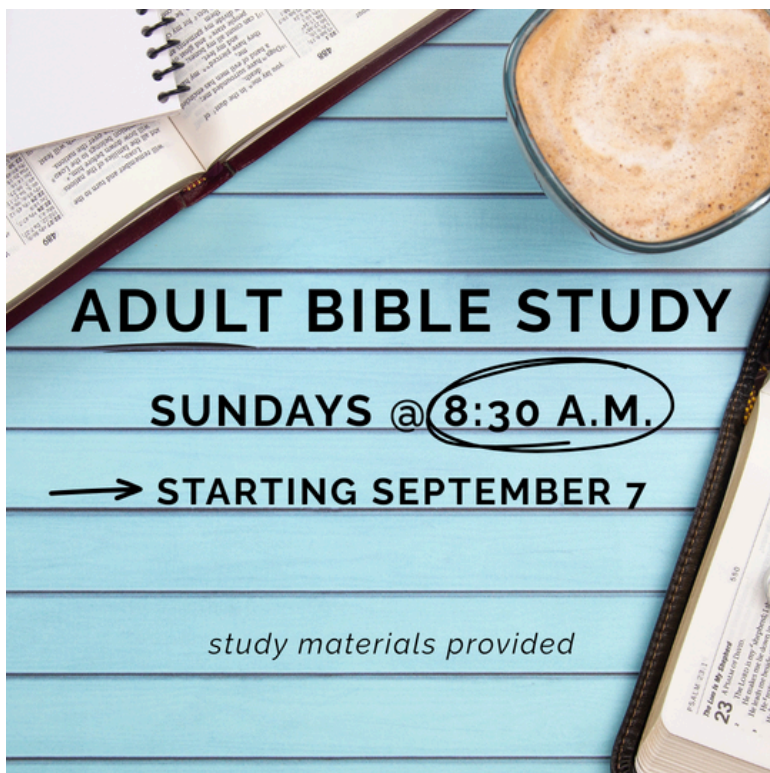




## Adult Bible Study BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

This fall for our adult Sunday School, we will be doing a Bible study around the main passages for that Sunday's sermon. These studies will be led by a team of people, including a couple of our seminarians. Each week is designed to be independent enough that you can join us at any time and not feel like you're missing something big!

Join us each Sunday, *beginning Rally Sunday*, for this time to dig DEEPER into Faith!

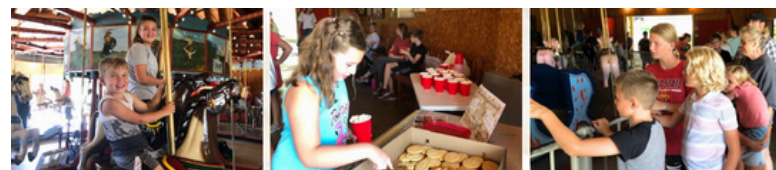


## Sunday, September 7 *during worship*

Presentation of Bibles  
*to Second Graders*

&

Presentation of Lord's Prayer Books  
*to 3 & 4-year-olds*



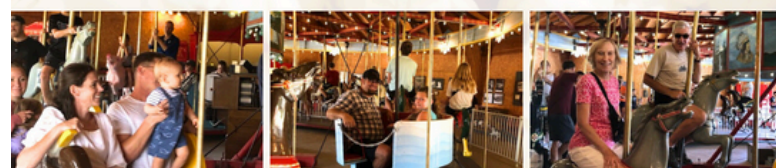
## STORY CITY CAROUSEL RIDES

SPONSORED BY  IMMANUEL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

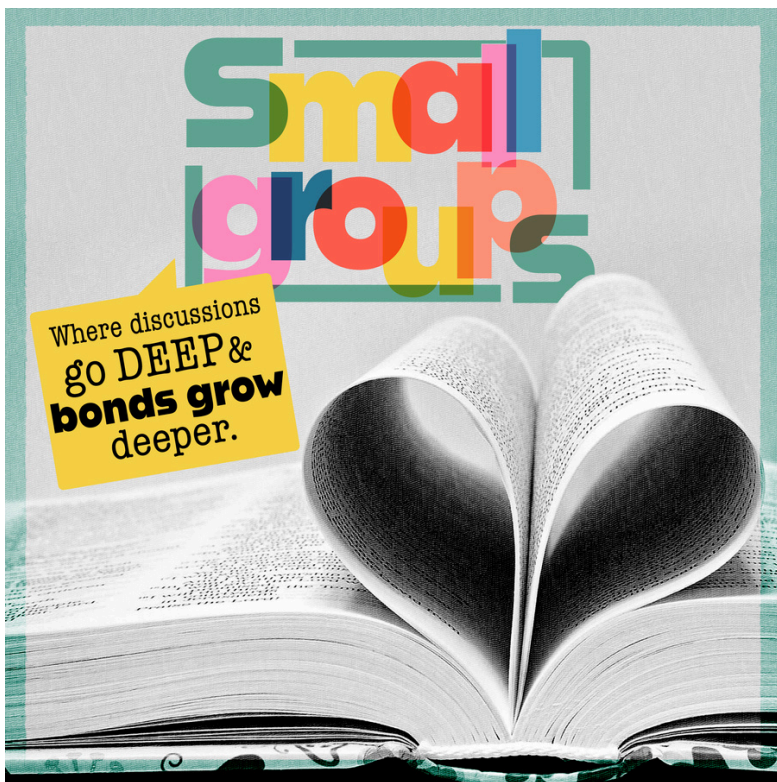


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 || 1 - 4 P.M.

COME AND ENJOY TREATS & FREE RIDES  
ON THE STORY CITY CAROUSEL!







## Small Groups at Immanuel

### JOIN ONE OR START YOUR OWN!

**Ready to reconnect?** Small groups and Bible studies are starting back up soon! Find your circle and grow in your faith this fall.

Contact one of the pastors for more information about joining a small group, or start your own! We have a full library of small group materials ready to use!

### **Our 2025 Fall Kickoff is "Carry the Flame."**

This is a study that we will be digging into in our sermon series, but it is also designed to facilitate small group needs with videos and discussion questions. *"Carry the Flame"* is about renewing our hearts and reviving the world.

#### *From the Publisher:*

**"Do you ever feel like you need to be "qualified" to effectively share the gospel and help build God's kingdom?"**

God is seeking and equipping ordinary men and women whose greatest qualification is that they make themselves available to him. In this video Bible study (streaming code included), bestselling author and long-time pastor Jim Cymbala inspires followers of Jesus to follow the call of the Holy Spirit and to carry the "flame" of our witness to this dark world.



A rallying call and Bible study both, Cymbala draws on examples of ordinary people in the book of Acts—as well as modern-day testimonies—to show how God can use anyone and everyone who simply submits to him and obeys his call. As you go through this study, you will be challenged and empowered to take that first step of faith for God . . . and see where it leads."



# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

LED BY PASTOR ALLISON

MONDAYS @ 8:30 A.M. IN THE CORNERSTONE ROOM  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8

OUR 2025 FALL STUDY



A BACK PORCH *Toddler* BIBLE STUDY  
Lisa Harper  
**A Jesus  
Shaped Life**



How Biblically Sound Theology Deepens  
Our Relationship with God and Each Other  
Seven Sessions with Video Access

## steady hands MINISTRY

with mentor *Kim Combes*

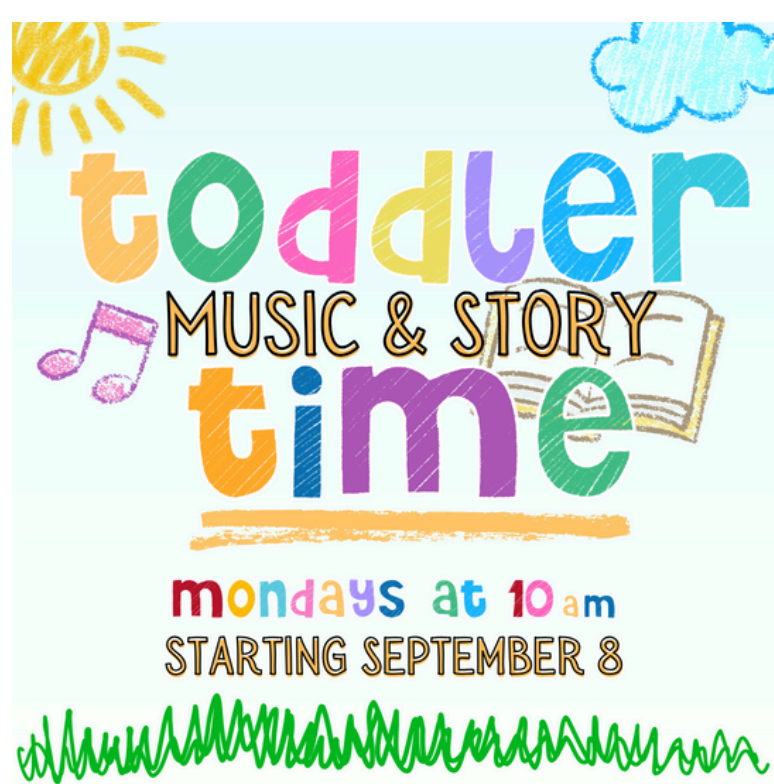


Sessions will be scheduled at the church  
on select Thursdays between 3 - 7 P.M.

Contact Kim to set up your  
free mentoring session at 515.291.4014

**Immanuel offers a mission outreach  
(funded entirely by the Tom & Myrtle  
Johnson Funds) named "Steady Hands  
Ministry", based on Exodus 17:12.**

This mentoring service with Kim Combes is  
offered to anyone in our congregation and  
community completely free of charge (*you  
may gift a thank you gift to Kim directly*).



mondays at 10am  
STARTING SEPTEMBER 8

All toddler and preschool-age children &  
their caregivers are invited to join Pastor  
Allison for some fun games, music and  
stories each Monday in the Immanuel  
Chapel!

If you would like to volunteer and help  
this program grow, reach out to Pastor  
Allison.

## CARE & VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM



**We continue to experience the blessing of  
having many people helping with our care &  
visitation ministry** - thank you for answering  
God's call to "be the church" to each other!

**We are always open to adding *more* people to  
our care and visitation ministry team!** If you  
have questions or would like training, please  
contact Pastor Andrew for more information.





**Sunday, September 14**  
*during worship*

**Installation of**  
*teachers*  
*EPIC leaders*  
*other educational leaders*

*We will also pray for our educators as  
they begin the school year.*

# Women's Fall Get-Together

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH**  
4:30 - 6:30 P.M.  
@ JAYNEE CHRISTIAN'S "SHE SHED"

*faith, flannel & fellowship*

Wear your favorite fall flannel &  
bring a fall finger food to share!

## My Bible Class

**Sunday, September 14**  
11 A.M. - 12 P.M. in the Chapel

for 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders & their parents



## EPIC

*First Communion Sunday for 5th Graders*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

All 5<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in a  
First Communion Class on Wed., October 1<sup>st</sup>  
during EPIC. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents are  
encouraged to attend this class.

The 5th Grade students will take their first  
communion with the Immanuel congregation  
on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

"The truth is that people always act according to  
what they believe. It may not be what they say they  
believe, but deep down it's what they really believe.  
And false beliefs lead to false actions."

—E. Chris Curvin





Many members of our Immanuel staff  
(and our seminary interns) will be  
attending the LCMC Annual Gathering  
in Minnesota in October.

*We ask for prayers concerning their travel and discussions  
they will have with other LCMC church leaders.*



*"Variety's  
the very spice of life  
that gives  
it all its flavor."  
—William Couper*

## OCTOBER IS Pastor Appreciation Month

*Thank you, Pastor Andrew and Pastor Allison,  
for all that you do for Immanuel and God's kingdom!*

*We will acknowledge our pastors on Sunday, October 19.*



## Church Newsletter SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Any articles, pictures, or other  
newsletter submissions for our  
**WINTER Quarterly Newsletter**  
(November - December - January)  
are due to the church office  
by **October 15th**.

*Contact Milianna with questions.*

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 AFTER WORSHIP**

**All confirmed, active members are encouraged  
to attend and vote. Items on the agenda include:**

- election of council, committee members & delegates
- ministry highlights
- missions commitment
- Endowment Fund update
- pastoral compensation for 2025

*All articles, reports, pictures,  
and financial statements for the  
Annual Report are due to the  
church office by Friday, October 3.*







## Let's Celebrate!

All are invited  
to a special fellowship  
time after worship on  
**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
to celebrate  
**Em Quang's**  
**50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**  
of her family's  
arrival in Story City!



*"Blessed is the season  
which engages the whole world  
in a conspiracy of love."*

*—Hamilton Wright Mabie*



## THE ARAB/ISRAELI CONFLICT

**Sunday, November 2**

Trevor Rubenstein,  
Guest Speaker



CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES

[chosenpeople.com](http://chosenpeople.com)

We are excited to announce that **Trevor Rubenstein** from Chosen People Ministries will return to Immanuel on Sunday, November 2 to share more about the circumstances in the Middle East.

***More details to come!***



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**

*Christmas Luncheon*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

*Sunday School Christmas Program  
during worship*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

*Christmas Eve Worship Services*



# **Minutes of the Joint Council Meeting: Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church**

## **July 10, 2025 7:45 PM In Person in the Social Hall**

Present: Pastor Allison, Lori Whipple, Dion Whipple, Julie Skaar, Grant Severson, Steve Skartvedt, Steve Olson, Chuck Carlson, Sean Edens, Lily Rathmacher, Patty Rathmacher, Jaynee Christian, Joel Danielson, Ben Haberl, Brian Wakefield

President Joel Danielson called the meeting to order at 7:55 PM.

1. Devotions were given by Steve Skartvedt.
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes. Jaynee moved that the minutes be approved as submitted and Steve O. seconded. Approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report was given by Chuck Carlson using the documents submitted to council. Grant moved that the Treasurer's report be approved and Lily seconded. Approved unanimously.
4. Report of Boards (see below for full reports)
  - a. Deacons: Patty Rathmacher
  - b. Board of Ed: Pastor Allison
  - c. Youth Board: Pastor Allison reported that they have not met since last council meeting.
  - d. Trustees: Ben Haberl
5. Old Business
  - a. Nominating Committee. Steve O., Joel, Dion, and Rachel Winecoff agreed to serve on the nominating committee. Brian moved and Ben seconded to approve the four individuals who agreed to serve. Approved unanimously.
  - b. Choir Director. Joel will look for the job description sent to him earlier.
  - c. Quarterly Newsletter. A financial report can be made available monthly for the congregation on the slat wall. August 1st will be the first quarterly newsletter that will cover August, September, and October. This will require that all boards look in the future for get dates submitted timely.
6. New Business
  - a. Church Calendar. With the change to the quarterly newsletter a discussion was held regarding the fact that we do need to make decisions on dates as early as possible.
  - b. Historical Files. Items had been placed in a fire safe and now the combination has been found. Some discussion was held regarding what we should keep. No decision was made.
  - c. Fundraising Account. Jaynee asked if we could use some of the fundraising account to improve the small closet in the basement used for storage.

Joel adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM. Lily moved that the meeting be adjourned and Brian seconded. Next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2025. Devotions will be given by the Board of Education and lunch by the Deacons.

Those present prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Whipple, Secretary



## **Board of Trustees**

- Treasurer Report
  - Sean moved to approve
  - 2nd by Brian
  - Motion carried
- Bills approved
  - Brian moved to approve
  - 2nd by Sean
  - Motion carried
- Brian moved to approve the purchase of an individual man lift \$4k
  - Ben 2nd
  - Motion carried

### Action items

- Air conditioner for Sanctuary is getting looked at
- Steve is going to follow up on tuckpointing

## **Immanuel Deacons Minutes 7.10.2025**

Present: Kelly Dahl, Dion Whipple, Grant Severson, Julie Skaar, Patty Rathmacher  
Pastor Allison also attended our meeting

Call to order and Opening Prayer and prayer requests: Grant.

We approved the previous minutes and heard ministry updates.

- Myrtle's Updates: averages 10 clients when open. Will try to coordinate openings this fall with Immanuel Story times for clients' kids' participations
- Steady Hands Update: Kim will speak at Immanuel August 3rd and preach as it ties in well with the Steady Hands mission.

Old Business discussion of the following:

- Ministry Fund Balance & Johnson Fund balance reviewed.
- Summer Preaching help:
  - July 13 - Kayla Cook
  - July 27 - Grant
  - August 3 - Kim Combes
  - August 10 - Allison
  - August 17 - Tim Tjernagel
  - August 24 - Allison
  - August 31 - Andrew
- Small groups / Adult Ed review
- Summer Options:
  - Allison will lead a 5-week Video Series beginning next week on July 16th.
  - For 6 weeks "Made to Crave" - Monday nights have 11 participants

Old Business:

Approved the Immanuel Conference Registration Assistance Policy



## New Business discussions:

- Approved giving \$1000.00 to the Texas LCMC district for recent flood relief. A free will offering will also be taken this Sunday July 13th.
- Discussed how Deacons can best help, encourage and monitor the tasks of the interns at Immanuel as they are working towards becoming fulltime ministry workers in God's plan for them.

## Board of Education

**July 10, 2025 (via email)**

### PRESENT

Allison, Rachel, Lily, Jana, Jaynee, Brandi

### OPENING PRAYER

Thank you Jesus for a restful summer for our ministry. We pray for the families and children that are busy with summer activities and those who are traveling. Keep them safe and connected to you. We pray for the upcoming fall that you would fill our church and Sunday School again with the sound of children. In Jesus name we pray, Amen

### PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Current balance – \$11,223.75

Allison purchased the gift cards for adult day camp leaders. It was around \$160. She plans to get one for the Seversons.

### RECAP OF LAST MONTH

Day Camp-had around 50 kids between preschool and 4th grade. 18 were preschoolers/kindergarteners. Riverside did a great job and Conner did great leading music! Lots of youth volunteers. Next year we should have 5th graders attend instead of volunteering. Good crowd for the closing program! We do not need to pay a deposit for next year yet, Riverside will reach out again and let us know when we can register.

### UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS FOR MILIANNA

Rachel will reach out to 1st grade (going into 2nd grade) parents to order Bibles soon.

Back to School Blessing August 24th

Rally Sunday September 7th





## OTHER

- Rally Sunday Plans
  - Allison filled out a request form for Dan Kirk, The Juggler With Yellow Shoes (Christian Juggler)
  - We are unsure if we should do a BBQ after worship or not.
  - Jaynee is working on putting together the new curriculum plans.
  - Classes
    - 3 and 4 year olds (incoming 3 year olds?)
    - PreK and Kindergarten
    - 1st Grade
    - 2nd Grade-Keely Oberender
    - 3rd Grade
    - 4th Grade
    - 5th Grade-Conner
    - Confirmation-Allison
    - Kingdom Kids Music-Nicole?
    - Young Disciples Music-Need a leader!
  - Teachers
    - Rachel and Lois team teach (Kindergarten or 1st and 2nd Grade).
    - Keely will teach again (Finley's age group, is that 2nd grade?)
    - Conner will teach again
    - Jaynee would like to float and not be in a group.
    - Allison reaching out to Haberl's.
  - Teacher meeting-Let's discuss at our next meeting.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Say the Lord's Prayer on your own

### *Why Christian community is key*

Jesus' followers aren't meant to pursue faith by themselves. In fact, that's impossible! A family and the body signify plural members. It is among brothers and sisters in Christ that we:

- experience our Savior's presence, living and incarnate;
- unite in worship, confess our sins, hear the gospel and receive Communion;
- accept church discipline through the gentle guidance of others;
- learn — through other people's examples and experiences — what it means to live a life of discipleship;
- and lovingly serve together as Jesus' hands and feet.







Do you know what Iowa's go-to comfort food is? According to the article, "Dig In! Classic Comfort Food from All 50 States" in this month's **Reader's Digest** it's the cinnamon roll. We all have our own ideas about what qualifies as comfort food, but just as comforting as the actual food itself are the relationships we associate with it. Two new books that have recently been added to the library have to do with that very idea.

In **The Amish Cooking Class Trilogy**, **The Seekers**, **The Blessing**, and **The Celebration**, by Wanda E. Brunstetter, a young Amish wife, looking to keep herself busy and reach out to others, decides to share her cooking talent by offering classes in the art of Amish cuisine. As she gets to know each of her students she quickly realizes that God has provided her with the opportunity to not only help them satisfy their physical hunger, but also their spiritual needs. Recipes and Bible verses included!

Do you have a favorite recipe that was your grandmother's or great-grandmother's? Author Sara Brunsvold in **The Divine Proverb of Streusel** uses the idea of sharing recipes and food to connect generations and heal broken relationships, discovering along the way that no matter how difficult the recipe - or the relationship - if you want to move forward, you have to take the next step.

New nonfiction: **They Turned the World Upside Down** by Charles Martin. Subtitled "A Storyteller's Journey with Those Who Dared to Follow Jesus", Martin explores how the early followers of Jesus were able to effectively change the course of the world, and then asks what we as believers today are doing to show that we live with that same power.

For young readers: Two books about one of the pivotal events and best loved stories in the Old Testament, Noah and the great flood.

**Naamah and the Ark at Night**, a lullaby by Susan Campbell Bartoletti, illustrated by Holly Meade. Meet Mrs. Noah, whose name means "great singer", as she makes the rounds singing the animals (and her family!) to sleep.

**The True Story of Noah's Ark** by Tom Dooley, illustrated by Bill Looney, includes audio CD. Though categorized as juvenile nonfiction, adults and young readers alike will find much to learn and think about as they explore the many facets of this amazing story.







# Neighborhood News

**Have something to share?  
Contact the church office!**

## Loaves & Fishes

Food Pantry

Despensa de alimentos

**Saturdays**

**10 am- Noon**

Serving Gilbert, Roland and Story City

204 West Broad St. (Mailing address-PO Box 23), Story City, IA 50248  
loavesnfishescc@gmail.com



## NORSEMEN FOOD PANTRY

Located at the RS Middle School; Open Every Sunday 4 -5 P.M.; Call (515) 388-4348 to donate or with questions.

## LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Located at 510 Pennsylvania in Story City & open 24/7! Take food or give food (non-perishable!)

All area churches take turns serving the pantry on Saturdays. If you would like to know more about donating or helping Immanuel serve, contact Brad & Karen Waline or the church office.

## ART WORKSOP & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

AUGUST 3RD

1 - 3 PM. 619 GRAND AVE

Help us fill the Art House with art for our next exhibit!  
Bring your kids to the museum to learn about pointillism (painting with dots). Artworks will be displayed for one month in our mini art museum on the Bartlett Museum property. Stop by for a cold treat and create some art!



## STORY CITY LAWN CHAIR NIGHT

AT THE BANDSHELL  
NORTH PARK STORY CITY

SPONSORED BY:

**Stratford COMMUNICATIONS**

MUSIC:



Take a midweek break and unwind with us at the North Park Bandshell!

Bring a lawn chair or blanket, grab your favorite snacks, and enjoy an evening of great music and good vibes under the open sky.

Free Will Donations Accepted (funds collected will go to Downtown Beautification Projects)

**JOIN US**

Wednesday

13 August 2025

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



FOOD TRUCK:  
5PM-8PM  
IN FRONT OF  
FAIRVIEW LODGE



Story City  
GREATER CHAMBER CONNECTION  
A MetroWest Partnership

[www.storycitygcc.org](http://www.storycitygcc.org)





**ROLAND♥STORY**

**ONE DAY, MANY CHURCHES  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**

**10-NOON: BLESSING THE COMMUNITY  
3-6PM: FREE CAROUSEL, GOODIES,  
AND ACTIVITIES AT NORTH PARK**

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO SIGN UP TO HELP  
Visit [RScityserve.org/WeHeartRS](https://RScityserve.org/WeHeartRS)**

## **PRAYER TRAINING CLASS**

**Are you ready to step out in faith and pray for others? This training is for youth (8<sup>th</sup> grade+) and adults who are interested in praying for people at our upcoming RS CityServe event and learning how to share the love of Jesus with those who may not know Him.**

**Training is at the RS City Serve Building (403 Broad St.):**

**Option 1: Wednesday, August 6 (6 - 8 P.M.)**

**Option 2: Saturday, August 16 (9 - 11 A.M.)**

*Participants do not need to bring anything.  
Refreshments will be provided for attendees.*

**Sign up via the QR code. —————→**







Join us at the Story City Municipal Pool for an evening of food, fun, and feathers. Come early for a delicious BBQ dinner, then cheer on your lucky duck as they race to the finish line! Purchase your Quackers online or at the GCC Office (\$5 per duck or a "6-quack" for \$25).

Don't miss your chance to win great prizes and support a great cause—this is one quacky tradition you won't want to miss!



## Calling All Artists and Young Entrepreneurs!

We're gearing up for one of the most colorful and creative days of the year. Mark your calendars and get ready to join us for this incredible community celebration of art, creativity, and local talent. Whether you're a seasoned artisan, a first-time vendor, or a young entrepreneur ready to shine, we'd love to have you be part of the fun!

***Artist & Vendor Registration is now OPEN on the Story City GCC website!***

Secure your booth space and share your work with hundreds of attendees!

***NEW this year: "Mini-Maker" Youth Vendor Program!***

Young creatives ages 5 to 16 can now register to sell their handmade goods at the event. It's a fun and inspiring way to spark entrepreneurial spirit and support youth talent in our community.



## FALL EVENTS AT RIVERSIDE

### 5K & QUILT DAY

Saturday, August 2

NOW  
ACCEPTING  
QUILTS!



If interested in joining our sponsor list for our 5K Run/Walk, please contact us at [rlbc@riversidelbc.org](mailto:rlbc@riversidelbc.org).

Join us this August for all sorts of fun for the whole family at Riverside with our 5K Run/Walk, open pool time, an outdoor chapel service, quilt auction, and a delicious turkey lunch! All proceeds from this day support our general ministry fund, which supports our camperships, ministry team, and continued care of our property and grounds.

**Donating a quilt?** Find the 2025 Quilt Auction Form online. The online auction will open on Monday, July 28. We will also have a 25 item live auction in the Chapel on the day of the event!

5K participant registration is OPEN NOW on our website. Final itinerary for the day will be determined and shared in early July.



### GOLF CLASSIC

Friday, September 19, 2025 at Coldwater Golf Links in Ames

Join us out on the links for a day supporting Riverside's Christ-centered ministry through golfing with friends! We pack in plenty of good times in our today together – lunch, golf, fellowship, ice cream and prizes to conclude the day! Golfers can register as a four-person team, or single player to be placed in a team. All donations from the event will go directly to our general fund to continue to ensure that every camper who wants to come to camp is able to, regardless of their financial situation.



*Scan to register*





# WOMEN'S RETREAT

**September 27-28 (Friday the 26th is optional)**

If you've been to Riverside for a Women's Retreat before, you know that this is a cherished weekend for many – we want you back this year, and we want you to bring a friend! This ladies-only retreat is designed to deliver exactly what YOU need in a weekend away – restoration, rest, fellowship with others, and fixing our eyes on Jesus. We expect God to meet you right where you are. Enjoy the speaker who is sure to deliver a joyful, helpful message in the company of other women from all around the Midwest. Our team is delighted to host you for this unforgettable retreat. Several attendance options are available to satisfy a variety of needs. Add the Friday option for a fun evening of fellowship and a deliciously-impressive charcuterie spread.



Invite friends from school/church to be in a cabin with you & register online today!



## FALL RECHARGE

Our Fall Recharges are a great opportunity for students to do just that – get recharged! Our time together will be jam-packed and full of worship, free time, Bible study, God time, fun outdoor activities, great food, and more!

### ONE OVERNIGHT:

Cost: \$100

October 17-18

Juniors (Grades 3-6)

November 7-8

Junior High (Grades 6-9)

### TWO OVERNIGHTS:

Cost: \$130

November 21-23

High School (Grades 9-12)





## RIDE WITH THE KING

**Mother-Daughter & Family Overnight**

***NEW IN 2025: FAMILY RIDE WITH THE KING!***

This memorable weekend retreat includes trail rides, horsemanship lessons that apply to our walk with Jesus, delicious food, and fellowship time with others. Camp is beautiful in the fall, and will include many opportunities to enjoy it! Our mother-daughter Ride with the King event has always been popular, but new in 2025, we are adding an additional Ride with the King event for families. So if you want to bring dad or big brother this year, do it! Register soon, as spots to fill up quickly!

### **Mother-Daughter Options:**

Friday-Sunday, October 3-5

Friday-Sunday, October 24-26

### **Family Option:**

Friday-Sunday, October 10-12

### **Fees:**

\$165/adult

\$110/youth

See website for how to register your group.

## YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

### HORSE LESSONS

We offer once-a-week riding lessons during the spring and fall - choose from private, semi-private, or group lessons. The minimum age requirement is seven years old. Must be able to attend designated dates/times of lesson. Make-ups scheduled only for weather-related cancellations. Contact us for more information & to schedule.  
515-733-5271 | [rlbc@RiversideLBC.org](mailto:rlbc@RiversideLBC.org)

**Spring Session:** March 25-May 1  
(Six-week session)

**Fall Session I:** September 9-October 2  
(Four-week session)

**Fall Session II:** October 21-November 11  
(Four-week session)

### TRAIL RIDES & ARENA RIDES

We invite you to enjoy our beautiful trails for a horseback ride or an arena ride for our younger cowgirls and cowboys!

**Trail Rides:** Minimum of four participants. All riders need to be at least 10 years old and weigh under 250 pounds.

**Arena Rides:** All riders need to be at least four years old and weigh under 250 pounds.







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