

THE IMMANUEL INFORMER

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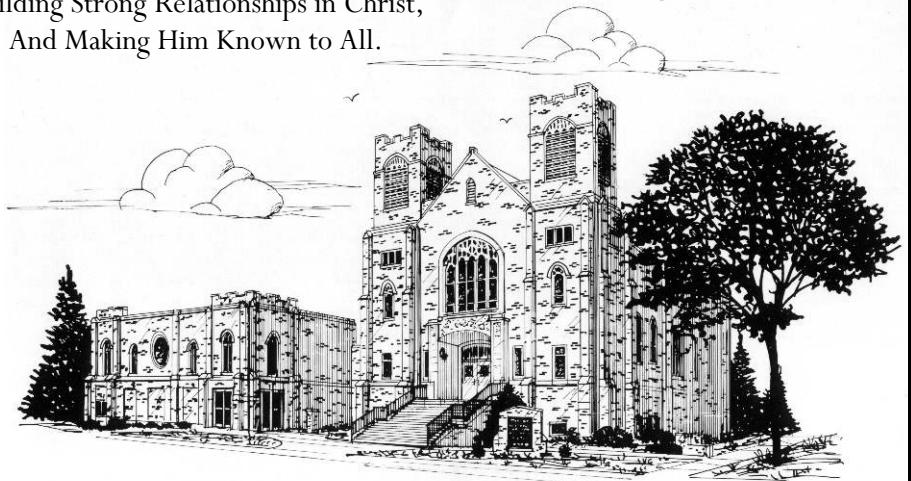
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Custodian

OUR MISSION

Building Strong Relationships in Christ,
And Making Him Known to All.

June 2017



Missionaries we help support:

Tim & Paula Tjernagel, Spain

Pastor Randy Hansen, ISU

Gene & Ginger McClugage,
Family Life, Arkansas

Kevin & Susana B, India

Doug & Amy Nunziato,
Mission Aviation, Washington

Summer Office Hours

(June through August)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:

8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (12-1 P.M. lunch)

Wednesday: 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Sunday Morning Schedule

(June through August)

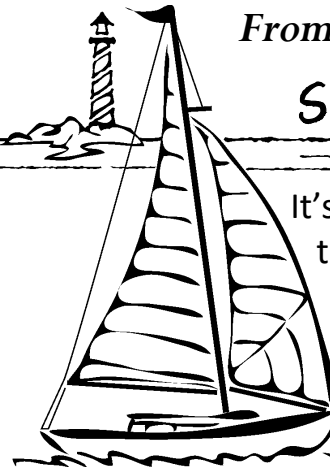
9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)

From the Pastor...

Summer's a-comin'!



It's that time of year when kids and teachers burst out of the school doors, ready for fun, adventure, and relaxation.

Here at Immanuel, it's shaping up to be a busy summer, as you'll see in the rest of this newsletter:

- Diane McClanahan will be sharing **results of the CAT survey** with us, and the Transition Team will be leading **conversations about our future** as a congregation.
- The first weekend of June brings **Scandinavian Days** and our **Beefburger lunch**; we need lots of hands!
- June 12-15 is our **Immanuel Day Camp** with Riverside Bible Camp staff. The Day Camp theme this year is **Rooted**. The more volunteers we have, the better this community outreach can be—last year, we had more than 100 kids!

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- On June 18, we will have **outdoor worship** on the church lawn by the parsonage with music by Kenny Frette and Riverside staff; we'll have a great **potluck** afterward in the Social Hall.
- On July 1 our Deacons are hosting a **Lasagna Fundraiser Dinner Theatre** with portrayals of **Martin and Katy Luther** by Johan and Sonja Hinderlie.
- July 2 will be our Festival Worship service for the **100th anniversary of the dedication of our sanctuary**. We will have more Luther portrayals by the Hinderlies in honor of the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation.
- On July 8, we'll have an **Immanuel Pool Party** at Riverside!

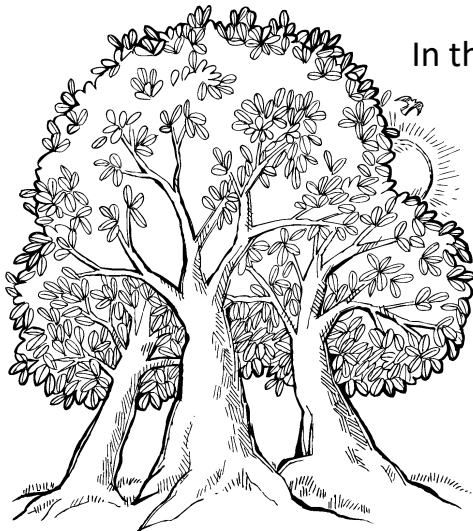


In the midst of all the busyness of summer, stay *Rooted* in Christ through worship, prayer and God's Word.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6-7

Pastor Kurt



June Ministry Volunteers

Ushers, Greeters, Readers

Sign up on the bulletin board in the old narthex or contact the church office.

Secretary Helpers (10 A.M. on Fridays)

June 2	Charlotte Loots, Judy Hested
June 9	Nancy McMenamin
June 16	Janet Handsaker
June 23	Nadine Beck, Ruby Olson
June 30	Ardella Mostrom Florence Hinderaker

May Pastoral Acts

Baptisms:

Tate Joseph Amundson, son of Ryan & Alyssa Amundson (May 7)

Henry Theodore Hammes, son of Ben & Morgan (Voga) Hammes (May 14)

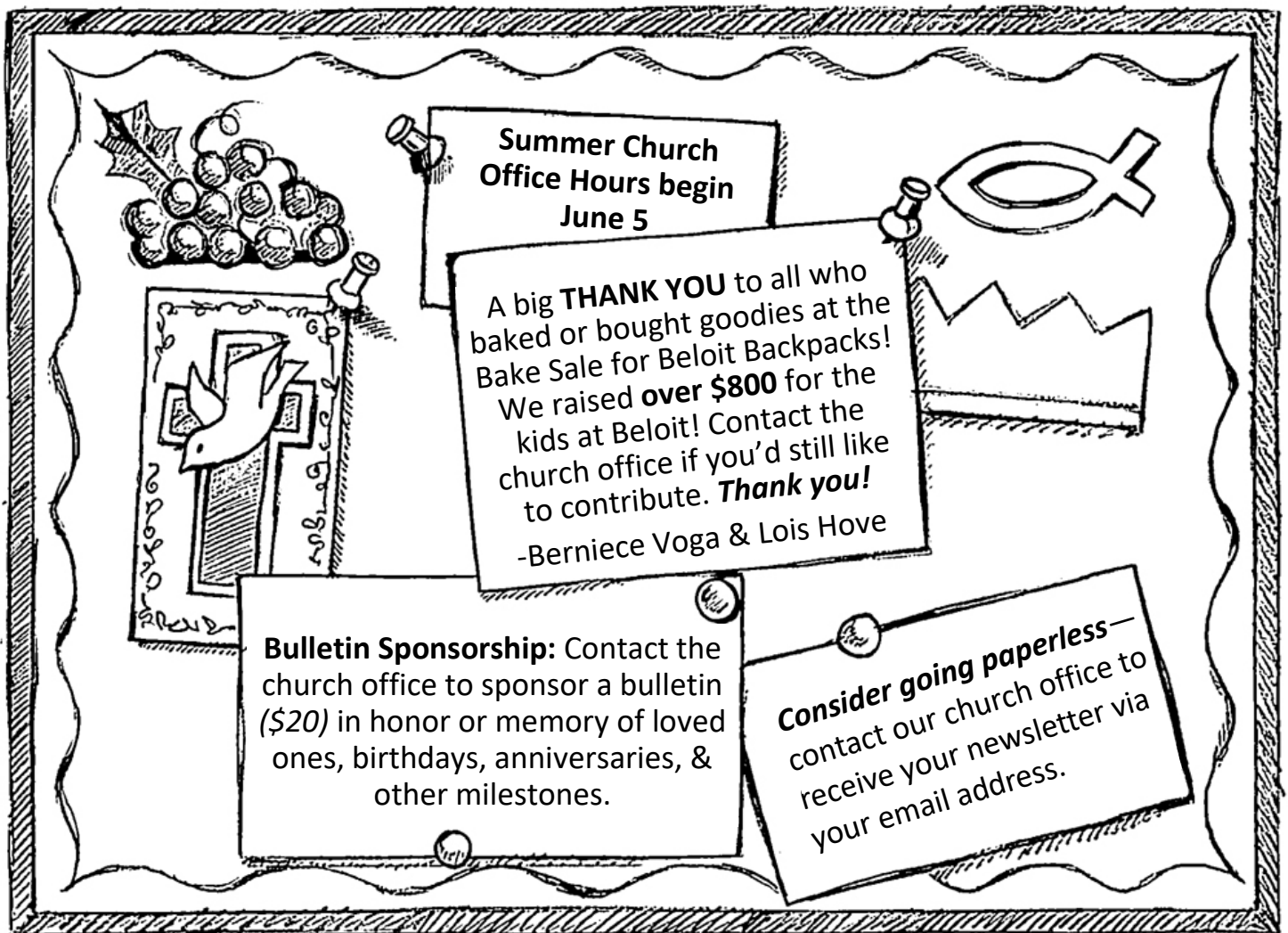
Abram Charles Fink, son of Craig & Annie Fink (May 14)

Scarlett Claire Anderson, daughter of Mitch & Lisa (McMenamin) Anderson (May 21)

Reid Dion Whipple, son of Tyler & Natalie Whipple (May 28)

*Please remember these families
in your prayers.*

Church Bulletin Board



Church Financials

Financial Report - April				
Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Current & Mission Fund	5,325.14	48,318.01	27,481.89	26,161.26
Improvement Fund	70,253.56	1,300.00	11,566.60	59,986.96
Missionary Support Fund	-2,502.61	2,405.00	1,500.01	-1,597.62
Memorial Fund	8,032.62	975.00	0	9,007.62
Ministry Fund	2,299.55	410.00	1,897.85	811.70

Church & Community Announcements

Scandinavian Days 2017

There are still many opportunities for you to get involved in the bake sale and luncheon on Saturday, June 3!

Please contact the church office if you are interested in participating!



AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Before Saturday

Make Potato Cakes

Donate Funds for supplies

Bake Goodies & Scandinavian Specialties

Set Up Social Hall & Kitchen

Receive & Organize Baked Goods

Before Luncheon on Saturday

Make Coffee & Lemonade

Brown Hamburger/Heat Food for Meal

Final prep for the meal to be served

During Luncheon Saturday

Servers—Greeters—Cashiers

Bus Tables—Kitchen Assistants—Clean Up

When on vacation, be with us in spirit.

The rest of the summer,

be with us in person.



**Have a blessed
Summer!**

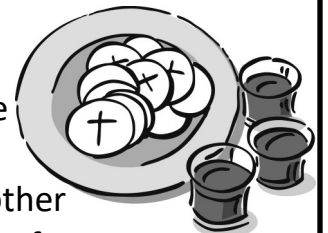
Holy Communion Faith Stepping Stone Blessing on Sunday, June 4

Over three weeks in May, several of our 6th graders and their parents attended our *Holy Communion Faith Stepping Stone* classes together. We explored the Biblical history from Passover to the Lord's Supper, the meaning of the meal, and what it means to live a forgiven and forgiving lifestyle. At the Last Supper, Jesus told his disciples, *"This is my body, given for you...this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."*

On June 4, the students who are receiving their First Communion and their families will promise to continue the "Faith 5" each night in their homes:

- sharing their highs and lows from the day
- reading a verse of Scripture together
- talking about how the Bible verse relates to their lives
- praying together for their highs and lows, their family and for the world
- blessing one another

They will also promise to say "I'm sorry" and "I forgive you" to each other every night, living out the forgiveness we have received through Jesus. Families who use these simple steps to invest five minutes each night in their relationships with each other and God grow stronger in faith together.



You can find out more about the Faith Stepping Stones and the Faith 5 at www.faith5.org.

Church & Community Announcements, continued

**Immanuel Women's Ministry
Quilt Tying Work Day** will be
Thursday, June 8, from 9 A.M.
to noon.

Join us for a morning of fellowship,
food and service to others. You are
welcome to bring treats for coffee
break. No experience needed.

June 11 Guest speaker John Engelstad

On June 11, we will welcome John Engelstad as our guest preacher and speaker. John served as associate pastor here at Immanuel from 2001-2008. He recently accepted the position of Area Director for Youth for Christ in Austin, MN. Billy Graham was Youth for Christ's first full-time staff member. Since 1944, they have sought to give youth opportunities to experience the love of Jesus and the changing power of the Holy Spirit.

We look forward to hearing more about John's new role and plans for ministry in Austin during our coffee hour in the Social Hall after worship!

To find out more about South Central
Minnesota Youth for Christ, visit

www.scmfyc.org



*Thank you and the quilters
for all the lap robes for the
vets. We took some to
Marshalltown. After checking
with Bethany Manor we were
informed that over 60 veterans lived there
so decided to change directions and serve
our community first. Thanks again—keep
on sewing. —American Legion Auxiliary,
Post 59 Story City*

2017 DAY CAMP CREW VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

It's not too late to sign up as a volunteer
for Day Camp! Please contact the church
office or use our Day Camp SignUp page:
<http://signup.com/go/gKMuqaD>

If you have any questions, please
contact the Church Office today!
Thank You for sharing your time and
talents with us and the kids we will
minister to this **June 12-15th!**

**Day Camp Registration is
available on our website
and in the church office!**



We like to think of
summer as being a
relaxing, enjoyable time.

But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone.

Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

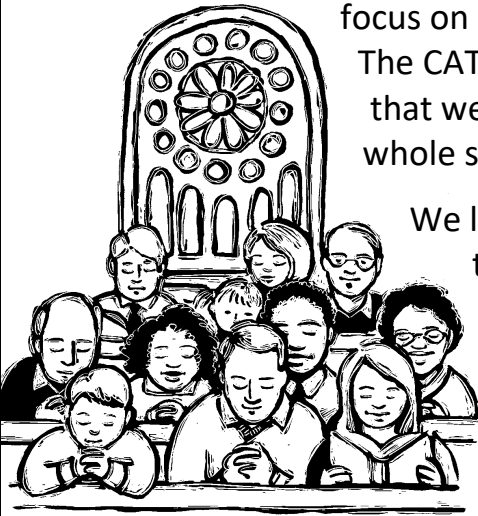
To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: *Pastor Kurt or Gayle Tate.*

Church & Community Announcements, continued

Transition Team Update: CAT Results Presentation for Congregation on June 14

As most of you know, on Sunday, April 30 Immanuel's Transition Team received the interpretation of the results of the CAT – the **Congregational Assessment Tool** that members completed during March and April. Diane McClanahan from the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center presented the assessment results & interpretive reports to the Transition Team and some members of the Church Council, over approximately 4 hours. We received a whole lot of great information about Immanuel! Here are just a few highlights of the CAT results along with some info about future plans.

We learned that we are a **Ministry-centered congregation** – the things that we as members focus on most here at Immanuel are our ministries and programs. The CAT calls these the “Drivers”. Your answers on the CAT tell us that we focus on worship, we focus on education, we focus on the whole spirit of the congregation and our involvement as members.



We learned that Immanuel is a **“Hearth & Home” church** – we are theologically conservative and we are settled in our approach to the style of church. We love our traditions, we invite each other to our faith because we are a family, we know that being part of Immanuel gives us a sense of comfort like settling into your most comfortable chair by the fireplace at home. Based on these aspects of our congregational ‘make-up’ along with others, we have a tendency to be resistant to change.

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Father's Day

Sunday, June 18



Fly your flag high on **Flag Day, June 14!**

The American flag stands for “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,” for religious freedom, and other rights that many nations lack. The flag represents our history and our goals for a better future for all.

“I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom.”

Umberto Eco

Church & Community Announcements, continued

Sunday, June 18 at 9:30 a.m.: **Outdoor Worship** on the church lawn by the parsonage (weather permitting) with music by Kenny Frette and

Riverside staff. Afterward, bring some food to share at our **potluck brunch** in the Social Hall!



Women's Monthly Bible Study will continue **Tuesday, June 20** at 2 P.M. in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship and

All women are invited to join a weekly **Bible Study each Wednesday morning** in the church library from 9 to 10 A.M. (Note: We will not be meeting May 31)

CAT Article continued...

But you have also told us through the CAT that we need to make changes – some of our overall priorities are to make the **necessary changes** to attract families with children and youth, to create strategies to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of Immanuel, to create more opportunities for all of us to form meaningful relationships through small groups.

Again, these are just a few of the highlights from dozens of pages of information that we received. Like all churches then, we have some work to do! The Transition Team is continuing to work with Diane McClanahan from the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center, and with the Church Council one of the first things we have committed to is an **Executive Summary-type presentation of all of the CAT results, that is open to all of you in the congregation to attend. The Transition Team has scheduled this presentation for Wednesday evening, June 14 @ 5:30 p.m. at the Church. We will have free pizza and beverages for all of you, along with child care set up so you can bring the whole family!** And, by the way, it will not be a 4 hour meeting! We will have the presentation along with time for questions and answers, all in less than 2 hours!

In the near future also, the Transition Team will be meeting with the Church Council Executive Board, to start to dissect the CAT results and all this info. Some of the info we received, some of the priorities that you told us about – we recommend starting to work on those right away, with some of that work going to the Church Council. The CAT is an important part of the Transition Team's charge: to listen to the congregation and the Holy Spirit to craft a picture of who we are as the people of Immanuel, what specific mission God has us on, and what it will take for us to accomplish that mission, including future staff configuration.

The Transition Team can't thank all of you enough for all your efforts you put into completing the CAT – we ended up with 229 responses. The Transition Team is really excited about the info we received from you, and asks for your patience and prayers as we continue this most important work!

Church & Community Announcements, continued

**celebrate the first day
of summer
on Wednesday,
June 21**



July AND August Newsletter Articles & Announcements are due to the church office by **Friday, June 23.**



*Have something to
share with the
congregation? Put it
in our monthly
church newsletter!*

**Ames Christian School has several job openings
for our 2017-2018 school year:**

- Part-time Preschool Associate
- Part-time After School Care Associate
- Substitute childcare and preschool associates
- Full time 3rd/4th grade combination classroom teacher
- Development Director

*For more information on preschool positions,
please contact Julie Long at
jlong@ameschristianschool.org.*

*For information regarding the elementary
teaching position or Development Director,
please contact Floyd Athay at
fathay@ameschristianschool.org*

Upcoming Events for your Calendar...

Saturday, July 1 at 5:00 P.M.

Lasagna Fundraiser Dinner Theatre with portrayals of **Martin and Katy Luther** by Johan and Sonja Hinderlie. Come experience **Life with the Luthers!** Open to the entire community; reserve your seats by contacting the church office. A freewill offering will be received.



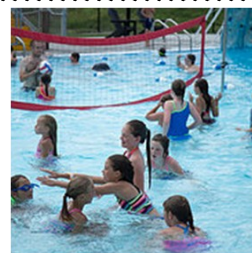
Sunday, July 2 at 9:30 A.M.

Festival Worship service for the **100th anniversary of the dedication of the Immanuel sanctuary.** In honor of the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation, Johan and Sonja Hinderlie will present *For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free*, a fascinating dialogue between Martin and Katy Luther. During coffee hour afterward, they will host an informal Q&A session.



Saturday, July 8 from 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Immanuel Pool Party at Riverside Bible Camp! Come enjoy the slides, climbing wall, diving board, water volleyball and basketball, or just cool off! Ice cream will be served.



Scandinavian Days Bake Sale
begins at 8:00 a.m. - at the church

Immanuel Lutheran Church
604 Lafayette Ave. Story City, Iowa

Scandinavian Days Beefburger Luncheon

Saturday, June 3rd 2017

11:00 a.m. - sold out

Beefburgers, hot dogs, baked beans
chips, rice pudding & beverage

Sit down in air-conditioned comfort!





Grounds for Change is a family owned and operated coffee roasting business located in the Pacific Northwest. We roast our 100% Fair Trade, Organic coffee in small batches to ensure that you receive the freshest coffee possible.

All of our coffee is **Fair Trade Certified** by IMO and our **Organic Certification** meets the stringent Organic Processor Standards enforced by the United States Federal Government and the Washington State Department of Agriculture. The vast majority of the coffee we sell is also **Shade Grown Coffee** which ensures healthy habitat for migratory birds.

A number of community-based programs in coffee-growing countries directly benefit from the purchase of our coffee.

For example, farmers in Peru and Mexico receive a higher price per pound for their coffee (above and beyond the going rate for certified coffee) to help support local domestic violence intervention programs and small business loans for women.



With the help of organic and fair trade premiums, much has been accomplished in the rural communities of coffee-producing countries, from improvement in the local economies, better diets, improved sanitation and new wet-processing mills for green coffee beans. However, the marginalization of women in these rural communities continues. In the urban areas of Peru, for example, the abuse rate is estimated at 40% and in the rural communities the rate is far greater.

With little money to count on, a coffee family generally prefers to invest available resources in educating the sons. The daughters stay home and devote themselves to chores around the house and watching over the farm. They usually marry between 12 and 16 years of age and until now, women have only been allowed to participate in the domestic work of the home. If they were allowed to join work groups, it was only in a passive role.

In 2003, the first conference of Women Coffee Producers was held in Northern Peru. The concept of separating these women producers' coffee from the rest of the fair-trade co-op's production was a new idea, developed by the fair-trade co-op, their organic coffee trading partners, and the women themselves, searching for ideas that would improve their living conditions. The women's conferences focus on building self-esteem, leadership, and sharing experiences. The women's response to these organizational activities has been amazing, as has the support offered by community leaders.

The coffee buyer for PROASSA (an organic trading company in Peru), who travels to the producing regions and works with the growers on a regular basis, is a woman named Isabel Latorre and the first agronomist sent by PROASSA to educate the farmers in organic agriculture was also a woman, Maria Chubas. They are both setting examples for these communities and their leadership has helped to pave the way for other talented women within the co-op.

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There are currently well over 1000 women coffee farmers involved with the Cafe Femenino Coffee Project in Peru. The women farmers participate in all farm activities: preparing the terrain, nurseries, and the compost to fertilize the soil; preparing bio-fertilizers; as well as harvesting, de-pulping, fermenting, and drying the coffee. It is very rare for women to participate in selling coffee or in deciding how the money from coffee sales will be used - all of which they do with Cafe Femenino.

Once the coffee leaves the co-op, all sales contracts for Cafe Femenino must be signed and committed to by a woman, and a woman must participate in the sales and marketing of this coffee. An extra two cents per pound above the fair-trade price for green coffee is paid by the US importer of Cafe Femenino, and these funds provide income that goes directly to the women producers - the use of this money is for them alone to decide.

Grounds for Change donates an additional 10 cents for each pound of Cafe Femenino sold directly back to this women's coffee growing project to fund annual grants requested by the members. This year, thanks to the continuing support of our customers, we funded the completion of an important culvert in Nueva York, Peru (one of the communities that produces our Cafe Femenino Peru coffee).



We hope you take this concept to heart, share the story and the coffee, and be a part of something that can change the lives and futures of many women. Cafe Femenino started in Peru and is now also available from a women's co-op in Chiapas, Mexico.

Let's make our morning coffee more than a habit, let make it grounds for change! Orders will be submitted quarterly beginning in June ('17), each bag is \$10.00, additional stock will be ordered to have on hand between orders: call or email **Gayle Tate**: (515-745-9648) tate03@windstream.net

The Menu

MEDIUM ROAST

Seabrook Blend

Seabrook has a smooth, caramelly sweetness that is perfect for those who prefer a mellow, medium coffee. This blend is wonderfully aromatic and full-bodied - a great roast for those who prefer a coffee that is lighter on the palate. *Whole Bean or Ground*

MEDIUM-DARK ROAST

Agate Pass Blend

Agate Pass Blend is a full-bodied combination of South American and Pacific coffees that are roasted to a medium-dark, highly aromatic level. This blend has a smooth, nutty flavor with caramel, almond and subtle chocolate notes. *Whole Bean or Ground*

DARK ROAST

Peru "Café Femenino"

Cafe Femenino Peru is a medium bodied coffee with a fine acidity, sweet aroma and hints of baker's chocolate that are accentuated by a slow, dark roast. We know that you will enjoy this unique coffee for its wonderful taste as well as for the special story that underlies its production. *Whole Bean or Ground*

DECAFFEINATED

First Light Decaf Blend

For those who want a great all-day decaf, this full-bodied blend is roasted to a medium-dark level to bring out a delightful aroma and smooth, mild flavor. SWISS WATER Process decaffeinated. *Whole Bean or Ground*



To learn more about **Grounds for Change** and their other products (including chocolate, tea, and coffee accessories), visit www.groundsforchange.com

New Member Directory Update



Chuck & Laura Carlson, and Ben
1232 Edgebrook Dr.
Story City, IA 50248



Larry & Donna Kallem
(associate members)
1417 Indiana Ave
Ames, IA 50014



Pat & Tiffany Earll, Tegan and Gracie
1429 Prairie Drive



Mike & Ashlee Mullenbach
Meredith and Parker
310 Lafayette Ave.
Story City, IA 50248



Ben & Kayla Haberl, Bradey, Gracey, and Elsey
56805 130th St.
Story City, IA 50248



Chad & Brittnei Reifschneider, Kase and Josie
125 Park Ave
Story City, IA 50248



Congratulations to all of our graduates of 2017!

Brody Concannon

Iowa State University, BS in Computer Engineering

Future Plans: Brody is interning at Boeing in St. Louis this summer and working on his masters degree. He will be getting married to Cassandra Schneider in August 2017.

Spencer Dodgen

Roland-Story High School

Future Plans: Spencer plans to go to college and major in Biochemistry, with a Neuroscience minor. After college, he plans to attend medical school and become a radiologist.

Pastor Kurt Jensen

Western Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry

Krista Mehl

Roland-Story High School

Future Plans: Krista plans to take a year off to work as a CNA at Bethany Life, and then will attend DMACC the following year.

Emily Narigon

Roland-Story High School

Future Plans: Emily plans to move to the Twin-Cities area and work for a year. She plans to enroll in a college of her choice in 2018—major is undecided at this time.

Karl Nicholson

Iowa State University

Supply Chain Management, minor in Russian

Future Plans: Karl plans to explore the world!

Tyler Olson

University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Medical Doctor

Future Plans: Tyler will complete 3 years of family practice residency at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines.

Alex Retallick

Roland-Story High School

Future Plans: Alex will attend Iowa State University to major in design with a minor in business or marketing.

Alyson Riesberg

Iowa State University, Business Management

Future Plans: Alyson will be an HR coordinator at Accumold in Ankeny.

Caleb Schlatter

Roland-Story High School

Future Plans: Caleb plans to study engineering and play football at Central College in Pella in the fall.

Ryan Skaar

Simpson College, Biochemistry & Mathematics Modeling

Future Plans: Ryan will be going to graduate school in Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of Kansas.

Gunnar Wyatt

Des Moines University, Doctor of Physical Therapy

Future Plans: Gunnar has accepted a position at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia, Iowa. He will be getting married to Ellie Weiss in December 2017.

"Graduation is a ceremony that marks the end of study and the beginning of education." —Evan Esar



Church Library Notes

Read. Study. Learn.

Throughout the school year, parents are encouraged to develop the habit of having their children read every day to strengthen their skills, expand their horizons and instill a lifelong love of learning. With the kids out of school for the summer, this daily reading ritual is even more important. Not only does it provide a pleasurable experience, but skills acquired in the past are maintained or even strengthened. Please consider the church library as a valuable resource for your child's summer reading. Here are some of our latest additions for children:

Bob Lends a Helping Hand by Mike Nawrocki and Cindy Kenney. A new VeggieTales board book finds Larry and Joe learning what it really means to be helpful when their friend Bob needs a hand.

Noah's Ark by Barbary Shook Hazen and Diane Muldrow, illustrated by Mircea Catusanu. This Little Golden Book version of the story of Noah is one your child will surely enjoy and learn from.

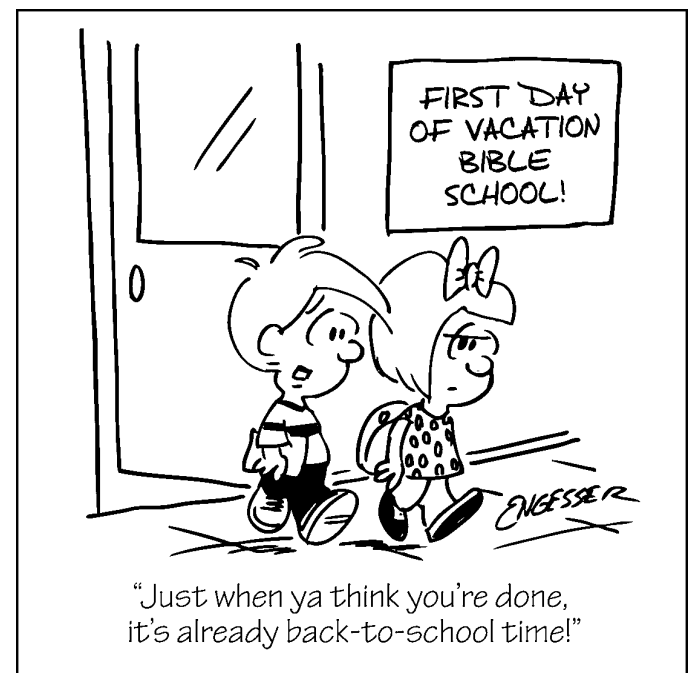
Do You Know My Friend? By V. Gilbert Beers, illustrated by Jan M. Jones. This is Primer 2 of the Learning to Read From the Bible series. Here are ten well written Bible stories with a controlled vocabulary just right for beginning readers. Each story is followed by a "Something to Know", "Something to Ask", and "Something to Do" section.

The Ten Commandments for Children by Lois Rock, illustrated by Liz Pichon. A great explanation of the Ten Commandments in simple words that children can understand.

Our Powerful God, and Tell Me the Story of Jesus, both by Carol Reinsma, illustrated by Phyllis Pollema-Cahill. These are from the Kid Seeker Series put out by the International Bible Society. Bible stories are based on the New International Readers Version of the Bible. These stories are a great way to end the day and lead into bedtime prayers.

The Knight and the Firefly, a Boy, a Bug and a Lesson in Bravery, by Tara McClary Reeves and Amanda Jenkins, illustrated by Daniel Fernandez. Based on Psalm 91, little Oliver is a brave knight by day but needs Phineas Firefly's wisdom to conquer his night time fears.

Win or Lose I Love You, a "Lulu Wears a Tutu" book by Lysa Terkeurst, illustrated by Jana Christy. Lulu and Max hold a field day competition for their forest friends and everyone learns some valuable lessons about winning and losing.





Middle & High School Youth Activities

Summer Stretch

The early bird deadline to sign up for Summer Stretch has passed, but there is still plenty of room to sign up. If you need the forms, please see Zachary for a copy.

Summer Programming Schedule

Now that it is Summer, we are following our Summer Programming Schedule.

Our Youth Group meeting times will be from 6:00-7:10 PM for Middle School and 7:15-8:30 PM for High School during this time period. The Youth Board has decided upon the following dates for our Wednesday Summer Meetings: **June:** 7th, **July:** 5th, 12th, 19th and 20th (Summer Stretch Participants), and **August:** 9th.

Day Camp Ministry Team

8th-12th Graders, there is still need for your help at Immanuel's Day Camp June 12-15. Please contact Mrs. McKim or Zachary and see how you can get signed up to help with this awesome ministry!

Youth Group Families @ the Iowa Cubs

On June 17th, we will be going to the Iowa Cubs Game! They have a Pre-Game Catch on the field we can participate in at 5:45 PM. Bring your glove and baseball/softball with you! **Tickets are \$9.**

We will meet at Immanuel at 4:30 PM.

We should return to Story City by 10:30-11:00 PM. Please sign up by Sunday, June 4th if you want to go. Thanks!

Summer Mission Trip Team Important Dates

All those who are signed up to attend this summer's trip, please make sure you mark these dates and times down on your calendars.

Thank You. Our special meetings are on:

June 4th - Team Meeting #1

10:45 AM - Noon

June 11th - Team Meeting #2

10:45 AM - Noon

June 15th - Parents Only Meeting

7:00 PM - 7:45 PM

June 18th - Team Meeting #3

10:45 AM - Noon

June 24th - Depart for Chattanooga

10:00 AM

July 1st - Return from Chattanooga

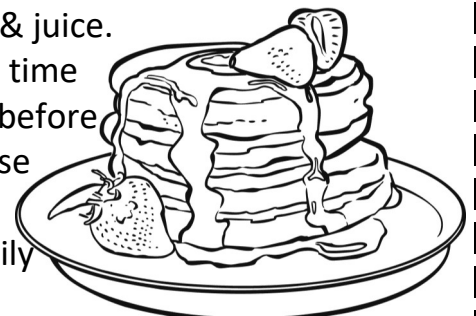
5 PM - 6 PM

Contact Zachary if you have any questions about youth activities

The Immanuel Board of Education invites you to join us for a new fellowship opportunity, **The Breakfast Club.**

Please join us **July 9th** from 8:30-9:15 for The Breakfast Club. We will be serving up pancakes with strawberries & blueberries, syrup, coffee & juice.

This is a great time of fellowship before worship, please invite your friends & family to join us.



Summary of May 11, 2017 Council Meetings

Joint Council

- President Terry Thompson called the meeting to order.
- Brenda Lykins shared devotions.
- Denny Bauman gave the monthly treasurer's report.
- Report of Boards.
- Voted to take the Trustees' proposal to put a new stone-coated steel roof on the sanctuary to a special congregational meeting May 28.
- Exec Team drafting employee policy handbook.
- Transition Team and several Council members met with Diane McClanahan to go over CAT results; a summary will be provided to the congregation at a meeting in June.
- Next meeting: June 8.

Trustees

- Opening Prayer – Rick Richie
- Met with Rich Mohon from Independent Insurance to receive a new quote.
- Approved bills and Treasurer's Report.
- Project Updates: rebates coming from social hall/kitchen furnace & AC, WiFi thermostats; carpet cleaning done in sanctuary on May 1; parsonage committee working on priorities; sanctuary roof patched; nursery & upper classroom AC installed.
- Received bids on new sanctuary roof; bringing recommendation to Council.
- Finalized church and parsonage lawn care.
- Approved bid to fix rear AC in church van before summer mission trip.

Deacons

- Opened with prayer concerns.
- Discussed specific plans for Prayer Ministry

Team and Small Group Ministry.

- John Engelstad to preach and speak about Youth for Christ on June 11.
- Outdoor worship and indoor potluck on June 18, featuring Kenny Frette and Day Camp staff.
- 100th anniversary celebration of Immanuel sanctuary on July 2; Johan and Sonja Hinderlie to give Martin & Katy Luther presentations, including Saturday evening dinner program.
- Pool party to be held at Riverside on July 8.
- Began Mission Challenge on April 23.

Board of Education

- Discussed end of year program, next year's Sunday School curriculum, Day Camp, and thanks for Sunday School music leaders.
- Breakfast Club to be held one Sunday per month.
- Discussed ideas to involve students and parents during summer.

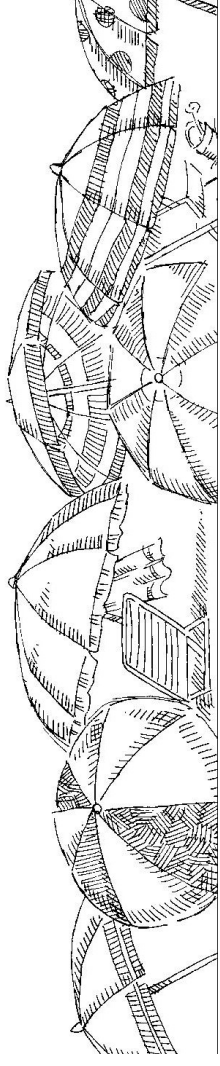
Youth Board—May 2

- Tammy Nicholson opened with devotions.
- Easter Breakfast raised almost \$700!
- April 26 packaging at Meals from the Heartland in West Des Moines with St. Petri: 56 people packaged nearly 12,000 meals!
- Reviewed other past and upcoming events, including Day Camp, Iowa Cubs on June 17, summer mission trip to TN, Summer Stretch, and volunteering at the Carousel in July.



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June 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Regular Sunday Schedule</u> <i>(unless noted *)</i> : 8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast 9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Narthex) 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)				1 	2 	3 11:00 A.M. Beefburger Luncheon <i>Scandinavian Days</i>
4 Pentecost/Communion Sunday *10:45 A.M. Mission Trip Team Mtg. #1 <i>Scandinavian Days</i>	5 Summer Church Office Hours Begin 10:00 A.M. Library Board Mtg.	6 9:30 A.M. Staff Mtg.	7 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study (Library) 6:00 P.M. Middle School Youth Group 7:15 P.M. High School Youth Group	8 9:00 A.M. Quilting Day 7:00 P.M. Board Mtgs. 8:15 P.M. Council Mtg.	9 	10
11 *Guest Preacher John Engelstad (Youth for Christ) *10:45 A.M. Mission Trip Team Mtg. #2	12 9:00 A.M. Day Camp	13 9:00 A.M. Day Camp 9:30 A.M. Staff Mtg.	14 Flag Day 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study (Library) 9:00 A.M. Day Camp 5:30 P.M. CAT Summary & Conversation (Social Hall)	15 9:00 A.M. Day Camp 7:00 P.M. Day Camp Closing Program & Ice Cream Social 7:00 P.M. Mission Trip Parents Only Mtg.	16 	17 4:30 P.M. Youth Group Families @ Iowa Cubs Game
18 Father's Day *9:30 A.M. Outdoor Worship *10:30 A.M. Potluck (Social Hall) *10:45 A.M. Mission Trip Team Mtg. #3	19 8:00-11:00 A.M. Social Hall reserved	20 9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting 2:00 P.M. Women's Monthly Bible Study	21 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study (Library)	22 	23 Newsletter Article Deadline	24 10:00 A.M. Mission Team Departs for Chattanooga, TN
25	26	27 9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting	28 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study (Library)	29	30	

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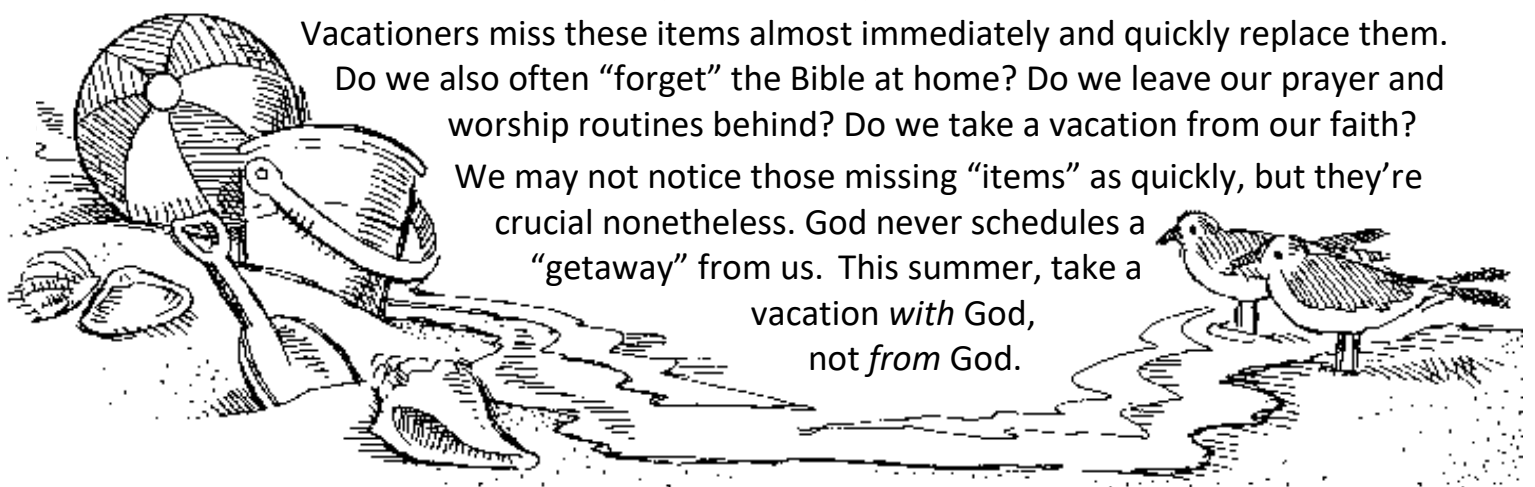
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I will surely bless you,
and I will surely multiply your offspring as
the stars of heaven and as the sand that is
on the seashore...

GENESIS 22:17

Don't forget God

A line drawing of a beach scene. In the foreground, there is a beach ball, a bucket, and a shovel. In the background, there are seagulls and a simple horizon line.

Robert Brault said, "A vacation trip is one-third pleasure, fondly remembered, and two-thirds aggravation, entirely forgotten." Much of the hassle involved with "getting away" comes from packing. What do we need? How can we save space? Where are the items we haven't used since the last vacation? Inevitably, we forget something, like socks, sunscreen, or an umbrella.

Vacationers miss these items almost immediately and quickly replace them.

Do we also often "forget" the Bible at home? Do we leave our prayer and worship routines behind? Do we take a vacation from our faith?

We may not notice those missing "items" as quickly, but they're crucial nonetheless. God never schedules a "getaway" from us. This summer, take a vacation *with* God, not *from* God.