

OCTOBER 25, 2026 || REFORMATION SUNDAY

Welcome to Worship at



fall 2026 sermon series

MORE *to* YOUR STORY (here)

based on the book by MAX LUCADO



a place to belong

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10.25.26 || REFORMATION SUNDAY || BANNER #23 "LET'S CELEBRATE"

PRELUDE & BELL	Milianna Carlson
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Grant Severson
PRAYER & CALL TO WORSHIP	Grant Severson
OPENING HYMN	<i>#151 A Mighty Fortress</i>
GREETING	Grant Severson
PASTOR APPRECIATION PRESENTATION	
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Henry Severson
<i>Psalm 100; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Ephesians 2:19-22</i>	
APOSTLES' CREED	Pastor Andrew
OFFERTORY	<i>#678 We Are An Offering</i>
INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL	
MESSAGE	Pastor Andrew
<i>More To Your Story (Here): A Place to Belong</i>	
WORSHIP SONG	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i>
CLOSING PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER	
BENEDICTION & SENDING	
CLOSING WORSHIP SONG	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>
POSTLUDE	Milianna Carlson

CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to worship at Immanuel! Welcome to worship on Reformation Sunday. We rejoice in God's unchanging Word and saving grace.

Don't forget—Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday. Turn your clocks back one hour before bed Saturday night and enjoy that extra hour of rest!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Thank you to Pastors Andrew and Allison, Chris Dahl, and our Pastoral Intern Grant Severson for all the work they do at Immanuel and the community!

Christmas Tree Fundraiser: Help our Sunday School Students purchase a Christmas Tree and gifts for Anchored Hope House in Ames with a loose change offering! Put your financial gifts in the gift bag (in the lobby by the tree display) by November 8th. Thank you!

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

Give a secure financial gift to Immanuel online!

You can give via a debit or credit card, Venmo, Google Pay, or directly from your bank. Please contact the church office if you have questions about your giving!



Need a piano tuned or repaired? The church's piano tech will be in the area on November 5th and 6th and would be happy to add you to his schedule! Contact Milianna in the church office to be added to the tech's piano schedule!

Register for our upcoming Lunch & Learn! Our Spiritual Gifts class will be on Sunday, November 15 at 11:30am in the Social Hall. Please register online or with the church office by November 11. Whether or not you've taken this class before or not, this is a great introduction to discover what gifts God has given you and how you can use them to serve others and the Kingdom of God!



 Love IN ACTION. Hope IN EVERY DIAPER.

DIAPER DRIVE

Every baby
deserves a
clean, dry
diaper.

HELP US FILL THE NEED!

 This October, Immanuel Lutheran Church
is collecting **DIAPERS** to support
families in our community through our
Church Outreach Ministry.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

BRING DIAPERS – ANY SIZE

Every package can make
a difference for a family in need.

ONE PACKAGE
CAN MAKE
A BIG DIFFERENCE.

When families are struggling,
a package of diapers can provide
comfort, dignity, and relief.

DROP-OFF

Immanuel Lutheran Church
604 Lafayette
Story City, IA 50248

Thank you for helping us
care for families in our community!

LET'S COME TOGETHER
AS A CHURCH AND MEET
A REAL NEED IN
OUR COMMUNITY.



BRING
DIAPERS.



GIVE
HOPE.



MAKE AN
IMPACT.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will
fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2



SPONSOR A

Christmas Poinsettia

We have ordered a limited number of red, pink, and white poinsettias from Goode Greenhouses to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. These poinsettias are in a 4.5" pot and include 3 to 5 blooms. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia **in honor or in memory of** a loved one, please fill out this form (with payment) and return to the church office or scan the QR code and fill out the online form by **Sunday, November 22.**

Each plant is \$10 to sponsor. We will list your name and the names of those you are sponsoring in the bulletin insert on Christmas Eve. You may remain anonymous if you wish.

You can choose from the assorted plants in our display in the sanctuary after Christmas Eve worship
(Thursday, December 24).



Given by: _____

I/We would like to order _____ poinsettias at \$10 each.

_____ In Honor of _____

_____ In Memory of _____

You may pick up your plant(s) following worship on Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24). Contact the church office with questions.



Annual Gathering



hosted at

IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, November 14, 2026

8:30 Registration || 9:00 - 2:30 Event with lunch

Called to Go - Rev Julie Smith

Our speaker for the day is Julie Smith, Service Coordinator for LCMC.

"Our calling as God's people is a call to go. There is a sending out that is part of each of our vocations. Sometimes that sending is to the person right next to you. Sometimes it is to the ends of the earth. But it is always outside of yourself. Our vocations, our callings, are not about self-improvement. Our callings are about our neighbors, near and far."



Immanuel Members

RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, November 10th and we'll cover your \$20 registration fee (thanks to the Deacons).

You can also register online and select "Pay at the door" - please notify the church office if you register this way.

Questions? Contact the church office!

Register here!



Thanksgiving

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE

and Pie Social

Sunday, November 22 • 7:00 P.M.



Combined Choir
will meet to rehearse
for the service at
6:15 P.M.



Hosted at
Immanuel Lutheran
Church
in Story City



Enjoy a time of
fellowship and
pie afterwards!

604 Lafayette Ave, Story City, Iowa

If you are willing to **provide a pie** for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service on November 22, please pick up a pie card in the lobby to indicate which pie you are bringing. Pies are due to the Social Hall (uncut) by 2pm on November 22. Label your pie tin (if not disposable). Contact Julie Skaar with questions.

SERMON NOTES

Have something to share

WITH THE IMMANUEL CHURCH COMMUNITY?



All bulletin, worship and/or
weekly email announcements are



DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

BY 10 A.M.

on Thursday mornings

for inclusion in our church communications.



Contact Milianna in the church office with questions.



IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

For more **church and community announcements**, subscribe to our weekly emails (contact the church office!) and grab a copy of our Quarterly Newsletter on the slatwall (or see a digital copy on our website). See the lobby slatwall for more community announcements - have something to post? Contact the church office!

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

WELCOME TEAM

Student Serve Sunday - 4th Graders

READER

Henry Severson

TECH TEAM

Craig Sargent, Ben Carlson

ACOLYTE

4th Graders

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

*Steve & Deb Olson, Janet Stock,
Kathy Gabrielson*

COFFEE CART

Steve & Miriam Skartvedt

PRAYER PARTNERS

Immanuel Deacons

BANNER/PARAMENT COMMITTEE

Charlotte Loots

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



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with



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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.)

8:30 A.M. EDUCATION HOUR

9:30 A.M. WORSHIP

LIVE STREAM

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



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