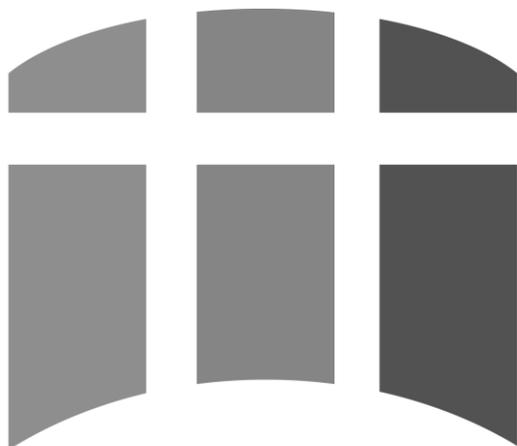


The Messenger

July 2018



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Immanuel Lutheran Church and Preschool
4820 Oster Pkwy, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Rev. Dr. Gerald Kapanka, Don Illian, Pastors
Church: 260-2000 ilcv.org
Preschool: 260-2005 ilswaterloo.com

A Message from Pastor Illian

“The law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the Law of sin and death.” Romans 8:2

This month we will be celebrating our 232nd Anniversary of being free from the British monarchy. Are you inclined to take our national freedom for granted? Consider this!

After being kidnapped, held hostage for thirteen days, and then released, New Zealand news cameraman Olaf Wiig, with a broad smile on his face announced, “I feel more alive now that I have in my entire life.”

For reasons difficult to understand, being freed is more exhilarating than never having been captive in the first place. Perhaps that is why a converted unbeliever, who knows for the first time that he is God’s child, and has the promise of eternal life, many times is more winsome than children who were baptized into the Christian faith as an infant.

For those who enjoy freedom every day of their life, Olaf’s joy is a good reminder of how easily we forget how blessed we are. Lifelong Christians often forget [or perhaps never knew] what it is like to be held captive by Satan. We can become complacent, or even ungrateful. But God sends us a reminder in the form of a new believer who gives an exuberant testimony of what God has done in his life. Once again, we see the joy that is ours when we are *“free from the law of sin and death.”* I know what I’m talking about. Having been born on July 23 and baptized on Aug. 8 I have never known a day when I did not know that I was a child of God. Having been freed from the Law I am now free to serve Him voluntarily.

If freedom has become boring to you, or if you tend to focus on what you can’t do, consider this: Not only are you no longer a slave to sin, but you are freed to be holy and enjoy eternal life with Christ Jesus.

This month let’s celebrate our freedoms by taking time to thank God for the things we are able and free to do as His servants.

Pastor Illian

Christian Outreach

LCMS Radio and Web Ministry
www.Kfuo.org reaches listeners worldwide 24/7

“The Lutheran Hour” can be heard on these stations:

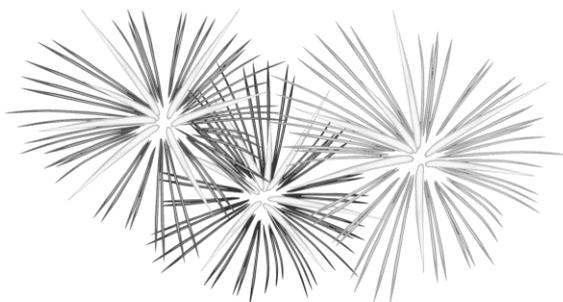
KXEL 1540 AM Sunday 5:30am

WGN 720 AM Sunday 6:00am

WMT 600 AM Sunday 6:30am

WHO 1040 AM Sunday 7:30am

KWAY 1470 AM Sunday 8:00am



June Prayers

For Sharon Limback & Debbie Newton, retiring after 38 years at Immanuel Lutheran School

For Dan & Nita Matthias grandson, Garrett

For Danielle Mason, preschool parent, diagnosed with cancer

For Donna Lichty, recovering from back surgery

For Vicki McDonald, Kathy Camarata's sister, cancer

Godspeed to teachers Hannah Krenz and Rachel Wegener, who have accepted new calls out of state

For our missionaries Scott & Ivy Wiens and Pr. Carl & Chen Hanson

Please call the church office if you will be in the hospital or if you know of a member that is ill.

Information

Official Acts:

Transfer In: Emily Geerdes from Our Redeemer IA City; Eddie Geerdes from First English Lutheran Spencer; Dave & Dawn Koehler, Grace Waterloo

Release: Schawn & Jessica Wilcox, Cole & Trevor to Zion ELCA Waterloo

Wedding: Dustin Woebbeking & Cassie Uhlenhopp

Death: Louise Lauer

Address info requested for:

Jesica Boyce

Korena Daniel

Dennis & Barb Daniels

Jeorgia Davidson

Lisa Patterson

Tyce Osterle

Ronnie Edmonson

Preston Friedley

Andrew Glasrud

John Harp

Cory Hawbaker

Sam Logan

Jessica Miller

Joe Morelock

Tara Newell

Maggie Niedert

Stamm family

Dean Wilson

Alice Wallace

Ryan Finger

Andria Shaffer

Jocelyn Shaffer

Tom & Amy Slykhuis

Arno & Margaret Behrens

Dan Cox

Kale Clay

Cory Steele

Chad Palmer

Mike Walker

Melissa Wildeboer

Ashley Wildeboer

Amber Wildeboer

Rachel Williams

Tabitha Williams

Joe Williams

Sam Zook

Myles Hillman

Jemima Wallace

Ruefin Sleh

Worship

Our Theme Verse: Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sundays @ 8:30am & 11:00am

Wednesdays @ 5:30pm on July 18 & 25 only

No service Wed., July 4 or 11

No service Wed., August 1 or 8



Altar Committee: Myron & Joyce Piehl will set up communion in July.
Thanks to Diane Daman & Liz Fleming for setting up communion in June.

July Acolytes

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| Sunday, July 1 w/HC | 8:30 a.m. | Hogan Simmer | |
| w/HC | 11:00 a.m. | Claire Rankin | |
| Sunday, July 8 | 8:30 a.m. | Riley Reiter | |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Ethan L'Heureux | |
| Sunday, July 15 w/HC | 8:30 a.m. | | |
| w/HC | 11:00 a.m. | Joe Trower | |
| Sunday, July 22 | 8:30 a.m. | Isaac Dawson | |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Aiden Bedard | |
| Sunday, July 29 | 8:30 a.m. | Ashleigh Panning | |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Melia Stone | |

Next fall's 7th & 8th graders please sign up to acolyte in August on the bulletin board near the Welcome Desk.

The Welcome Committee's goal is to welcome visitors with conversation and foster a connection with everyone that walks through our door. If you have a passion for making others feel valued and connected, contact JT & Angie Reisdorph or the church office for more information.

Coming this Fall...

Immanuel Lutheran Church will start a focus on *Missions: Reaching the Unreached* using the theme "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." Acts 13:47

Kick Off will be Sunday, September 9 with guest speaker Brent Smith from Mission Central. We will have a congregation potluck following late service.

During the month of October, we will begin collecting items needed by the two missionary families we are supporting.

On Saturday, November 10 a day trip to visit Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa is planned.

In December we will find a local mission opportunity for our congregation to get involved.

Fellowship

Glowing Embers: In the 1760s and '70s King George of England allowed the political embers to get cold. Instead of paying attention to the people of the American Colonies, he took every opportunity to abuse them. The same can happen in our church life, only we are King George, and we are endangering our own soul by allowing our embers to go out. **Glowing Embers** is our attempt to fan into flames our spiritual life by meeting **on July 5th at 11:30 a.m.** with fellow Christians **at the Cedar Falls Pizza Ranch** to sing, laugh, visit, and, of course, eat. If you are interested in a great meal (Dutch Treat), great Senior fellowship (conversation & jokes), great singing (from little red hymnal), and great update (on various congregational health issues) you are invited to **GLOWING EMBERS at THE CEDAR FALL PIZZA RANCH.**

Mission Ministry

Our Missionaries: Please keep in your prayers the missionaries our church is supporting - Scott & Ivy Wiens (Thailand) and Pr. Carl & Chen Hanson (Hong Kong)

Mission Committee: Meets Tuesday, July 3 @ 6:15pm. Speak to Bob White for more information.

POBLO Training Recap: The Hilmer Center at Grace was buzzing with excitement during the POBLO Int'l "IFC Training" (IFC – International Friendship Center). This training is for cross cultural outreach. How to reach our international neighbors due to changing demographics and we also learned the basics of Islam. We had a tremendous turnout Saturday, June 9th with 40 members attending on Saturday which included Grace, Immanuel, Faith & Rev. Thomas Wegener and three churches from Cedar Rapids-Marion had several attendees. POBLO Int'l members; Tim Bickel, wife Julia from Cedar Rapids, IA, Cynthia Khan (originally from Pakistan) & Joy Markus (originally from Kuwait) now with POBLO in Michigan, along with a surprise presentation from Katrina Meyer, ESL Coordinator, and John Gayed, POBLO Missionary, for an IFC in Rochester, MN which has been in existence for several years now. Sunday, June 10th was another presentation by POBLO Int'l during Bible study and after the noon lunch we went out to the stores and started very interesting conversations with international people. We came back to Grace for discussion and questions. The motto is, "THE MISSION FIELD IS **HERE**, AND THE **TIME IS NOW**". We were giddy with the possibilities to eagerly pursue the "Great Commission". It almost seems since we aren't reaching these people, GOD is bringing them to us. We will be pursuing an English class to start and will be having a brainstorming meeting on Thursday, July 12 at 6:00pm at Grace to discuss details. We appreciate all your interest, attendance, assistance, prayers and support for this ministry. A huge & grateful thank you to one and all!

SAVE THE DATES: The Mission Committee of Immanuel is planning a Mission Trip over Spring Break, March 16-23, 2019. It will be state side, not to a foreign country! The destination and what we will be doing is still yet to be determined! If you are interested in something like this, mark your calendars and watch for further information of this in the near future! Any questions contact Laverne Kelderman.

Children/Youth Ministry

VBS -- SPLASH CANYON! Thank you to all our volunteers and to those who donated both food and monetary gifts in support of our VBS program. We averaged around 50 children each day!



High School Youth: Thank you to all those adults who volunteered their time for Sturgis Falls. This is a big fundraiser that you do for us. It is much appreciated! Proceeds to defray cost to National Lutheran Youth Gathering in July 2019

Colorado Here We Come! Approximately 30 of our youth, confirmation kids, and their families will be heading to Leadville, Colorado July 11-15 for camping, hiking, white water rafting, and Mt. Elbert climbing along with Christian fellowship.

Sunday School for grades Pk-8th grades. (Classes will resume in the fall.)

Men's Ministry



Pancake Breakfast: The men of Immanuel will serve a pancake breakfast on Sunday, July 8. If you can help serve or clean up, contact Jeff Dawson.

Music Ministry

Kid's Praise Choir will resume in the fall.

Adult Hand Bells: Ashley Ehrich, our music director, leads.

Children's Chimes will resume in the fall.

Praise Band! If you are interested in performing with Praise Band either singing or playing an instrument, contact Ashley Ehrich.

Adult Choir will resume in the fall.



Women's Ministry

Dorcas: The July Dorcas meeting will be on Saturday, July 21. We will meet for breakfast at the Wild Carrot in Waverly at 8:15am, then enjoy Waverly's Heritage Days Parade at 10:00. All women from the congregation are invited. Please let Jennifer know if you plan to attend (jenjendeterman@cfu.net or 319-230-0244).

LWML Info: Be a part of the big picture! Help share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Even if you are not a Dorcas member, you are invited to support the mission grants of the LWML. Your whole family can thank God for the gifts He provides you each day. Often these are things we take for granted such as food, clean water, a home, warm clothes, and medicine. As you consider all you have, we hope you will share your gifts by placing a daily offering in your Mite box (available from Joanne Hartman). Periodically bring your Mite offering to church and leave for the LWML. These donations and your prayers will help support others both physically and spiritually, making eternal changes in the lives of many, all around the world.

LWML News: Kathy Camarata, Jen Determan, Laverne Kelderman, Hannah Krenz and Rachel Wegener attended the 39th Biennial LWML IDE Convention in Cedar Rapids, June 15 & 16.

The elected president for the East District is Margaret Kestler, Cedar Rapids.

Attendees enjoyed a church service, two Bible studies, and exhibits. Offering totaled \$5,292.13 with mission grants of \$104,500 approved. VLS will receive \$6,476 for school van insurance and maintenance.

Caring Ministry

Love, INC Gas Card Gap Ministry: If you are willing to meet briefly with clients who pick up gas cards here at Immanuel on Wednesdays between 10:00-11:00, call Kathy Diehl.



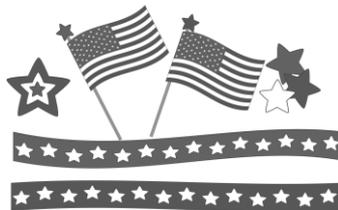
Adult Education

Bible Study Opportunities:

Sunday Adult Study – Pastor Kapanka leads a Bible study on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary from 10:00-10:45am. Current study: Large Catechism. Join in! (No Adult Study July 15 or 29)

Women’s Bible Study—This women’s Bible study, led by Deb Staack, meets here on Tuesdays from 9:15-11:00am. (Will resume in the fall.)

At the Village – Kathe Kisling organizes a Bible study at the Village Co-op. New participants are always welcome! Contact Kathe 277-4097 for info. Current study: The Gospel of Mark





Preschool

Enrollment: Applications are still being taken for the upcoming school year for those children who will be 3, 4 or 5 years old by September 15. Just a few spots remain in the afternoon 4/5-year old class (teacher Mrs. Jackie Illian – morning class is full). We have filled one 2-day morning class of 3's and have a few openings in our second morning class (teacher Mrs. Anne Dawson). More information from the school office at 319-260-2005.

Service

Upcoming Service Opportunities:

Food Bank: Immanuel volunteers at the NE IA Food Bank on Lafayette St. in Waterloo on the first Thursday Sept.-May.

Readers & Greeters: Please sign up at the Welcome Desk, if you would like to read our lessons or greet at the door.

Ushers: Please contact Will Determan, if you are willing to usher. See the schedule at the Welcome Desk for dates and times.

Presentation Assistant: If you are interested in learning how to run the Proclaim software we use during our service, tape our services, or perhaps operate the sound board, speak to Jon Illian, Tech Director.



2018-19 VLS Enrollment: If you, or someone you know, are interested in visiting to learn more about the school, contact Jamie Panning, Enrollment Director, at 319-266-4565 to schedule a personal tour.

Garage Sale: Valley Lutheran's FTC will be having their annual garage sale Friday, July 20 from 8-5pm and Saturday, July 21 from 8-1pm with a pancake breakfast on the 21st from 8-10am. If you have items you would like to donate for the sale, they can be brought to the school during summer office hours, or contact Jamie Panning at jamie.panning@vlscrusaders.org

Crusader Golf Classic: Friday, September 21 at the Waverly Golf Course. For more information contact Anne Meyer-Schmitz at anne.meyerschmitz@vlscrusaders.org

Other News

Braving the Wild! A free Day Camp for kids who are grieving the death of a loved one. Tuesday, July 17 10am-3pm at UAW Hall in Waterloo. (put on by CV Hospice) More info on the church bulletin board.

Western Home Communities invites those 55+ to travel to the horse country of Kentucky September 17-23. Visit historic Churchill Downs as well as other fun historic locations including the National Quilt Museum and the Louisville Slugger factory and museum. \$1549-\$1399 per person, depending on occupancy. Contact Carolyn Martin, tour coordinator at 222-2048 or carolyn.martin@westernhome.org

Job Opportunity: The Village Co-op in Cedar Falls is looking for a part-time maintenance tech. Details on the church bulletin board.

Many Thanks

- Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the cards, kind words, gifts, gift cards, and money given to me on my retirement from the teaching ministry at Immanuel Lutheran. I am grateful and humbled. A special “Thank You” to the committee who put the celebration together. Everything was wonderful!

During the past years God has blessed me - through all of YOU. You have allowed me to stay despite my mistakes and shortcomings. You have helped me grow in my faith and have been my friends and mentors. You have taught me so much! I look forward to new ministries that God has prepared for all of us. God willing, I will be with you in worship and fellowship for many more years. I will surely enjoy working with you as we “Prepare Children (of all ages) for Life”. I pray that you will always remember “It’s Still All About Jesus!” And may you always know **Joy in Jesus!** Serving our Savior, Sharon Limback

- Thank You so much for all the beautiful cards and gifts that I received at my retirement open house. A BIG THANK YOU to the committee that worked so hard to put this day together - it was GREAT. This has been an amazing 38-year journey as secretary at Immanuel. I truly loved going to work each and every day. I have been so blessed to work with some amazing people and have grown so much in my faith - God is Good!! Thanks again for all your kind words it is greatly appreciated. Debbie Newton

- Thank you to those who recently directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Immanuel Lutheran Church: Steve Mills, Priscilla Mills

- On behalf of Friends of the Family, thank you for your donation of towels and washcloths. These will benefit individuals and families using our services.

- Support the advertisers who made our 2018 Phone Directory possible: Baymont Inn & Suites in Waterloo, Black Hawk Memorial, Blue Line Moving & Storage, Celia Simmer - Realtor, Curran Plumbing, Kobliska Chiropractic, Plumb Tech, Polk’s Lock Service, Professional Lawn Care, Ravenwood Specialty Care, Town & Country Home Improvement.



If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge, we encourage you to do so; if you have fulfilled your pledge, please prayerfully continue to give to the building fund to make our building payment.

Change Challenge! Save your pocket change each week and drop it in the 5-gallon bucket in the church entryway. All monies from the bucket will go towards items for the building.

Contributions for June

Attendance

Offering

Building

Electronic Giving: Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? Immanuel offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have your contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. Contact the church office for more details.



Buy SCRIP Gift Cards! From retail stores to restaurants, using scrip cards is easy! We keep many of your favorites on hand but can also order what you need. Not only are the cards great gifts but are handy for your everyday use. All families buy gas, buy groceries, and eat out. Why not use a scrip card? Immanuel keeps a percentage of each card purchased (and is given to the building fund)! Buy scrip at the Welcome Desk or from the office.

Planned Giving: Freedom in knowing. . .

Adam first learned of a knowledge limitation in the Garden. He and his companion Eve were created perfectly and eternally able to know good. Knowing 'evil' was a limitation given in love.

God's creation account chronicles this limitation. God prohibited eating the "fruit of the tree of the knowledge of 'good' and 'evil.'" Knowing that evil would overcome life with death, God protected His people to live forever with Him. However, deceived into thinking they could be 'like God', people rebelliously desired equality with God.

Many Christians fail to relate this freedom in knowing to life's purpose or consequence. The God of perfect wisdom desires eternal peace for people. God didn't make a creature with limited decision making. People are given knowledge of God and 'good' as a gift.

Humankind also has a freewill to choose the knowledge of 'evil' and does. The disobedient choice of Adam and Eve, (and us), brings death. Disharmony replaces harmony, resulting in people murdering God's only Son.

Some Christians know that freedom of knowing good, is a gift of God, who fulfilled His promise to rescue and redeem the future from knowing 'evil.' Jesus lived perfectly and rescued all people from a defiant and wayward nature. Easter's glow shines the full knowledge and freedom of 'good' on us.

God gave people freedom to know. Knowledge opens daily doors of thought and action. Faith translates knowledge into a loving call to serve others. The human will's defiance, caused by the deception of knowing evil, translates into self-interest, despair and destruction.

When earthly life is over, value symbols left behind will transfer to another. Transferring life's treasures can benefit or injure. Those with faith's gift of knowing good, will plan to bless, not curse. How can your lifetime plan for giving be a 'testament for good'?

Contact Les Godard, Planned Giving Counselor with Lutheran Church Extension Fund Ph 563-529-4953 les.godard@lfnd.org





Please pray for these MEMBERS serving in the military:

Cale Buck Blake Determan Tom Slykhuis Natasha Voigts

And these FRIENDS of the Congregation serving in the military:

- Jonathan Chung, grandson of the late Ted Schuler, serving airborne stateside.
- Senior Chief Jacob Gardner, grandson of Sandy McDonald, serving in the Navy. Stationed in Seattle with wife Anne and children Attica & Ava.
- Lt. Colonel Chad Lichty, grandson of Bill Foulk, stationed at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, OK.
- Ben McCombs, grandson of Margaret McCombs, Navy
- Dylan Meyer, grandson of Doris Meyer, US Navy Seals Training Coronado Island, CA.
- Lt. Colonel Kevin Minor, working at the Pentagon, son-in-law of Deb Staack.
- 1st Lieutenant Ryan Richter, Marines, nephew of Barb Laue, serving in Afghanistan.
- Jessica Schmidt, Army, family of Doug & Mary Schmidt, serving in the Army.



July Birthdays

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2 Megan Brown

3 Rachel Beasley, Megan Immel, Doug Schmidt

4 MaKayla Chamberlin

5 Tim Chamberlin, Kendall Diehl

6 Dan Klein, Pete Mangin

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8 Terry Schutte

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10 Dakota Hayes

11 Charity Heide, Sally Timmer

12 Dave Lellig

13 Mary Schmidt, Erich Simmer, Jeff Smith, Kloey Stubberud

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16 Grant Daniels, Randal Hess, Kyle Jacobson, Kamilla Meyer,
Audrey Plum

17 Alex Buck, Fran Melsh

18 Cory Allspach

19 Owen Dawson, Joe Faust, Deb Newton

20 Connie Kramer, **Mildred Poock, Ruth Schutte**

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22 Jenny Ibendahl, Amanda Marquart

23 Don Illian, Chris Panther

24 Kendall Daniels, Lauren Dawson

25

26 Tom Brown, Kizer Friedley, Nanette Gaines

27 Kaylee Beatty, Billy Foulk, Caybree McDonald,
Jon Staver

28 Elizabeth Knief, Erin Rankin, Carlee Rodriguez

29 Toni Forness, Donna Hamilton, Jacque Knief

30 Emma Borgwardt
31 Diane Buck, Jacob Neisen

Members Celebrating 90+

Mildred Pooch, 7501 University Ave. 8A, Cedar Falls 50613
Ruth Schutte, 421 Oak Ave. #226, Waterloo 50703

Minutes

Board of Directors
Immanuel Lutheran Church
No Meeting in June
Next meeting July 10 @ 5:30pm

This Just In...

Chick Flick -- Women of Immanuel and friends meet at Laverne Kelderman's home (3814 Wynnewood Dr, CF) for food, fellowship and a flick. On Monday, August 6 at 6:00pm we will have a snack and then watch the film *I'm Not Ashamed*. Sign up on the Welcome Desk!

The Columbine Massacre of April 20, 1999 completely redefined America's view of the lives of high school students. Drawn straight from Columbine victim [Rachel Joy Scott](#)'s words and journal entries, through the insight of her mother, [Beth Nimmo](#), it is the true story of a high school student whose compassionate, caring faith caused her to reach out to fellow students including her killers who made her a target of their murderous plan.

