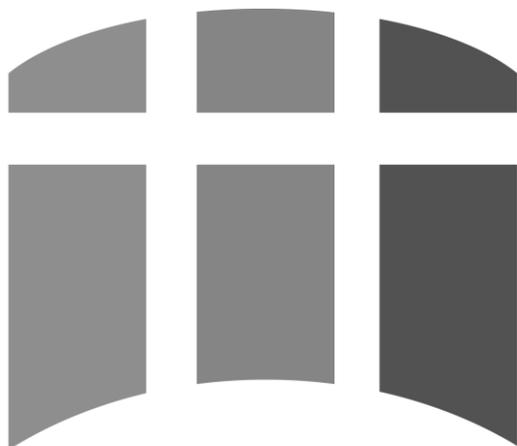


The Messenger

August 2019



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Immanuel Lutheran Church and Preschool
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A Message from Pastor Kapanka

Last Fall the Board of Directors, Deacons and Staff held a strategic planning retreat. Our objective was to give direction and plans for the ministry of Immanuel for the next ten years. We looked at our recent history, examined the demographics of our community and studied our purpose statement (The purpose of Immanuel is to lead God's people to Know, Follow and Share Christ). We envisioned what we want Immanuel to look like ten years from now. With much prayer and reflection, we came up with a picture of what the ministry of Immanuel might look like in the year 2028.

With the vision of our future in mind, the planning group then asked what steps we need to be taking in the next five years to start moving us in that direction. Five annual themes, to be used over the next five years, would be put into place that would guide our ministry as we move toward the future. These themes would be ordered in such a way as to be logical and progressive. The five themes would serve as our annual emphasis for each of the next five years. At the end of five years we will evaluate and plan for the remaining five years. The initial themes are: Foundation of Faith, Welcoming Place, Worship Centered, Ministry for All Ages, and Blessed to Serve our Community.

This fall we will be kicking off the theme of Foundation of Faith. The staff have labeled this "Building on the Foundation." Our thinking is that as we set in motion a ten-year ministry plan, we first need to build a solid foundation. The foundation of every congregation is the individuals and families that make up the congregation. So, to "Build on the Foundation" is to build up and strengthen the individuals and families. Because having a firm foundation is such a vital part of a strong future, we will be taking two years to solidify our spiritual foundations. The first year is focus on the individual and family growth. Next year we will Build on the Foundation in a corporate way; with emphasis on outreach, service and fellowship. This year we are inviting every member of Immanuel to recommit to personal Bible study, individual and family devotional time and a vigorous prayer life.



In our study of the demographics of our location and time, we discovered that a large majority of members and non-members living in this area expect the use of technology in the delivery of ministry. This can include text messages, website, phone apps, worship monitors, etc. Some of these technological advances are already in use, others are being explored. Because time is a premium and arranging a small group study that fits everyone's schedule is impossible, it is our hope that we can deliver bible studies, lectures, worship services in an online manner. We want to make available for every member the opportunity to Build on the Foundation. This includes in person studies and online individual classes.

In the coming weeks I invite you to watch for opportunities to explore how to study your bible, ways to start and grow your personal and family devotional life, and insights on how to expand your prayer walk. As Immanuel moves forward in the next ten years, we need to lay a firm foundation. Building on the Foundation as our annual theme will provide us the ways and means to launch the next decade of Christ's love for His people at Immanuel and in the Cedar Valley.

Pastor Kapanka

July Prayers

For Char Vaala, upcoming surgery

For Bob Mahncke, back surgery

For Margaret Pierce, mother of Brenda O'Brien, hospitalized

For Odin Aukes, friend of Jake and Michelle Byers, who was born premature at 27 weeks

For our youth and leaders attending the National Youth Gathering

For Pastor Illian, prostate cancer

For Karen Costello, niece of Betty Pries, cancer

For Danielle Mason, preschool parent, cancer in remission

For Vicki McDonald, Kathy Camarata's sister, cancer

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

Address info requested for:

Rod Clay Arnold Egemo

Official Business:

Profession of Faith: Debra Downing

Removed: 4 from Zone 12 Address Unknown (moved without transfer, absent 5+ years)

Worship

This year's theme is Missions: Reaching the Unreached

Theme Verse: Acts 13:47 *"I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."*

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sundays @ 8:30am & 11:00am
Wednesdays @ 5:30pm



August Acolytes

Sunday, Aug 4 w/HC	8:30 a.m.	NEED	
w/HC	11:00 a.m.	NEED	
Sunday, Aug 11	8:30 a.m.	NEED	
	11:00 a.m.	NEED	
Sunday, Aug 18 w/HC	8:30 a.m.	NEED	
w/HC	11:00 a.m.	NEED	
Sunday, Aug 25	8:30 a.m.	NEED	
	11:00 a.m.	NEED	

Altar Committee: Lois Bonefas & Laverne Kelderman will set up communion in August. Thank you to Myron & Joyce Piehl, & Diane Daman for setting up communion in July.

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

Mission Ministry

Mission Committee: Meets next on Tuesday, August 6 @ 6:15pm.
Speak to Bob White for more information on how you can get involved.

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

*Email for Scott and Ivy Wiens: storeup@securenym.net

They would love to hear from you as it is a great encouragement to them!

Fellowship

Glowing Embers Thursday, August 1 at 11:30am at The Cedar Falls Pizza Ranch. In June we had 28 at the Waterloo Perkins visiting like a bunch of relatives who have not seen each other since last Christmas. As usually we had a table prayer, sang a couple hymns, visited about who was hospitalized, introduced those who had not been there recently, and who was visiting with friends. We ordered from the menu, and then sang a couple more hymns before the meal was brought, and then ate between visiting with neighbors. Once you've been there you don't have to be invited back. Age limited to fifty-five plus and still breathing. Why not join us sometime!

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.

Women's Bible Study—This women's Bible study, led by Deb Staack, meets Tuesday mornings 9:15-11:00am beginning September 3. Any interested women are welcome!

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. The book of Ezekiel is the current study.

Men's Ministry



Pancake Breakfast: The men of Immanuel will serve a pancake breakfast on Sunday, August 11. We could use some men to help! If you can help serve or clean up, contact Jeff Dawson.

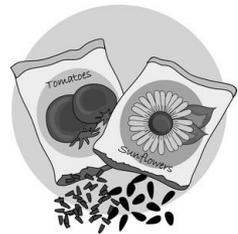
Youth & Children's Ministry

Sunday School for grades Pk-8th grades. Meets at 9:45am Sept.-May.



Preschool News

In just a few short weeks, the classroom will be filled with excited children, ready to learn about Jesus. Currently, we have five spots to fill in our Preschool 3's classroom and one spot left in our Preschool 4's classroom. Our teachers and aides will remain the same for the 2019-2020 school year. Our theme is "Little Seeds of Faith" based on our church theme verse of Psalm 18:2 . . . "The Lord is my rock and fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and horn of my salvation, my stronghold." T-shirts will be available if you are interested. It is always a joy a to see how the children grow in their faith throughout the year.



Extra hands are always useful with our young preschoolers. Our 4-year-old class will be taking a camping trip for a class period, which includes fishing, hiking, and eating hotdogs. We need to have a few extra hands during the fishing portion.

We need 12 count egg cartons for various projects throughout the year. If you could save them and bring them to church, that would be great. There is a tote located in the entryway of the church. Please place them in it and we will take care of them from there. Please contact Jackie if you have any questions. jillian@immanuelcf.com or 319-252-0683.

Thank you for all your support and prayers.

Mrs. Illian, Mrs. Meyerhoff, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Grim, Ms. Peters

Music Ministry

Hand Bells practice begins Monday, August 5 at 5:30pm for adults and those youth in grades 6-12.

Children's Chimes practice will begin Monday, August 5 at 6:00pm for children going into grades 1-5.

Praise Band! Practice resumes Wednesday, August 7 @ 6:30pm. If you are interested in singing or playing with Praise Band, we'd love you to join us!

Choir practice begins Wednesday, August 7 at 7:15pm. Join us!

Service Opportunities

Food Bank: Immanuel volunteers at the NE IA Food Bank on Lafayette St. in Waterloo from 4:30-6:00pm Sept. – May.

Check the Welcome Desk for Summer Daily Volunteer needs at NE IA Food Bank!

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

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.

Ushers: We are looking for more ushers, including families! Also need individuals who would be willing to be usher team captains. Please leave your name at the Welcome Desk or church office and Nathan Schutt, Usher Coordinator, will follow up with you.

Women's Ministry

Dorcas News: Nineteen church and Dorcas members and guests visited Villa Comagena, rural Shellsburg Saturday, July 31.

Our hostess and chef was Inge Schminke, an Austrian Nazi occupation survivor, born in 1937. Following the war, Inge and family immigrated to Canada because it was quicker to go there than the United States. As a young adult, she worked at a Canadian fishing resort where she met a Shellsburg farmer.

Today in her eighties, Inge is now a widow with three adult children. She takes tour groups to Austria and hosts groups in her home. For our Austrian lunch, she served four casseroles, five salads, three cakes, Turkish coffee and iced teas.

Dorcas Society: All women of Immanuel are invited to join the Dorcas Society for their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 pm, here at church. Rose Davis and Kelly Rodriguez are hostesses and Margaret McCombs will have the opening devotions and lead the Bible Study. Please bring your newest Quarterly for the Bible Study – don't have one? We'll get you one! Our service project will be putting together school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Backpack style cloth bags will be provided! See supply list at this website:

<https://applications.lwr.org/wp-content/uploads/SKAssemblyInstructions-2018.pdf>

Chick Flick: Join us at the home of Laverne Kelderman, 3814 Wynnewood Dr., CF on Monday, September 9 for food, fellowship, and the flick *BREAKTHROUGH*. Sign up on the Welcome Desk – bring a friend!

BREAKTHROUGH is based on the inspirational true story of one mother's unfaltering love in the face of impossible odds. When Joyce Smith's adopted son John falls through an icy Missouri lake, all hope seems lost. But as John lies lifeless, Joyce refuses to give up. Her steadfast belief inspires those around her to continue to pray for John's recovery, even in the face of every case history and scientific prediction. BREAKTHROUGH is an enthralling reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope, and sometimes even a miracle.

Leader for Advent by Candlelight: We need a leader to oversee this uplifting December women’s event. Many of the support people are already in place but we need a leader. This person would set meetings and recommend a theme, plan the program, and give direction to the committee. If you are interested, contact the church office.

Caring Ministry

The GriefShare leadership team is offering grief support through monthly meetings during the months when there isn’t a GriefShare session. There is no formal program at these meetings; they’re a time for fellowship and sharing. We invite anyone who’s interested to join us at these meetings. Next meeting will be Monday, August 5 at 4:00pm.

GriefShare is a national Christ-centered grief recovery support group. This 13-week program meets here each fall on Mondays at 4:00pm and is led by Lois Bonefas. (The first fall meeting will be Monday, September 9.) If you are dealing with the death of a family member or friend, whether the loss is recent, or years ago, please consider this group.

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.



Many Thanks

- To all our VBS volunteers and food providers – our leaders, helpers, servers, whatever your role – we thank you!
- Immanuel’s 2019 Guide Book & Directory advertisers helped provide this resource at no cost to our congregation. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise: Kobliska Chiropractic, Black Hawk Memorial Co., Professional Lawn Care, Polk’s Lock Service, Blueline Moving & Storage, Baymont Inn & Suites, Celia Simmer & Trapp Realtors, Care Initiatives -- Ravenwood



If you have not yet fulfilled your building 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 the building fund. We are over \$9,596 collected!

Contributions for July

Attendance

Offering

Building

Available in the office.

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. We have over 20 church families who use this easy option!



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.

Other News

Grounds Update: We are waiting on items the owner/developer of the other plats in the subdivision needs to complete before the City will allow us to proceed with improvements on our plat. Once we have the go ahead from the City, the plan will go out for bids. Specific questions about the project can be directed to Pastor Kapanka, Melissa, or member Jeff Oltmann.

Just a reminder that pledge envelopes can be dropped into the offering plate. \$72,601 has been collected of the \$158,953 pledged. Extra pledge envelopes can be found at the Welcome Desk.



Valley is enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you would like a tour or to get more information about Valley, please contact Jamie Panning at 319-266-4565 or jamie.panning@vlscrusaders.org.

Reminder to Thrivent members to check their account(s) often.

Thrivent is awarding "Choice Dollars" constantly to your accounts which you can direct to Immanuel. If you need help or don't have a computer call Cheryl Lauer at 830-6818.

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free 12-week class for family members or partners who have adult relatives with mental illness. It includes research about mental illness; information about medications; effective treatments to promote recovery; problem solving and communication techniques; and coping with worry, stress, and emotional overload. The class will run every Thursday from 6 to 8:30 pm starting September 5 and ending November 21. It will be at the First Congregational Church in Waterloo at 608 West 4th Street. Call Leslie Cohn at the NAMI office at 319-235-5263 if you have questions or want to register for the class. The deadline for registering is August 15.

Join a bus trip to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter

Taking reservations for December 2-6. Contact Roger and Ellen Bauer 319-352-5435 or ellen.bauer@mchsi.com.



Please pray for these MEMBERS serving in the military:

- **Cale Buck** is serving as Drill Sargent at Ft. Leonardwood, MO.
- **Blake Determan**, Senior Airman, stationed at Beale AFB in CA. He is a crew chief on the Lockheed U-2.
- **SFC Jamie Stien** is Military Instructor for ROTC at UNI.

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. Stationed in Seattle with wife Anne and children Attica & Ava. (Navy)
- Lt. Colonel Chad Lichty, grandson of Bill Foulk, stationed at Vance AFB, Enid, OK.
- Ben McCombs, grandson of Margaret McCombs. (Navy)
- Dylan Meyer, grandson of Doris Meyer, is stationed at Little Creek, Virginia Beach, VA. (Navy)
- Colonel Kevin Minor, son-in-law of Deb Staack, working for NATO in Belguim (Air Force)
- 1st Lieutenant Ryan Richter, nephew of Barb Laue, serving in Afghanistan. (Marines)
- Jessica Schmidt, family of Doug & Mary Schmidt. (Army)



August Birthdays

- 1 Richard King
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 Kathy Camarata, David Heide, Martin Kunz
- 6 Ashley Buhr, Erica Buhr, Thelma Meyerhoff
- 7
- 8 Andy Bedard, Kaitlyn Hess
- 9 Marvin Miller
- 10 Aidan Bedard, Cheyenne Hayes, Matt Roth
- 11 Traci Smith
- 12 Staci Borgwardt, Cheryl Lauer, Thea Streitmatter
- 13
- 14 Harper Doerder, Natasha Jacobsen
- 15 Shirley Tangen
- 16 Dean Boevers, Amy Kapanka, Melissa Lynch
- 17 Courtney Banwart
- 18 Tim Kono, Jay Weber, Linda White
- 19 Mary Allison, Julia Stone
- 20 Brenda Heinz, Dan Lynch, Angela Meron
- 21 Jim Trower
- 22 Taleah Berger, Carol Brunson, Hannah Byers, Kathe Kisling,
Logan Reiter
- 23
- 24
- 25 Lindy McDaniel
- 26
- 27
- 28 Megan Dunn
- 29 Bob Camarata, Liz Fleming

30 Jennifer Hess

31 Justin Downs

Milestone Anniversary

Kendall & Kathy Diehl will celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary
August 17. Address: 1422 Oakcrest Dr., Wloo 01

Minutes

Board of Directors
Immanuel Lutheran Church
July 9, 2019
5:30 PM

Available in the office.