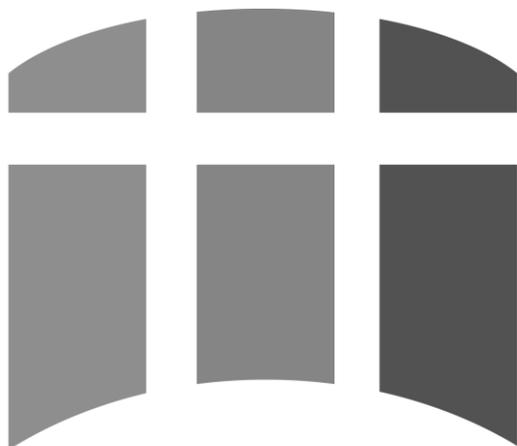


# The Messenger

October 2019



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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](http://ilcv.org)  
Preschool: 260-2005 [ilswaterloo.com](http://ilswaterloo.com)

# A Message from Pastor Kapanka

For many people, October 31st is a day to dress up in costumes and travel from door to door asking for candy. For many Christians, especially those of the Lutheran tradition, October 31st is Reformation Day. On this day we celebrate God's work through His servant, Martin Luther, to preserve the message of the gospel as the *free gift* of God's grace in Jesus Christ through faith alone. The Lutheran faith and Immanuel church are founded in the teaching of **Grace alone, Faith alone, and Scripture alone** and **Christ alone**.



As many of us likely know, on October 31st, 1517 tradition holds that Martin Luther nailed 95 theses or disputes on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, the location of the University at which he taught. The theses were written against the teachings of indulgences, purgatory, and other beliefs and practices of the church that were inconsistent with the clear teaching of the Bible.

The Reformation movement and indeed the whole Christian church are founded on the following biblical teachings:

## ***Grace alone:***

At the center of the Christian faith is the assurance that salvation is based on the unearned free gift of God's grace. Though we are sinners, disobedient children, deserving of God's wrath and anger, we receive the riches of his love and forgiveness.

## ***Faith alone:***

God's gift of grace is received through faith in what Jesus has done for us. Our good works and the good things that we do flow out of having a right relationship with God, but these good things do not have the power to make us right with God. In St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians he says, "*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast*" (2:8-9). This is the teaching that separates Christianity from all other world religions. Through God's Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, our faith is created and sustained.

**Scripture alone:**

The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It alone is the source for what we believe and what we practice in the Christian church. The Scriptures are used to judge the validity of these things, not the other way around.

**Christ alone:**

Our basis and assurance of salvation is the person of Jesus Christ, His life, death, and resurrection. The Gospel writer John tells us that, *“God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life”* (3:16). Jesus is the only way to the Father (John 14:6).

During the month of October I encourage you to take some time to remember the core teachings of Christianity that were preserved by God through Martin Luther.

## September Prayers

For Betty Sieglaff, health issues

For Pat Keeran, Amanda Davis’ grandmother, recently hospitalized

For Madonna Durham, mother of Joy Schneider, recent fall

For Darold Bush, recently hospitalized

For Pastor Illian, prostate cancer

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

**Official Business:**

**Transfer In:** Dylan Woodall from St. Paul in Concordia, MO and Emily Woodall from Trinity in Cole Camp, MO

**Profession of Faith:** Cris Natvig

**Transfer Out:** Dean Boevers to St. John Lutheran Church, Denver

**Death:** Chris Allen

**Removed:** One from Zone 12 -- Inactive 5+ years address unknown  
**Address info requested for:** Arnold Egemo

**Change of Address:** Cecil & Betty Sieglaff, 5710 Dean Rd SW #29, Cedar Rapids 52404

## Christian Outreach



**LCMS Radio and Web Ministry**  
**[www.Kfuo.org](http://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

## Worship

**This year’s theme is Foundations of Faith 1! Theme Verse:**

*Psalm 18:2 -- The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

**Learn to Love Your Bible!** We are building the first layer of our foundation on the personal aspects of Word, Prayer, and Worship. Join Adult Bible class at 10:00am on Sundays, as Pastor shares valuable tools to assist us in Learning to Love our Bible! Links to past classes, along with the study guide, can be found on the church website [ilcv.org](http://ilcv.org) or our Facebook page.

**Altar Committee:** Deb Newton & Linda Mahncke will set up communion in October. Thank you to Cheryl Lauer & Melissa Lynch for setting up communion in September.

**Weekly Worship Schedule:**  
 Sundays @ 8:30am & 11:00am  
 Wednesdays @ 5:30pm



**October Acolytes**

Sunday, Oct 6 w/HC	8:30 a.m.	Hailey Kobliska	
w/HC	11:00 a.m.	Walker Laughridge	
Sunday, Oct 13	8:30 a.m.	Isaac Natvig	
	11:00 a.m.	Melia Stone	
Sunday, Oct 20 w/HC	8:30 a.m.	Aidan Bedard	
w/HC	11:00 a.m.	Sydney Reisdorph	
Sunday, Oct 27 W/HC	8:30 a.m.	Hailey Stubberud	
w/HC	11:00 a.m.	Torrie Clark-Meeks	

**Mission Ministry**

**Mission Committee:** Meets next on Tuesday, October 1 @ 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 (now in S. Korea)

\*Email for Scott and Ivy Wiens: [storeup@securenym.net](mailto:storeup@securenym.net)

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

**Honey Sundays:** The Mission Committee will be selling honey from the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch on Sundays, September 29, October 6, and October 13. Profits from the honey sales are a great way to support both the mission of the Ranch and our own Robin Morelock as she prepares to begin her missionary work in Papua New Guinea.

**Mission Trip:** In the summer of 2020, Immanuel will be sponsoring a short-term mission trip to the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in Minot, ND. On Sunday October 13, there will be a 6:00pm potluck here at church followed by an informational meeting. Chaplain Rick Jones from the Ranch will speak about the opportunities for service and answer any questions.

## Fellowship

**Glowing Embers** will meet Thursday, October 3 @ 11:30am at CF Pizza Ranch. If you like to visit, if you like to eat, if you like to sing and be brought up to date on Senior Shut-Ins, then you need to join us for our monthly get-together.

**Fall German Dinner:** Saturday, October 26 4:30-6:30pm. LeeAnn Kleiner and the Kleiner family will once again be preparing and serving us an authentic German meal. Not a fan of German food? An alternative main option is available! Adults will now have the choice of German Goulash with Spatzel Noodles or Homemade Chicken & Noodles, Green Beans, Roll & Butter and a Dessert OR Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, warm German Potato Salad and a Dessert. Dessert will be Black Forest Cake or Apple Strudel. Kid's meal includes a Hot Dog, Cheese Spatzel, Apple Sauce and a Cookie. Dinner tickets are on sale at the Welcome Desk. \$10 for adults (\$15 at the door) age 5-12 \$5, under 5 free.



Invite your friends and neighbors to join you for dinner and a game of Bingo or Hammerschlagen! Sign-up sheets for the many volunteers needed can also be found on the Welcome Desk.

## Men's Ministry



**Pancake Breakfast:** The men of Immanuel will serve a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 13. We could use more men to help! If you can pitch in to assist with prep, serving, or clean up, contact Jeff Dawson.

## Adult Education

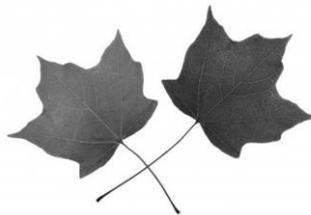
**Interested in membership?** An adult information class with Pastor Kapanka begins **Sunday**, September 29 from 2:30-5:00pm. This seven-session class is for those wishing to join Immanuel, those desiring to learn more about the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, or current members looking to review the beliefs of the LCMS. Call the office to register for this free class or sign up at the Welcome Desk.

### **Bible Study Opportunities:**

**Sunday Adult Study** – Pastor Kapanka leads a Bible study on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary from 10:00-10:45am. Topic: *10 Tools to Learn to Love Your Bible!*

**Women's Bible Study**—This women's Bible study, led by Deb Staack, meets Tuesday mornings 9:15-11:00am. Any interested women are welcome! Current study: *The Armor of God*

**At the Village** – Small group Bible study at the Village Co-op in CF Sundays at 6:00pm. New participants are always welcome! Contact Kathe Kisling with any questions 319-277-4097.



# Youth & Children's Ministry

**Sunday School** for grades Pk-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Questions? Speak to Nancy Culpepper.

**Faith Alive!** 6:30-8:00pm October 2 Topic: Dad Talks (Prayer), Oct 20 & 27 Topic: Life Support (Life Events)

**High School Youth Group** meets most Sundays at 6:00pm here at church. See the calendar on the Welcome Desk for other info.

On Sunday, September 29 our High School Youth will meet at the Reinkings for games at 6:30pm. Check with Colby on date and time for a Halloween Event!

## Music Ministry

**Kids Praise Choir** practices Mondays from 5:30-6:00. All children of the congregation kindergarten-6th grade are invited to join us in singing praises during worship services. Contact Mrs. Sharon Limback if you have any questions.



**Praise Band** practices Wednesdays @ 6:30pm. If you are interested in singing or playing with Praise Band, we'd love you to join us! Speak to Dave Koehler, 563-340-5233.

**Hand Bells, Children's Chimes, Adult Choir:** With Ashley's move, we are without a music director. At this time, practices for Hand Bells, Chimes, and Choir are suspended -- unless there is someone willing to keep those going until a decision is made about her replacement?

**Cantata:** Linda Gomez will be directing a fan favorite cantata *Joy in This Place* on Sunday, December 8. Practices will begin soon! Questions? Contact Linda at 319.239.7395 or [lgmusiclady@gmail.com](mailto:lgmusiclady@gmail.com).

## Caring Ministry

**GriefShare** is a national Christ-centered grief recovery support group. This 13-week program meets Mondays at 4:00pm and is led by Lois Bonefas. 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. You do not need to be a member of Immanuel – so invite a friend!

**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.



### **Love INC Open House:**

Where? Love INC Office (4807 University Ave, Suite 202, Cedar Falls)

When? Wednesday, October 9 from 12-1pm. Lunch is provided.

Do you want to know more about Love INC? Have you thought about volunteering in the community? This is a perfect opportunity to find out more without making any further commitment. Love INC is well positioned to serve the under-resourced in our community and has a variety of ways volunteers can be utilized both regularly or seasonally. Attend to learn about the opportunities that are available and find out how to be a blessing to someone today!

## Service Opportunities

**Food Bank:** Immanuel volunteers at the NE IA Food Bank on Lafayette St. in Waterloo from 4:30-6:00pm on Thursday, October 3. Use the volunteer entrance and join us! **Check the Welcome Desk for additional Weekly Volunteer needs at NE IA Food Bank.**

**German Dinner:** Many volunteers are needed on Saturday, October 26. From greeting at the door to helping in the kitchen, there's a spot open for you! See the sign up on the Welcome Desk or speak to Cindy.

**Read the Lessons or Greet at the Front Door:** 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 always looking for more ushers, including families! Also need individuals who would be willing to be usher team captains. Speak to Nathan Schutt, Usher Coordinator.

## Women's Ministry

**Chick Flick:** Join us at the home of Laverne Kelderman, 3814 Wynnewood Dr., CF on Monday, October 28 at 6:00pm for food, fellowship, and the flick *The Miracle Season*. Sign up on the Welcome Desk – bring a friend!

*After the tragic death of star volleyball player Caroline "Line" Found, a team of dispirited high school volleyball girls must band together under the guidance of their tough-love coach in hopes of winning the state championship. The film is based on the true story of the Iowa City West High School volleyball team after the sudden death of the team's heart and leader in 2011.*



**Dorcas:** ALL WOMEN of Immanuel are invited to join the Dorcas ladies for their Progressive Dinner on Thursday, October 24, at 6pm. Sharon Limback will lead us in the opening devotions. We will begin with appetizers here at church! After which, we will car-pool to Jennifer Determan's home for the main course and then to Corissa Volker's home for dessert! If you are able to join us, please RSVP to Laverne Kelderman or Jennifer Determan by Tuesday, October 22. Those of you that may need a ride, let us know! We would be happy to provide that for you! Hope that many of you will be able to join us!



## Preschool News

Greetings from Preschool! Our classes are going well, and the children are learning routines. Friendships are being made as the children get to know one another through play and activities. If you are in the building, you will hear the sounds of excitement coming from our rooms as the children are engaged in activities and in various tasks. The children in our care learn Bible stories, letters, numbers, and even do some cooking projects.

The 3's class has been learning quite a bit. They have learned things like how apples grow and how to make applesauce. They are starting to work on recognizing their names and the letters which make up their names. Learning about God's creation has been a big part of September's Bible stories. They just finished a study on Noah and the flood.

The 4's class had their first outing for the year. They went out to Big Woods Lake on a "camping" trip. The camping usually consists of going into the tent, fishing, hiking, making hotdogs and s'mores. We also enjoyed our time reading in the tent and finding living creatures in the world that God created.

Hearing about God's creation and the instructions that God gave Noah to build the ark have been a few of the stories that we have learned about. We look forward to learning about Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph during October. As the children continue to work on writing their names, learning letters and colors, they will also learn about fire safety and take a trip to the fire station.

Preschool is always busy. You are invited to stop by and look in to see what we are doing. The children enjoy seeing new faces!

Thank you for all your support and prayers.

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



**Blood Drive:** On Thursday, October 3, Valley Lutheran School's chapter of the National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross from 1-6pm in the multipurpose room at Valley Lutheran. Walk-ins are welcome but you may also sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to secure an appointment time (search by the 50613 zip code then scroll down to the Valley Lutheran School Blood Drive).

Through Valley's partnership with the American Red Cross, scholarships are provided to one or more of the graduating seniors. The more donors at the drive, the more scholarships Valley earns. In addition to helping save a life, you are helping students attend college. As a thank you, donors will also receive a pint of ice cream from Culvers. Thank you!

**Save the Date for the Craft Show:** Valley Lutheran is having its 12th Annual Craft Show on November 2nd from 9am to 1pm.



**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 September

**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. 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:** A meeting is scheduled with the city of Cedar Falls for Friday, September 27 in an effort to navigate a path forward to complete the parking lot expansion that is amicable for all parties. We will have more information following this meeting.

Just a reminder that pledge envelopes can be dropped into the offering plate. \$84,342 has been collected of the \$158,953 pledged. Extra pledge envelopes can be found at the Welcome Desk.

**All are invited** to the Annual Meeting of the Lutheran Home for the Aged Association-East. Held at the Davenport Lutheran Home at 1130 W 53rd St. on Thursday, October 31 at noon with lunch. Call 319-472-4211 by October 17 if you wish to attend.

**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.

**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](mailto:ellen.bauer@mchsi.com).

## Many Thanks

- Thank you to Ron & Laverne Kelderman, Ted & Deanna Armbrecht, Warren & Joanne Hartman, & Vern & Duane Woebbeking for serving at the Iowa State Fair Booth for Lutheran Hour Ministries on Wednesday, August 14. We gave out Project Connect in 2018-1500, and 2019-1525; Project Connect Spanish in 2018-36, and 2019-38; Spanish Bibles in 2018-30, and 2019-20. English Bibles in 2018-121, and 2019-110; Kids Booklets in 2018-3600, and 2019-2930; Jesus Bracelets in 2018-3000, and 2019-1425; Children's Bibles in 2018-300, and 2019-576; Tatoos in 2018-6,500, and 2019-10,000. (Warren Hartman is the Ambassador for Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls.) The LLL appreciates your help this past year at the State Fair. Hope your time was enjoyable and well spent. In Christ, Vern Woebbeking
- 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



**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.
- **Camryn Meyer**, granddaughter of Doris Meyer, Army National Guard Basic Training, Ft. Sill, OK.
- **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)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Ryan Richter, nephew of Barb Laue, serving in Afghanistan. (Marines)
- Jessica Schmidt, family of Doug & Mary Schmidt. (Army)



## October Birthdays

1. Cheryl Boevers
2. Kelsey Carriger, Shannon Daman
3. Jonathan Leyda, Mandy Mahncke
- 4.
5. Niki Kapanka, Emma Liger, Angie Reisdorph
- 6.
7. **Robert Friedley**, Andrea McDonald
8. Clark Ehrich, Nathan Schutt
9. Taylor Freet, Arlene Lauer, Darlene Richards
10. Lyndsey Eldridge Fortune, Melissa Glawe, Kelly Rodriguez
11. Hannah Swartzendruber
12. Oaklynn Bowman, Linda Mahncke
13. Gary Christensen, Jeff Dawson, Lydia Rusch
14. Isaac Dawson, Vicky Woellert
15. Bev Morris, Dan Phillips, Wendell Schmidt
16. McKenzie Heinz
17. Charlie Clos, Gene Davis, Lacey Meyerhoff, Gary Rankin
18. Elianna Phillips, **Dave Schoepske**
19. Trey Berger, Karter Faust, Sara Glawe
20. Rose Davis, Linda Gomez
21. Paul Mason, Betty Pries
22. Kathy Illian, Maddison Stocks
23. Keely Daman, Steve Dix, Melissa Wright
24. Gary Anderson, Kassidy Dunbar, Jason Hayes, Judy Hendren,  
Phyllis Pauling, Davis Thompson
25. Bryan Culpepper
26. Will Klein
27. Kathleen Hemsath
28. Gene Boevers, Tracy Faust, Brad Schneider, Zach Stone
29. Hailey Brunson, Ilene Butcher

30. Mike Schoepske, Chrysta Wolf

31. Alison Burke, Gary Kaune, Mark Modderman, Grayson Wolff

### **Members Celebrating 90+ Birthdays:**

Robert Friedley, 1529 Columbia, Wloo 03

Dave Schoepske, 835 Dena St., Wloo 02

### **Milestone Anniversary**

Darold & JoDel Busch will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 3. Address: 144 Polk St., Wloo 03

## **Minutes**

**Board of Directors  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
September 10, 2019  
5:30pm**

**Minutes available in the office.**

### **This Just In –**

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!** The Deacons will be taking a special door offering on Sundays, October 6, 13 & 20 for Pastors Kapanka and Illian. Let us show our support for all the work they do on behalf of our Lord and Immanuel Lutheran Church. This is also a perfect time for cards, words of encouragement, and prayers.

**Member requests Help** -- I will be moving from Bertch Ave. in Waterloo to Thunder Ridge Blvd in Cedar Falls the weekend of Oct 5th and I could use some help. Truck help and lifting specifically. I'm not moving a lot of items, but my bed and frame are on the top floor of my house, plus a dining table and sectional. Contact Heather Rios – [heather.rios@wfcourier.com](mailto:heather.rios@wfcourier.com)