

The Messenger

September 2021



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Immanuel Lutheran Church and Preschool
4820 Oster Pkwy, Cedar Falls, IA 50613
Rev. Dr. Gerald Kapanka, Rev. Kevin Richter, Pastors
Church: 260-2000 ilcv.org
Preschool: 260-2005 immanuelpreschool.org

Information from the Office

Official Business

- **Deaths**
Bill Grimm, JoDel Bush
- **Transfer Out**
Reisdorph family to Good Shepherd LCMS, Cedar Park, TX
- **Profession of Faith**
Matt Natvig

Staff Position Opening

- Excited to share that Melissa Lynch has announced her retirement! We have been truly blessed to have Melissa as our Parish Administrator. We will be hiring. If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to Tracy Faust.

In Our Prayers

Prayers from August

- JoDel Bush, declining health
- Tracy Faust's father, valve replacement surgery
- Mike Heene, cousin of Jenny Reiter, hospitalized with Covid
- Gene Davis & family, death of his brother Gary
- Manny Rios, health issues
- Tracy Faust & family, death of her mother, LaDonna Wamsley
- Barb Laue, broken Leg

Ongoing Prayers

- Vicki McDonald, Kathy Camarata's sister, cancer
- Robin Morelock, in Papua New Guinea
- Missionaries Scott & Ivy Wiens in Peru

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



Gathering for Worship

Regular Worship

- **Sundays 8:00am* & 10:30am**

*Live streamed on Facebook and available later at www.ilcv.org

PLEASE NOTE!

- On Sunday, September 19 we will have just one service at 8:00am.

'21-'22 Theme

- **Ministry Across the Ages**

Serving This Month

SignUpGenius: We encourage our members to utilize *SignUpGenius* to get involved in service to the church. Members and attendees of Immanuel can register with *SignUpGenius* and “sign up” for our various volunteer needs.

Follow the link at <https://ilcv.360unite.com/volunteer-sign-up>

If you need assistance, speak to Jon Illian, Tech Director.

September Altar Duties

- Cheryl Lauer & Melissa Lynch

We are in need of a pair of volunteers to take over communion set up duty for the month of December and another pair for the month of February. Set up is very easy! Contact the church office.

Deacons

Sept 5

- 8:00am Dylan Woodall
- 10:30am Aaron Bruns

Sept 12

- 8:00am Brian L'Heureux, Ehren Simmer, Adam Volker
- 10:30am Paul Mason, Brett Schломann

Sept 19

- 8:00am Joe Faust, Jeff Dawson
- 10:30am no service

Sept 26

- 8:00am Jeff Dawson, Brian L'Heureux
- 10:30am Aaron Bruns, Paul Mason



Tech Assistants

- Follow the *SignUpGenius* link on page 2 to schedule Jon Illian, Tech Director

Readers & Greeters

- Follow the *SignUpGenius* link on page 2 to schedule

Acolytes

- Follow the *SignUpGenius* link on page 2 to schedule

Ushers

- Follow the *SignUpGenius* link on page on page 2 to schedule

Fellowship Together

Glowing Embers

- Thursday, September 2 at 11:30am at CF Pizza Ranch

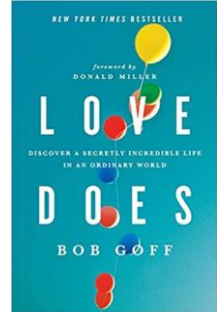


Adult Education

Bible Study Opportunities

- **Immanuel Small Group Bible Study**

The kickoff of our Small Group Ministry will be September 26. As we focus on this fall's theme of "Ministry Across the Ages," small groups will dive into Bob Goff's study *Love Does*. God's eternal love exists across all time and extends to all people of all ages. As you join a small group, you will have the opportunity to learn from Bob Goff and the Immanuel members in your group about how to think outside the box and "do love" in a Christ-like way, sharing the grace of our Savior with more people of all ages. This study will be a seven-session course, but the specific timeline will be up to each group. Signups for small group participants will begin September 5 – check the Welcome Desk.



- **Sunday Adult Study**

- 9:15am in the sanctuary with Pastor Kapanka
(No Adult Bible Study September 19)

- **Tuesday Women's Bible Study**

- Resumes Tuesday, September 7 at 9:15am
Current Study: *No Other Gods*
Deb Staack, leader
All women invited to participate.

- **At the Village Co-op**

- Kathe Kisling, leader

Family Life Ministry

- For parents of children pre-kindergarten age and younger
Kick Off - Family Night Social
Monday, October 11 and 25 at 5:30pm here at Immanuel
Meal provided!

Caring Ministry

Love, INC

- Gas Card Gap Ministry
 - Fulfillment by mail only at this time



NE IA Food Bank

- Check their website <https://www.northeastiowafoodbank.org/> for opportunities to serve.

GriefShare

- Meets Mondays at 4:00pm
(No meeting Labor Day, moved to Wed., Sept. 8)
Lois Bonefas & Deb Staack, leaders
This is a national Christ-centered grief recovery support group.
Please share this information with anyone you know who might be interested in grief support.



Music Ministry

Kids Praise Choir

- Practice Wednesdays at 5:30pm
Sharon Limback, leader



Praise Band

- Practices will resume on Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30 PM. We plan to lead the worship music singing at both services on the 2nd Sunday of the month beginning on September 12. There will be two practices to prepare for the Praise Band services. We are seeking a piano accompanist and drummer. Please speak to or contact Dave Koehler if you are interested in singing or playing with the Praise Band as a regular member or substitute.

Staff Opening

- **Part-time Music Director**

Direct our choirs, bells, and chimes among other duties related to music. Experience preferred. This is a paid position. If you have an interest, check with the office for more information.



Mission Ministry

Mission Committee Meeting

- Tuesday, September 7 at 6:15pm
Bob White, leader

Pillowcase Making Blitz for Dakota Ranch Kids

- Saturday, October 16 from 9am to 12 noon here at church
We will need people to cut material, pin pieces together, and iron as well as sew. Fabric donations (novelty prints such as sports, superheroes, animals, etc., plus coordinating fabric) are also needed. Novelty fabrics (1 1/3 yard) and coordinating fabric (1/4 yard for trim, 1/3 yard for cuff). Fabric can be placed in the box near the Welcome Desk. These pillowcases will be Christmas presents for the kids.
For more info, call or text Linda White



Missionary Workers Immanuel Helps Support

- **Robin Morelock** in Papua, New Guinea
- **Scott & Ivy Wiens** in Peru

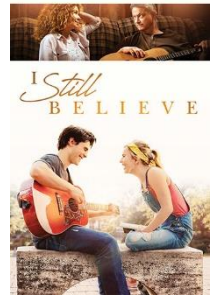
Women's Ministry

Chick Flick

- Monday, September 13 6:00pm at Laverne Kelderman's home 5415 Lemongrass Dr, CF Flick: *I Still Believe*

The true-life story of Christian music star Jeremy Camp and his journey of love and loss, which attempts to prove there is always hope.

Sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk



Dorcas

- Meeting at Immanuel**
Thursday, September 16 at 6:30pm
ALL women of Immanuel are invited!

Children & Youth Ministry

SPARC - Lanterns

- Fun Night Wednesday, September 1 6:30-8:00pm
Questions? Speak to Emily Woodall

Sunday School Kick Off

- 9:15am on September 12 for PK-8th grade
Join us for Ice Cream Sundaes!
Jill Stubberud, Coordinator

Faith Alive!

- Wednesdays September 15-October 6 6:30-8:00pm
Topic: Gender Identity
Parents are encouraged to attend with their child.

High School Youth Group

- Coby Reinking, leader



Immanuel Preschool News

Classes are underway at Immanuel Lutheran Preschool. We currently have space in both of our four-year-old class and have moved the three-year-old class to one session on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The numbers this year are lower than expected. There are many factors that could be involved, and it is hard to determine which ones are the cause for the lower numbers. The staff will continue to evaluate the reasons and look for solutions to help grow our program. If you know of anyone who is looking for a half day Christian preschool, please share our number with them. We are always ready to welcome new friends.

The first week of school is a busy one with getting everyone familiar



with the building and people who work here. The children have been chasing the “Gingerbread Man” around meeting these people. As they continue to look for the clues that he leaves it gets them thinking about the places in the building and builds their

excitement to come to school each day.

Bible stories for the next month will include Creation, the Fall into Sin, the Flood, and learning about Abraham. Again, this year we have several families that do not attend church or do not have a church home. Please pray for these families as we start to build relationships and share the love of Christ with them. Our prayer is that we can extend a hand of friendship and encourage them to visit Immanuel Lutheran Church. If you see new faces with small children, they may just be from our preschool. Please contact Jackie if you have any questions. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

Jackie Illian, Director



Valley Lutheran School News

2021 Crusader Golf Classic

- Friday, September 17 at the Waverly Golf Course
Lunch served at 12:00pm, Shotgun start at 1:00pm
Cost is \$60 per player or \$240 for a team of four and includes lunch, golf cart and 18 holes of golf.
Registration deadline is Monday, September 13.
Call Anne Meyer-Schmitz at VLS.



Executive Director

- The EILHSA (Valley Lutheran) Board is pleased to announce that financial commitments have been received to fund the first three years of an Executive Director's salary and benefits.

ILSTO - Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization

- A change in ILSTO policy makes sure more of your donations to ILSTO stay with your designated school. This is up to a limit of 70% of need. Thanks to spring legislative action, ILSTO now gives a 75% Iowa tax credit.

Spread the word to potential donors so we can award Lutheran school families the maximum allowed by law. The 2021 ILSTO goal is \$814,860. WE ARE CURRENTLY AT 20% OF GOAL
For more information contact Dewey Torkelson

Our Tithes and Offerings

Attendance & Offerings

● Attendance	Offering	Building
Aug 1 – 143	\$6,432	\$ 2,210
Aug 8 – 168	\$7,630.50	\$ 1,190.50
Aug 15 – 178	\$5,427	\$ 1,505
Aug 22 – 184	\$7,876	\$ 887

Please prayerfully continue to give to the building fund. Budgeted congregational giving toward our building payment each month is set at \$6,050.

Electronic Giving

- Immanuel offers electronic giving for those who wish to have their contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. Automatic deposits are tracked the same as with an envelope. Contact the church office for more details.



SCRIP Gift Cards

- Purchase gift cards from the office or contact Deb Newton. Immanuel keeps a percentage of each card purchased, which then goes toward the building payment.

Change Challenge

- Drop your pocket change in the 5-gallon bucket in the back of the sanctuary. All monies go towards the building payment.

Reminder to Thrivent Members

- Check your account often. Thrivent awards "Choice Dollars" to your accounts, which you can direct to Immanuel.

Other News of Interest

125th Anniversary Celebration at St. John Reinbeck

- Theme: Lighting a Path to the Future
Sunday, September 19 worship service 10:00am with HC
Short program and catered lunch following
All are invited!

40 Days for Life

- Kickoff Rally 6:00pm Monday, September 20 at Valley Lutheran School
Speaker: Leah Jacobson, founder of the Guiding Star Project and author of *Wholistic Feminism: Healing the Identity Crisis Caused by the Women's Movement*.
For more information on our upcoming campaign, visit www.40daysforlife.com/cedarfalls
Questions? Contact Tonia Hansen

Bus Trip to Creation Museum & Ark Encounter

- December 6-10 Bus leaves from Waverly
For additional information and pricing contact Roger & Ellen Bauer

thank you!

- We can never thank Immanuel Lutheran Church enough for all the preparation and effort put into Pastor Illian's funeral. It was amazing and we wanted to thank all of you for everything that was done to make it all happen. The food that was provided was excellent and we want to thank everyone who helped prepare and serve it. Also, we want to thank the choir and Linda Gomez for leading it. That hymn was one of Pastor Illian's favorites and we know that he would've

enjoyed it. Thank you to the three organists who helped accompany the service. It was beautiful!

I know my husband would have been in awe of all the people who were at the visitation on Friday evening as well as all the people in attendance at the funeral. He was a very humble man and I know he would've been speechless at the number of people who expressed their condolences, and all showed their support by being at the funeral.

Pastor Kapanka had a phenomenal sermon and the message helped us in so many ways. We were also very thankful that Pastor Q was able to share his faith message with us. It was such a powerful way of showing how God moves through us. To God be the glory!!!

My three sons and I, as well as the entire family, will miss my husband immensely. I know that Pastor Illian dearly loved Pastor Kapanka and the Immanuel congregation with all his heart, but he was more than ready to be with his Heavenly Father. We are so appreciative of the time that we had with him and we look forward to meeting him once again when we reach our final destination and are with our Lord and Savior. Again, thank you and God Bless!"

Kathy Illian & family

- Thanks to Tom & Toni Forness, who installed two bird nest blockers (in the peak above the preschool doors and above the main entrance) and cleaned up a load of bird poop! Your willingness to help was much appreciated.
- Thank you to Lois Bonefas & Laverne Kelderman for preparing communion in August.
- Thank you to all who participated in the August Red Cross Blood Drive. The slots filled up very quickly! Forty-nine total units were collected.
- These advertisers helped provide our 2021 phone directory at no cost to our congregation. Black Hawk Memorial, Lance & Christy Banwart; Blue Line Moving and Storage, Bob & Linda Mahncke; Coldwell Banker, Celia Simmer & Elke (Simmer) Gerdes; Kobliska Chiropractic, Rod Kobliska; Polk's Lock Service, Myron & Joyce Piehl. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise!



Serving in the Military

Members

- **Cale Buck** serving as Drill Sergeant at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO
- **Reece Buck** serving with the National Guard
- **Blake Determan** Staff Sergeant, stationed at Beale AFB in CA. He is a crew chief on the Lockheed U-2
- **Camryn Meyer** serving with the Army National Guard Reserve 209th Medical Company
- **SFC Jamie Stien** Military Instructor for ROTC at UNI

Friends of the Congregation

- Jessica McCarthy, family of Doug & Mary Schmidt (Army)
- Dylan Meyer, Doris Meyer's grandson (Navy)
- Colonel Kevin Minor, son-in-law of Deb Staack, working for NATO in Belgium (Air Force)

Immanuel Board of Director Minutes

No regular Board Meeting in August





September Birthdays

- 1 Tim Schoepske
- 2 Pastor Kapanka
- 3 Traci Hayes, Marilyn Meier, Ron Pries
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- 5 Libby Illian, Kim Sparks
- 6 Jordan Lauer, Shirley Pries, Heather Rios
- 7 Amanda L'Heureux, Jenny Reiter
- 8 Jessica Bedard, Myron Piehl
- 9
- 10 Ethan Reiter
- 11 Gabe Rodriguez
- 12 Blake Determan
- 13 Rick Day
- 14 Bruce Clark
- 15 Marlene Auringer, Jamie Panning
- 16 Aiden Dermody, **Bob Sieglaff 90+**
- 17 Michael Eldridge
- 18
- 19 Walker Laughridge
- 20 Dennis Andersen, Nicholas Heinz
- 21 Gene Allison
- 22
- 23 Tyler Beatty
- 24 Rylan Dunbar, Liam Satterlee, Lilliana Satterlee, Beth Weber
- 25 Willow Morris, Ellie Piehl, Carol Pieper
- 26 Amanda Davis, Sara Mahncke
- 27 Lee Bartholomew, Diane Clark, Bob Hinkle
- 28
- 29 Diane Daman, Janice Rasmussen, Bruce Skerik
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September Anniversaries

- 1 Jason & Traci Hayes, David & Stephanie Milder
- 3 Adam & Corissa Volker
- 7 Jeff & Deb Oltmann
- 12 Jon & Jamie Panning, Kelly & Gabe Rodriguez
- 15 **Buzz & Betty Pries 65th**
- 18 Andy & Jessica Bedard
- 23 Merle & Patsy Steva
- 25 Adam & Jenny Reiter
- 28 Martin & Darlene Kunz

Addresses for Milestone Celebrations

- Buzz & Betty Pries, 311 Meadowbook Ln., Wloo 01
- Bob Sieglaff, 3720 Village Place #5505, Wloo 02

This Just In...

7th Annual Youth Benefit Car Show

- September 18 @ 10:30am

