

# The Messenger

July 2025



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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: 319-260-2000 [ilcv.org](http://ilcv.org)

Preschool: 319-260-2005 [immanuelpreschool.org](http://immanuelpreschool.org)

# Gathering for Worship

## Regular Worship

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

\*Live streamed on Facebook and available later at [www.ilcv.org](http://www.ilcv.org)

## Information from the Office

### Official Business

Baptisms:

Received: 6

Transferred out:

Deaths:

Marriages:



## In Our Prayers

### Prayers from June

- Elwood, father of Kari Currens – bad fall with broken bones
- Merle Steva - hospitalized
- Blohm family at the birth of their son Ethan
- Reece Buck on his deployment overseas to the middle east – Son of Steve and Diane Buck
- Gus Camarata on his deployment overseas to the middle east – grandson of Bob and Kathy Camarata

### Ongoing Prayers

- Deb Morrison – Health recovery
- Clarence Wagner- health
- Tom Spragg – father of Crystal Hoffman
- Amanda Davis - health
- Missionaries Scott & Ivy Wiens (Peru)
- Missionaries Christian & Lula Tiews (Germany)
- Lauren Dawson
- Valley Lutheran School
- Immanuel Lutheran Preschool
- Adopted Valley Teacher Mrs. Laurie Lee

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

- Adopted Valley Teacher Mrs. Carly Mendez

## **Board of Directors**

There was not a Board meeting in June. The next Board of Directors meeting will be July 8, 2025.

## **Tithes and Offerings**

Attendance    Offering    Building    Other

Available upon request in the office

## **Giving Through Immanuel Website**

Through the Immanuel web page, ilcv.org, electronic gifts can be made to the church. The credit card option charges larger fees so we would prefer that people use the ACH option.

## **Electronic Giving**

Electronic Giving is available for all members through a program called Joyful Response. If you would like to make a change to how you are giving, contact the church office for more details.

## **Seminary Support Fund**

Although our seminaries offer “tuition free programing,” it is implies that each congregation that which each



seminary comes from will contribute to the educational expenses for each year. The Seminary Support helps support members of our congregation that have entered the seminary.

## **Change Challenge**

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

## **Adult Education**

### **Bible Study Opportunities**

Sunday Adult Study 9:15 am in the sanctuary with Pastor Kapanka

Women's Bible Study will be on a summer break until September 2.

## Caring Ministry

### Love, INC

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



### Grief Support



Grief Share is a network of churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief. Sessions are held on Monday evenings from 4:00 to 5:45pm. Contact the church office, Lois Bonefas, or Deb Pather for more details.

### NE IA Food Bank

<https://www.northeastiowafoodbank.org/>

Check the website for opportunities to serve.



## Children & Youth Ministry

### Sunday School

On summer break

### Youth Group:

The Immanuel Lutheran Youth Group will be attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans during the later part of the month. Please pray for the youth and our leaders during there time at the gathering.

### Vacation Bible School

True North VBS was an exciting week sharing with the children each night how they can Trust Jesus. They heard about when we wonder, when we are alone, when we feel powerless, when we need hope, and when we need help that we can TRUST JESUS. This year we were able to put that trust to a test as we had lost power during one of the storms that came through. If you have not be apart of our VBS team, I encourage you to join the team next year as we head into the Rainforest where we will “explore what it

means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms."

## **Fellowship Together**

### **Glowing Embers**

Remember Glowing Embers will be shining through the dusty ashes at the Cedar Falls Pizza Ranch on the first Thursday of July (July 3) at 11:30 am. Bring a friend, your appetite, your singing voice, and any concerns. We will have devotions and a good time together to help witness the spark of faith in Christ burning in your heart.



## **Women's Ministry**

### **Dorcas**

Women of Immanuel, you are all invited to come with the Dorcas gals on their Day Trip to Peppercorn Pantry in Aplington, on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, for lunch and shopping. We will be carpooling from church at 10:15 am, for an 11:00 am lunch reservation. PLEASE RSVP to Jennifer Determan by July 15<sup>th</sup>, if you are able to join us.

### **Chick Flick**

Women of Immanuel, come join us for Chick Flick on Monday, July 7, 2025, at Laverne Kelderman's home. We will be viewing the film "Unbreakable Boy." Starting time is 6 pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk if you will be joining us!



## **Men's Ministry**

Join the Men's Ministry at the Garage/Shed meeting on Friday, August 22 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Jeff Oltmann's. Men should bring their own drinks, a chair, and side dish. If you need more



information, check in with Pastor Kevin, Pastor Kapanka, or Jeff Oltmann.

## **Mission Ministry**

Mission Committee Meeting

Next meeting: July 1, at 6:15 pm.

Leader- Bob White

## **Perspectives**

Think you know all about God's will for His name to be known over all the Earth and for every people group to be represented in heaven? Challenge yourself to see a new perspective on how this will happen and how you can be a part of it! Join the fall Perspectives class beginning August 24. It will meet on Sundays from 3 to 5 PM at Trinity Bible Church in Cedar Falls. For more information see Bob White.



## **Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotions**

Enhance your study of the Scriptures with LHM's Daily Devotions. With messages based on the church calendar's three-year lectionary, individual devotions are based on Psalms, the Old Testament, the New Testament, and Gospel texts. Additional devotions each week explore a hymn from the Lutheran Service Book, classic short messages from our archives, and a preview of The Lutheran Hour sermon for this week. The Daily Devotions offer an excellent opportunity to study God's Word through text and reflection questions. Go to [lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://lhm.org/dailydevotions).



## **LHM Mobile Apps**

Take Lutheran Hour Ministries on the road with you this summer! You can access The Lutheran Hour, Daily Devotions, video Bible studies, and Project Connect booklets—all through the Connected by LHM app. Studying God's Word was never so easy, and it's FREE to download and use on your mobile device. To learn more, visit [lhm.org/apps](http://lhm.org/apps).



## Kenya Mission Trip:



Many of you have heard about Hope for the Destitute in Kenya. In years past the church has help provide desks for the school and with building additions. The Kenya Mission Trip will be making a stop at the school to help with some painting, building a house, and other needs. The school is in need of doors for the classrooms.

Another stop on our trip will be to help widows plant large gardens/farms in an effort to provide for themselves after they have lost their spouse. We will be working with 130 plus widows, who desperately need our help so that they can grow their own food but also have some extra to sell in a way to provide for their families. We will also be painting the church and parsonage.



At both locations we are bringing along some hygiene kits, t-shirts, toys, and other supplies that they normally would not be able to get due to lack of funds. In an effort to help us get the supplies needed for this trip we are asking for help from the congregation in way of financial support for the supplies needed. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 to cover these supplies. Check the thermometer in the Gathering space to see where we are at right now. If you are inclined to help us, as go to be the hands and feet of Jesus to these two places, you can put your gift into the offering marked Kenya Mission.

Another way that you can help is by ordering one our new Immanuel t-shirts. We have designed a t-shirt for Immanuel members that tells how we are sent by God to many different locations locally and globally. Order forms for these shirts can be found on the high top table in the Gathering Space.





We also need more suitcases! Our intention is to bring the donated supplies to Kenya as checked luggage, so these suitcases will stay in Kenya after we leave. There are a couple of requirements for us to use them, however. The suitcases need to have wheels that function, a good handle, and we need them to be in good enough condition that they will survive the one way trip to Kenya. You can bring the suitcases to church at any time during office hours over the next several weeks.

Watch for details on the Texas Roadhouse fundraisers. There will be a dinner night on July 9<sup>th</sup> as well as other items.

### **Missionary Workers Immanuel Helps Support**

- Scott & Ivy Wiens in Peru
- Christian & Lula Tiews in Germany

### **Missionaries:**

Scot and Ivy Wiens, Peru, Pioneers

Michael and Irene Paul, Taiwan, Mission Central,  
Tiews, Germany, Mission Central

Luke and Sarah Barnett, Training in Camdenton, MO, Ethnos360,  
Manohar James, India, Serving Alongside International,  
Pastor Omolo, Kenya, Hope for the Destitute, Dianne Moellering

## **Music Ministry**

### **Praise Team**

Praise team will be on summer break until the end of August.

If you are interested in playing or singing with the group, please contact Dave Koehler for more details.



## **School News**

### **Immanuel Preschool**

Summer has begun and the classrooms are quiet. Time for a little relaxation and rest.



Even though the classrooms are quiet, work is still being done to prepare for the fall schedules. The main preschool classroom will be receiving a coat of paint and other touch ups. The classes are full, and a waiting list has begun.

Our biggest need right now is finding staff to fill the role of aide in both classrooms.



Thank you for all your support and prayers.

## **Other News of Interest**

### **Acknowledgments**

Thank you to Dan and Carol Klein for preparing the communion in June.

These advertisers helped provide our 2025 phone directory at no cost to our congregation. American Family Insurance – Brad Rupp; Black Hawk Memorial, Lance & Christy Banwart; Blue Line Moving and Storage, Bob & Linda Mahncke; Polk's Lock Service, Myron & Joyce Piehl. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise!



### **Reflection Garden Update**

The good news- almost all the trees and plants survived the winter and seem to be thriving right now. The lawn also is showing great improvement.

We are currently awaiting installation of lighting and camera coverage of the garden. We are sorry that we have not be able to place the statues and signage but feel that security needs to be in place first. The bell feature is planned, and we are looking forward to that starting soon. If you have questions, please contact Jeff, Diane or Lois.

### **WOMEN OF IMMANUEL**

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### **New Members**

Alex, Courtney, Cohen & Grayson Hunter  
Joshua, Alexis, & Kennedy Robert  
Peggy Sproles  
Lana Schmitz  
Austin, Abby, Mason, & Preston Smith



### **Thank you for Blessing Baby Shower:**

Dauli and Maisy would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the women who showered them with blessings at the baby shower. Many thanks for those who planned, attended, and filled out the blessing prayer cards. These cards will be prayed throughout the rest of pregnancy and beyond by Dauli. Maisy's cards will become part of her bedtime routine. The purpose of the cards is to remind Dauli and Maisy of all the people who are lifting them in prayer each day. We would love to capture your prayers so even if you were unable to attend the baby shower you can still fill out the cards. Cards are available at the welcome desk. Return the blessing prayer cards either to the basket or by sending them to Dauli.

Dauli Richter  
103 Upper Ridge Street  
Reinbeck, IA 50669

### **Issues:**

DEFENDING THE FAITH, TEACHING THE TRUTH... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to conversations about: Israel in the Bible & the Nation of Israel Today, Contending for Christ Through the Apostles' Creed, Sacred Art in the Church, The Consequences of

Sexual Liberation and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

## **Serving This Month**

July Altar Duties: Kari and Jim Currens

## **Serving in the Military**

### Members

- Reece Buck serving with the National Guard, deployed
- Gus Camarata Waterloo, National Guard, deployed
- Brett Determan U.S Army, currently at Fort Moore, Georgia

### Friends of the Congregation

- Dylan Meyer, Doris Meyer's grandson (Navy) deployed to Stuttgart, Germany
- Austin Jacox, grandson of Bob & Kathy Camarata, National Guard

## **July Anniversaries**

- 2 Tim & Angel Kono
- 6 Toni & Tom Forness, Pastor & Amy Kapanka
- 8 Dave Lellig & Jenny Newton
- 9 Kendall & Jennifer Daniels
- 10 Ron & Shirley Pries, Jeff & Mary Smith
- 16 Mike & LeeAnn Kleiner, Michael & Ahsley Monroe
- 17 Rick & Staci Borgwardt, Kevin & Nancy Culpepper,  
Owen & Abbie Dawson
- 18 Dustin & Melissa Knight, Stacey & Josh Morris
- 22 Colton & Erin Peterson
- 23 Bruce & Diane Clark
- 24 Marcus & Rachel Meeks
- 26 Crystal & Collin Hoffman
- 29 Tim & Kay Schoepske
- 30 Ryan & Denise Dermody
- 31 Pam & Pete Mangin, Matthew & Hannah Nebel



# July Birthdays

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2 Megan Brown

3 Doug Schmidt, Rachel Beasley, Megan Immel

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5 **Tim Chamberlin**

6 Dan Klein, Pete Mangin

7 Alex Dart

8 Hayden Wodnik

9 Dawn Koehler

10 Dakota Hayes, Chassidy Hawbaker, Emma Wolff

11 Charity Heide

12 Dave Lellig

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

14

15 Ron Phillips

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

17 Fran Melsh, Alex Buck, Rayna Freet,

18

19 Owen Dawson, Joe Faust, **Deb Newton**, Ainsley Driscoll

20 Connie Kramer, Conie Byrnes, Kariann Glasrud, Nicholas Kunz

21 Torrie Meeks, Sharon Roberts, Luke Schoonover

22 Jenny Ibendahl

23 Steve Pfaffle

24 Kendall Daniels, Lauren Dawson

25 Christopher St. Clair

26 Denise Hein, Thomas Brown, Nanette Gaines

27 Kaylee Beatty, Caybree McDonald, Brittany Kleinmeyer, Jade Downing, Travis Mesenbrink

28 Elizabeth Knief, Erin Rankin, Carlee Rodriguez

29 Toni Forness, **Donna Hamilton**, Jacque Knief

30 Emma Borgwardt

31 Diane Buck, Jacob Neisen, Sophia Wilson, Susan Johnson

**Milestone Birthdays in bold are for 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100 years**



# July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 8am Worship w/HC 9:15am Adult Bible St. 10:30am Worship w/HC	<b>30</b> 1pm Blood Drive	<b>1</b> 6:15pm Mission Committee Mtg	<b>2</b> 7pm Deaf Ministry	<b>3</b> 11:30am Glowing Embers 5:30pm Endowment Committee Mtg	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8am Worship w/HC 9:15am Adult Bible St. 10:30am Worship w/HC	<b>7</b> 6pm Chick Flick	<b>8</b> 5:30pm Board of Directors	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8am Worship - Praise Team 9:15am Adult Bible St. 10:30am Worship - Praise Team	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7pm Deaf Ministry	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Dorcas Youth Gathering Group	<b>18</b> Youth Gathering Group	<b>19</b> Youth Gathering Group 10:15am Dorcas Day Trip to Aplington
<b>20</b> Youth Gathering Group 8am Worship w/HC 9:15am Adult Bible St. 10:30am Worship w/HC 11:45am Deacons Mtg.	<b>21</b> Youth Gathering Group 4pm Grief Support Group	<b>22</b> Youth Gathering Group 6:30pm Chicks with Checks	<b>23</b> Youth Gathering Group	<b>24</b> Youth Gathering Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8am Worship 9:15am Adult Bible St. 10:30am Worship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>