

The Messenger

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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
Preschool: 319-260-2005 immanuelpreschool.org

Gathering for Worship

'24-'25 Theme God is Our Defense

*But my eyes are toward you, O God, my Lord;
in you I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless! Psalm 141:8*

Regular Worship

Sundays 8:00am* & 10:30am

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

Information from the Office

Official Business

Baptisms: 2

Received:

Transferred out:

Deaths:

Marriages:



In Our Prayers

Prayers from July

Gus Camarata on his deployment overseas to the middle east –
grandson of Bob and Kathy Camarata

Reece Buck on his deployment overseas to the middle east – Son
of Steve and Diane Buck

Texas Flood Victims and survivors

Elwood Larsen - father of Kari Currens

Kyle Rapp - brother of Russell, medical

Youth attending National Youth Gathering

Kenya Mission Team

Immanuel Lutheran Preschool

Valley Lutheran School

*Prayers
going up*

Ongoing Prayers

- Deb Morrison – Health recovery
- Clarence Wagner- health
- Tom Spragg – father of Crystal Hoffman
- Amanda Davis - health
- Missionaries Scott & Ivy Wiens (Peru)

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

- Missionaries Christian & Lula Tiews (Germany)
- Lauren Dawson
- Valley Lutheran School
- Immanuel Lutheran Preschool
- Adopted Valley Teacher Mrs. Laurie Lee
- Adopted Valley Teacher Mrs. Carly Mendez

Board of Directors

Immanuel and St. John's Joint Board of Directors' Meeting
Sunday, June 1st, 2025

Available upon request at the office.

Tithes and Offerings

Attendance & Offerings

Attendance Offering Building Other PS Receipts

Available upon request at 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 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**

9:15am in the sanctuary with Pastor Kapanka

- **Women's Bible Study**

The 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. The next session will begin on August 26 on Monday evenings from 4:00 to 5:45pm.



Stop by the Welcome desk and pick up a brochure today. 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

The Sunday School Program is looking for an individual to be the Sunday School director. We are asking for members of the congregation to pray about this volunteer position as we search for the right person to lead this group of great teachers and children.

Youth Group -

We are looking two or three people to help with youth this year. Pastor Kapanka and the Illian's will help guide, however with their schedules it is difficult to take on leading the youth and giving it 100%. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Jackie or Pastor.

Fellowship Together

Glowing Embers



GLOWING EMBERS
COMPANIONSHIP & FELLOWSHIP
FOR "SENIORS" OF ALL AGES

The group will meet on Thursday, August 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Cedar Falls. We will be in the Bunkhouse Toom. We have a great time as we eat, have devotions, sing hymns and hear about our members concerns, trials, and joyous times. Bring a friend and have a great time.



Connections:

The Connections group will be hosting a Kayaking event at Big Woods Park on Sunday July 27 at 1:00pm. The cost for the event is \$10 and we will meet at Cooks Outdoors. Please email Megan to sign up. See you there!

Women's Ministry

Dorcas

Dorcas (LWML) Society will meet on THURSDAY, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Bartel's Lutheran Home, Waverly. Hostesses for the evening are Sharon Limback & Patsy Steva. Linda Mahncke will lead devotions. The evenings program will include Quarterly Bible Study lead by Sharon Limback. Ladies should bring their completed School Kits for the Orphan Grain Train. All women of Immanuel are welcome to join us!

Chick Flick

Women of Immanuel, come join us for Chick Flick on Monday, September 8, 2025, at Laverne Kelderman's home. We will be viewing the film "No Vacancy." 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: September 2, at 6:15 pm.

Leader- Bob White



Lutheran Hour Ministries -

Through podcasting, many of LHM's resources are now available ... everywhere! Interested in a quick message to encourage you in your day? Take inspiration from LHM's offering of podcasts. These are FREE audio files you can easily download to your computer or mobile device. You can listen to sermons from The Lutheran Hour, reflect on a Daily Devotion, and invite Jesus into everyday conversations through Speaking of Jesus, and more! To learn more about our podcast offerings and get started listening now, go to lhm.org/podcasts.

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.



Kenya Mission Team:

The Mission Team would like to thank the members of Immanuel and the community for the support that they have received

through the various fund raisers. The team has REACHED THEIR GOAL! Now the work begins of making sure that they have everything ready for their depart. They have enough suitcases, which will be packed soon with all of the items that need to be taken along. Continue to pray for this group as they travel and share the love of Jesus with the people of Kenya. The following are the members of the Kenya Mission Team:

Jon Illian
Jackie Illian
Carly Illian
Myron Piehl
Emma Piehl
Lois Bonefas
Mary Baughman
Bill Simmer



Celia Simmer
Craig Reinking
Barb Reinking
Jenifer Determan
Patsy Steva
Robin Morelock
Walt Cheeseman
Karen Cheeseman

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 taking an extended break.

School News

Immanuel Preschool

In just a few short weeks, the classroom will be filled with excited children, ready to learn about Jesus. Ms. Emma will be the

teacher this year. If you see her around, please introduce yourself and welcome her.

Our preschool 4's classroom is filled to the license capacity at 18 children. Our 3's classroom is also full. We have a number of children who will be using our extended care program, 7:00 – 5:15 daily. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

Valley News

Valley is still accepting students for the 2025-2026 school year.

Valley is searching for a volunteer, a registered Nurse or LPN, to check over immunizations and record keeping to be sure we are in compliance with the state. If you are interested, please call the School and ask for Sharron.



We have TWO before/aftercare positions available. Those interested can contact Mr. Tanney.

2025 Crusader Golf Classic, Sept 12, 2025! Registration is open! \$100/person or \$400/team. Register online or by paper registration available in the school office. Questions call Shaylene at 309-830-2538.

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/valleylutheranschools/event/golfclassic2025/>

Other News of Interest

Acknowledgments

Thank you to Jim and Kari Currens for preparing communion in July.

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!

Oetting Scholarship:

The recipients of the scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year are as follows:

Amanda Kratz (Concordia - St. Paul)
Isaac Dawson (Concordia – Seward)
Ethan L'Heureux (Concordia – Seward)
Halley Kobliska (UNI)
Jacob Berumez (UNI)
Isaac Natvig (UNI)
Aiden Dermody (ISU)

Retirement Times:

The Kapanka kids are throwing a party! Amy Kapanka is retiring from her job of many years at Hawkeye. You are invited to join the celebrations at Lee and Linda's farm, 5604 Schenk Rd, Waterloo on August 2 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. No RSVP is necessary.

Card Shower:

Let's help celebrate David and Trudy Shepard's 65th Wedding Anniversary with a card shower to show them our love and support.

Please send cards to
2515 Cottage Ave
Waverly IA 50677

On or before August 20th

Any questions contact Robin Morelock



Serving This Month

August Altar Duties: Dan & Carol Klein

Serving in the Military

Members

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

Friends of the Congregation

- Dylan Meyer, Doris Meyer's grandson (Navy) Virginia Beach
- Austin Jacox, grandson of Bob & Kathy Camarata, National Guard

August Anniversaries

- 1
- 2
- 3 **Steve & Sara Dix**
- 4 Bob & Judy Hinkle
- 5 Ron & Laverne Kelderman
- 6
- 7
- 8 Steve & Jeannie Pfaffle
- 9 Annette & Robert Burke
- 10
- 11 Brian & Amanda L'Heureux, Ron & Connie Phillips
- 12
- 13
- 14 Cindy & Max Grim, Erich & Kristin Simmer
- 15 Jon & Jackie Illian, Loren & Kim Meyer
- 16 Linda & Keith Graber, Nathan & Sara Schutt, Ross & Megan Hannam
- 17
- 18 Bill & Celia Simmer
- 19
- 20 David & Charity Heide, **Dave & Trudy Shepard**
- 21
- 22
- 23 Beth & Scott Weber
- 24 Ron & Mary Schmadeke
- 25
- 26 Penney & Mike Neisen
- 27
- 28 Doug & Mary Schmidt, Jay & Karen Weber
- 29

Milestone Anniversaries in bold are for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60

August Birthdays

- 1 Richard King, Larry Riggins
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 Kathy Camarata, David Heide, **Martin Kunz**, Johannah Meier
- 6 Thelma Meyerhoff, Ashley Buhr, Erica Buhr, Onika Ogg
- 7
- 8 Andy Bedard, Kaitlyn Hess, Isley Mailes
- 9
- 10 Aidan Bedard, Cheyenne Hayes
- 11 Traci Smith
- 12 Staci Borgwardt, Cheryl Lauer
- 13
- 14 Tasha Jacobsen
- 15 Shirley Tangen, Lydia Schoonover
- 16 Amy Kapanka, Melissa Lynch, Dean Boevers
- 17 Courtney Hunter
- 18 Jay Weber, Linda White, Tim Kono
- 19 Julia Stone, Ron Schmadeke
- 20 Brenda Heinz, Dan Lynch, Angela Meron
- 21 Jim Trower
- 22 Taleah Berger, Kathe Kisling, Logan Reiter, Nancy Stiner
- 23 Lily Roberts
- 24
- 25 Lindy McDaniel,
- 26
- 27
- 28 Megan Dunn, Jack Roberts
- 29 Bob Camarata, Liz Fleming, Michel St. Clair, Olivia Priemer
- 30 Jennifer Hess
- 31 Justin Downs



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



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