

## announcements~9.17.23~Immanuel Lutheran Church



**Scripture Readings:** We have been using the semicontinuous scriptures this summer. Regular readings for today are Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:[1-7]8-13, Romans 14:1-12 if you would like to read them on your own.

**Printed Scriptures:** If you prefer to see the scriptures as they are read at worship, copies are available in the narthex for you to read along in larger print.

### **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX FOR READERS AND NON-READERS.**

**So what is taking place in Communion?** At Immanuel we have open Communion to all ages, so when you are ready and your family is ready we will give you communion, 2-years old, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and everything in between, and of course above. We will have two opportunities to talk about and learn about Communion if you have someone up to 4<sup>th</sup> grade who is taking communion or wants to, or if you as parents have questions. We'll meet Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> after worship, and Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> during Promiseland. Come to one, come to both if you want. Bring your questions and your curiosity. If you have questions talk to Pastor Rod, Pastor Zech, or Intern Elizabeth.

**Immanuel Family Texting:** If you want some fast updates or reminders on big things happening at Immanuel sign-up on the sheet in the narthex or email Pastor Zech your name and cell phone number. Yes, we may already have your number in the directory, but we only want to sign people up who want the updates. We are using the Remind App so you will get a text asking you to say yes to joining the group, and when it snows, or we have something special taking place, or have big changes at the last minute we'll send out a text and you'll know what's going on. If you have any questions talk to Pastor Zech.

**Wednesday Community Meals:** Serving each week 4:15-6:15 in the fellowship hall—eat in or takeout. Menu this week: Vegetable beef / chicken noodle soups, tuna salad / chicken salad sandwiches, German chocolate cake for Tina Berg's birthday. Bring the family, invite a neighbor, friend, or someone who could use a meal. Come enjoy the fellowship with others for this free community meal.

**Prayer Chain Contacts:** Jaci Thorson in church office (585-3152) or email [jaci@immanuelfamily](mailto:jaci@immanuelfamily). **The prayer intercessors** are praying together on Zoom from their homes. Please notify office with any additions or corrections. **Pastoral Hospital Visits:** If you or your family members are hospitalized, please let us know.

**Mission Emphasis July-September:** BIBLE CAMPS is the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter mission emphasis. Mission gifts received throughout these months will be shared with three Camps: **(NOISY OFFERINGS WILL BE SEPT. 24 & 27)**

Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp ([www.okoboji.org](http://www.okoboji.org))

Lutheran Lakeside Camp ([www.lutheranlakeside.com](http://www.lutheranlakeside.com))

Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp ([www.riversidelbc.org](http://www.riversidelbc.org))

These Camps have many events for youth, adults, and families year-round. Check out their websites and the bulletin board by the lower level ramp.

Upcoming Events: Okoboji ~ Oct. 14 WOMEN'S DAY AWAY; Nov. 17-19 CRAFTING RETREAT; Oct. & Nov. dates for YOUTH FALL RECHARGES.

Riverside ~ Sept. 22-23 WOMEN'S RETREAT; Oct. & Nov. dates for YOUTH FALL RECHARGES.

**Consider automatic giving:** We invite you to consider supporting the mission and ministry of Immanuel through automatic giving by following the link on the website or calling the church office for assistance. OR USE IMMANUEL'S QR CODE TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY. Thank you for your consideration. Mailing in your gifts is another way to support our mission and ministry.



**Around the community:**

**Reduce Your Risk of Dementia 2023 Fall Class** at the Forest City YMCA. This is a 10-week program that provides tools and resources to preserve your memory and cognitive skills. Sept. 18-Nov. 20, Mondays 1-3pm at the Y, \$75 per participant, or \$125 when you sign up with a friend. (Individual scholarships are available.) Call 585-5220 or stop by the Y to register. Program is limited to 16 participants. *It is estimated that 30% of all community dementia is preventable. By making simple lifestyle changes, you can reduce your risk of dementia by up to 70%.*

**Fundraising French Toast & Bacon Breakfast**, Saturday, Oct. 7, 7:30-12 noon, Forest City Community Center @ 125 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Freewill donation to benefit the Center.

**This Week at Immanuel:**

TODAY:            9:15am    Worship, communion  
                      10:15am    Coffee, Fellowship Hall  
                      10:30am    Promiseland

SUN.-TUES.:    Fall Convo in Fort Dodge for Pastors Rod, Zech, and Intern Elizabeth

MONDAY:        2-4pm      Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom

TUESDAY:       3:30pm    Intercessor Prayer Group, Zoom  
                      5:30pm    Bell Choir, Fireside Room

WEDNESDAY:   4:15-6:15 Free Community Meal, Fellowship Hall  
                      5:25-6:25 Promiseland  
                      5:25pm    Middle School Ministry, Shalom Room  
                      6:30-7:10 Worship  
                      7:15pm    Choir, Fireside Room  
                      7:30pm    9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation, Shalom Room  
                      7:30pm    High School Youth Group, Youth Room

THURSDAY:     9am        Women’s Bible Study, Lounge  
                      10am       Martha Circle, Shalom  
                      10:30am    Good Samaritan Communion Service w/pastor  
                      1:30pm    Sarah-Rachel Circle, Longe

NEXT SUNDAY:  9:15am    Worship, communion, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Bibles, *NOISY OFFERING FOR CAMPS*  
                      10:15am    Coffee, Fellowship Hall  
                      10:30am    Promiseland / Communion Class