

THE MESSENGER

The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa - June 2023



Promise Island

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School

June 12-15, 2023 | 2:30-5:00 PM
with a free family meal to follow



open to students 3 years old - entering 6th grade
register online at immanuelfamily.com
or use this QR code!

Use the QR code to sign up VBS Students
Or find the links at www.immanuelfamily.com

JUNE 18 – NOISY OFFERING

ELCA Global Missionary Karen Anderson is our April-June Mission emphasis. We celebrate her founding leadership and 40 years with EPES (Popular Education in Health) in Santiago, Chile. The organization leads training programs to help people, mostly women, to learn a better, healthier lifestyle for themselves and their families.



Recent Facebook posts displays photos of recent autumn-winter garden planting. They learned about finding new ways to generate planting spaces and sharing experiences with other community gardeners to learn new technics and playing educational games "From seed to plate".

EPES also recently held a workshop on grief for those who are mourning loved ones. (Probably like Immanuel's Good Grief Group!) It ended with a closure session recognizing the loved ones the women have lost, naming them and thanking them for the shared experiences, while providing a moment of gratitude and connection between the participants.
(Check out and 'like' their Facebook page to learn more.)

Thank you for your gifts for Karen this quarter and to those of you who purchased Pentecost Red Geraniums on May 28 with proceeds towards Immanuel's commitment of \$5,000.

Lutheran World Relief May 19th Packing Day Results:



11 boxes packed with 143 Personal Care Kits (bath towel, 2 bars of soap, nail clipper, comb, toothbrush)

25 boxes packed with 136 quilts.

Thank you to this group pictured and ALL the many additional hands that work year-round on LWR Projects!

(Next Packing Day will be in October.)

Outdoor Worship by the Waldorf Pond

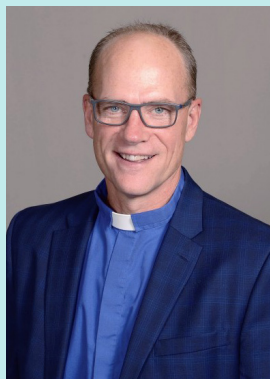


June 11 & July 9 9:15am
Bring along your lawnchair or blanket
(weather permitting)

Letter from Pastor

Sabbatical on the Horizon!

Twenty-four years ago I was a Pastoral intern serving at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Lancaster Ohio under the supervision of a great supervisor, Pastor Phil. It was a formative experience that has served me throughout my ministry. I am grateful for that experience.



Five years after that internship, Pastor Phil was granted a three-month sabbatical, and he scheduled it for the months of December through February. I was puzzled by that timing. I contacted him to ask why during the holidays? What he told me was this: "Rod, after twenty-five years of ministry, I just want to sit in the pew this Christmas and worship with my wife. I didn't understand that at the time, but now after twenty-three years in ministry, I get it. I believe that sabbatical kept Pastor Phil in ministry for another ten years at least.

In April, Immanuel's church council considered and approved my sabbatical proposal to begin later this year. Currently I am forming a small three-person sabbatical team who will help me discern and plan elements within the sabbatical that will benefit me and the congregation upon my return. After twenty-three years of ordained ministry, it is time for me to sit in the pew with my wife and family on Christmas eve, and to turn the reigns over to Pastor Zech and others who will carry the ministry forward in my absence.

You may wonder why pastors get or deserve sabbaticals when other workers don't get them. First, let me say this isn't about deserving anything. Sabbaticals are a strategic initiative to keep pastors healthy, rejuvenated, and energized for ministry in a day when that is harder and harder to do.

In an article titled, Losing the Faith: The great 'pastor resignation' the author writes the following: A recent study found that pastors nationwide are struggling with burnout and quitting just like much of the U.S. workforce. Barna, a Christian research organization, reported that stress, isolation and political division are some of the issues factoring into pastors' desire to quit. As of March 2022, 42% of pastors considered quitting, according to the data.

Why are pastors quitting? Stress of the job, loneliness and isolation, political division, impact on family, concern about the future of the church. Author and Pastor Glenn Packiam says clergy are experiencing a "great resignation" because it became "a job that no one could actually do" as different expectations increased over the years.

"In the 60s or 70s, pastors were asked to become expert therapists for marriage and mental health crisis. Somewhere in the 80s and 90s, the expectation turned towards pastors as CEOs, as entrepreneurs, and so that was added." Recently social media comparisons have added to the stress of the job. During COVID, pastors felt they were being compared to other popular livestreamed church services. Overall you have stalking expectations, you have social media comparisons, and then you have a kind of a stress fracture. The crises that we experienced in the last three years were crises that actually became the occasions for more fractures, more divisions," Packiam added.

I've tried to be open about my personal leadership struggles in hopes that other leaders will feel free to confide in me or others their struggles. Organizational leadership is tough, and if as a pastor for others, I don't take care of myself, pretty soon, I won't be able to care for anyone else.

Currently the plan is to start my sabbatical the week of Thanksgiving and return in February 2024. Our Church Council is looking into the

possibility of keeping Intern Elizabeth on staff once her internship ends at least through my sabbatical time while she finishes her classes online. I would appreciate your prayers and support for this time away. It's my goal to reach thirty years of service to the church in ordained ministry. With your support and God's help, I'm confident that can happen.

God's peace

Pastor Rod

Immanuel Kids

Have a Wonderful Summer!

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9

Joshua was a military leader who led the Israelites into the promised land. He took over after Moses died and it was his responsibility to move the people. The above verse is a verse spoken to Joshua by the Lord as he prepared to lead. In that verse, God commands Joshua to be strong, courageous, unafraid, nor to be dismayed, which means distressed or worried.

Why did God command this of Joshua? Because God promised to be with him wherever he went. If God can protect Joshua a military leader, how much more can God watch over and protect you? Just like God promised to be with Joshua, so God promises to be with you. In Baptism God pours out God's spirit upon us which means God is with us and within us, inside and out.

If you are on the ball field, God is on the ball field. If you are in the car, God is in the car. If you are riding your bike, God is riding your bike too. If you are home alone, well, you're not home alone, because God is with you. This is good news. So, be strong, courageous, unafraid, and don't be distressed for the Lord your God is with you.

Crossed in Christ,
Pastor Rod



These high school graduates were honored at worship on May 14th. Pictured with Pastor Rod Hopp are:

(l-r) Carson Strukel, Melia Golwitzer, Adrian Paulsen, Ellie Jenkins, Kyra Gibbs, and Katelyn Beenken.



Summer of Growth

Elizabeth Carr

It is difficult to believe that summer is already here. I'm sure most of us have our calendars filled, summer vacations booked, activities organized, "to do"

lists compiled, projects around the house planned, and I wonder how many of us have included God in all our planning and organizing. Summer is a great time for getting outside of our normal routine, for going and doing things we don't get to do during the rest of the year, time for family and friends, for fun and new experiences, and with a little intentionality it can also be a time for spiritual growth. Here are some ideas for incorporating our faith life into our summer activities.

- Encourage signs of new growth-Take a look back at the beginning of this year and note what you have done to deepen your relationship with our Creator. What seeds have you planted that need to grow over the summer?

- Have some fun that brings joy to your soul-While you may think summer and fun go together naturally, sometimes we can overschedule our summer and instead of being renewed and enriched, we end up drained and fragile. Ask yourself what brings joy to your soul and incorporate those things into your summer calendar.

- Take time for rest-The beauty of nature is often best appreciated from a hammock and the beauty of the Spirit dwelling within us is often best appreciated during quiet moments of rest and relaxation. Plan for days of Sabbath rest among all the going and doing of the summer months.

- Explore a new spiritual practice-Getting outside of our comfortable routines offers all kinds of possibilities for new practices. Visit a new church on your travels, or seek out a prayer labyrinth. Try coloring or painting while meditating on Scripture. Engage with a new devotion or prayer practice. Listen to some new music.

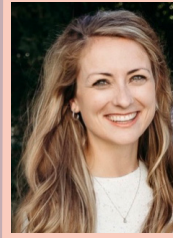
- Spend time with God in nature-Despite spending a lot of time outdoors over the summer, we are often too busy to notice our connection to God. Set aside time in nature to explore and deepen your relationship with all of God's Creation. Stop and smell the roses, feel the wind and rain and earth, hear the creatures busily living their lives, see the beauty all around you. Wherever you go, whatever you do, whomever you spend time with, be intentional about recognizing God at work in your daily life and take time to nurture your relationship with the Divine.

Blessings, Intern Elizabeth



Promiseland

Hello from Promiseland!



All are welcome to "Promise Island" VBS 4-day week, June 12-15, 2:30-5pm. Signup to register students thru the QR code (see add on cover page) or on the immanuelfamily.com website link button. Something new this year – afternoon session with family meal to follow each day. A VBS 'needs' poster is available to see by the church office. Check it out and thank you for any of these donations that you can help provide! A short program will be at 4:45 on the last day.

Children's Ed Board will be hosting the Salad Luncheon during Puckerbrush weekend on Friday, July 14, 11am-1pm. Price will be \$7 at the door. Signups to help provide salads will be available soon.



2023 Education Appreciation Award recipients were given to Promiseland teacher, Summer Callow, and to Tasha Banta, who recently finished her position as Children's Ed Director. Much appreciation and thankfulness for the faithful dedication of these two women!



Whirl Wednesday Promiseland students played games and gathered outside on the last Wednesday of the program year.

Opportunities to support Waldorf International Students this Summer

Two Waldorf international students, Patryk Guk who is from Poland and Johannes (John) Shaw who is from South Africa, will be living on campus this summer. Because of the lack of activities going on and the lack of fellowship with other students, boredom and isolation can easily set in. To help provide a brighter summer for Patryk and John, the Mission & Outreach Board would like to invite members of the congregation to consider supporting Patryk (Patryk.guk@waldorf.edu) and John (Johannes.shaw@waldorf.edu) through either providing an opportunity for fellowship or a donation of requested food items. (The dorm they are staying in does have a kitchen with refrigerators.)

Details of their preferred food items will be shared on a giving tree found at the church. Please grab a tag or two from the giving tree and/or consider extending an invitation to Patryk and/or John.

Board notes

Mission & Outreach

Becky Stumme

The Mission & Outreach Board met via Zoom on Wednesday, May 10, and six members were present. Opening devotions were given by Ben Arentson.

\$2,413.18 has been received towards our \$5,000 covenant commitment to Missionary Karen. Included in this amount is \$288.64, which was moved from the Fair-Trade account, and \$1,561.19 which was carried over from last year.

A red geranium fundraiser is planned for Pentecost Sunday, May 28, with the proceeds going towards our covenant commitment to Missionary Karen. Sixty geraniums will be purchased through funding from a Thrivent Action grant from Becky Stumme and from Ruth Melby. The geraniums will be available for purchase after the morning service for \$6.00 each.

A noisy offering for the second quarter mission emphasis, Missionary Karen, will be held on Sunday, June 18, which is Father's Day.

The summer needs of the Waldorf international students were discussed. The main support for the students that remain on campus during the summer is in the form of food and fellowship as they struggle with cooking in a small kitchen dorm on a limited budget, with feeling isolated, and with boredom. Contact information for the international students who are living on campus this summer is being sought from Megan Gabriell.

Jaci has done outstanding work to rekindle our relationship with the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes, and it has been fun to read the responses that have been received from the pastor of that church. Thank you Jaci.

The Mission & Outreach Board is continuing to look for new members. If interested in joining this Board, please contact Jaci in the church office.

Trustees

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met on May 15 at the church. Income was \$44,486.97 and expenses were \$44,045.36 with a positive \$441.61 for the month of April. YTD is a negative (\$26,352.83) with a negative (\$10,000) for loan repayment/ contingency compared to a negative (\$5,177.50) for 2022. There was discussion on reducing the ELCA payment of \$2,833.33 per month, \$34,000 annually during the summer lean months. That is 5.55% of our budget. The \$5,000 for Global missions from endowment will be used to go to the ELCA which is budgeted. \$39,000 goes to the ELCA which is 6.4% of our budget. A motion was made to use if needed the remaining \$5,000 in contingency.

Endowment: No new requests.

Property Committee: The white whirlpool freezer that is 7 years old in the kitchen temporarily stopped running. Hassebroek Refrigeration of Buffalo Center got it running again.

Personnel Committee: Handbook Policy no. 1060 Benefits, 1140 Vacation, 1150 Insurance, 1160A Long Term Disability, 1180 Personal Leave, were presented and approved for updates. These will go to the council.

New Business: Pastor Rod will attend a zoning variance meeting pertaining to a proposed 55 x 61 Public Health building close to the east parking lot line.

Old Business: a.) ELCA Hunger Grant: Kim is working on revisions

of the grant.

b.) Choir loft. Remodel project forum was presented to the congregation. The handicapped accessibility was looked at favorably. Discussions may continue.

Parish Council

Linda Ferjak

Council met on May 15th with an In Person/Zoom hybrid format. Ten members, a guest and both pastors were present.

Meeting was called to order by President Kathy McEnelly and April minutes were approved. Board reports, Pastors' reports and the Intern report were presented and approved.

Council member Chad Kozitza, who has moved to Mason City, submitted his resignation from council. Steve Westerberg will be added to the council. Both the resignation and addition were presented in the form of a motion and approved.

Four Oaks have toured the property and would like to pursue the possible usage of the lower level for 14 of their students.

Food Grant Update: Pastor Rod reported that the group will submit changes to the grant and it will be presented to the Synod this week.

Business financials can be found elsewhere in the Messenger.

Coaching with Nathan continued with options and suggestions discussed to help the church develop deeper personal connections centered around connecting generations in our congregation.

Parish Life

Karen Keller

The Board of Parish Life met on Tuesday, May 5th. Volunteer Sunday for May 7th was discussed. All worship volunteers received a letter and will be recognized and receive a flower and keychain or necklace. Those recognized are communion prepares and servers, ushers, readers, greeters, assistant ministers, sound and video technicians, altar guild, and song leaders.

The summer picnic will be held on Sunday, July 9th. There will be two outdoor worship services this year by the Waldorf Pond—June 11th and July 9th.

Board of Parish Life will be meeting the first Tuesday every month. Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 6 at 4:30pm.

Board of Ed

Elizabeth Bohl

The Board of Education met and began by discussing needs for VBS coming up June 12-15th. The signups are currently available for any children age 3-exiting 5th grade, as well as a sign up for volunteers. There will be a family meal served after VBS each of the evenings.

We then discussed the salad luncheon and the best way to have people sign up. There will soon be a website sign up link as well as paper sign ups around the church to fill the needs for the salad luncheon in July. There will also be a sign up passed around to adults during VBS.

Children's bulletins were discussed and found. They will be in the back of the church before worship services and will align with the scripture and sermon during the worship service.

Finally, there will be a poster in the church by the office during the week and in the narthex on Sundays with "needs" for VBS. There will be a sticky note that people can take what they can donate and drop off in the church office. We appreciate any and all donations!

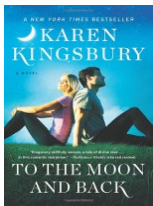
Library News June 2023



Fiction Books

Summer allows for time to slow down and relax in the sun; take a vacation, sit on the deck, lay on a beach.....all with a good book. The Immanuel Library is the place to find the perfect book to start your summer.

To the Moon and Back

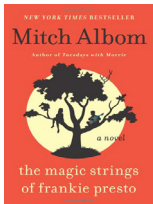


By Karen Kingsbury

With *To The Moon and Back* Kingsbury skillfully weaves a tale of divine love in an unlikely love story about healing, redemption, hope, and the belief that sometimes a new tomorrow can grow from the ashes of a shattered yesterday. "Kingsbury writes with seemingly effortless poetic elegance, capturing the tender, intimate moments of daily family life as well as heart-wrenching flashbacks to fatal tragedy. A moving story of survival, of faith, and of beauty from the ashes"

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The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto



By Mitch Albom

Mitch Albom's most critically acclaimed novel yet is a stunningly original tale of love: love between a man and a woman, between an artist and his mentor, and between a musician and his God-given talent.

Narrated by the voice of Music itself, the story follows Frankie Presto, a war orphan born in a burning church, through his extraordinary journey around the world. Raised by a blind guitar teacher

in Spain and gifted with a talent to change people's lives—using six mysterious blue strings—Frankie navigates the musical landscape of the twentieth century, from the 1950s jazz scene to the Grand Ole Opry to Elvis mania and Woodstock, all the while searching for his childhood love.

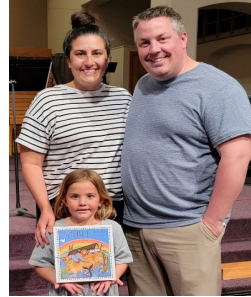
Part love story, part magical mystery, *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* is Mitch Albom at his finest, a *Forrest Gump*-like epic about one man's journey to discover what truly matters and the power of talent to change our lives.

(Descriptions are taken from Amazon.com)

Promiseland



Congratulations to the Library's 2022-2023 Promiseland Reading Contest grand prize winners.



Top Left: Lettie Harriman from the 3-4 Year Olds Group with her parents. Top Right: Emmie Callow from the 2-3rd Grade Group with her parents. Left: Cooper Benson from the K-1st Grade Group and Gracie Benson from the 4-5th Grade Group with their parents.

Remember - the library is open when the church is open.

Prizes were also earned by students who read seven or more books during the contest. These prizes were awarded during Promiseland.

3-4 Year Olds and Kindergarten – 1st Grade:

- Ellie Abels
- Lettie Harriman
- Theodore Hopp
- Asher Determan
- Cooper Benson
- Jordy Johnson
- Brinley Welp
- Jace Wooldridge
- Mila Abels
- Zoey Anderson
- Brantley Determan
- Delaney Harriman

2nd – 5th Grade:

- Emmie Callow
- Elyse Zrostlik
- Brady Abels
- Harper Harriman
- Gracie Benson



Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY April 2023

	April Actual 2023	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 33.33%	April Actual 2022	YTD Actual 2022
Income							
Regular Offerings & Envelopes	36,958.44	41,249.75	134,232.67	494,997.00	27.12%	38,320.75	151,703.60
Other Income	7,528.53	9,746.92	24,511.12	116,963.00	20.96%	21,457.94	51,673.89
Total Income	44,486.97	50,996.67	158,743.79	611,960.00	25.94%	59,778.69	203,377.49
Expense							
Staff Support	31,600.21	31,629.67	127,567.64	379,556.00	33.61%	33,093.50	131,777.68
Administration	5,837.57	11,733.92	40,460.87	140,807.00	28.73%	11,806.58	45,544.52
Ministry Areas	6,607.58	7,633.08	27,068.11	91,597.00	29.55%	9,840.71	31,232.79
Loan re-payment/contingency	0.00	0.00	(10,000.00)	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	44,045.36	50,996.67	185,096.62	611,960.00	30.25%	54,740.79	208,554.99
Income Less Expense	\$441.61	(\$0.00)	(\$26,352.83)	0.00		\$5,037.90	(\$5,177.50)

Volunteer

June 2023

Assisting Ministers

June 4.....	Ken Korth
June 11.....	Kathy McEnelly
June 18.....	Patti Strukel
June 25.....	Olivia Banta

Scripture Readers

June 4.....	Julie Damm
June 11.....	Sam Hernes
June 18.....	Mary Kingland
June 25.....	Joan Beebe

Song Leaders/Pianist

June 4.....	Jaci Thorson, Steve Olmstead / Audrey Olmstead
June 11.....	Mark & Joy Newcom, Zech Anderson / Amy Thorson
June 18.....	Kathy Jerome, Cindi Lehmann, Zech Anderson
June 25.....	/ Karen Post
June 25.....	Renae Hopp, Scott Bertelsen, Noah McLaughlin
June 25.....	/ Karen Post

Altar Care

June 4.....	Julie Damm
June 11.....	Jeanette Neuman
June 18.....	Joan Beebe
June 25.....	Julie Damm

Ushers

Gary McCarthy, Jim Lund, Tina Berg

Communion Servers

June 4.....	Kelli Welp, Marlene Faircloth
June 11.....	Renae Hopp, Joan Beebe
June 18.....	Zach & Jenn Raulie

Sound/Video Techs

Bruce Midtgaard / Dave Tett

Offering Counters

Ellen Olson, Jan Buffington, Anna Harringa, Mary Rodberg, Cindy Korth

Laundry

Laurel Erickson



And Then...

Allow me to show my age for a minute. There is a song that comes to my mind when I think about campfires, and it's not from Bible camp. In fact, it's from one of my favorite cartoons SpongeBob. They gather around a campfire and sing this song, "Let's gather around the campfire and sing our campfire song. Our C-A-M-P-F-I-R-E-S-O-N-G. And if you don't think that we can sing it faster, then you're wrong. But it'll help if you just sing along!" Then go on to repeat it faster and faster. It's sure a silly thing to think about when gathering around a campfire.

But, the other thing that comes to mind is campfire stories. Growing up, and even still today our stories feature the Great Big Green Gobly Goopie Thing. Yup, another silly thing to think about. And each story would go around the circle, and you had to pass it on with these words, "And then..." Those two words leave you wanting more. And at this time of year, once Easter is over we sit on the edge of our seats and say, and then...? The season of Pentecost moves us into a time after Jesus has ascended into Heaven, but he doesn't leave us alone, he sends the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Ok and then...?

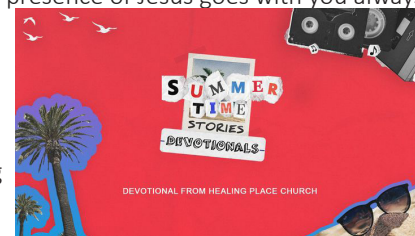
The book of Acts explores the, and then..., and it doesn't always specifically say it but you can hear it with each transition. So, this summer, I want to invite you to join in an online Summer Bible Study on Acts. It's called "Summer Time Stories" and can be found on the YouBible App. But I will also have it available as a Facebook group where we can have some discussion together through the week, and each devotion will be posted there.

You may ask, but Pastor Zech, what if I don't have Facebook or don't really want to download a Bible App? Good question, thanks for asking. We will be exploring the entire Book of Acts in June, and a little bit into July. So, pick up your Bible and read Acts this Summer. Hear again the, and then..., of the church as it grows, and maybe pray about and reflect on where you are in the, and then..., of the church. It's a cool book that challenges us with some of the stories and strengthens our hope and trust in Jesus in other stories.

So let the Spirit that blew in on Pentecost guide you this summer, and as you sit around a campfire, or remember those days, see and know the presence of Jesus goes with you always. Let's gather around the campfire and hear stories and sing songs of the amazing love of Jesus.

I look forward to seeing you soon, Interlinked in Christ.

Pastor Zech Anderson



Worship on the Radio

Sunday morning worship over KIOU 107.3 FM airs at 11am. We have many open dates in the next four months. Consider sponsoring a broadcast for \$100 of this important radio ministry.

Available dates:

June 11 July 2, 16 Sept. 3, 10, 24
Oct. 1, 8, 22 Nov. 5, 19, 26

Call or email the office to reserve a date (585-3152, jaci@immanuelfamily.com).

June 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge	2 5pm- Wedding Rehearsal	3 3:30pm- Shawna Stricker & Chris Kuhlers Wedding
4 9:15am- Worship, communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH Worship	5 2:30pm- Forest Plaza Communion Service w/pastor	6 3:30pm - Intercessor Prayer Group 4:30pm- Parish Life Board, Lounge	7 4-6pm- FREE Community Meal, FH	8 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	9	10
11 9:15am- OUTDOOR Worship by Waldord Pond (weather permitting), communion 4:30-7:30pm- MS Bonfire @ Pilot Knob	12 2:30-5pm- VBS, followed by meal 5pm- Trustees, Shalom 6:30pm- Council, Shalom	13 2:30-5pm- VBS, followed by meal 3:30pm - Intercessor Prayer Group	14 2:30-5pm- VBS, followed by meal 4-6pm- Community Meal, FH 4:45pm- M&O, Zoom	15 9am -Women's Bible Study, lounge 10am – Martha Circle, Shalom 10:30am- Good Sam Comm 1:30pm- Rachel/Sarah, Lounge 2:30-5pm- VBS, followed by meal	16	17
18 HAPPY FATHERS DAY! 9:15am- Worship, Noisy offering for Missionary Karen, communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH Worship	19 2-4pm- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom	20 3:30pm - Intercessor Prayer Group July/August Messenger deadline	21 4-6pm- Meal, FH	22 9am -Women's Bible Study 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	23	24
25 9:15am- Worship 10:15am- Coffee, FH Worship	26	27 1pm- LWR Quilting Do Day, FH 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom	28 4-6pm- Meal, FH	29 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge	30	



Enjoy your summer – your outside activities and vacations!
Join us for our free Community Wednesday Meals. Serving each week from 4-6pm in the dining hall; takeouts available. Tell others about our meals; bring a friend, all are welcome!
June 14 will be the meal that VBS kids and

families will be joining in at 5.

If you have an interest in helping with serving at any time, just let me know. In the kitchen or leave work in the office.

Dawn Craig, Hospitality Specialist

June Menu:

June 7	Enchiladas, lettuce salad, bread, cheesecake
June 14	Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, strawberry shortcake
June 21	Sub sandwiches, cole slaw, green beans, fresh fruit
June 28	Tater tot hotdish, corn, bread, Jello

Blessings & Prayers

Baptisms

April 26 Aiden Christopher Frascht

May 7 Alora Elouise Ungs, daughter of Elijah & Amanda (Take) Ungs

Prayers

Dick & Vera Hynes and family in the loss of Vera's brother, Paul Fibelstad of Spirit Lake

Jody Wooge, Courtney & Shannon Wooge, and family in the loss of mom/grandmother, Naomi Klinge of Ames

Mark & Joy Newcom, Stross & Skye, and family in the loss of mom/grandmother, Carolyn Newcom of Mesa, AZ

Kim & Todd Dakken, and family in the loss of Kim's dad, Bob Hansen of Forest City

Family and friends in the loss of Dean Anderson of Forest City

Family and friends in the loss of Irmalee Olson of Forest City

Linda & Bruce Nelson, family & friends in the loss of Linda's dad, Roger Drugg of Forest City

NEW MEMBERS

Get to know these New Members & Welcome them to Immanuel!



MICHAEL & ELIZABETH BOHL & CHILDREN STANLEY (4) & MARY KATE (1)

Elizabeth is the Children's Ed Director at Immanuel and her full-time job is as a 1st grade teacher at the Forest City Elementary School. Michael is a High School PE & Health teacher at Forest City also. They enjoy sports, running, family time, and traveling.

KATIE & RYAN STROM

Katie joins her husband Ryan, as a new member. They will be celebrating their 2nd wedding anniversary on June 5th and expecting their 1st child in June. Katie is a special ed teacher in the high school and middle school at Northwood and also assistant girls track and assistant girls basketball coach. Ryan is a NIACC instructor at the FC Hub and at the MC Campus. Katie's hobbies include camping, golfing, fishing, coaching, and reading; Ryan enjoys dog training, hunting, cars, and home improvement.

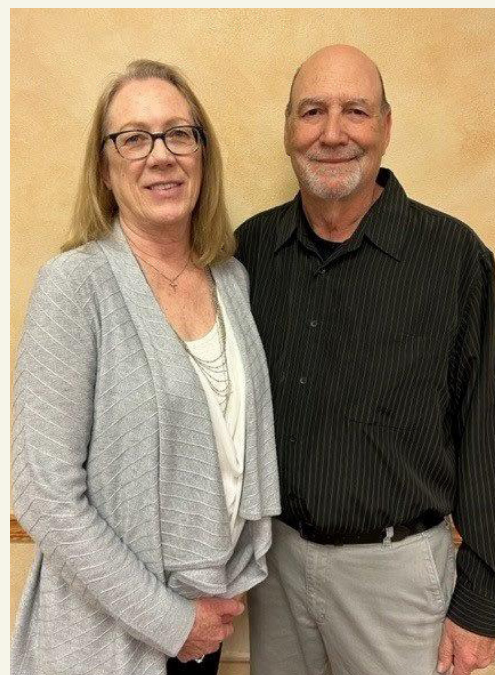


Tracy & Carol Merritt

Tracy is retired from the military and enjoys model cars. Carol is a retired RN that has been helping with Do Day Quilting and recently started playing with the Bell Choir. She enjoys swimming, puzzles, making greeting cards, gardening, baking, and playing games. Carol has 2 adult daughters and 2 granddaughters.

COLLEEN SCHMIDT & ROLAND DREW

Colleen & Roland are both retired from their careers at Winnebago Industries. Colleen has 2 adult sons and 3 grandchildren. She enjoys gardening and biking. Roland has 2 grown daughters and enjoys his time on the golf course.



Steve & Nancy Westerberg

Returning to Forest City following retirement in education, Steve & Nancy have been willing volunteers around Immanuel. Hobbies for them include traveling, sports, and reading.



WILLIAM & DANIELLE MCCORMICK
CHILDREN: ANASTASIA (ANA, 1ST GRADE-7),
GENEVIEVE (PRESCHOOL-5),
ELIAS (2),
ELIZABETH (AT COLLEGE), &
LINCOLN (FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS)

This busy family can usually be found in the backrow at Sunday worship. They enjoy family time and home projects. William is an Engineer at Winnebago and Danielle is currently a stay-at-home mom.





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