

THE MESSENGER

The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa - August 2024



Immanuel's group of Pastor Rod, Elizabeth Carr, Chad Benson, Carter Benson, and Luke Raulie was 5 of the 16,000+ Lutherans who gathered July 16-20 in New Orleans for an awesome time of singing, dancing, learning, listening and growing in faith together at the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

If you see any of this group around, ask them what their highlight was!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR ~ SHOPPING FOR
SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

Consider shopping for school supplies for LWR School Backpack Kits now when stores are having good sales on these items. Each Kit contains:

- 4 70-sheet spiral notebooks (wide or college-ruled)
- 1 ruler with centimeters and inches
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 2½" eraser

1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approx. 14"x17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks); recommended fabrics: sturdy cotton, denim, canvas, twill

Items may be brought to the church either to the office or the Quilting/Kits closet in the dining room.

A big thank you to all who helped make last Fall's school drive such a success! We filled and had donated a total of 185 Kits, and then another 52 Kits in the Spring. Also thankful for Thrivent Action Plan donation of \$250 to help buy supplies also.

Thanks so much for your help!
Barb Braun

IMMANUEL FAMILY EMBRACING SUMMER FUN



VBS FUN



CONFIRMATION GIRLS
AT BIBLE CAMP



SALAD LUNCHEON



ICE CREAM SOCIAL



PUCKERBRUSH PARADE

Letter from Pastor

The Church Can Learn from Her Youth

Young people are not averse to faith, nor do they stand in opposition to the church, when that church is brave, authentic, free, and disruptive. When that church is cowardous, inauthentic, controlling, and accepting of or indifferent to injustice, then our youth will and do, and should reject that model of church. In fact, we should all reject that model of church.

What I witnessed in New Orleans is the youthful body of Jesus Christ that is ready for a revolution. They are ready to rise up in resistance to racism, sexism, nationalism, and the evils of exclusionism.

In Jesus' sermon on the mount we see a youthful Jesus who was revolutionary, turning the world on its head. In Jesus' first sermon in Matthew 5 he says: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Here Jesus begins his resistance movement and revolution against the powers and principalities of the heavens and earth that accuse, oppress, stifle, starve, judge, hate, and exclude. Jesus is about feeding and forgiveness, radical welcome, inclusion, and acceptance. He is about healing, wholeness, and offering shalom to all. This is the church of Jesus then, and it is the church of Jesus today.

Which church are we Immanuel? Too often we think, "if we are THAT church, people will reject us, talk bad about us, leave us." "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account," Jesus says. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The youth in their youthfulness suggest that we are "Created to be: brave, authentic, free, and disruptive disciples." Can we follow their lead? It seems they are following Jesus, who in his youth spoke hard truths, and then leaned bravely into the consequences of those truths as we nailed him to the cross.

Church Together,

Pastor Rod



Immanuel Kids

A TOTAL SWAMP

The ELCA youth gathering was a total swamp.... I bet you are surprised to hear me describe it that way but keep reading and let me tell you why I have decided to use that term.

Our whole week was filled with many amazing experiences for all the senses: taste, sound, sight, smell, and touch. The food we tasted was delicious. The music we heard and sang was powerful and full of energy in praise and glory of God. The sight of sixteen thousand youth gathered in one place to praise and serve God was almost overwhelming. The smells were a cacophony of goods and bads, familiar and new. We were touched by the Spirit of God and we were able to touch others with God's love through service. In and through it all, everyone had an amazing time and learned a lot about God, the world, and ourselves.

On an afternoon when we had some free time, our group was able to go on an airboat tour of the swamp. The local word used for "the swamp" is bayou. The word bayou is thought to come from the Choctaw word "bayuk" meaning small or slow-moving stream.

The swamp can be a scary place with the mass diversity of all the creatures: spiders, snakes, alligators, fish, insects, and birds. In the swamp there are many unfamiliar sights and sounds to people from our area of the country. Our captain, Captain Dan, loves the bayou. He likes to feed the alligators marshmallows. At one point he lured a young alligator close to the boat and caught him and brought him onto our boat where we got a close up look at the three- to four-foot-long little guy. We even got to touch his tough skin.

Even though the swamp can be scary, even more so it is a **spirited, wild, amazing, marvelous place (swamp)**. This is a lot like the church and her youth. Our youth are **spirited, wild** (in a good way), **amazing, marvelous, people** (swamp) and New Orleans filled with our spirited, wild, amazing, and marvelous young people was a spirited, wild, amazing, marvelous place; a total swamp! I hope when you are in high school you too can attend an ELCA youth gathering. Until then, I hope you will help us make Immanuel, and Immanuel's youth group a SWAMP: spirited, wild, amazing, marvelous place – a place where everyone is welcome into community with Jesus.

Crossed in Christ,

Pastor Rod



Dear Beloved Immanuel Family,

Elizabeth Carr

It is with a mixture of joy, gratitude, and a touch of sadness that I write this message to you all. As my time here draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the journey we have shared together over the past year and a half, and my heart is overflowing with gratitude for each and every one of you.

From the very first moment I stepped through the doors of Immanuel, I was embraced with warmth and kindness. Your genuine hospitality made me feel at home instantly. I remember vividly the first Sunday service I attended, the harmony of voices singing praises, the genuine smiles, and the palpable sense of community. It was clear to me then, as it is now, that Immanuel Lutheran Church is a special place, a beacon of love and faith.

Throughout my time here, we've shared many memorable moments that I will carry with me forever. We have celebrated in times of joy and stood together in times of sorrow. These moments have been profound, teaching me the true essence of pastoral care and the strength of a faith community.

One of the highlights of my time here has been our children and youth ministry. Witnessing the enthusiasm and curiosity of our young members has been incredibly rewarding. Their energy and questions have challenged and inspired me, and I am so proud of the growth and faith they have demonstrated. Promiseland, VBS, Middle School Ministry, and High School Youth Group have been some of the most fulfilling experiences for me.

My time as an intern here was always meant to be a steppingstone in my journey towards ordained ministry. The next phase of my path involves receiving my first call from a congregation and then being ordained and moving to serve that congregation. While this farewell is bittersweet, I am filled with hope and excitement for what lies ahead, and I carry with me the wisdom and experiences I've gained here at Immanuel.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each member of our Immanuel Family. Thank you for your wisdom, patience, and support, for allowing me to walk alongside you in faith, for sharing your stories, and for welcoming me into your lives.

As I leave, please know that Immanuel Lutheran Church will always hold a special place in my heart. I will keep you all in my prayers and look forward to hearing about the continued growth and success of this wonderful community. I have no doubt that the love and faith that define Immanuel will continue to shine brightly.

I pray that God will bless each and every one of you abundantly.

With heartfelt gratitude and love,
Pastoral Intern Elizabeth



Promiseland

Elizabeth Bohl

Promise Pastures VBS was a great success thanks to all of the support from our church! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and prayed over the kids' wonderful week of learning and growing with God!

Promiseland, 2024-2025 will be here before we know it! Please follow the QR code on the photo to register a child and/or volunteer to be a teacher on Wednesdays and/or Sundays. Thank you SO much!!

PROMISELAND

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Wednesdays | 5:25-6:25
Sundays | after worship-11:00
Students 3 years - 5th grade
immanuelfamily.com or the qr code



Growing with God

Blessings & Prayers

Baptism

June 9 Lyra Jon Phillips, daughter of Cole & Ashley (West) Phillips

Prayers

Friends and family in the loss of Alma Hovey of Forest City

Renae & Pastor Rod Hopp, Tasha & Josh Banta and family, Brody & Krista Hopp and family, and friends in the loss of Renae's mom/grandma/great-grandma, Mary Ellen Miller of Kingsley

Connie Thompson, Allison & Brian Strommen and family, and friends in the loss of husband/dad/grandpa, Kent Thompson of Forest City

Linda & Lee Hinkley, family and friends in the loss of Linda's dad, Kenneth Carlson of Sioux Falls, SD

Dwight Nelson, Betty Nelson, family and friends in the loss of mom/sister-in-law, Rose Meinecke of Forest City



With gratitude we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Immanuel Family for your compassion and love after the loss of my Mom, MaryEllen Miller. The beautiful bouquet of flowers, cards, hugs, and thoughtful words have brought light and comfort to us as we wade through the grief. May God bless each of you! We are truly blessed to have such a caring and supportive church family.

In Christ's peace,
Renae & Pastor Rod

Board notes

Mission & Outreach

Keith Walker

The Mission & Outreach Board met via Zoom on Wednesday, June 19th, at 4:45 p.m.

5 Members were present

Devotional- Ellen

Update- Geranium profits were \$493 towards Missionary Karen.

May, June, and July Mission Emphasis Bible Camps has raised \$881.01, to date (7-24).

July 12th @ 6:00pm- 8:00pm- Planning Ice Cream Social for Puckerbrush- Missionary Karen

Prices set at 2oz cup \$.50 1 Scoop \$2.00 2 Scoops \$3.00. *\$314.50 was raised for Karen.

VBS Dinner Monday June 10th. Served over 80 people!

Noisy offering was held July 7th- offerings go to Bible Camps

July Meeting- The board voted to not meet in July, if anything comes up before the August meeting we will communicate via email.

Next Month's Devotion- Jaci

Trustees

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees did not meet in July as a board. Email notification will go out if there is a needed request. June income was \$46,732.04 and expenses were \$44,851.54 with a positive \$1,880.50 for the month of June. YTD is a negative (\$32,733.50) compared to a negative (\$24,633.71) for 2023. \$12,500 will be invested in an 8 month 5% CD and \$12,500 will be invested in a 13 month 5% CD from Dedicated Savings.

Endowment: \$7,200 is non-allocated in disbursement.

Property Committee: Tim Severson June report will be in August.

New Business: Approval to move \$10,000 from contingency when needed for the rest of the year.

Old Business: a.) 4 Oaks update: Rent for the added room went up \$189.00 per month from \$1,344.75 to \$1,533.75 starting July 1, 2024. This is a 14% increase. We will reapply for the \$1,250 grant from the Western Iowa Synod for back packs.

Parish Council

Ben Arentson, Secretary

Members Present

Ben Arentson, Lisa Chisholm, Linda Ferjak, Kathy McEnelly, Danielle Niess, Keith Walker, Laura Winter, Steve Westerberg, Carter Benson, Pastor Rod Hopp

Absent: Jen Jenkins, Matt Welp, Pastor Zech Anderson, Intern Elizabeth Carr

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kathy McEnelly at 6:30 PM; devotions were shared by Linda.

Old Business

Steve moved to accept meeting minutes following a correction of the pastoral search meeting members. Steve and Kathy are not part of the search committee. Council voted to approve the minutes. Council wrote thank you cards to those who have positively impacted the church.

A motion was made by Keith to approve the consent agenda of all reports.

New Business

Danielle shared that the shared pastor committee met and got off to a great start. Nic Determann and Steve Smith are chairing. This coming Wednesday, committee members are tasked with coming with interview questions and how we would like to present/sell Forest City, the Church, and Waldorf. The committee is still looking for a youth member to serve. The job has been posted in

Waldorf's educational circle, and the Synod has been informed. A single candidate has come up and will be discussed amongst the committee this week. Waldorf has a liaison that shows new faculty/staff members Forest City and its amenities, which we will be able to use for the shared pastor candidates. The candidate pool is not deep, and council discussed that this may work into our favor, as we can be selective and spend time with each applicant.

The book Piloting Church was discussed. Based on how Council scored the congregation, we are a congregation who tends to play it safe and we have members in the congregation that leadership doesn't want to purposely upset. Members avoid discussing tough topics, as not to upset anyone. Leadership should determine what topics are worth pursuing, based on which direction the Lord is pulling us in.

We discussed how, in the next six months, can our church add value to our community. Ideas that came up were performing service projects at Good Sam or shut-ins at home, collecting money for school lunch balances, support local kids going to camp through an adopt-a-camper program, creating a safe refuge of activities for middle and high school students on Friday/Saturday night, create visitation team, develop a parish nursing program, raise money for local missions, etc. As a council we agreed that there are several small things that we can do better rather than something big and transformational.

Council suggested we skip the July meeting; council agreed. If something comes up, we can convene on the fly.

A parking lot list was created to keep important items in front of us. We need to start picking off some of these items to ensure we are set for the future.

Business Financials

June saw receipts of \$46,732.04 and disbursements of \$44,851.54 for a positive cash flow of \$1,880.50. Year to date we are behind \$32,733.50.

Upcoming Events

Next Council Meeting is August 12th. Closing Prayer offered by Laura. Meeting Adjourned by Kathy at 8:03 PM.

Parish Life

Karen Keller

The Board of Parish Life met on July 2, 2024. Members present were, Sandy Lilliquist, Linda Ferjak, Mary Kingland, Kathy Leuwerke, Lisa Chisholm, Pastor Zech, and Karen Keller.

The first item on the agenda was the upcoming picnic after the Outdoor Service on July 14th. Sandy Lilliquist spoke with Brian Keely and changed the order from 120 to 145 servings. She swapped out the cups and napkins for plates. We will be asking the congregation for a variety pack of chips in small bags and prefer cookies to bars. We will meet at 8:30 at the church to set up the tables.

The second item on the agenda was the Waldorf Block Party on Tuesday, August 20th. It will be held outside on 6th Street. We will serve Walking Tacos and cookies. Brian Keely is doing the meat for the tacos. We will plan for 150 because last year we ran out of meat for the tacos. We will provide the shredded lettuce, sour cream, cheese, and lemonade and water.

We will need to set up tables for both the picnic and the block party.

Board of Ed

Elizabeth Bohl


The Education Board met to discuss and prepare for the salad luncheon. The luncheon was a great success and we so appreciate everyone who donated a salad to help support the education program at Immanuel! If there is anyone who is interested in joining the Education Board, please let Pastor Zech or Elizabeth Bohl know!



Library News Aug 2024

Library Memorials

The Library committee greatly appreciates all of the donations and memorials given in honor of family members and friends. Donations and memorials are the way the library is able to continue to purchase new material as the library operates outside of Immanuel's budget. Every book purchased with funds from a memorial has the following template affixed to the front page and includes the person's year of birth and death.



Donated in Loving Memory

of _____

Donated by

In the past year and a half, we have received memorials for

Eleanor Lovick
Alice Jolivette
Pastor Michelle
Gawienowski
Mary Harland
Mary Beth Wooldridge
Eric Gustafson
Betty Coxson
Lois Holst

THANK YOU!

New Youth Book

An Elephant in the Garden

By Michael Morpurgo



Inspired by a true story. Lizzie and Karl's mother is a zoo keeper; the family has become attached to an orphaned elephant named Marlene, who will be destroyed as a precautionary measure so she and the

other animals do not run wild should the zoo be hit by bombs. The family persuades the zoo director to let Marlene stay in their garden instead. When the city is bombed, the family flees with thousands of others, but how can they walk the same route when they have an elephant in tow, and keep themselves safe? Along the way, they meet Peter, a Canadian navigator who risks his own capture to save the family.

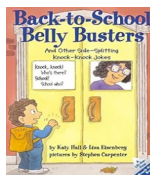
Promiseland News

There will be some changes to the 2024-2025 Promiseland Reading Contest this year. Instead of an individual reading contest as in years past, the Library will be having a Classroom Reading Contest. Each classroom from 3-4-year-olds through 5th grade will have reading goals to meet. Once a goal is met, each member of the class will receive a prize. A tracking graph outside each room will show the number of materials that have been checked out and returned to track the progress to their goals. The Class Reading Contest will start mid-September with more information in the September newsletter.

New Children Books

Back-to-School Belly Busters

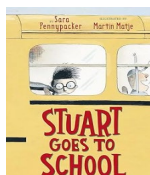
By Katy Hall and Lisa Eisenberg



The first day back to school has never been more fun than it is in this S'coolest collection of knock-knock jokes ever. Lift the flaps and see if this group of kids can make the grade. You will give these knock-knock jokes an A+!

Stuart Goes To School

By Sara Pennypacker



The first day of school is here, and Stuart is worried. What if he gets stuck in the boys' bathroom? What if he does not have anything to show for show and tell? Worst of all, what if his mother really makes him wear those green plaid pants and a shirt

with little cowboys on it? Doesn't she know that on a make-friends-or-else kind of day like this what Stuart really needs to wear is his cape?

junie b. jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus

By Barbara Park



Meet the World's Funniest Kindergartner—Junie B. Jones! Remember when it was scary to go to school? In the first Junie B. Jones book, it is Junie B.'s first day and she does not know anything. She is so scared of the school bus and the meanies on it that when it is time to go home, she does not.

(All descriptions are taken from Amazon.com)

Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY June 2024

	June Actual 2024	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 50.00%	June Actual 2023	YTD Actual 2023
Income							
Regular Offerings & Envelopes	34,731.12	41,169.33	206,743.63	494,032.00	41.85%	33,074.25	211,709.02
Other Income	12,000.92	12,227.33	64,522.99	146,728.00	43.97%	10,287.66	46,145.07
Total Income	46,732.04	53,396.67	271,266.62	640,760.00	42.34%	43,361.91	257,854.09

	June Actual 2024	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 50.00%	June Actual 2023	YTD Actual 2023
Expense							
Staff Support	30,654.48	31,983.83	188,732.05	383,806.00	49.17%	31,959.32	191,225.13
Administration	8,981.65	12,887.83	68,292.44	154,654.00	44.16%	8,195.05	63,495.57
Ministry Areas	5,215.41	8,525.00	46,975.63	102,300.00	45.92%	8,664.54	37,767.10
Loan re-payment/contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	(10,000.00)
Total Expenses	44,851.54	53,396.67	304,000.12	640,760.00	47.44%	48,818.91	282,487.80

Income Less Expense \$1,880.50 \$0.00 **(\$32,733.50)** 0.00 **(\$5,457.00)** **(\$24,633.71)**

Volunteer

August 2024

Assisting Ministers

Aug. 4.....Ken Korth
 Aug. 11.....David Readinger
 Aug. 18.....Patti Strukel
 Aug. 25.....David Readinger

Scripture Readers

Aug. 4.....John Tibodeau
 Aug. 11.....Mark Johnson
 Aug. 18.....Ken Korth
 Aug. 25.....Ken Hansen

Altar Care

Aug. 4.....Jean Yeager
 Aug. 11.....
 Aug. 18.....Marla Betz
 Aug. 25.....Kathy Leuwerke

Ushers

Jim Lund, Gary McCarthy, Tina Berg

Communion Servers

Aug. 4.....Ken Korth, Tasha Banta
 Aug. 11.....Renae Hopp, Melanie Westerberg
 Aug. 18.....Joy Newcom, Keith Walker
 Aug. 25.....Emily Walker, Joan Beebe

Offering Counters

Betty Olson, Mary Paulsen, Karen Keller, Ellen Olson/Jan Buffington

Laundry

Ellen Olson



We are 'welcoming' the Waldorf University students and faculty as they begin their new year at a BLOCK PARTY on Tuesday, August 20th, 5-7pm, out on 6th Street on the west side of the church building. Parish Life will be hosting the event serving up walking tacos.

If you want to help provide some homemade cookies, just drop them by the church that day; or come and help with serving.

Can you give us the word?



You'll have to forgive me, but I still have Mary Poppins playing in my head as it's performance week. And as the understudy to Mr. Banks all his lines run through my head. One question that they ask him at the end of the play is could you give us the word? And he does just that and gives the bank a word unlike any other, supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! And of course we know the rest of the song, that it's used for pretty much everything, when you have a lot to say, or don't know what to say.

But that's not the only thing that is rolling around in my mind today as I write this, I am also thinking about the Gospel of Mark and all the people that follow Jesus around the sea to hear him, and Paul's letter to the Ephesians which opens up the Gospel for all people, not just a select group. And in both cases I can hear this question asked, can you give us the word?

The Word, as told in the Gospel of John, is Jesus Christ. The Good News, the Gospel, the Word made flesh, is in our midst. So when I hear this question today I think, can you give us Jesus? Can you give us the Gospel? Can you give us the Good News? And believe me, we could all use some good news these days. The world continues to feel out of control, anxiety continues to feel as if it's up, and I can see us shouting through all the noise around us can you give us the Word?

The Word is indeed given, and unlike supercalifragilisticexpialidocious which some may say is the only word you need, Jesus is the true Word that we need in all circumstances, and it is with us each and every day. And this Word is not an exclusive word for only a few people. Paul in Ephesians shows how the Word is now open to all people, "remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall." (Ephesians 2:12-14)

The Word is for you and for all people, so remember if you hear the question can you give us the word, yes we can, because the Word is for you and all people. As school is about to begin and new words are learned, I pray you keep the Word at the center of your heart and lives today and always. And the other good part is, Jesus is a lot easier to spell than supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, and always goes with you.

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

Worship on the Radio

Sunday morning worship on the radio is an important ongoing ministry of Immanuel. Broadcast is aired over KIOW 107.3 FM at 11am each Sunday. Consider sponsoring a broadcast for \$100 in honor of, in memory of, or just to help support this ministry.

Available dates:

Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct. 6, 20, 27
 Nov. 3, 24 Dec. 1, 22, 24, 29

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

AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 9am - Women's Bible Study, Lounge	2	3 11am - Memorial for Doris Borchardt
4 9:15am- Worship, communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH	5 2:30pm- Forest Plaza Communion Service w/pastor	6 3:30pm - Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom 4:30pm- Parish Life, Lounge 7-8:15pm – Civic Life & Faith, #6, Shalom/zoom	7 4:15-6:15pm- Meal, FH	8 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	9	10
11 9:15am- Worship, communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH	12 5pm- Trustees, Shalom 6:30pm- Council, Shalom	13 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom 4:30pm- Ed Board, Kitchenette	14 4:15-6:15pm- Meal, FH 4:45pm- M&O, Zoom Waldorf starts	15 9am -Women's Bible Study, lounge 10am – Martha Circle, Shalom 10:30am- Good Sam Comm service 1:30pm- Rachel/Sarah, Lounge	16	17
18 9:15am- Worship, communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH	19 2-4pm- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom	20 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom 5-7pm- Waldorf Block Party, 6 th St. SEPT MESSENGER DEADLINE	21 4:15-6:15pm- Meal, FH	22 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	23 FC School starts	24
25 9:15am- Worship, communion, back to school blessing (bring backpacks) 10:15am- Coffee, FH	26	27 1pm- LWR Quilting Do Day, FH 3:30pm - Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom	28 4:15-6:15pm- Meal, FH	29 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge	30	31



Join us each week for a delicious church-cooked meal served 4:15-6:15pm in the dining room. Take-outs are always available. This is a free community meal funded with the help of the Iowa Food Bank, grants, and donations.

Kitchen Needs

The kitchen needs two new microwaves. The ones we have currently lived a good life but are no longer very effective. If you would consider donating a new microwave

to Immanuel's kitchen, we would like 1100-watt countertop microwaves if you want to make the purchase. You can also give \$125 towards the purchase of a microwave, and we will get it. You would be able to use the purchase price as a charitable donation on your taxes. If you are interested in helping us with this, please contact Jaci or Kathy. Thanks for your consideration.

Kathy McEnelly, Cook



The food for Wednesday night meals comes from a few different sources. We partner with the Food Bank of Iowa in Des Moines and we have the opportunity to order product twice per month. The big semi (pictured) comes right to our door with the food we've ordered. The truck also goes to Forest City Food Pantry, Leland Food Pantry, two places in Lake Mills and to Northwood.

Our partnership requires that we order at least 2,500 pounds of food annually from the Food Bank of Iowa in Des Moines. So far this year (January thru July of 2024) we have ordered 1,841 pounds. The most common items that we can purchase are canned vegetables and fruit, shredded cheese, meat (ham, chicken, pork). We can occasionally get things like tortillas (for tacos), pies, frozen and fresh fruit, pickles, pancake mix, canola oil and so much more. We also shop locally at Hy-Vee, as well as Fareway in Clear Lake, Wal-Mart in Mason City, Sam's Club and Main Street Market in Buffalo Center. I watch sale ads weekly and go to get the best deals on things we can use.

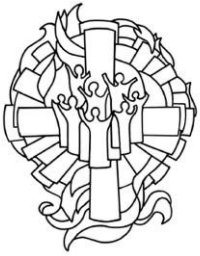
The Food Bank of Iowa also allows us to purchase food for our Backpack Program with Four Oaks Alternative School which is in our building during the school year. Each Friday, we send kids home with a backpack of shelf-stable food and snacks. Examples of backpack items include: cereal, snack bars, juice, hamburger/tuna helper type mixes, tuna, rice and lots more.

Thrivent Action Grant cards are also a huge help with the cost of food products that we buy in grocery stores. Thank you for your help in requesting these cards. If we have one card per month, we can get \$3,000 in food just with Thrivent cards! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS!

Kathy McEnelly, Wednesday Night Cook

August Menu:

- Aug. 7 Baked fish or baked chicken, French fries, pears, Oreo cookie dessert
- Aug. 14 Ham balls, au gratin potatoes, green beans, apple & peach crisp
- Aug. 21 Tacos, chips & salsa, cheese sauce, Jello, cookies
- Aug. 28 Oven-fried chicken legs, macaroni salad, mixed fruit/peaches, lemon-white cake



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