

THE MESSENGER

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

'2nd Sunday' Potluck Brunch Sept 8th

'Second Sunday of the month' potluck resumes on September 8th follow worship. The Mission & Outreach Board is sponsoring this potluck. Bring your dishes to the kitchen before church and the group will take care of it for you and have it out and ready at potluck time.



Join us for 9:15 Worship

10:15 Potluck Brunch

Service Projects & Activities

Can trailer will be parked out front for donations of redeemable bottles & cans



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

Wednesday, Sept. 25th @ 6:30pm worship, Second graders will be receiving their very own Adventure Bible from the church. Bless this class as they are ready to read for themselves the story of God's love for people written in the Bible.



Promiseland Kids also sing that night so we look forward to lots of joy and excitement on the 25th!

*With Abundant Joy,
by the grace of God and the call of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Elizabeth Sue Carr

*will be ordained to the
Ministry of Word and Sacrament
Friday, September 6th, 2024
4:00 pm CST
Immanuel Lutheran Church
246 S. Clark St.
Forest City, IA 50436*

*Rostered leaders are invited to vest.
The color of the day is red.
Live stream will be available at
immanuelfamily.com
A meal will follow the service.
All are Welcome!*

*Elizabeth has been called to serve
St. John's Lutheran Parish
in Lancaster & Bendena, KS*




GROWING WITH GOD! RALLY NIGHT – Sept. 4

****Check out the details for this on page 3****

WEDNESDAYS @ IMMANUEL

Our typical Wednesday Schedule will look like this:

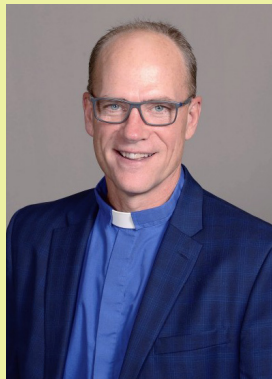
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| 4:15-6:15pm | FREE Community Meal, Fellowship Hall |
| 5:25-6:25pm | Promiseland |
| 5:25-6:25pm | Middle School Ministry (6th-8th Confirmation), Shalom |
| 6:30-7:10pm | Worship |
| 7:15pm | Choir (Middle School thru adults of all ages), Fireside Room |
| 7:15pm | 9th Confirmation, Shalom |
| 7:30pm | High School Youth Group, Youth Room |

Letter from Pastor

New Beginnings

(An Article for Kids and Adults Together)

As a child I always had mixed feelings when it came to the new school year. I was excited and anxious, and hopeful with a touch of dread. I had done well the previous year, but it wasn't easy to be confident that I had what it would take to meet the unforeseen challenges of the new teacher, the new grade, the new year.



In the church I believe we face the same issue. We have come through that past, God has given us what we've needed to meet the challenges of the past, but it is difficult to believe that we will have what it takes to meet the unforeseen challenges of tomorrow. It's tough to believe that God will sustain us for today and tomorrow. We too get worried, anxious, and are mostly hopeful, yet with a touch of dread.

As a kid, I turned to my mom about three days into the new year, spewed out my worries, had a little cry, and then marched forward into another year of growth and learning with some bumps, but mostly success. As a church, it is important to turn to Jesus; to confess our worries and fears; cry if we must, and then march forward in faith trusting God for each tomorrow.

It is also important to turn to God's word and to hear Jesus, as he prepared to return to the Father, say to his disciples standing nearby, and to his disciples of each and every new generation, "and remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

This is a sustaining promise that as we march ahead in faithful effort that God marches with us. We give our best to learn, grow, love, and serve, and we trust that God is with us.

People of Immanuel, Forest City, the surrounding area, the Western Iowa Synod, and the world needs you; needs us. The splash we make isn't the biggest, or the most spectacular splash, but to one another and the world around us the splash we make has meaning and makes a difference. We worship; we grow; we love; and we serve one another and the world around us, and it matters.

Let's face this new program year together with courage, and faithfulness, generosity, being filled with hopefulness, and holding all dread and trepidation at bay, knowing in our hearts that Jesus is with us always to lead and guide us, and to use us for God's purposes.

A Blessed 2024/2025 season to our congregation,

Pastor Rod

All Are Welcome!

Senior Choir is looking for new voices to enable them to continue to "Make A Joyful Noise"! All are welcome - Junior High, High School and Adults of All Ages and all voice ranges are invited to join us as we prepare to join our voices as one, singing praises to our Lord. We meet for rehearsal on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 - 8:15, following Wednesday Worship. We sing on the first and third Sundays of the month.



Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 4 in the Fireside Room. We will be starting to learn our music for the upcoming seasons as well as just "catching up" with each other in a time of fellowship. All Are Welcome to share their gift of music with the Immanuel Family! Hope to see everyone returning and to add some new faces to the group!

Linda Ferjak, Choir Director

ELCA Missionary Karen Anderson Mission Emphasis thru October

Immanuel has been committed to sponsoring Missionary Karen since May of 2019 with her work of EPES (Popular Education in Health) in Santiago, Chile.

We had the privilege to host Karen in July 2022 informing us of the important work that this organization accomplishes and has been striving to do since 1982.

Every year EPES holds a week-long International Popular Education Course in Chile to empower and unite others in areas like Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Oklahoma, Long Island, and Immanuel's companion congregation in Punta Arenas, Chile.

The course is a hands-on learning experience to promote health with dignity for the poor through empowerment, mobilization and collective action, generally to help/teach women and immigrants.

Immanuel's covenant every year is \$5,000 so we continue to ask for your donations and partnership with Karen. To date, we are only halfway towards our goal.

(photo of Karen & Pastor Rod on her home visit to the US)



Thank you, Mission & Outreach Board Members

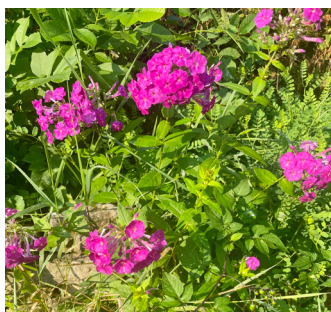
Let it grow!



As I sit here today, the first thing on my mind is let it grow, not let it go. So no singing Elsas song from Frozen this month. Ok, so what's really on my mind is growth, and growth in unexpected places and unexpected ways. I've said it more than once that when it comes to growing plants, I'm not exactly great at it. But even out of death, comes some unexpected life, and beautiful life at that. I tried to plant some plants in the planters

in our backyard, but needless to say, they did not grow, and sometimes looked like they got over run even when I pulled the weeds. It felt like a losing battle and there would be no hope whatsoever for anything beautiful to come out of that planter. I hadn't looked at it in a while, but for some reason today I

looked out over the backyard and out of the corner of my eye I saw something colorful. I did a double take and looked back at it, how can that be? How can there be a beautiful pink flower there of all places? But it was there nonetheless, a wildflower had grown in a place that I was unable to grow anything else successfully. And it was a beautiful sight indeed.



So what's the point of me telling, let alone thinking about this today? I'm thinking about the theme for this Fall, "Growing with God". Growing is a process that sees all sorts of changes, and growing with God is a lifelong journey. The seed is planted in our lives early on, and sometimes it takes right away and other times it takes later in life. Prayer, Promiseland, worship, reading the Bible, singing songs, talking about faith as a family, and even life experiences help us to Grow in God. And there are defiantly times when it feels like the plant in my backyard, that I cannot see growth in myself, or sometimes those around me, but God doesn't give up. And eventually there is that beautiful flower and life reminding me who really is at work, God. I'm reminded of what Luther says in the small Catechism, "I cannot on my own come to believe in Jesus Christ or come to him" (Luther's explanation of the Holy Spirit) Instead I need outside help. Help from those around me, and more importantly help from God through so many things in my life. God is always at work even when we cannot see it, and we are continually growing in God young, old, and everywhere in between. And the fruits we share are many, like the fruits of the spirit. And I have the song the fruits of the spirit stuck in my head, how the fruits are not coconut, banana, grapes, etc. But instead, they are, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23)

So I guess, what's the point of saying all this? As we begin a new program year, don't lose faith, even when it seems like there's no growth, because God is indeed at work in you and those around you. And remember as Promiseland, Middle School, and other ministries kick-off again, they're not the only ones growing, and this isn't the only time of year to grow. Keep on growing in God, and growing in the knowledge of all he has done for us and keep on growing closer to God. Keep on growing. Let it grow!

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

Pastor Zech Anderson



Promiseland

Elizabeth Bohl

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
**PROMISELAND
 RALLY NIGHT!**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
 5:00-6:25 | WORSHIP AT 6:30

MEAL
 4:00-6:00
 MAID RITES, CHEESY
 HASHBROWNS, CORN,
 BROWNIES

BOUNCE
 HOUSE &
 GAMES

FUN FOR THE
 WHOLE FAMILY!

Growing with God

STILL NEED TO
 REGISTER? →



Decluttering and have 'things' to sell?

Another avenue to help out our general fund, Kathy McEnelly will take items from you (see instructions below) and sell them online on any site that she feels appropriate. Most things will be sold on the Forest City Auction Site.

Items Kathy will take to sell: most household items (kitchen, bath, home décor). This includes small appliances – nothing bigger than can be carried and lifted easily. Outdoor items and tools will be accepted. NO clothing, big furniture or big appliances. Kathy must be able to lift the item and fit it into her car in case she has to take it to another donation site (i.e. One Vision) if she can't sell it. Anything that plugs in or has batteries, etc., MUST be in working order. Clean items would be appreciated.

This is how it will work over the next few months (or however long it takes).

Contact Kathy to tell her what you have. Cell phone 641-590-0355, email: cattykathy@wctatel.net. You and Kathy will agree on a drop-off time to her garage.

Once items are accepted and dropped off, they are church property and Kathy determines how things are sold. All proceeds to Immanuel's General Fund. Thank you for your support!

Board notes

Mission & Outreach

Keith Walker

The Mission & Outreach Board met via Zoom on Wednesday, August 14th, at 4:45 p.m.

6 Members were present. Devotional – Ellen.

\$965.66 total raised- May, June, and July Mission Emphasis Bible Camps. Divided by 1/3 each, gifts were given to Riverside, Ingham/Okoboji, and Lutheran Lakeside Bible Camps.

Ice Cream Social for Puckerbrush- Missionary Karen raised \$344.50.

August September October Mission Emphasis- Missionary Karen Anderson in Chile. As of 8/29/24, gifts and carryover (from 2023) is at \$2,543.75 towards our \$5,000 covenant.

September Potluck 9/8/2024. Mission & Outreach will be host Board. Will have a free will basket available for Missionary Karen.

October Coffee Fellowship and Bake Sale towards Missionary Karen.

November Emphasis will be Good Sam Fund. December Emphasis will be Student Lunch Fund.

Trustees

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met August 12, 2024 at the church. July income was \$40,513.21 and expenses were \$49,505.29 with a negative (\$8,992.08) for the month of July. YTD is a negative (\$41,725.58) compared to a negative (\$23,232.97) for 2023. Kathy presented a spreadsheet comparing last year to this year by month of regular income and other income.

Budget for 2025 will be presented at the annual meeting in February after year end reports have been calculated. This is a change from last year with sabbatical leave.

Endowment: nothing presented.

Property Committee: Tim Severson is working on the men's restroom in the Sunday school wing. Kruger Electric to add outlets in 4 classrooms used by 4 Oaks for \$2,950. Board is asking Angel to remove snow from doors to sidewalks. Beyond will go out for bids.

Personnel Committee: Reviewing Employee Policy book.

New Business: Ruth Melby had knee replacement and is stepping down from Bell Choir leader, purchasing & designing altar flowers, and grant activity for Wednesday meals. We are looking for volunteers to cover these areas. Laurel Erickson and Betty Olson each financially supported the request to replace the microwaves in the kitchen as the old ones were losing power. Thank you, Laurel and Betty! Wednesday meal is looking for a sub with Kathy still doing the planning for \$100 per night.

Old Business:a.) 4 Oaks update: the staff from 4 Oaks is painting their rooms. Immanuel furnished \$399 of paint.

Parish Council

Ben Arentson, Secretary

Members Present

August 12, 2024: Ben Arentson, Lisa Chisholm, Linda Ferjak, Jen Jenkins, Kathy McEnelly, Danielle Niess, Keith Walker, Laura Winter, Matt Welp, Carter Benson, Pastor Zech Anderson, Pastor Rod Hopp, Intern Elizabeth Carr Absent: Steve Westerberg

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy McEnelly at 6:29 PM; devotions were shared by Lisa.

Old Business

Keith motioned to approve June meeting minutes. The group did a get-to-know-you where we were asked to describe our favorite church hymn or praise song. Council wrote letters of encouragement to those that donated their time for a successful summer 2024 VBS program. In board reports, the Board of Trustees discussed being behind roughly \$20,000 in year over year giving. After moving up

the annual budget meeting last year to November due to Pastor Rod's sabbatical, the Board of Trustees recommended going back to our regular budget meeting on the first Sunday in February. This motion made by the Board of Trustees carried unanimously. The Board of Trustees brought a motion to Council that Angel, our current custodian, also take on snow removal during the winter months. Jen made a motion to reflect his recommendation; vote passed unanimously. Snow removal will be sent out for bid to local contractors. Board of Trustees also voted to pay someone to cook Wednesday evening meals in the event Kathy McEnelly is unable to cook. A motion was made by Linda to accept the consent agenda, which includes all board reports. Motion carried.

New Business

The Search Committee announced a candidate plans to visit in September. The candidate looks forward to visit at a time when all activities, both at Waldorf and Immanuel, are in full swing. Senior Pastor Rod has not had a review in several years. The Synod has a framework to perform the review, which Kathy will explore. Council discussed the book "Piloting Church" and discussed writing our Church's Manifesto.

Five nurses have taken part in Parish Nurse conversations, where the vision of the program was discussed. We have a health fund, the Good Samaritan Fund, and general giving that can help support this mission. A Parish Nurse can help with general health (blood pressure screenings, exercise/physical fitness), educator or resource for medical issues, visit those that are shut-ins and helping make educated decisions on living conditions, and help navigate insurance/Medicare.

Council discussed lay-person visitations for those that are shut-in or have gone through traumatic life events like surgeries, deaths, births, etc.

Kathy led a discussion on exploring becoming a Reconciling in Christ church, which is a program aimed at becoming a church that welcomes everyone no matter of orientation. Mount Olive Church in Rochester, MN has gone through becoming part of the program and could be a mentor church.

Council members were asked whether they would be interested in continuing their commitments in 2025. Potentially half of the Council may need to be replaced.

God's Work Our Hands is September 8th. Kathy will help coordinate—the consensus is to do a quick program after the potluck on the 8th.

Upcoming Events

Next Council Meeting is September 9th, 2024.

The Monthly brunch potluck is September 8th and will be hosted by Mission and Outreach.

Intern Elizabeth's last sermon is August 25th and will be followed by a Farewell

Intern Elizabeth will be ordained Friday September 6th at Immanuel at 4 PM with a meal to follow.

Closing Prayer offered by Lisa. Meeting Adjourned by Kathy at 8:32 PM.

Parish Life

Karen Keller

The Board of Parish Life met on August 6, 2024. Members present were Lisa Chisholm, Linda Ferjak, Kathy Leuwerke, Tina Berg, Melanie Westerberg, and Karen Keller.

The meeting focused on finalizing the plans for the Waldorf University Block Party held on August 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 outside on 6th St. Brian Keely providing taco meat for Walking Tacos. Board members will be shopping for the bags of chips, condiments, lemonade mix and paper products to serve 200. Asking for cookie donations from the congregation.



Library News Sept 2024

Promiseland News

The 2024-2025 Promiseland Reading Contest will be a contest between each classroom. Each classroom will have goals for the number of books/DVDs checked out and returned. Once a goal is met, the class will receive a reward. A chart for each classroom will be displayed in the hallway for the students to monitor their progress.

New Books

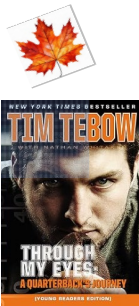
Through My Eyes: A Quarterback's Journey

By Tim Tebow

Meet Tim Tebow: He grew up playing every sport imaginable, but football was his true passion. Even from an early age, Tim has always had the drive to be the best player and person that he could be. Through his hard work and determination, he established himself as one of the greatest quarterbacks in the history of college football and as a fan

favorite in the NFL. Now, in *Through My Eyes: A Quarterback's Journey*, he shares the behind-the-scenes details of his life, both on and off the football field. Tim writes about his life as he chooses to live it, revealing how his Christian faith, his family values, and his relentless will to succeed have molded him into the person and the athlete he is today.

(All descriptions are taken from Amazon.com)



I Survived the Attacks of September 11th, 2001

By Lauren Tarshis



On the day that shocks the world, one boy just wants to find his family. This is a powerful addition to the gripping I Survived series. The only thing Lucas loves more than football is his Uncle Benny, his dad's best friend at the fire department where they both work. Benny taught Lucas everything about football. So, when Lucas's

parents decide the sport is too dangerous and he needs to quit, Lucas has to talk to his biggest fan. So, the next morning, Lucas takes the train to the city instead of the bus to school. It is a bright, beautiful day in New York. But just as Lucas arrives at his uncle's firehouse, everything changes -- and nothing will ever be the same again

The Berenstain Bears' Harvest Festival

By Mike Berenstain

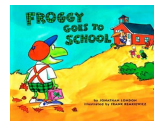


Join Berenstain Bears as they explore the value of giving thanks in *The Berenstain Bears' Harvest Festival*. Joining the community in the Chapel in the Woods' Harvest Festival, Brother, Sister, and Honey participate in

apple picking, a hayride, and visiting the pumpkin patch while giving thanks to God's autumn harvest blessing. Children will discover ways to implement traditional religious values and share God's goodness

Froggy Goes to School

By Jonathan London



Froggy's mother knows that everyone is nervous on the first day of school. "Not me!" says Froggy, and together they leapfrog to the bus stop. This is a great read-aloud with sounds and words that

encourage active participation. A charming story to calm those pre-school jitters.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Immanuel's Good Samaritan Fund is available for the person who walks through the door or calls with a variety of needs—gas, rent assistance, utilities, food, overnight stay, etc. Our fund has dipped quite low so if you would like to consider a gift to the account, we thank you!

Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY July 2024

	July Actual 2024	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 58.33%	July Actual 2023	YTD Actual 2023
Income							
Regular Offerings & Envelopes	27,886.97	41,169.33	234,630.60	494,032.00	47.49%	34,898.62	246,607.64
Other Income	12,626.24	12,227.33	77,149.23	146,728.00	52.58%	8,897.89	55,042.96
Total Income	40,513.21	53,396.67	311,779.83	640,760.00	48.66%	43,796.51	301,650.60
Expense							
Staff Support	30,770.40	31,983.83	219,502.45	383,806.00	57.19%	31,707.49	222,932.62
Administration	10,588.96	12,887.83	78,881.40	154,654.00	51.01%	5,957.90	69,453.47
Ministry Areas	8,145.93	8,525.00	55,121.56	102,300.00	53.88%	4,730.38	42,497.48
Loan re-payment/contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	(10,000.00)
Total Expenses	49,505.29	53,396.67	353,505.41	640,760.00	55.17%	42,395.77	324,883.57
Income Less Expense	(\$8,992.08)	\$0.00	(\$41,725.58)	0.00		\$1,400.74	(\$23,232.97)

Volunteer September 2024

Assisting Ministers

Sept. 1.....	Olivia Banta
Sept. 8.....	Kathy McEnelly
Sept. 15.....	Cindi Lehmann
Sept. 22.....	Ken Korth
Sept. 29.....	Patti Strukel

Scripture Readers

Sept. 1.....	Ellen Olson
Sept. 8.....	Carolynn Korth
Sept. 15.....	Bruce Mielke
Sept. 22.....	Joan Beebe
Sept. 29.....	David Readinger

Altar Care

Sept. 1.....	Mary Lund
Sept. 8.....	Jean Yeager
Sept. 15.....	Jean Yeager
Sept. 22.....	Kathy Leuwerke
Sept. 29.....	Marla Betz

Ushers

Sept. 1.....	Chad & Quincey Benson family
Sept. 8.....	Keith & Emily Walker family
Sept. 15.....	Ben & Nikki Arentson family
Sept. 22.....	Roland Drew & Colleen Schmidt
Sept. 29.....	Bryon & Denise Holst, Joe Strukel, Jacob Beenken

Communion Servers

Sept. 1.....	Andy Buffington, Tasha Banta
Sept. 8.....	Mindy Anderson, Vera Hynes
Sept. 15.....	Steve & Nancy Westerberg
Sept. 22.....	Matt Welp, Denise Holst
Sept. 29.....	Joan Hansen, Laura Winter

Song Leaders

Sept. 1.....	Jaci Thorson, Scott Bertelsen
Sept. 8.....	Zech Anderson, Scott Bertelsen, Sarah Leichsenring
Sept. 15.....	Mark & Joy Newcom
Sept. 22.....	Zech Anderson, Sarah Leichsenring, Steve Olmstead
Sept. 29.....	Renae Hopp, Olivia Banta, Cindi Lehmann

Offering Counters

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

Laundry

Carolynn Korth

Sound/Video Techs

Karl Wooldridge/Ken Ferjak

TAKE NOTE ~ If you want to share Altar Flowers...

Please note that our process has changed, if you are interested in having altar flowers for a celebration or remembering loved ones, we ask you to order, pay, and deliver (or have delivered) what you want to have for flowers. And then contact the church office so we may continue to acknowledge this gift.

Seeking additional volunteers for Altar Guild

This small group of members provide the behind-the-scenes tasks of tending to the altar-area candles, baptism font, paraments, and Sunday morning worship candle lighting. Commitments would be about once a month or less with additional volunteers. To inquire for more information or to volunteer, talk to coordinator Kathy Leuwerke (leuwerke@wctatel.net) or Jaci in the office (585-3152, jaci@immanuelfamily.com). Thanks for considering!

FALL ELDERVERSITY (for kids 55+)

Sept. 8-10 @ Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

Theme: "Faith Stories", speaker: Pastor Dennis Hanson

Cost is \$109. It's a three-day camp experience

For more information call 800-656-2654 or email

registrar@okoboji.org

Local prizes as our way



Parish Life Board members and others served a walking tacos meal to Waldorf students and faculty at the Block Party on August 20. It was a fun evening of food, games, music, and drawings for local prizes is our way of welcoming students kicking off a new year. Thanks to those of you who baked cookies for the party!



WOMEN'S DAY AWAY

Oct. 12 @ Ingham Lake Bible Camp

Theme: "Leaning into God's Perspective", speaker Allie Tiller

Cost is \$49 for the day away

For more information go to www.okoboji.org/womens-retreat or call 800-OKOBOJI

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15am- Worship, communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH	2 CHURCH CLOSED – LABOR DAY	3 3:30pm - Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom 4:30pm- Parish Life, Lounge	4 5-6:25pm - RALLY WEDNESDAY 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:25pm - MS ministry, Shalom 6:30pm- Worship begins 7:15pm- 9 th Confirmation w/parents, Choir 7:30pm- HS Youth Group	5 9am -Women’s Bible Study, Lounge	6 4pm – Ordination Service of Elizabeth Carr, meal follows	7
8 GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS. 9:15am- Worship 10:15am- Potluck Brunch, FH / Promiseland	9 5pm- Trustees, Shalom 6:30pm- Council, Shalom	10 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom 4:30pm- Ed Board, Kitchenette	11 4:15-6:15pm- Meal, FH 4:45pm- M&O, Zoom 5:25pm - Promiseland/MS Ministry orientation w/parents 6:30pm- Worship 7:15pm- 9 th Confirmation, Choir 7:30pm- HS Youth Group	12 9am -Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	13	14
15 9:15am- Worship, communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH / Promiseland WIS Fall Convo @ Lutheran Lakeside	16 2-4pm- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom WIS Fall Convo @ Lutheran Lakeside	17 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom WIS Fall Convo @ Lutheran Lakeside	18 4:15-6:15pm- Meal, FH 5:25pm - Promiseland/MS Ministry 6:30pm- Worship 7:15pm- 9 th Confirmation, Choir 7:30pm- HS Youth	19 9am -Women’s Bible Study, lounge 10am – Martha Circle, Shalom 10:30am- Good Sam Comm service 1:30pm- Rachel/Sarah, Lounge	20 OCT MESSENGER DEADLINE	21
22 9:15am- Worship, communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH / Promiseland Middle School Bonfire Event	23	24 1pm- LWR Quilting Do Day, FH	25 4:15-6:15pm- Meal, FH 5:25pm - Promiseland/MS Ministry 6:30pm- Worship, 2 nd gr Bibles, Kids singing 7:15pm- 9 th Confirmation, Choir 7:30pm- HS Youth	26 9am -Women’s Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	27	28
29 9:15am- Worship, communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH / Promiseland	30	1	2	3	4	5



Welcome back to our families that have known the convenience of dining with us on Wednesdays! We serve up free, community church-cooked meals 4:15-6:15 each week. Join us and enjoy a night away from your kitchen. Volunteers are always welcome in the church kitchen. Just inquire with me or in the office of your interest.
Kathy McEnelly, Cook

Sept Menu:

- Sept. 4 RALLY NIGHT: Maidrites, cheesy hashbrowns, corn, frosted brownies
Thanks to Amy Thorson for this Thrivent Grant Meal
- Sept. 11 Grilled hot dogs / hot dog bar, macaroni & cheese, cole slaw, Krispie bars w/M&M’s
- Sept. 18 Chicken & noodles, squash, grapes & cantaloupe, German chocolate cake or strawberry cake
- Sept. 25 Chili and potato/ham soup, chicken salad/egg salad/ham salad sandwiches, lettuce salad, apple pie or cherry crisp

Worship on the Radio

Sunday morning worship is an important ministry to many. Check out the dates available and reserve a Sunday to finish out the year. Cost is \$100. Broadcast is aired over KLOW 107.3FM at 11:00am each Sunday—from your radio or world-wide web. Call or email the church office to reserve a date (585-3152, jaci@immanuelfamily.com).

Available dates:

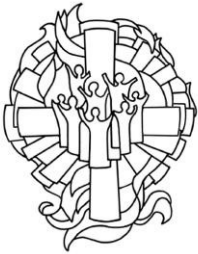
- Sept. 1, 8, 15, 29
- Oct. 6, 20, 27
- Nov. 3, 24
- Dec. 1, 22, 24, 29

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

Blessings & Prayers

Prayers

- Family and friends in the loss of Doris Borchardt of Urbandale, formerly of Forest City
- Family and friends in the loss of Joyce Hanson of Minneapolis, MN, formerly of Forest City
- Erin & Jared Cross family & friends in the loss of grandpa Ron Jacobs of Thompson
- Suzie Falck-Yi, Stuart Yi, family and friends in the loss of mom/grandma, Barb Falck of Lake Geneva, WI
- Kevin Thorsheim, Jenna, Kristofer, Felipe, family and friends, in the loss of wife/mom Maria Thorsheim of Forest City



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