

THE MESSENGER

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

'2nd Sunday' Potluck Brunch October 13

Join us for the '2nd Sunday of the month' potluck brunch after 9:15 worship on October 13. Education Board is hosting this month.



Leave your potluck food in the kitchen before worship to be taken care of.

Even if you forget, or aren't able to bring a dish to share, join us for the meal together!

AND, find the can/bottle trailer parked out front by the alley that Oct. 13th weekend for your donations of redeemable bottles and cans. Thanks!



Sunday morning, October 20
Freewill \$\$ for items will be for
Immanuel's commitment to

ELCA Missionary Karen Anderson in Chile
Hosted by Mission & Outreach

(If you feel like baking, just bring the goodies on Sunday)



Celebrating Confirmation
and the Reformation on
Sunday, Oct. 27 @ 9:15
worship



LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

LWR PACKING DAY Oct. 11, 8:30am

Packing Day happens twice a year – May & October. This is when we have many busy hands pack all the Do Day quilts, backpack school kits, personal care kits, and blankets to get delivered to a distribution location before the items are sent across the world for those in need.

Anyone is welcome to join in on Friday, Oct. 11, 8:30am, in the fellowship hall. In a short time, all the boxes are filled, weighed, labeled, and hauled out.

Thank you for sharing your love with our 'neighbors' in need and letting them know they are loved and not alone!

WORLD FOOD DAY

Celebrating 50 Years of ELCA World Hunger



scan to learn more!



Join ELCA World Hunger for a
celebration of World Food Day and the
50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger!

Hosts: Imran Siddiqui, Vice president of the ELCA
Rev. Amy Current, Bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod



Waldorf University Choir
Singing

@ Immanuel Oct. 6,
9:15am

It's a pleasure to host members of the Waldorf vocal choirs and director Dr. Emilie Bertram as they will bless us with several selections throughout the morning 9:15 worship service. And also a treat to have alumni worshipping with us.



ELCA.org/WH50

Letter from Pastor

Enthusiasm

Colossians 3:23 Whatever you are doing, work at it with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not for people, because you know that you will receive your inheritance from the Lord as the reward.

It seems that the whole world has gone bonkers for football. Flag, high school, college, and professional, it doesn't matter, the world is bonkers for football. People have loved football for generations, but in this moment of history, the hype seems to have risen, and the enthusiasm has reached a fevered pitch.



In Colossians 3, the Apostle Paul encourages the church community to be enthusiastic in all they do, as if they are doing it for the Lord and not for people. Our reward for living and enthusiastic life for God is our inheritance from the Lord.

The word enthusiasm is a compound word in Greek: "ev theos," meaning "God within." To be enthusiastic means that one is filled with God, with the Spirit of the living God. With this meaning in mind, it's apparent that enthusiasm in the church may look very different than the enthusiasm people have for their favorite football team.

In the church, enthusiasm will likely look like people showing up to worship, sharing their God-given gifts in service to the church, and in service to community and the world to make the world a better, more loving place. It will look like people coming together to discern God's will and to enact that will, caring for children and the elderly; building community that values all life; working to embrace forgiveness, to love our enemies, and praying for those who hate us.

There will likely not be much fanfare, and rah, rah! There will likely not be news coverage of media hype. What there will be is great joy, much hope, much generosity, much love, much care, and empathy, and a whole lot of grace.

Go ahead and cheer on your favorite team. Give them your enthusiasm, but let's not let our enthusiasm for things of this world deter us from our enthusiasm for God and for God's mission. The world needs an enthusiastic church; an enthusiastic church committed to God's work, and God's ways; an enthusiastic church that shows up, that cares, heals, blesses, and proclaims God's grace in Jesus Christ.

God is faithful to pour out God's Spirit upon Christ's church. In response to God's faithfulness, let us, the body of Christ, be faithful in living out our enthusiasm to God.

Filled with the Spirit together,

Pastor Rod

Immanuel Kids

CELL PHONE USAGE

"Hello, this is Pastor Rod. Hi. How are you? Yes, I would be happy to stop by and pray with you. Does this afternoon at 4:00 work for you? Great, I'll see you then."

Text Message: Hi, Pastor Rod here. Would you be available for a visit next Monday at 10:30? Great, I'll see you then. Peace

Cell phones can do a lot to help us connect with people and can help us organize our lives, and cell phones can also do a lot of harm to our lives. Don't get me wrong, kids are no worse offenders of cell phone usage than adults. However, I am concerned about cell phone usage among kids.

It's not the good things about cell phones that concern me, but the distracting thing. Cell phones steal our attention from other things. YouTube videos or surfing websites, or other time-sucking habits can steal time away from Christian values like daily prayer and Bible reading. They can also steal time from daily schoolwork and learning.

My encouragement for you as young cell phone users is this: don't let it steal your time from God and from developing your skills and education that will affect your future. Instead, use your cell phone for the best things – to connect with family and friends, as a device on which you read your Bible (ESV.org), or read a daily devotion (luthersem.edu/godpause/). Be a good steward of the gift of your cell phone and use it in ways that bring glory to God.

Crossed in Christ,

Pastor Rod

Call Committee Update

The joint call committee made up of members of Immanuel and the Waldorf community is working hard to interview candidates and discern God's will for this position. By the time you read this we will have interviewed two candidates, but what comes of those interviews I can't yet say as the process continues to unfold.

As you know, the job description for this position is two-thirds time leading campus ministry at Waldorf, and one-third time leading middle school and high school ministry at Immanuel. The ideal candidate needs a gift set that allows them to succeed on both fronts.

The call committee invites your prayers to cover our work and our discernment as we move forward. We will keep you informed to the best of our ability. It's our hope that this position will be filled soon, but there is no guarantee of that. This is one time when we as the people of God must say, "we wait upon the Lord."

Connections Through Food Grant Update

Angie Thompson, Kim Severson

Our Connections Through Food Grant teams have been meeting periodically to work on our goals of providing fresher food choices during Wednesday Night Meals, providing outreach in the community, as well as making community resources available to those who attend Wednesday Night Meals. We are still in the beginning stages of doing all these tasks.

We recently met to create our Mission Statement, which is "To provide community connections through healthy foods." If you have recently visited the Immanuel website, immanuelfamily.com, under the "resources" tab, you can find the Connections Through Food web page which has our weekly menu. A logo is currently being worked on along with the gathering of community resources that we hope to share very soon.

In the kitchen, fresher food choices have been used in the meals such as fruits and vegetables that are in season. When the produce is not available, frozen options are substituted. Occasionally, the menus are adjusted due to the availability of fresh produce that is provided by the Food Bank of Iowa. We are working on forming partnerships with local growers in order to better provide fresh food options.

Our committee is also working on additional grants in order to obtain funding to replace the older ovens in the kitchen to better serve those attending Wednesday Night Meals. By doing so, we will be more efficient in food production.

Thank you to all who have helped to support Wednesday Night Meals, either by helping to serve, prepare, dining, or contributing! You are all appreciated!



Faithful Wednesday kitchen crew – Phyllis, Kathy, Jan, Carol, Tina

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your prayers & support. I'm so incredibly thankful for the EMS, First Responders, nurses & physicians who helped heal me, and for modern prosthetics that allow me to work again. Nothing is stronger than a positive attitude, in part thanks to you all.

Isaac Schneider



Thank you to bread baker Becky Stumme for her faithfulness providing our gluten-free communion bread we use each week serving Holy Communion.



Promiseland

Elizabeth Bohl

Promiseland has started and we are so excited to be back! We have 90 students among 8 classrooms learning and growing with God! The energy they bring is full of excitement, love, and care for others around them. It is so exciting to be able to listen to 3-year-olds all the way to 10-year-olds talk about living and loving like Jesus. They all know Jesus loves us BIG!

If you would be willing to be a substitute if one of our wonderful volunteer teachers is unable to come on a Wednesday, please let Elizabeth Bohl know!

You can add Sunday, December 15 to your calendar for the children's Christmas Program during the 9:15 worship service!

Come to me all who are weary



These words ring true, especially as we get into October. The seasons change, school is over a month in, Confirmation is near, and another election is approaching fast. And that's not even talking about the endless news stories, the unexpected death that hit closer to home last month, and the uncertainty of what's up ahead. It can feel as if we are traveling on a weary road, and the pace has moved from fast, to dragging our feet.

These ideas are also on my mind today after this year's Pastoral Gathering this past weekend.

The speaker said there wasn't a theme per say, but instead it was less about a conference and more about a retreat. A line he shared with us that still rings with me is this, we are caring mountains that we were only supposed to climb. That's a powerful image, carrying tall mountains in the Rockies, maybe Mount Everest, and I suppose you could even say carrying one of the needles in the Black Hills. If we did carry a mountain, it would be exhausting. And some of those things I listed above could feel like a mountain. We carry so much as humans that we forget to rest or even to ask for help. And this can lead to us feeling as if the mountain we carry has become a mountain range. We need to slow down, and find a retreat, a time to rest and renew. I love the phrase Jesus shares with us, "Come to me all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

A great gift that was given to us at the conference I wish to give to you too. Instead of me writing a whole lot more, I want you to take a moment to retreat. Give those mountains to Jesus, and find a time to reconnect with someone, rest, renew anyway you think you may need. On the retreat I was able to watch a herd of buffalo for a while and talk to God, and after I did feel a sense of renewal. Who knows how you'll feel after a little retreat, but I pray you invite God into it. We could all use a retreat in this busy and weary world to gain strength through Christ to head back out into it, renewed in Christ.

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

Pastor Zech Anderson

Board notes

Mission & Outreach

Keith Walker

The Mission & Outreach Board met via Zoom on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 4:45pm. We had 5 members present. Keith read a devotional. The Board hosted the September Potluck Brunch and took a freewill offering towards the commitment to Missionary Karen and received \$215. August-October quarterly mission emphasis is Missionary Karen. To date, \$1,604.75 is still needed of our yearly \$5,000 commitment. Noisy offerings during worship for Karen will be held on Sunday, Oct. 13 and Wednesday, Oct. 23. Another fundraiser for Karen will be on October 20 when the Board serves the coffee fellowship and planning a BAKE SALE that morning. ANYONE is welcome to provide baked items that morning. All will be a free will donation. Upcoming mission emphasis: November – Good Samaritan Fund, December – Forest City Student Lunch Fund. The Board is interested and in need of more serving on Mission & Outreach. Please consider and let us know (Jaci in the office is a member of M&O).

Trustees

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met September 9, 2024 at the church. August Income was \$51,388.01 and expenses were \$52,838.13 with a negative (\$1,450.12) for the month of August. YTD is a negative (\$43,175.70) compared to a negative (\$29,920.50) for 2023.

Endowment: No Requests

Property Committee: Tim Severson is working on the men's restroom in the Sunday school wing. Kruger Electric added outlets in 4 classrooms used by 4 Oaks for \$2,950. Tim is repairing accordion door in the fellowship hall. Switching to industrial rolls of TP.

Personnel Committee: Meeting later this month.

New Business: Synod grant was denied so looking for \$800 in grants for backpacks for Four Oaks. Looking for new members for Board of Trustees. Daryl and Laura will go off. One new council member will be added. Proposed extending the term to Jen Jenkins for one more year as council treasurer but would need to be presented at annual meeting as an exception to the constitution terms.

Old Business: Four Oaks update: classes resumed. Looking for a 12 ft long whiteboard. Tim is fixing a broken door window by a student at their cost.

Parish Council

Danielle Niess

Sept. 9 Council Members Present

Lisa Chisholm, Linda Ferjak, Jen Jenkins, Kathy McEnelly, Danielle Niess, Keith Walker, Laura Winter, Steve Westerberg, Carter Benson, Pastor Zech Anderson, Pastor Rod Hopp. Absent: Ben Arentson, Matt Welp. Devotions were shared by Carter Benson.

Old Business

Clarification made on last month's minutes. The custodian will handle the short sidewalks and entrances. Meanwhile, the clearing of parking areas and longer sidewalks will be open for bidding. The group did a get-to-know-you where we were asked if we would rather be on vacation on the beach, in the mountains (no electronics) or in a luxury hotel in New York. The council signed a card for Bev Retland thanking her for the beautiful shall she made for Pastor Elizabeth. Kathy received an 8-page document to utilize for Pastor Rod's review. Rod and Kathy will get together to discuss how to shorten down the performance review.

New Business

The candidate for the shared Pastor position is scheduled to visit Immanuel and Waldorf, as well as explore Forest City soon. This visit will provide an opportunity for the candidate to become acquainted with the community, the congregations, and the local area. Pastor Rod will be sending out an email to the Church council on when we will be able to meet and have some time to get to know her. Additionally, the committee has received an additional profile for consideration.

Jen J, who may be granted an extension to remain in their position of Treasurer for an additional year, the departure of four members from council has led to this suggestion. This extension requires approval from the congregation.

Pastor Rod played 2 songs. 1) Come to the Table, then Council shared what they enjoyed. 2) Bigger Table, followed by discussion on how he called everyone to the table.

Parish Nurse position- Pastor Rod received a job description from a local church and spoke with Cindy at the YMCA. The YMCA has been working on Dementia and health education and exercise. Allison at Public Health will be speaking with her boss. This position will need to be taken to the Personnel board first and then to the board of Trustees.

Church council is exploring/seeking information about what is Reconciling in Christ.

Pastor Rod and Kathy met with Bobbie Snitzer regarding training on Active shooter training. When to do it? Who should be involved? Length of training? Suggestions- Ushers, staff, council, Promiseland, confirmation volunteers, strongly encourage except staff will be required.

Do we need a property evaluation and Safety issues?

Upcoming Events

Next Council Meeting is October 14. The Monthly brunch is October 13 sponsored by the Board of Education. Closing Prayer offered by Carter. Meeting Adjourned by Kathy at 8:23pm.

Parish Life

Karen Keller

The Board of Parish Life met on September 3, 2024. Members present were Pastor Zech Anderson, Tina Berg, Lisa Chisholm, Linda Ferjak and Sandy Lillquist.

The Waldorf Block Party went well! Thank you to all who donated cookies for this event. The Waldorf students were so polite and appreciative! This same schedule will be followed next August when we plan the next Block Party.

Potluck Brunches will resume Sunday, September 8. Parish Life will host on January 12.

Waldorf Homecoming Worship at Immanuel is Sunday, October 6.

The Waldorf Choir will be featured at the worship service. Pastor Zech suggested our Board could acknowledge the Waldorf Choir, students, staff and alumni attending the service. Sandy will contact A&W for ice cream tokens to insert in cards that will be distributed to them following the worship service. We will get the cards ready at our October meeting which will be Tuesday, October 1.

Education

Elizabeth Bohl

The Board of Education met Sept. 10th and discussed the potluck coming up in October and the beginning of Promiseland. We are moving meetings from the second Tuesday of the month to the second Monday of the month.



Library News Oct 2024

Promiseland News

The Library encourages our students in 'Growing with God' by using the Library to read about Jesus' love for them. One way we do this is with the Reading Contest held each year. This year each class will be working toward their class' reading goals by students checking out and returning books & DVDs. Please help your students by bringing them to the Church Library. Who knows, you may find a book or DVD for yourself too while you are there.

Fall into Reading

King's Ransom

By Jan Beazely and Thom Lemmons

Based on a True Story

Set during the darkest days of World War II, *King's Ransom* tells the heroic story of Tsar Boris III, King of Bulgaria, and his extraordinary efforts to save his country's Jewish population from Hitler's concentration camps. Aware of the price he might pay for his risks, Boris faced the Third Reich with

courage and resolve, firm in his Christian convictions that would not permit him to abandon nearly 50,000 Jews. Boris, along with members of the Orthodox Church, Jewish religious leaders, and others, ultimately ensured that no Bulgarian Jews lost their lives to Hitler's regime.

Historically accurate, Boris's quest to save Bulgaria's Jews is interwoven with the love story of Daria, the Jewish attendant to the Bulgarian royal family, and Dobri, a sergeant in the king's guard. With courageous characters and passionate storytelling, *King's Ransom* reveals how individuals acting on faith can change the course of history.

(All descriptions are taken from Amazon.com)



MAX: Best Friend, Hero, Marine

By Jennifer Li Shotz



When Justin's older brother, Kyle, is killed in Afghanistan, Justin cannot believe that his brother is really gone. Except there is one thing that Kyle left behind.... Max is a highly trained military canine who has always protected his fellow soldiers. But when he loses his handler and best friend, Kyle, Max is traumatized and unable

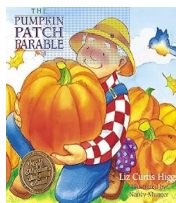
to remain in the service.

He is sent home to America, where the only human he connects with is Justin, and he is soon adopted by Kyle's family, essentially saving his life. At first Justin has no interest in taking care of his late brother's troubled dog. However, the two learn to trust each other, which helps the four-legged veteran become his heroic self once more.

As the pair start to unravel the mystery of what really happened to Kyle, they find more excitement—and danger—than they bargained for. But they might also find an unlikely new best friend in each other.

The Pumpkin Patch Parable

By Liz Curtis Higgs



Share God's love and redemption with this beautiful fall story about a farmer who turns a simple pumpkin into a bright light that brings joy. This parable tale by bestselling author Liz Curtis Higgs will help your children understand how God makes us into new creations and calls us

to share His light with all.

During this season of renewal, children will love this read-aloud book about harvest, jack-o'-lanterns, and God's belief in us. Cuddle close with little ones as they explore God's great gifts of autumn blessings and hope in this illustrated book that won the Gold Medallion Award for Best Christian Book of the Year.



Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY August 2024

	August Actual 2024	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 66.67%	August Actual 2023	YTD Actual 2023
Income							
Regular Offerings & Envelopes	39,526.27	41,169.33	274,156.87	494,032.00	55.49%	34,415.22	281,022.86
Other Income	11,861.74	12,227.33	89,010.97	146,728.00	60.66%	12,191.99	67,234.95
Total Income	51,388.01	53,396.67	363,167.84	640,760.00	56.68%	46,607.21	348,257.81

Expense							
Staff Support	30,881.95	31,983.83	250,384.40	383,806.00	65.24%	32,045.42	254,978.04
Administration	13,278.12	12,887.83	92,159.52	154,654.00	59.59%	15,287.33	84,740.80
Ministry Areas	8,678.06	8,525.00	63,799.62	102,300.00	62.37%	5,961.99	48,459.47
Loan re-payment/contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	(10,000.00)
Total Expenses	52,838.13	53,396.67	406,343.54	640,760.00	63.42%	53,294.74	378,178.31

Income Less Expense	(\$1,450.12)	\$0.00	(\$43,175.70)	0.00	(\$6,687.53)	(\$29,920.50)
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Volunteer

October 2024

Assisting Ministers

Oct. 6.....TBD
 Oct. 13.....Patti Strukel
 Oct. 20.....Ken Korth
 Oct. 27.....Cindi Lehmann

Scripture Readers

Oct. 6.....Ray Beebe
 Oct. 13.....Joy Newcom
 Oct. 20.....Scott Bertelsen
 Oct. 27.....Sam Hernes

Altar Care

Oct. 6.....Kathy Leuwerke
 Oct. 13.....Marla Betz
 Oct. 20.....Mary Lund
 Oct. 27.....Jean Yeager

Ushers

Jim Lund, Gary McCarthy, Tina Berg

Communion Servers

Oct. 6.....Bink Keller, Kelli Welp
 Oct. 13.....Sarah Leichsenring, Michael Bohl
 Oct. 20.....Leah Boyd, Harlan Rodberg
 Oct. 27.....Carolynn Korth, Sandy Lillquist

Song Leaders

Oct. 6.....Steve Olmstead, Scott Bertelsen, Cindi Lehmann
 Oct. 13.....Scott Bertelsen, Renae Hopp, Jaci Thorson
 Oct. 20.....Mark & Joy Newcom, Steve Olmstead
 Oct. 27.....Zech Anderson, Sarah Leichsenring, Olivia Banta

Offering Counters

Joyce Goranson, Sandy Lillquist, Melanie Westerberg, Ellen Olson, Jan Buffington

Laundry

Mary Rodberg

Sound/Video Techs

TBD
 TECH CREW: Searching for anyone interested in learning/being a part of the Tech Crew-Wednesdays & Sundays. Training provided. Talk to Geno Lopes or leave your name in the office of your interest.

Waldorf University Showcase Homecoming Concert @ Boman Fine Arts Center Oct. 5, 7pm

Featuring Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Wind Symphony, Schola Cantorum and the Waldorf University Choir! It will be an evening of beautiful music for you to remember!

Homecoming Pass ticket available in advance, or pay \$5 per person at the door.

Check out waldorf.edu/homecoming for a complete list of Homecoming activities Oct. 4-6.

WALDORF 'NEEDS' FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you have any of these items you would like to donate to the students, bring to the church office. Please bring items soon as they are preparing already for the winter and Thanksgiving-Christmas break. Thank you!

- Twin bedding and throw blankets
- Fans to move the heat around in the older buildings
- Pots, pans, and baking sheets/pizza pans
- Kitchen items appropriate for a dorm (microwavable items)
- Non-perishable food like soup, ramen, PB, etc.
- Winter coats and gear (clean and a style college students would wear)

ORDINATION OF PASTOR ELIZABETH CARR – Sept. 6



Two bishops and many pastors came together to participate and celebrate in the Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament of Elizabeth Carr

Pastor Elizabeth's interning with Pastors Rod and Zech began back in December of 2022. We were blessed to have her at Immanuel while watching her grow in ministry.

She is now serving a call with the St. John's Lutheran Parish in Lancaster and Bendena, Kansas while living in Atchison, Kansas



OCTOBER 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 3:30pm - Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom 4:30pm- Parish Life, Lounge	2 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:25pm - MS ministry / Promiseland 6:30pm- Worship, communion 7:15pm- 9 th Confirmation, Choir 7:30pm- HS Youth Group	3 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge	4 Waldorf Homecoming	5 Waldorf Homecoming
6 9:15am- Worship, Waldorf Choir 10:15am- Coffee, FH	7 2:30pm- Forest Plaza Communion Service w/pastor 5pm- Trustees, Shalom	8 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom	9 4-6pm- Meal, FH 4:45pm- M&O, Zoom 5:25pm - Promiseland/MS Ministry 6:30pm- Worship 7:15pm- 9 th Confirmation, Choir 7:30pm- HS Youth	10 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	11 8:30am -LWR Packing Day, FH	12
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20 9:15am- Worship 10:15am- Coffee / BAKE SALE for Karen / Promiseland	21 2-4pm- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom	22 1pm- LWR Quilting Do Day, FH 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group, zoom	23 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:25pm - Promiseland/MS Ministry 6:30pm- Worship, communion, kids sing, noisy offering for missionary Karen 7:15pm- 9 th Confirmation, Choir 7:30pm- HS Youth	24 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	25	26
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Serving hours have changed to 4-6:00pm to accommodate our dinner guests better. And in our last month, meal numbers have doubled, even tripled from the summer months. Fun seeing all the families eating together. One of our goals has always been to always provide a little relief for one less meal to cook at home. Check out the Connections Through Food Grant article (pg 3) in this Messenger to

see where we want to continue to head with this important outreach program at Immanuel.

Kathy McEnelly, Cook

Oct Menu:

- Oct. 2 Pancakes, biscuits & gravy, little smokies/sausages, scrambled eggs, fruit
- Oct. 9 Goulash, dinner roll, carrots/green beans, strawberry or blueberry fluff
- Oct. 16 THRIVENT MEAL SPONSORED BY ALICE LEWELLEN
Baked potato bar, riblet or shredded pork, baked beans, creamy orange jello
- Oct. 23 Ham, mashed potatoes, corn casserole, chocolate cake/butter pecan cake
- Oct. 30 THRIVENT MEAL SPONSORED BY MINDY ANDERSON
Pork patty or brat on a bun, chips, applesauce, frosted cookies

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 KIOW 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:

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

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Blessings & Prayers

Baptism

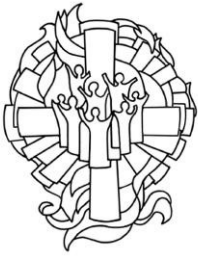
Sept. 22 Callahan Bruce Bohl, son of Michael & Elizabeth Bohl

Prayers

Hilary, Brinlynn, Elyse Zrostlik, family and friends, in the loss of husband/dad, Seth Zrostlik of Forest City

Lynn & Tasha Heckes and family in the loss of son-in-law, Matthew Menne of Swanville, MN

Nicole Ochoa and family in the loss of sister, Sharyl Anderson of Thompson



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST



MISSION STATEMENT

Building community in the
Name and likeness of
Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays – 9:15am
In Person & Livestream
Wednesdays – 6:30pm

Office Hours

M-F : 8am – 5pm

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