

Welcome to Worship at
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Building Strong Relationships in Christ,
And Making Him Known to All

January 14, 2018



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Church Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday—9 A.M.-12 P.M., 1-3 P.M.
Fri—9 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Ministers – All Members
Kurt Jensen, Pastor
Tom Hunt, Visitation Pastor

Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 14, 2018

We Prepare to Worship God

Prelude

Opening Hymn “Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy” No. 677

Opening Prayer

Time for Greeting

Announcements & Welcoming New Disciples

Stewardship Thoughts John Rathmacher

Young Disciples “Smile”

Children’s Message Kelsey Grulke

We Hear God's Word

Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, “Here I am.” ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

“My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times,
“Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Gospel: John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip,
he said to him, “Follow me.”

⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one
Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also
wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael
asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here
truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree
before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you
are the king of Israel.”

⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the
fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” ⁵¹ He then added,
“Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of
God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

We Confess Our Faith

Apostles' Creed (on screen)

We Respond to God's Blessings

Offering

Offertory “We Are An Offering” No. 678

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed in Song, Word and Deed

Senior Choir Anthem “Yours Is the Kingdom” Cindy Berry

Sermon Carl Grulke

Hymn “I Love to Tell the Story” No. 444

We Receive God's Promise to Go with us into Daily Life

Prayers of Praise and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Here I Am, Lord”

No. 589

Postlude

Prayer Team Available in Chapel

Welcome to visitors! Welcome to worship, fellowship and
Christian education. May the Holy Spirit touch your life during your
time here today.

Attendance last Sunday: 187

Thank you to today's Ministry Volunteers:

Organist: Emily Anderson **Sound Engineer:** Trent Whipple

Senior Choir Director: Susan Amensen

Ushers: Merlin & Clara Wendt, John & Patty Rathmacher, Chris
and Adam McIlrath

Greeters: Chad Reifschneider Family

Reader: Denny Bauman **Candlelighter:** Dylan Gray

Please join us in giving a warm welcome our new members:

Jonathan and Kaylin Contag, Julie Oelschlager, and Dick and
Arlene Willis. We're glad to have you as new partners in ministry!

Please join our prayer team each Sunday before and after
worship (8:00/10:30 A.M.) to pray for worship and other prayer
requests. We meet in the classroom #5 next to the chapel.

8:30 A.M. Sunday Adult Education: Gospel of John Bible Study
(Chapel). Bring your Bibles! “*Learning from the Hymns*” Adult
Education will resume February 18.

My Bible Faith Stepping Stone for 2nd & 3rd graders and their
parents will be held in the Social Hall starting at 8:20 A.M. on
Sunday mornings through February 11.

Today we welcome Carl & Kelsey Grulke, our new missionaries
with Lutheran Bible Translators. They will be sharing during our
worship and fellowship hour to talk about their family and their
plans to move to Botswana in April to translate the New Testament
into the native language. Carl & Kelsey have 5 young children and
will likely be in Botswana for 10-12 years to complete the
translation. To learn more about the Grulkes and Lutheran Bible
Translators, visit their websites: www.thegrulkes.org, and
www.lbt.org.

Annual Report: Please have all of your information to the church office by TOMORROW so that we can put together the agenda for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 21.



Immanuel has received the following memorials:

Betty Wicks Muckle, Lorraine Jacobson, Allan N. Jacobson, Phyllis Oakland, Lillian Tegels, Paul Duea, Don Paulson, Inez Duft

Total Memorials: \$2,059.00. Thank you to all the families and friends who have honored their loved ones with their generosity!

February Newsletter Articles and Announcements are due to the church office by Monday, January 22 at noon. **Note:** Late submissions are not guaranteed publication.

Don't forget to check out the periodicals, newsletters, and "Our Daily Bread" devotionals in the narthex!

Women's Monthly Bible Study will continue on Tuesday, January 16 at 2 P.M. in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship and study.

All men are invited to join Men of Immanuel each Saturday morning at 8 A.M. for a time of fellowship and Bible Study. Coffee and donuts are provided!

Need a ride to church? Don't let lack of transportation stop you from joining us for worship at Immanuel! Call the church office by Friday morning if you need a ride to and/or from worship on Sunday—we'll provide the ride! *We will try to honor last minute requests.*

If you have an emergency need for a pastor outside of office hours, please call the church office (733.4972). There is an emergency number you can call listed on the answering machine.

Have something to share with the congregation? Share your announcements or prayer requests with the congregation via E-mail or weekly Sunday bulletins. *Announcements for both e-mail & Sunday bulletins are due by noon on Thursdays.*

The Annual Meeting of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church is set for **Sunday, January 21** following the 9:30 A.M. worship service. Items on the agenda will include:

1. Ministry highlights from the past year
2. Our Missions commitment for 2018
3. Update on the Endowment Fund
4. The election of new council and committee members and delegates
5. Transition Team and Council Recommendation on Staffing

All confirmed, active members are encouraged to attend and vote!

Following the meeting, we will share a potluck meal in the Social Hall; everyone is invited to bring a soup, side, or dessert to share.

Ballot for Annual Meeting - Nominating Committee Report

Church Officers:

President: *Steve Olson*
Vice President: *Frank Baedke*
Secretary: *Brad Skaar*
Treasurer: *Dennis Bauman*

Board of Education:

Lisa McIlrath (2018-20)
Ashlee Mullenbach (2018-20)
(Jeff Baker 2015-18)
(Sue Uthe 2017-19)
(Jessica Reinert 2017-19)

Deacons:

Shirley Frette (2018-20)
Mary Ruppel (2018-20)
(Al Hermanson 2016-18)
(John Nordeen 2016-18)
(John Rathmacher 2017-19)

Trustees:

Edgar Christian (2018-20)
(Tyler Oberender 2017-18)
(Craig Sargent 2017-18)
(Al Gelner 2017-19)
(Jeff Loots 2017-19)

Endowment Committee:

-nominated by Council-
Joel Gabrielson (2018-20)
(Dennis Bauman 2016-18)
(Mike Billings 2016-18)
(Brad Waline 2017-19)
(Linda Narigon 2017-19)

2018 Nominating Committee:

Jayne Christian
Marian Olive
Amy Rathmacher
Merlin Wendt
Lars Skaar

Delegates—LCMC National Gathering: Pastor Kurt Jensen, Patty Rathmacher; **Riverside Bible Camp:** Kim Sporleder, Laurie Thompson, Miriam Skartvedt; **Bethany Manor:** Edgar Christian, Clayton Gabrielson, Gloria Oberender, Sue Uthe, Mike Valen; **Waldorf College Representative:** Ole Skaar

Submitted by the 2017 Nominating Committee: Stefanie Charlson, Mary Danielson, Ronette Schlatter, Ole Skaar, Ben Winecoff

Upcoming Immanuel Youth events!

We are excited to invite you to participate in several upcoming youth activities. If you are interested in participating in any of these, please email or call the church office at immanuel@iowatelecom.net or [515-733-4972](tel:515-733-4972).

Winter Jam

January 26, 2018 at Wells Fargo Arena

\$15 at the door; Doors open at 6 p.m.; Main show at 7 p.m.

Interested in going? Contact Rod Bunn at rbunn@gmail.com or [515-290-1150](tel:515-290-1150)

Summer 2018 Youth Events

Riverside Bible Camp's High School week is July 22-27.

They have a great week planned; check it out at www.riversidelbc.org/youth-camp (click on Sr High).

Called 2 Follow, the LCMC National Youth Event, will be in Des Moines this summer!

<http://www.lcmc.net/youth-gathering>

July 17-20, 2018, Grand View University, Des Moines.

Questions? Want to volunteer to help with any of these events or other youth opportunities? Contact us:

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January 14-January 21, 2018

Worship & Study Opportunities at Immanuel

Sunday, January 14

- 8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast
- 8:00 A.M. Prayer Time
- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast Club
- 8:20 A.M. My Bible FSS (Social Hall)
- 8:30 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Education
- 9:30 A.M. Worship
- 10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)

Tuesday, January 16

- 9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 2:00 P.M. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 17

- 6:30 P.M. Pizza for Trinity & Confirmation Students
- 6:45 P.M. Trinity & Confirmation Classes
- 7:15 P.M. Senior Choir

Thursday, January 18

- 9:30 A.M. RS Ministerial at St. Petri

Friday, January 19

- 10:00 A.M. Folding Bulletins

Saturday, January 20

- 8:00 A.M. Men of Immanuel

Sunday, January 21—Annual Meeting

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- 8:00 A.M. Prayer Time
- 8:20 A.M. My Bible FSS (Social Hall)
- 8:30 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Education
- 9:30 A.M. Worship
- 10:30 A.M. Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 A.M. Annual Meeting Potluck (Social Hall)