

THE IMMANUEL INFORMER

MISSION STATEMENT

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

July/August 2015



Immanuel Lutheran Church

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**A member of Lutheran Congregations in
Mission for Christ.**

Ministers - All Members

Senior Pastor - Stephen Anenson

Associate Pastor - Kurt Jensen

**Youth & Education Ministry Coordinator -
Zachary Bauknecht**

Office Administrator - Sheila Schaefer

Custodian - Shelly Nibe

Missionaries:

Tim & Paula Tjernagel, Spain

Pastor Randy Hansen, ISU

Gene & Ginger McClugage, Family Life

Kevin & Susana B, India

Doug & Amy Nunziato, Spain

Pastor Andy & Monica Coyle, Ukraine

Regular Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:30 A.M. - 12 noon, 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.

Friday

8:30 A.M. - 12 noon

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)



"Be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might....for our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."

(Ephesians 6:10a,12b)

Dear Friends,

You don't have to be a soldier to be in battle. We are reminded in the verses above that our battles in life are not against flesh and blood but against the spiritual forces of darkness. Satan is working hard to loosen the moral framework of our nation and causing terrorists to bring fear and confusion among the nations of the world. Violence and murders seem to be commonplace right here in our own country.

At times we feel so helpless when we see these forces display their evil deeds all around us. As Christians, we need to be reminded that we have gifts to use in the spiritual battles we face. These are more powerful than the equipment used on the battlefields of our world.

Pastor Kurt and I will be sharing a three part sermon series in July on the theme, "Living as People of Hope in Today's World." We will talk about the power of Prayer, the Armor of God, and letting God be our Protector. We pray that these thoughts from God's Word will give us all hope during the turbulent times in which we live. May God's power fill our lives with courage.

Pastor Anenson

June Pastoral Acts

Baptism

- Celia Jo Bass, daughter of Chad & Allison Bass - June 7

Wedding

- Tara Hamilton & Blair Posegate - June 20

*Please remember these families
in your prayers.*

Women's Bible Study

We will continue a new Bible Study for all women on Tuesday, July 21 at 2 P.M. in the Social Hall. We will be looking at Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount."

Materials are available on the welcome table or at the Bible Study. Cost is \$6.00. This will be a great opportunity for discussion and fellowship. We will have our August study on Tuesday, August 18.



Women's Bible Study

Open House Baby Shower

There will be an Open House Baby Shower for Trent & Tosha Whipple on Sunday, August 2 at 2 P.M. in the Immanuel Social Hall. Please consider this your invitation.



Ministry Volunteers

July Volunteers

Ushers: Jon Mehl, Al Hermanson, Edgar & Jaynee Christian

Greeters:

July 5	Mike & Sue Valen
July 12	Loren & Solvay Twedt
July 19	Marcus & Jennifer Seaton
July 26	Roger & Lois Oakland

Readers:

July 5	Shirley Frette
July 12	Loren Twedt
July 19	Jennifer Seaton
July 26	Roger Oakland

August Volunteers

Ushers: Cindy Blomberg, Cathy Braathun, John Rathmacher, Lily Rathmacher

Greeters:

August 2	Adam & Rachel Wilkinson
August 9	Clarion & Doradene Thompson
August 16	Jim & Gloria Oberender
August 23	Joel & Mary Danielson
August 30	Brad & Karen Waline

Readers:

August 2	Brad Skaar
August 9	Rhonda Ostrem
August 16	Gloria Oberender
August 23	Joel Danielson
August 30	Brad Waline

Financial Report - May				
Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Current & Mission Fund	30,915.87	29,951.03	33,031.40	27,835.50
Improvement Fund	49,163.58	3,650.00	732.35	52,081.23
Missionary Support Fund	-1,188.55	1,760.00	1,733.33	-1,161.88
Memorial Fund	11,813.34	31.15	1,283.75	10,560.74
Ministry Fund	5,439.17	0.00	74.72	5,364.45

(Our Current & Mission Fund is especially in need of your gifts at this time)

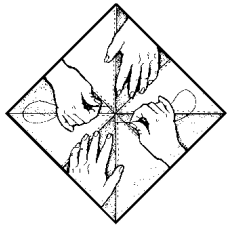


Special Birthdays

Congratulations!

Happy 100th Birthday! Congratulations to **Inez Duft** who will turn 100 on July 21. She lives at Southridge Nursing Center in Marshalltown.

Congratulations also to **Grayce Wierson** who will celebrate her 101st birthday on August 10. Grayce lives at Bethany Manor.



Immanuel Women's Ministry Quilt Tying Work Days

Immanuel Women's Ministry Quilt Tying Work Day will be held Thursdays, July 23 and August 13, beginning at 9 A.M. We will be

working to tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Beloit. Quilting will end at 12 noon. Come join us for a morning of fun, work, fellowship, good food, and service to others. If you would like to bring something to share for coffee break, you are invited to do so. We hope you can make it, whether it is for an hour or two or for the entire time. No experience needed.



Outdoor Worship Service

On Sunday, July 26, we will have an outdoor worship service on the lawn east of the chapel. Kenny Frette will lead the music. There will be a potluck lunch following the service. In case of rain, the service will be held in the sanctuary.



Seasoned Souls Iowa Cubs Baseball Game

The Seasoned Souls group will be attending an Iowa Cubs baseball game on Sunday, July 19. We will meet at the church at 11:15 to attend the game at 1:00. We will stop for supper on the way home. There is a sign-up posted on the bulletin board, but we will not purchase tickets until we get there. The cost for General Admission tickets is \$11. Hope you can join us! Any questions, please call Corine Nordeen at 733.4089 or Jaynee Christian at 733.2710.



Special Offering for World Hunger August 30

Each year in August Immanuel has a special offering to help fight world hunger. Our offering this year will take place Sunday, August 30. Also, please remember that the loose change each Sunday goes to fight World Hunger. Thanks to those of you who give to this fund all through the year.

All of our World Hunger offerings this year are going to "Meals from the Heartland." Please make your checks out to Immanuel with a notation for World Hunger Fund.

Public Mime Presentation at Riverside

The public is invited to come to the public mime presentation at Riverside Bible Camp on Thursday, July 2. Plan to arrive around 8 P.M. (Begins at 8:30 P.M.) The Riverside mime is Christ's life and resurrection acted out by the Riverside staff. It is an impacting event for youth and adults and should be seen by all.



Back to School Supply Drive

The Angel Gift program is once again sponsoring a school supply drive for Roland-Story students in need of these things.

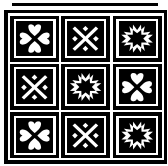
Supplies will be collected during July to be given to families at school registration in August.

A board will be in our narthex containing slips of paper listing needed school supplies. Members are encouraged to take a slip of your choice and purchase the indicated supplies. The supplies need to be returned to the church by **Monday, August 3**, so they can be handed out at school registration.

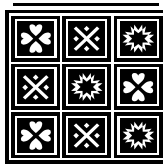
Upcoming Activities at Riverside Bible Camp

Check the bulletin board or check out the Riverside website (www.RiversideLBC.org) for more information on the following:

- Quilt Auction/5K Run/Walk - August 1
- Golf Classic - August 28
- Women's Retreat - September 19-20



Riverside Quilt Auction Saturday, August 1 at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp



8:30	5K Run/Walk
10:00 - 12:30	Quilt Previewing - in Chapel
10:00 - 12:15	Silent Auction Bidding (Baby quilts & small items)
10:30	Brief Outdoor Worship
11:30 - 12:30	Turkey BBQ Lunch - Free will offering
1:00	Quilt Auction

To view the quilts online
go to www.RiversideLBC.org

What is a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers are laypeople — Christian men and women — trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

Since 1975, more than 600,000 people from more than 11,000 congregations and other organizations have been trained as Stephen Ministers.

If you or someone you know could benefit from spending time with a Stephen Minister or if you would like to become one, contact Pastor Anenson, Pastor Kurt or Gayle Tate.



Immanuel members to deliver Home Delivered Meals during September

Immanuel has the privilege of delivering meals to Story City residents during the month of September as part of the Home Delivered Meals program. If you would like to sign up to deliver meals during September, please call (733.4972) or email (immanuel@iowatelecom.net) the church office with the dates you are willing to help. Thank you very much with your assistance in helping deliver meals to those in our area.



Holy Communion

There will be a short service of Holy Communion following the worship service on Sunday, July 19, as well as Sunday, August 16. We realize that some of our members are gone for communion on the first Sunday of the month. Come, even if you simply would like to participate in the sacrament again those months.



We would like to say thank you so much for all your support financially, emotionally and spiritually. All of the calls, visits, prayers, meals and lawn mowing have been so helpful and uplifting. We could not ask for a better church family to be part of. Cooper continues to fight little battles every day but also makes great strides. His new heart will come in good time and right when God wants. Thank you again.

—Sincerely, Brandon, Laurel and Zayne Leeman

Communing with God

After Apollo 11 landed on the moon on July 20, 1969, pilot Buzz Aldrin requested via radio that people pause to give thanks for the achievement in their own way. When his broadcast ended, Aldrin read a verse from the Gospel of John and took communion, which his church had sent to space with him.

“It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements,” the astronaut said. “At the time, I could think of no better way to acknowledge the enormity of the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God.”

— *The Newsletter Newsletter*

Young Adults and Families Summer Events: Backyard Grilling and Games at 324 Elm

We’re hosting two more summer events on *Sunday, July 12th* and *Sunday, August 9th*, starting at 4:00 P.M. We’ll have Frisbee, bocce, and other lawn games, plus the playset and sand table for the little ones. Bring some food to share and your own lawn chairs and beverages. We’ll have hot dogs ready around 5:00. If it’s raining, we’ll meet in the Social Hall at church instead. Let us know at 733.4972 or jensku01@gmail.com how many to expect. Hope to see you in our backyard (324 Elm)!



Contact the church

We encourage all members and friends of our parish to call the church office or one of the pastors during times of need, whether the need be prayer, counseling, a visit, surgery, or a time of crisis. Your need is always treated confidentially.

Vacation time

Someone has said, “Vacation is what you take when you can’t take what you’ve been taking any longer.”

There are good reasons to take a vacation every year.

Just remember that during vacations and weekend getaways, you’re missed by your friends at church.

God’s work goes on all summer long. Your presence and gifts are needed to enable the church to be strong and vigorous throughout the entire year. If possible, please bring or send your offering before you vacation. Thank you!

— *The Newsletter Newsletter*

Don’t pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it.

— Corrie ten Boom

The Newsletter Newsletter





Church Library

As we prepare to celebrate our nation's birthday, our thoughts turn in appreciation to those who have gone before us. Their hard work, sacrifice, and faith made possible the future we are living today.

Two new books in our library recognize and pay tribute to these people on a local level. Images of America: Story City by Darrek Orwig, is a photographic journey through Story City's history from its settlement in the 1850's to the mid-century's "greatest generation." The photographs are marvelous and well-documented. Seeing where this community has come from and how it has developed and grown provides inspiration and determination to carry it on into the future. Lake Comar, by Katherine Munsen and Steve Corneliussen, focuses on memories and photos of this popular recreational resort in its heyday during the 1920's and 30's. Story City's Lake Comar was the place to go for swimming, boating, roller-skating, golfing, special theatrical shows, and just about any other outdoor activity back then. You will enjoy these reminiscences of happy times spent at Lake Comar.

Just as World War II ended the activities at Lake Comar, it also brought an end to the way of life Karoline Rink had known growing up in a rural village in Austria. Triumph Over Destiny, by Peladija Diers, recounts the true story of this remarkable woman. The author is her daughter and also the sister-in-law of Clara Wendt from our congregation. This is the truly touching story of what it was like for Karoline and her family to be reluctantly swept up into a war they never wanted to fight. From her kidnapping by the Nazi's in 1938 at the age of 15 to her arrival in Oelwein, Iowa in 1951, this story shares the joy and sorrow, fear and courage, and above all, the abiding faith that provided the strength Karoline needed to "triumph over destiny." You will have a hard time putting this book down once you start reading it.

Be sure to check the "New Books" display in the library as we continue to add to our collection throughout the summer. Here are some of the latest:

- Longing by Karen Kingsbury. Part of her "Bailey Flanigan" series.
- Never Ever Give Up, by Erik Rees. The inspiring story of 11 year old Jessie Rees, who, when faced with terminal cancer, chose to focus on what she could do for other kids with cancer.
- Same God Different Churches, A Guide to Christian Denominations, by Katie Meier. Geared toward young adults but informative for all. Answers the questions, "What's up with all the different churches?"
- The Lutheran Difference, An Explanation and Comparison of Christian Beliefs, by Edward A. Engelbrecht.
- Our Father Saw His Mighty Works, the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement and a Forgotten Mid-20th Century Revival, by Jonathan D. Anderson.

Summary of June Council Meeting — June 11, 2015

Joint Council

- President Brad Waline called the meeting to order.
- Brad Skaar led us in devotions.
- Report of the Treasurer - a little soft for income in May. Cash is still strong. We need to stay on track so we end the year OK. Approved.
- Report of boards.
- Other Business
 - Discussed an article “Death and Resurrection of an Urban Church” about a church in Indianapolis, IN doing a different type of outreach. New ministries can start out of groups of people who have similar interests.
 - Zach asked for prayers during his upcoming mission trips.
 - Jaynee Christian is hosting a “Connecting the Generations” event on June 17 at the church.
- Next meeting - July 9.

Board Reports

Trustees

- Opening prayer - Rick Richie
- Approved Bills - Discussed garbage removal costs. Will contact other companies to compare prices and service.
- Reviewed Treasurer’s Report.
- Update on drainage work at parsonage. Sump pump discharge has been redirected. The sidewalk will be removed and replaced. The tree behind the church has been removed. The new fence still needs to be discussed and bids considered.
- TV cart and new video projector discussed.
- Narthex stained glass project and painting project. The trim around the narthex window needs fixing. Will call company that made windows for input on how to proceed. Still waiting on bids for painting above sanctuary door.
- Pastors items - The sump pump in the church elevator pit was replaced. While at the church, the plumber also worked on the two water fountains.
- Ideas for sanctuary roof replacement companies. Briefly discussed possible companies and roofing materials.

Deacons

- Brad Skaar led circle of prayer concerns.
- Discussion held on our outdoor service to be held on July 26 at 9:30 A.M. - Potluck style lunch to follow. Kenny Frette is providing music.

- Discussion held on the remaining \$400 of Harold Bolstad funds. Will put it into the Ministry Fund for now.
- Faith Sharing Story ideas will start up again this fall.
- Short discussion on fall service plans, CORE, and ushers duties.

Board of Education

- Kim opened in prayer.
- Approved financial report.
- Vacation Bible School - finished up some last minute organizing. Cathy McKim has volunteered to lead Bible School, with the help of the Youth Director, in June ‘16.
- Fall Sunday School - Going with the same curriculum and rotation idea. Will start calling Sunday School teachers to volunteer for a five week rotation. Still need a first grade teacher.
- Rally Sunday - Talked about program options. Discussed a family friendly fellowship after church on Rally Sunday.

Youth Board

- Prayer and devotions by Beth.
- Financial report approved.
- Reviewed activities for May & June
 - May: 20th - Dilly bars and devotions, 14 people attended for MS/HS; 31st - first mission trip meeting.
 - June: 7th - four people in Scandinavian Days parade; 11th - parent meeting for mission trip; 14th - blessing for youth going on mission trip at worship, team meeting #3 and lunch after; 18th - family outing at Sweet Treats; 21st-27th - Mission trip to Indianapolis; 28th - youth going to I-Cubs game, admission is 3 canned goods to donate
- Day Camp has 95 kids attending and is going well.
- Summer stretch shirts are in. Getting things figured out for all of the activities that will go on during this summer service program.
- Zachary will be gone during the mission trip June 21-27 and July 6-22 for his trip to Europe.
- We are not going to be meeting in July but will meet August 4 at 6:15 P.M.

Day Camp 2015

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Jesus Christ lived and died so that we can all be transformed into sons and daughters of the King, and we continually need to be transformed as we continue to walk in His ways. The theme for Bible School was Transformed, because when we meet Jesus, everything in our lives transforms to be more like Him. We unplug from the things of this world, anchor into the hope of Christ, renew our minds, rise up, and go tell the world the good news of Jesus Christ! This year's Bible School was June 8-11th. We had 25 preschool kids and 70 1st-6th graders! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make camp a great week:

Day Camp Coordinators: Lisa McIlrath, Jaynee Christian

Host families: Steve & Miriam Skartvedt, Ole & Jackie Skaar

Meals for counselors: Joel & Mary Danielson, Julie Skaar, Kathy Gabrielson, Judy McIlrath, Fran Christian, Jaynee Christian, Lisa McIlrath

Snack providers and helpers: Rachel Wilkinson, Beth Bunn, Cindy Blomberg, Jackie Skaar, Sarah Jensen, Tami Corcoran, Linda Thompson, Tammy Hansen, Halli Oberender, April Nolte, Shayla Ammerman, Rachel Winecoff, Mary Danielson, Katie Hanson, Tosha Whipple, Judy McIlrath, Anna Gabler

Day Camp volunteers: Patty Rathmacher, Shirley Frette, Sarah Gelner, Zachary Bauknecht, Sierra Tate, Amy Rathmacher, Ava Carlson, Adam McIlrath, Kate Rahfeldt, Caden Sporleder, Emily Hink, Lily Rathmacher, Madison Martindale, Zach Twedt, Sam Skaar, Jayden Nelson, Kaitlyn Kilstofte

Celebration Program: Halli Oberender, Al & Karen Hermanson, Al & Sarah Gelner, Dave & Kathy Quam, Tom & Sandy Hunt



Lunch time



Program at Bethany Manor

\$50 Mission Challenge Update

On Confirmation Sunday, twelve volunteers were given \$50 each to use creatively for God's mission in the world. At the end of May, we invited each of them to share what God inspired them to do. They came up with all sorts of interesting projects, from neighborhood outreach to international community building. Here are *(some of)* their stories; check out our website for more pictures and other details. How will you partner with God to make a difference this summer? We'd love to hear your story!

Joel Danielson: I am using the \$50.00 as "starter" money, or seed capital so to speak, to encourage others to contribute/match that amount as a gift to the Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames, specifically to their Compassion and Action Fund to be used in Beloit's spiritual life programs that they provide to the children living there. One of the spiritual life activities that Beloit offers to their residents is to 'Ride With The King' and attend Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp. I have received participation from some individuals to match this \$50.00 mission gift, and am praying that others will be led to join in and contribute to this mission project!

Sierra Tate, Leana Hansen: Sisters Sierra Tate and Leana Hansen would like to thank you for the seed money for the supplies to make cross necklaces to sell. The necklaces will be \$25. Proceeds will go to help fund mission opportunities including Youth Mission trips, the food pantry, Hope Ministries and the Riverside Campership Fund. This is an exciting opportunity with limitless possibilities.



Riley Holmgren: I took the \$50 to go get gifts for Blank Children's Hospital. I did not think that \$50 was enough so I raised \$150 to get a total of \$200. I then went out with my mom to get gifts and came home with 111 items to send. The next week I went down to give the gifts to Blank Children's Hospital. When I got there they told me that anyone who raises more than \$100 becomes a Shining Star. Therefore now I am a Shining Star at Blank Children's Hospital and will be donating more. If anyone would like to help raise money for my next trip they can contact me at 515.681.5888.



Mary Danielson: I bought \$50 of tomato plants. I encouraged our church members to take a plant (or two) home, and plant it in their garden. Late summer when the plants produce lots of tomatoes, they are to share them! Share with neighbors (especially those they don't know very well), take some to Loaves and Fishes, or to First Christian Church in Ames (they provide free meals every day). Or come up with their own ideas to share! All of the tomato plants were taken and I am excited to hear what happens to them late summer!

*Mission Challenge Updates
continued on next page*

\$50 Mission Challenge Update, continued



Jayne Christian: Connecting the Generations. For my mission project, I chose to host a night of bringing people of different ages together in a time of fellowship and fun. On Wednesday, June 17 from 6:30 – 8:00 members of Immanuel gathered in the social hall. There were several different “stations” set up. Karen Waline showed us how to roll the “perfect” kringla, Carol Jewell taught us how to tie a quilt, John Abrams gave Cribbage lessons, Sam Skaar and Zachary Bauknecht set up outdoor games (Kubb and Bocce ball), Lily and Amy Rathmacher and Sam were on hand to give iPad lessons, and



there were games, puzzles and toys for the little ones. Refreshments were served throughout the evening. I concluded the evening with a

short video about a preschool that is connected to a nursing home. In the video it reported that 43% of older adults experience social isolation which leads to loneliness and isolation, as well as mental and physical decline. The video left us with one final thought: *What can the very young and the very old offer each other if given the chance?*



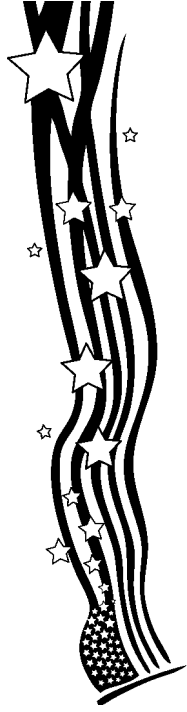
Cassidy Jensen: For her challenge, Cassidy decided to adopt the tiny park in the boulevard next to Ackley State Bank. With supplies from the Parks Department and a lot of help from volunteers, the park has been transformed! Many thanks to everyone who helped out! *What part of your community will you make better this summer?*



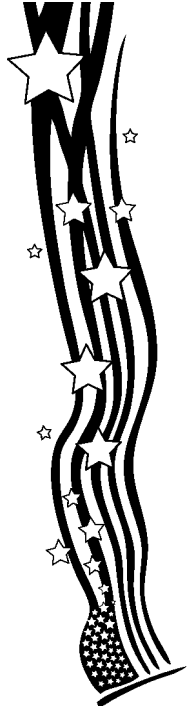
Sam Skaar: Kiva Church Project. My mother (Julie Skaar) and I decided to use the money that was given to us to give into the kiva program. Kiva is a micro loan program that helps people all over the world get over their financial needs. We decided to help a woman named Gladys.

Gladys is representing her group formed by nine farmers in Matete District, Kenya. Gladys started working alongside One Acre Fund in 2011 and decided to do so because she wanted to have access to quality training and acquire new farming methods. Since then, she has seen her life improve, especially in the sense that she has been able to consistently feed her family ever since. This year she decided to represent her group because she wanted to help more farmers.

Gladys's Group will receive farming inputs to plant a total of 5.5 acres of land. Additionally, some of the farmers in the group will be purchasing a solar light so, with this loan, the group will receive two solar lights, seeds, and fertilizers. We thought this was a good thing to use our money on because of the loan characteristic. We will get repaid and continue to use the money with other people in need.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 PM - Mission Trip Recap Night 7:30 PM - Board of Education Meeting <i>Summer Stretch (Youth Service Program)</i>	2 8:30 PM - Public Mime at Riverside	3 Church Office Closed	4
5 - Communion Sunday 8:00 AM - Radio Broadcast 9:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship (Narthex) 9:30 AM - Worship 10:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship	6	7 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting	8 <i>Summer Stretch (Youth Service Program)</i>	9 6:30 PM - Trustees Board Meeting 7:00 PM - Deacon Board Meeting 8:15 PM - Church Council Meeting	10	11
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19 8:00 AM - Radio Broadcast 9:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship (Narthex) 9:30 AM - Worship 10:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 AM - Service of Holy Communion 11:15 AM - Seasoned Souls to Iowa Cubs Baseball Game	20	21 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - Women's Monthly Bible Study	22 <i>Summer Stretch (Youth Service Program)</i>	23 9:00 AM - Women's Ministry Quilt Tying Work Day 9:30 AM - Roland-Story Ministerial Meeting at Bible Faith	24	25
26 8:00 AM - Radio Broadcast 9:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship (Narthex) 9:30 AM - Worship (Outdoors) 10:45 AM - Congregational Potluck 12:00 noon - MS & HS Youth Group at Skyzone	27	28 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting	29 6:00 PM - MS Youth Group 7:15 PM - HS Youth Group	30	31 5:30 PM - Wedding Rehearsal	



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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Middle School Youth Group - We will be getting together Wednesday, July 29, August 5, and August 19 from 6:00-7:10 PM. Bring a friend and get ready for some fun! If the weather cooperates with us, we will go outside and play some outside games.

Summer Stretch - Remember, if you signed up for the Summer Stretch program this summer, you will be meeting on July 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

High School Youth Group - We will be getting together Wednesday, July 29, August 5, and August 19 from 7:15-8:30 PM. Bring a friend and get ready for some fun! If the weather cooperates with us, we will go outside and play some outside games.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Outdoor Worship Service - On Sunday July 26th, Immanuel Lutheran Church will be having the first ever outdoor worship service in the backyard at church. There will be special music, meaningful messages preached, good food, fun and fellowship! Please make every effort to come to worship that day.

Skyzone Trip - On **Sunday July 26th**, we will be going to SKYZONE in Des Moines! *Cost is determined by the number of people who RSVP.* We will meet at Immanuel at Noon. We should return to Story City by 3 PM. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of Zachary's office by Tuesday, July 19th if you want to go that way you can have time to fill out the necessary paperwork!! Thanks!

Summer Movie Series - Tuesday, August 4th the movie theater in Ames is having a dollar movie day. They are showing "Nut Job". The cost is \$1. If you want to go, please arrive at church by 9:15 AM and we will return to church by Noon! There are 14 spots open if you want to come with! See you then!

Back to School Bonfire - On Friday August 14th, we are having a bonfire night to bring summer to a close and kick off the new school year together as the Youth Group of Immanuel Lutheran Church! More information will be sent out in the first couple days of August. Last year we had 30 people come out and join us. Let's see if we can beat that this year!

New School Year - As you begin this new school year, I pray that God will use you in ways that you have never thought of! Look for ways to minister to those around you. Keep God your focus and you will be able to make those "impossible" moments, POSSIBLE! God will give you the strength to get through every situation that comes up! Blessings to each and every one of you this year.

--- Zachary <><

2015 MISSION TRIP

During the week of June 21st-26th, six youth and two adults from Immanuel traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana. Thank you for your support and prayers during our time in Indianapolis. We were able to do great things there in the community! If you have any questions talk to any of the eight participants. We would be glad to answer your questions. A Mission trip recap event will take place in the social hall on July 1 at 7 PM. There will be sharing and treats. God is so good!!

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Happy 4th of July

This then,
is the state of the union:
free and restless,
growing and full of hope.
So it was in the beginning.
So it shall always be,
while God is willing,
and we are strong enough
to keep the faith.

— *Lyndon B. Johnson*

Independence Day - July 4