

THE IMMANUEL INFORMER

MISSION STATEMENT

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

July/August 2016



Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

Ministers - All Members

Senior Pastor - Stephen Anenson

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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,
Arkansas

Our missionary couple in India

Doug & Amy Nunziato, Mission Aviation
Training Academy, Washington

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)

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time (Chapel)

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

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



Storyliving

At Rich Olive's memorial service, many people spoke about his tireless dedication to making Story City a better place. Mark Jackson said his favorite quote from the "Book of Rich" was to "Do whatever it takes for whatever they need, with a whole lot of love and a little bit of fun." Now it's up to us to pick up the torch that Rich has laid down, working together for the sake of our community.

This summer I will gather some local leaders for an experiment in living out the story God wants to tell in Story City. I plan to bring together a wide range of 8-10 Christians from local businesses, churches, schools, and government to meet once a week for six weeks. This group experience will be the core of the final project for my Doctor of Ministry studies. We will read Scripture, pray, and share stories about where we see God at work in Story City and where we imagine God weeps for our city. We will figure out ways we can make a difference together in places and situations that are not yet what God wants them to be. My hope is that this experience of community will stoke our "holy imagination" by helping us see our city, God's mission in it, and our own roles with new eyes. *What is God's dream for Story City? What part do we get to play in it?* May we all dedicate ourselves to living out the story of God's mission to redeem and restore our world, beginning right here.

Pastor Kurt

June Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

- Bella Grace Hanson, daughter of Justin & Katie Hanson - June 5
- Lincoln Belle Blackburn, daughter of Dustin & Jennifer Blackburn - June 5
- Gannon David Lankford, son of Joshua & Mallory Lankford - June 18
- Eli Joseph Dahl, son of Chris & Kelly Dahl - June 19

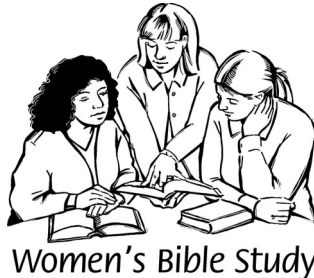
Funerals

- Jerry Matheason - June 9
- Beverly Kalvik - June 15
- Rich Olive - June 27

*Please remember these families
in your prayers.*

Women's Bible Study

We will continue the Bible Study for all women on Tuesday, July 19 at 2 P.M. in the Social Hall. The Bible Study is called "Spiritual Realms: A Study on Heaven and Hell, and Places Beyond this World." This is a great opportunity for discussion and fellowship. Our August study will be Tuesday, August 16.



Ministry Volunteers

July Volunteers

Ushers: Edgar & Jaynee Christian, Denny Bauman

Greeters:

July 3
July 10 Kent & Tammy Nicholson
July 17 Al & Sarah Gelner
July 24 Roger & Lois Oakland
July 31 Gayle Tate, Sierra Tate

Readers:

July 3 Al Hermanson
July 10 Tammy Nicholson
July 17 Al Gelner
July 24 Roger Oakland
July 31 Sierra Tate

August Volunteers

Ushers: Cindy Blomberg, Cathy Braathun, John & Patty Rathmacher

Greeters:

August 7 Kim Severson
August 14 Bill & Carol Larson
August 21
August 28

Readers:

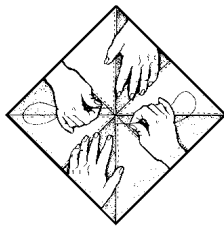
August 7 Shirley Frette
August 14 Rhonda Ostrem
August 21 Sue Trampel
August 28 Cathy McKim

Financial Report - May				
Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Current & Mission Fund	14,629.98	34,121.60	32,640.72	16,110.86
Improvement Fund	57,979.74	1,558.00	0.00	59,537.74
Missionary Support Fund	-235.98	670.00	1,483.34	-1,049.32
Memorial Fund	7,843.00	25.00	310.79	7,557.21
Ministry Fund	7,035.73	0.00	182.00	6,853.73

(Many members send or drop off their offerings before they go on vacation. Thank You!)

Immanuel Women's Ministry Quilt Tying Work Days

Immanuel Women's Ministry Quilt Tying Work Days will be held Thursdays, July 21 and August 18, beginning at 9 A.M. We will be working to tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Beloit. Quilt tying 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.



Special Offering for World Hunger on August 21

Each year in August Immanuel has a special offering to help fight world hunger. Our offering this year will take place Sunday, August 21. 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. Money raised will be added to funds collected for the Hunger fundraising event on October 8.

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.



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.

\$50 Mission Challenge Update 2016

Al Hermanson, along with The Outreach Program (located in Des Moines), helped purchase a water filtration system for a needy third-world community. Go to www.theoutreachprogram.org to learn more.



Thank you

Ahoj (Hi in Czech)!

Sierra Tate here, I want to thank the congregation of Immanuel for all of the prayers, financial support and well wishes that you have so graciously given me towards the up-coming mission trip to the Czech Republic. Being raised in a church like Immanuel, where from baptism on, a child is nurtured and educated by the whole congregation is a valuable blessing. Požehnání Páně (The Lord's blessings)

Spain Youth coming to Iowa

Many of you here at Immanuel know Tim & Paula Tjernagel, our missionaries we support in Spain. This summer Tim & Paula are again bringing 13 Spaniard youth to central Iowa for an "American Experience." The Spaniard youth will be hosted by many of the Roland-Story community families from Immanuel as well as Harvest E-Free. Tim's vision for the kids while they are here is to see what it's like to be a Christian family, and speak and improve their English. Please be praying for safe travel for the group! (July 3-17)

Also, both the Immanuel Youth Groups are invited to a pool party with the Spaniards on July 8, from 8-9 P.M. at the Furman Aquatic Center in Ames. The cost is free and you can enter the pool any time after 7:30 P.M. Mention that you are with the Immanuel Pool Party.

We also have a couple of volunteer opportunities to help out with travel arrangements for the Spaniard Youth. Please contact the church office or Patty Rathmacher if you could help with the following events:

July 11 - Driving the Immanuel van to the Mall of America and spending the day with the Spaniards and other chaperones going, then driving back to Story City. (All day event)

July 17 - Driving the Immanuel van and the Spaniards to Camp Castaway near Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. It's about a 6 to 6 1/2 hour drive. It will be a full day. Tim is arranging for another van to be a part of the caravan.

P.S. Tim & Paula Tjernagel will be with us at our worship service on Sunday, July 10. A time of fellowship will follow the service, hosted by the mission committee.



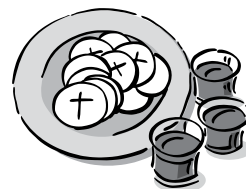
Special
Birthday

Congratulations!
Happy Birthday to
Inez Duft
who will turn 101
on July 21. She lives at
Southridge Nursing
Center in Marshalltown.

Holy Communion

There will be a short service of Holy Communion following the worship service on Sunday, July 17, as well as Sunday, August 21. 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.



Prayer
Requests

Prayer Time

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. *Philippians 4:6*

There are so many things to bring to the Lord in prayer these days. During the five Sundays in July we will have an informal "prayer time" in the chapel each week before the worship service, from 9-9:15 A.M. Everyone is welcome.

Sign on church
"After 2,000 years, still
under the same
management."



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.

Note: Next Stephen Ministry Meeting will be in September, time and location TBD.

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 8**, so they can be handed out at school registration.



Church Library

This month we are introducing two new series by Karen Kingsbury. Both of them continue the stories of the Baxter and Flanagan families as they meet new people and encounter new situations. Though their faith is often tested, they know that it will see them through.

The first book in the "Baxter Family Drama - Sunrise Series" is aptly titled Sunrise. Dayne Matthews, the oldest Baxter sibling and a Hollywood celebrity is recovering from a nasty run-in with the paparazzi. He is back in Bloomington to heal and spend time with his family and special friend, Katy Hart. As he and Katy try to figure out a future together they discover what their true priorities are and how much they are willing to sacrifice to keep them. Other titles in this series are Summer, Someday, and Sunset.

Take One is the first book in Kingsbury's "Above the Line" series. Chase Ryan and Keith Ellison see the world of entertainment as a wide open mission field. They are excited and committed to producing the kind of movies that will draw people closer to God. As they face numerous obstacles and challenges, they are reminded that persecution is part of being a Christian. Can they be successful movie makers without sacrificing their faith and their families?

We also have a new historical romance by Judith Miller, More Than Words. Living in Iowa's Amana Colonies in the late 1800's, Gretchen Kohler finds herself with many concerns - a general store to run with her father, a younger brother to keep in line, and a grandmother suffering dementia. Gretchen's only means of escape is through her writing. When an "outsider" charms her into turning in some of her stories to be published, she is horrified to see how they are used. When a band of Gypsies sets the town on edge and her lifelong friend declares his intentions to marry her, Gretchen struggles to sort out her feelings and responsibilities as she plans for her future as a daughter of Amana.

New nonfiction:

- Unglued by Lysa Terkeurst. "Making wise choices in the midst of raw emotions."
- Igniting a Passion for Missions, A Guide for Church Leaders by Bill Moberly.
- Hope for an Aching Heart by Margaret Nyman. "Uplifting devotions for women."
- Under God's Umbrella by Daisy Catchings-Shader. "A journal of letters from a mother to her child in heaven. Letters filled with faith, hope and the healing love of God."

Riverside Quilt Auction

Saturday, August 6
at
Riverside Lutheran
Bible Camp

- 8:30 5K Run/Walk
- 9:30 - 12:00 New Riverside Pool will be open for swimming
- 10:00 - 12:30 Quilt Previewing - in air conditioned chapel
- 10:00 - 12:15 Silent Auction Bidding (Baby quilts & small items) Results will be known before 1:00
- 10:30 Brief Outdoor Worship
- 11:30 - 12:30 Lunch served in the Dining Hall (Free will offering)
- 1:00 Quilt Auction in air conditioned chapel

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

Riverside 5K Run/Walk 2016

This year will be the Fourth Annual Riverside 5K Run/Walk. Come support the ministry of Riverside, enjoy the beautiful scenery, and enjoy some great fellowship with other Riversidians! All the registration fee goes directly towards supporting camperships for youth who want to come to Riverside, thanks to our wonderful sponsors.

Check in and registration will be from 7:30-8:15 A.M. on August 6, with the race starting at 8:30 A.M. There will be a free children's fun run for all youth 10 and under following the 5K, as well as bagels, fruit, snacks, sports drinks, water, and an award ceremony for all of the 5K participants to enjoy.

Then stick around for a dip in the brand new Riverside pool! Shower off in the new pool house bathrooms, and stick around for worship, lunch and the quilt auction, if you would like. We look forward to seeing you for all the fun!

This year they are adding a new element of fun to the Riverside 5K, with the Church Team Challenge. This friendly competition will determine which church has the fastest runners, and ultimately who will take home the inaugural R5K Church's Cup!

To find out more about this team challenge, which is also open to groups not affiliated with a church, please check the Riverside website, www.riversidelbc.org/supporting-events/riverside-5k



Living Water, Living Word

On Father's Day, we gathered for worship as a congregation at Riverside Bible Camp. It was a gorgeous day; we enjoyed worshipping with Riverside staff (including some of our Day Camp counselors) in the chapel, watching Chris Dahl baptize little Eli, sharing a potluck picnic, and swimming in Riverside's beautiful new pool.

The renovation of the chapel and the construction of the pool are being financed by the **Living Water, Living Word capital appeal**, which has a \$2.5 million goal. About \$1.9 million has already been raised in pledges and gifts, which leaves \$600,000 left to go. As we experienced firsthand, the new pool is up and running, and the chapel's roof and windows have been replaced. The chapel still needs improvements to its flooring (currently bare concrete) and air conditioning. Let's help Riverside complete this appeal and continue their ministry of helping campers *Know Jesus Christ and make Him known to all*. To find out more, call the camp at 733.5271 or visit www.riversidelbc.org/support/living-water-living-word.



Summary of June Council Meeting — June 9, 2016

Joint Council

- President Brad Waline called the meeting to order.
- Shirley Frette shared devotions.
- John Arthur presented the treasurer's report.
Approved report.
- Report of Boards
- Report on Scandinavian Days Fundraisers and Float:
 - The bake sale and beefburger lunch brought in \$4,500. Thrivent will be giving us some funds in addition to that.
 - About 25 people accompanied the float during the parade and handed out cross pocket coins.
 - A huge thank you to everyone in our church who helped in various ways to make the celebration a success.
- Update from visioning committees: Inreach Committee met June 6. Their focus at this time is Social Media and meals for people in need. Milianna Carlson is putting a mission challenge on our website each morning and a Bible verse on it in the afternoon. Brad Waline shared other items from their meeting.
- Update on our delegates and cost for October LCMC meeting in Denver, Colorado. Pastor Kurt and Joel Danielson are delegates. Mary Danielson is planning to go as well.
- Next meeting - July 14

Board Reports

Trustees

- Opening prayer - John Arthur
- Approved bills.
- Reviewed Treasurer's Report.
- Update on current projects; Bell tower roofs to be replaced soon; North door and framing to be replaced on June 20; painting of this door and new door on south side will take place after install; tree trimming at parsonage - done.
- Meeting with Sound Engineers on Sunday after church to work on layout for new sound desk.
- Pastor's items: New light bulbs for sanctuary light fixtures discussed; 80 bags of mulch and 15 people worked on outside bushes and plantings on work day; Denny Bauman took flag pole down to paint and repair; Wifi needs fine tuning, will look into this; discussed church van usage; library needs a desk/table. Library committee will find and bring to trustees for approval.

Deacons

- We opened the meeting with prayer.
- We discussed offerings and how we can remind people what the offering is about. We talked about blessings and how they can be shared as part of the offering.
- We discussed pre-worship prayer time, possibly all the Sundays in July starting at 9:00. All would be invited for the pre-worship prayer time.
- We discussed Riverside Sunday on June 19.
- We have used from the Endowment Mission Fund \$1,100 for Mission Challenge, and \$500 for Meals from the Heartland. Al read some suggestions on how to use the remaining funds. We decided to ask for ideas from the council and see if there was a need that we could fulfill.
- We discussed faith story ideas.

Board of Education

- Opened with prayer.
- We spent the meeting discussing Day Camp which will begin on Monday. We have 75 signed up. There are a few supplies still needed.

Youth Board

- Opening devotion by Tammy Hansen.
- A review of the financial report was done.
Approved.
- We discussed the activities for May and June:
 - May: 19th-Sweet Treats, 12 people attended; 22nd -9 seniors graduated; 25th-youth group, 6 middle school and 4 high school.
 - June: 4th-Scandinavian Days parade had 25 people walk in the parade; 8th-youth group; 11th-Iowa Cubs game; 22nd-working at the Carousel.
- 83% for middle school and 93% for high school for volunteers.
- Summer mission trip - Going to look into doing it in August for 2 days in a row.
- Zach is going to keep in contact with the youth over the summer so he can keep the good relationships going. It was a great year with a lot of growth.
- Discussed the curriculum for youth group in the summer for both middle and high school youth group. Looks very good and beneficial for the youth.
- Board not going to meet in July, and instead going to meet August 7th for an extended planning meeting for the next school year.

Day Camp 2016



Day Camp at Immanuel was held June 13-16. The theme for the week was "Released." *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* Luke 4:18-19


Our Day Camp was led by a great Riverside staff. We had 105 youth attending Day Camp this year. **Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with Day Camp in any way** - housing Riverside staff, feeding Riverside staff, providing snacks for campers, volunteering and teaching classes, helping with the closing program, and overall coordinating Day Camp.

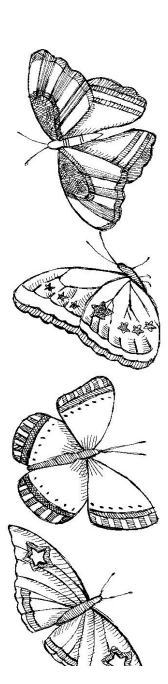
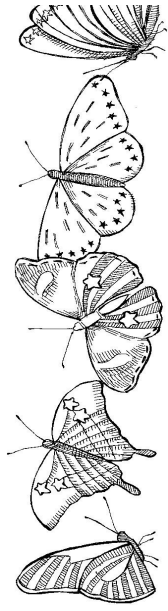




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24 8:00 AM - Radio Broadcast 9:00 AM - Prayer Time (Chapel) 9:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship (Narthex) 9:30 AM - Worship 10:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)	25	26 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting	27 9:00 AM - Summer Stretch	28 5:30 PM - Social Hall reserved for meeting	29	30
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MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Summer Youth Group Schedule - During the summer we are following our Summer Programming Schedule. Our Youth Group meeting times will be from 6:00-7:10 PM for Middle School and 7:15-8:30 PM for High School during this time period. The remaining dates for our Wednesday Summer Meetings are;

July: 6th and 20th,

August: 3rd and 17th

Summer Stretch - Remember, if you signed up for the Summer Stretch program this summer, you will be meeting on July 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

Pool Party in Ames - Many of you know Tim & Paula Tjernagel, the missionaries we support in Spain. This summer they are again bringing 13 Spaniard youth to central Iowa for an "American Experience". The Spaniard Youth will be hosted by many Roland-Story community families from Immanuel and E-free. Tim's vision for the kids while they are here is to see what it's like to be a Christian family and to speak/improve their English. Please be praying for safe travels for them! Both Immanuel Youth Groups are invited to a pool party with the Spaniards on July 8th, from 8-9PM at the Furman Aquatic Center in Ames. The cost is free and you can enter the pool any time after 7:30PM and mention you are with the Immanuel Pool Party.

Day Camp Helpers - Thank You so much to those who helped with Day Camp this year!! It was a huge success because of YOU.

Local Mission Trip - The details for our local mission trip have changed! We are now going to be meeting on August 4th and 5th instead of the previously mentioned dates. More details will be mailed out soon. Please sign up by July 14th for this event! Youth in grades 5-12 as well as Parents are invited to sign up. Thank You.

Carousel Volunteering - On Sunday July 31st we will be volunteering at the Carousel from 2-4PM. Middle School Youth are asked to be there from 2-3PM and High School Youth from 3-4PM. You are welcome to stay the whole two hours if you want. Also, if you have an orange youth group shirt, please wear it during this time. Thank You!

Back to School Bonfire - On Friday August 5th, 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 at the end of July. Hope to see you there!

Family Sweet Treats Trip - Attention all Families of Youth in Grades 5-12, we are heading to Sweet Treats in Jewell Sunday, August 28th! Meet at Immanuel at 6 PM and bring \$5.50 with you to cover the cost of a Double Scoop. There are also Lactose Free options available. Come on out and join us! Bring your family and bring a friend!

Coffee Fellowship - We will be hosting the Coffee Fellowship hour on Sunday, August 28th after church. If you would like to volunteer to bring some goodies to share, please contact the church office or Zachary by August 14th. Thank You!

Youth Group Volunteering - ALL adults over the age of 18, we need your help with our Youth program! Please see our Sign-Up: <http://vols.pt/UYDWZS>

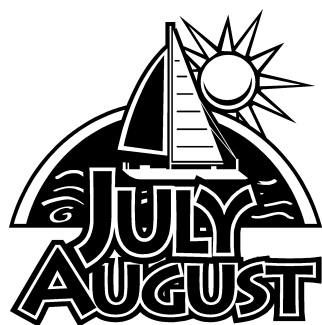
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Thankful for America

I'm thankful for America;
The way of life we've known
And all the precious freedoms we
Can call our very own.

I'm thankful that we have a voice
That we are free to use
And pray to God for wisdom in
The leaders whom we choose.

I'm thankful for those patriots who
Loved honor more than fame,
Who instigated laws which have
Preserved America's name.

May it be always possible —
Down through the years — that we
Through conscientious effort keep
This great land safe and free.

— Ethel Durnal Posegate

Independence Day - July 4