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July/August 2017

Ministers

All members

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Pastor

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Youth & Education Ministry Coordinator

Milianna Carlson

Office Administrator

Veronica Wright

Financial Secretary

Shelly Nibe

Custodian

Missionaries we help support:

Tim & Paula Tjernagel, Spain Pastor Randy Hansen, ISU Gene & Ginger McClugage, Family Life, Arkansas

Kevin & Susana B, India

Doug & Amy Nunziato,

Mission Aviation, Washington

Summer Office Hours

(June through August)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:

8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (12-1 P.M. lunch)

Wednesday: 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Sunday Morning Schedule

(June through August)

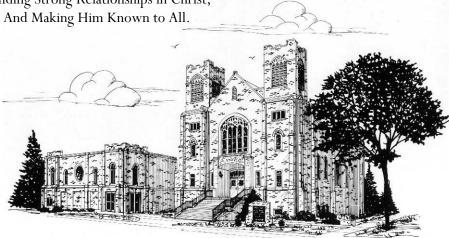
9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

OUR MISSION

Building Strong Relationships in Christ,



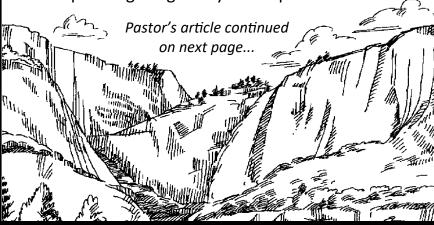
From the Pastor...

Isaiah 54:17

"No weapon forged against you will prevail."

About a year ago the evening news carried the story of a young female army sergeant who posted this Bible verse from Isaiah 54 around her office. She posted it by her desk, by the water cooler and by the door for people to see as they walked out.

Complaints arose, however, that the posting was too 'religious'. Long story short, the brass made her take it down. How tragic! When you stop to think about it, wouldn't that be a great theme verse for all our military: "No weapon forged against you will prevail"?



Pastor's article continued from front page...

I struggle to apply this verse to my own life. Little things become big things. I make mountains out of molehills. Little annoyances become mountains of frustration when I look for solutions in myself. There are indeed times when the enemy seems arrayed against us. Financial setbacks, chronic illness, broken relationships and other trials can feel like the enemy has the upper hand.

But we, as believers, have two secret weapons: the power of the Spirit and promises of God's Word. Listen to Paul in II Corinthians 10:4: "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds." (NIV)

Are you facing an uphill battle right now? Do you feel like the enemy is arrayed against you? Now is the time to put your faith into action. Trust Him who died for you and let your faith cling to the promise of Isaiah 54:17 "No weapons forged against you will prevail."

To God be the glory! Have a great summer.

Pastor Hunt

June Pastoral Acts

Baptisms:

Rory Lynn Posegate, daughter of Blair & Tara (Hamilton) Posegate (June 4)

Titan Dean Lippincott, son of Logan & Alesha Lippincott (June 25)

> Please remember these families in your prayers.

July/August **Ministry Volunteers**

Ushers, Greeters, Readers

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the old Narthex (before you enter the wooden doors to the sanctuary) or contact the church office.

Thank You!

Secretary Helpers

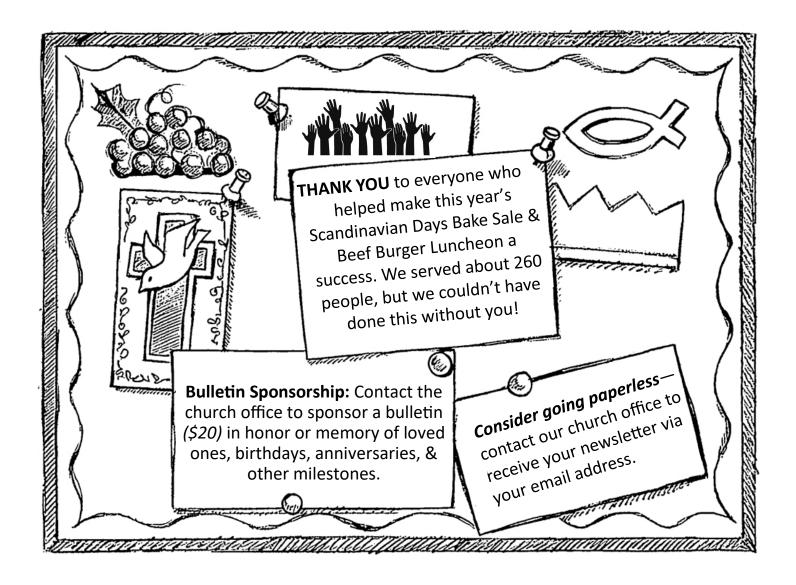
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July 7	Judy McIlrath Neva Jean Jacobson				
July 14	Leah Oppedal Marjorie Michaelson				
July 21	Charlotte Loots Judy Hested				
July 28	Nancy McMenamin				
August 4	Janet Handsaker				
August 11	Nadine Beck Ruby Olson				
August 18	Ardella Mostrom Florence Hinderaker				
August 25	Judy McIlrath Neva Jean Jacobson				

If you would like to join our secretary helper list or be involved in folding our monthly newsletters and other mailings, please contact the church office.

We'd love to add you to this ministry!

Church Bulletin Board



Church Financials

Financial Report - May							
Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance			
Current & Mission Fund	26,261.26	23,056.53	27,439.79	21,878.00			
Improvement Fund	59,986.96	6,811.49	4,975.34	61,823.11			
Missionary Support Fund	-1,597.62	1,230.00	1,500.01	-1,867.63			
Memorial Fund	9,007.62	110.00	1,009.10	8,108.52			
Ministry Fund	711.70	4,281.49	671.80	4,321.39			

Church & Community Announcements

Saturday, July 1 at 5:00 P.M.

Lasagna Fundraiser Dinner Theatre with portrayals of Martin and Katy Luther by Johan and Sonja Hinderlie. Come experience *Life with the Luthers*! Open to the entire community; please RSVP to the church office with the number attending in your group. A freewill offering will be received.



Sunday, July 2 at 9:30 A.M.

Festival Worship service for the **100**th **anniversary of the dedication of the Immanuel sanctuary**. In honor of the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation, Johan and Sonja Hinderlie will present *For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free*, a fascinating dialogue between Martin and Katy Luther. During coffee hour afterward, they will host an informal Q&A session.



Elim Lutheran Church in Randall welcomes the Kinshasa Christian School Choir on Monday, July 3 at 7:00 P.M. These students from the Democratic Republic of the Congo



will lead us in worship in English, French, Swahili, and Lingala. Homemade ice cream will be served following worship!

The Church Office will be closed **Tuesday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day.

It is for freedom
that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not let
yourselves be burdened again
by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 51



Pastor Hunt will be leading a 9-week Bible class on the Book of Ephesians this summer. The class will be held each Wednesday night, 7-8:15 P.M., from July 5-August 30. Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us. We'd love to have you!

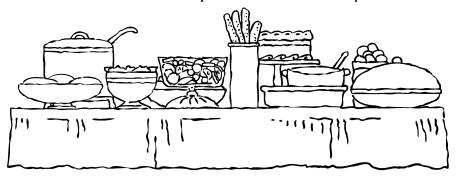
One Bible teacher has written, "Ephesians is breathtaking in its theological grasp of the scope of God's purpose in Christ for the church. It is a pastorally warm letter and spiritually sensitive in its advice, peaceable in tone and readily overflowing into joyful worship."



The Immanuel Board of Education invites you to join us for a new fellowship opportunity, *The Breakfast Club*.

Please join us **July 9**th and **August 13**th from 8:30-9:15 A.M. for *The Breakfast Club*. We will be serving up pancakes with strawberries & blueberries, syrup, coffee & juice. This is a great time of fellowship before worship; please invite your friends & family to join us!

The Seasoned Souls group will be holding a **progressive picnic** on **Saturday, July 15**, beginning at 5:00 P.M. You might ask, "How can I become a Seasoned Soul?" This group welcomes any adults that enjoy good fellowship, laughter, and fun....not to forget, good food! We will have three stops: appetizers/salad, main dish, and dessert. Look for a sign-up and more information in the narthex. Please call Corine Nordeen or Jaynee Christian with questions.



Immanuel Women's
Ministry Quilt Tying
Work Days will be
Thursday, July 13 and
Thursday, August 10
from 9 A.M. to noon.

Join us for a morning of
fellowship, food and
service to others.

You are welcome to bring
treats for coffee break.
No experience needed.

Short services of Holy
Communion will follow the
worship service on Sunday,
July 16, and Sunday, August
20. Anyone is welcome to join
us for this intimate gathering
around our Lord's Table.

Our Women's Monthly Bible Study will continue on Tuesday, July 18 and Tuesday, August 15 at 2 P.M. in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship and study.

Wednesday morning Bible Study will not be meeting in July or August. Scheduling for the fall will be announced in the July or August bulletins.

Register for the Rich Olive Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 29th at the River Bend Golf Course in Story City. 18-Hole Four Person Best Shot with shotgun start at 8:00 A.M. or 1:00 P.M. Entry fee is \$50/individual or \$200/team of 4. Lunch included with registration fee; cart rentals available. Silent Auction for Rich's driver ends at 6 P.M. T-shirt are available for \$20. Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to both the Bliss Cancer Center and the Rich Olive memorial cart path at River Bend. More information on how to register is available in the church office and the

The Angel Gift Program is once again sponsoring a school supply drive for Roland-Story students in need of these items. Supplies will be collected during July to be given to families at school registration in August.

More information about the needed supplies will be announced in the July bulletins and weekly emails to the congregation.

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Riverside 5K Run/Walk & Quilt Auction Star

Saturday. August 5

August 5 Schedule of Events

7:30 A.M. 5K Check-In

welcome table.

8:30 A.M. Race Begins

10:00 A.M. Quilt preview in Chapel;

Silent Auction begins

10:30 A.M. Brief Outdoor Worship

11:30 A.M. BBQ Turkey Lunch in Dining Hall (freewill offering for lunch)

1:00 P.M. Live Auction begins in Chapel

Start the morning off early at our 5K Run/Walk! 100% of the 5K Registration will go to camperships. Each \$25 entry fee includes a complimentary shirt and food/drink. The pool will be open after the race. Join us for lunch in the Dining Hall, too!

There will be approximately 250 items in the Silent Auction and the Live Auction! The beautifully handmade quilts are all donated by individuals, church groups, and quilting guilds. The money received from the auction will help Riverside reach thousands of children and families for Jesus—ensuring that all campers regardless of their financial situations, will be able to come to Riverside!

September Newsletter Articles & Announcements are due to the church office by **Wednesday**, **August 23.** Have something to share with the congregation?
Put it in our monthly church newsletter!

Riverside Golf Classic
September 15
Veenker Memorial
Golf Course in Ames
Check In: 9:30 A.M.

Check In: 9:30 A.M. **Start:** 10:30 A.M.

Your contribution of \$100 covers your game, cart, lunch, and prizes. For more information, visit www.riversideLBC.org

If you know any friends or family in need of meals following births, deaths, illnesses, or surgeries, contact **Sarah Jensen** (suttonsbay1@yahoo.com) or the church office. Sarah will help organize the providing of meals using the **Meal Train Website** and will notify the congregation allowing you to sign up for times to provide meals for those in their time of need.

Immanuel is in charge 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 look for inserts in upcoming bulletins.

Immanuel hosted Day Camp from June 12-15, with the help of Riverside Staff. Our Day Camp theme was *Rooted*, based on Colossians 2:6-7. We had 107 campers with us for the week. Thank you to the volunteers who helped us!



So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6-7

Prayer Ministry: Who do you know who needs prayer? Would you join us in praying for our congregation and specific people and situations? Our Prayer Ministry Team members are available to offer prayer for people in the chapel each Sunday after worship. People also gather for prayer each Sunday morning at 8:45 to pray for the worship service, our congregation, and other specific prayer concerns. Anyone is welcome to come!



To find out more, please talk with Pastor Kurt, Edgar Christian, Sarah Gelner, or John Rathmacher. "Pray in

the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people" (Ephesians 6:18).

Small Group Leaders: Our mission together is to Build strong relationships in Christ and make Him known to all. To help us better live out our mission, we will soon offer training for leaders of existing and new small groups that will begin this fall. Contact Pastor Kurt, John Rathmacher, or Chris Dahl if you are interested in leading or joining a small group! "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another" (Hebrews 10:24-25).



what we'd like to hear in church

Hey, it's my turn to sit in the front pew!

I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon ran longer than usual.

I'll volunteer to be the permanent junior high Sunday school teacher.

I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before.

Because we're all here, let's start the worship service early.

Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.



Mission Challenge Updates

Blake & Luke's Bike Ride for Haiti: Blake and Luke Winecoff pedaled for Haiti on May 20th at the Jacobson Park bike path loop. They raised \$5000 to help rebuild houses in South Haiti that were destroyed by Hurricane Matthew. Thank you to all who donated and helped cheer them on. Glory be to God!

Kringla for Kindness (Sue Frette and Shirley Frette):

Deuteronomy 15:7-8 tells us, "If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. Rather be openhanded and freely



lend him whatever he needs." Sue and I decided to become a part of this mission challenge because we share a passion for youth and families. We called our mission challenge "Kringla for Kindness" where Sue spent endless hours baking her wonderful kringla that so many of you kindly donated to following church services. We raised over \$1000 to help local families in need.

With the help of Kristen Greenfield, who is the nurse at R-S Elementary and Middle School, we heard about 4 local families right here in our own back yard who were struggling with medical and personal needs due to things beyond their control. Kristin visited with each



family to find out their specific needs and she will present to each family our gift cards, gas cards, food vouchers and of course a package of Sue's kringla along with an invitation to attend an Immanuel worship service. Our hope and prayer is that through this mission project we have lessened the needs of these families just a little bit.

Tosha Whipple: For the mission challenge this year, I chose Sole Hope. This organization

works to provide handmade shoes to the children of Uganda that walk and play all day in the harsh conditions with no shoes on their feet. Their damaged little feet are an entrance for disease and the home of many parasites. Each pair of shoes crafted needs to be sponsored with \$10 to pay the local tailors to put the shoes together, purchase supplies, and host weekly health clinics. Through the month of May, I worked with a group of family and friends to cut toddler shoe patterns out of old jeans. The patterns we cut were shipped to Uganda and where they will be crafted together by local Ugandans who work hard to support their families. In total, we raised \$650 to sponsor the 65 shoes we made for these children!

Mission Challenge Updates



Lutheran World Relief Water Projects: During Scandinavian Days and our outdoor worship service, Cassidy and Travis Jensen ran a stand offering ice-cold bottled water for thirsty people. They raised over \$450 to help provide clean water for people around the world through Lutheran World Relief. Through mid-July, LWR has a matching grant program where every dollar donated toward clean water projects gets doubled! To find out more about Lutheran World Relief's efforts, visit www.lwr.org

Grounds for Change Fair Trade coffee (Gayle Tate):

With my mission challenge seed money I am beginning an ongoing Fair Trade Coffee sales program through Grounds for Change. The Youth of Immanuel will order coffee quarterly to support the Café Femenino Peru project. I am asking our members to change their buying habits and purchase coffee quarterly through this program. An 8 oz. bag is \$10.00. Each quarter I will take orders, purchasing additional bags to sell with the \$50.00 seed money and then reinvesting proceeds in the future. We will be helping an exceptional group of women in Peru and also our Youth Group Activities to become self-reliant. Your support is appreciated!

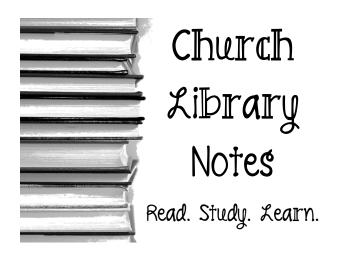
Immanuel's BNB - "Bed Sheets into Bandages", Partnering with Global Health Ministries/ Helping Hands That Heal. GHM's Mission Statement: "We continue the holistic ministry of Jesus Christ by partnering with Lutheran efforts globally to enhance and sustain the health and well being of those served."

The purpose of this project will be to help supply mission hospitals and clinics overseas with clean bandages, an item they use every day as they care for patients. Simple rolled bandages can be made from used white cotton or cotton-blend bed sheets. Motels in the area are donating used bed sheets, and our team will tear the sheets into strips, roll, pack and deliver the bandages to Global Health Ministries in Minneapolis, where they will be shipped overseas in containers. There is also a need for new or gently used twin-size flat sheets and smaller bath towels and washcloths, if

at 515-231-2255.

containers. There is also a need for new or gently used twinsize flat sheets and smaller bath towels and washcloths, if you would like to donate these items. If you are interested in helping tear sheets and roll bandages on one of Frank's custom made bandage rolling gadgets, please call **Carol Baedke**

"...and Jesus sent them out to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal." Luke 9:2b



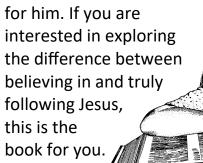
To paraphrase Mr. Gershwin, "Summertime and the readin' is easy ..."
It's always easy to find something entertaining, uplifting, and thought-provoking in our church library. Stop in and choose a book, sign the card inside the cover and leave it at the desk, and you're on your way to some summertime readin'—it's that easy!

This month we introduce a new book by Tracie Peterson and Kimberly Woodhouse. **Beyond the Silence** tells the story of Lillian Porter who travels out West in the late 1800's in search of a meaningful direction for her life. Chafing against her loving but strict grandfather, Lillian answers an ad to be a nanny for a young mute boy in Angels Camp, California. When she arrives, she soon begins to second guess her decision. Though her employer, Woody Colton, seems to be a decent, God-fearing man, the local sheriff and many of the townspeople are convinced he had something to do with his wife's untimely death. Lillian decides to stand by her decision and sort things out for herself. A special bond quickly forms between her and little Jimmy and she becomes determined to not only help him speak again, but also to clear his father's name.

If you like mysteries, you will enjoy the new Appleseed Creek Mystery series by Amanda Flower. Tech guru Chloe Humphrey leaves Cleveland to take a job as Director of Computer Services at a small college in the town of Appleseed Creed in the middle of Ohio's Amish country. She quickly discovers that life among the simple folk is far from simple. Living in such a diverse community is a balancing act, and relationships quickly become strained between the Plain and the Englisch when Chloe's new friend Becky, a young Amish girl seeking to leave her plain way of life, borrows Chloe's car and is involved in a fatal accident. Becky is only slightly injured, but the deceased is the local Amish bishop. When the police discover Chloe's car had been tampered with before the accident, she is determined to find out who was the intended target and who was behind this tragedy. The first book in the series is A Plain Death, followed by A Plain Scandal and A Plain Disappearance.

In his book **Not a Fan: Becoming a**Completely Committed Follower of Jesus,

Kyle Idleman asks the question "Are you a follower of Jesus or a fan?" A fan is an enthusiastic admirer, believes in Jesus and likes to be near him and maybe even knows a lot about him. A follower on the other hand has a committed relationship with Jesus and is devoted, dedicated, and willing to sacrifice



Summary of June 8, 2017 Council Meetings

Joint Council

- President Terry Thompson called the meeting to order.
- Shirley Frette shared devotions.
- Denny Bauman gave the monthly treasurer's report.
- Report of Boards.
- At a special meeting on May 28, the congregation approved the Trustees's recommendation to put a new stone-coated metal roof on the sanctuary.
- Exec Team finishing draft of employee policy handbook.
- Milianna is trying out a new weekly email format from Constant Contact; she has received many positive comments.
- Next meeting: July 13.

Trustees—June 8

- Opening Prayer Al Gelner
- · Approved bills and Treasurer's Report.
- Project Updates: received \$1100 in rebates from social hall/kitchen furnace & AC, WiFi thermostats; parsonage committee working on priorities; sanctuary roof to be replaced in late Sept; nursery & upper classroom AC finished and working; church van rear AC fixed; tabled sound system upgrade until fall.
- Working on first priorities for parsonage 'to do list', including sidewalk/breezeway step replacement and interior painting.
- Next meetings: June 28 at 6:30 p.m. and July 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Education—May 21

- Discussed end of year program, next year's Sunday School curriculum, Day Camp, and thanks for Sunday School music leaders.
- Breakfast Club to be held second Sunday of each month, beginning July 9 (8:30-9:15; pancakes and fruit) and August 13. Breakfast Club will continue during the school year from 8:00-8:30 on 2nd Sundays.

- Discussed teacher help and training.
- Special meeting held to organize Day Camp.

Deacons—June 8

- Opened with prayer concerns.
- Discussed more plans for Prayer Ministry Team and Small Group Ministry.
- John Engelstad to preach and speak about Youth for Christ on June 11.
- Outdoor worship and indoor potluck on June 18, featuring Kenny Frette and Day Camp staff.
- 100th anniversary celebration of Immanuel sanctuary on July 2; Johan and Sonja Hinderlie to give Martin & Katy Luther presentations, including Saturday evening *Life with the Luthers* dinner theatre on July 1 at 5:00. Freewill offering toward roof project.
- Pool party to be held at Riverside on Saturday, July 8 from 2-4 p.m.
- Mission Challenge reports to be given over the next several weeks.

Youth Board—June 6

- Tammy Nicholson opened with devotions.
- Welcomed new member Laura Carlson!
- Talked about Gayle Tate's Mission Challenge, Grounds for Change, which will sell Fair Trade coffee to benefit youth activities.
- Reviewed other past and upcoming events, including Family Celebration on May 7 (30+ attended!), Day Camp, Outdoor Worship on June 18, summer mission trip to TN (June 24-July 1) with recap night for the congregation on July 6, Immanuel pool party at Riverside on July 8, Summer Stretch, and volunteering at

Next meeting: August 8

the Carousel on July 30.

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Middle & High School Youth Activities

July

Mission Trip Recap Night

We will be hosting a Mission Trip Recap Night on Thursday, July 6th, at 7PM where you can hear about everything we did during our time in Chattanooga! Please plan on joining us then.

Summer Stretch

If you are signed up for this 3 week service program, we will be meeting at Immanuel on Wednesday, July 5th at 9AM. On Wednesday, July 12th, we will be meeting at 5t. Petri. On Wednesday, July 19th, we will be meeting at Grace UMC.

The Breakfast Club

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Carousel Volunteering

On Sunday July 30th 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. Free popcorn and rides for anyone who helps us this day! Thank You!

Summer Programming Schedule

Since it is 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. Our Wednesday Summer Meetings in July: 5th, 12th, 19th and 20th (Summer Stretch Participants).

Contact Zachary if you have any questions about youth activities

August

Youth Group Pool Party

All Middle School and High School Youth are invited to a Pool Party at Shirley Frette's house in Ames on **Wednesday August 2nd**. We will meet at Immanuel at 6:00PM and be back by 8:15-8:30. We had a ton of fun last summer when we went there.

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Youth Group Back to School Bonfire
On Saturday August 19th, 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!
Hope to see you there! More details will be
sent out at the beginning of August.



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Enjoy your Freedom

Because many Americans have never known other circumstances, it's easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites knew firsthand the oppression of slavery. Yet when God finally led them out of Egypt, they had problems adjusting to their newfound freedom. Fearful and rebellious, the Israelites grumbled against their leaders, Moses and Aaron, saying they would've been better off as slaves in Egypt.

Our freedom as Christians cost Jesus his life. But we, too, often find it easier to fall back into sinful habits. In Galatians 5:1, Paul offers this encouragement:

"For freedom Christ has set us free.

Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (NRSV).

We're no longer bound by sin and death.

That "independence" is worth celebrating every day!