

Welcome to Worship at
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

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

November 26, 2017



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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

Christ the King Sunday November 26, 2017

We Prepare to Worship God

Prelude

Opening Hymn *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* No. 8

Opening Prayer

Time for Greeting

Announcements

Temple Talk—Youth Board & Board of Education

Rodney Bunn, Sue Uthe

We Hear God's Word

Lesson: Psalm 95:1-7a

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

³ For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

⁷ for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

Gospel: Matthew 27:27-31

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

We Confess Our Faith

Apostles' Creed (on screen)

We Respond to God's Blessings

Offering

Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God" (v. 1) LBW No. 534

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

Senior Choir Anthem "Thanks Be to God!" Price, Besig

Sermon "Come, O King of My Heart" Pastor Hunt

Hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" No. 683

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

Prayers of Praise and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be" No. 597

Postlude

Prayer Team Available in Chapel

Welcome to visitors! Welcome to our celebration of Christ as the all-powerful King of our lives and the world.

Attendance last Sunday: 248

Thank you to today's Ministry Volunteers:

Organist: Emily Anderson **Reader:** Clark Thompson

Senior Choir Director: Susan Amensen

Ushers: Dave & Kathy Quam, Jeff & Charlotte Loots, Tim & Tami Marienau

Greeters: Clark & Julie Thompson

Candlelighter: Jana Isebrands

Sound Engineer: Craig Sargent

Today's bulletin is sponsored by the Twedt Family in honor and memory of Viola M. Twedt's birthday on the 29th of November.

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 next to the chapel.

8:30 A.M. Sunday Adult Education: "Learning from the Hymns" with Pastor Kurt (Chapel); **Gospel of John Bible Study** with Pastor Hunt (Social Hall). Bring your Bibles!

You're invited to "Deck the Halls" and join us after worship today, to trim our Christmas tree and decorate the sanctuary! We hope you can join us (and lend your creativity) in celebrating the glorious beauty of the Advent season!

You're invited to "A Swing for Smiles" fundraiser today from 2-4 P.M. at the Dakins Center in Zearing, held in memory of Chuck Erickson. Shop for goodies from vendors; donations go towards a wheelchair swing for the residents.

Daily Text Order Due Soon! For the last few years, we have ordered copies of the Daily Texts for people who want a bite-sized word from Scripture to shape each day of the year. The Daily



Texts is a unique devotional book used by millions of people around the world in over 50 languages. It is the oldest continuously published devotional book in the world. It provides two Bible verses for each day - one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. These are followed by a prayer based on Martin Luther's prayer pattern, the T.R.I.P., written by a different person each month. Scripture readings to read through the Bible in one year are also

provided. We will be ordering 2018 Daily Texts at a group rate of just **\$7.00 a copy**. If you would like copies for yourself or as gifts, sign up in the narthex, or contact the church office at 733-4972 or immanuel@iowatelecom.net by **THIS Wednesday, November 29th**. May God bless our families, congregation, and community as we spend time in His Word each day!

LifeTouch 8x10 complimentary portraits have been either sent through the mail, or can be picked up in the church office. If you submitted a photo and have not yet paid the \$10 submission fee, please contact the church office.

Immanuel is responsible for providing at least 5 wheelchair pushers at Bethany Manor for the worship service each Sunday during the month of December. Volunteers need to be at the Bethany Manor Chapel by 9:20 A.M. and will be done by 10:45 or 11 A.M. Sign up on the narthex bulletin board—more volunteers are needed for all Sundays in December!

Here are the volunteers for next Sunday (December 3): Dave & Marsha Sweet, Paul & Debbie Gallagher. *We could still use 1 or 2 more volunteers for December 3rd!*

Immanuel Lutheran Church's Christmas Luncheon and Bake Sale: Saturday, December 2 from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. Menu includes: variety of soups, bread, rice pudding, Scandinavian treats and a Hot Chocolate Bar. \$10 for full meal or \$5 for dessert/drink only. There will also be a bake sale featuring Scandinavian Baked Goods. Make it a day and enjoy the Tour of Homes and visit the local shops!

We're doing the baking for you!

Holiday Cookie Walk

December 2, 2017 | 9 a.m.–12 noon
St. Petri Church, 804 Grand, Story City

*Cookies, candies, gift jar mixes, and
crafts will be available.*

**SAINT PETRI EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



The Norsemen Food Pantry, at the Roland-Story Middle School, is available to all residents of Roland and Story City. The food pantry is open every Sunday from 4-6 P.M. Appointments are not necessary. To make a donation to the Norsemen Food Pantry or ask questions, please call Roland-Story Middle School at (515) 388-4348.

You're invited to an Old-Fashioned Christmas on Main Street in Roland on Saturday, December 2! Here's the schedule of events:

5 P.M.—Soup Supper at the Roland Community Center

5-6:30 P.M.—Open House at the library; Meet Mr. & Mrs. Santa, decorate cookies, make your own ornaments

7 P.M.—Tree lighting and caroling behind Casey's General Store; Enjoy some Apple Cider!

Volunteers will be needed. Please contact Linda Gauley at 515-388-4588 or 515-771-1123.

Christmas Angel Gift Program. Gift tags with a listing of a gift or urgent need for a specific child in our community are now available in the narthex! Please take a tag and follow the directions on the back of the tag. All gifts are to be returned to the church by December 11 so that they can be sorted and distributed to the families. Anyone not wanting to shop, but wanting to contribute, please give your donations to the church office, and we'll do the shopping for you!

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? If you or someone you know is unable to drive to church on Sunday mornings, Immanuel Lutheran Church offers a transportation service within our local area. We will provide a ride to and from Sunday worship services. To set up a ride, please call the church office by the Friday morning before Sunday worship. We will do our best to honor last minute requests. One of our ushers will come pick you up. So, don't let lack of transportation stop you from joining us for worship!

Don't forget to check out the periodicals, newsletters, and "Our Daily Bread" devotionals in the narthex—we encourage you to take some for yourself, family and friends!

You're invited to bring a dish to share for our "First Sunday of the Month" Congregational Potluck next Sunday, December 3rd! We'll meet in the Social Hall after worship. Drinks and tableware will be provided. Don't miss out on the food and fellowship!

Christmas Cantata. The Senior Choir invites any singers from the congregation to join them for rehearsals for their Christmas Cantata (to be performed on Sunday, December 10 during worship). Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7:15 P.M.

You're invited to a Christmas open house at Pastor Kurt & Sarah Jensen's home (324 Elm Ave) on Sunday, December 3 from 4-6 P.M. Please join us for Christmas goodies and cups of cheer as we celebrate this most joyous season!

You're invited to Riverside's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 3 from 6-7:30 P.M. Enjoy hot cocoa, wagon rides, cookie decorating, Christmas carols, crafts, and more! This event is free and open to everyone!

Immanuel Staffing Recommendation. At the October Church Council meeting, the Council asked the Transition Team to make a recommendation on future staffing. The Transition Team recommendation came before the Church Council at the November meeting. This recommendation was based on responses to the CAT assessment which congregation members participated in earlier this year. The recommendation is that we call an additional pastor with an emphasis on youth and family ministry. Before this can be initiated, the Council will develop specific descriptions for the roles of two pastors at Immanuel. There will be several steps in this process that Council will have to complete before forming a call committee and bringing this to the congregation. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Church Council.

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.*

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.

On Nov. 29th, the Confirmation class will be having a **youth-led large and small group night!** We need a few more adult volunteers for this event; please contact Pastor Kurt or Rodney Bunn if you would like to help.

All 9-12th graders are invited to sing carols with an Immanuel Small group on Sunday, December 10. We will meet at 10:45am at the HS room and will walk to Bethany Manor. When we return to the church we will play a game and have a contest for who is wearing the ugliest Christmas sweater and who is wearing the most festive clothes. Use your imagination! We will also have pizza and pop. We hope this event will be fun filled and a blessing for all involved. We are planning to be done by 1 P.M. Please call Sarah Gelner at 515-291-4386 or email her agelner@windstream.net to sign up or if you have any questions. You're welcome to bring a friend! See you there!

Along with one of our adult small groups, the Trinity and Confirmation students will be **Caroling at the Condos** (Broad Street, Scandia Center, and Scandia West) **on Dec. 13th** during their usual class time. We're looking forward to spreading Christmas joy together!



Winter Jam is coming!

January 26, 2018
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

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.

If you've ever been wondering what God's plan for your life is, you're not alone. At Called 2 Follow, you'll have a chance to meet other high school students from all over the country, lend a hand to people in need, and gain a better understanding of what God might be calling you to do in your local community. This isn't your parent's youth gathering!

Here's a recap of the 2016 LCMC Youth Gathering:

<http://www.lcmc.net/blog/grand-view-university-welcomes-lcmc-for-called-2-serve-youth-event/a729>

Also, youth from St. Petri are going to the **YouthWorks mission trip** at the Crow Reservation in MT July 22-29:

<https://www.youthworks.com/trips/crow-reservation/>

They will leave on the 21st; they have said students who would like to go would be welcome to go with them. As of Nov. 15, there were 15 spots left for that High School-only trip. Let us know right away if you're interested in going.

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

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Chris Dahl: dahlch01@gmail.com; 515-865-5901

Tammy Nicholson: tknicholson89@gmail.com; 515-291-0034

Pastor Kurt: jensku01@gmail.com; 515-733-4972

November 26-December 3, 2017

Worship & Study Opportunities at Immanuel

Sunday, November 26

- 8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast
- 8:00 A.M. Prayer Time
- 8:30 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Education
- 9:30 A.M. Worship
- 10:30 A.M. Decorating the Sanctuary
- 10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)

Monday, November 27

- 5:30 P.M. Potato Cake Making for Christmas Tea

Tuesday, November 28

- 9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 A.M. Folding Newsletters

Wednesday, November 29

- 6:30 P.M. Junior Choir (Chapel)
- 6:30 P.M. Pizza Supper for Trinity & Confirmation Students
- 6:45 P.M. Trinity/Confirmation Classes
- 7:15 P.M. Senior Choir

Friday, December 1

- 10:00 A.M. Folding Bulletins

Saturday, December 2

- 8:00 A.M. Men of Immanuel
- 11:00 A.M. Christmas Tea & Bazaar (Social Hall)

Sunday, December 3—Communion Sunday

- 8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast
- 8:00 A.M. Prayer Time
- 8:30 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Education
- 9:30 A.M. Worship
- 10:30 A.M. Congregational Potluck (Social Hall)
- 4:00 P.M. Jensen's Open House
- 6:00 P.M. Riverside Christmas Party