

THE IMMANUEL INFORMER

MISSION STATEMENT

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

September 2014



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

8:30 A.M. Sunday School

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

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

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



What is the heartbeat of your family? Sharon Brewer did this beautiful painting to illustrate a quote by author S.D. Smith, who contributes regularly to

www.storywarren.com. Story Warren is a great resource/community to help parents develop a holy imagination in their kids. Smith writes, "Children see everywhere an upside-down world. Holy imagination is a crucial capacity to help them see it right-side-up. We want to help them appreciate the wonder and magic of the world that is and anticipate with joy the almost entirely unimaginable glory of the world as it shall be." God's kingdom is bursting out all around us into our world. May God give us a child's eyes to see how He wants us to join in on what He is doing.

Pastor Kurt



August Pastoral Acts

Baptism

- Henry David Severson, son of Grant & Laura Severson - August 17

Burials

- R. James Voga - August 2
- Elsie Hauge - August 2 (non-member)

Funeral

- Elaine Pierce - August 18

Please remember these families in your prayers.

Women's Monthly Bible Study

We will begin a new Bible Study in September called, "The Proverbs 31 Woman: Stories of Faithful Women in Scripture."



Women's Bible Study

The study will explore real women, with real struggles and gifts, and deep, abiding faith. God was able to use these women as his instruments and will give us insights into the way He transforms our lives as well.

Bible Study materials are \$6.00 and are available on the welcome table and at our September meeting. We will gather on Tuesday, September 16 at 2 P.M. in the Social Hall. All women are welcome.

Women's Weekly Bible Study

A weekly Bible Study for women will meet each Wednesday morning from 8:30-10 A.M. in the church library, beginning September 24. This fall the group will be studying the book of Ezekiel. Anyone is welcome to join in with this Bible Study. There are no materials that need to be purchased.

September Ministry Volunteers

Ushers: Al Hermanson, Steve & Miriam Skartvedt, Dennis Bauman

Greeters:

September 7	Adam & Rachel Wilkinson
September 14	Brandon & Tammy Hansen
September 21	Loren & Solvay Twedt
September 28	Joel & Kathy Gabrielson

Readers:

September 7	Steve Skartvedt
September 14	Steve Olson
September 21	Solvay Twedt
September 28	John Abrams

Parking

There are a dozen new parking spaces east of the educational unit. Feel free to use them each Sunday. Worshippers can use the Carriage House parking lot as well.

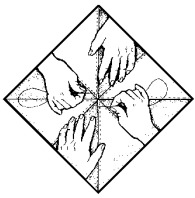


Holy Communion

There will be a short service of Holy Communion following the worship service on Sunday, September 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 this month.

Financial Report - July

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Current & Mission Fund	26,975.43	25,135.15	29,678.20	22,432.38
Improvement Fund	65,407.02	6,535.00	0.00	71,942.02
Missionary Support Fund	-655.17	2,705.00	1,691.67	358.16
Memorial Fund	12,661.58	800.00	20.00	13,441.58
Ministry Fund	8,073.67	10.00	427.00	7,656.67



Immanuel Women's Ministry Quilt Tying Work Day

Immanuel Women's Ministry Quilt Tying Work Day will be held Thursday, September 11, beginning at 9 A.M. We will be tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Beloit. The work day 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 morning. No experience needed.

We are also looking for people who could help sew quilt tops together. If you are willing to help with this contact Carol Jewell (733.4724).

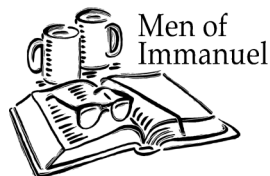
Habitat for Humanity

We will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity in Ames Saturday, September 13th!! We will meet at Immanuel at **7:30 AM and leave by 7:40 AM**. The build day lasts from **8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. Lunch will be provided on site. We will be working on several different projects around the house that they are building. Habitat for Humanity is a very unique organization! Check out their website at www.habitat.org

This event is open to **ANYONE** ages 16 (with parental consent) through 100!!
Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex by August 31st. Thank You! This will be a great time. We are limited to 20 Volunteers only! Sign up today! If you have questions, please contact Zachary.

Did you know?

All men of Immanuel are invited to meet each Saturday morning from 8-9 A.M. in the Social Hall during the school year. Donuts and coffee are served. A video clip or informal Bible Study are usually on the agenda. Everyone is welcome! We begin September 27.



Junior Choir Practices Begin Wednesday, September 3

Attention all 2nd through 6th graders!!

You are invited and encouraged to join Junior Choir. We meet each Wednesday night from 6:30-7 P.M. in the chapel, beginning Wednesday, September 3. It's a great time of learning new songs, having fun with new and old friends, and praising God. Please join us this year. Hope to see you there!!!



Cathy McKim, Director

Senior Choir Practices Begin Wednesday, September 3



Senior Choir (High School & Adults) rehearsal begins on Wednesday, September 3 at 7:15 P.M. in the sanctuary.

Choir Practice Resumes

Reminder

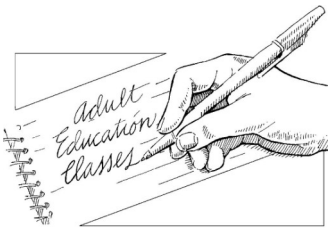
If you have a friend or neighbor who may not have a church home, invite them to visit Immanuel. Sunday School begins September 7 for our young people and September 14 for the adult classes.

Volunteer Opportunity

The LCMC Annual International Gathering will be held at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines October 5-8. Area LCMC churches are being asked to provide volunteers to help with various tasks during the Gathering. As examples, some are needed to help with registration on Sunday night. Others are needed for the "Meals from the Heartland" packaging event on Tuesday from 5-7 P.M. Let the church office know if you could volunteer for any of these times.

Upcoming Riverside Bible Camp Activities

Upcoming activities at Riverside Bible Camp include their annual golf outing on Friday, September 12, the women's retreat to be held September 20-21, and their Chili Cook-Off on October 26. For more information or to register, check the narthex bulletin board or the Riverside website, www.RiversideLBC.org.



Fall Adult Education Opportunities

Adult Class in Social Hall - “LCMC - What’s Happening?”

Now that we have been a part of “Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ” for four years, it will be good to reflect once again on “who we are” and “what are our unique priorities.” On September 14 we will gather in the social hall at 8:30 A.M. to begin a three part series on the mission and purpose of LCMC and what exciting things are happening to help fulfill these priorities. There will be special speakers. All adults are welcome. You won’t want to miss it.

Adult Class for Parents in Cornerstone Room - “It Starts at Home”

Who is shaping what your kids believe?

In these busy, hectic days we take our kids to sports practices, games, music lessons, school tutoring and other activities to give our children the best opportunities for success. But what if we're missing the chance to teach them what matters most?

Our children can grow up smart, athletic, popular and polite but lack a vibrant relationship with Christ. The few hours they spend in church each week can be helpful, but it cannot nurture a faith in our kids that will withstand the trials that are on the horizon. Church alone cannot teach them, we must start at home. But many parents feel ill equipped to develop the faith of their children.

In these six sessions, we will explore biblical and tangible ways that parents—couples, single parents, blended families and grandparents—can build a legacy of faith for their children. **We’ll meet in the Cornerstone Room beginning Sept. 14th during Sunday School (8:30 – 9:15 a.m.)** Miss a session? You can watch it at home or anywhere on your computer, smartphone, or tablet through our **RightNow Media** account (see article in this newsletter).

Each Bible study session includes interviews with everyday parents talking about their own doubts, fears and desires. Gary Thomas, Matt Chandler, and Kurt and Olivia Bruner provide powerful teaching that will help you give your kids what they need to build a solid framework for lifelong faith.

The six video-driven sessions will include these themes:

Session 1 (Sept. 14) - **Faith: It Starts at Home**

Session 2 (Sept. 21) - **Marriage: Your Children Are Watching**

Session 3 (Sept. 28) - **Relationships: Your First Priority**

Session 4 (Oct. 5) - **Truth: What Are Your Kids Learning?**

Session 5 (Oct. 12) - **Communication: Each Child is Unique**

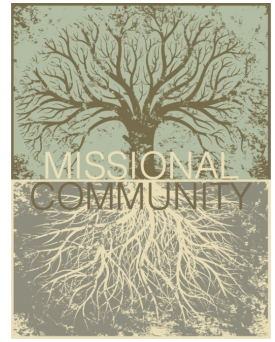
Session 6 (Oct. 19) - **Character: Preparing Your Kids For the Real World**

You can find lots more faith-building resources and activities for your family at their website: www.itstartsathome.org Questions about the series? Contact Pastor Kurt.



What are Missional Communities?

Several dozen people gathered at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Altoona on August 2 to explore the idea of creating Missional Communities. A Missional Community is a different kind of ministry that reaches out beyond the church walls into the lives of the people nearby. Host pastor, Nathan Anenson explained, “Missional Communities help us become more like Jesus and to live out what He asks us to do. Missional Communities are simply *Jesus-centered communities on mission*.” A Missional Community typically consists of 15-40 people, often including kids, who do life together and make an impact on the neighborhood around them. They are small enough to care and big enough to dare. They use an intentional rhythm of “up, in, and out” to shape their life together:



- **Jesus-centered (UP):** Missional Communities are intentional about practicing spiritual disciplines together (Bible study, prayer, etc). Spiritual disciplines provide an important context for Jesus to work in our lives.
- **Community (IN):** Missional Communities function as extended families and do life together as much as possible, for this is the context for discipleship. In community we find an example to follow, a sense of belonging, and a balance of challenge and encouragement that fosters spiritual growth.
- **On Mission (OUT):** Missional Communities have a shared mission that stretches them to grow and impacts the world. They are intentional about being present in the lives of pre-Christians and inviting them into community where they can experience the gospel and become disciples themselves.

Our speakers that day talked about how each Missional Community takes on a mission they are passionate about, helping people experience a taste of God’s kingdom. They continually ask, “What does loving our city and our neighbor really look like?” and find ways to live that out together. Missional Communities look a lot like the early church in Acts 2: a kind of extended family focused on Jesus, committed to each other, and spreading God’s good news in creative ways. As Mike Breen puts it, “They exist to bring heaven to the particular slice of earth they believe God has given them to bless.” They look closely at the world around them to discern how they can join in on what God is already doing.

Sound interesting? Talk with one of the pastors about how we are beginning to explore this new (and ancient) way of doing life together. Here are a few resources to get conversations going:

- *Leading Missional Communities* by Mike Breen
- *Missional Communities* by Reggie McNeal
- www.vergenetwork.org
- www.lccaltoona.org/MC



Fall Sermon Series

We realize that the church is not primarily a building. The church is any place God’s people are gathered to be inspired by the Word and trained to influence the world for Christ. The Church is God’s people in action wherever they are called to serve.

As we begin our fall season, our sermon series will challenge us to not only “Go to Church” but “Be the Church” — to live out our lives focusing on what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Below you will find a listing of the sermon titles. We hope you can attend each service.

September 7 - “Be the Church: What’s it all About”

September 14 - “Be the Church: Gathering in Community/Doing Life Together”

September 21 - “Be the Church: Experiencing True Worship”

September 28 - “Be the Church: Growing in Christ”

October 5 - “Be the Church: Reaching Out”

October 12 - “Be the Church: Living a Generous Life”

Church Directory News

We are in the process of putting our church directory “on-line” with access from the church website: www.immanuelstorycity.org. The online directory will only be accessible by our members. For security, it will be password protected.

Each member will receive a letter from the church soon with your own username and password and directions on how to access the directory.

The link to the directory is the “camera” icon at the bottom of each page of our website. Clicking on the icon will direct you to the “log-in” page. The letter you receive will show you how to set up your free account.

Also, the church will be having an “update” photography session on September 30 for our new members and anyone who didn’t have their picture taken for the previous directory.

More details will be coming soon. If you have any questions or problems, give the church office or Sue Valen (733.5249) a call. We hope this online directory will be a great tool for our church family.

Proposed Video Monitor

Recently, memorial funds were given toward an audio-visual project for the congregation. A video monitor for the sanctuary was selected as a project in order to enhance worship leading. The middle of the front of the balcony seems to be the best location for the monitor. If you have questions about the proposed monitor, please talk with one of the pastors or any of the council members.

Nursery Remodeling

Having an inviting nursery is vital for young families to feel welcome and at home in our congregation. To accommodate our growing number of little kids, we are going to create a larger, updated nursery by opening the center 70” of the wall between the current nursery and the adjoining classroom, which is not needed for Sunday School. Remodeling will begin sometime in late October. We have already raised a little over \$5000 for this project; would you consider helping us reach our goal of \$6000? Keep watching for updates on how you can participate in this project for our young families.

Immanuel Giving Fund Options

As we begin the fall season, we want to remind our members of our giving fund options.

- **Current and Mission Fund** – Current expenditures of the church that include staff salaries, utilities and mission efforts locally and around the world.
- **Missionary Support Fund** – Money given helps support Immanuel sponsored missionaries.
- **Improvement Fund** – Small and large capital expenditures to improve and maintain church owned buildings.
- **Special Designated Funds** – Although most members simply give to the Current & Mission Fund, some like to give to specific mission efforts including:
 - Radio Ministry Fund – KASI weekly broadcasts of Immanuel’s worship service at 8 A.M. Sunday mornings (1430 AM)
 - Hunger Fund (Meals from the Heartland) - Provides meals that volunteers package for helping hungry people around the world
 - Bethany Life Communities – General fund for Bethany Life Programs
 - Riverside Bible Camp – Camp general fund
 - Ministry Fund – To support the Spiritual Enrichment of the congregation through worship and educational resources or activities such as audiovisual and instructional materials, books, speakers, and conference scholarships
 - Emergency Assistance Fund - Provides help to local individuals and families
 - Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry - Local food pantry

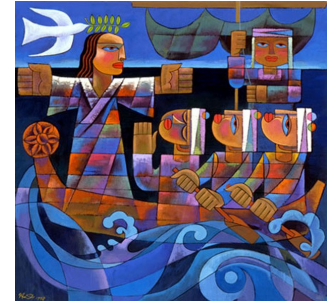


Faith Stepping Stone 6: *Surviving Adolescence*

At the beginning of the school year, we ask all our Confirmation students

(8th & 9th graders) and their parents to come to an orientation night. This year, we are expanding Confirmation orientation into a three-session Faith Stepping Stone that will help parents and students figure out how to survive adolescence together. The sessions will be held on **Wednesday evenings (August 27, September 3 and 10) from 7:00 to 8:15.**

Topics we will cover include: how pressures and support systems for students have changed over the years, how to stay connected with one another and with God during adolescence, and how parents and teens can have their dream relationship with one another. Come find out how to thrive as a family through the tumultuous years of adolescence and come out stronger together on the other side!



Faith Stepping Stone 8: *Graduation*

Our new high school seniors and their families are beginning their last year together before the seniors head off to the new adventures to which God is calling them. This last year will go by quicker than they realize; each day is precious.

In our *Graduation* Faith Stepping Stone, seniors and their families will gather three times over the course of the year for a meal and a chance to reflect on the journey of their life together. They'll look back at the blessings, the gifting and the calling God is giving them in their future. Our first *Graduation* Faith Stepping Stone brunch will be held **in the chapel after church on Sunday, September 14th.** *Seniors, please call or email the church office to let us know if you and your family can come!* Feel free to bring other seniors and their families; just let us know how many to plan for! If you'd like to honor our seniors by helping with the meal or the *Graduation* Stepping Stone, please talk to Pastor Kurt or Zachary. You can find out more about the Faith Stepping Stones at www.faithink.com.

rightnow MEDIA

RightNow Media, which gives all our members access to a **vast Christian discipleship video library**. It's essentially the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" because you have instant access to **thousands of great videos for kids, youth, parents, married couples and more.** You can view these videos from your phone, tablet or computer. And you can also view them in a group setting through a TV or projector.

There are over 3500 videos from some great teachers, including great kids' videos. You should have already received an official "invitation email" to give you **FREE** access to this library. If you haven't received the email already, check your email filter; because it was coming from RightNow's system it may have got caught there. Otherwise, email the church office (immanuel@iowatelecom.net) to have Sheila send the email to you.

Our church is always looking for ways to serve you as you live out your faith throughout the week. One excellent resource we provide is our partnership with





Church Library

With school starting and summer winding down, it's time to pick up some of those routines we've set aside for awhile. If you have been too busy to do much reading lately, now is the time to check out a good book from our library.

Imagine what your life would be like if you made every wrong decision you could make, closed every promising door opened to you, and turned your back on the ones who truly loved you. The future wouldn't be much to look forward to. That's the conclusion Abra Matthews (aka Lena Scott - her Hollywood name) arrives at after years of searching for the love and acceptance she felt she had lost and could never have. In the book Bridge to Heaven by Francine Rivers, read how God rolls up his sleeves and patiently and tenderly draws Abra back into the life He had planned for her all along.

Sometimes when you are reading realistic fiction you get drawn into the story but think there is no way all this could happen in real life. Then you pick up a book like The Waiting by Cathy LaGrow, a true story about real people, places and events, and you find that truly amazing things can and do happen, and God does answer prayers. The book's subtitle states, "The true story of a lost child, a lifetime of longing, and a miracle for a mother who never gave up." Keep a box of tissues handy as your heart will ache with longing and rejoice with happiness as you read this story. This is an interesting local connection as the baby in the story was adopted by a Lutheran minister from Jewell.

War stories can be difficult to read. It is hard to understand man's inhumanity towards man. Yet it is true that some of God's most amazing miracles take place under these difficult circumstances. Jocelyn Green's Yankee in Atlanta is part of her "Heroines Behind the Lines" series and takes place during the Civil War. There are two stories going on simultaneously, Ruby and Edward in the North, and Noah and Caitlin in the South. While it takes a bit of effort to keep things straight, both stories carry the themes of love despite incredible obstacles, hardship in the face of great loss, and hope when there is nothing left but faith. The threads of these two stories are woven together more and more tightly as the war progresses with surprisingly touching results. Author Green is known for doing extensive research and presenting historically accurate details, adding to the story's appeal.



Young Adults Outing to Center Grove Orchard

We're going to the orchard on Sunday, September 28! We'll head there after church. Check out all the fun things to do at the orchard at www.centergroveorchard.com. Admission is \$10.95 for ages 3 and up; they're open on Sundays from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. Call Pastor Kurt with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Mission Moment - Tears of Gratitude

Dear Friends:

A few months ago one of Our Daily Bread's devotions, written by Bill Crowder, spoke of a communion service. The congregation was invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup from the pastors and the deacons. They told each one personally of Jesus' sacrifice for him or her. It was an especially moving experience during what can often become just routine, **if we let it.** Members watched one another and noticed to see that many had tears in their eyes. Friends: these were **tears of gratitude.** With the elements of communion pointing directly to the cross and the sacrifice of Christ on our behalf, that service was about so much more than just being routine - it was about Christ. His love. His sacrifice. His cross. For all of us.

Members of Immanuel, the Mission Committee extends their heartfelt THANKS to you for your missionary support, both near and far. We can only imagine the **"tears of gratitude"** new believers in Christ have experienced through the work of our supported missionaries and other mission organizations.



Summary of August Council Meeting - August 14, 2014

Joint Council

- President John Rathmacher called the meeting to order.
- Pastor Anenson led us in devotions.
- Report of the Treasurer - Met goals for July. We were able to pay the final installment of the electrical project bill. Last year at this time we had \$7,000 more than we do today in the current fund.
- Estate Gift of \$10,000 from Harold Bolstad - this is an undesignated gift. The Endowment Committee should discuss first, then take it to the Trustees. Finally, the Trustees will present it to the joint council.
- Update on International LCMC Gathering & Iowa District Convention.
 - Pastor Anenson reminded council that Gathering will be in Des Moines this year. That is handy for the Iowa District. There will also be responsibilities for area churches. Oct. 5-8 at Events Center. As it gets closer, Pastors will be asking for volunteers. Gayle Tate and pastors are going.
 - November 15 is the district convention here at Immanuel. Saturday, 9-5. Volunteers to help with registration and lunch.
- Church Pictorial Directory Update - Pastor Kurt said since a number of people have joined our church and others didn't have pictures taken, we will have September 30 as a day for them to have their pictures taken. Then we will have an update page printed. Sue Valen is also working on an online directory along with contact information. A letter will be going out soon.
- Other Business - Video Monitor Proposal. Memorial funds were given toward the audio-visual needs of our congregation. The joint council went to the sanctuary to look at the possibilities of a new video monitor. Pastor Kurt stated they had looked at a couple of options. Jeff Loots stated he'd like to get input from the congregation. The memorial will cover cost. An announcement will be put in the bulletin.
- Next meeting will be Thursday, September 11 at 8:15 P.M.

Board Reports

Deacons:

- Kent opened with prayer.
- Adult Education update.
 - September 14, 21, 28 - Pastor Anenson, Pastor Hunt, and Gayle Tate will present general information about LCMC.
 - Pastor Kurt will be teaching a 6 session series entitled "It Starts at Home" beginning September 14 in the Cornerstone Room.
- Discussed Faith Sharing ideas.
- Discussed updates on Nursery and Sanctuary Video Monitor.
- Greeters, Welcome Table, Kiosk location
 - Greeters and Welcome Table will be located outside the secretary's office on a trial basis.
 - Kiosk will be on display in the narthex.
- Coffee Fellowship Coordination
 - Deacons will be passing around sign-up sheets.
 - Volunteer is needed to monitor serving sign-up sheet for after church fellowship.
- Other items
 - August 24 - Hunger offering at Immanuel to support "Meals from the Heartland." Zachary and youth members will be helping to package meals on October 7 at the Iowa Events Center. Other members are welcome to participate in this event.
 - Pam Maurer is going on a medical mission trip to Honduras in November. Her group will be distributing small medical and personal care items to the needy. The congregation will

- be encouraged to bring medical supplies for her to pass out.
- Deacons have discussed having confirmation in October, on Reformation Sunday. This may encourage confirmands to continue to attend church on a regular basis.

Board of Education:

- Lisa opened in prayer.
- Treasurer's report. Funds are short, mainly to new tables expense.
- Rally Sunday details discussed.
- 3 year olds - Shayla has called to confirm that they are coming for Sunday School.
- 2nd Grade Bibles - Deb has been calling to confirm name on their Bibles and will get order placed.
- New tables placed in Sunday School rooms. Some classrooms not big enough for the number of seats and new tables were needed.
- Lisa will get Thank You written up for Frankie Romsey memorial.

Youth Board:

- Beth opened in prayer and Zachary shared devotions.
- Review of Middle School/High School activities for July/August.
 - Youth Group for Middle School and High School was held on July 2 and 30. Mission trip recap night had a great turnout with more than 30 people. Trip went very well.
 - On July 25, youth helped at the carousel. Fifteen people helped (2 High School, 11 Middle School, and 2 adults).
 - There will be a bonfire on August 15 from 6-8 P.M. at the Rathmachers.
 - August 17 - Middle School hosting after church fellowship.
 - August 24 - High School hosting after church fellowship.
- Discussed Discipleship Conferences for youth this winter.
- Zachary is reviewing 2015 summer mission trip options.
- Zachary suggested a new name for the youth group: Koinonia, which is Greek for fellowship. He will take it back to the youth for feedback.
- Next Youth Board meeting will be September 2 at 6 P.M.

Trustees:

- Rick opened in prayer.
- Approved bills and reviewed Treasurer's Report.
- Update on Parsonage kitchen and appliances - only two items left, the refrigerator should be in this week.
- Discussion on new TV monitor in Sanctuary.
 - All areas were evaluated for installation and the balcony center seems to be best location.
 - Up to \$2,300 has been pledged and the person agreed that it would be a good project. Trustees want the congregation's opinion.
- Nursery remodeling - Ben Winecoff and Pastor Kurt presented drawings and bids for expanding the nursery because of more use and modernizing with more furniture, space, books and toys, with speakers to hear the sermons. Location is best on the main floor for easy access to the sanctuary and restrooms. Gave approval to go ahead with this project. Will be about \$6,000 to update; committee already has \$5,100. They have gotten two estimates. The property committee will take a closer look at it.
- Property Committee projects.
 - Wall paper repair in entrance completed for \$700 cost.
 - Rear doors need repair.
 - Fire extinguishers are being serviced.
 - Drop off entrance needs to be studied.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Middle School Youth Group - Starting in September we will be going back to meeting on Sundays. We will be getting together Sunday the 14th and 21st, from 2:00-3:20 PM. Bring a friend and get ready for some fun! We will be having a Youth Group Kick-Off on Sunday September 7th.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

High School Youth Group - Starting in September we will be going back to meeting on Sundays. We will be getting together Sunday the 21st, from 3:30-5:00 PM. Bring a friend and get ready for some fun! We will be having a Youth Group Kick-Off on Sunday September 7th.

Habitat for Humanity - Anyone 16 and up please read the announcement about our build day on Saturday, September 13th!

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Youth Group Kick-Off - Sunday, September 7th, we will be "Kicking Off" our new year of Youth Group!! Parents AND Youth please plan on joining us from 1:00 - 3:00 PM to help get our year started. We will be having food, fellowship, fun and a friendly competition! Look for more details to come the first couple days in September. I hope to see YOU there! Bring your parents. Bring a friend. COME EXCITED!!

Sweet Treats Trip - We are heading to Sweet Treats in Jewell on Saturday, September 27th! Meet at Immanuel at 6:00 PM and bring \$5 with you to cover the cost of a "Double Scoop". There are Lactose Free options available for you in case you need that option! Come on out and join us! Bring a friend! This is the last weekend Sweet Treats is open until May 2015! You don't want to miss out.

Habitat for Humanity - We will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity in Ames Saturday, September 13th!! We will meet at Immanuel at 7:30 AM and leave by 7:40 AM. The build day lasts from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided on site. We will be working on several different projects around the house that they are building. Habitat for Humanity is a very unique organization! Check out their website at www.habitat.org ***This event is open to ANYONE ages 16 (with parental consent) through 100!!*** Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex by August 31st. Thank You! This will be a great time. We are limited to 20 Volunteers only! Sign up today! If you have questions, please contact Zachary.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 - Labor Day Church Office Closed	2 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - Youth Board	3 6:30 PM - Junior Choir 7:00 PM - Trinity Class 7:00 PM - Confirmation Class (Faith Stepping Stone) 7:15 PM - Senior Choir	4	5	6
7 - Rally Sunday, Communion Sunday 8:00 AM - Radio Broadcast 8:30 AM - Sunday School 9:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM - Worship 10:45 AM - Rally Sunday Dinner 1:00 PM - Youth Group Kick-Off	8	9 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting	10 6:30 PM - Junior Choir 7:00 PM - Trinity Class 7:00 PM - Confirmation Class (Faith Stepping Stone) 7:15 PM - Senior Choir	11 9 AM - Women's Ministry Quilt Work Day 7:00 PM - Deacon Board Meeting 7:00 PM - Trustees Board Meeting 7:30 PM - Board of Education Meeting 8:15 PM - Church Council Meeting	12	13 7:30 AM - Habitat for Humanity Work Day (Ages 16 and above)
14 8:00 AM - Radio Broadcast 8:30 AM - Sunday School 9:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM - Worship 10:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship 10:45 AM - Graduation Faith Stepping Stone Brunch (12 Graders & Parents) 2:00 PM - MS Youth Group	15	16 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - Women's Monthly Bible Study	17 6:30 PM - Junior Choir 6:30 PM - Pizza Supper for Trinity & Confirmation 7:00 PM - Trinity & Confirmation Classes 7:15 PM - Senior Choir	18	19	20
21 8:00 AM - Radio Broadcast 8:30 AM - Sunday School 9:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM - Worship 10:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 AM - Service of Holy Communion 2:00 PM - MS Youth Group 3:30 PM - HS Youth Group	22	23 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting	24 8:30 AM - Women's Weekly Bible Study 6:30 PM - Junior Choir 6:30 PM - Pizza Supper for Trinity & Confirmation 7:00 PM - Trinity & Confirmation Classes 7:15 PM - Senior Choir	25 9:30 AM - Roland-Story Ministerial at St. Petri	26 Wedding Rehearsal	27 8:00 AM - Men of Immanuel 4:30 PM - A.J. Christian - Amber Rozeboom Wedding 6:00 PM - MSHS Youth Groups to Sweet Treats
28 8:00 AM - Radio Broadcast 8:30 AM - Sunday School 9:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM - Worship 10:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM - Young Adults to Center Grove Orchard	29	30 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting 2:00-8:40 PM - Directory Pictures				

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Tuesday, September 2-Tuesday September 30 - Home Delivered Meals are delivered by Immanuel members.

Sunday, September 7 - Rally Sunday. Sunday School Rally Day activities at 8:30 A.M. Worship service at 9:30. There will be a meal in the social hall following the worship service. Free will offering.

Thursday, September 11 - Women's Quilt Tying Work Day. 9 A.M.-12 noon.

Sunday, September 14 - Adult Education begins in Social Hall & Cornerstone Room.

Tuesday, September 16 - Women's Bible Study in Social Hall.

Saturday, September 27 - Men of Immanuel begins in Social Hall (8-9 A.M.).

Tuesday, September 30 - Pictures taken for church directory supplement.