

Schedule for the week of August 20-26, 2017. (A complete listing of meetings/events is posted by the church office door. Please check this listing to verify in which room your meeting/event is. Due to conflicting requests, you may not be assigned the room you requested.)

Sunday	12:00 p.m.	8 th Grade Pool Party
Monday	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Guide Orientation-Fellowship Hall Confirmation Guide Meeting-Living Room
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting-Library
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Time to Consider-Atrium
Thursday	6:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study-Bakers Square 9 th Grade Pool Party

Assisting Today:

	Sunday 9:15 a.m.	Sunday 10:45 a.m.
Acolytes	Sean Redmond/Claire Schommer	Sydney Monge/Tyler Zillmer
Greeters	Tom Berg & Joy Klemp	Krista & Steve Berger
Ushers	Brian Maenke/Orly Maenke	Phil Weber/Karilyn Jons
Lectors	Gay Ludvig	Kate Moody
Communion	Barb Link/Sharon Peterson/Coleen Morehouse	Jody Ebert/Christy Woll/Kelly Kautz
Nursery		
Welcome Center	Lorraine Maenke	
Altar Guild	Janet Gould/Nancy Roeber/Sharon Peterson	
Counters	Arvin & Coleen Morehouse	
Coffee	Gretchen Radach/Kari Edwards	

To preserve the sanctity of our worshipping space, we prefer that you finish your beverages in the atrium, rather than bringing them into the sanctuary. Thank you!

Large-print Bibles available. In the back of the sanctuary we have a few large-print Bibles available for your use.

Immanuel's Boy Scout Troop 347 collects aluminum cans for recycling. Look for the trailer in the west parking lot and bring your cans to Immanuel for recycling.

Advertise in Luther's Way. Our church representative from Liturgical Publications, Inc, is working on setting up the advertising for our newsletter for the upcoming year. We hope that members who have a business will consider sponsoring an ad in the newsletter, since the revenue from the ads is what makes the publication possible at no cost to the church. Also, if you know of any other businesses in the community that would like to support the church, please let them know about this opportunity. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations such as emergency pregnancy counseling, the local food shelf, the battered women's shelter, etc. Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help!
If you are interested in getting more information, please either call Liturgical Publications (LPi) at 1-800-950-9952 or go to: www.4lpi.com/church-bulletin-advertisers/.



Welcome

August 20, 2017

Welcome! It is a joy to have you worship with us at Immanuel.

- **Holy Communion:** As we celebrate Holy Communion today, anyone seeking the forgiveness of Christ is welcome to receive the bread and the wine. If you would like the Pastor to bring communion to you, please sit in an aisle seat and let an usher know. We invite every child of God to share in this meal. Everyone who comes forward for communion and holds out their hands will receive the bread and wine. Parents, we encourage you to determine how your child/children can participate in this meal of God's love and grace through your direction and example.
- **Children in Worship:** We welcome and encourage all children to be in worship. Nursery is available for children under age three during all services on Sunday. A room dedicated for nursing mothers is also available in the nursery. Children's Rainbow Activity Bags and Children's Bulletins may be picked up by the west doors of the sanctuary. Please make sure all materials are returned to the bag prior to putting it back on the Rainbow Bag Tree.
- **More information:** Stop by the Welcome Center located in the atrium, use the gold insert and check the appropriate box or go to www.immanuel.us. Please worship with us again.

Immanuel's Values:

- Loving God and one another
- Intentional faith development and expression
- Active service in the community
- Practicing transformative generosity

We ask your prayers for:

(Please let us know when you have a prayer request. You can call the pastor or write it on your gold sheet. Your request will be listed for three weeks. Please let us know if you would like to have it listed for a longer period-of-time.)

- Anna Naylor, niece of Sharon Peterson, pregnancy problems with twins. Prayers for successful pregnancy.
- For all those seeking employment. Prayers for a successful search.
- Ruth Gatezmeyer, mother of Julie Sheetz, aneurism leak. Prayers that they can find a fix for the leak.
- Ela Hansen, surgery August 18. Prayers for successful procedure and quick recovery.
- Holly Staples, sister-in-law of Anne Swanson, cancer in spine. Prayers for healing, comfort and strength.
- Louise Johnson, mother of Eldri Johnson, ovarian cancer. Prayers for care givers discerning a successful treatment plan.
- Elizabeth Ware, mother of Terrie Falkenstein, hip fracture. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- Sally Anderson, mother of Cindy Pratt, upcoming heart procedure. Prayers for successful treatment.
- Molly Brown, brain cancer. Prayers for healing.
- Abby Farniok, leukemia. Prayers for healing, comfort and strength.
- Brad Smith, son of Deloris Smith, cancer. Prayers for successful chemo and healing.
- Don Sarles, ALS. Prayers for strength and comfort.
- Renae Simenson. Prayers for successful cancer treatment.

Flowers in the church today are given in thanks to God by:

- Urbanski family in honor of Olivia's baptismal birthday.

NEW this summer/Prayerline! Please visit our Prayerline in the atrium this summer to make a prayer flag, offer a word or prayer, and/or take a prayer flag to keep another in prayer. Let's keep our brothers and sisters at Immanuel (and the wider world!) in prayer during our comings and goings this summer!

SERVICE MINISTRY

Support PROP's summer programs!

- 1) **School Supplies:** We have committed to purchasing 250 headphones for students who use iPads in the classroom – having headphones available for kids who cannot afford them will help those kids not stand out and feel different from all of the other kids. Financial donations are needed to cover the cost of the headphones (\$7 each). Envelopes at the Registration Desk or donate online at www.immanuel.us/serve
- 2) **Peanut Butter for PROP!** Praise to the people who provide peanut butter! The possibility that we will polish off this pledge to PROP is probable! Please pick up peanut butter and plop it in the pushcart! (We are now only 150 jars away from our commitment of 800.)

Anna's Craft Sale to support Families Moving Forward will be on Sunday, November 12. Help is needed to organize this event and donations of hand-crafted items will be needed this fall! Contact: kim@immanuel.us or Kristi Brackett ksbrackett@yahoo.com.

Summer is... A Time to Consider. Join your Immanuel friends this summer as we gather to consider how God is working in our community. This will be a safe place to come with questions and doubts about issues. We'll converse, share and become informed about topics we hear about in the news. We'll meet each month on two consecutive Wednesday evenings. On Week 1 we'll stay at Immanuel to learn about a social topic, and on Week 2 we'll follow it up with a "Field Trip" to expand our understanding. Come both weeks in the month or just one as your schedule allows! A light meal will be available for \$5 per person at 5:30 p.m. The programming will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Please indicate your intention to attend by emailing kim@immanuel.us or signing up at the Registration Desk. August topics are:

- August 23 – Visit EP businesses owned by immigrants and hear their stories

Reformation in a Latin American Context. Learn and celebrate the Reformation in a different context this October through AMEXTRA's Seeds of Transformation Program. This 4-day experience (October 28-31) will include worship at a Lutheran Church in Mexico City on Reformation Sunday, conversations with leaders of social movements in Mexico, visits to sites of past and present historical importance in Mexican Culture, and a visit to one of AMEXTRA's communities where reformation/transformation is happening today. The in-country cost is \$400 and includes meals, lodging, translation, local transportation and leadership. Travel costs to and from Mexico City are not included. A 2-day extension to experience Dia de Los Muertos is available. For more information please contact kim@immanuel.us.

Little Dresses for Africa. Please return completed dresses to the Registration Desk by the end of August!

Summer Worship at Immanuel

Worship with us on Sundays at 9:15 & 10:45 a.m. through Sunday, September 3 (Labor Day Weekend.) We are exploring three books of the Bible for this summer's preaching series - Psalms, Ephesians, and Revelation, hearing God's promises of hope for our faith lives - out loud, in community, and in culture.



Faith in Culture: Revelation

August 13-September 3

How do followers of Jesus stay faithful when the "pushes and pulls" of culture challenge? From the 1st century to the 21st century, the answer is the same, follow Jesus! Note: Revelation is more familiar than we might think. We sing it often in our liturgy and hymns.

ADULT MINISTRY

Immanuel's Big Bingo Benefit for PROP. Get ready for Immanuel's FIRST ANNUAL BIG BINGO BENEFIT FOR PROP on Saturday, September 9 from 3-7 p.m.! We are going to use the tent we have for our Welcome Weekend Worship to host a bingo benefit for PROP, our community partner. What better way to reach further out into our community and deeper in to our congregation than to gather under the big tent, have fun playing bingo, and raise money for PROP. The bingo will be led by guest callers including Mayor Nancy Tyra Lukens, Reps. Steve Cwodzinski and Laurie Pryor, Fire Chief George Esbensen, High School Principal Conn McCartan, and more. Prizes will be awarded for each bingo, with a special big bingo game each half hour. Musical talent from Immanuel will entertain during bingo breaks. Food trucks will be on hand to provide a variety of eats, and Culvers has donated Custard as a special treat! We need a lot of help to host a great community event like this one, so sign up on the Gold Sheet today:

Long-Range Planning Committee looking for volunteers. As outlined in the recent Luther's Way article, we are looking for volunteers to re-establish the Long-Range Planning Committee. The first project to be completed is to design a new planning process that will be used in the annual budget process starting with the 2018 plan year. This is intended to build on existing practices and incorporate a view beyond the next 12-months to help ensure that short-term decisions are consistent with our established vision and strategic priorities. We are looking to have the kick-off meeting sometime in September. If you are interested in joining this committee, indicate your interest on the gold sheet or email or call Tony Szczepaniak (tony.szczepaniak@gmail.com or 952-250-6937).

Sign-up for the next Tables of Eight has begun. Tables of Eight is an opportunity for couples/singles to have four dinners with 6-7 other members of the congregation over the course of a year. At our September kick-off-reception you will receive the menus and recipes for all four dinners and be connected with your Tables of Eight group. Maybe you've been thinking about it but just aren't sure if it's for you. While you think it over, please consider the experience of this Immanuel member:

"I have been a member at Immanuel for 20 years and have struggled to find comfortable settings in which to be involved because I am hearing impaired. Large gatherings and even Bible studies are very difficult settings. Tables of 8 has been such a blessing for me because the small setting allows me to hear better and participate. I love that this ministry allows my husband and me to do something together at the church while developing relationships with other church members." -Suzanne S.

See the back of the gold sheet in the bulletin to sign up, or for more information contact Carla Beach: cbeachcoaching@gmail.com.

SALT Event: Senior Day at State Fair, Thursday, August 31. Cost is \$9.00 at the gate. Meet at Wooddale church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to take the bus.

Saturday Women's Bible Study: New Bible Study Begins Oct. 7! Join women of Immanuel on Oct. 7 as we begin our study of the book of ISAIAH. We'll read many familiar passages that point directly to Christ, passages that we hear during Advent, Lent and while reading the New Testament. We'll discover where the "Servant Songs" in Isaiah are located and how they speak to us. We'll find both comfort and challenge as we read and study ISAIAH together. Please join us Oct. 7, 9:00 a.m., in Immanuel's Library. All are welcome!

NOTE: Saturday Women's Bible Study will not meet on Sept. 2, Labor Day weekend. See you in October!