

Schedule for the week of July 16-22, 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	6:30 p.m.	VBS Band Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Monday	9:00 a.m.	VBS
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Bakers Square
	9:00 a.m.	VBS
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation Team-Pr. Susan's Home
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	VBS
	6:30 p.m.	Backpacking Packing-Atrium
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-Bakers Square
	9:00 a.m.	VBS
	6:30 p.m.	VBS Program
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Immanuel Book Club-Library
Saturday	6:30 a.m.	Backpackers Leave

Assisting Today:

	Sunday 9:15 a.m.	Sunday 10:45 a.m.
Acolytes	Tom Chevalier/Alex Paster	Tyler Zillmer/Tanner Johnson
Greeters	Tim, Katie, Jacob, & Elijah Thormodsgard	Linda Brown
Ushers	Jim Lee/Gary Gilbertson	Tom Brown/John Urbanski
Lectors	Clare Kooiman	Barbara Link
Communion	Clare Kooiman/Kim Gehrts	Christy Woll/Lori Bryant
Nursery	Karina Nelson	
Welcome Center	Ruth Hustad	
Altar Guild	Evie Larson/Linda Brown/Connie Ryski	
Counters	Steven Jons/Renae Blomquist	
Coffee	Thomas & Ashley Erdmann	

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

July 16, 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.)

- Wendy Fenton, friend of Bob & Lorraine Rippe, cancer. Prayers for healing.
- Carol Joswiak, sister of Paula Wyman, breast cancer. Prayers for successful treatment, comfort and strength.
- Ted Mueller, friend of Sharon Peterson, dialysis 3 times per week. Prayers for comfort and strength.
- 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.
- For all those seeking employment. Prayers for a successful search.

Many opportunities available to donate altar flowers. Donating flowers is a fine way to recognize a special milestone or person in your life and many opportunities are available. Sign up on Immanuel's website; they can help you at the Welcome Center. Cost is \$40 and the flowers are yours to take home after the last service.

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!

Vacation Bible School CDs are available at the Welcome Center for \$5.00.

SERVICE MINISTRY

We are pleased to have our missionaries, Dr. Steve and Jodi Swanson, here with us this morning! We pray God's continued blessings on their furlough time in the US and as they return to Tanzania in the near future. They will be available for greetings and conversation in the atrium after worship. Immanuel financially supports Steve and Jodi, but there are many needs in the hospitals they serve. If you would like to support the needs of the hospitals through a financial gift, you can write a check to Immanuel and write "missionaries" in the memo line. These funds will be directed to support the needs of Arusha Lutheran and Selian Hospitals in Tanzania. The possibility of a second trip to visit Tanzania in 2019 is in the works – if you are interested in being informed of details as they become available please contact kim@immanuel.us.

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.

We need more Peanut Butter! Immanuel has committed to supplying 800 jars of peanut butter and 800 cans of tuna for the Summer Food Program at PROP. We have collected well over half of the needed cans of tuna, but the peanut butter is lagging behind. Please pick up a regular-sized jar of peanut butter the next time you are out and drop it in the red cart in the atrium. This small action can have a huge impact on our neighbors this summer.

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 9 – Considering Immigrants and our Changing Neighborhoods- hear immigrant stories through video and learn about how EP has changed, all wrapped in God's Word
- August 16 – Redeemer Block Party
- August 23 – Visit EP businesses owned by immigrants and hear their stories

Christmas in July. Help us to bless our partner ministries with items they need all the time and not just at Christmas! The link to the wish list of needed items can be found at www.immanuel.us/serve. Please deliver items to Immanuel by July 25.

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

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 Lukins, Reps. Steve Cwodzinski and Laurie Pryor, Police Chief Jim Demann, Fire Chief George Esbesen, High School Principal Con 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:

Camp Onomia Golf Outing and Fundraiser Monday, July 31. Gather your foursome and join in a great afternoon of golf, friendship, and conversation at Stones Throw Golf Course, Milaca, MN. 10 a.m. scramble start with awards afterwards. \$75 per person includes 18 holes, cart, fun and prizes! Sign up online at www.camponomia.org or email CampOnomia@gmail.com. Questions? Call 320-532-3767.

Caregiver Support Group meeting at the Eden Prairie Senior Center on the 4th Thursday of each month, 4:30-6:30 p.m. This is a free and open group that caregivers may join at any time with the focus on helping individual caregivers as they care for themselves and loved ones.

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 Community: Ephesians

July 16-August 6

The Apostle Paul wrote letters of encouragement and instruction to many of the early Churches. The Letter to the Ephesians, in perhaps the most accessible way in all of Paul's letters, invites believers to be reconciled in one body through the cross of Christ, regardless of our differences. We, the body of Christ in this place and time, are invited to continue to be reconciled to God and one another as we share the mission of the gospel and help each other live lives worthy of this calling.



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.

