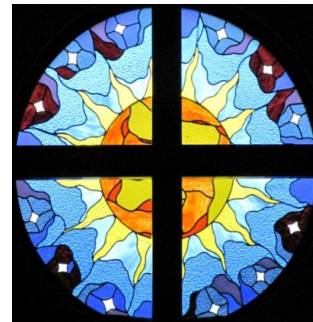


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Children of God, called to proclaim the mighty acts
of Jesus through lives of love and servanthood.

Hear Love. Eat Love. Share Christ's Love.

September 2018 Newsletter



Weekly Services and Communion

Sunday ~ 9 am

Wednesday ~ 6pm

Starting Sept 9th
Worship ~
8 am and 10:30 am
Faith Formation ~
9:15 am

Office Hours

Weekdays

9am ~ 1pm

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in a world
where you can
be anything.
BE KIND.

“Be Strong, Do Not Fear! Here Is Your God.”
by Peter J. Weller

This month's column will focus on one of two Old Testament lessons from Isaiah. It reads: “Say to those who are fearful of heart, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.’”

“The eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.” (Isaiah 35:4-7)

The first Isaiah, who lived from 742 to 687 B. C., is considered to be the author of Chapters 1-39. The first Isaiah, therefore, lived during the time of the destruction of the Northern Kingdom of Israel by the Assyrians (722 B. C.), and he was struck by the moral breakdown of the times in which he lived. A recurrent theme in Isaiah is a call for justice and righteousness. These words often appear together in this book. Isaiah also introduces the term Day of the Lord, a time for judgment, punishment, retribution, and vengeance for the sins of mankind. Chapters 1-39 have been referred to as the Book of Judgement, and Chapters 40-66 as the Book of Consolation.

Chapter 35 appears late in the chapters of the first Isaiah and therefore serves as a bridge between judgement and consolation. Dr. Frank M. Yamada wrote in the Working Preacher, “The themes of a highway in the wilderness and the return of God's people point forward to the opening vision of the [second] Isaiah in Chapter 40. Thus, Isaiah 35 both brings Isaiah 1-39 to a thematic conclusion and serves as an introduction to the oracles of hope that begin in Isaiah 40.”

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Email us at luthwash@hotmail.com

Come visit us at 1226 East Washington Street, Washington, Iowa 52353

Church ~ 319.653.3950

Pastor Howard ~ 319.333.7758

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! Psalm 133:1

Monthly Updates (Month to date)

General Funds ~ \$5,088

Benevolence, gifts outside of church ~\$

Monthly expenses ~ \$12,000-\$15,000

Building Fund Gifts ~ \$187

Monthly payment ~ \$810

Debt reduction ~ \$659 (July pymt.)

Attendance

Sunday, July 29 ~ 80

Wednesday, August 1 ~ 7

Sunday, August 5 ~ 46

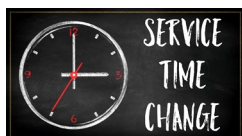
Wednesday, August 8 ~ 9

Sunday, August 12 ~ 76

Wednesday, August 15 ~ 5

Sunday, August 19 ~ 52

Wednesday, August 22 ~ 6



Sunday Worship Times

Sunday, September 9th is Rally Sunday; the beginning of Faith Formation classes for all ages. **September 9th**, we will resume our two-worship services schedule;

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

with Faith Formation Education held at 9:15 a.m.

Until September 9th, continue to enjoy our summer schedule of one-worship service at 9 a.m.!

Kitchen information:

Large coffee filters for the 40 cup coffee maker are now available. A large package is in the lower cupboard with coffee supplies. There is a need for decaf coffee and Country Time Lemonade if you would care to donate. Judy V.

Christian Sympathy

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to the families of

+Dr. Jim Harris, brother of John Harris

+Gerry Gonterman, husband of Vickie Gonterman

may their families find comfort and peace in the promise of the resurrection of Christ.

Wandering Worshipers

Richard Schmidt worshipped with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Clay Center United Church of Christ in Clay Center, Nebraska on July 22nd and July 29th, 2018.

Naomi Erickson worshipped with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Christian Reformed Church in Kanawha, IA on August 12th.



August Milestones

1) I have my own rabbit. Her name is Oreo.

Grace Taylor. 7-27-18

2) I showed a flower at the Great Gardeners Fest at the fair. Grace Taylor 7-27-18

3) I played for the Mennonite church. (piano) Mikaila Matheson 7-29-18



Were you in church the Sunday that Pastor and Mike and the kids shared with us about the Youth Gathering in Houston? Who remembers what the theme was at that Houston Youth Gathering? **THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING!** This- changes everything for us really soon. We will be going to 2 services soon, Hawkeye football starts, and we are going to need help ushering!

SIGN UP TODAY!!

Birthdays for September

6- Makayla Middle
7- Candance Talbot Scheibe
8- Audrey Wubbena
10- Jon Runaas
10- Maci Quigley
12- Margaret Quigley
14- Virginia Jorgensen
16- Dale Venzke
17- Peg Harris
19- Ken Baker
22- Carrie Lueck
23- Bob Coker
24- Brad Kroll
25- Randy Poos
26- Charlotte Andersen
26- Kylee Statler
27- William McWhirter
28- Robert Warren
28- Tracy Almelen
30- Sara Bartlett
30- Mariah Howard

Anniversaries for September

2- Yaro & Mary Chmelar
4- Tom & Mary Gail Lyons
5- Ron & Charlotte Andersen
8- Scott & Laurie Pemberton



Wednesday Worship 6 p.m.

If you are away for the weekend, don't forget we offer worship on Wednesday evenings. Make time in your very hectic schedules to give God thanks and praise. We worship God using Marty Haugen's "Now the Feast and Celebration" liturgy. The service is very relaxed with an intimate gathering. Depending upon attendance, we receive Holy Communion around the Altar or Baptismal font. Join us for worship on Wednesdays, 6 p.m., when you are busy with weekend activities.

It's protein month at Immanuel!!

Please consider donating proteins to send to HACAP this month. Other items will be accepted and appreciated as always. Tuna and Peanut Butter will be our focus items. HACAP sends out 150 jars of peanut butter each month.



Contact DeAnn for patterns to make bedding items for HACAP.

Thank you, truly, for your generosity!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Property ~ Wednesday, September 19th at 7 pm

Ladies Night Out will be Tuesday, September 18th. We will be eating at Ainsworth Four Corners. Please meet at the church at 5:30 pm to car pool. See you then!!



Rally Sunday!



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LUTHER LEAGUE

(Youth Group)

6th – 12th Graders

When: Sunday, September 16th

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church

Why: Fellowship, Planning, Faith Deepening

Who: 6th – 12th Graders (friends are WELCOME!)

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Supper: To be determined

Leadership: Pastor Howard



Dear Pastor Maureen,

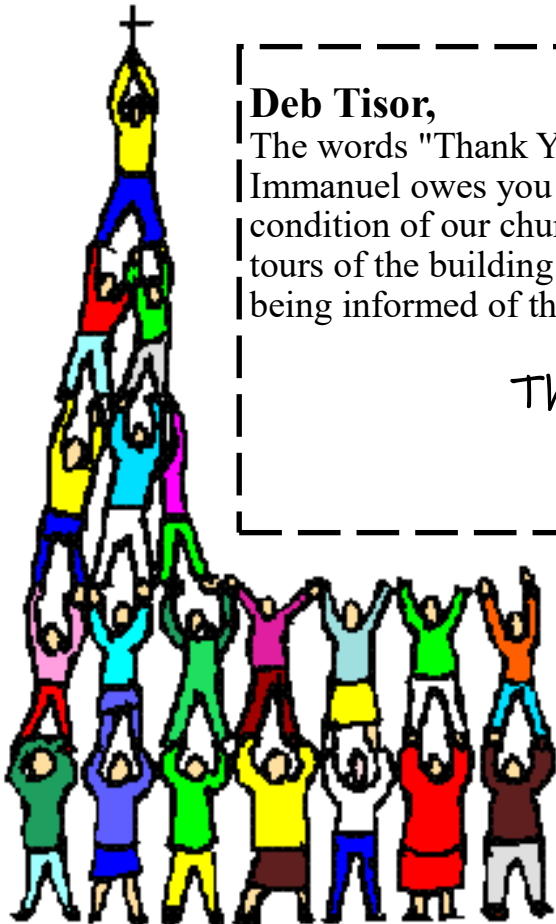
Church was awesome and uplifting. We are so proud of Rob and Lucas, Mike and you.

Love, The Weller's

We would like to thank our Immanuel family for all of the prayers, cards, gifts, and words of welcome for Martin. We feel so humbled, thankful, and most of all—loved.

In Christ, Jon and Margie Runaas

THANK YOU to **Steve Vetter**, **Lee Buchholz**, and **Linda Six** for leading worship on Wednesdays August 1st, 8th and 22nd, and 15th respectively, while Pastor Howard was on vacation. It is a comfort to know that Wednesday worship was left in such faithful hands. God was given honor and praise through your leadership. Thank you!!!



Deb Tisor,

The words "Thank You" are not sufficient enough to express the gratitude Immanuel owes you for all the time you have dedicated to researching the condition of our church and the possible solutions for us to consider. Your tours of the building are greatly appreciated because the congregation is being informed of the challenges we face.

Thank you for your leadership!!

Angela Taylor
President of Immanuel

September 2018, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Direct Support Professionals Week Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which these professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives. One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive in their communities. We thank you for your faithful support of LSI – you create so many new life-changing possibilities for children, adults, and families! If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Finding His Independence

Logan and his mother, Michaela, didn't know where to turn. Since Logan was 5 years old, he had moved in and out of hospitals and residential treatment centers across Iowa. For 13 years, Michaela tried to find the right approach to address his behavioral needs. But nothing was working. That's when the family learned about LSI's Services for People with Disabilities. Now 18, Logan is living independently in an apartment supervised 24/7 by his compassionate LSI team. Logan is now active in his community and developing healthy relationships with his friends. He graduated early from his high school and has become active at the gym and in a local bowling league – where his high score for a game is 210. Every step of the way, Michaela knows Logan's LSI team will keep her informed about her son's care and growth. "At LSI, they treat him like an individual and they know each person needs different care," Michaela says. "It's good knowing that I have constant communication with his team, and I know somebody is saying, 'we hear you'."

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"The people [of Israel] are encouraged to take heart and not to fear. It is common within the biblical narrative for the people to respond in fear to the LORD's appearance. Here, however, the writer provides assurance that God's coming will result not in the people's destruction but in their salvation. Moreover, just like the parched land, the weakest and most vulnerable in society will respond and be transformed—the blind shall see, the deaf shall hear, and the lame shall 'leap like a deer'.

"This chapter, which began with the rejoicing in the desert, ends appropriately with the returning exiles singing with joy as they return to their home. The people's grief and suffering, like the desert road on which they travel, has transformed. Their sorrow has become joy. Their mourning has turned into singing and rejoicing.

"This passage emphasizes the radical nature of God's work among humanity. When the LORD appears, strange and marvelous things happen. The wilderness becomes a flourishing path with streams of water flowing abundantly. Dangerous roads become secure paths upon which the redeemed can walk with assurance. The blind see, the deaf hear, and the lame not only walk but leap for joy. The exiles return home.

"When God visits God's people, there is only one appropriate response. All of creation and humanity are transformed at the appearance of their God, and all rejoice together and sing for joy. The LORD's presence, whether characterized by a theophany or manifested through the mighty works done on behalf of God's people, changes everything, quite literally."

No doubt, God is at work in the world. The trick is to be able to see or feel God at work and to know that God is working in the world. The return of the Israelites from exile, the defeat of the Axis Powers at the end of World War II, the development of vaccines and the advances of modern medicine, the rescue of twelve young soccer players and their coach from a watery cave in Thailand without a single loss of life— all are examples of God at work. Indeed, these are miracles that call for rejoicing and praising God.

But, even in the face of defeat, or catastrophe, or natural disasters, God is also at work. Even when their homes are flattened by tornadoes or hurricanes or swept away by floods or burned to the ground by fire, survivors are grateful that they and their families are still alive. These are what give meaning to the eyes of the blind being opened or the ears of the deaf unstopped. Such experiences open our eyes to what is really important and what really matters in life. Often, intense personal or family crises brings one closer to God. We discover that relationships with God and with others become much more important than possessions. We resolve to use this new beginning and second chance at life to make a difference. And, like Isaiah, we, too, can say, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. . . . He will come and save you."

Boxing HACAP Food

Ever wonder what happens to the assortment of food we place in Immanuel's HACAP cart? Join Immanuel on **Sunday, September 9th, 1 p.m.** at the HACAP office (Orchard Hill Complex Building 1, 2175 Lexington Blvd) and find out first hand. Immanuel will be boxing food which HACAP will distribute through the month of September to families in need. Your eyes will be opened to the great need Washington has in feeding the hungry of our community. This activity is open to upper elementary students through adults of our congregation (the ability to stand and place cans in a box is a requirement of this volunteer job). This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in the body of Christ. We had a fabulous turnout in May, let's show up again to be the hands of God in September!



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday September 9th

Immanuel is participating again celebrating whom we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. On Sunday, Sept. 9th nearly 10,000 congregations of this church gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people.

Last year for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, Immanuel helped do odd jobs around our members' homes, packaged food boxes for HACAP distribution, and cleaned windows at the Sheriff's Department, Police/Fire department, and yardwork at the ambulance barn. Details about the job(s) we will be doing will be published soon.

Wear your "God's Work. Our Hands." t-shirt to church!

Third Graders to Receive Bibles

The church has purchased new Bibles for the youth of our congregation to have and learn about the deep love and forgiveness of God. On Sunday, **September 9th** all the third graders will receive a Bible during worship. There will be a special blessing liturgy as the parents give a Bible to their child. Don't miss this milestone in the lives of the youth in our congregational family.



Confirmation Classes Resume September 12th

Confirmation is the journey into adult faith formation **for all students in the 7th and 8th grades.** Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday evenings, beginning **Wednesday, September 12th at 7 pm.** Another exciting year is planned for: learning about the Lutheran faith, servant projects, fellowship opportunities, Sunday Faith Formation classes, and confirmation camp in 2019. The requirements to be confirmed are to faithfully attend: Wednesday classes with Pastor Howard, Sunday Faith Formation classes, Sunday worship, and complete a servant project with a mentor (8th grade). Contact Pastor Howard if you have any questions. **A parent meeting** will follow the first confirmation class on **September 12th at 8:15pm.**

Worship Matters: An Introduction to Worship

Approachable and accessible, *Worship Matters: An Introduction to Worship* will stimulate meaningful discussion about worship practices. This course promises to deepen the worship life of each participant. While Lutherans don't all worship in exactly the same way, they do hold central things in common. This course invites exploration of those central things by considering the purpose and pattern of worship as practiced by Lutherans—the why and the how.

Pastor Howard will be teaching this class on the Lutheran way of worship Sunday mornings beginning September 9th. If you would like to purchase a participant book, \$6.99, please let Kelly know. The Adult Faith Formation classes are filled with stimulating conversation, open discussion, and fellowship (bring in your coffee). Plan to join us, there's always room for you!



worship matters
AN INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP



Southeastern Iowa Synod
Fall Theological Conference

**LEADERSHIP
AND
INNOVATION**

September 23-25, 2018
Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Howard will be attending the Bishop's Fall Theological Conference. The speakers at the conference are: Rev. Michael K. Hurst, Pastor-Teacher of Elim Christian Fellowship of Des Moines, Iowa, Inc. since its inception on October 14, 2001. Elim is a strong supporter of reconciliation among the races, genders, classes, cultures and denominations; Dr. Bill Withers, professor and Leadership Fellow at Wartburg College in Northeast Iowa where he was recently named the "Most Influential Professor" by the college's student leadership society,

Sigma Alpha Pi. The I-T-A Group, a national event-management company, has named Bill one of their top workshop and speaker recommendations two years running. Dr. Withers continues to specialize in the areas of public relations, customer service, organizational change, and leadership; and Rev. Louise Johnson serves as president at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

It is school kit time again. You may have noticed in the narthex boxes for donated items for our annual school kit drive. In the past, members of Immanuel have been very supportive of this project for children in third-world countries who have no learning materials. PLEASE CONTINUE THIS SUPPORT.

This is a list of items you are asked to donate (the asterisk shows what we usually run short of):

- * Spiral notebooks, 70 count* * 12" rulers (one side metric) * Pencil sharpeners * Children's scissors*
- * Boxes of 24 crayons* * Ball point pens * Non-sharpened pencils * 2" erasers

Pastor Maureen's confirmation students will be collating and filling school kit bags this fall before they are delivered in October. This is a big job, but it helps make clear to them of the needs of other children who do not have these "luxuries." To buy items to fill a kit(s), you will find the list of supplies on the hallway table or on the school kit donation table. This is particularly meaningful to our young members who go "shopping" with their parents for other needy children. What a more "hands on" lesson of generosity could there be? Thank you, members of Immanuel for your continued support of this project, through the Lutheran World Relief. If shopping is difficult for you, we can always use cash donations to fill in when we are short of items. Items for the school kits need to be at the church by the end of September.



The HOPE workers (Helping Other People Everywhere)



Immanuel's new directory is **COMING!!**

Make plans to have you and your family's picture taken to add to our 2018 directory on November 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.

Leadership Washington

Pastor Howard was selected to participate in the 2018-19 class of the Washington Chamber's Leadership Washington. Leadership Washington is an intensive nine session program designed to educate civic-minded individuals about current issues and concerns which face the Washington area. Each of the nine sessions takes on a different theme to create a diverse area of knowledge about what goes on in Washington County including Economic Development, Social Services, Education, Government, Health Care, and Tourism. Meetings are held once a month on the second Wednesday, typically from 8am – 5pm, in various areas in the community. The first session will be held on Wednesday, September 12th with the focus being "City History". Pastor Howard will be using this opportunity as part of her required continuing education.

A city-wide food collection event for Washington HACAP was held two weeks in July. Immanuel participated by being a drop off location for HACAP donations (including monetary donations). During this special July campaign **10,0012 pounds of food** were collected throughout Washington! **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed and continues to contribute to this "hidden" need in Washington County. HACAP is always in need of the following items: baby food, canned meat (tuna, chicken, Spam, etc.), peanut butter, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, rice or pasta, canned or boxed meals, boxed potatoes, and diapers. Your continued support in keeping Immanuel's HACAP cart full, so people won't be hungry in the county of Washington, is deeply appreciated.



Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice

For Study and Response
Prior to September 30, 2018

The ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice: One in Christ has written a draft as a step toward the development of a social statement that will be considered by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Draft social statements are meant to invite everyone to participate in the process toward the creation of an official statement.

The draft on Women and Justice begins with and is rooted in our common foundation, a confession of faith in the Triune God. From this certainty of faith flow 36 assertions, divided into five sections. These assertions claim

God's intention of abundant life for all, confess sexism and patriarchy as sin, name the resources of Lutheran faith to address this sin, and articulate this church's work and its call to religious and secular partners. It closes with an expression of hope for justice, grounded in trust in God's promise of grace.

Two copies of the draft are on the hallway table for you to read. If you would like your personal copy let Pastor Howard know and she will email you a copy or go to ELCA.org/womenandjustice to download a copy. There will be two hearings around this statement in the Southeastern Iowa Synod, the one on the eastern side of the synod will be: Sunday, September 23, 2018, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. If you cannot make the hearing, let Pastor Howard know the changes you would like to make to the statement and she will forward your suggestion(s) to the Task Force. All feedback must be sent to the Task Force by September 30, 2018.

EWALU Volunteer Work Weekend Sept. 21-23

All are invited to a free weekend at Camp Ewalu. Join other volunteers, families, and church groups for outdoor activities, fun fellowship, and service projects around camp. Lodging and meals provided free of charge. Please RSVP to camp@ewalu.org or call 563-933-4700.

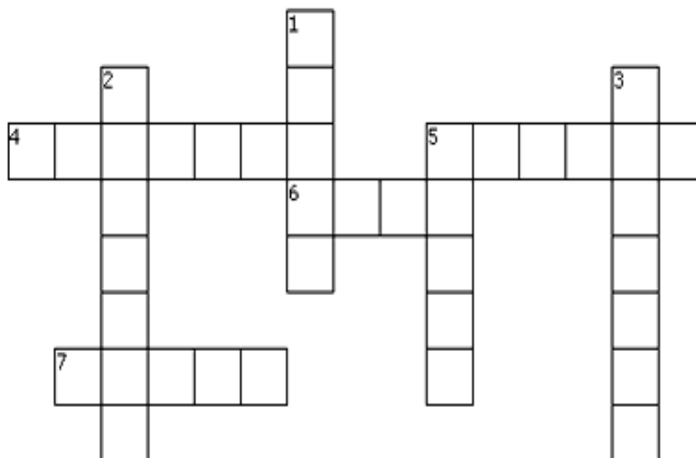
Thank you for your support of Camp Ewalu!

WE DON'T
HAVE TO
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TO BE KIND
TO ONE
ANOTHER



Jesus the Bread of Life

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:51 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. For everlasting time; eternally
5. To make an effort to hear something; to pay attention
6. To continue to be alive
7. The Son of God

DOWN

1. The earth with its inhabitants
2. A person who speaks for God; Isaiah, for example
3. To accept as true or real
5. To gain knowledge through experience or study

GOD LOVES YOU!
(Pass it on!)

Jesus	listen	believe	forever
prophet	learn	live	world

hello
September

Service Date	Greeters	Ushers	Reader	Acolyte	Communion Set up/Clean up
Sept 2	DeAnn Hakert and Sherry Ives	Stephen Bay, Peg Harris, and Ben Striegel	Lee Buchholz	Issac Giesmann	Set up- Tricia Kroll Clean up- Judy Venzke
Sept 9	8 am Bev Crandall and Carol Woodruff 10:30 Doris Moore and Linda Six	8 am Gary Fischer, Michael Howard, and Steve Vetter 10:30 Brian & Carrie Lueck and Marty Westen	8 am Tricia Kroll 10:30 Mary Gail Lyons	8 am Claire Wubbena 10:30 Thomas Lueck	Set up- Bev Bailey and Kelli Gapinski Set up/Clean up- Naomi Erickson and Stan & Sharol Kroll Clean up- Bev Bailey
Sept 16	8 am Craig & Tina Montz 10:30 Mike & Virginia Jorgensen	8 am Michael Howard, Ray Poe, and Steve Vetter 10:30 Stephen Bay, Peg Harris, and Dale Venzke	8 am Michael Howard 10:30 Peg Harris	8 am Vivian Kroll 10:30 Issac Giesmann	Set up- Bev Bailey Set up/Clean up- Naomi Erickson Clean up- Corrine Martin
Sept 23	8 am Ken & Susan Baker 10:30 Marilyn Bennett and Naomi Erickson	8 am Stephen Bay, Tom Gaughan, and Steve Vetter 10:30 Brian & Carrie Lueck and Marty Westen	8 am Margie Runaas 10:30 Bev Bailey	8 am Claire Wubbena 10:30 Kylee Statler	Set up- Kristin Jones Set up/Clean up- Naomi Erickson and Stan & Sharol Kroll Clean up- Naomi Erickson and Marilyn Bennett
Sept 30	8 am Ray & Alta Poe 10:30 Alan, Vicki, and Allison Rebling	8 am Rich & Deidra Baker and Brad Kroll 10:30 Aaron & April Six	8 am Deidra Baker 10:30 Peter Weller	8 am Emma Taylor 10:30 Ajay Six	Set up- Tricia Kroll Set up/Clean up- Bev Bailey and Kelli Gapinski Clean up- Corrine Martin

Applications are being taken for Executive Director of Crooked Creek Christian Camp until September 21. For more information go to www.crookedcreekcamp.org.



Kinnick Clean-up: The confirmation and older youth, parents, and anyone willing to assist with this fundraising project will be doing Kinnick clean-up on the

Sunday mornings of home games:
9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 10/21, 11/11,
and 11/24 (Saturday).

The money earned from cleaning up Kinnick Stadium goes towards the Luther League activities. Thank you, in advance, for your hard and faithful work in this fundraising project. Katie McWhirter oversees this project.