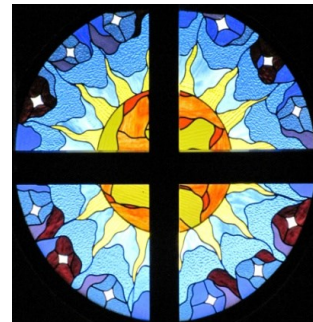


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

## July 2019 Newsletter



### Weekly Services and Communion

Sunday ~ 9 am

Wednesday ~ 6pm

### Office Hours

Weekdays

9am ~ 1pm

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“And Who Is My Neighbor?” by Peter J. Weller

We are all familiar with the parable of the Good Samaritan as told in the gospel of Luke. Looking at the verses that precede this parable, Luke writes: “Just then, a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘What must I do to inherit eternal life?’ [Jesus] said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read here?’ He answered, ‘You should love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as your self.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this and you will live.’

“But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’” Jesus responded by telling the parable, very familiar to all Christians, of the Good Samaritan, the story of a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho, set upon by robbers, severely beaten, stripped, and left half dead. A priest and a Levite passed by and rendered no assistance. But a Samaritan tended to his wounds, took him to an inn, and arranged for the innkeeper to care for this man until he returned and paid all expenses owed.

Jesus then asked the lawyer, “Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He responded, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus then said, “Go and do Likewise.” (Luke 10:25-37)

In this story, Jesus describes a situation where a victim needs help desperately, and two people, who clearly should be the ones to help failed to do so. Instead, an outcaste renders the aid necessary for this victim's survival. In fairness, under the Law, as holy men, priests were not to touch a dead or dying body, for that would make them impure, and they would have to undergo a cleansing process of seven days during which they would not be able to perform any priestly duties. Which is why the priest may have chosen not to act.

Ranking second to priests in Jewish religious life, Levites assumed secondary roles in the life and worship of the Jerusalem temple. Often, they were also experts of the Law, which might have factored into the Levite's decision not to act. Possibly, that is why Jesus chose to include a Levite in this parable since he was speaking to a lawyer.

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See  
Miracles  
In  
Life  
Everyday!

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Email us at [luthwash@hotmail.com](mailto: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)

Account balances as of June 24, 2019

General Fund~ \$4,269.22

Building/Visions ~\$2,633.92

Endowment ~\$3,172.89

Community Assistance ~\$4,934.03

Savings~\$0

Mortgage (WSB) ~\$27,809.82

Line of Credit (WSB) ~\$335.20

Here is our average monthly income and expense for quarter ending June 30, 2019

Income: \$9,305.00

Expense: \$13,239.65

Net cash flow per month: (\$3,934.65)

### **CORRECTION**

Last month Hills Bank amount was added as \$102,214.43 but should have been \$10,214.43.

### Attendance

Sunday, May 26 ~ 62

Wednesday, May 29 ~ 12

Sunday, June 2 ~ 65

Wednesday, June 5 ~ 10

Sunday, June 9 ~ 72

Wednesday, June 12 ~ 10

Sunday, June 16 ~ 54

Wednesday, June 19 ~ 17

Sunday, June 23 ~ 61

Wednesday, June 26 ~ 7



### June Milestones

1) I won 3rd place in Budding Art for my drawing "Jung Hoscok" Mikaila Matheson

2) Jon's Grandpa "B" joined the saints in heaven.  
J & M Runaas

3) I was baptized into Christ. Martin Runaas

4) Rachel (Pastor and Mike's daughter) and Ryan Peterson bought their first house- Alexandria, MN.  
Pastor Howard

5) SC Aviation has promoted Steven Howard to Captain on the Hawker 800 jet.  
Pastor Howard

### **Don't Forget Immanuel Lutheran**

Summer schedules are in full swing. Don't forget to support the work of Christ while you are on vacation.

God continues to bless us daily; our response to God's abundant blessings does not go on vacation. Don't forget to write your offering check and mail it to the church. God's mission, God's church, and our response of thanksgiving.



### **Wednesday Worship 6 p.m.**

If you are away for the weekend, enjoying the summer sunshine, 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 summer activities on Sunday mornings.

### **Wandering Worshipers**

On Sunday, May 26, 2019, Richard Schmidt worshipped with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in North Liberty, Iowa and Yaro and Mary Chmelar worshipped with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Westtown Church in Odessa, Florida.

## Birthdays for July

1- Jason Taylor  
2- Issac Giesmann  
6- Dale Scheibe  
7- Scott Pemberton  
11- Bev Bailey  
12- Kathy Fischer  
14- Sharol Kroll  
15- Amaya Gutierrez  
15- Mike Howard  
18- Grant Hill  
24- Rob Taylor  
25- Caitlin Kroll  
27- Kathy Vetter  
27- Richard Schmidt



## Anniversaries for July

3- Ken & Susan Baker  
4- Ben & Kelsey Striegel  
5- Pastor Maureen & Mike Howard  
8- Andy & Danielle Six  
11- Mike & Debbie Jewell  
14- Laurie Wittmayer-O'Neill & Terry O'Neill  
15- Stephen Bay & Rex Findley  
17- Francis & Joan Johnston  
26- Aaron & April Six  
26- Gary & Kathy Fischer



You might be a Lutheran if.....  
  
you only serve Jell-O in the  
proper liturgical color for the  
season.

## It's **VEGETABLE** month at Immanuel!!

Please consider donating proteins to send to HACAP this month. Other items will be accepted and appreciated as always. Vegetables will be our focus items.

*Thank you, truly, for your generosity!!*



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council– Sunday, July 7 at 10:15 am

Exec– Wednesday, July 17 at 9:30 am

Ladies Night Out for July will be Tuesday, July 16th, at Gussey's (former Bryn Mawr) at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at the Church at 5:30 to pool rides.



**LUTHER LEAGUE**  
(Youth Group)  
6th – 12th Graders

## Taking a Summer Break!!

**When:** Sunday, September 15th

**Where:** Immanuel Lutheran Church

**Why:** Faith, Fun, and Fellowship

**Who:** 6th – 12th Graders Invite your friends!!

**Time:** 6– 7:30 p.m.

**Bring:** T-shirt for reverse tie-dye

**Supper:** Making personal pizzas, bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**Leadership:** Steve Vetter and Pastor Howard



## Camp Reese Volunteers NEEDED

Immanuel Lutheran will be serving as relief counselors on **Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**. We need to arrive about 6:15 p.m. for a brief orientation and we will be there until around 8 p.m. We need between 10 - 12 relief volunteers from Immanuel. We also need to supply 12 dozen cookies. Sign up on the sheets in the hallway to volunteer and/or bring cookies. God's Work. Our Hands.



Thank you Music and Worship committee for incorporating contemporary music into our weekly church service. Singing the creed to We Believe by the Newsboys, has reinforced my faith. This one song fills my soul with the holy spirit and gives me encouragement as I start my week. I hope you continue to add contemporary music to our church service. Sincerely, Angela Taylor

Property team would like to thank Gary DeWolf for volunteering to remove dead bushes and the old fence. It was very much appreciated!!

**THANK YOU** to the **Education Committee Linda Brown, Carrie Lueck, Katie McWhirter, Kelsey Striegel, and Angela Taylor** for successfully planning out Immanuel's Ewalu Day Camp. To **Carrie Lueck** for your faithful leadership during the week of camp. To **Linda Six** for being nurse during the week. To **Taylor Bartholomew, Caitlin Kroll, and Emma Lueck** for assisting during the week. To **Kelsey and Ben Striegel** for housing the Ewalu counselors. To **Kroll Family, Taylor Family, Peg and John Harris** for feeding the counselors one evening during camp. To **Erin Almelen** for your leadership in having the campers create beautiful, tie-dyed t-shirts. To the **WONDERFUL** Camp Ewalu counselors **Ryan, Sarah, and Israel** for your tremendous enthusiasm and passion for sharing the love of Jesus with Immanuel's Day Campers. To **Ron Brown** for keeping the church clean during this messy week. To **Kelly Smith** for your assistance in preparing Day Camp communications with the parents. To the **parents** of the campers for sharing your children with us. To **everyone** who donated items for the morning snacks. To the congregation of **Immanuel Lutheran** for your encouragement, financial support, and prayers. During day camp week, Immanuel was filled with the laughter, singing, praying, dancing, learning, running, and excitement of 20 children experiencing the love and presence of God in their lives. **THANK YOU** everyone for making this week a fun filled, faith formation week for these children!

A big thank you to all the families who attended the first annual Immanuel Lutheran Church pool and pizza party! What a wonderful way to kick off VBS and spend time with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you to Thrivent for making this evening possible, the kids had a great time and were grateful for the Thrivent t-shirts and the beach balls also. Thank you to our local Thrivent Financial office, Maddie Widmer and Marty Westen for the plates. Thank you to the McWhirter and Montz families for the sides and delicious homemade ice cream. Check out the Immanuel Facebook page for more pictures of the fun!



Wake Up  
Be Thankful  
Spread Joy  
Repeat



## **July 2019, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story LSI's Host Homes Program**

Each year, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) empowers hundreds of Iowans with disabilities. There is no greater joy for us than seeing an individual develop greater independence, find their confidence, and thrive in their community. And through our innovative Host Homes program, LSI has found a new way to lift up our Iowa neighbors. Through the program, adults with disabilities or “mentees” move from a supported community living setting – like a 24-hour, fully staffed home with roommates – into a private family home with a Host Homes “mentor”. LSI collaborates with the individuals we serve and the contracted mentors to ensure each match is the perfect fit and to create a shared living opportunity that is beneficial to mentors and mentees. LSI is seeking compassionate and dedicated caregivers to join us in the mission. If you have room in your heart and in your home, being a Host Homes mentor might be for you! Visit [LSIowa.org/HostHomes](http://LSIowa.org/HostHomes) to learn more. If you are interested in supporting crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

### **The Best Kind of Bond**

Amanda needed a change. For years, she had received 24-hour care, living in a busy home with three roommates. But she was lashing out and becoming aggressive, and she required multiple psychiatric hospital visits throughout the year to receive mental health treatment. She and her dad, Bruce, knew she needed more one-on-one attention to thrive. They turned to LSI's new Host Homes program. Through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, the program allows adults with disabilities to transition from supported community living to a private family home where they build positive, lasting relationships with a specially selected mentor instead of a team of staff members. Soon, Amanda was matched with Mavis, an LSI Host Homes mentor. On the day Mavis and Amanda first met, they clicked. And a year later, the family hasn't looked back. Instead of several emergency calls and incidents each year, Amanda has gone over a year without any mental health hospitalization. Mavis has spent the last year collaborating with Amanda to find the best way for her to communicate her emotions. She wants Amanda to know her voice and thoughts are heard. “Mavis has helped in every way,” Bruce says. “She cares, she's loving, she's patient, and she's getting Amanda engaged in art classes and hobbies she loves. I have a happier daughter now.”

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Jews and Samaritans hated each other. The animosity between these two groups began after the exiled Jews returned from the Babylonian Captivity. Samaritans, who remained behind during the exile, intermarried with newcomers moving in to colonize the area, and the returning Jews looked upon them as “half-breeds.” Though Samaritans believed in the Torah (the first five books of the Bible), they did not accept the writings of the other prophets, and they worshipped at Mt. Gerizim rather than in Jerusalem.

Thus, we have the irony where the only possible choice to the question, “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” is the one that the lawyer chose when he answered, “The one who showed him mercy.”

Luke tells us that the lawyer seemed to want more of an answer from Jesus. In law, definitions of terms are extremely important. Our laws today contain definitions of words or terms to help us determine the law's intent. One can easily criticize the lawyer for being too self-righteous in asking the question, “And who is my neighbor?” Perhaps, in his lawyer's mind, he sought clarification. Or, perhaps, as Luke wrote, he sought to justify himself.

Our society today abounds with similar ironies. How many problems do we “pass by” or look the other way because “those people” are undeserving of the help that they are asking for. Whether one talks of “welfare” or “Medicare for all” or “lock 'em up” or “they don't deserve any better,” the parable of the Good Samaritan thus speaks to us. Who are our neighbors? How well do we address the hurts and the wrongs and the injustices that they have suffered? What would Jesus have to say to us about how we treat “the least of these, my brothers and sisters”?

Neighbors are not just our friends and acquaintances, the people next door or down the street. In Jesus' view, our neighbors also live on “the wrong side of the tracks,” in the ghettos, in the “hollers”, on the reservations, under bridges and in shacks, often out of sight, unnoticed, and in obscurity. There are people in real need in those places, and Jesus does not ask if they are deserving enough, if they will become dependent on aid or handouts, or if this is a waste of taxpayers' money. What he does say is, “Address the need.”

There are plenty of needs to be addressed. There is much in American society that needs improvement. Jesus does say to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, minister to those who are sick or in prison. It is time to assess what needs to be done, how can we make America better for all of its citizens, undeserving or not, and then roll up our sleeves and get to work.



# Washington City Wide Food Drive

## Monday, July 1st- Wednesday, July 31st

### Ways you can help-

- \* Host a food drive
- \* Food donations
- \* Financial Contribution

### Most requested items-

Baby Food  
Peanut Butter  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Rice/Pasta

Boxed Potatoes  
Canned Meats, Fruits, and  
Vegetables  
Diapers

### For more information:

Ron Hall @ 319.461.3763  
chevron16@gmail.com

RenElla Crawford @319.653.7275  
rcrawford@hacap.org

Immanuel will continue to be a drop off location for  
HACAP donations (including monetary donations).

THANK YOU for your continued support in keeping our HACAP  
cart full so people won't be hungry in the county of Washington.

Meals on Wheels-Judy Venzke, coordinator

June 21 marks the end of Immanuel's 5 week stint of delivering Meals on Wheels in Washington. It was an enjoyable time. The meals were ready on time, the clients were appreciative, volunteers enjoyed working together and the visiting and we were done in an hour. Naomi's gets the medal for being rained on. These are the people who so readily volunteered: Bev Bailey, DeAnn Hakert, Pam Johnston, Stan and Sharol Kroll, Mary Gail Lyons, Marilyn Bennett, Naomi Erickson, and Judy Venzke

Thrivent Action Team money was requested by Dale Venzke a policy holder, to buy pork sausages for Fish Day at Marr park . Over 100 people were fishing in the morning with the help of many volunteers. At noon, lunch was served to every one. Most Thrivent policy holders have 2 Thrivent Team money requests of \$250 a year.

### Youth and Adult Mission Trip REVEAL PARTY!

All interested youth and adults wanting to go on an out of state mission trip, the last week of July 2020, are invited to come to the Destination Reveal Party on **Sunday,**

**September 15<sup>th</sup>**. A \$100 deposit/per participant is due at this meeting. Pastor Howard is partnering with YouthWorks, an organization whose purpose is to: connect middle and high school students to God, each other, and communities through meaningful Christ-centered mission trips. Go to the YouthWorks website to learn more about the organization//[youthworks.com/about-us/](http://youthworks.com/about-us/)







## New Disciples' (Members') Class

You are warmly invited to become a fellow disciple of Christ at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Pastor Howard will be holding a new disciples' (members') class on **Wednesday, July 3rd, 2:30 p.m.**, in the fellowship hall. Let's journey together as we discover what being a Lutheran is all about. If you, or someone you know, are interested in joining Christ's body here with us, please contact Pastor Howard or the church office, 653-3950. We will receive these new disciples to Immanuel Lutheran, during worship, on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8 NRSV)

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## Gideons at Immanuel

Oren Jarvis, of the Gideons, will be with us for worship on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and will leading an adult forum on the distribution of free Bibles throughout the world. A free will offering will be received to assist in furthering the spread of God's holy Word "Hear Love, Share Christ's Love".

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Totally Tubular Auction

When: Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

Time: Noon

Where: Central Park Bandstand,  
Washington

The painted tubes will be on display around the downtown square July 5-26, with a live auction on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will be split between the LET's Center and Hospice of Washington County.



Come to the auction and bid on the Luther League "Balloon covered HOPE" tube.



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times at the Luther League Lock In on  
Friday, June 21- Saturday, June 22



# EWALU Day Camp at Immanuel!!

VBS 2019

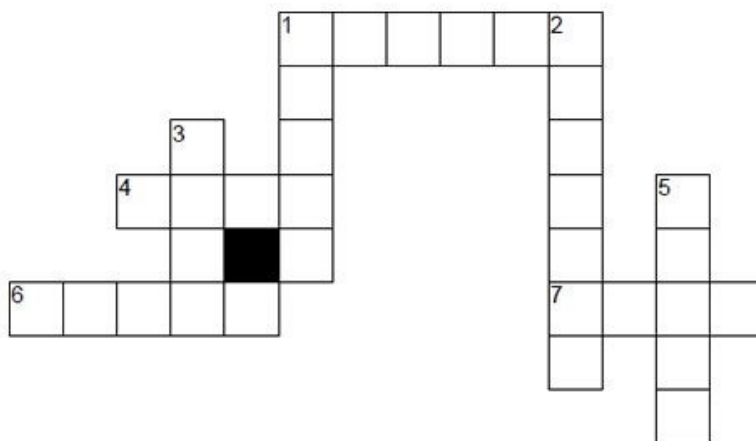




# First Things First

Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Luke 9:61-62 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 9:51-62



## ACROSS

1. To walk behind someone
4. An opening in the ground where an animal might live
6. Creatures with feathers and wings, usually able to fly
7. A home for birds

## DOWN

1. Animals similar to dogs with a long, bushy tail
2. Traveling on foot
3. A pathway for vehicles, people, and animals
5. The Son of God

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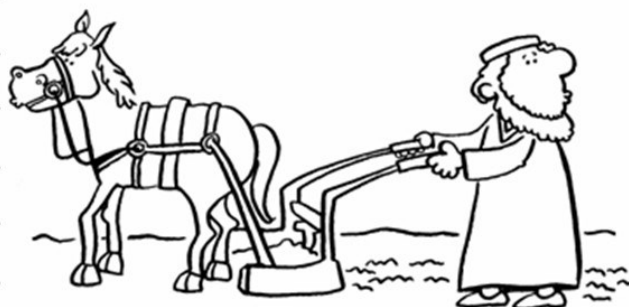
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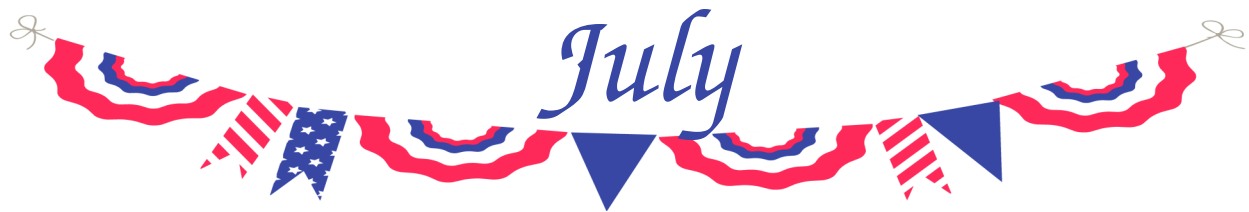
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HEAVEN  
DISCIPLES  
FOLLOW  
NESTS

MESSENGERS  
FIRE  
FOXES  
HAND

SAMARITAN  
BURN  
BIRDS  
PLOUGH





Service Date	Greeters	Ushers	Reader	Acolyte	Communion Set up/Clean up
July 7	Phyllis Hagensick and Vi Kruse	Rich & Deidra Baker and Marty Westen	Fran Victor	Claire Wubbena	Set up- Bev Bailey Clean up- Naomi Erickson
July 14	Ron & Char Andersen	Gary Fischer, Brad Kroll, and Steve Vetter	Michael Howard	Vivienne Kroll	Set up- Tricia Kroll Clean up- Corrine Martin
July 21	Bev Crandall and Carol Woodruff	Bob Coker, Tom Gaughan, and Katie McWhirter	Margie Runaas	Braden Zywiec	Set up- Bev Bailey Clean up- Stan & Sharol Kroll
July 28	Sherry Ives and Doris Moore	Stan & Kristin Jones and family	Kristin Jones	Mikaila Matheson	Set up- Kristin Jones Clean up- Ray & Alta Poe

## Pizza & Supporting Survivors Tip Night

**Join  
Washington County  
Coalition against  
Domestic Violence &  
The Domestic Violence Intervention  
Program on**

JULY 22, 2019

Tip Night

5- 8 pm:

