

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeters/Acolytes:

Mrs. Lisa Allen

Mr. Tom May

Liturgist:

Mrs. Lisa Allen

Communion Assistant:

Miss Isabelle Kane

Musician:

Mr. Tyler Slaby

Praise Team Leader:

Ms. Elizabeth Ahrens

Instrument Director:

Mr. Maurice Mestemacher

Elementary & Middle School Sunday School Will Resume After Labor Day

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Greeters:

Mrs. Linda Potter

Ms. Emily Spitze

Acolyte:

Owen Potter

Liturgist:

Mrs. LeeAnn Kane

Musician:

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Immanuel United Methodist Church

August 4, 2019

VBS Sunday

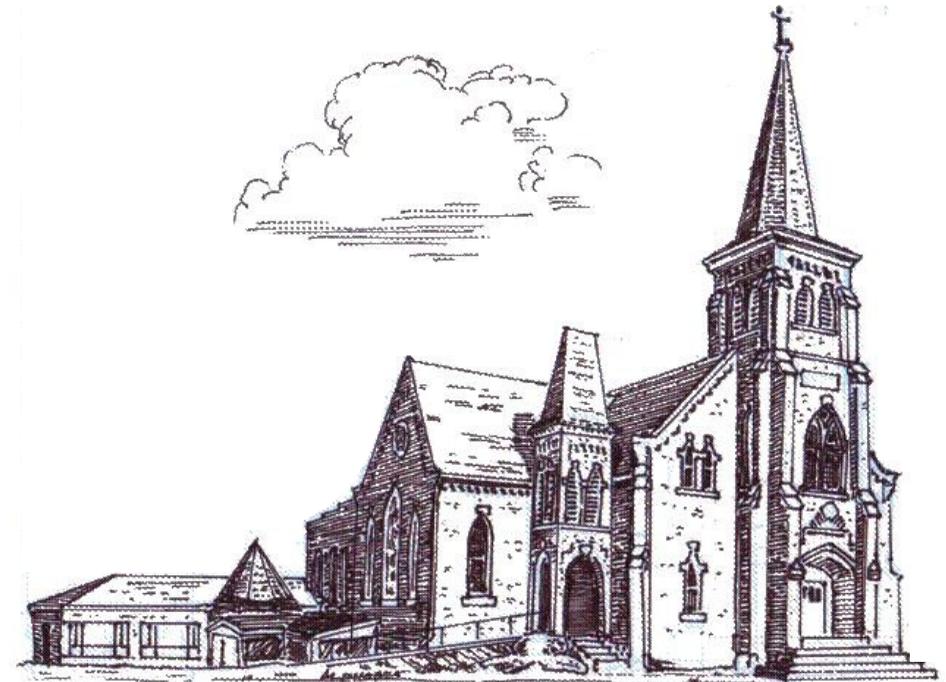
We seek to be God's people in attitude and action as we:

Experience and Share God's grace joyfully,

Live and Teach God's Word faithfully,

Accept and Serve God's people lovingly.

You are invited to join us in this mission...



Art by Alan Rhodes

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Those who are comfortably able may stand

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

Prayer of Invocation

***Call to Worship**

L: When life changes...

C: God is Good!

L: When life is sad...

C: God is Good!

L: When life is unfair...

C: God is Good!

L: When life is scary...

C: God is Good!

L: When life is Good...

All: God is Good!

***Community Song—Great Are You, Lord**

J. Ingram, L. Jordan, D. Leonard

You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
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To You only

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 4

8:45 am Worship with Holy Communion/VBS Presentation
9:45 am VBS Cookie Reception in Lower Level
9:45 am Seeker's Class

Monday, August 5

11:00 am S. A. K.
7:15 pm AA
10:00 pm Panera Pick-Up—May

Tuesday, August 6

11:00 am S. A. K.
11:45 am Kiwanis
6:00 pm Board of Trustees

Wednesday, August 7

11:00 am S. A. K.
12:00 pm Hall in Use—Bridge Club
7:00 pm Core Reconciling Ministries

Thursday, August 8

11:00 am S. A. K.
6:00 pm Church Council/Finance Committee

Friday, August 9

11:00 am S. A. K.
11:00 am Free Lunch Friday
6:30 pm Fellowship Hall in Use—Bridge Club

Saturday, August 10

12:00—4 pm Hall in Use—Trish Rader

Sunday, August 11

Blessing of Backpacks-Bible Sunday-Community Children's Ministry Brunch

8:45 am Worship
9:45 am Community Children's Ministry Brunch to 11:00 am
9:45 am Seeker's Class
9:45 am Middle School Youth Group
1:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use—Madison Co. Historical Society

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, IS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY!

Blessing of Backpacks—We invite all students, teachers and educators to bring their backpacks, literal or figurative, with them as we fill them with well wishes, a special blessing, and gift for the start of this new school year.

Bible Sunday—Engraved Bibles will be presented to children entering 3rd grade this school year. This is a long-standing tradition at Immanuel! We pray that as our students read their Bibles they learn of all the ways that Jesus demonstrates His love to us through the Scriptures, and that the Holy Spirit will enlighten their minds, stir their hearts, and open their eyes to all the opportunities they have in following Jesus.

Community Children's Ministry Brunch—A special brunch will be served from 9:45 am until 11:00 am in the Lower Level of our church. Our annual Community Children's Ministry Brunch raises funds to pay for winter coats for students at Head Start in Edwardsville. The brunch will consist of biscuits & gravy, a variety of egg casseroles, sweet breads, quiche, muffins, fresh fruit and a beverage. Adults are asked to donate \$7.00, and children age 6-12, \$5.00. Children 5 and under may eat for free. **We need donations of food items**—please look at the sign-up sheets in the Hospitality Room. If you do not cook or care to shop for foods, perhaps you would just like to make a monetary donation by dropping a check in the offering plate (mark it CCM) or see Sharon Koenig with any questions. If you cannot attend the Brunch there are envelopes on the Christmas tree in the Hospitality Room that you can drop in the offering plate, or put your donation in the basket by the tree. Thank you for your generosity in helping the Community Children's Ministry keep our Head Start children WARM!!!! We hope you will join us on August 11 for a delicious Brunch in the Fellowship Hall.

SCRIP ORDERS will be taken on Sunday, August 25. Scrip order forms are located on the table in the Hospitality Room. You purchase gift cards at face value for your personal use or as gifts, and a percentage comes back to Immanuel. Gift cards are available for hundreds of local grocery stores, gas stations, specialty shops, big box stores, and many more. If you have questions about this simple fundraising program, speak to Teresa or Christal Akers-Helle.

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***Welcome and Greetings**

Each are invited to share blessings with each other through a hand-shake, a hug, or a smile.

VBS Presentation

Closing VBS Song—*To God Be the Glory*

To God, to God, to God be the glory. To God, to God, to God be the glory.
To God, to God, to God be the glory. To God, to God, to God be the glory.

To God be the glory great things He has done,
So loved He the world that He gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He has done.

To God, to God, to God be the glory. To God, to God, to God be the glory.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COOKIE RECEPTION in the Lower Level following our worship service this morning. Our children experienced an awesome week at Vacation Bible School where they discovered that God is good even when life gets wild! Come visit the "Roar Rooms" and you will get a glimpse of the excitement they felt!! We hope that you will join us for some cookies and a beverage.

MANY THANKS to our hard-working, tireless and always cheerful VBS Directors, Kiffon Lewis and Jill Winte. A listing of all of the VBS helpers will be included in the September newsletter, due to the early printing of this bulletin because of our secretary's vacation.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME LIZ AHRENS, who is our new Praise Team Leader! Her job is to choose the Sunday Morning Worship Music and coordinate with all the musicians involved on Sunday mornings! Liz and Pastor Jackie will work together and find creative ways in which to blend ideas while enhancing worship to be an experience that touches our hearts and souls. Liz is currently working on her Master's Degree in Vocal Performance from SIUE. In addition to her work at Immanuel UMC she works as a Data Assistant at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. We welcome Liz and look forward to hearing and experiencing her beautiful voice. Welcome Liz! We Love You!

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK: Monday—Kiffon & Noah Lewis; Tuesday—Peggy Worthey; Wednesday—Penny May; Thursday—Peggy Worthey; Friday—Mark & Jill Winte. Thank you!!

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS AUGUST 18—All of us find ourselves needing to decompress, detox, and decrease from some of the negative influences of our demanding society. Pastor will begin a new Sermon Series on August 18 that will cover four weeks. It is entitled, "DeTox Your Soul." We will be encouraged to DeTox Our Heart, DeTox Our Eyes, DeTox Our Words, and DeTox Our Actions. Biblical references to support our encouragement and growth will come from the Psalms. Be sure to join us as we return from our Summer Schedules.

MORNING TELEPHONE COVERAGE—Our Secretary will be out of the office all of this week, but remember that we have volunteers in the office each morning from 8 am until noon to take your phone calls. Many thanks to Lisa Allen, Missy Carter, Phyllis Fisher, Kiffon Lewis, Penny May and Deb Zabolii!!

Prayer Ministry (+ Indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)

- + Kelan Massinelli, a former student of Jan Zelasko, recovering from major neurological surgery on July 30
- ++ Continued prayers for Carolyn Land, who has returned home with 24-hour care
Carolyn’s address is #6 Pine Hollow Court, Edwardsville, IL 62025. She would love to hear from you!!
- +++ Holly Embley, friend of Emily Spitze, serious health issues
Family and friends of Dr. Craig Aubuchon, employer of Emily Spitze, who was killed in a car accident while on vacation in Wyoming
Kim Poteet, continued radiation treatments
- ++++ Communities in California affected by earthquakes
Children and Parents at the Borders

2019 Monthly Income & Expense

Current Expense (Operating)

Budgeted Expense, July	\$20,055.00
Actual Expense	\$19,485.68
Received	\$11,299.74
Transfer from Memorial	\$13,750.00
Budgeted Expense, August	\$17,308.00

Benevolence (Missions/Disaster Relief)

Owed by 07/31/2019**	\$ 6,216.00
Received	\$ 4,033.00
Owed by 08/31/2019**	\$ 7,104.00

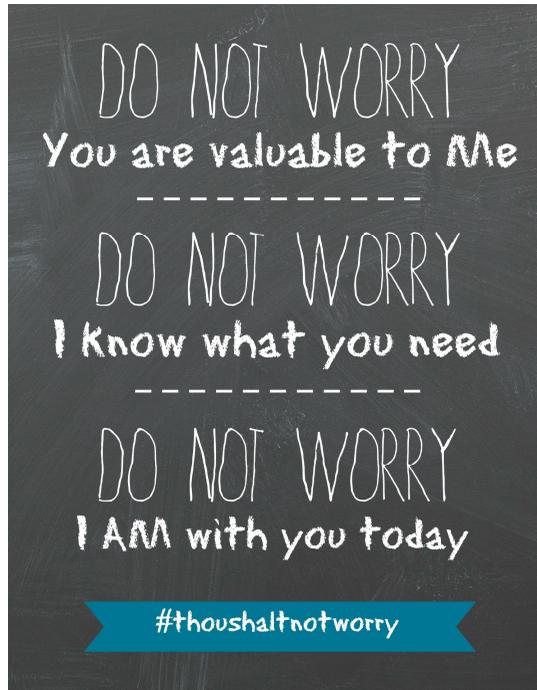
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Celebrating Birthdays this Week

- 8/05 Lydia Roniger, Dave Schaake
- 8/06 Sid Helle, Izzy Kane
- 8/08 Ken Schaake

Celebrating Their Anniversary

- 8/04 Bobby & Stephanie Hicks
- 8/06 Alan & Rhonda Grammer
- 8/06 Joseph & Sheila Page



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And give Him the glory; great things He has done.
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Receiving of Gifts

Isn't it a privilege to give to God? May each of you be blessed!

***Response of Gratitude—Bless Thou the Gifts** (To the tune of Sweet Hour of Prayer)

**Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought;
Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Thy hand.**

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:25-34

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Homily— “Strong and Steady”

Rev. Jackie K. Havis-Shear

Blessing of Holy Communion

One: We honor the holy invitation you offer to us today. We experience healing and restoration of our hearts and souls when we gather to eat bread from heaven and drink from the cup of forgiveness.

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.
Blessed God, we pray for your spirit to bless these gifts of bread
and cup and may they offer to us the power of the Risen Christ.
In this experience we claim everlasting life and complete joy, as
we commit ourselves to building the kingdom of Christ on this
earth, through this act of gathering and sharing. Amen.**

Sharing of Cup and Bread

Each of you are invited to join the Heavenly Banquet Meal. We serve gluten free for everyone as we eat from one loaf; one body. We serve grape juice to symbolize the wine that Jesus served as the blood of the new covenant was celebrated.

***Song of Sending—You Are God Alone**

Billy J. Foote, Cindy Foote

You are not a god created
By human hands
You are not a god dependent
On any mortal man
You are not a god in need of
Anything we can give
By Your plan
That's just the way it is

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You are God alone from before time began
You were on Your throne, You are God alone
And right now in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone

You're the only God whose power
None can contend
You're the only God whose name and
Praise will never end
You're the only God who's worthy
Of everything we can give
You are God
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***Benediction**

Thank you for your presence. Together we go in God's presence.

May we receive God with a tender heart.

May we follow God with a steadfast vision.

May we proclaim the kingdom of God in all that we do.

May God's Spirit sustain, nourish, and guide us on our journey!