

Faith
IN GOD
changes
EVERYTHING

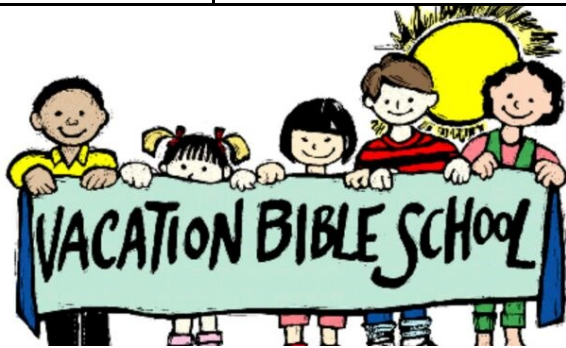
IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS AUGUST 2023

DO NOT
Fear
FOR I AM
with you
— ISAIAH 41:10 —



Worship in August 2023

August 5-6	Romans 9:1-8, 14-20, 30-33	The Mystery of the Mercy	Communion
August 13-14	Romans 10:1-17	The Saving Word	
August 20-21	Romans 12:1-8	Transformed	Communion
August 27-28	Romans 12:9-21	Guest Preacher	



thankyou

Thank you to all who helped with our 2023 Day Camp/Vacation Bible School. Thanks to the children who participated with energy and enthusiasm. We had 52 children attend. Thanks to the parents and grandparents who made it possible for them to be there. Thanks for those who recruited new families for VBS this year. VBS is a great moment for children to discover that Church is for them and that Church is all about Jesus.

Thanks to the adults and youth who helped. Thanks to DeAnn Nielsen, Sheila Mills, Judi Olson, Becky Chipman, and Patty Allen. Thanks to Grant Chipman, Aubrey Petsche, Katie Stern, Emeri Smith, Kori Smith, and Gavin Sisson. Thanks to Sandy Nelsen, Deb Schechinger and to all who helped in the kitchen providing the children with great snacks. Thanks to all who donated snacks for the week. Thanks to John & Mary Taggs, Judi & Craig Olson, Becky & Jim Chipman for providing housing for our 4 Ingham/Okoboji staff people.



WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN





Happy Birthday to the following:

Irene Hansen will be 100 on August 13.
Mert Kastens who will be 82 on August 15.
Maggie Hatcher will be 85 on August 18.
Vernice Vrtiska will be 89 on August 20.



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Mark & Linda Knoell who will be celebrating their 56th anniversary on August 5.
Larry & Peg Haas will be celebrating their 52nd anniversary on August 21.
Allan & Sally Simdorn who will be celebrating their 54th anniversary on August 22.
Dave & Judi Pedersen will be celebrating their 57th anniversary on August 27.

His Love

NEVER FAILS



ON OUR PRAYER LIST: Dan Jensen, Julie Vorm, Nancy Gessman, Galen Johannsen, Kayla Weis, Sandra Haney, Connie Benson, Bill Broveak (son-in-law of Ed & Shelia Mills, Jerry Christensen (son of John Christensen), Wade Mills (son of Ed & Shelia Mills), Curt Olson (son of Sue Olson), Doug Beaman (son of Mary Beaman), Julie Duval.

ILCW 5:15 AUGUST 9TH GATHERING

ILCW will be gathering August 9th in the fellowship hall at **5:15**. Join us for sundaes, bars, laughs, games, and visiting with other women from Immanuel. Everyone is welcome. We hope that gathering at this one time later time in August you will join us.



WORSHIP SERVICES at Immanuel are streamed on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ilcharlan) Sunday mornings. They are also recorded for viewing on HMU channel 15 (9:30 a.m. Sunday and 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday) and on FMCTC channel 48 (4:00 p.m. Wednesday). Our worship is also posted on www.harlanimmanuel.org/sermons.html.



ILCW

Friends are like
Fabric
You can never
have enough



Sisters
in
Christ

A sister In Christ is a
sister for life
Mark 3:35

Honoring 41 years of service at Immanuel: Congratulations to Dolly Burgin and Hertha Haas who took their last stitch July 5th, finishing up a quilt for Joanne Christensen! What a Legacy for our church!

These ladies, along with Martha Clausen, Bernice Johnson, Frieda Nielsen, Pat Pertersen, Verda Larsen, Vernie Petersen, Dorothy Mosher, Alice Doonan, Goldie Hansen, Judy Juhler, Esther Olson, Helen Schmitz, Rose Petersen, Evelyn Anderson, Dorothy Errett, Hertha Johnson, Joyce Nielsen, Adeline Scott, Alyce Rasmussen, Zelda Johannsen, Viola O'Neil, started hand quilting at Immanuel in 1981, 1982, and 1983.

It started with Mable Clemensen donating nine patch quilt blocks to the ILCW. The very first quilt that was completed was a baby quilt for Dorothy Errett, who provided the quilt frame. This was worked on in one of the Sunday school rooms, but when a double room became available, they moved to the ILCW room. Dorothy Errett, Gerta Christensen and Mabel Clemensen, Alice Jensen, and Dolly Burgin were instrumental in starting the group with donated quilt tops to hand quilt. These quilts were sold as donations at the church's fall bazaars.

A few interesting tidbits: Frieda Nielsen would put one of the smaller quilts in her living room and quilt them for the ILCW. Early on, 7 Christmas tree skirts were quilted for the church. In 1990, the group had quilted 18 quilts. Over 200 quilts have been hand quilted since the beginning of this group of dedicated ladies!! One of the quilts, done for Sharlot Steen, won 1st place at the Iowa State Fair, entered as "done by group"pretty neat!

Another endeavor for the group was to make and send quilts to the Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp and Riverside Bible Camp, for their quilt auctions. The money raised helped with operational costs for the camps.

Hertha's favorite quilt is an Amish Country Brides quilt and Dolly's is Depression-themed quilts. The fees for quilting were: King size, \$75. Queen size, \$60, \$25 for making the quilt markings, and \$25 for the Binding. All the money made went into the ILCW treasury.

Some great friendships were formed in these years, as well as good food and snacks served. Dolly and Hertha both recall Dorothy Mosher's great egg salad sandwiches. Good Conversation was always abundant and as Dolly recalls one "episode"; 6 ladies were in attendance on one of the quilting afternoons and one would say something, and another would pass it on, and so on, until it was discovered that by the time it got all the way around, whatever the message HAD been, it was no longer!!

Continued.....



What a wonderful group of ladies who dedicated their time, their talent, their love of a lost art to our church and who truly gave such great gifts of love to many. We THANK them!!

(If you'd like to view the quilts these ladies have done over the years, just stop by the quilting room, they are posted on the walls.)

The Quilting Song by Maxine Christensen

(sung to the tune of The Church in the Wildwood)

We are quilting in our church's basement
 You're invited to come, take a part
 Bring some pins and a needle and scissors,
 Spool of thread and a glad willing heart.

Chorus: Oh, Oh quilts, quilts, quilts made for lunch clothes and bedspreads,
 Dresses and trousers and drapes,
 Coats and blankets and jackets and linings,
 It's a thrill just to see them take shape.
 Go search in the drawers and closets,
 In attic and basements and trunks,
 We can use every discarded garment
 Bring them in they may not be "just junk"

Chorus: Oh, Oh, stich, stich, sew, sew, tie them with thread of bright colors
 Yes, 60x80's the size.
 There's a feeling of deep satisfaction
 This must be precious work in God's eyes.



TANZANIA HAPPENINGS

Tanzania here we come! In August a group from Immanuel will be traveling to Kidugala. In preparation for the trip, we would like to take along leather work gloves of all sizes as gifts for the pastors and evangelists. Also, cheater glasses of all strengths to help people to be able to read. If anyone is interested in helping with these gifts it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left in the church office. Thank you!



JULY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The Immanuel Church Council met June 11 with 12 of 13 members present. Craig Olson led devotions. Put your worries aside because God is faithful. Steve Allen will share devotions in August.

Treasurer: June income was \$21,815 and expenses were \$19,383. General Fund at the end of June was \$53,584. Building Fund balance was \$61,008. Organ project funds were reinvested in a short-term CD at 4 %.

Outreach/Stewardship: Our August Mission Partner is Home of Hope in Tartu, Estonia, a Lutheran mission helping the Estonian Lutheran Church recover from Soviet control. The Sharing Cupboard/Fridge has been busy. There has been some social media debate about the project regarding who can donate, what to donate, and who can access it. We decided that as the host organization we need to do some clarifying publicity in the newspaper and a handout. We decided that only food will be accepted. Bibles are also allowed, but no clothing, shoes, stationery, magazines, puzzles, games. Barb shared a "Thanks be to God" for positive things about our Saturday evening service.

Property: Ken Carstens is keeping the lawn mowed. It was proposed that we organize a lawn clean up night to pull or spray weeds, trim bushes and trees, and other outdoor maintenance. Set the clean-up day for Wednesday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m.

Executive: We hope to interview someone to direct the vocal choir and the handbells and have them in place before September.

Pastor: Pastor recommended Shane and Liz Pitts and their children McKenzie and Millie and Lonnie and Connie Pitts for membership. Motion carried.

Old Business: Discussion about membership renewal process. We hope to have our photo directory ready in September. It appears that the pipe organ will be taken for refurbishment sometime after Christmas.

WORSHIP & GIVING

	<u>Attendance</u>				<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Total</u>
July 1-2	15	+	109	=	124	\$ 4,794.00	\$ 25.00 \$ 4,819.00
July 8-9	32	+	65	=	97	\$ 2,552.00	\$ 205.00 \$ 2,757.00
July 15-16	24	+	107	=	131	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 70.00 \$ 4,770.00
July 22-23	24	+	85	=	109	\$ 2,752.00	\$ 20.00 \$ 2,772.00

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Coffee 10:15 Adult Bible Class	31	1 9:00 CF Quilters 6 p.m. Worship & Evang.	2	3	4	5 5:00 Communion
6 9:00 Communion 10:00 Fellowship Coffee 10:15 Adult Bible Class	7	8 9:00 CF Quilters 2:00 Bunco 6:30 Executive Board 7:00 Church Council	9 4:00 ILCW Bd. Meeting 5:15 ILCW Gathering	10	11 5 p.m. Rehearsal	12 3:00 Philips/ Saunders Wed- ding 5:00 Worship
13 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Coffee 10:15 Adult Bible Class	14	15 9:00 CF Quilters	16	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 Ladies Homestead	18	19 5:00 Communion
20 9:00 Communion 10:00 Fellowship Coffee NO Adult Bible Class	21	22 9:00 CF Quilters 2:00 Bunco	23	24	25	26 5:00 Worship
27 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Coffee NO Adult Bible Class	28 9:00 Mission Quilters	29 9:00 CF Quilters 7:30 Fellowship & Ed	30	31 ASSEMBLE NEWSLETTER	1	2 5:00 Communion



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