



IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS AUGUST 2025



20th Anniversary Celebration of the Immanuel/Kidugala Partnership

August 17, 2025

9:00 AM Celebration Worship

10:15 AM Program with Ambassadors

11:00 AM Catered Meal in the Fellowship Hall

Join us to celebrate our 20-year friendship and partnership with our sister parish in Kidugala, Tanzania. 20 years ago, Cheryl Chipman traveled to Tanzania to connect with our sister parish in Kidugala. Thus began a friendship and partnership that has brought blessings both here and in Tanzania.

We have sent numerous ambassadors to Kidugala and welcomed back several groups of ambassadors from Kidugala. God has used our gifts to help orphans attend school, to equip the community medical clinic, to make agricultural improvements, to connect Kidugala with a microloan program and an agricultural co-operative, to drill wells, to provide Bibles to confirmation students and bicycles for evangelists, and much more. Our Kidugala friends have blessed us with prayers, friendship, and joyful faith.

We are working to bring 3 ambassadors to Harlan this month. There will be opportunities to invite them into the life of our community and congregation. If you are interested in helping to host our guests in any way, contact a member of the Tanzania Team which includes Rick and Cheryl Chipman, Larry and Peg Haas, Jennifer Malone Booth, Patty Allen, Donna Nelson, Phil Nielsen, Mark Schechinger.

Check out the display of photos from our 20-year partnership in the fellowship hall and the display of the 12 wells we have drilled in the hall beside the chapel. Thanks to Rick and Cheryl Chipman and friends for putting that together.



Dear friends in Christ,

This month we celebrate Immanuel's 20-year partnership with our brothers and sisters in Kidugala, Tanzania. Our friends at Kidugala are a spiritual gift given to Immanuel by God's Holy Spirit. There are all kinds of blessings that we receive from our friendship.

First, our friendship with Kidugala reminds us that the Church is much bigger than just our own little congregation. We are part of a movement of the Holy Spirit that crosses boundaries of nationality, language, culture, politics, economics, and race. Our world is so divided, but the Church of Jesus is a force that brings people together. The Church is the largest movement for good in our world today. Our partnership helps us to keep the big picture in view.

Second, our friendship with Kidugala reminds us of what is essential and what is peripheral. We tend to think that the way we do things is the only way to do things and the way Christians have always done things. But our partnership with Kidugala shows us that followers of Jesus are a diverse group who live and worship and serve in various ways. We can see both our strengths and our weaknesses when we are in relationship with people from other cultures.

Third, our friendship with Kidugala gives us an opportunity to discover the deep unity of the Church. What binds us together as Christians is not our proximity or our shared experience or even our culture. What binds us together as Christians is Jesus and his Holy Spirit. We are not some club for like-minded individuals. We are a family united by blood -- by the blood of Jesus shed on the cross. From the very beginning of the Church, the Holy Spirit has been working to unite the Church across all the divisions of our world. Our partnership with Kidugala is part of that work of the Holy Spirit.

Fourth, our friendship with Kidugala gives us an opportunity to use our giving to make profound changes in the world. Of course, we are called to serve our neighbors in our own community. And we do. But we also have the opportunity to profoundly change the lives of hundreds of people in Tanzania. We have given an education to orphans. We have saved lives with clean water, with equipment for a health clinic, with improvements in agricultural practices. When we give a little in Africa, it can go a long way through the careful work of our Kidugala partners.

Finally, our friendship with Kidugala helps us to keep an outward focus in our mission. It is easy for congregations to become inward focused, to do what we do as a way of serving own interests. We share the faith to gain members. We do good deeds to improve our reputation. But serving those on the other side of the world helps us to keep a genuine outward focus, a genuine servant heart. This is part of what makes a congregation truly healthy.

Yours in Christ, Phil Nielsen



Happy Birthday to the following:

Mert Kastens will be 84 on August 15

Maggie Hatcher will be 87 on August 18

Vernice Vrtiska will be 91 on August 20



CONGRATULATIONS Chris Booth and Jennifer Malone who were married on Saturday, July 5.

OUR SYMPATHY to Randy, Sharon Kroger and family for the loss of Sharon's mother Catherine Glenn. She passed away on Wednesday, July 16.

WELCOME Hudson Rex Hoch, to Matt and Mary Hoch born on Saturday, July 5th.

WELCOME Gabriel Michael to Justin, Samantha Jenkins born on Thursday, July 17. Grandparents are Derek and Cora Chapman.

WELCOME Luca Daniel to Maximino and Brittany Fernandes on Wednesday, July 2. Grandparents are Derek and Cora Chapman.



CHOIR NEWS It is time to "kick off" our annual choir "welcome meeting" ! This will take place on Tuesday, August 19th at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. A quick meet and greet, pass out music, and maybe a very short sing-a-long. Please consider joining this great group of people. We have a solid number, but always SO appreciate more, and especially men. Our men are badly outnumbered and would welcome some fellow singers. (good Lip sync singers welcome!) There are no auditions, just a good time of fellowship and singing! Immanuel is very fortunate to HAVE a church choir, and want to continue to improve and



ON OUR PRAYER LIST: Sherry Lytle, Ellie Nelson, Linda Christensen, Ruthe & Pat Pattison, Dave Pedersen, Phil Smith, Arlynn Gittins, Kayla Weis, Kay Koos, Connie & Ed Benson, Megan Leslie (Steve Allen's niece), Ken Johannsen (Seth Johannsen's father), Dan Abendroth (Sandy Sisson's brother), Denny Porter (Sue Olson's brother-in-law), Dave Burmeister (Sue Olson's son-in-law, Lee Kaufman (father of Kayla Weis and Mary Hoch), Larry Gittins.

Jared Walters and Jesse Hansen (serving in the Iowa National Guard on deployment)

Rick Chipman, Patty Allen and Phil Nielsen who are travelling to Ethiopia and Tanzania



Immanuel / Kidugala Timeline

2002 – Pastor Isaac Chengula, a seminary classmate of Pastor Heather Ploen, visited Immanuel.

2004 -- “A Taste of Tanzania” festival with food, music, video and guest speakers. Raised funds for an irrigation project in Kidugala.

2005 – Cheryl Chipman travelled to TZ. We formed a TZ Committee.

2006 -- We funded a Sunflower project in Kidugala. Fundraisers included a Christmas “Tour of Homes.”

2007 – A 40-foot/8X8-foot container, packed with hospital beds, medical supplies, school equipment, agriculture equipment, quilts, midwife kits, layettes shipped in March and arrived in Kidugala in August. Annual Soup Supper/ Auction began. Rick & Cheryl Chipman, Larry Haas, Larry & Linda Hopp, Deb Schechinger, Patty Allen travelled to Kidugala and returned with Philipo Mloge and Neema Mlelwa, our first TZ ambassadors.

2008 – Rick Chipman and Larry Haas went to TZ.

2009 – Danish Dolls began their Aebelskiver/ Frikadellar Supper to raise funds for travel. Rick & Cheryl Chipman, Steve & Patty Allen, Angie Madsen, Jennifer Hansen, and Mark Knoell travelled to TZ. Pastor and Edina Konga came back to Harlan as our guests.

2010 – Orphan scholarships began. Rick Chipman and Kevin Seevers traveled to TZ. They helped facilitate Iringa Hope's collaboration with Kidugala.

2011 – April Taggs, Patty Allen, Rick & Cheryl Chipman delivered an autoclave to Kidugala. They brought back Pastor Wallace Lupenza and Beatrice Kingililwe.

2012 – Patty Allen, Rick Chipman, and Mark Knoell traveled to TZ.

2013 – The first two wells funded by Immanuel for Kidugala and the vehicle donated by Immanuel were dedicated by Bishop Mengele of the Southern Diocese of the ELCT while our team (Rick Chipman, Patty Allen, Kevin & Val Seevers) was there.

2014 – Donna Nelson, Patty Allen, Mark Knoell, and Rick & Cheryl Chipman visited TZ. HEKIMA microloan organization was started through a relationship with Iringa Hope which ILC facilitated.

2015 – Pastor Nodfred and Pastor Lova visited Harlan. Phil and Reece Nielsen, Patty Allen, Rick and Cheryl Chipman visited Kidugala.

2016 – Rick Chipman and Patty Allen traveled to Kidugala. ILC helped fund a new surgical suite at the Health Center. A scholarship program for high school students was begun.

2017 – Rick and Cheryl Chipman, Donna Nelson, Patty Allen, and Mark Knoell traveled to Kidugala. Ag Coop began with Iringa Hope to help farmers get access to better inputs and to market their harvest.

2019 – Patty Allen, Mark Knoell, Rick & Cheryl Chipman traveled to Kidugala. With the bishop's staff, Iringa Hope staff, and ILC travelers, a collaboration agreement was signed between Iringa Hope and the Southern Diocese with ILC's input.

2021 – 3 wells completed. Summer Carnival and Auction was held to fund our orphan projects.

2022 – 3 more wells for a primary school, a health care center, and a regional hospital!

2023 – 2 more wells. Rick and Cheryl Chipman and Patty Allen traveled to Kidugala.

2024 – 2 more wells. Rick Chipman made a quick trip to TZ.

2025 – We celebrate 20 years. Phil Nielsen, Patty Allen, and Rick Chipman will travel as our 14th team to Kidugala hoping to bring back 3 ambassadors from Kidugala.



Worship in August 2025

No Saturday services August 2

August 3 Pentecost 8	2 Corinthians 10:1-10 Spiritual Warfare	Communion
August 9-10 Pentecost 9	2 Corinthians 11:1-15 An Angel of Light	
August 16-17 Pentecost 10	Immanuel + Kidugala = I Church	Communion, Bells, Tanzania Celebration Program and Banquet after worship
August 23-24 Pentecost 11	Guest preacher: Pastor Neto	
August 30-31 Pentecost 12	2 Corinthians 11:16-31 Bragging	Baptism

WORDS TO LEARN Here are the words to the Swahili hymn that Pastor Phil wants us to learn for our TZ guests this month:

Mungu ni pendo. Apenda watu. Mungu ni pendo. Anipenda.

God is love. He loves people. God is love. He loves me.

YOUTH INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE: ILC is looking for youth to join a youth instrumental ensemble. Ryan Meyer will lead young musicians (7th grade and above) to contribute their musical gifts to our worship services in preludes, Communion music, accompaniment, and in whatever way youth would like to participate. There will be an organizational meeting in the fall. Hopefully we will have lots of great music this fall and for Christmas.

Contact Ryan Meyer (ryanjamesmeyer@gmail.com) or Becky Chipman (jbchip@harlannet.com) or Pastor Phil (peacephillip@gmail.com).





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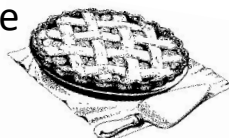


The August 13th **ILCW gathering** will be at 5:15 in the Fellowship Hall. This gives our working women an opportunity to join the morning gals. Come visit with friends and make new friends. Enjoy Hors d'oeuvres prepared by the ILCW board. Cheryl Chipman will share about the 20th anniversary of Immanuel/Kidugala Partnership celebration and Vicki Carstens has some fun ideas planned. We hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome.

Dates to add to your calendar: September 10, ILCW, September 23, Bunko @ 2:00, September 29th, Mission Quilters (tying quilts) @ 1:00. **Wednesday October 15th Harvest Bazaar and luncheon 11:00-1:00.** It takes many hands to make this event successful. Let us know if you can help. There will be sign-up sheets closer to the date.



FOR SALE There are 9 Rhubarb Pies left in the freezer if anyone is interested, they are \$12.00 each.



VACUUM CLEANER

If anyone is interested there is still one vacuum cleaner available. You are welcome to come look at it in the church office.





JULY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The Immanuel Council met July 8 with 10 of 12 members present. Joey led devotions from the send-off ceremony for his son's deployment in the Iowa National Guard. August devotions will be led by Eric Chipman.

Eric Chipman, Vicki Strissel, Kirk Jacobsen, John Taggs, Craig Olson, Scott Shannon, and Todd Madsen volunteered for deacon duties in August and September.

Treasurer's Report: June income was \$28,317 and expenses were \$20,678 for a gain of \$7,639. June YTD income was \$152,648 and expenses were \$147,370 for a gain of \$5,277. General Fund balance is \$78,222 plus \$25,000 totaling \$103,550 and the Capital Savings balance is at \$82,667.

Worship/Evangelism – No Saturday evening services from July 26 to August 23. We are making plans for a youth instrumental ensemble led by Ryan Meyer. Special music is lined up into August. New television in the chapel is working well. New computer still needed.

Fellowship/Education – VBS had 54 kids with a good crew of adults and youth helpers. 19 youth attended camp from Immanuel.

Outreach/Stewardship – No mission partners assigned for July and August. Will meet in August to set up calendar for the fall. Food to food pantry is now close to 200 pounds for the year.

Property: Carpet installed in new library. Don Goede has the HVAC unit in for education rooms. So now Ken has the specs for the wiring. Parking lot was sprayed for weeds.

Old Business: Council decided to go with Ahmado to wax the Fellowship Hall, bathrooms, kitchen, and All-Purpose Room.

WORSHIP & GIVING

	<u>Attendance</u>				<u>General</u>	<u>Refugee</u>
July 5-6	15	+	101	= 116	\$ 8550.00	\$ 1385.00
July 12-13	0	+	88	= 88	\$ 4945.50	\$ 2425.00
July 19-20	15	+	106	= 121	\$ 3260.00	\$ 20.00

Building \$125.00



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August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						No Saturday Worship
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 Communion 10:00 Fellowship Coffee 10:15 Adult Bible Class		9:00 CF Quilters 6:00 – 9:00 Boy Scouts District 7:30 Fellowship/Education Committee		9:00 – 3:30 WIC		5:00 Worship
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Coffee 10:15 Adult Bible Class		9:00 CF Quilters 5:00 Bells 6:30 Executive Board 7:00 Church Council	4:00 ILCW Board Meeting 5:15 ILC Gathering	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	Setup TZ	5:00 Communion Set TZ
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 Communion 10:00 Fellowship Coffee Kidugala TZ 20 th Party		9:00 CF Quilters 6:00 Choir		ASSEMBLE NEWSLETTER 9:00-3:30 WIC 6:00 – 9:00 Ladies Homestead		5:00 Worship
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Coffee No Adult Bible Class	9:00 Mission Quilters	9:00 CF Quilters 2:00 Bunco 6:00 Worship Committee	WCCA Head Start Staff Training			5:00 Worship
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Worship and Fellowship Servants Schedule

	August 9-10	August 16- 17	August 23-24	August 30-31	September 6-7
Acolytes	Cora Clay Trinity Haas	Gavin Herbst Kolton Jensen	Truman Kjergaard Pyper Montgomery	Cade Neve Zoey Olson	Jace Palmer Maggie Petersen
Saturday Greeter/Usher	Jeff & Penny Nelson	Carl Nielsen	Dory Nielsen	Sharon Oman	Linda Peterson
Saturday Altar Guild	x	Maggie Hatcher	x	x	Kayla Jacobs
Sunday Greeters/Ushers	Rhonda Mock Linda Mosher	Dave & Angie Monson	Cathy Murray Julie Olson	Mark & Kristah Nelson	Preston & Shelby Nelson
Sunday Altar Guild	x	Peg Haas Janet Johanssen	x	x	Donna Nelson Vicki Strissel
Scripture Reader (Sunday)	Pam Rust	Terry Torneten	Lois Hansen	Steve Allen	Jan Applegate
Communion Servers (Sunday)	x	Tony Hansen Erin Hastert	x	x	Ann Holt Kayla Jacobs
Coffee Hosts (Sunday)	Terry & Stacy Torneten	TZ Committee	Jan Applegate Vicki Carstens	Rick & Cheryl Chipman	Duane & Vickie Erret
Sound	Seth Johannsen	Seth Johannsen	Seth Johannsen	Seth Johannsen	Gaige Lytle
Video	Grant Chipman	Grant Chipman	Grant Chipman	Grant Chipman	Alan Ahrenholtz
Projection	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen(Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen(Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen(Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen(Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)
Council Person	Vicki Strissel	Kirk Jacobsen	John Taggs	Craig Olson	Scott Shannon