

Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Reformation Sunday



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Bulletin Dedication

In Ecclesiastes 4:12, we find these precious words: “a threefold cord is not quickly broken.” When a man and woman become bound in Christian marriage as husband and wife, Christ Jesus is the third strand that provides the strength that holds a marriage together. Today’s bulletin is given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for 23 years of marriage for Tom & Lisa Hoekstra. They were married at Immanuel on October 28, 2000. May the Lord continue to bless your marriage and life together! Happy anniversary!

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask everyone to please fill out a white postcard-sized Communication/Communion Card, which has been placed at the entrances. Offerings can be put in the marked grey baskets.

>> **Guests**, please fill out the card with your name and address. Place in the offering basket, hand to an usher or elder, or drop in the basket as you come forward for Holy Communion. If desiring to commune, please visit with the pastor (see Communion statement below) and note your home congregation. We hope you have enjoyed our worship service, and we invite you to join us again soon.

>> **Members**, please fill out the Communion Card to inform the church office of your attendance today and any needed prayers and visits.

Holy Communion Statement

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

For our communicants: gluten-free host is available along with grape juice in the center of the individual cups for those who have allergies or sensitivities to those respective elements. Please request it as you approach the pastor or the elder.

Our Mission

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists to spread the Gospel in its truth and purity through Word and Sacraments in accordance with the Confession of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Immanuel Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel, so children become disciples of Jesus.

Busy Bags: Available at the entrance are ‘Busy Bags’ = activity bags of color crayons/books, for any child. Borrow and use them for the service and return them to their hook for the next time!

Liturgy: Setting Three, page 184

Sermon: “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” – Psalm 46

Hymns:

904 - Blessed Jesus, at Your Word (8:00 only)

506 - Glory Be to God the Father (8:00 only)

656 - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

580 - The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace

565 - Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

794 - The Lord, My God, Be Praised

Organist: Barb Lutringer

Elders & Ushers: 8:00 am: Bob Walkes, Jim Larson, Randy Irish

10:15 am: Brent Wohlers, Don Luckstein, Jim Gensmer

Acolyte/Cross bearer: 8:00 am: Julia Barnes
10:15 am: Caleb Miller

November Altar Duty: Leo & Barb Larson, Tom & Lisa Hoekstra

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

Sunday October 22: 123

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Sunday, October 22: \$ 3,948.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized: *Ellen Bratberg at St. Mary's.* For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Kim Zabel (507) 272-6301 or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week

November 1: Spencer Gilbertson, Elaine Holst, Michael Gernes

November 2: Jayden Bauer, Bree Severson, Rily Irish

November 3: Patricia Barnes, Michael Barnes, Ben Neumann

November 4: Keith Eggenberger, Matthew Zabel

The Board of Elders is looking for more Elders. As an Elder, it is an honor and privilege to work with Pastor Augustine, to serve the Lord. Setting up for the services, serving communion, other behind the scene things. We also call and visit members. Any questions or for more info contact an Elder. God's richest blessings as you consider serving your Lord.

The Board of Christian Education has open positions, and we are asking members of Immanuel Lutheran Church that are interested in supporting Christian Education to please consider serving on the board with us. Christian Education is for all ages and members of Immanuel. We encourage bible study, Sunday School, Release Time, VBS, Youth, Immanuel Lutheran School and supporting Pastor in confirmation classes and other Christ-centered educational programs. This position is a 3-year term and meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Becky Luckstein at 507-951-1716 or rrluckstein@gmail.com.

The Board of Christian Caring and Outreach has openings on the board. Please prayerfully consider serving with us. We meet monthly and our meetings are very brief. We provide welcome visits to new members and send cards to visitors that have worshipped with us. Every summer we distribute flyers to local parks, campgrounds, and a few locations around town with summer worship times. If you feel so moved to join us or have any questions, please call the church office at 534-3700 or any of the board members; Cindy Lien 696-4888, Barb Larson 251-2138, Carolyn Stelling 251-7849, or Barb Lutringer 534-2349, we would welcome you and any ideas you may have.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Board of Youth is in charge of planning Christ-centered fellowship and servant activities for youth in our congregation grades 4-12. We meet once a month, most months, to discuss and prepare for events and try to divide duties related to activities evenly amongst the board. The best part - we get to connect with the youth in our congregation, and we truly do have amazing students with Christ in their hearts.

At this time, we are looking for others to join in our mission. If you are interested in serving, would like more information, or know of anyone interested, please feel free to reach out to any of us. Thank you for your consideration, and God's richest blessings to you!

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Dawn Schroeder 320-420-5754, Laura Haack 507-259-8422,

David Murphy 507-923-6043

Thinking about how you can serve in ILC leadership but worried about the time commitment? The Board of Stewardship might be right for you! We serve a narrow but important function. We help Pastor with the annual

Stewardship program, put tools out that help with daily Stewardship life, and organize the twice-yearly roadside cleanup on Hwy 42. Our monthly meetings are usually 30 minutes long. We have three open positions on the board for 2024 and we would love for you to join us! If you are interested or have any questions, please call or text Anne at 507-951-6698