

IMMANUEL SPEAKS
AUGUST 2025



Dear friends in Christ,

I think we've all seen those MasterCard commercials, which list off the price of several things: gas for the car, \$80, airline tickets, \$1,200, spending a tropical weekend vacation with the family – priceless! And of course there is the tag line that goes with the MasterCard commercials, “Some things in life are priceless, for everything else, there is MasterCard”. It's not a bad series of commercials, I think, because it makes us think about what is truly valuable in life.

In two of the final parables in Matthew 13 Jesus says, “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and then hid; then in his joy he goes and sells everything he has and buys the field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

These two parables I believe teach us an important lesson about what God truly values or desires. These two parables reveal God's great love for you and for me. Think about it, like the persons in both parables who seek to gain a treasure, God loves and desires to be in relationship with you forever. And to do that God goes to the extreme. Just as the person in the first parable, and the merchant in the second parable sell all they have to obtain the field and the pearl; God gives us the gift of our savior Jesus Christ. Through his death and his resurrection our sin is forgiven, we are claimed as children of God, and given the gift of eternal life. What is priceless for God? What is truly valuable to God? To steal another quote from MasterCard, “What's in God's wallet?”

The answer my friends, is each one of you!!! The apostle Paul sums it up nicely, “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.” My friends, rejoice and be glad for in God's sight you are priceless, you are truly valued, you are what's in God's wallet?”

In Christ,

Pastor Joel

COMMUNITY MEAL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 FROM 5:00-6:00 P.M.

The Community Meal is Sunday, August 10th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The menu is: hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, coleslaw and watermelon. We will be serving to go meals in the alley way and in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on Immanuel's Facebook page or call the church office with the number of meals you need. Everyone in the community is invited!

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SUMMER BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT IN AUGUST

Bean Bag Tournaments continue into the month of August! We will meet on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the North Legacy Park (park by the Clara City Care Center). All ages and skills are welcome! If you don't play, cheerleaders are needed. Treats will be served after the games. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

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COFFEE FOR GALS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH

The women of Immanuel will meet on Wednesday, August 27th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All ages are welcome! Come for laughter, fellowship, fun and of course, treats! Hope to see you there!

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST

Sunday, August 3	PowerPoint/Acolyte:	Andrew Gueningsman
	Lay Reader:	Gary Meyer
	Altar Guild:	Ken & Jan Beyerl
Sunday, August 10	PowerPoint/Acolyte:	Kayden Prekker
	Lay Reader:	Cindy Meyer
	Altar Guild:	Judy Gosseling
Sunday, August 17	PowerPoint/Acolyte:	Hudson Hansen
	Lay Reader:	Laine Rieger
	Altar Guild:	Carissa Pederson
Sunday, August 24	PowerPoint/Acolyte:	Hayden Emkes
	Lay Reader:	Michele Shubert
	Altar Guild:	LuAnn Kruger
Sunday, August 31	PowerPoint/Acolyte:	Jana Rand
	Lay Reader:	Duane Dieken
	Altar Guild:	Nancy Gosseling

ASHER TRIBE UP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Below we have printed the Tribe Membership for September 2025. The chairperson will be calling or texting you in the near future, asking you to help serve Immanuel in some way. Start thinking about what you can volunteer to help with! If everyone takes one job, the “needs” list will be filled.

Patty Rand
Bruce and Carol Soine
Darcie Meyer and family
Tom and Diane Pieper
Bryon and Melissa Jaenisch Family
Matt and Jen Niesen Family
Paul and Brenda Tuve
Tim and JoEllen Rosendahl
Jim Jaenisch
Logan and Bailey Nilsen

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OPEN RADIO BROADCASTS FOR 2025

We have a few open radio broadcasts for the year 2025. If you would like to sponsor any of these, please call the church office at 847-2138 or talk to Pastor Joel or Kathy. The cost for a broadcast is \$110.00. Thank you to everyone that has sponsored a radio broadcast and for continuing to support this ministry outreach! The dates are: August 10, October 12, November 2 and 16, December 14, and 28.

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August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:30 "Grease"
3 9:00 Worship/Comm union	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:00 Worship/Comm union 5:00-6:00 Community Meal	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:00 Worship/Comm union	18 CCCC Birthday Party	19	20 6:30 Bean Bag Games	21	22	23
24 9:00 Worship/Comm union	25	26	27 2:00-3:30 Coffee for Gals	28	29	30

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9:00 Worship/Communion

