

IMMANUEL SPEAKS

AUGUST 2026



"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." — **Proverbs 22:6**
(NRSVUE)

When we bring children to the baptismal font, we make promises as a congregation. Together with parents, sponsors, and families, we pledge to support them in their life in Christ, pray for them, nurture them in faith, and help them grow into the people God has created them to be.

Those promises come to life every time we gather for Sunday school, confirmation, worship, and fellowship. Through stories of Scripture, conversations about faith, acts of service, and relationships grounded in Christ's love, the Holy Spirit continues to shape hearts and minds. Faith is formed not only in lessons but also in the caring presence of adults who listen, encourage, and walk alongside our young people.

As we prepare for another year of ministry, we are looking for members who feel called to serve as Sunday school teachers and confirmation mentors. These ministries are about more than teaching—they are about accompanying young people as they discover God's unconditional love, ask honest questions, and grow into lives of discipleship.

You do not need to have all the answers or years of teaching experience. If you have a willingness to learn, a heart for young people, and a desire to share your faith journey, God can use your gifts in meaningful ways. Resources, curriculum, and support are provided.

Confirmation mentors have a special opportunity to build relationships with students during an important season of their lives. By praying for them, sharing experiences of faith, and offering encouragement, mentors become living reminders that the church is a community where everyone belongs and where God's grace is present through every stage of life.

Proverbs reminds us of the importance of guiding children in the way of faith, but we know that ultimately it is God who gives growth. We trust the Holy Spirit to work through Scripture, worship, service, conversation, and the relationships we build with one another.

If you have ever wondered how your gifts might serve the church, this may be your invitation. Please prayerfully consider joining our faith formation ministry as a Sunday school teacher or confirmation mentor. Together, we can help our children and youth know they are deeply loved by God, welcomed into Christ's church, and called to share that love with the world. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pastor or the church office.

In Christ,

Pastor Joel

July 13th, 2026

1. Pastoral Acts

- 73 pastoral visits
- 1 funeral: (June 12th) Elaine Schlenner
- 1 weddings: (July 10th) Mike Bristle & Holly Peterson

2. Worship

- Clara City Care center
- May 20th, June 3rd & 17th, & July 1st

3. Education/Youth

- VBS Sunday June 14th to Wednesday June 17th
- 28 youth registered.
- Wonderful week of learning! Thank you to all the volunteers for your time and service!
- Confirmation/Youth
- 20 7th-12th grade outing to ropes course in Henderson & the big candy store on June 24th

4. Mission & Outreach

- community meal June 7th. Served over 200 before running out of food. No community meal in July.
- Ice cream Social and Custom-made Band at Care Center on Sunday, July 12th from 2pm-4pm.
- Blessing box: donations always appreciated. Normally fill it 1 to 2 times per week.

5. Continuing Education/Pastoral Self-Care

- On vacation July 13th to 17th. Vinje staff is on call, Kathy has phone #.

COFFEE FOR GALS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH

The women of Immanuel will meet on Wednesday, August 26th 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 2	PowerPoint/Acolyte:	Arianna McNeil
	Lay Reader:	Carissa Pederson
	Altar Guild:	Carissa Pederson
Sunday, August 9	PowerPoint/Acolyte:	Andrew Gueningsman
	Lay Reader:	Kathy Fritz
	Altar Guild:	LuAnn Kruger
Sunday, August 16	PowerPoint/Acolyte:	Alyson Strommer
	Lay Reader:	Annette Rosen
	Altar Guild:	Nancy Gosseling
Sunday, August 23	PowerPoint/Acolyte:	Kayden Prekker
	Lay Reader:	Laine Rieger
	Altar Guild:	Kathy Speiser
Sunday, August 30	PowerPoint/Acolyte:	Ali Neville
	Lay Reader:	Gary Meyer
	Altar Guild:	Sara Sabe

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ZEBULUN TRIBE UP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Below we have printed the Tribe Membership for September 2026. 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.

Jerry and Colleen Andresen – Tribe Leaders	Myron Bluhm
Tom and Dawn Anderson	Dave and Pam Leiser
Jack and Donna Sparks	Randy and Julie Pieper
Laine Rieger	Lucas and Sarah Doesken Family
Marcia Hanson	Mike and Cheryl Colby Family
Joe and Sandy Scanlon	

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OPEN RADIO BROADCASTS FOR 2026

We have a few open radio broadcasts for the year 2026. 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: September 13 and 20, October 25, November 1 and 15, December 14, 20, and 27.**

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TREASURER'S NOTES FOR 2026

May 2026

2026 General Fund Budget: \$253,150

2026 General Fund Income Needed as of 5/31/26: \$160,051

June 2026

2026 General Fund Budget: \$253,150

2026 General Fund Income Needed as of 6/30/26: \$150,662

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FAITHFUL GIVING ALL YEAR ROUND

As you enjoy time away with family and friends this summer, we kindly ask that you continue to support Immanuel's ministries. Your consistent giving ensures that our outreach, worship, and community programs remain strong all year long. To set up automatic recurring donations, please go to Immanuel's website (NOT FACEBOOK). Visit us at: <https://www.ilc-claracity.org/> Click "Online Giving" at the top of the page and choose your desired fund. Follow the instructions online. Any questions, please talk to Katherine Schwitters.

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AUGUST COMMUNITY MEAL

The Community Meal will be on Sunday, August 2nd from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The menu is: BBQ's, coleslaw, watermelon and rice krispie bars. We will be serving in the Fellowship Hall and drive thru in the alleyway. The meal is free and all are welcome. Please go to our Facebook page and let us know the number of meals you need.

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August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 Worship/Comm 5:00- Community Meal	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:00 Worship/Comm 10:00 Church Council Meeting	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:00 Worship/Comm	17 CCCC Birthday Pary	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:00 Worship/Comm	24	25	26 2:00-3:30 Coffee for Gals	27	28	29
30 9:00 Worship/Comm	31					

