

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

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Morning Worship: "Whoever digs a hole and scoops it out falls into the pit they have made" (Psalm 7:15). This morning we look to a Psalm where the speaker proclaims their righteousness before God and asks the LORD God to decree justice, to rise up against unrighteous enemies. Experiencing the overwhelming attack of enemies is one situation where we can find ourselves falling apart. In such circumstances we implore God to act. "Act now. Rise up."

Evening Worship: It's time to go home again. Jacob has had enough of life in Aram and is ready to head back home. He even receives word from the LORD that it is time to go, but nothing is simple with Jacob and Laban. After a flight and a pursuit, the two men agree to separate, setting up a pillar between them that neither will cross. Why is such an agreement necessary? What can we learn here about human relationships and about God's providence?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Trip: Cookies are once again needed for the Mission Trip to Newton, IA this coming weekend. THANK YOU to all who made cookies for the trip two weeks ago. We had 700 cookies from Immanuel and ran out by Saturday. They are expecting a sold-out crowd for this coming NASCAR weekend. If you are willing to make cookies, please have them at church by noon this Thursday, July 31. Please pray over the cookies when you make them. They were a HUGE success, and everyone loved them and raved about them.

Summer Study: Join in a walk through the LORD's prayer. Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 31 @ 7:00 p.m. We'll study the prayer together using the classic wisdom of the Heidelberg Catechism and the contemporary insight of teachers such as Max Lucado. Newcomers are welcome!

NEEDED: GEMS Counselors! The Sheldon GEMS have a few counselor openings that need to be filled. Help girls (4th – 8th grade) grow in their faith and learn valuable life skills. Talk to Melissa Wiersma for more info (712-348-5567).

KidsFest 2025 is right around the corner!

- **Help is needed** serving meals nightly and also a variety of help is needed for the block party. Sign-up sheets are on the Connections table.
- **Donations Needed:** Grab a tag (or two) from the basket on the Connections table. Return items by July 29.
- **KidsFest Suppers:** We will once again be offering a meal to families and volunteers before KidsFest each evening. Along with the main course, we could use donations of fresh veggies or fruits as well as cookies. Maybe you have a garden that is overproducing! Fruit and veggies can be brought to Immanuel kitchen on Sunday, August 10. Or maybe you like to bake! Sign up to bring 3 dozen cookies on the Connections table. Label container with your name and mark it for KidsFest. Cookies may be dropped off and put in Immanuel's freezer after August 1.
- **Leader Training:** KidsFest activity leaders, Bible leaders, and helpers – make plans to attend leader training @ Immanuel either next Sunday, August 3 at 11:00 a.m. or Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Summer Teen Bible Study & Hangout: The area youth directors are inviting teens to a Bible study and hangout time on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Breu Haus. If you are entering the 7th – 12th grade, and are available to come, show up for a short Bible study and games to follow!

SAVE THE DATE! ALL CHURCH NIGHT at Hills Park in Sheldon on Sunday, August 17. Afternoon activities include a disc golf tournament, followed by a time of worship, and ending with a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. More details will be coming!

PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS

Pray for our mission team headed to Newton, Iowa Thursday to work with Raceway Ministries at next weekend's NASCAR races. Thank you to many who have provided cookies as a tool to open the door to conversations and make connections. Pray that as the team members serve they may have opportunity to encourage many in their walk with Christ and challenge others to consider the place of God in their lives. Team members include Kurt, Jen, Blaze, and Isaiah Van Noord, Shonna, Macy, Samantaha and Luke Wassenaar, Melissa and Matthew Wiersma, Mikala Whitehead, Kolby Heemskerk, and Joey Wieringa.