

Mission of the Month

Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps



At Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps, our mission is simple: "To know Jesus Christ and to make Christ known to all." Discovering God the Father and Creator through the beauty of creation, experiencing the Holy Spirit's renewing power through caring community, and receiving the life-giving good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ is what makes camping ministry so impactful for every person in every generation. Everything we do--from camp programs to staff interaction to

outreach and relationships--is done for the sake of knowing Jesus Christ. Everyone who comes into contact with IOLBC will hopefully have a real experience of the Lord Jesus Christ through us and what we offer.

Whether it's through youth camps at our Ingham site, youth and family camps at Okoboji, Day Camps in partner congregations, weekend Recharges for youth, adult retreats, or by visiting as part of a retreat group or family reunion, we serve to pass on historic Christian faith and practice to strengthen in youth, families, and churches the witness to the wonderful, good news of Jesus Christ. To learn more about Ingham Okoboji, please visit our website at www.okoboji.org.

Last Sunday Attendance – 54

Church offering thru March: \$19,122.00 Mission of the Month = \$615.18

We pray especially for Joy Osborn, Ron Anderson, and Joel Evans.

Special Upcoming Events:

May 3rd -Congratulations to Brylie Deim on her graduation from North Union High School. Reception today!

May 10th - May Church Council meeting following church services

May 13th- 6 PM-North Union Senior Recognition Night and Baccalaureate

May 16th - 5-8 PM Brylie Deim's Graduation Party at her house (704 410th St, Swea City)

May 17th - 1:30 PM -North Union Graduation Ceremony

May 22nd - Final Day of School for North Union Students

May 23rd -10 AM to 12 Noon - Patent Pending Players tryouts for 3rd -8th graders

Ongoing Events:

May 6th- Final Wednesday for both Mighty Warriors Kids and Youth Group!

The Mighty Warriors Kids Program - a special end of year bowling trip is planned.

Special permission forms are due May 3rd (today) and can be picked up from Pastor Sara.

Mission Statement

This Congregation of Jesus Christ endorses hands on mission by seeing, responding, and reaching out to the needs of the congregation, the rural community, and to the world.

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



May 3, 2026

Welcome

Welcome visitors and guests. We are glad to have you worship with us today. We confess the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and by baptism we are made children of God. This we affirm by our confession of faith. Therefore, as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus we welcome you in worshiping our Lord in Word and Sacrament.

*Asterisk indicates the congregation stands as each is able.

Prelude -Prelude - “Surely the Presence of the Lord”
*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power and His grace
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place*

Apostolic Greeting

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Cor. 13:14)*

And also with you

* **Brief Order for Confession and Absolution** page 77

Opening Hymn – “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” #143

The Word of the Lord

*Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ.
(Romans 10:17)*

First Reading - 1 Peter 2:2-10 (Pew Bible page 1014-1015)

Responsive Reading - Psalm 146

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴**When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰**The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

Gospel Reading - John 14:1-14 (Pew Bible page 901)

Children’s Message

Pastor Sara

Children’s Hymn – “Jesus Loves the Little Children”

*Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world,
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world,*

Message

Pastor Sara

Reflection Hymn – “Beautiful Savior” #518

Confession and Prayer

***The Apostle’s Creed** page 85

***Presentation of the Offering– “Create in Me”** page 96

***Prayers of the Church**

P:.....Lord in your Mercy **C: Hear our prayer.**

The Service of Holy Communion

* **The Great Thanksgiving** page 88

* **Hymn – “Holy, Holy”** page 89

* **The Words of Institution**

*This is my body given for you – This is my blood shed for you.
Because Jesus makes these statements we believe and accept
his real presence in this Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

* **The Lord’s Prayer** Page 91

* **Communion Canticle – “Lamb of God”** Page 92

* **The Post Communion Proclamation** Page 92

***The Closing Hymn - “Let All Things Now Living”** #557

***The Benediction**

***Pastor – Go in Peace to Love the Lord**

* **Congregation – “Thanks be to God – and we will!”**

Three-fold Amen

The Postlude