

Immanuel Evangelical Church June, 2026



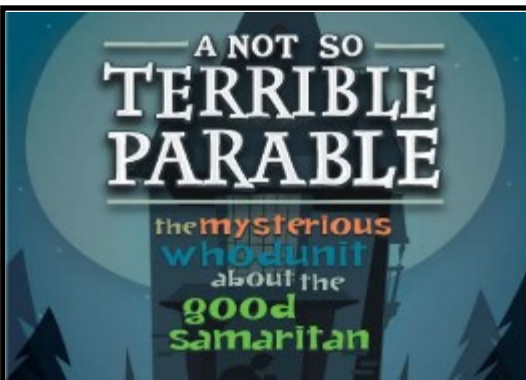
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Rite of Confirmation celebrated on Pentecost Sunday



Twelve teens confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ during the Rite of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026. They are front row: Avery Armstrong, Addison Fletcher, Cadey Chapman, Emersyn Raska, Ava Casassa; back row: Hallie Bienek, Grant Kelly, Ryder Stasney, Evan Otto, Jayden Zwahr, Elizabeth Blackett and Charlie Shifferly.



Registration deadline June 1, 2026

Music Camp 2026

June 22-26 | 9:00-2:00 pm

Musical performance: Fri. June 26 at 6:30

Register at: <https://immanuelevangelicalchurch.org/music-camp>



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Ron's Ramblings

Noah's Ark and a Rainbow of God's Promise

We're going to see a lot of rainbows in the month of June. The rainbow has been coopted as the defining symbol of LGBTQ+ Pride Month. The media is going to show the rainbow countless times during the month of June as they broadcast endless stories about how different political groups use it to celebrate their political agenda.

Yet long before the rainbow became a symbol for sexual and political ideologies, the rainbow was given by God as a symbol of His redemptive love and care for the world.

Most folk know the basics of the story "Noah and the Ark" from the Old Testament book of Genesis where the rainbow is first mentioned. It's a favorite of kids' story times.

Ark Films Channel on YouTube just released a new animated film "The Story of Noah: The Last Righteous Man on Earth." (Screen shots of that film appear at right.) It is faithful to the Bible and how the story of Noah ties into Jesus and even the Second Coming.

The writer of Hebrews summarizes Noah's story, "*By faith Noah, when warned about things not seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became the heir of righteousness that is in keeping with faith.*" (Hebrews 11:7)

Noah was also part of Sirach's "Hymn to the Ancestors" composed among the Second Temple Writings of the Apocrypha. Sirach notes, "*Noah was found perfect and righteous; in a time of anger, he was selected in exchange for the ungodly. Because of him, a few survivors remained on the earth when the flood happened. Eternal covenants were made with him so that all living things would not be wiped out by a flood again.*" (Sirach 44:17-18)

The authors of Hebrews and Sirach both illustrate the core of Noah's story. In a world where sin ruled supreme, one man walked with the Lord, and took on the impossible task of building a vessel to save a remnant of humanity and the animal kingdom from God's divine justice. The rainbow was given as a symbol that the Lord would never destroy the entire world with a flood ever again.

Genesis 9:13-15 states, "*I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring the clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant*

between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life."

The rainbow, in the biblical sense, is not a symbol of some sort of "pride." On the contrary, it is a reminder that humanity has filled the world with all kinds of sin: the thing that destroys our relationships with God and each other. Yet, God gives us the rainbow to remind us that even in the presence of sin there is still amazing grace. God is always willing to give me, you, and the world a fresh start, if we seek to reach out to him in faith.

I know every time I see a rainbow in the sky, I feel blessed that God, in his great love, gives us underserved mercy.

The truth of the matter is that the rainbow God gave in the time of Noah points to his ultimate gift of redeeming grace: Jesus Christ. "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*" (John 3:16) I don't know about you, but I need that kind of grace. I'd glad God gave us the rainbow to remind us of his great mercy and love.



Kids begin building the Tabernacle during Sunday School



Kids attending Sunday School this summer are in for a real treat! They will be building a replica of the Tabernacle, the outdoor, portable sanctuary that God instructed Moses to build during the 40 year journey to the Promised Land as described in the Old Testament book of Exodus.

The kids started on the Bible Bricks "Sanctuary" project on May 24 and were able to complete the base on which the Tabernacle structure and court yard will sit.

Bible Bricks is a brand new customized Christian Lego company. Pastor Ron purchased the "Sanctuary" set for our church's Sunday School once it became available as a Kickstarter project.

Not only will kids be building the structure of the Tabernacle (scaled down to the exact biblical dimensions) but they will also be constructing the Ark of the Covenant (with 10 Commandments), the Menorah and other sanctuary furnishings. All the while kids will be interacting with Scripture and getting to watch short videos about the Tabernacle and even learn the meaning of the High Priest's garments (as pictured at right).

Weekly update photos of the kids progress will be posted on the church Facebook page. Your kids won't want to miss a week all summer long! Come join the fun! Classes are at 9:00 am.



Adult Sunday School Class

Sundays at 9:00 am Library Classroom

Adults of all ages invited!

Evangelism Team members needed

We are looking for members to serve on our Outreach & Evangelism Team. Would you be interested in helping create Social Media ads for Facebook? Design lawn signs? Serve as greeters? Design and distribute evangelism cards? Look into church busing options? Want to see more, newer families attend our church and fall in love with Jesus? Contact Pastor Ron for info on how to get involved.

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Teens enjoy a night of dartball at Youth Fellowship



Members of our Jr. & Sr. High Youth Fellowship had fun playing dartball on May 6 during their Wednesday night meeting. For some of the teens, this was their first encounter with dartball. Dartball is the game of darts played with the rules of

baseball. Though some were a bit anxious at first, everyone had a good time. The girls team beat the boys 2 to 1 in extra innings! A fun night was had by all! What a great way to end the school year!

Youth test their knowledge at Confirmation Jeopardy



The 8th grade Confirmation Class played Confirmation Jeopardy on May 24 as their final exam prior to the Rite of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday.

Teens tested their knowledge in the categories of Bible Trivia, Church History, Words Beginning with the Letter "C", Bible & Archaeology, Holidays, The Reformation, Global Missions, Hymns of the Church, History of the Bible, the Heidelberg Catechism, and Immanuel Evangelical Church History.

This year's class had a firm grasp on the material they had learned over the past two years of Confirmation instruction

and only needed a couple of "life-lines" to help them out from the congregation.

Special recognition goes out to Charlie Shifferly who was able to recite by herself the complete answer to Question #1 from the Heidelberg Catechism. This was a feat accomplished by very few teens over the past seven years.

Over 60 members of the congregation came out to cheer on the teens for Confirmation Jeopardy. Every in attendance enjoyed donuts and juice/coffee provided by the Christian Education Committee.



Looking for new Leaps & Bounds Committee Members

We would love to have some additional volunteers to meet once a month to discuss needs for our Leaps & Bounds MDO ministry. Please contact the church office to volunteer. TEL: 979-793-6125
Email: office@iecneedville.org



Our Leaps & Bounds kids performed their Spring Program on May 12. The kids had a lot of fun performing for their parents and grandparents. Nine of our little froggies celebrated their Graduation from Leaps & Bounds into Kindergarten. That evening our staff also bid a formal farewell to Samantha Sebesta, Leaps & Bounds Director, who is moving on to a full time education staff position. We thank God for Samantha's work with our kiddos through the years!

Welcome new Leaps & Bounds Director



Katie Johnson

We want to welcome Katie Johnson as our church's new Leaps & Bounds Director.

Katie is a 2014 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is married and the mother of two children. She has been on our church staff as a teacher for Leaps & Bounds.

We pray God's blessings on her new ministry position.



Congratulations Graduates! We celebrated our college graduates Mikayla Mikeska and Joe Schwaiger along with high school graduate, Avery Schwaiger, on May 10.

Missions/Outreach

June mission focus: NMA Backpack Distribution

Our Missions Committee has chosen the Needville Ministerial Alliance's Backpack Distribution as our wider missions focus for the month of June. Our church family will be working to raise \$1,000 for this global mission.

The funds raised will go to purchase backpacks and school supplies for needy kids in the Needville School District. Registration for families to sign-up for supplies will be from June 1 to June 30.

School supplies will be distributed on August 1 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.



*Needville
Ministerial
Alliance*



Learn more about the NMA local missions on our Digital Mission Display board in the church lobby.



Needville Ministerial Alliance Community VBS

July 6-10, 2026 9 am to Noon
Immanuel Evangelical Church

Online Registration code



vbspro.events/p/nmavbs2026

Hosted by Needville Global
Methodist Church

Open to student entering K-6

**Registration deadline
July 3rd**



National Ice Cream Day | July 19



Guest Speaker
Linsey Jorgenson
Streethearts of Haiti

Hot dogs and
homemade ice
cream served fol-
lowing worship



The Needville Community Food Pantry sponsored by the Needville Ministerial Alliance is in constant need to food donations. Consider bringing donations on the first Sunday of the month.

Always needed: cereal, cooking oil, flour, sugar, frozen meat (hot dogs or hamburger), ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard and tortillas.

2026 EA National Convocation to be in Ohio

The 2026 EA National Convocation is coming to Jerusalem Church in New Philadelphia, Ohio, September 18-20, 2026

The theme of this year's national gathering is "United and Unashamed."

Bring a group from your church for a weekend of worship, helpful workshops, fellowship and opportunities to network with EA pastors and missionaries. Numerous speakers will address a host of topics from church history and heritage to dealing with the rise of AI in our society and its impact on the church....and of course, as at every gathering national gathering, there will be wonderful food and opportunities to get to know fellow Christians from all across the country.

Workshops and general sessions include:

- Building the Ministry Team
- Reaching Those in the Shadow of the Steeple
- Church: Heritage and Renewal
- Engaging the Culture of Today
- Uniting the Congregation through Worship
- Uniting the Congregation through the Gospel
- Addressing Addiction: The Effectiveness of Faith in Recovery
- Helping the Hurting (e.g., trauma, PTSD, and more)
- Authentic Ministry: Understanding and Navigating AI in the Church
- two EA Missions panels: Global and US Missions.

Come expecting to be blessed as God further unites us



through His Word and Spirit - and to be encouraged as we unashamedly embrace and declare His powerful gospel.

Visit www.jcnp21.com to see the full schedule with speakers and workshops, online registration, as well as lodging recommendations.

Scan the QR code at right for direct link to online registration.



2026 EA Youth Mission Trip

Youth Mission Trip (grades 9-12)

Sunday to Thursday June 14-18

Location: New Braunfels, TX

Cost: \$250.00 per person

Register at evangelicalassociation.org/texasyouthmission

Still some openings left if you want to attend!



June

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Church Office Closed	Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30 pm Summer Session Begins! 		Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30 Evangelism 4:00 pm Christian Ed 6:30 pm	Sr. Citizens Lunch 11:30 am	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Food Pantry Collection Day	Church Office Closed	Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30 pm Fellowship 2:00 pm	Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 pm EA Board Meeting 12:00 pm	Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30 pm Missions Committee 6:00 pm Worship Committee 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	Sr. Citizens Lunch 11:30 am	
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am	Church Office Closed	Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30 pm		Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30 pm Consistory 7:00 pm	Sr. Citizens Lunch 11:30 am Women's Guild 2:00 pm	
EA HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP to New Braunfels						
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Music Camp Set-up	Church Office Closed	Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30 pm Brotherhood 6:30 pm	Food Pantry 9:30-12:00 pm	Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30 pm NMA Clergy 4:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Youth Pastor Search 6:30 pm	Sr. Citizens Lunch 11:30 am Music Camp Performance 6:30 pm	
 Music Camp 9:00—2:30 pm 						
28	29	30				
Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am	Church Office Closed	Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30 pm				

PRAYER LIST

Mark Pawelek
Tommy Lovel
Keith Warncke
Brandon Beck
Cindy Schulze
Sue Hurta
Cecil Tielke
Cecelia Blinka
John Spears

Harvey Mager
Joyce Christ
Barbara Sims
Barbara Schroeder
Erna Thielemann
Clarence Thielemann
Robert Hallgren

Ellvina Loehr
Carolyn Kaluza
Becky Tabler
Corlis Delling
Jo Ann Conrad
Paul Flessener

Glynn & Bernice Schmidt
Barbara James
Norma Freund
Rev. Jim Barnes
Shirley Richter
Nathan Gaskamp
Florence Gaskamp
Yvonne Lingnau
Waymond Schulze Family

Love and sympathy



Waymond Schulze passed on to Heaven's glory on May 26, 2026 following an extended illness.

Please lift up in your prayers his wife, Cindy, their children and grandchildren during this time of mourning.

Memorial Services are currently being planned.



Donald	Zacek	June 01
Cheryl	Oberhoff	June 03
Theresa	Duenes-Salinas	June 03
Jessica	Woodard	June 04
Sarah	Balcerowicz	June 05
Kristi	Novosad	June 06
Rylan	Legendre	June 09
Cole	Todd	June 10
Bo	Rothman	June 10
Bernice	Meyer	June 11
Pierce Everett	Spacek	June 11
Linda	Griffith	June 12
Carol	Bishop	June 12
Erin	Wleczyk	June 14
David	Hawkins	June 15
Mindy	Macik	June 15
Courtney	Warncke	June 16
Jake	Jordan	June 16
Marla	Sebesta	June 17
Janice	Nowak	June 18
Pamela	Sullivan	June 18
Mark	Pawelek	June 19
William	March	June 19
Lesli	Wuthrich	June 19
Kyleigh	LaRoche	June 19
Michelle	Cruz	June 20
Christopher	Bienek	June 20
Ella	Mach	June 20
Hope	Weidemann	June 21
Rudy	Hernandez	June 24
Makenzie	Supak	June 25
Bianca	Mach	June 27
Baylor	Morton	June 27
Harry	Weidemann, Jr	June 28
Chelsea	Mills	June 30
Reed	Singletary	June 30



Gene & Sharon Roberson	June 7
Lynn & Patsaye Roesler	June 8
Wayne & Becky Ley	June 9
Chase & Amanda Raska	June 10
Cody & Wendy Todd	June 11
Chris & Mandi Richter	June 13
Bobby Jr. & Sherrie Zwahr	June 17
Troy & Chelsea Mills	June 23
Juan & Kasey Guardado	June 23
Tony & Michelle Cruz	June 25