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From Your Pastor

Most of us remember a favorite teacher—whether we enjoyed school or not. I attended a Lutheran parochial school for eight years. My favorite teacher was Mr. Dougherty, my 7th and 8th grade teacher. In fact, I know that a good deal of how I teach and handle a classroom was shaped by him. Mr. Dougherty taught me both by words and by example.

Teaching and learning are at the core of our Christian faith and life. We would be hopelessly lost in our sins and facing eternal condemnation if we had not been taught the truth of God's Word. The Word of God has some very unflattering descriptions of how we are by nature in relation to the things of God, including words like "ignorant," and "foolish" (from which we get the word "moron").

We must be taught what sin is and what sin's consequences are or we will keep on rushing from bad to worse (2 Timothy 3:13). We must be taught the truth of God's Word that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

This truth—the truth that God has given to us a Savior from our sin and rescue from eternal punishment for our sin—this truth was at the center and core of Jesus' teaching. It is the center and core of the entire Bible. Jesus went about "teaching." Jesus taught disciples, and the word "disciple" literally means "one who learns," "one who follows."

Jesus made a very significant promise to His disciples in the Upper Room on the night in which He was betrayed. Jesus promised, "The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you" (John 14:26). Jesus also then said, "When He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. . . . He will bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you" (John 16:13a & 14). The Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Church on the Day of Pentecost, which we will celebrate on Sunday, May 19. Martin Luther summarized the work of the Holy Spirit as the Bible teaches in his explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed: "The Holy Spirit

has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith."

Each one of us is to remain a life-long learner and each of us is to be part of the task which Jesus has given to His Church: "Go and **make disciples [learners and followers]** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and **teaching** them to obey **everything** I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20, emphasis added).

Each of us should be making effort to be daily reading our Bibles, so that the Holy Spirit can teach us. Each of us should also be making effort to join in the study of the Word of God in a Bible Class. The example of the Christians in the Book of Acts is "They continued steadfast in the Apostles' **teaching**" ("Acts 2:42, emphasis added).

Think you can't spare an hour to study the Word of God with other Christians? Think of this: every week has 168 hours. One hour out of that 168 is only .006 of the week (not even one percent of your week!). Even coupled with an hour or so in worship once a week, we are still only spending just a little over one percent of our week in concentrated focus on God's Word. God is the Giver of all. You will be blessed far more richly by God with what truly matters than anything else you can do in that hour.

Our Bible Studies are all non-threatening to our participants. No one is forced to read aloud. We take time to make sure everyone is on the same page. We welcome every question. We have fun together, and even more importantly, growing in God's grace given through His Word enables us to "grow up in [our] salvation" (1 Peter 2:2) and keeps us from "being ineffective and unproductive in [our] knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:8).

We have the great privilege and joy of being learners and teachers of the greatest message of all—Jesus our Savior and our life in Him!

Your fellow-servant for Christ,

Pastor Mahuken



- May 1.....**Barb Ernst**
Ryan Morgan
- May 3.....**Brittany Rogers**
- May 4.....**Jason Voss**
- May 5.....**Karsen Bruhn**
Nathan Teut
- May 7.....**Destry Beeck**
Jolene Streck
- May 9.....**Josie Schultz**
- May 10.....**Vern Wood**
- May 11.....**Ashley Hennings**
Keith Petersen
Christina Riessen
Delores Schultz (90)
- May 12.....**Theodore Cruz**
- May 14.....**Cathy Bubke**
- May 15.....**Tanner Schultz**
- May 16.....**Kayla Hennings**
- May 17.....**Eli Rohlf**
- May 18.....**Damon Schultz**
- May 19.....**Tim Bubke**
Brad Detlefsen
Jennifer Doxsey
- May 20.....**Hadley Nahnsen**
Mitch Schwarz
- May 21.....**James Hill**
Jamie Jepsen
Brandon Meseck
- May 22.....**Kay Wilken**
- May 24.....**Austin Aldag**
- May 25.....**Mark Beeck**
Mike Beeck
Brandon Wigg
- May 26.....**Austin Korner**
Ian Weber
- May 27.....**Melanie Hargens**
Abigail Schmidt
- May 28.....**Kara Harm**
Kelsi Jepsen
Nakia Zavitz
- May 29.....**Jaden Petersen**
Jenna Rosener
- May 30.....**Jac Friedrichsen**
Gene Haberberger
- May 31.....**Stacy Jepsen**
Sarah Vandevanter



- Jerod & Kim Petersen..... May 9, 1992**
- Dave & Jac Friedrichsen..... May 13, 1972**
- Doug & Christi Fredericks..... May 16, 1996**
- Rev. Steve & Susan Schulz..... May 16, 1987**
- Zachary & Rebecca Rohlf..... May 22, 2010**
- Stephen & Sarah Komer..... May 25, 2019**
- Trevis & Laura Beeck..... May 26, 1990**
- DeWayne & Denice Schultz..... May 29, 1972**

Please notify the office of any omissions or corrections.

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From the Church Record Book



Deaths: *"I am the Resurrection..."*

Roger D. Chisholm, age 77, died April 17, 2024.

Youth Confirmation: *"You are Mine..."*

April 14, 2024

- Charlie Olan Beeck**
- Karsen Dean Bruhn**
- Bryli Sue Bubke**
- Ezden Michael Hargens**
- Kara Marie Korner**
- Brody Wayne Morgan**
- Dration Alexander Palmer**
- Beckham Marius Walker**

Vacation Bible School is Coming!

Sessions for children that just completed
Preschool-6th Grade



Sunday-Thursday
July 7-11

5:00 p.m. Supper

5:30-8:00 p.m. VBS

We're having a party—a party to celebrate the Savior—and you're invited! *Celebrate the Savior: Jesus Gives Us Joy* is the theme of this year's VBS program.

Of all the blessings God gives us, His Son, Jesus is the biggest reason to celebrate. Starting with Jesus' birth and concluding with His resurrection, children will learn about Jesus' unending love and forgiveness.



Immanuel's 2024 Confirmation Class



Front row (l-r): Pastor Mahnken, Bryli Bubke, Kara Korner, Brody Morgan, Ezden Hargens, Beckham Walker, Draton Palmer.
 Back row (l-r): Charlie Beeck, Karsen Bruhn.

SPECIAL ASCENSION SERVICE



At Mission Central on
 May 9, 2024.

5:00 p.m. Meal
 6:30 p.m. Worship

What a JOY and BLESSING to have the privilege of having Chris Tiews, missionary in Germany, as our guest speaker for the Ascension Worship Service at Mission Central on May 9th, 2024!

A wonderful meal will be provided at 5 pm and then Rev. Tiews will have a very, very special message for everyone, sharing the exciting work that our Lord Jesus is doing in the mission fields of Germany.

Please mark your calendar for this special event at the world famous Mission Central just 2 miles east of Mapleton, Iowa. It will change your life and it's a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear these amazing stories from the Lord's mission field.



CONGRATULATIONS!


Immanuel's 2024 High School graduates will be honored at a reception on Sunday, May 5 following 9 a.m. worship. Everyone is invited to enjoy donuts, rolls and juice and greet our graduates; Elli Heiden and Calli Korner.



Fundraiser for Former Zion Pastor and family

Pastor David and Nancy Sewing, their son, Mark, and grandson, James, lost all of their belongings in a house fire. Pastor and Nancy served the Zion, Denison congregation for several years as Pastor, and Nancy as a Zion Lutheran School teacher. She has also led the Zion Zoom Bible class until the fire.

We are planning to have a DOOR OFFERING during services on May 5th and May 12th. Donations can also be dropped off in the Church Office that week. Checks can be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church, write "Sewing Door Offering" in the memo line. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.



Collecting Pill Bottles: Only washed prescription bottles with the labels off and no residue left on the bottles will be collected. They are no longer taking over the counter bottles, like vitamin, aspirin etc. Recycle those and the prescription ones that the residue won't come off. Thanks for saving and bringing the washed, residue free prescription bottles.

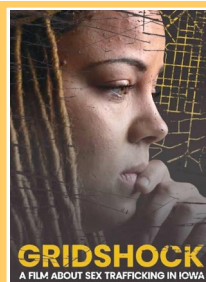
Time for spring cleaning the items in the museum at Mission Central. The date is set for Friday, May 3. The bigger the crew, the shorter the day! FREE delicious lunch served when we are finished. Anyone interested in helping, contact Janice Jepsen as soon as possible to plan the day 712-676-3608. God bless you for your help!



Can my Traditional IRA make a donation to my church to satisfy the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)?

If you are receiving a standard IRA distribution which is taxable you may want to look into having a portion of your payment go directly to the church. It will avoid you paying taxes on that amount. Several of our members are taking advantage of this tax law.

Please see your broker or tax accountant for specifics.



"Gridshock: A film about sex trafficking in Iowa" will be shown Thursday, May 9 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Denison High School and is FREE to the public.

Stacy Besch, Team Iowa, will be presenting.

sponsored by Grace E-Free Church in Denison.

~ THE LWML INVITES
ALL LADIES ~



Graduations, confirmations, spring yard and field work all combine to make this a busy time of year. We are indeed grateful for the April showers we've received.

We are buying Graduation gifts for the two Immanuel students that will be graduating from high school this spring. They will be presented when we have the Recognition Day for them at church, May 5th.

Also, we are presenting gifts to our Immanuel Preschoolers at their graduation ceremony.

We have ordered the new chairs for the Sunday School rooms for the older students.

On April 18th the Spring Rally was hosted by Immanuel Lutheran LWML with 50 in attendance from the Denison Zone congregations. The theme was "Light Unto My Path." Pastor Steve Schulz from Mission Central was the guest speaker for the event, providing information on many of the different areas in the world that we have mission work being done. He especially focused on the work being done in Taiwan by missionary Barb Rebentisch. Our offering from that day will be donated toward her mission. Following the Rally a meal was served. A big "Thank You" to everyone who worked to make it a very enjoyable day.

Donna Harm, Secretary

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As You Spring Clean ...



Please consider donating any unwanted items to our church garage sale held in conjunction with Schleswig City-wide Garage Sales May 30, 31 and June 1. The proceeds help support our Mission projects.

Items can be brought to the church garage between May 15 and May 26. We are grateful for your support!

~The Mission Board

From Your library . . .
"Have we got a book for you!"



First We Have Coffee
by Margaret Jensen

Whenever we have a job to do, think about how much better it would look if first we had a cup of coffee.

This book is about a 15 year old girl from Norway standing on the deck of the ocean liner United States looking at the Statue of Liberty. When she was 5 years old her mother had fled to America leaving her and her brother Joe behind with an aunt. Her mother met her at Ellis Island.

Elvine started her life in America as a servant girl in a Jewish home on Park Avenue, New York City. She worked with her hands and learned with her heart. She changed her name to Ella.

She took her Bible and walked to the Baptist Mission to hear the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Elius Tweten. The pastor had been an orphan also from Norway and in America only a few years. As he looked over his first congregation he eyed Ella and he was determined that she should be his wife.

Over a cup of hot chocolate after church and some conversation they were married three months later.

Little did she know what her life would be like married to a minister that when he got a call they would be packing up everything they had and moving to a new city, town, or village.

Even in the remotest areas there was always a pot of coffee and God was always her right hand. She put everything in God's hands, raising a family of six children and anyone her husband brought home that needed food, clothes, help of any kind. There was always the mission basket, she would make a piece of clothes from whatever. Her stand by was, God will provide.

Make sure you put this book on your reading list. It may bring a smile to your face and a tear to your eye but I'm sure you will enjoy it.

—Submitted by Carol Neddermeyer

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Voter's Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2024**

- I. **Opening Devotion and Prayer**
Pastor led us in a short reading from 1 John 3:16-24 on the topic of "love."
- II. **Reading/Approval of Minutes and Agenda**
Both were approved as presented to the voters.
- III. **Reports of Officers and Boards**
 - A. **Elders (Curtis Korner)**
Nothing to report at this time.
 - B. **Trustees (Loren Jepsen)**
Currently doing some renovation on the men's restroom in the basement. The parsonage had new siding installed. Dirt was added around the foundation of the parsonage to alleviate drainage problems. A new leak in the church roof near the location of the old bell tower. Juan Ornelas will try and get the leak stopped. Painting in the altar area will begin in May.
 - C. **Treasurer/Stewardship/Finance (Larry Abbe)**
Larry shared income and expense reports for the first quarter of the church year. Currently, Immanuel is \$1,275.29 ahead for the year.
 - D. **Education/Youth (Rachel Jacobson)**
Sunday School teacher appreciation night was held. Babysitting was provided and fellowship was enjoyed. A Lenten meal was served. Funds will be used for updating the education wing. Cake was served to celebrate this year's confirmation class. There will be a reception for this year's graduating seniors.
 - E. **Preschool**
No report.
 - F. **Mission/Fellowship (Judy Gierstorf)**
The Soup Supper was held on February 25. They showed receipts of \$2,100. They also served a Lenten Supper. The receipts of these events will be used to fund their endeavors. There will be a church garage sale on May 30, 31 and June 1.
 - G. **Memorial Committee (Lodean Voss)**
Dick Peters' memorial account was closed. Dick's memorial funds were used to purchase a new table for the adult library, baptismal boxes, support for Lutheran Hour Ministries, the purchase of Military Bible Sticks, support for the Preschool, support for the Altar Guild, and support for the quilters were among the items funded.
 - H. **Pastor's Report (Pastor Mahnken)**
Pastor shared a variety of statistics pertaining to the congregation. He also renewed his plea to pray 3x daily for the spiritual well-being of the congregation, following the example set by Daniel. Please pray especially for the youth of our society who need good role models and good examples for them.

IV. Old Business

A. New Constitution for Immanuel

There has been no movement on this endeavor.

B. Report by Immanuel's Representative to the Okoboji Annual Meeting

Sandy Bubke reported on the meeting. The National Youth Gathering will be held. The Senior LYF gathering will be held at Okoboji. Cabins are being remodeled, including the addition of Wi-Fi. A new ark for the playground has been purchased. Pastor Merrill will help with Cub Camp for the 27th year! Sandy has a more inclusive report of the meeting elsewhere in this month's Messenger.

V. New Business

A. Request Voters Subsidy from Home Mission Fund (\$150) to Assist in Covering the Cost of the Meal at the Ascension Day Service at Mission Central

Peggy Wunschel made a motion to give \$150 to Mission Central to help cover the expenses of the evening. Deb Green seconded the motion and the voters approved it unanimously.

B. Request Home Mission Funds in Memory of Maxine Thies

Loren Jepsen made a motion to direct \$150 in memorial funds on behalf of Maxine. Peggy Wunschel seconded the motion and the voters approved it unanimously.

C. Other

None

VI. Adjourn With Prayer

Pastor Mahnken led the voters in a closing prayer.

Submitted by Craig Bogatzke, Secretary



"Everyone should be eager to advance the teaching and study of the Word for his own salvation and the glory of God." Martin Luther



**Pastor Mahnken's Report
Voters' Meeting--April 21, 2024**

We began 2024 with 623 baptized members and 514 communicant members on the books. So far this year six members have died—Elaine Friedrichsen, Gaylord Boeck, Kathy Korner, Tom Bubke, Jim Aldag, and Roger Chisholm. We have had one baptism; one member added by affirmation of faith, and two transfers in. 8 baptized members were added to our communicant role by Jr. Confirmation. As of today we have 621 baptized members and 519 communicant members on our roll.

Our Lent Midweek worship average attendance was 73, which was exactly the same as it was last year, but down from the 87 we averaged in 2022. Thanks again to all who prepared and served our meals—it is a demonstration of how we love one another. The conversations we share during those meal times can be a time of blessing and care for one another. We were blessed to have Pr. Steve Schulz taking a turn with Pr. Kaiser and me in preaching for those services. Our Maundy Thursday attendance was one less than last year, but you have to go back to 2012 to find a year when we had more. Our Good Friday attendance was the most we had since 2013, and it was greater than our Maundy Thursday attendance for the first time since 2016. Sometimes, weather plays a factor in those attendances. Our Easter attendance was just a bit above last year, but our Easter worship has not near rebounded to the attendance levels we had before Covid. We want to thank our youth and their parents for preparing and serving the Easter Breakfast.

Thanks to Chris, my wife, for teaching 5th & 6th Grade Confirmation again this year. She used to teach 5th Grade, but now the classes are combined. Thanks also to Nancy Bielenberg for helping out teaching the 5th & 6th grade class for some weeks. Thanks also to Melanie Hargens for assisting me with the 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class. She quizzed Memory Work and helped out with the class a couple of times when I was gone. Next year we will not have Confirmation as we have no 8th Graders. I will be teaching 7th Graders who will be eligible for Confirmation in 2026.

Thanks also to our Sunday School Superintendents Laura Ernst and Kristin Hennings. They do more than normal Superintendent work as one or the other is also often teaching. I don't know if you have noticed the Sunday School attendance numbers but sometimes it is quite low—for multiple reasons. Some parents do not bring their children to Sunday School. There are also so many other activities scheduled on Sundays which pull our

families away. It becomes more and more of a challenge to teach the faith when children are not regularly attending Sunday School from the earliest ages. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to enlighten and guide our parents and to bless and protect our children in true faith and Christian living—especially as we are in a world that is not only indifferent to the Christian faith but openly and actively hostile to the faith.

March 23 we had some families participate in packing at Mercy Meals of Siouxland. Other groups were there and it was good to be part of the largest number of packers for a day at Mercy Meals since before Covid.

The time of service of Interim Pastor Bill Wrede, who has been serving Zion, Denison, is coming to a close at the end of this month. Zion has a Call List and will soon be calling a new pastor. I do not know of Zion's arrangements for pastoral ministry in the meantime.

Pastor Neil Wehmas was installed as the sole pastor of St. Paul in Ida Grove. St. Paul had two pastors for many years, but now just Pastor Wehmas.

The fewer number of pastors in the area puts a greater workload on them. We take turns doing worship at nursing homes more frequently as well as recording for Thy Strong Word, etc. Please keep on praying for more pastors and other church workers!

Please plan to attend our Denison and Mapleton Circuits' worship at Mission Central on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 9. We will have a meal at 5:00 p.m. and the service will begin at 6:30 p.m. The preacher for the service will be Pastor Chris Tiews, who is a missionary serving in Germany.

Finally, I again remind you of my prayer challenge for us all: "Please join me three times a day in prayer for the spiritual growth of the members of Immanuel. Please pray three times a day—following the example of Daniel in Daniel 6! Pray that the eyes of our hearts may be opened to the wonder of God's grace. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work among us. Pray on behalf of the families and children of Immanuel that they will be blessed with a love for Jesus and a growing zeal to live for Him in this darkening age. Yes, continue to pray, but we also need to continue to invite and teach and grow in ministry to help one another grow up in our salvation (1 Peter 2:2).

I thank you for your prayers.

AFRICAN RADIO MINISTRIES—NEWS

We celebrate God's work through you, the African Radio Ministries partners and the saints serving in God's vineyard in Africa.

Ethiopia News**January Kingdom Growth:**

♦New Converts: 52 ♦Confirmations: 14 ♦Baptisms: 10
♦Callers: 92 ♦Listening Groups: 4
♦Inmates in Confirmation Classes: 468

Mute Listener Speaks! Mr. Kassa lives in Ethiopia's Eastern Oromia region. This healthy man was suddenly struck mute six months ago. Despite all treatments, the man could hear but could not speak a word. Last month, Mr. Kassa heard the Word of God being preached on the Oromo ARM radio program. Later, the preacher offered a prayer for the healing of the sick. Mr. Kassa recalled saying "Amen" silently in his heart. God healed Mr. Kassa and restored his speech! The following week, he called the office to praise God and give his testimony.

Conference Strengthens Prison Ministry. At a 3-day conference, the ARM Prison Ministry was featured and hundreds of Christians gathered. Donations were collected to share God's love with inmates. Everyone was encouraged to visit nearby prisons and participate.

Prison Ministry-Harvest is Plentiful. Yirgalem Prison holds over 4,000 inmates, including 500 Christians. The prison is extremely overcrowded and the women and children are in a particularly sad situation, lacking adequate food and clothing. The Prison Commander has pleaded for assistance for these female prisoners and their children. Recently, during a prayer meeting, the 25-year old chapel collapsed, seriously injuring two inmates. A new chapel is currently under construction, but prayers are needed to provide funding to complete the project. Despite their difficult circumstances, 25 inmates recently came to understand God's grace, trusting in Christ as their Lord and Savior. As they persevere through seemingly hopeless situations, we pray their hearts will be filled with Jesus' Easter hope-filled miracles.

West Africa Updates

LIBERIA: The Shame is Gone-New Life in Christ! Mr. Jabbah was not interested in Christianity and had made bad choices in his life. This caused him to be rejected by his Christian family, friends, and neighbors. As a result, he developed a negative perception of Christianity and became even more alienated from his loved ones. However, one day he heard the Gospel preached on the radio in his Kissi dialect. This prompted him to call Rev. Ezekiel Saah, the radio pastor, who prayed with him and answered many of his questions. Rev. Saah invited him to the new Lutheran Preaching Point and assured him of a warm welcome. Since attending Hope Lutheran Church, Mr. Jabbah has experienced God's love through the people there, and feels Christ's love washing away the shame of his past life. His is learning all he can about Jesus.

Your partners in the harvest,

~Missionary Linda Kurtz and John & Kathy Duitsman



Sandy Bubke attended the 2023 Annual Meeting at Camp Okobojo on April 6, 2024 as a delegate for Immanuel. The day consisted of elections, financial reports, foundation reports and the installation of a new elected Executive Director.

There is excitement at camp this year! Last year camp was short staffed and this year there is already 12 more staff scheduled to be at camp. It is getting more difficult to recruit local and college staff. Camp Okobojo will share a DCE with Immanuel Spirit Lake. There will be an intern from Chicago approved to help at camp and with Hartley. Because of the National Youth Gathering this year, the Sr Youth Gathering will be at Camp Okobojo this year instead of Des Moines, this helps with seniors not able to attend the NYG. Camp will do more marketing with other LCMS connections and family retreats with South Dakota and Sioux Falls Lutheran for outdoor Ed schools.

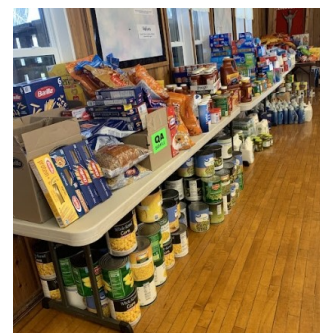
Kirk Warnke is retiring as Executive Director and Adam Hengereld will be the new Executive Director. Adam is a 2009 graduate from Concordia, Nebraska and is excited to get started. This annual meeting had 61 delegates, which is the largest group in some time.

There was a lot of food collected from the different congregations for the grocery shower. There were about 60 baskets sold on the auxiliary silent auction along with some delicious baked goods. It was a beautiful day at the lake even with the wind. Don't forget about camp, it is in good financial standing and is there for us to use!! Cabins are being upgraded and the ark playground is almost complete.

Important dates to remember:

Volunteer Work Weekend – May 3-5 – Contact the camp office at 712-337-3325 to sign up & request lodging if needed

Camp Okobojo Quilt Auction – Saturday, June 1- Craft Fair & Lunch 11 am – free will donation, Auction starts at 12:30 pm.





What a glorious time of the year! The sun is shining and the preschool is doing its best to move outside for warm weather activities. If you've noticed the white globs in the parking lot (sorry, I was hoping for rain to wash it away before church), the children made Jesus' love "bubble over." Oh my goodness, the first one to put their vinegar into the baking soda got the best surprise! We did repeated bursts of Jesus' love and had a fantastic time!

One of the highlights we've been seeing as the year progresses is the children praying for each other. Last week a little girl accidentally skinned her knee. Another student came over, squatted down, and began praying for her "injury." It took him several times and a very patient heart to finish the prayer (she had a lot of interruptions to share regarding the "injury") but he powered through and took her needs to the throne of heaven. As a staff, we are hearing more and more recollection and retelling of the Bible lessons learned. We are so thankful for each and every seed that takes root and begins to grow. Your prayers are coveted that the seeds will continue to be watered and the children's faith will grow to produce more fruit.

The afternoon class just finished a unit on worship. What an AMAZING week. We went on a walk with our heart sunglasses on and realized the joy we experience when we see the world through Jesus' eyes. As we appreciate His creation and gifts, we can worship the Creator. We learned we can worship through song, playing in the band, and even dance. Every single time you say, "God, I see You. Thank You!" You are worshiping the One Who loves you more than any other.

We have just a few weeks of school left. Our future students will be arriving this Thursday to pick up their packets for next fall. I can hardly believe we'll be saying good-bye to our afternoon students. After two years, they hold a special place in our hearts. We will be celebrating graduation in just a handful of weeks. As always, your prayers are appreciated! There will be transitions for those coming in and those moving onward. There will be end of the year paperwork and planning for future classes. There will be later nights spent at ball games and digging in the dirt outside. The joy of seeing all God has done as He has faithfully provided all year long!

Thank you for all you do in support of our littles.

Mrs. Gustafson






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Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Schleswig, Iowa



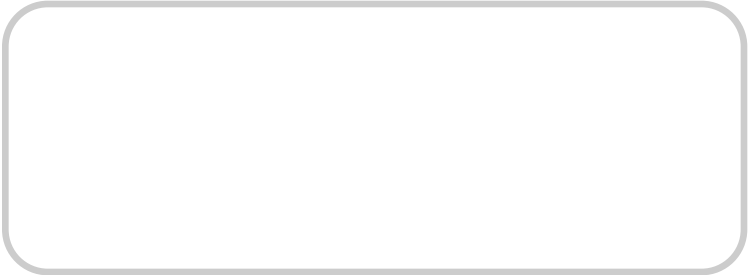
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