

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ April 12 & 13, 2025

Welcome to Worship this Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion! Hosanna to the Son of David! So sang people long ago as Jesus entered Jerusalem. "Lord Jesus, we bow before You in worship and praise—because You loved us first and gave the King's ransom to pay our sin's debt. Thank You for loving us so much! Amen!" We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Please Remember in Your Prayers: If you have a concern for which you would like us to pray, please call the Church Office 712-676-2235 or send an email to: immansch@iowatelecom.net.

The Large Mite Box is in the Narthex for collection of your monthly LWML mission mites. We encourage you to pick up a small mite box to collect your coins at home. Thank you for supporting LWML mission projects both here in Iowa and around the world. Your donations are valuable since the number of members in our zone has significantly dropped over the years but the needs are ever growing.

Voters' Meeting will be held Sunday, April 13 following worship.

Immanuel Messenger articles for the May issue are due on Tuesday, April 15. Thanks!

Getting Through Grief: Eight Biblical Gifts for Living with Loss, our Thursday evening study *will not meet this week because of our Maundy Thursday Worship*.

Readings for Maundy Thursday: Ex. 12:1-14; Ps. 116:12-19; 1 Cor. 11:23-32; Luke 22:7-20.

Readings for Good Friday: Is. 52:13—53:12; Ps. 22; Heb. 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42.

Readings for Easter: Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, April 14-19, Pastor Torreson is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Torreson will also lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

Easter Lilies: Please call the office or stop by if you'd like to donate a lily for our Easter cross. Cost is \$12 each. Thank you!

This is the Last Weekend of our Preschool's Envelope Fundraiser! Please see the boards in our Narthex. We invite you to grab an envelope and place the designated amount inside. You may place it in the offering plate or drop it in the church office.

The Lutheran Hour: "In the Middle" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In Jesus, God showed up smack in the middle of life with forgiveness, love, and a promise never to leave us. (John 19:18) Listen to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday morning on Denison's KDSN 104.9 FM at 6:30 a.m. and KDSN 1530 AM at 10:30 a.m., and anytime at www.lhm.org.

"Gridshock: A film about sex trafficking in Iowa," will be shown Monday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Schaller School Building in Schaller. It is a free showing and recommended for youth and adults. This film gives information about this horrific crime that is prevalent in the state of Iowa. You will walk away from this event mind blown and disgusted, yet informed and more aware.

Painting Opportunity! We are planning to paint some of our Sunday School rooms. We would like to do this in the coming weeks before we have the new flooring installed. If you are interested in helping with this project, please inquire in the Church Office.

Gracewell Volunteer Tea Thursday, April 24 at 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP by Fri., April 18th to 263-3114, ext. 239.

The Denison Zone LWML Spring Rally will be held April 24, 2025 at St. John, Kiron. Registration starts at 9:00 am and the rally starts at 9:30 am. Hope to see you!

Bars and cookies needed for Unity Ridge chicken dinner. Can you help provide bars or cookies for the Unity Ridge chicken dinner on April 24? Cookies and bars can be dropped off at the Unity Ridge office or at Our Savior Lutheran Church on April 24th before 2:00 p.m. Call Gretchen Gosch 712-269-1370 or leave a message at the Unity Ridge office 712-393-2002 if you can provide one of the following: (1) pan of bars or brownies (cut into 12 or 15 and put into baggies) or (2) 2 dozen cookies (put 2 cookies into each baggie).

Volunteers are needed to help with spring cleaning of the items in the Mission Central museum. Cleaning day is scheduled for Tuesday morning, April 29 at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to contact Janice Jepsen, 676-3608, as soon as possible to get a head-count for lunch. Thank you for helping.

"Commit to seeking opportunities to be a light to those living in darkness. Do not place that responsibility on the full-time leaders of the Church. This is your mission in life. God has uniquely placed you in the exact situations, locations, and relationships to make the Light of the world visible and concrete. You are the look of Christ's face. You are the tone of His voice. You are the touch of His hands. You are the physical representation of His lift in the dark world (Ephesians 5:8). How bright will you shine this year?" *Paul David Tripp, author and speaker—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Building Healthy Families: Parents, grandparents and pew buddies—when we think about what we can do to welcome and encourage young kids in worship, it can be helpful also to consider what not to do. For instance, "shushing" is a natural response to noise, but often only brings about embarrassment and distraction (99.9% of parents are aware of kids making noise and are actively addressing it). Rather, look for ways to build relationships over time and gently ask parents if there's anything you can do to help their young family, following their lead. Another option is to say a simple prayer that God would grant the child(ren) and parents what He knows they need and allow you to keep your focus on Jesus and His good gifts! Recall Jesus' words, *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven,"* and rejoice that He has made us all God's children!

Lutheran Family Service

A life goal for every Christian should be to read the entire Holy Bible.
We are providing a reading plan to guide you through the entire Bible in two years.
You can start at any time. The entire reading plan is available in the Church Office.

☐ MONDAY: Hosea 7:1—8:14

☐ THURSDAY: Hosea 13:1-16

☐ TUESDAY: Hosea 9:1—10:15

☐ FRIDAY: Hosea 14:1-9

☐ WEDNESDAY: Hosea 11:1—12:14

☐ SATURDAY: Joel 1:1-20

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 7,710.00	Sat., April 5	5 p.m.: 53
Sunday School:	\$ 29.00	Sun., April 6	9 a.m.: <u>101</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 29.00		154
Midweek Lent 4-2:	\$ 593.00		
<u>Acolytes today:</u>		Midweek Lent 4-2:	74
Calvin Segebart and Emily Segebart		Sunday School:	22
		Adult Bible Class:	27

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
April 13-20, 2025

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship
<i>April 13</i>	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Voters' Meeting
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	1:00 p.m.	Denison Care Worship—Pastor Torreson
	1:40 p.m.	Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m.	Gracewell Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Young Adults Study & Supper
Monday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Preschool
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		<i>Immanuel Messenger</i> May deadline
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Preschool
	3:30—5:15 p.m.	5th/6th Grade Confirmation
	6:30—8:15 p.m.	7th/8th Grade Confirmation
Thursday:		No Preschool
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:00 p.m.	Worship w/HC
Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Worship w/HC
<i>Good Friday</i>		
Saturday:		No Saturday Worship
Sunday:	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Worship w/HC
<i>April 20</i>	7:45 a.m.	Easter Breakfast by Immanuel Sr. LYF
<i>Easter</i>	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Worship w/HC

About the Cover: While the crowds, with palm branches in their hands, praised Jesus, the chief priests planned to deliver Jesus into the hands of sinful men. Christ would soon have nails in His hands upon the cross. However, in all of this, the hand of the Lord was at work to bring redemption on His people. Christ, with His nail-pierced hands, has brought us salvation through the forgiveness of our sins.



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Worship:

Saturday ~ 5 p.m.

Sunday ~ 9 a.m.

Communion:

Every Saturday and

First & Third Sundays

Sunday School &

Bible Classes~10:15 a.m.

Worship Services are

streamed live,

recorded, and can be

accessed at any time by

clicking on Facebook,

YouTube or our website.

***“Together in
 Christ, we grow
 through the Word
 and Sacraments,
 serving our Lord
 and sharing
 His saving grace
 with all people.”***

