

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ April 19 & 20, 2025

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Welcome to worship as we rejoice in our Lord's resurrection, and ours. "The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation' (Psalm 118:14). 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.

"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.

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, April 24 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

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

Gracewell Volunteer Tea Thursday, April 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Unity Ridge Fundraiser serving Staley's chicken drive-thru style in the Our Savior Church parking lot Thursday, April 24, from 4:30-7:00. Meals are \$13 with no advance ticket sales. If you are willing to donate bars or cookies for this event, they 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). Thank you for your support!

Getting Through Grief: Eight Biblical Gifts for Living with Loss is our Thursday evening study. We meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in our Fireside Room. For more information, or if you would like to have a book for yourself, please contact Pastor Mahnken.

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 5:12-20 (21-32); Psalm 148; Rev. 1:4-18; John 20:19-31.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, April 21-26, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Merrill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: "A Risen Christ and a Clean Room" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invited you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation. (John 20:5-7) 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.

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.

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.

Immanuel Lutheran Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2025-26 school year. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling their child, please have them email Mrs. Gustafson at lesliegustafson@schleswig.k12.ia.us or call the Church Office 712-676-2235.

Just a reminder: When you do your "spring" house cleaning, please remember to donate any unwanted or unused "treasures" to our annual Church Garage Sale which is scheduled for May 29-31. Please don't bring the items until later in May but we will be grateful for your support. Thank you! ~ The Mission Board

"Perhaps as our culture seems to be increasingly more challenging, it may help to think of hope as the complete opposite of despair. Hope is not optional for the believer. Our hope is secure because, as we all say again, 'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!'" *John Stonestreet—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: SACRED MUSIC FOR THE EASTER SEASON... "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "He's Risen, He's Risen." You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app .

Building Healthy Families: "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime," wrote Dr. Martin Luther. We celebrate Jesus' resurrection with you today. *Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!* May this eternal Good News be your constant and lasting source of joy, hope, and strength in the days ahead. Easter Blessings to you, your family, and your congregational family from the staff and Board of Directors of Lutheran Family Service! **Lutheran Family Service**

Word of Hope: *Lutherans for Life* offers help, healing, and forgiveness for anyone who bears the burden of overwhelming guilt through our 24-hour Word of Hope hotline (888-217-8679). This free service is available to men, women, and youth for information, referrals, and Scripture-based spiritual care to address life issues such as surprise pregnancy, abortion recovery, suicide, doubting salvation, and physician-assisted suicide. **word-of-hope.org**

The Christian Is Triumphantly Certain "Know then—sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me—that you are missing the mark. I am not one of those who are afraid of you. For Christ my dear Lord has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has given to me. This is why I do not worry about you."~Martin Luther

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: Joel 2:1-32

☐ THURSDAY: Amos 3:1-15

☐ TUESDAY: Joel 3:1-21

☐ FRIDAY: Amos 4:1—5:27

☐ WEDNESDAY: Amos 1:1—2:16

☐ SATURDAY: Amos 6:1-14

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 3,062.00	Sat., April 12	5 p.m.: 35
Sunday School:	\$ 34.00	Sun., April 13	9 a.m.: 127
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 25.00		162
Seder 4-9:	\$ 703.00		
<u>Acolytes today:</u>		Seder 4-9:	76
6:30 a.m.	Reed Meseck & Gavin Schneider	Sunday School:	19
9:30 a.m.	Aubry Hoffmeier & Morgan Jepsen	Voters' Meeting:	28

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~	
<u>April 20-27, 2025</u>	
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—No Adult Bible Class
	9:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/HC
	1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Merrill
	1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
Monday:	No Preschool
Tuesday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
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:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	9:00 a.m. LWML Spring Rally @ St. John, Kiron
	9:00 a.m. Quilting
	2:00 p.m. Gracewell Volunteer Tea
	6:30 p.m. Bible Study
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Saturday:	5:00 p.m. Saturday Worship
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship
<i>April 27</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School and High School & Adult Bible Class

About the Cover: David’s psalm proclaims that the Lord is at his right hand, and at the Lord’s right hand are pleasures forevermore (see Psalm 16:8, 11). David’s soul will not be abandoned to Sheol. While David died and remained in the tomb, we know that this psalm is ultimately about Jesus. Jesus is the Holy One who did not see corruption in the tomb. He was raised from the dead, ascended, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father. Jesus will bring David and all who are in Him by faith to the resurrected life. Christ is risen! His is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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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.”*

