

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ April 20 & 21, 2024

Welcome! God sets a table before us and anoints us with the oil of gladness; our cup overflows (see Psalm 23:5; 45:7). "Good Shepherd, in You I have everything I need. Thank you for guiding me along the path of life. 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: Marlene Hight, Joann Riessen, Kandi Teut, Carolyn Schroeder, Duane Jacoby, Guenter Detlefsen, Janet Roecker and Lauri Ricke. *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.*

We Pray for God's Comfort for the family of Roger Chisholm who died Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Roger's funeral will be Tuesday, April 23, at 11:00 a.m. here at Immanuel with visitation held Monday night from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Christensen-Van Houten funeral home in Ida Grove.

We Pray for God's Comfort for the family of Juanita Evans (mother of Ashley Beeck) who died Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Her funeral will be Monday, April 22 in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Voters' Meeting will be held Sunday, April 21 following worship.

The Immanuel Messenger will be assembled on Wednesday, April 24 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated.

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, April 25 at 9:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

Gracewell Volunteer Tea Thursday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday Evening Study: You are invited to join our Thursday evening study group as we read and review the book "Martin Luther on Mental Health." We meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in our Fireside Room. This book will help those who struggle with mental health or have loved ones who do. If you are unable to join us but would like a copy of this book, please contact Pastor Mahnken.

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 150; 1 John 4:1-11 (12-21); John 15:1-8.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, April 22-27, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Merrill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: "More Than He Bargained For" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small, because Jesus provides more than what we expect. (Acts 3:6) Listen to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday morning on Denison's KDSN 1104.9 FM at 6:30 a.m. and KDSN 1530 AM at 10:30 a.m., and anytime at www.lhm.org.

"Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way." *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life.*

You're Invited to an Open House for Julie Christie's 85th Birthday. Sunday, April 28, 2024 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Schleswig Golf Course. No gifts please.

Building Healthy Families: Your mom wants to stay in her own home and wants you to stop worrying about her. You want her to be happy, but you worry about her living alone as she ages. Sound familiar? A recent AARP survey found that staying at home as long as possible is a stated goal for 95% of people age 75 and older. Be creative and seek mutually agreeable solutions which make staying at home safe as long as possible; be brave and respectful and have conversations about options before a move is needed. Find helpful ideas and resources at <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/aging-place/aging-place-growing-older-home> or invite a counselor from LFS out to speak to a group in your church or community about this important topic! **Lutheran Family Service.**

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 30-June 1. Please don't bring the items until later in May but we will be grateful for your support. Thank you! ~ The Mission Board

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, PLEASE contact Janice Jepsen as soon as possible to plan the day at 712-676-3608. God bless you for your help!

Upcoming Ascension Service. A Special Ascension Service will be held Thursday, May 9, 2024 at Mission Central. The meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Chris Tiews will be the guest speaker for the Ascension Worship Service that begins at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Join Us for "Gridshock: A film about sex trafficking in Iowa" sponsored by Grace E-Free Church in Denison. The film 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.

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: DEFENDING THE FAITH, TEACHING THE TRUTH... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: Biblical Christianity vs. Progressive Christianity, The Movie "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire," Polygamy in the Bible, Responding to Roman Catholic Proof Texts and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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.

MONDAY: Deuteronomy 27:1-26

THURSDAY: Deuteronomy 30:1-20

TUESDAY: Deuteronomy 28:1-68

FRIDAY: Deuteronomy 31:1-29

WEDNESDAY: Deuteronomy 29:1-29

SATURDAY: Deuteronomy 31:30—32:52

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 3,635.00
 Sunday School: \$ 6.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 21.00

Attendance:
 Sat., April 13 5 p.m.: 31
 Sun., April 14 9 a.m.: 197
 228

Acolytes today:
 Charlie Beeck and Brody Morgan

Sunday School: 15
 Adult Bible Class: 16

Librarian today:
 Julie Teut

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
April 21-28, 2024

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
April 21 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Voters' Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Merrill
 1:40 p.m. Silverridge 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
 8:45 a.m. *Immanuel Messenger* assemblage
 11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 3:30—5:15 p.m. 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
 6:15—8:00 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 9:00 a.m. Quilters
 2:00 p.m. Gracewell Volunteer Tea
 6:30 p.m. *Martin Luther on Mental Health* Study Group

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About the Cover: The Good Shepherd does not withhold His own life for His sheep. He laid down His life on Good Friday as a sacrifice for our sins in order to take it up again on Easter Sunday. He did it all of His own authority for us. Therefore, we know that when He takes our lives up like the Good Shepherd that He is, we are in good hands that will carry us safely to eternal life.

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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.”***

