

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ April 27 & 28, 2024

Welcome! Jesus said, "You glorify My Father when you bear much fruit and show yourselves to be My disciples" (John 15:8). Part of discipleship is worship, which strengthens us to bear the fruit of love. "I lay my joys and cares before You, Holy Spirit, that You might prepare my heart for worship. Strengthen me with Your gracious gifts to live for Jesus, my Savior. 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, Kandi Teut, Carolyn Schroeder, Duane Jacoby, Lila Bubke, 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 Jim Aldag who died Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Jim's funeral will be Wednesday, May 1, at 10:00 a.m. here at Immanuel with visitation held prior from 9:30-10:00 a.m.

We Thank God for the healing He has given to Joann Riessen.

Flowers are in memory of Roger Chisholm, we thank the family for sharing them with us.

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.

Board of Ed Meeting will be Monday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m.

National Day of Prayer: Thursday, May 2. The church will be open for silent prayer from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone is invited to come for silent prayer at any time during those hours.

The LWML will meet on Thursday, May 2 at 1:30 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 10:34-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, April 29-May 4, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: "We Can't Stop Talking" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, endure opposition, and engage others in conversation (Acts 4:20) 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.

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!

"It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives." *Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas—A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life.*

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.

Building Healthy Families: "Repeatedly, in His Word God gives us the message, "Do not worry!" It's much easier to say "Don't worry" than it is to not worry! When you're feeling overwhelmed with worry, go to God's Word, read, then write down on a piece of paper some of the verses that speak directly to you. To get started, check out Psalm 23:4, John 14:27, Matthew 6:25+, Romans 8:31, and Isaiah 41:10. Also know that men and women who share your Lutheran Christian faith and are trained and experienced at helping people with worry (and many other things) are available to you at Lutheran Family Service through office or telehealth visits. Call us—it's why we're here! 515-573-3138; <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org>

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

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 as pastor and teacher for several years. Donations can be dropped off in the Zion Church Office the week of May 5-12th. Checks can be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church, write "Sewing Door Offering" in the memo line. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

"Gridshock: A film about sex trafficking in Iowa," sponsored by Grace E-Free Church in Denison 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.

Support Groups offered by Lutheran Family Service: 1) "Caring for Parents of Transgender Children." This online group is presented by Cassie Beltz, LMHC and offers continuous online support for parents with a child struggling with gender identity confusion or identifies as transgender. For more information go to the following link: <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/supportgroups/>. 2) "Male and Female He Created Them: Creation and Identity." This webinar is presented by Rev. Jonathan Conner and Cassie Beltz, LMHC. It will be held on Thursdays (May 9, May 16, May 23, May 30 and June 6) at 7:00 p.m. by using the link <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/webinars/>.

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS... 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 topics include: Taylor Swift's Latest Album, Men Competing in Women's Sports, The Benefits of Liturgical Worship, and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 3,580.00
 Sunday School: \$ 17.10
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 29.00

Attendance:
 Sat., April 20 5 p.m.: 55
 Sun., April 21 9 a.m.: 123
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Acolytes today:
 Bryli Bubke and Kara Korner

Sunday School: 23
 Voters' Meeting: 29

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
April 28-May 5, 2024

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
April 28 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Trunkhill
 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship

Monday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 6:00 p.m. Board of Ed Meeting

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 11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 3:30—5:15 p.m. 5th/6th Grade Confirmation

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Friday: ~

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May 5 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 10:15 a.m. Immanuel's High School Graduate Reception

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY: Deuteronomy 33:1-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: Joshua 2:1—3:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: Joshua 4:1—5:12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Joshua 1:1-18 | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Joshua 5:13—7:26 |

About the Cover: Without someone to assist him, the Ethiopian eunuch could not clearly envision the figure God's Word painted in Isaiah. But the Holy Spirit used Philip to lead him to Jesus, in whom the full picture of the Scriptures comes together. Christ's generous love and sacrifice is for the sake of the whole world as He delivers forgiveness of sins through Word and Sacrament.

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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.”***

