Immanuel's News and Notes ~ April 5 & 6, 2025

<u>Welcome!</u> God makes paths through the sea and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:16, 19). Whatever obstacle you face, God will open the way of life for you. "Lord, 'Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long. Amen." (Ps. 25:5). We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

<u>Please Remember in Your Prayers</u>: 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.

<u>We thank God</u> that Wrenley Naberhaus came home last Sunday, March 30. Wrenley weighed 2.4 pounds when she was born January 21 and now weighs over 6 pounds. We ask God's continued blessings upon Wrenley and her parents, Tayten and Michael.

We Pray for God's Comfort for the friends and family of Laurie Ricke who died Wednesday, April 2, 2025. The visitation for Laurie will be Sunday, April 6, 5-7 p.m. at the Pauley-Jones Funeral Home in Denison; the funeral will be Monday, April 7, 10:30 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kiron. Laurie was the cousin of Tammy Hill.

Relay For Life. Crawford County Team Schleswig will be hosting an omelet and biscuit & gravy brunch Sunday, April 6 from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Schleswig Community Building. Free will donation.

Elders' Meeting will be Sunday, April 6 at 11:30 a.m.

Schleswig Sharks 4-H will meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m.

A Veterans Benefits Briefing will be held Monday, April 7 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Ricketts Community Building. Topics discussed include: Service connected compensation, pension benefits, survivor benefits, VA Health Care, and more! Open to all veterans, spouses and family members. Sponsored by: Crawford, Ida, Monona & Woodbury County Veteran Service Officers.

Church Council Meeting will be Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Lent Service. In place of our regular midweek Lent worship on Wednesday, April 9, we will participate in a Passover Seder in our Fellowship Hall at 5:45 p.m. The Passover Seder is a celebration of redemption, a memorial of God's deliverance of His people from slavery in Egypt. As Christians we celebrate the Passover Seder to also recognize its fulfillment in Jesus our Redeemer. A Passover Seder has symbolic foods, Bible readings, and fellowship. After the Seder portion, we will have a supper of more traditional foods served today at Seder celebrations: chicken and matzo ball soup and chicken cacciatore. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in our Narthex. Please do sign up if you plan to attend, so we know how much food to prepare. Sign up also if you can help!

<u>Ladies' Lenten Bible Study</u> is studying, "Whatever" by Anneke Hudson. Please make plans to add something to your Lenten season by joining us Wednesdays 6:45 to 8:00 pm.

Men: We will have our Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Schulz. We will be meeting on Wednesdays 6:45 to 8:00 pm. Our topic is "Who Is Jesus?"

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, April 10 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

<u>Getting Through Grief: Eight Biblical Gifts for Living with Loss</u> 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 Palm Sunday: Deut. 32:36-39; Ps. 118:19-29; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:1—23:56.

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

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, April 7-12, Pastor Peitsch is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill will 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!

<u>The Preschool</u> is having an Envelope Fundraiser through Palm Sunday. 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.

<u>The Lutheran Hour</u>: "Better Than I Deserve" by Guest Speaker Rev. Keith Haberstock. Jesus didn't deserve to die on a cross, but He died and rose again in order to give us better than we deserve. (John 12:1-11) 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.

The Carnival is coming to Preschool! Our Family Fun Night Fundraiser is Friday, April 11, here at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The carnival and bouncy houses will be outside near the garage. The steak sandwich supper will be held in the church basement. "To go" orders will be available and PeachWave will be here for dessert. We encourage everyone to invite their kids, grandkids, neighbors, etc. Again, thank you for your continued support! See you then!

"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.

<u>Bars and cookies needed</u> 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).

Building Healthy Families: The truth hurts, or so they say, but lies hurt so much worse. Little white lies count here, too. Whether you are a teenager relating to your parent, a husband or wife relating to your spouse, or a friend relating to another friend, pledge to yourself and to them to always be truthful...even (and maybe most especially) when it would be easier not to. Don't try to cover things up. Over time, it will cause the relationship to suffer from a lack of trust. Honest words spoken in love build up relationship. "We trap ourselves by telling lies, but we stay out of trouble by living right." (Proverbs 12:13) 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.	
☐ MONDAY: Daniel 7:1—8:27	☐ THURSDAY: Hosea 1:1—2:23
□ TUESDAY: Daniel 9:1-27	☐ FRIDAY: Hosea 3:1—4:19
☐ WEDNESDAY: Daniel 10:1—12:13	□ SATURDAY: Hosea 5:1—6:11

Gifts: Attendance:

Midweek Lent 3-26:

 Church Plate:
 \$ 2,977.00
 Sat., March 29 5 p.m.:
 35

 Sunday School:
 \$ 12.00
 Sun., March 30 9 a.m.:
 108

 Adult Bible Class:
 \$ 35.75
 143

Midweek Lent 3-26: **\$ 752.00**

Acolytes today:

Hailey & Cameron Brown
Sunday School: 16
Librarian today: Elaine Teut
Adult Bible Class: 29

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~ April 6-13, 2025

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC

April 6 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

11:30 a.m. Elders' Meeting

1:00 p.m. Schleswig Sharks 4-H Meeting

1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Trunkhill

1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship

5:00 p.m. Young Adults Study & Supper

Monday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool

8:30 a.m. Pastors' Conference @ Charter Oak

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

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

5:45 p.m. Passover Seder

7:15-8:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 6:45—8:00 p.m. Women's Lenten Bible Study 6:45—8:00 p.m. Men's Lenten Bible Study

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool

9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Friday: 4:30—8:00 p.m. Preschool Carnival **Saturday:** 5:00 p.m. Saturday Worship w/HC

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship

April 13 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Voters' Meeting

Palm Sunday

About the Cover: As Isaiah prophesied about the coming exile, he reminded the people of God what He accomplished for them by forming them to be His people. Our Lord will not abandon us. Indeed, even today, we stand in the shadow of the cross of Christ, which reminds us that He watches over us. God formed us as His people and has forgiven our sins. The journey of life is covered by Christ, the Savior of the world, who continues to be with us.

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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."

