

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ August 10 & 11, 2024

**Welcome to worship**, where all are invited to the feast by the Bread of Life Himself. "Taste and see that the Lord is good! (Psalm 34:8) In this time of worship, may all gathered here experience Your lavish love, O God, through Your Word and through one another. 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:** Doris Nahnsen, Marlene Hight, Jordan Richardson, Gloria Schmidt, Kandi Teut, Carolyn Schroeder Laurie Ricke, Evan Lee, and Kristin Lee. *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.

**There will be no Bible Study** Wednesday morning or Thursday evening of this week.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:12-22; Eph. 5:6-21; John 6:51-69.

**Elders' Meeting** will be Sunday, August 18 at 11:30 a.m.

**Thank you** to Mike Beeck for re-painting and re-positioning the Immanuel Lutheran church sign along Highway 59 by the new Dollar General.

**Community Church Service Choir:** On Sunday, September 15, the 125th committee has scheduled a Community Worship Service to take place under the big tent uptown at 9:00 am. We would like to have a Community Choir sing at this service. Practices would be held prior to September 15. Any and all are welcome! If you would like to participate, please call Wendy Bumann 712-269-0575 or Nancy Bielenberg 712-269-1815.

**Library Summer Speaker Series:** Schleswig Public Library will be hosting the next Speaker Series given by Larry Grill on Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 pm. The title of the presentation is "Schleswig—The Forgotten Years." Please mark your calendars!

**Please pray** for our Sunday School as we will be needing at least three new Sunday School teachers this fall. Please also prayerfully consider if Jesus wants you to be part of this loving task as we join in fulfilling His commission to be making disciples (Matthew 28:19).

**Chris & Pastor Mahnken** will be on vacation in the coming days. If you are in need of Pastoral care, please call Pastor Kaiser (712-269-8452) or the Church Office.

**"Thy Strong Word"** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, Aug 12-17, Pastor Mahnken is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Torreson will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**Do Summer Plans** keep you away from worship on Sunday? Remember our Saturday evening worship at 5:00 p.m.

**The Lutheran Hour:** "God's Peacemakers for a Troubled World" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. Archives August: Don't let anger, disagreement, and stress damage your relationships. Hear how God changes troublemakers into peacemakers. (Philippians 4:4-13) 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](http://www.lhm.org).

**"Not only does Scripture provide God's intent and meaning**, it also encourages us to be truthful (Proverbs 12:19), timely (Proverbs 17:28; Matthew 18:15), gentle (Titus 3:2), and more. Most importantly, it reminds us, in God we find the strength to speak truth in the face of evil (Psalm 118:6; Ephesians 6:13). Stand strong, choose words carefully, and remember the Lion's got your back." *James MacGregor, COL, USA (RET), Director at Large, LFL of Kansas Director-at-Large—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

**Building Healthy Families:** What comes to mind when you hear the word adoption? A cute baby? A happy family? While these are wonderful images, the most important one is often missed—Jesus welcoming the child into His kingdom! *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."* (Matthew 19:14) Help to regularly identify, share, and support Christian adoption experiences in your congregation including those who are adoptees, those who've adopted, those currently pursuing adoption, and those who have made or are making a loving adoption plan for their child. You'll be surprised at just how many lives are touched by adoption! **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**

**Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians:** LUTHERAN IDENTITY SERIES... How has God the Holy Spirit sustained the Lutheran confession during persecution, wars, false teachings and cultural accommodation? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently interviewed Dr. Gene Edward Veith, author of the new book "Embracing Your Lutheran Identity." You can listen to this multi-part series at [issuesetc.org/lutheranidentity](http://issuesetc.org/lutheranidentity).

**Lutheran Church Extension Fund:** A gratifying way to make YOUR investments work twice as hard. At LCEF, your investment earns a competitive interest rate while supporting Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) workers, churches, schools and organizations. LCMS ministries use our low-cost loans to expand, renovate and launch new ventures. Whether you are a seasoned investor or a newcomer, we have an investment for you. Which investment is right for you? Take our investment product quiz to find out [lcef.org/discover](http://lcef.org/discover) or contact your personal finance accountant.

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: 2 Kings 17:1-41     | <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: 2 Kings 21:1-26    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: 2 Kings 18:1—19:37 | <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: 2 Kings 22:1—23:37   |
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**Gifts:**  
 Church Plate: \$ 7,056.00  
 Sunday School: \$ 2.00  
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 34.70

**Attendance:**  
 Sat., August 3 5 p.m.: 48  
 Sun., August 4 9 a.m.: 68  
 116

**Acolyte today:** Ezden Hargens

Sunday School: 3  
 Adult Bible Class: 31

**~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~**  
**August 11-18, 2024**

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship  
*August 11* 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Torreson  
 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship  
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship  
**Monday:** ~  
**Tuesday:** ~  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 a.m. No Bible Study  
**Thursday:** 6:30 p.m. No Bible Study this week  
**Friday:** ~  
**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC  
**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC  
*August 18* 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
 11:30 a.m. Elders Meeting

**The Epistle Reading for Today (Ephesians 4:17-5:2):** There's nothing like money to cause arguments in a congregation. A wealthy member dies and leaves a large estate to the church. The wrangling over how to spend or invest the money can tear a church apart. When an expansion of facilities is proposed, discussion over the cost and how to raise the funds can doom the project. If times are tight and the budget is not met, the discussion over how to cut expenses can range from energy conservation to dismissing personnel. God did not give blessings to the church through its people to cause division. When members begin to have expectations about how God will use their money—or their talents or their time—they play God. Our gifts are to be free and joyful. They are to be regular and proportionate. They are to be a response to God for His greatest gift, Christ Jesus. In that attitude, how can they be divisive? Let us all give according to our ability and trust the church, through more listening than talking, to use our gifts according to God's will.

**About the Cover:** Elijah feared for his life and was on the run. However, the Lord miraculously sustained him for forty days and forty nights. It was not mere cake and water but the Lord's promises attached to that food. Jesus, the Bread of Life, gives us the bread which sustains unto eternal life by believing in Him. In the Lord's Supper, we are sustained for our daily lives of faith, not by mere food but by the power of Jesus' words that deliver His very body and blood in, with, and under this bread and wine.

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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.”***

