

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ August 12 & 13, 2023

Welcome to worship! A joyous and blessed Lord's Day to you, brothers and sisters in Christ! Our gracious God strengthens and blesses our faith as we receive His gifts through His Word and Sacrament. He answers our plea "Lord, increase our faith!" with a joyous "Yes, My child!" to send us on our way refreshed and encouraged for our week following Jesus. A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our guest book in the Narthex, and come again!

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Bonard Christiansen (upcoming same-day foot surgery), Neal Nahnsen, Ryan Kragel, Barb Quandt, Carol Neddermeyer, Cindi Paulsen, Jan Schultz, Tom and Cathy Bubke, Brenda Prussing and Mindi McKibbin. *If you have a concern for which you would like us to pray, please call our 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.

Board of Ed Meeting will be Sunday, August 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Immanuel Messenger articles for the September issue are due on Tuesday, August 15.

Elders' Meeting will be Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Readings for Next Sunday: Is. 56:1, 6-8; Ps. 67; Rom. 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32; Matt. 15:21-28.

A Confirmation Orientation Meeting for our 5th-8th grade students and their parents will be held Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, August 14-19, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Wrede will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: "How Well Does Jesus Know Me?" by Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour, the late Reverend Ken Klaus. The God who knows everything about you is also the God of grace who forgives on account of Christ. (John 1:48-51) 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.

"In Jesus there is healing; there is forgiveness. You, dear brother and sister in Christ, need not fear His wrath. For you, the words 'Christ is risen' are good words, they are the best words. They are words so good they should not be contained but shared with the world. They are pure Gospel." *Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" — A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life.*

Building Healthy Families: Believe it or not, school will be starting soon! How can we make the most of the remaining days of summertime with our kids? Being intentional about spending time with them. Turn off the TV, put away the phone and gadgets and have conversations. Go out for ice cream, a walk to the park, or a game of basketball. Pray with them before they go to sleep. Creating memories doesn't have to be complicated or expensive. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Collecting Pill Bottles for recycling (plastic only, no glass). Please note the following change: All bottles are to be washed in hot, soapy water and all labels and residue removed. Bring them to the Church Office and Jane Gronau will pick them up. Recycle everything else in your own home.

Garage Sale: St. John's in Kiron will be hosting a "Name Your Own Price" garage sale on Saturday, August 19 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. They will also be serving coffee, cinnamon rolls, loose meats and chips. Proceeds go to missions.

Come celebrate with us! St. Paul's in Ute is celebrating their 125th Anniversary on Sunday, August 20th. Rev. Dr. Steve Turner will join us as guest preacher at our 10 am service. A free chicken dinner will be served afterward at the Ute Town and Country starting at 11:30 am. Please consider joining us as we praise God for 125 years of ministry!

Join Us at Heritage Heights Senior Living Apartments! Looking for a worry-free lifestyle at an affordable cost? Consider our low income apartments at Heritage Heights. On top of the stress free lifestyle, enjoy the cost savings! Heritage Heights apartments are income based helping you stay within your means while living in a relaxing and social setting.

"For Her, With Her" Pregnancy Center Volunteer Training. Do you want to make a difference in the life of a pregnant woman in need? This free training will equip you to work as a volunteer mentor in our Denison & Carroll pregnancy resource centers. Learn our non-judgmental, pro-woman, pro-baby, pro-life approach to helping women in difficult pregnancy situations. Training dates are: Mondays 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2 in Denison OR 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 in Carroll. Email Janette@crossroadsofcrawfordcounty.org to sign up!

Petal Pusher Update: If you are over the age of 18, you are invited to come with IOWAY on this mission trip to California December 28, 2023 to January 4, 2024! Decorate the Lutheran Hour and other floats for the Rose Bowl parade! Cost is \$2,100 per person and includes roundtrip airfare (from Des Moines), 7 days lodging, ground transportation, several meals and 1 Petal Pusher t-shirt/sweatshirt. Registration forms are available in the Church Office.

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS... Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: talkback@issuesetc.org or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite pod cast provider.

Prayer Chain: Did you know Immanuel has a prayer chain? Any prayers that are submitted on the prayer cards on Sunday and to the Church Office during the week are sent out via email to our prayer chain group. Would you like to be part of this wonderful group of prayer warriors? Email Grace Langholdt at grace.langholdt@gmail.com or the Church Office at immansch@iowatelecom.net to be added.

Christians confess that Jesus is Lord. What does this mean? It means that Jesus is in charge of everything, not us, and not any of the powers in this world that think they are so great. It means that Jesus is God come down to earth to live and suffer and die and rise for us, to make us His own. It means that Jesus is in charge of me, and not me myself. He's in charge of my salvation, too. So I can stop worrying. (Taken from the Lutheran Hour Ministries' Daily Devotion for August 9, 2023 by Dr. Kari Vo; <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>)

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$4,624.00
 Sunday School: \$ 5.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 29.00

Attendance:
 Sat., Aug. 5 5 p.m.: 43
 Sun., Aug. 6 9 a.m.: 64
 107

Sunday School: 10
 Adult Bible Class: 23

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
August 13-20, 2023

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
August 13 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 11:30 a.m. Board of Ed meeting
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Wrede
 1:35 p.m. Silveridge Worship
 2:10 p.m. Gracewell Worship
 4:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class
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Monday: ~
Tuesday: *Immanuel Messenger* Deadline for September
 7:00 p.m. Elders' meeting
Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Bible Study
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. Pastor Mahnken at IDW Board of Directors meeting
Friday: ~
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
August 20 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 4:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class

About the Cover: God returned Job's questions with ones that were too profound for him to comprehend. In the midst of this suffering, God called Job to trust in Him even amid things he could not understand. In Christ, the One through whom all things were made (see John 1:3), God's answer to suffering is that the Second Person of the Trinity suffered in our place. The profoundness of His creative power is likewise shown in the depth of His love.

Today, this day, what is the emptiness within you? What is the loss you are experiencing—the worry that never seems to work itself out? Jesus can help. He can solve your problem, or bring you through your problem, or help you carry your problem. In Him, and from Him is a power and a peace that nothing, and I say that all-inclusive word again, *nothing*, that this world can provide. He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Little wonder that those who have seen His suffering and death upon the cross, who have peered into His empty tomb were ready to talk about Him. Not surprising that the story of the Savior swept across this world like wild fire. He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is God's Good News of great joy. (from a *Lutheran Hour* sermon by the late Rev. Ken Klaus).

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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.”***

