

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ August 19 & 20, 2023

**Welcome!** Paul writes: "The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable" (Romans 11:29, ESV). God has called you, so receive His gifts for you today: His love, His forgiveness, His life. "Dear Jesus, help me listen for Your voice during this time of worship. Amen." A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our guest book in the Narthex, and come again!

**Please Remember in Your Prayers:** Lois Ernst, 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.*

**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.

**Preschool Open House** will be held Wednesday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m.

**The Quilters** will meet on Thursday, August 24 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 11:33-12:8; Matt. 16:13-20.

**Sunday School Teachers** meeting next Sunday, August 27 at 11:15 am. If you are interested in joining the teaching staff, please come to the meeting.

**"Thy Strong Word"** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, August 21-26, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Mahnken will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**The Lutheran Hour:** "The Latest Polls" by Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour, the late Reverend Ken Klaus. What people think about something—that's a poll. What that something actually is—that's the truth. (Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25) 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](http://www.lhm.org).

**The Opening Service** for Unity Ridge Lutheran School will be Monday, August 21, located in the gym at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Merle Mahnken, Unity Ridge Pastoral Advisor, will be leading the service. Installation of our called teachers will be part of the service. An open house will follow the service. Feel free to visit Unity Ridge and talk with Principal Merrilee Sump regarding this educational ministry available to those who are seeking a strong academic program in an environment that is nurturing the faith development of His children. ~ Merrilee A. Sump, Unity Ridge Lutheran School Executive Director/Principal, [merrilee.sump@unityridge.org](mailto:merrilee.sump@unityridge.org) 712-393-2002 (Unity Ridge Office), 712-854-0212 (Cell Phone).

**The 20th Anniversary** celebration of United Bank of Iowa, Schleswig, will be held Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm at UBI. The community is invited to enjoy an evening of good friends, community connections, a delicious Staley's chicken dinner, and register for a free grill.

**"Live as a son or daughter of God,** for He loves you as only a Father could. One thing you can know about God: He will never say about you, 'These are not Our kind of people.' Because of Christ and what He has done for you, the Father will never say that about you." *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" — A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life.*

**Grace at Ground Zero:** *Hope and Healing as Constants in Chaos:* the Reverend. Bill Wrede, Intentional Interim Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison, Iowa was a volunteer chaplain on September 11, 2001, in Lower Manhattan. Chaplain Wrede was four blocks away from the North Tower when it collapsed. After serving bystanders and first responders that day, Chaplain Wrede returned to the site one to three times a week through June 2, 2002, serving first at a respite center for recovery workers and then at the onsite morgue. Chaplain Wrede will give a one-hour presentation on September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The presentation will be given in the sanctuary of Zion Lutheran Church, Denison. This event is free and open to all. This will be an in-person event only. Zion Lutheran Church, 712-263-2235.

**Fall Garage Sales:** If you would like to participate in Schleswig's Fall Garage Sales Oct. 5-7, please contact Janice Jepsen or Lila Bubke by September 25. Cost is \$10 per location.

**Building Healthy Families:** When they return home from work or school, consider changing your routine question of your husband, wife, or child from, "How was your day?" to, "How can I pray for you today?" Choosing a Bible verse to pray over his/her day is a good choice if you're unsure of how to start, asking God to bless them through this verse: *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9 **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://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.

**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](mailto: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 float 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:** DAILY 15-MINUTE BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will be leading a study this week on The Macedonian Call; The Conversion of Lydia; Paul and Silas in Prison and The Philippian Jailer Converted in Acts 15 and 16. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**Gifts:**  
 Church Plate: \$4,371.00  
 Sunday School: \$ 6.00  
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 33.00

**Attendance:**  
 Sat., Aug. 12 5 p.m.: 24  
 Sun., Aug. 13 9 a.m.: 107  
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**Librarian today:**  
 Chris Mahnken

Sunday School: 12  
 Adult Bible Class: 40

**~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~**  
**August 20-27, 2023**

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC  
*August 20* 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Mahnken  
 1:35 p.m. Silveridge Worship  
 2:10 p.m. Gracewell Worship  
 4:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class  
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**About the Cover:** Throughout the Old Testament Scriptures, God proclaimed that He would bring people from all nations to His holy mountain, Zion. God's grace and mercy makes strangers into citizens. "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13). Now, for all who are in Christ, there are only citizens of His heavenly kingdom..

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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."***

