

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ August 24 & 25, 2024

Welcome to worship, friends and guests, in the name of Jesus who is both Savior and Friend and who welcomes all. "Praise to You, O Lord! Though You are above all and beyond all, You come close to us and hold us in gentle care. We worship You. 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, Coleen Fredericks, Jordan Richardson, Gloria Schmidt, Kandi Teut, Carolyn Schroeder, and Laurie 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 Give Thanks to God for the healing He has given to Evan Lee and Kristin Lee following their recent surgeries.

Sunday School Teachers meeting Sunday, August 25 at 11:30 am.

Preschool Open House will be held Tuesday, August 27. 3-year-old parent meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. and the afternoon class parent meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Immanuel Messenger will be assembled on Wednesday, August 28 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated.

A Confirmation Orientation Meeting for our 5th-7th grade students and their parents will be held Wednesday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, August 29 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

Thursday Evening Study: This Thursday, August 29, we will be considering an article *When You Have Had a Bad Day*. We meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in our Fireside Room. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Mahnken.

Readings for next Sunday: Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 119:129-136; Eph. 6:10-20; Mark 7:14-23.

Calf Show Dinner Saturday, September 14 following the parade. The sign-up sheets for both food donations and workers are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please consider serving our congregation and our community for this special event as Schleswig celebrates its 125th quasiquicentennial! It's only for an hour or two of your time. Thanks! ~ Calf Show Committee

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 items. Parents— please look around your homes and vehicles for books and DVD's from our childrens library. We have quite a few items that have not been returned. Letters will be sent home in a couple weeks if they are not returned.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, Aug 26-31, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Merrill will also lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

Orphan Grain Train Update: Would you believe the bunker room at Iowa West Branch of Orphan Grain Train is EMPTY? We need good used clothing of ALL sizes, good used shoes, belts, purses, caps, gloves, warm scarves, sheets, pillowcases, blankets, quilts, comforters, medical equipment. NO pillows. We are open at our headquarters in Ida Grove on Tuesday mornings from 8-11 a.m. Sharon Ann Irwin, Iowa West Branch Manager, 712-660-1380

The Lutheran Hour: "When the Monsters Come" by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Archives August: We can never be too vigilant against the devil's attacks but in Christ we can always be confident that the victory is ours. (Job 40:15—41:34) 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.

"We live in the presence of evil. Some of it is twisted to sound good. We hear of 'the compassionate relief of suffering' or 'death with dignity' or 'right to health care' or 'simple medical procedure.' You know many more. God calls us to confront these with His truth, to reveal the evil behind them. God calls us to educate fellow Christians in His truth so they do not end up 'possessed' by this way of thinking. God calls us to call evil what it is, but also to share the truth of what God has done about evil. For that we fix our gaze upon Jesus (Hebrews 12:2). He speaks to us through His Word of truth and grace." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans for Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Building Healthy Families: Are you hooked on live TV or internet news, which is now so easily available 24/7? It's usually bad or sad news of trauma or drama about which we have no power to do anything. As a result, many of us are experiencing anxiety. Here are three things to do this week that will make a difference: 1) give someone the gift of your time—visit someone who is lonely or afraid; listen to their concerns and share encouraging words; 2) remind them (and yourself) that God is still on His throne, and Jesus is still seated at His right-hand, aware of all that is happening and actively involved in daily events; and 3) take a "news" vacation by turning off the TV for several days in a row. The world will go on and you'll feel so much better! **Lutheran Family Service**

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: During the Lutheran Battle for the Bible, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod adopted "A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles" in 1973. It dealt with how Lutherans regarded Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently completed a multi-part series on this document with Lutheran historian Dr. Martin Noland. You can listen to this series at issuesetc.org/astatement.

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: 1 Ch. 18:1—20:8

THURSDAY: 1 Ch. 23:1—27:34

TUESDAY: 1 Ch. 21:1-30

FRIDAY: 1 Ch. 28:1-21

WEDNESDAY: 1 Ch. 22:1-19

SATURDAY: 1 Ch. 29:1-30

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 4,047.00
 Sunday School: \$ 6.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 27.00

Attendance:
 Sat., August 17 5 p.m.: 36
 Sun., August 18 9 a.m.: 91

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Acolyte today: Charlie Beeck

Sunday School: 6
 Adult Bible Class: 26

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
August 25-September 1, 2024

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
August 25 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 11:30 a.m. Sunday School Teachers meeting
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Merrill
 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship

Monday: ~

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Preschool parent meeting for morning class
 6:30 p.m. Preschool parent meeting for afternoon class

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Bible Study
 8:45 a.m. *Immanuel Messenger* assemblage
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation Meeting

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool Begins
 9:00 a.m. Quilting
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Friday: ~

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC

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About the Cover: The Pharisees and scribes supplanted God’s Law with their own human traditions, even equating their teaching with the Commandments of God. Even well-intentioned human traditions can become an excuse for ignoring God’s Law. However, Christ has not come to fulfill our laws and standards, but God’s. God’s Law was given to point us to our need for Jesus and what He accomplished through His cross and resurrection.

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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.”***

