

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ January 15 & 16, 2022

Welcome to worship, fellowship and Christian education at Immanuel Lutheran Church. We are honored to be with you in the Lord's presence. "How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! We thank and praise You that all people may take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. Amen." [Psalm 36:7, ESV] A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our guest book in the Narthex, and come again!

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Chris Mahnken (recovering from gallbladder surgery), Gordon Quandt, Gary Meseck, Duane Jacoby, Sam Lee, Diane Taylor, Pastor Andrew Johnson of Trinity, Manilla who is undergoing cancer treatments and Adam Burns. *If you have a concern for which you would like us to pray, please call the office, 676-2235, or send an email to: immansch@iowatelecom.net.*

We Thank God for the healing He has given to Rachel Mentink and Evan Bral.

End of the Year Contribution Statements are in your church boxes.

Elders' Planning Meeting today at 11:15 a.m.

Newsletter Deadline for the February issue is Tuesday, January 18.

Poinsettias: If you donated a poinsettia this Christmas season, please take it home with you today or it will soon be removed. If you would like one of the left-over plants, please let us know at the Church Office. Thank you.

Orphan Grain Train Volunteers will go to Ida Grove to pack on Wednesday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m. Clothing and shoe donations may be brought to the Church Office or Adult Library.

Mercy Meals of Siouxland: You are invited to join Immanuel's Youth and Families for a morning of service at Mercy Meals of Siouxland at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux City on Saturday, January 22, on the 10:30 shift. Mercy Meals supports the sharing of our Lord's saving Gospel by packaging food to be sent to hungry and starving children. The minimum age requirement is 8 years old and there is no maximum age. Please call or text Angela Korner (712-229-5460) or the church office if you would like to join us.

Young Adults: A 4-week Bible study for our young adults (guests are also welcome) will begin Sunday, January 23, at 5:30 p.m. A video-based study—*Regrets, Reality, and Restoration*—will be our focus. We will be meeting in our Fireside Room. Please join us also for supper. If possible, please let us know in advance of your intent to join us, so we can have enough food. We are planning for our time together to last no more than 90 minutes. Please text or call Kristin Hennings (712-269-6906) or Pastor Mahnken (712-269-6364). Thank you!

Drive Thru Soup Supper: First United Methodist Church in Denison is having their annual soup supper Wednesday, January 19 serving drive-thru style from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. 1 quart of soup (chili, chicken noodle or bean soup) and 4 cookies may be purchased for \$10.

"When You Are Filled With Guilt" will be the theme this week as we gather for our *Hope When Your Heart Breaks* study group. We meet in the Fireside Room on Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. with Pr. Kaiser and from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with Pr. Mahnken. God's Word provides what we need the most in the midst of grief and loss—hope. For those who cannot come, sessions are recorded, and a link will be sent to you by Google Drive upon your request.

Our Confirmation Classes will be making a trip to Mission Central this week during their class time. Everyone is invited to join us. We will be leaving about 3:30 and returning about 5:30. Missionary Tirzah Krey will be giving a presentation on her work in the Lord's mission in the Dominican Republic. Tirzah's picture and information are on the board in the Narthex.

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; John 15:12-17.

Record Updates: A current membership list will be printed soon for our annual report. If you or a family member has a change of address or phone number, or would like to receive the monthly *Immanuel Messenger* by e-mail rather than hard-copy USPS, please let the church office know. Year-end reports for your group or board are due before the end of January.

Just a reminder: while you are completing your "spring" cleaning, please consider donating any unwanted items to our church garage sale in June. We were blessed to have cleared everything from the garage last June and welcome any new items. The proceeds from our garage sale go toward the support of our Mission projects. Please don't bring the items until later in May but we will be grateful for your support. Thank you! ~ The Mission Board

Study God's Word in 2022. LCMS Stewardship has encouraged Lutherans to spend 1% every day (14 minutes) in God's Word and prayer. One study possibility is "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever," a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is currently leading a study on the Book of Ephesians. You can listen at www.thewordendures.org or your favorite podcast provider.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week—Jan. 17-22, Pastor Peitsch of Ute is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Kluzek will lead worship at Denison Care, Silveridge and Eventide today.

The Lutheran Hour: "Hazed and Confused" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God is against our pride because He wants to give Himself to us. (Luke 4:1-37) 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.

Daily Devotions: Are you starting your day with a Daily Devotion via email from Lutheran Hour Ministries? If not, then go to www.lhm.org and sign up for the Daily Devotional emails.

"You are not and never have been simply a number, a blob of tissue, or an invisible nobody. Rather, you are now and always have been God's handcrafted gift to the world." *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life.*

Building Healthy Families: Have you experienced the grief and loss of infertility? Or do you have parenting experience and room in your heart and home for one more child? Would you prayerfully consider adopting a child, possibly one who exists today as a waiting frozen embryo, in need of a forever family? Adoption builds a family through love that transcends genetics, biology and culture. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about domestic, international or embryo adoption invite them to contact Kim Laube at klaube@LutheranFamilyService.org or visit the website at lutheranfamilyservice.org. Adoption workers are available statewide. **Lutheran Family Service**

Gifts:
 Church Plate: **\$4,397.00**
 Sunday School: **\$ 20.00**
 Adult Bible Class: (Voters' Meeting)

Attendance:
 Sat., Jan. 8 4 p.m.: **29**
 Sun., Jan. 9 9 a.m.: **112**
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Acolytes today:
 Linkin & Charlie Beeck

Sunday School: **33**
 Adult Bible Class: no class—Voters'
 Voters' meeting: **33**

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
January 16-23, 2022

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
January 16 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 11:15 a.m. Elders' Planning Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care — Pastor Kluzek
 1:30 p.m. Silverridge Worship
 2:20 p.m. Eventide Worship

Monday: No Preschool
 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastors' Conference in Carroll

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Preschool
 Messenger Deadline for February issue

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Bible Study
 11:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Preschool
 1:00 p.m. Volunteers to Orphan Grain Train
 3:30-5:15 p.m. Confirmation Classes to Mission Central

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Preschool
 10:00 a.m. Hope When Your Hearts Breaks
 6:30 p.m. Hope When Your Heart Breaks

Friday: ~

Saturday: 10:30 a.m. Packing at Mercy Meals of Siouxland
 4:00 p.m. Worship w/HC

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 4:00 p.m. Circuit Forum at Our Savior
 5:30 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study

About the Cover: At first glance, Jesus changing water into wine at a wedding hardly seems as important as healing, casting out demons, and raising the dead. However, John tells us that in this first recorded miracle, "Jesus . . . manifested His glory." It is the signal that the celebration of the Lord's salvation can begin. This is a sign of the great feast of the Lord's victory foretold throughout Scripture. We get a foretaste of that victorious and celebratory meal every time we receive Christ's very body and blood, given and shed for our sins and for the strengthening of our faith. The Lord's glory has been manifested to us!

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Worship:

Saturday ~ 4 p.m.
 Sundays ~ 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."***

