

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ January 8 & 9, 2022

**Welcome to worship.** Each and every one of you are a chosen and beloved child of God. May we follow Jesus into the work of ministry and may everyone gathered for worship today know that, as siblings of Jesus, they too are God's beloved child. A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our guest book in the Narthex, and come again!

**As we Gather:** Each year the First Sunday after Epiphany takes us to the Jordan River, where Jesus is baptized. The Baptism of Our Lord is a reminder of the importance of Baptism in the life of every Christian: through drowning in Baptism we are born anew to live a new life and receive the gift of eternal life. The experience we share in Jesus' Baptism unites us with Christ and gives us a whole new way of living for time and for eternity.

All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation. (LSB 601)

**Please Remember in Your Prayers:** Gordon Quandt, Gary Meseck, Rachel Mentink, Duane Jacoby, Evan Bral, 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.*

**Thank you** for your prayers, cards, phone calls and concerns following my recent illness. God's Blessings to you. ~ Marie Peters

**We would like to thank** everyone for the prayers, visits, calls and caring since Larry's hip surgery and hospital stay. We have been blessed. Happy New Year & God's Blessings. ~ Larry and JoAnn Clausen

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

**Installation of Officers and Board Members** in our Sunday worship. We welcome those who will begin or continue their service to God's people and we thank those who have served in the Lord's house.

**Our Quarterly Voters' Meeting** follows Sunday worship, at 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Board of Education** will have their annual planning meeting Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

**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.

**The Quilters** will meet Thursday, January 13 at 9:00 a.m.

**"When You Thought Your Life Would Go Differently"** 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.

**Next Sunday**, January 16 will be the Elders' planning meeting at 11:15 a.m.

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 128; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

**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 should be turned in also.

**"Thy Strong Word"** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week—Jan. 10-15, Pastor Merrill of Charter Oak is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Keinath will lead worship at Denison Care, Silveridge and Eventide today.

**"Every human life**, no matter the size, level of development, environment, or degree of dependency, is indispensable in fulfilling God's plans." *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life.*

**The Lutheran Hour:** "Facing Rejection" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. How does one deal with rejection? Push through it? Rise above it? Or start over? (Luke 3:1-22) 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.

**Building Healthy Families:** Date night...what's that, you say? If you've been married for 1 year or 65 years and think date night is just for those unmarried couples who are still dating, think again! When was the last time you and your spouse went on a date? Take some time for just the two of you to spend together. If you ever need help reconnecting or resolving issues, LFS has experienced counselors who are ready to help. **Lutheran Family Service.** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org).

**About the Cover:** The voice from heaven announces, "You are My beloved Son." Jesus, though He has no sin, has joined Himself to sinners in a Baptism for the repentance of sins, which He did not need. Likewise, He was counted among sinners as He hung on the cross in atonement for our sins. He united Himself to us in order that He might bring us into His resurrection life. In Holy Baptism, we each have been united to His cross and resurrection life so that we are dead to sin and alive to God.

**For When You Are Feeling Fearful** *"And when night comes, and you look back over the day and see how fragmentary everything has been, and how much you planned that has gone undone, and all the reasons you have to be embarrassed and ashamed or fearful: just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God's hands and leave it with Him."* — Edith Stein  
And here are a few Bible passages that also might help:

- *Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10*
- *The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1*
- *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*
- *"Peace is what I leave with you; it is My own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid." Jesus in John 14:27*

**Gifts:**

Church Plate: **\$4,825.00**  
Sunday School: **\$ 31.25**  
Bible Class: **\$ 11.00**

**Attendance:**

Sat., Jan. 1 4 p.m.: **17**  
Sun., Jan. 2 9 a.m.: **70**  
**87**

**Acolytes today:**

Linkin & Charlie Beeck

Sunday School: **23**  
Adult Bible Class: **13**

**~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~**  
**January 9-16, 2022**

<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m. Worship
<i>January 9</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:15 a.m. Voters' Meeting
	11:30 a.m. Board of Ed meeting
	1:00 p.m. Denison Care — Pastor Keinath
	1:30 p.m. Silveridge Worship
	2:20 p.m. Eventide Worship
<b>Monday:</b>	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Preschool
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Preschool
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:30 a.m. Bible Study
	11:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Preschool
	3:30-5:15 p.m. Confirmation for all grades
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Preschool
	9:00 a.m. Quilting
	10:00 a.m. Hope When Your Hearts
	6:30 p.m. Hope When Your Heart Breaks
<b>Friday:</b>	~
<b>Saturday:</b>	4:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
<i>January 16</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	11:15 a.m. Elders' Planning

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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.”***

A key component of the Christian life is aligning your gifts with the world’s needs. Or, as Frederick Buechner put it “In the living of your daily life is where our deep gladness meets the world’s deep need.”