

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ July 3 & 4, 2021

Welcome! As our nation celebrates Independence Day, let us remember and proclaim that God so loved the whole world that He sent Jesus to share in this life. Let us join in praise! "Your grace is sufficient for me, dear Lord. When I feel weak, may Your strength dwell in me. Amen" (2 Cor. 12:9). A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our guest book in the Narthex, and join us again.

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Gail Hatfield, Michael Mordhorst, Charlie Harm, 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 Pray For Comfort for the family of Dr. John Jerrard, who died on June 26, the husband of Terri (Christiansen) Jerrard, daughter of Bonard Christiansen. We also pray for God's comfort for the family of Diane Merriman who died this past Friday, July 1; Diane was the sister of Cindi Paulsen and Cheryl Nepl. Arrangements were pending at the time of this printing.

Contribution Statements are in your church boxes, please pick them up.

Today in Sunday School, grades 1-8 will be joining the Adult Bible Class for an Intergenerational study *When I Am Weak, Then I Am Strong*. The younger children's lesson is *The Restoring King*. Josiah becomes king of Judah at only eight years old. During the eighteenth year of his reign. Josiah begins the restoration of the temple. When they clean the temple. Hilkiyah, high priest and Josiah's faithful teacher, discovers the Book of the Law. Hearing the words of the Law, Josiah tears his clothes in repentance and directs Hilkiyah to inquire of the Lord concerning the people. The Lord responds, telling Josiah that because of his penitent heart He will hold back the disaster from Josiah's kingdom.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday for the holiday.

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. followed by the Elder's Meeting. The Quarterly Voter's meeting will be next Sunday, July 11 at 10:05 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All members 18 and over are Voters and invited to attend.

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, July 8 at 9 a.m.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, July 5-10, Pastor Keinath of Zion will have the daily message. On Sunday, Pastor Kluzek will preach at Silveridge at 1:30 p.m., and Eventide at 2:15.

Readings for Next Sunday, July 11: Amos 7:7-15; Ps. 85; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29.

Volunteers will go to Ida Grove to pack for Orphan Grain Train on the 3rd Thursday, which will be July 21 at 1 p.m. Donations may be brought to the church office or the adult library.

"The creation of the world and its government is the work of the Lord, and it is not in His declared plan that man will destroy it. The fright peddlers are giving too much power to man. It is God's power they need to recognize, not man's. If man is the basic power, then the answers must come from man, but if God is the sovereign power, then the answers must come from God, and none other. God has provided the answers, and they are in His Word. Our problem is that men pay no attention to them." *R.J. Rushdoony, author and theologian—A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life.* www.lutheransforlife.org

The Lutheran Hour: "Clearly Christian: Scientific" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Christians are not against science. They just don't expect science to answer questions beyond its reach. (Psalm 19:1-4). 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.

Did You Know: Unlike some countries where you must worship behind locked doors, we are fortunate to live in a country where we can openly express our religious beliefs. During your Independence Day celebrations this week, remember to pray for our Iowa senators and representatives that they may have the wisdom and boldness to protect life and our religious freedoms. Happy Independence Day! **Lutheran Family Service.** www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

About the Cover: It is not exactly a welcome homecoming when Jesus' own town of Nazareth chooses to see Him only according to what they know. Their unbelief prevents them from listening to His Word. By God's grace, Christ has welcomed us into the city of God by giving us ears to hear His Word and trust in Him. We are eternal citizens of His kingdom now because Christ has adopted us into the family of God by His cross and resurrection.

Looking at this sinful world, people often ask, "Why doesn't God do something?" My answer is *He has*. Oh, my dear friend, He has. He has given us peace of mind by forgiving every sin. He has dispelled loneliness by telling us He is with us always. He has comforted mourners with the knowledge of a future reunion. And for those who think, "I could run this world better," He says, "Please do." Do you see the starving of the world? Take to them the bounty stored up in the world's warehouses. The Lord has given us the ability to feed everyone. Do you see wars and hatred? Peace calls for no more than the citizenry of this world to say, "No more. We shall all live in peace and harmony." Are their terrorists so filled with prejudice that they can think of nothing more than destroying the innocent? Then stop them. These people do not live in a vacuum. There are those who know of their plots and murderous intentions. Let them make a phone call. Can we do better than God? Who is preventing us? Certainly not Him. Why should we hold the Lord accountable when He has given us everything to change this world for the better? No, we cannot bring about perfection, but we can change ourselves so the oceans are no longer a landfill for plastics, so our cities are no longer breeding grounds for crime, so our homes are filled with love. Can we do better? If so, then we should. But if not, it is time for us to approach the Lord in repentant humility and say, "Lord, be merciful to us sinners." And then, forgiven by His grace, in the Name of Jesus, we should do our best to live our lives in thanksgiving to Him. And that, my friend, *would be* a change worth seeing. (Excerpt from a sermon by The Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus of *The Lutheran Hour*).

Gifts:
Church Plate: **\$1,841.00**
Sunday School: **\$ 7.65**

Riessen Family **\$ 35.00**

Attendance:
Saturday, June 26-5 p.m.: **30**
Sunday, June 27- 9 a.m.: **62**
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Sunday School: **14**
Adult Bible Class: **15**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Next Week—VBS Begins—Sunday, July 11
through Thursday, July 15:**

**5:15 p.m. Supper (Mon-Thurs) ~ 5:45--8 p.m. VBS Activities
Sessions for Preschool — 6th Grade ('20-'21)**

Invite your friends to come to VBS with you.

Empty paper towel rolls are needed for making rain sticks.

There is a sign-up chart in the Narthex for food donations.

The Week Ahead in Ministry: July 4-11

Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship w/HC
July 4: 10:05 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
Independence Day 1:30 p.m. Silveridge Worship-Pastor Kluzek
 2:15 p.m. Eventide Worship-Pastor Kluzek
Monday: **Church Office Closed ~ Happy 4th!**
Tuesday: 6 p.m. Church Council Meeting ~ Elders' Meeting
Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast ~ Fireside Room
Thursday: 9 a.m. Quilting
Friday: ~
Saturday: 5 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship
July 11: 10:05 a.m. Sunday School
 10:05 a.m. Quarterly Voters' Mtg. ~ Fellowship Hall
 5:45-8 p.m. VBS Activities (Suppers Mon-Thursday at 5:15)

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Worship:

Saturday ~ 5 p.m.
Sundays ~ 9 a.m.

Communion: Every

Saturday, & First &
Third Sundays

Sunday School &

Bible Classes~10:05 a.m.

Services & Adult Bible

Class 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.”***

