

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ May 28 & 29, 2022

Welcome! The Spirit invites all: "Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life." (Revelation 22:17, NLT) "Lord Jesus, my spirit is thirsty. Refresh me, O Water of Life. Amen." A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our guest book in the Narthex, and come again!

As We Gather: This is a week of waiting in the life of the Church. The faithful of all ages, reflecting the anticipation of the disciples, are waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus. Also, there is a waiting and longing in the Church for the final return of Christ and His coming in power and glory, when He will bring His people to the place He has prepared for them. Yet, while that waiting goes on, so also does the daily work of God's people through the Church. God's people are sure that, in Christ, God keeps all of His promises. They look forward, joyfully, to the completed unveiling of His good and gracious plan.

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Kyle Andresen, Larry Clausen, Jan and Curt Schultz, Becky Siepker, Sam Lee, Pastor Andrew Johnson and Adam Burns. *If you have a concern for which you would like us to pray, please call the office, 712-676-2235, or send an email to: immansch@iowatelecom.net.*

We Thank God for the birth of a daughter, Hadley Kinsey, to Adam and Megan Nahnsen on Friday, May 20. Grandparents are Neal and Doris Nahnsen, Great-Grandmother is Joan Nahnsen.

We Thank God for the birth of twin daughters, Maelee Irene and Alia Jay, to Ian and Kari Ceicys of Boston, MA on Thursday, May 26. Grandparents are Mark and Trudi Gronemeyer; Great-Grandmother is Edna Mae Johannsen. The girls are the third set of twins born in Edna Mae's family.

Cupcakes and Coffee: the Morgan Cemetery Board invites you to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Morgan Township Cemetery (1872-2022) this afternoon, Sunday, May 29, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. by the gazebo.

Memorial Day Services will be held Monday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m. out at Morgan Cemetery. Major (Ret.) Nathan Blackford will give the address.

Library Board Potluck Supper: Wednesday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome! Contact Carol Neddermeyer at 712-676-3990 with any questions.

The LWML will meet on Thursday, June 2 at 1:30 p.m.

"When Your Struggle Doesn't Go Away" will be this week's theme as we gather for our *Hope When Your Heart Breaks* study group. We meet in the Fireside Room on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with one of our pastors. God's Word provides what we need the most in the midst of grief and loss—hope.

Church garage sale: June 2,3,4. Please bring your items to the garage anytime between now and before the sale begins on Thursday, June 2 so they can be properly displayed. If you'd like to volunteer to be present during the Thursday and Friday sale times, please contact Janice Jepsen at 712-676-3608 or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. **Also**, we will need help packing up after the garage sale is over.

Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 143; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week—May 30-June 4, Pastor Kluzek is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill will lead worship at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell today.

The Lutheran Hour: "Imagine That!" by Guest Speaker Dr. Dean Nadasdy. Dr. Dean Nadasdy reflects on five images from the Book of Revelation and shows how God's Word plus faith and imagination equals hope. (Revelation 22:1-7) 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.

"Every child is created by God, in His image, on purpose — for His purpose! This is the wonderful thing about human babies: ALL of us share this exact same thing in common — each of us is planned!" *Barbara A. Geistfeld, D.V.M. Lutherans For Life regional director of Texas – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life.*

"5 Minutes with a Missionary" is the podcast of LCMS International Mission. It's a window into missionary life. As our missionaries talk about their experiences, savor the uniqueness of the places in which God has called them to serve — while finding common ground with your own role and service. Each episode features an unfiltered take on life abroad for the sake of the Gospel in the time it takes to pick up your drive-thru order or empty the dishwasher. It's fun. It's personal. It's real. And it's always an adventure.

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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) believes, teaches and confesses faith in Jesus Christ as taught in the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions. For 175 years, the Holy Spirit has kept us in the one true faith and still continues to gather sinners into the Holy Christian Church by grace through faith — all on account of Christ. Our Synod was founded on April 26, 1847, and we rejoice in the 175th-anniversary theme, "Only Jesus: No Other Name," based on Acts 4:12. Until Jesus comes, the LCMS will continue to trust in, teach and preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Solid, Serious, Substantive . . . Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Sexual Abuse Scandal in the Southern Baptist Convention; Harold Frank's WWII Story of Faith & Courage; Rep. Nancy Pelosi Denied Communion by an Archbishop; The Mind of Christ and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Building Healthy Families: Sometime in the coming week you will likely have an opportunity to choose how you will respond to at least one challenging situation. When you do, remember Whose you are — God's chosen one, holy and beloved — and that you have a choice in how you respond. Read Colossians 3:8-17. **www.LutheranFamilyService.org**

About the Cover: Jesus' High Priestly Prayer is a prayer that reveals His heart to show us the love of the Father even in the face of His impending betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion. He is doing all things, not out of His need, but out of His love in order to fulfill our needs. Thus, in His cross, Christ reveals the Father's love for the world in sending Him, "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$3,235.11
 Sunday School: \$ 21.61
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 23.00

Attendance:
 Sat., May 21 5 p.m.: 39
 Sun., May 22 9 a.m.: 86
 125

Acolytes today:
 Tyson Hennings and Morgan Wood

Sunday School: 24
 Adult Bible Class: 18

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
May 29-June 5, 2022

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
May 29 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Trunkhill
 1:30 p.m. Silveridge Worship
 2:20 p.m. Gracewell Worship

Monday: *Memorial Day* Church Office Closed

Tuesday: ~

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Library Board Potluck Supper

Thursday: **City & Church Garage Sales Thursday-Saturday**
 1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Hope When Your Heart Breaks

Friday: ~

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

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
June 5 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

The Christ Ascended Is With You Always! The Holy Christian Church throughout the world celebrated the Ascension of our Lord this past Thursday. The readings for the Ascension are: Acts 1:1–11, Ephesians 1:15–23 and Luke 24:44–53. In His resurrection, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, “appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” (Acts 1:3) Then He ascended to the right hand of the Father, not orphaning His Church, but filling all things in heaven and on earth, and giving gifts to His disciples. So today, He continues to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47) through “the apostles whom He had chosen” (Acts 1:2), even “to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) Jesus comes among us today by His Word and Spirit, whom He pours out upon “the church, which is His body.” (Eph. 1:22–23) In His Church, He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself “in the heavenly places.” (Eph. 1:20) So, we pray: “O King of glory, Lord of hosts, ascended far above all heavens, grant us Your grace so that we may journey with You in peace and joy from earth to Your glorious presence in heaven; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”



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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.”***

