

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ September 16 & 17, 2023

**Welcome friends!** God has shown His unconditional love to us and freely forgiven us our sins for the sake of Jesus our Savior. In His mercy He has called us into His presence again today to receive grace upon grace! He also strengthens us to gladly forgive and do good to those who sin against us! "Dear Jesus, fill us again today with Your grace and love so that we will love all others and our lives will spread Your peace. Amen." A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our guest book in the Narthex, and come again!

**Please take** a few moments before worship today to prayerfully review the Fifth Petition and *What does this mean?* as it is found in *Luther's Small Catechism*, on page 324 in our hymnals.

**Please Remember in Your Prayers:** Jerrie Wigg, Karen Wood, Linda Prussing, Barb Quandt, Neal Nahnsen, Ryan Kragel, Carol Neddermeyer, Cindi Paulsen, Jan Schultz, Marcus Lee, Tom and Cathy Bubke, Ramona Anderson, Betty Lou Olson, Brenda Prussing and Mindi McKibbin. *If you have a concern for which you would like us to pray, please call our Church Office, 712-676-2235, or send an email to: immansch@iowatelecom.net.*

**We Pray God's Comfort** for the family and loved ones of Colton Clausen, who died Sunday, September 10. Arrangements are still pending at the time of this printing.

**We Also Pray For God's Comfort** for all who mourn the death of Ken Winsor who died Monday, September 11. His funeral will be held here at Immanuel on Monday, September 18 at 10:30 a.m.

**We Give God Thanks** for the healing He has given to Cindi Paulsen.

**Elders' Meeting** will be Sunday, September 17 at 11:30 a.m.

**Deadline for October Immanuel Messenger** is Tuesday, September 19.

**Iowa West Branch of Orphan Grain Train** will be loading a container on Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 9 AM. This container will be going to The Women for Justice Organization in the Republic of Georgia. Any people that can come and help will be greatly appreciated. Sharon Ann Irwin, Iowa West Branch Manager, Orphan Grain Train, [jerryirwin2@gmail.com](mailto:jerryirwin2@gmail.com) 712-660-1380.

**Orphan Grain Train Volunteers** will go to Ida Grove to pack on Wednesday, September 20 at 1:00 p.m. Clothing and shoe donations may be brought to the Church Office or Adult Library.

**The LWML Fall Rally** will be held Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 at Trinity in Manilla. Registration starts at 9:00 am and the rally starts at 9:30 am. Hope to see you there.

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 27:1-9; Phil. 1:12-14, 19-30; Matt. 20:1-16.

**Our Confirmation Prayer team** lunch will be Sunday, September 24 at 11:30 a.m.

**Save the Date!** Gary Thies will be joining us for worship September 30 and October 1. Gary will give an exciting and interesting presentation on what is happening in the Mission field of your church around the world. Don't miss this chance to invite a friend.

**The Family of Lois Ernst** acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy.

**Pill Bottle Recycling:** They will now only accept prescription bottles, washed and free of label residue. They are no longer accepting vitamin or other bottles.

**"Thy Strong Word"** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, September 18-23, Pastor Mahnken is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Merrill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**The Lutheran Hour:** "Pure Michigan and the Problem of Praise" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. People praise that which they find laudable, valuable, beautiful. But when does praise become a problem? (Psalm 103) 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](http://www.lhm.org).

**"No matter what our days bring,** God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, in the land of the living, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life — A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life.*

**Have you seen it?** Did you hear it? Oh yes! It's the sound of little people who may or may not be sprinkled with paint and glitter, and they're back in the preschool! We want to thank you for your prayers and support as we kick off the new school year. You may have noticed our rainbow of envelopes on the back window. We opted to forego the Apple Tree this year and are instead taking a more colorful approach to support. Would you prayerfully consider taking an envelope (or two or three) and placing the dollar amount listed on the inside? Your financial support will be directed towards supplies and operating expenses procured in the ministry to the children at Immanuel Lutheran Preschool. Thank you for supporting sharing Jesus with children! He's an eternal investment!

**St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ida Grove** is hosting a Suicide Prevention Seminar Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. Karen Gotto, LMHC with Lutheran Family Service, will speak on understanding and helping people in need. This seminar is for high school students only. For more information, please contact Pastor Mahnken.

**Building Healthy Families:** In addition to pervasive sadness, feeling hopeless and disconnected from others, another sign of depression is distorted thinking. Examples include overgeneralizing — after one thing goes wrong, saying, "Things never go right for me;" exaggerated responsibility for others — "Why aren't you happy? It must be because of something I did or didn't do;" and negative labeling — "I didn't get up in time to exercise today — I'm lazy and a failure." Left unchallenged, these false negative messages to self only deepen the despair. Depression is not a lack of faith or a character flaw, but a serious illness which when left untreated can destroy a life, a marriage and a family. It is treatable and you can feel better. See your medical doctor first and remember that your pastor and Christian counselors like those at Lutheran Family Service who also share your faith can help. **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**"Overcoming Life's Sorrows"** Our Thursday night Bible Study resumes this Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 pm. What do you do when life goes off the rails and you're left with questions such as "Can I keep going through this and not be destroyed?" When you wonder where sorrow fits into your faith and belief that God is merciful, just, and kind, the prophet Jeremiah points you to Jesus. See a new day dawning—one where you overcome your sorrows through Christ, just like Jeremiah.

**Gifts:**  
 Church Plate: \$4,008.00  
 Sunday School: \$ 107.00  
 Adult Bible Class: \$ ~~

**Attendance:**  
 Sat., Sept. 9 5 p.m.: 28  
 Sun., Sept. 10 9 a.m.: 140  
 168

**Acolyte today:**  
 Brenna & Bryli Bubke

Sunday School: 39  
 Adult Bible Class: 22

**Librarian today:**  
 Denice Schultz

**~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~**  
**September 17-24, 2023**

<b>Sunday:</b> <i>September 17</i>	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 11:30 a.m. Elders' meeting 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Merrill 1:35 p.m. Silveridge Worship 2:10 p.m. Gracewell 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 <i>Immanuel Messenger</i> deadline for October
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 a.m. OGT Container Loading 6:30 a.m. Bible Study 11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool 1:00 p.m. Volunteers to OGT 3:30—5:15 p.m. 5th/6th Grade Confirmation 6:15—8:00 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool 9:00 a.m. LWML Fall Rally at Trinity-Manilla 6:30 p.m. <i>Overcoming Life's Sorrows</i> Bible Study
<b>Friday:</b>	~
<b>Saturday:</b>	LWML District Retreat at Mission Central 5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
<b>Sunday:</b> <i>September 24</i>	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 11:30 a.m. Confirmation prayer team luncheon

**About the Cover:** The brothers who took Joseph, threw him into a pit, and sold him into slavery were now in his hands. However, Joseph embraced his brothers with tears of joy and forgiveness. Even when their fears were renewed after the death of their father, Joseph comforted them. Though our sin drove the nails into Jesus' hands on the cross, God meant it for good as Jesus died to bring forgiveness and life for us. Thus, Jesus brings us true and lasting comfort as He welcomes us with His nail-pierced hands.

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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.”***

