

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ March 23 & 24, 2024

Welcome to worship this Palm Sunday. As we follow Jesus into Jerusalem, the city of His death but also His resurrection, may we experience the wonder of His love. "I pray for growth in faith to follow You, Lord, through both cross-like and resurrection-like times in my life. Amen." A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our guest book in the Narthex, and come again!

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Jim Aldag, Maxine Thies, Joann Riessen, Kandi Teut, Carolyn Schroeder, Guenter Dettelfsen, Janet Roecker, Carissa Barker (granddaughter of Jim & Joleen Whiteing), Roger Chisholm and Lauri Ricke. *If you have a concern for which you would like us to pray, please call the Church Office, 712-676-2235, or send an email to: immansch@iowatelecom.net.*

We Pray for God's Comfort for the family of Tom Bubke who died Friday, March 15, 2024. Tom's funeral was here at Immanuel on Tuesday, March 19.

We Pray for God's Comfort for the family of Gene Olson (son-in-law of Joan Nahnsen and brother-in-law of Neal & Doris Nahnsen) whose funeral was held March 19 in Montevideo, MN.

We Pray for God's Comfort for the family of Robert Schneller (father of Jackie Palmer) who died March 14, 2024.

We Pray for God's Comfort for the family of Wilma Bogatzke (mother of Craig Bogatzke) who died Tuesday, March 19, 2024. The visitation for Wilma will be Friday, March 22, from 5-7 p.m. at the Ohde Funeral Home in Manning. Wilma's funeral will be at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 23 at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning.

We Thank God for the healing He has given to Jake Schneider.

Our Immanuel Young Adults will meet Sunday, March 24 from 5—6:30 p.m. for supper, fellowship, and study. We meet downstairs in the Fireside Room and are studying of *The Fruit of the Spirit* (Gal. 5:22-23)—this week "kindness". All young adults are welcome to join us. For more information, please call Kristin at 269-6906.

The Immanuel Messenger will be assembled on Wednesday, March 27 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated.

Confirmation changes for Wednesday, March 27: 5th and 6th grade students will not have class due to Holy Week. We will have Questioning practice with the 7th and 8th graders from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Pizza will be provided for supper.

"Overcoming Life's Sorrows" Our Thursday evening Bible study will not meet this week due to Maundy Thursday services.

Good Friday "Carrying the Cross": Zion Lutheran Church invites you to their annual "Carrying the Cross" on Friday, March 29 at 8:45 a.m. Meet in the Zion playground parking lot. The remembrance walk will travel just short of a 1 mile loop ending at Zion sanctuary steps. Please join us for a time of prayer, remembrance, and reverence.

Easter Lilies: Please call the office or stop by if you'd like to donate a lily for our Easter cross. Cost is \$10 each. Thank you!

Readings for Maundy Thursday: Ex. 24:3-11; Ps. 116:12-19; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; Mark 14:12-26.

Readings for Good Friday: Is. 52:13—53:12; Psalm 22; Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42.

Readings for Easter Sunrise: Exodus 15:1-11; Psalm 118:15-29; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; John 20:1-18.

Readings for Easter Sunday: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8.

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

Mark Your Calendars: The 6th-12th grade youth of Immanuel are invited to join youth from other area Lutheran congregations at the Skate Palace in Ida Grove from 4:30-6:30pm on Sunday, April 7th for "Mighty Fortress Skate Night". There is no cost to individuals who are skating, but youth are encouraged to bring money for the concessions.

Just a reminder: When you do your "spring" house cleaning, please remember to donate any unwanted or unused "treasures" to our annual Church Garage Sale which is scheduled for May 30-June 1. Please don't bring the items until later in May but we will be grateful for your support. Thank you! ~ The Mission Board

The Lutheran Hour: "Repurposed Joy and Junk" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how Jesus repurposes both the junk and the joy in our lives. (Mark 14:6) 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.

"So let us be sober, putting on faith and love as our breastplate and the hope of salvation as our helmet, encouraging one another and building each other up as together we faithfully wait, expectantly wait, joyfully wait—for Jesus." *Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour"—A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life.*

Building Healthy Families: As we begin perhaps the most important days of the church year, remember that Holy Week can be a confusing time for young children. Take them with you to all the special services this week but don't assume they know what you know. They may wonder, "What does *Maundy* mean?" "Why does everyone at church seem so sad and quiet?" Read John 18-19 aloud with them. As you reflect on feelings of fear and sadness at Jesus' brutal treatment, crucifixion, and death, share His message of hope and promise from John 14:1-3. Remind them (and yourself!) that while Good Friday is dark and scary, it's not the end—only the beginning of the story. Remind them we're Easter people and Resurrection Sunday is coming! **Lutheran Family Service.** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

One week left to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2023! Deadline is March 31, 2024.

A life goal for every Christian should be to read the entire Holy Bible. We are providing a reading plan to guide you through the entire Bible in two years. You can start at any time. The entire reading plan is available in the Church Office.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Numbers 28:1—30:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Numbers 35:1—36:13 |

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 3,789.00
 Sunday School: \$ 11.50
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 34.00
 Midweek Lent 3-13: \$ 642.00

Attendance:
 Sat., March 16 5 p.m.: 38
 Sun., March 17 9 a.m.: 105
 143

Acolytes today:
 Morgan Jepsen and Sophia Morgan

Sunday School: 20
 Adult Bible Class: 26

Librarian today:
 Bonnie Schroeder

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
March 24-31, 2024

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
March 24 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
Palm Sunday 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Mahnken
 1:40 p.m. Silverridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
 5:00—6:30 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study
Monday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Bible Study
 No Preschool
 8:45 a.m. *Immanuel Messenger* assemblage
 4:00—6:00 p.m. Questioning practice
Thursday: No Preschool
Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship w/HC
Friday: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship w/HC
Good Friday
Saturday: No Worship
Sunday: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship w/HC
March 31 7:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast
Easter 8:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 9:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/HC

About the Cover: On Palm Sunday, Jesus' procession to glory is not what this world expected. Like looking into the piercing rays of the sun, we stand awestruck by the glory of Christ's crucifixion for our sins. He was lifted up upon the cross and died in order to bring us life. The intense light of His Word through the cross reveals our sin, but it also reveals our one and only Savior.

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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.”***

