

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ November 30 & December 1, 2024

Welcome and Happy New Year! Today the church calendar begins anew with Advent as we celebrate Jesus' coming in the past, present and future. "Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long (Psalm 25:4-5 ESV). Amen." We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Glenda Bryson, Ryan Kragel, Tayten Kline, Lila Bubke (upcoming knee replacement), Laurie Ricke, Kent Johnson (father of Jac Friedrichsen), and Susan Kaiser (wife of Lutheran Bible Translator Jim Kaiser and sister-in-law of Pastor Kaiser). *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 Give Thanks to God with Derek and Beth Rothe whose son, Levi David Rothe, was born November 22. Roger and Lois Rothe are grandparents of Levi.

Advent Devotion Booklets are available on the table in the Narthex. Take one for yourself and take one to a friend!

For You in the Narthex: Offering envelopes for 2025 are on the table, please pick up yours and also those of any family members. Please take a moment and check your church mailbox for any other correspondence that may be in it.

The Annual Hanging of the Greens is today at 11:15, following the SS Practice. Anyone who would like to help decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas season is warmly invited.

Poinsettias Needed! The church will be purchasing the poinsettias for our memorial poinsettia "tree". If you would like to donate one and/or have it in memory of someone, please call the Church Office, 676-2235. Cost is \$12 each.

Monday Evening Bible Study returns this coming Monday evening, Dec. 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Pastor Steve Schulz will lead the study based on *The Parable of the Talents*, Matt. 24:15-30.

Midweek Advent Services begin December 4 at 5:45 p.m.; supper will be served at 6:30. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us! Supper this week is served by the Grant cemetery board.

The LWML will meet on Thursday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to our Preschool's Christmas program this Thursday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. As the Christmas season approaches, our Preschool would love for people to save and bring in their empty wrapping paper tubes and even old unused wrapping paper.

"Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart." Our Thursday night Bible Study will not meet during the month of December. Classes will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Unity Ridge will be hosting a trivia night on Friday, Dec. 6. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., trivia starts at 6:00 p.m. Call 712-393-2002 for more information and to sign up your team!

Schleswig Sharks 4-H will meet in the Fellowship Hall Saturday, December 7 at 12:00 p.m.

Santa Claus Day & Craft Show at the Schleswig Community Building Saturday, December 7 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lots of vendors with crafts & craft-related items, 4-H bake sale, UCC church luncheon in the basement. Santa arrives at 10:00 a.m. Free admission.

There will NOT be a Whiteing Christmas Open House this year.

Readings for next Sunday: Mal. 3:1-7b; Psalm 66:1-12; Phil. 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-14 (15-20).

New and Gently Used Toys will be collected under the Christmas tree in the lower Narthex through Sunday, December 15. You may start bringing them in anytime!

Many and Heartfelt Thanks to my fellow members of Immanuel for the special celebration of the 40th anniversary of my Ordination into the Pastoral Ministry and my 50th anniversary of our Lord's service as a church worker. I was truly surprised at the arrival of my sons and their families and that you invited my friend Pastor Lemke to preach! I pray God's continued blessings upon us as we seek to serve our Savior Jesus and joyfully follow where He leads us! ~ Pastor Kaiser

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, Dec. 2-7, Pastor Peitsch is scheduled for the daily message.

Sunday School Christmas Program "Star of Love" will be Saturday, Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. There will be practice for grades 5-8 on Wed., Dec. 4 and 11 from 5:00-5:30 p.m. and all students Sat. morning, Dec. 14 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. A soup supper will follow the service on the 14th.

The Lutheran Hour: "Will Everything Sad Come Untrue?" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A mother and her young son trade a life of privilege for one of poverty, a story that is borderline unbelievable, yet nonetheless true. (Jeremiah 33:16) 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.

BASIC Fund, Inc. Tree of Lights. A contribution to the BASIC Fund Tree of Lights in memory of someone entitles the donor to be listed in the paper and around town. Funds from the Tree of Lights will be used to support worthwhile community projects. Forms can be found around town or contact Kathy Weiss, Lila Bubke, Barb Moeller, Anne Abbe, Nancy Bielenberg, Larry Grill or Leisha Kragel for more information.

We will be collecting items for TAP in Denison during the month of December. At this time TAP is particularly in need of: sugar, flour, soups, crackers, cooking oil, tuna, canned tomatoes, tomato juice, macaroni, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, tuna helper, complete pancake mix and syrup, laundry soap, dish soap, and personal hygiene products. Cash donations are also very helpful! Donations can be sent to PO Box 121, Denison, IA 51442.

Giving Tuesday: Please include Camp Okoboji in your giving plans! Once again, Camp Okoboji is blessed to announce our Giving Tuesday Campaign will be a Matching Fundraiser!! Donations made online or postmarked December 2 & 3, will be matched, \$1 for every \$2 up to \$10,000!! To learn more, please contact the Camp Office at (712) 337-3325.

"Do you ever doubt the love of God?" Perhaps you are just 'looking for love in all the wrong places,' if you'll pardon the expression. Don't look to your own feelings and emotions which can change with the wind, but look to Bethlehem and the manger. See God's love in this that His only begotten Son was sent to be humbled and to die for you. Understand that at Christmas 'God so loved the world that He gave...' *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life* · lutheransforlife.org

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.

MONDAY: Proverbs 1:1—3:35

THURSDAY: Proverbs 7:1-27

TUESDAY: Proverbs 4:1-27

FRIDAY: Proverbs 8:1-36

WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 5:1—6:35

SATURDAY: Proverbs 9:1-18

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 7,999.00
 Sunday School: \$ 23.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 59.00

Attendance:
 Sat., Nov. 23 4 p.m.: 34
 Sun., Nov. 24 9 a.m.: 153
 187

Acolytes today:
 Cameron & Hailey Brown

Sunday School: 19
 Adult Bible Class: 56

Librarian today:
 Karen Wood

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
December 1-8, 2024

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
December 1 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 11:15 a.m. Hanging of the Greens
 11:15 a.m. Elders' Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Peitsch
 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship

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 11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 3:30—5:00 p.m. 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
 5:00—5:30 p.m. 5th-8th Grade Program Practice
 5:45 p.m. Mid-week Advent Worship
 6:30 p.m. Advent meal served by Grant Cemetery Board
 6:30—8:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 10:00 a.m. LWML Christmas brunch
 6:00 p.m. Preschool Christmas program
 6:30 p.m. No Bible Study

Friday: ~

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 4:00 p.m. Worship w/HC

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Worship:
 Saturday ~ 4 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.”***



About the Cover: As a cloud once obscured the disciples' view of Jesus' ascension into heaven, a day is coming when He will return in the same way (see 1 Thess. 4:17). The world shall see Jesus coming with all of His saints on the Day of Judgment. Though we do not see Him with our natural eyes today, we see Him by faith in His Word and Sacrament, where He delivers the benefits of all that He accomplished in His ministry, death, and resurrection. For in Christ, we have already passed through judgment and into eternal life through His forgiveness of our sins.