

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ July 20 & 21, 2024

Welcome to worship! In the name of the God of creation, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit who guides our ways, welcome! “Shepherd-Lord, strengthen my faith by Your Word and Spirit this day to reassure me in the precious promise of Your presence and care also when I experience the dark valleys of life. Amen.” We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive that we may love as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a belief different from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor. Visitors who have previously spoken with the Pastor, and who received permission to commune, do not need to seek permission for subsequent visits to this altar. For further study, see: Matt. 5:23f, 10:32f, 18:15-35, 26:26-29, 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

We Give Thanks for the birth of a daughter, named Winsor Kae Johannsen, born Wednesday, July 17 to Justin Johannsen and Jaide Wulf.

We Pray for God's Comfort for the family and loved ones of Richard “Dick” Keating, Sr., who died this past Wednesday, July 17. Dick was the father of Missy Crawford and the grandfather of Bryli and Brenna Bubke. A visitation will be held Thursday, July 25 from 5-7 p.m., and a prayer service will be held at 7 p.m.

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Marlene Hight, Jordan Richardson, Gloria Schmidt, Kandi Teut, Carolyn Schroeder and Laurie 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.*

A Door Offering will be received this weekend, and again next weekend. This offering will benefit flooding and tornado victims in our Iowa District West. We will be sending our gifts to our Iowa District Office to be joined with the gifts of many other congregations and individuals to benefit those who have suffered loss because of the natural disasters of the past two months. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to show the love of God. Thank you.

The Immanuel Messenger will be assembled on Wednesday, July 24 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated.

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, July 25 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 136:1-9; Eph. 3:14-21; Mark 6:45-56.

Do Summer Plans keep you away from worship on Sunday? Remember our Saturday evening worship at 5:00 p.m.

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, July 22-27, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Merrill will also lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

Please pray for our Sunday School as we will be needing at least three new Sunday School teachers this fall. Please also prayerfully consider if Jesus wants you to be part of this loving task as we join in fulfilling His commission to be making disciples (Matthew 28:19).

The Lutheran Hour: “Unhindered” by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Jeff Gibbs and podcaster Jessica Bordeleau join Dr. Michael Zeigler to talk about St. Paul's harrowing journey to Rome. (Acts 27 & 28) Listen to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday morning on Denison's KDSN 1104.9 FM at 6:30 a.m. and KDSN 1530 AM at 10:30 a.m., and anytime at www.lhm.org.

“We have the grace and truth of the Gospel to share—not only with women and men in crisis pregnancies but also with those so adamantly advocating for abortion. Why would we not share Christ with a lost and hurting people?” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans for Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Building Healthy Families: Attention parents, grandparents and pew buddies! Our sanctuaries and worship spaces are rich in design and décor that point us to Jesus. This is helpful to children and adults alike, engaging multiple senses to tell the story of our place in God's family and our salvation. Next time you find yourself near a little one who is squirmy or unsettled, take notice of the details around you. Maybe you engage him or her to spot and count the crosses throughout the room, trace the embossed lettering or symbols on a Bible or hymnal with your finger, or locate and study a piece of art (painting, stained glass, banner, etc.). This practice of grounding settles the nervous system and can help to focus us for the reason we are in worship—to receive God's gifts! **Lutheran Family Service ~ (800)622-7285**

LCMS Family Ministry provides a family devotions calendar to support and encourage you as you pass down the faith to the next generation. Whatever the age or stage of your family may be, spending time together in the Word and in prayer will keep your family firmly rooted and grounded in the One who never changes (Heb. 13:8). <https://resources.lcms.org/general/family-devotions-calendar> Each day of the week has its own particular focus; for example, on Mondays, pray the Lord's Prayer and learn the creeds, on Tuesday practice reciting the Ten Commandments, and so on. The prayers can be led by the head of the household, or each family member can take turns praying out loud. This is a great opportunity for children to learn the model for prayer and the importance of prayer.

Word of Hope: *Lutherans for Life offers help, healing, and forgiveness for anyone who bears the burden of overwhelming guilt through our 24-hour Word of Hope hotline (888-217-8679). This free service is available to men, women, and youth for information, referrals, and Scripture-based spiritual care to address life issues such as surprise pregnancy, abortion recovery, suicide, doubting salvation, and physician-assisted suicide.* **word-of-hope.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.
You can start at any time. The entire reading plan is available in the Church Office.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY: 1 Kings 9:1—10:29 | <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: 1 Kings 13:1—14:31 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: 1 Kings 11:1-43 | <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: 1 Kings 15:1—16:34 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: 1 Kings 12:1-33 | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: 1 Kings 17:1—18:46 |

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 4,368.00
 Sunday School: \$ 5.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 0.00
 VBS: \$ 160.00
 Children's VBS for Missions \$744.69

Attendance:
 Sat., July 13 5 p.m.: 48
 Sun., July 14 9 a.m.: 81
 129
 Sunday School: 6
 Adult Bible Class: (Voters' Meeting)

Acolyte today: Beckham Walker

Librarian today: Denice Schultz

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
July 21-28, 2024

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
July 21 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Merrill
 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
Monday: ~
Tuesday: ~
Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Bible Study
 8:45 a.m. *Immanuel Messenger* assemblage
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting
 6:30 p.m. No Bible Study this week
Friday: ~
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
July 28 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

The Epistle Reading for Today (Ephesians 2:13-22): It's curious that a small wound in the body can cause death. A lead slug only a few millimeters in diameter can enter the body and the person dies. A knife wound only a few inches deep and confined to a small percentage of the total body is lethal. We all know the reason—the body works together as a unit. There is a relationship between every part and every other part. In the body of the church, you are an important part. The body may be able to live without you, but it certainly won't be as strong. The church needs every member. Each congregation needs everyone to participate in using God's gifts in support of the mission of the congregation. Your time, your abilities and your finances — if missing — will be noticeable. Continue to be active in doing your part as a steward of God's blessings in the church.

About the Cover: Five loaves and two fish were all that could be found. But with Jesus' blessing, a meager meal for a few people is a satisfying supper for five thousand men with twelve basketfuls to spare. Jesus was showing Himself to be the Shepherd who feeds His people. Jesus does not give us the Lord's Supper to satisfy our stomachs, but to feed us with the abundance of His body and blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins, our life, and our salvation.

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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.”**

