

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ November 16 & 17, 2024

Welcome. The writer of Hebrews urges us to “not neglect to meet together” but “encourage one another” (10:25). So let us worship. “Jesus, as You predicted, wars and disasters abound. Help us to not be led astray but to trust in Your power and goodness. (Mark 13:5-8, 26) 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, Laurie Ricke, Tayten Kline and Susan Kaiser (wife of Lutheran Bible Translator Jim Kaiser and sister-in-law of Pastor Kaiser) who has been diagnosed with cancer. *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.*

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 are asked to speak with Pastor Mahnken about the possibility of being instructed and confirmed, that you may join with us in the fellowship of this altar.

Please Remember: Our Saturday worship time is now 4:00 p.m. Our Saturday worship will begin at this time throughout these weeks of late fall and winter.

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.

Immanuel's Harvest Dinner will be Sunday, November 17, serving both dine-in and carry-out. The menu will be Staley's turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, and dessert, all for a suggested donation of \$13 per plate.

Monday Evening Bible Study returns this coming Monday evening, Nov. 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Pastor Steve Schulz will lead the study based on *The Parable of the Ten Virgins*.

Immanuel Messenger articles for the Dec./Jan. issue are due on Tuesday, November 19.

Library Speaker Series: Julie Schroeder, the manager of our local Dollar General Store, will be the Public Library's next Speaker Series on Tuesday, November 19 at 3:30 p.m. to talk about and explain digital coupons. If you are planning to attend this event, please bring your smart phone. We will also try to link her phone to the television.

Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart—How to Relate to Those who are Suffering is the title of the book for our Thursday evening group, which meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. It will guide you in bringing Christ's loving care to hurting people when they need it most. We meet in our Fireside Room. Please contact Pastor Mahnken if you would like a copy of this book.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 51:4-6; Psalm 93; Jude 20-25; Mark 13:24-37.

Military BibleSticks. If you would like to make an offering, you still can by dropping it off in the Church Office—*no later than Wednesday!* Checks may be written to Immanuel.

Immanuel's Youth & Families will be going to Mercy Meals of Siouxland in Sioux City next Saturday, November 23 at 10:30 a.m. For anyone who would like a ride, we will be leaving Immanuel at 9:00 a.m. Minimum age required is 8 years old and guests are welcome to join! Afterwards, we will eat lunch at Pizza Ranch on Floyd Drive. Anyone who joins us for lunch will be given a \$5 discount. Please **RSVP by Wed., Nov. 20** by calling the Church Office or Angela Korner at 712-229-5460.

You are Invited!! Please join us next Sunday, November 24 at 11:30 a.m. for a catered lunch in recognition of the 40th anniversary of Pastor Kaiser's Ordination into the Office of the Pastoral Ministry. A free-will offering will be received to cover the cost of the meal. Any offering collected beyond the meal cost will be given to support a missionary through Mission Central in recognition of Pastor Kaiser's years of service. If you plan to attend, please call the Church Office at 712-676-2235 with your reservation(s).

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, Nov. 18-23, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Torreson will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: “Album-Worthy” by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. If everything you've ever thought or done was captured in a photo, how many of them would you save for all to see? Hear how God redeems all our snapshots—even those that don't seem “Album-worthy.” (Genesis 35:3) 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.

“In spades the Lord has taught me, and prayerfully you also, that Psalm 23 is a thanksgiving psalm. He anoints our heads, which is the Old Testament way of saying He chooses us as kings. He makes us a part of His royal household! Man, are we blessed as His kids!” *Pastor Keith Haberstock, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour”—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life · lutheransforlife.org*

Building Healthy Families: Parents, grandparents and pew buddies—looking for a way to engage your young reader (or pre-reader) in the worship service? Select a word or common theme among the readings and hymns (or common “church words” like Jesus, Lord, amen) and encourage your child to find and circle it throughout the bulletin! Similarly, they can follow along in the hymnal or screen and make tally marks on scratch paper or in a notebook when each theme or word is used. Not only can this direct their attention to a quiet activity, but it also serves to familiarize kids with the structure of a worship service and call to mind common themes in our Christian faith. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.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.

MONDAY: Psalms 83:1—89:52

THURSDAY: Psalms 102:1—106:48

TUESDAY: Psalms 90:1—95:11

FRIDAY: Psalms 107:1—113:9

WEDNESDAY: Psalms 96:1—101:8

SATURDAY: Psalms 114:1—118:29

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 3,785.00
 Sunday School: \$ 14.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 43.00

Attendance:
 Sat., Nov. 9 4 p.m.: 28
 Sun., Nov. 10 9 a.m.: 142
 170

Acolytes today:
 Reed Meseck & Calvin Segebart

Sunday School: 25
 Adult Bible Class: 31

Librarian today:
 Sheila Groth

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
November 17-24, 2024

Sunday: <i>November 17</i>	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Immanuel’s Harvest Dinner 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Torreson 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
Monday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Schulz
Tuesday:	<i>Immanuel Messenger</i> deadline for December/January issue 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m. Bible Study 11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool 3:30—5:15 p.m. 5th/6th Grade Confirmation 6:15—8:00 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
Thursday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool 6:30 p.m. Bible Study
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Saturday:	10:30 a.m. Mercy Meals at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux City 4:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
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About the Cover: Everything Jesus says is true. While prophesying of the coming destruction of the temple, Jesus also warned of false teachers who would claim to be Him. Just as Jesus says, the temple was destroyed in AD 70, and many false messiahs have come and gone throughout world history. All teaching must be tested against the Holy Scriptures (1 John 4:1). God’s Word alone gives life because Jesus is true God and true man who died, rose, ascended, will return, and remains forever for us.

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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.”**

