

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ October 26 & 27, 2024

Welcome to worship this Reformation Sunday! The church is always being called to reform, to become more loving, to resemble more closely the kingdom of God. "What needs a fresh start in my life, dear Lord? Speak to us through this time of worship and help us listen to Your guidance. 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 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.*

We Give Thanks to God for blessing Lillie Petersen with **105** years of life on October 30!

Thrivent shirts are available on the table in the Narthex. Please help yourself! Also— if you are applying for a Thrivent action team card, only order the shirts required for your project.

The Immanuel Messenger will be assembled on Wednesday, October 30 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated.

I Will Trust When Dark My Road is the title of the book our Thursday evening group is currently reading. This week's chapter is *Thinking the Unthinkable—The Christian and Suicide*. We meet from 6:30-7:30. This book is free! If you are unable to join us, copies of the book are available, just ask. You can also listen to the audiobook, "I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression" by Pastor Todd Peperkorn at issuesetc.org/depression. The audiobook is produced by Lutheran Public Radio based in Collinsville, IL. LPR produces radio talk shows, podcasts, and 24/7 sacred music and talk stations.

Readings for next Sunday: Rev. 7:(2-8) 9-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, Oct. 28-Nov. 2, Pastor Torreson is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Mahnken will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell

Crossroads of Crawford Co. is hosting their annual coat drive. Clean, gently used or new coats of all sizes, boots, snow pants, hats and gloves for kids are also welcome. Drop off will be October 28-November 1 at the main front door from 9 am-6 pm. at Crossroads, 139 N. 7th Street in Denison. Pick-up is November 4-6 from 3-6:30 pm at Crossroads. For any person in need one coat/one stop per person and each person must be present.

Military BibleStick Door Offerings will be collected the weekends of Nov. 2-3 and 9-10, 2024. Please use the labeled box in the Narthex to leave your offering. Military BibleSticks are given to members of our Armed Forces by the organization Faith Comes By Hearing. We have again pledged ourselves to a goal of providing a case of BibleSticks, which costs \$2,500. Please prayerfully consider a donation to this excellent means of getting the word of life, hope, and salvation to the members of our Armed Forces, who stand watch to protect us.

The Lutheran Hour: "God-Struggles" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. It's been said, everyone you meet is fighting an unseen battle. God calls us to enter the struggle of those around us because, in Jesus, God has entered our struggle. (Genesis 38:28) 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.

Saturday Worship and Time Change: Please remember our Saturday p.m. worship time changes to a 4:00 p.m. starting time beginning Saturday, Nov. 9. Our Saturday worship will begin at this time throughout these weeks of late fall and winter. Also, remember to change your clocks before bed on November 2 as Daylight Savings Time ends that night!



Schleswig Community Blood Drive at the Community Building, Monday, November 4 from 1:00 to 4:30. Appointments are required, please call 800-287-4903.

Denison After Prom Chicken Dinner serving Staley's chicken drive-thru style at Van Wall Implement Tuesday, November 12, from 4:30-7:30. Meals are \$13 with no advance ticket sales. All proceeds support Denison-Schleswig After Prom.

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. We will need many helpers, so please sign up on the poster in the narthex!

"Do not doubt, dear sister, dear brother, in the midst of your piercing grief, that you are not alone. Jesus stands with you and the whole company of His heaven stands with you, God's gang, you might say. So stand firm with God as your mighty fortress, for you are not alone. But the 'same kinds of suffering you are experiencing are being experienced by your sisters and brothers throughout the world,' 1 Peter tells us. Yes, the people who are mourning are blessed because they will be comforted." *Rev. Dr. John Nunes, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour"—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life · lutheransforlife.org*

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You'll find the series at issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism.

Building Healthy Families: Parents, grandparents and pew buddies! Throughout the week ahead, prepare for the pew! Take a few minutes each day to look up and read the Bible lessons for the following week. Note key figures, actions, places and how God is working. Find and mark the account in a picture or story Bible and bring that along in your church bag! Once back in church, encourage your little one to listen and follow along during the readings, pointing out parts with which they're familiar! **Lutheran Family Service**

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: Job 32:1—34:37 | <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: Job 42:1-17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: Job 35:1—37:24 | <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: Psalms 1:1—6:10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Job 38:1—41:34 | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Psalms 7:1—11:7 |

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 3,578.00
 Sunday School: \$ 20.75
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 30.00

Attendance:
 Sat., Oct. 19 5 p.m.: 31
 Sun., Oct. 20 9 a.m.: 98
 127

Acolytes today:
 Reed Meseck & Logan Stoppel

Sunday School: 23
 Adult Bible Class: 27

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
October 27-November 3, 2024

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
October 27 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
Reformation Sunday 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Mahnken
 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
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
 8:45 a.m. *Immanuel Messenger* assemblage
 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
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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.”***



About the Cover: Martin Luther desired his seal to be a symbol of the firm footing we have in the Gospel. The black cross in the center of a living red heart signifies that Christ’s death brings us life. The flower blossoms like the joy and peace of faith in salvation, and the heavenly blue background points to future joy in eternity. It is all surrounded by the golden ring because salvation in Christ is eternal and our greatest treasure (*Luther’s Works*, vol. 49, pp. 358-59). In this common Lutheran symbol, we have a reminder of the heart of the Reformation: Christ’s cross brings us the eternal and priceless blessings of forgiveness, life, joy, and peace.