

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ September 28 & 29, 2024

Welcome! God has gathered us here out of all different circumstances. Whether you carry joy or heaviness in your heart, I encourage you to lay it at the feet of Jesus. Give your whole self to God in worship. "Lord, the psalmist says Your law revives the soul and rejoices the heart. (Psalm 19:7-8) Feed and water my heart with Your good law today, that I may flourish with love for You and all people. 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, Carolyn Schroeder and Laurie Ricke. *If you have a concern for which you would like us to pray, please call the Church Office or send an email to: immansch@iowatelecom.net.*

We Pray for God's Comfort for the family of Gloria Schmidt who died Thurs., September 19, 2024. Funeral services for Gloria were held here at Immanuel on Wednesday, September 25.

We Pray for God's Comfort for the family of Carson Baer who died Friday, September 20, 2024. Carson is the son of Dennis & Bridget Baer and the grandson of Glenn & Jerrie Wigg. Funeral services for Carson were held here at Immanuel on Thursday, September 26. Flowers in the church are in Carson's memory. We thank the family for sharing them with us.

The Immanuel Messenger will be assembled on Wednesday, October 2 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated.

The LWML will meet on Thursday, October 3 at 1:30 p.m.

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 *The Early Signs That Things Were Wrong*. 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 for a copy. 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: Gen. 2:18-25; Psalm 128; Heb. 2:1-13 (14-18); Mark 10:2-16.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, Sept. 30-Oct. 5, Pastor Mahnken is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Peitsch will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell

The Lutheran Hour: "Love at First Sight, Love That Lasts" by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. God loved us at first sight, from eternity. And He has given us Jesus so that we can know His love. (Genesis 29:20) 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.

HELP WANTED! It's time for fall cleaning of the items in the Mission Central Museum. The cleaning event is scheduled for Friday, October 4 at 9:00 a.m. Help is needed to finish the project and anyone willing to help us is truly appreciated. More helpers make shorter work! Please call Coleen Bruhn or Janice Jepsen if you can help! Thank you!

Iowa West Branch of Orphan Grain Train will be loading a container on Tuesday, October 1 at 9 AM. This container will be going to The Republic of Georgia. Clothing and shoe donations may be brought to the Church Office or Adult Library before September 29. Any volunteer help with loading is greatly appreciated. Sharon Ann Irwin, Iowa West Branch Manager, Orphan Grain Train, jerryirwin2@gmail.com 712-660-1380.

"When we engage in the political process, we as Christians rightfully assert these rights, knowing that in doing so we are defending not only or even primarily ourselves, but our neighbors. ... By asserting the right to life, and to other natural rights, we are in fact confessing God's given order." *Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Building Healthy Families: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit...therefore honor God with your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) This Biblical instruction isn't written just for young people! No matter your age, take time this week to do something that will make your body stronger or healthier. Fix a healthy snack, go for a walk, and invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Shared activity makes it more fun, and creates an open door for conversation about well-being, including the importance of faith, and spiritual wellness. Honor God with your body, no matter how many years it's been around! **Lutheran Family Service**

Ricketts Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting their annual pancake breakfast next Sunday, October 6 from 7:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at the Ricketts Community Center. Serving pancakes, biscuits & gravy, eggs, hashbrowns, ham and rolls.

Fire Prevention Week Cookout. The Schleswig Fire Department will be hosting their annual cookout Monday, October 7 starting at 4:30 p.m. Dine-in and carry-out will be available. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Crawford County Public Health Flu Clinic here at Immanuel Tuesday, October 15 from 8:00 -9:00 am.

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*

Library items. Parents— please look around your homes and vehicles for books and DVD's from our childrens library. We have quite a few items that have not been returned. Letters will be sent home in a couple weeks if they are not returned.

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: Ezra 9:1—10:44

THURSDAY: Ne. 4:1—6:19

TUESDAY: Ne. 1:1-11

FRIDAY: Ne. 7:1—8:18

WEDNESDAY: Ne. 2:1—3:32

SATURDAY: Ne. 9:1—10:39

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 7,536.00
 Sunday School: \$ 15.25
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 21.25

Attendance:
 Sat., Sept. 21 5 p.m.: 31
 Sun., Sept. 22 9 a.m.: 122
 153

Acolytes today:
 Hailey Brown & Izzi Miller

Sunday School: 24
 Adult Bible Class: 19

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
September 29-October 6, 2024

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
September 29 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Peitsch
 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
 1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Friday: ~
Saturday: **Oct. 5th/6th Sr. Youth Gathering @ Camp Okoboji**
 5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC

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October 6 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

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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.



About the Cover: The devil and his demons have already been cast down from the courts of heaven by St. Michael and his angels! The devil can no longer accuse because Christ's righteous blood shed upon the cross covers all of our sin. Moreover, what a comfort it is to know that the angels of our Lord of Sabaoth fight for us and that any accusations of the tempter that we face today are nothing but the fleeting attempts of a conquered foe whose "time is short" (Revelation 12:12). The final victory on the Last Day by our Lord of Sabaoth is a forgone conclusion.

***"Together in
 Christ, we grow
 through the Word
 and Sacraments,
 serving our Lord
 and sharing
 His saving grace
 with all people."***