

Prayers

That the Lord would continue to clothe us in Christ's righteousness.

That we would eagerly listen to God's word and His gracious invitation to come to His feast.

For God's blessing on marriage, particularly for Taylor and Karyee (Buch) Gonder.

For our Sunday school and bible class that God's word may be heard and faith strengthened.

For God to protect the fields and the farmers that we may be fed.

For health for all infected with the coronavirus and for its spread to be stopped.

For God to heal all the sick and recovering, including Paige Barr, Vera Fastenau, Ginger Downing, Rachel Honig, Jenifer Patton, Jenifer Bowen, David Rosario, Roger Erickson and Morgan Hodges.

OFFERING:

(10/4) - Home: \$3357.00; Mission: \$90.00;

Total: \$3447.00

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Book of Concord Reading Group October meetings will be **7:00 pm Mondays the ___ and ___** at St. Paul. We're currently wrapping up the Augsburg Confession and will soon be moving on to the Formula of Concord which is the last and in some ways most precise of the Lutheran Confessions. All are welcome to join us for deep study, lively discussion, and Christian fellowship. Bring your Bible and Book of Concord if you have one (if not, we have extra copies on hand).

These Bible studies are open to all, and we warmly encourage you to join us to be fed in both body and spirit.

Moms in Prayer: October meetings will be on Wednesday, **October 7th and 23rd @ 6:30 pm**. Regular meeting times are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm each month. We will continue meeting in the church sanctuary. Join us to pray for our children and our schools. If you have questions contact Karen Brandt at w.k.brandt@gmail.com or (515) 290-7468.

Confirmation Class: Confirmation classes are Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm at Immanuel. All 6th - 8th grade students are welcome to come learn about and confess their faith. Please contact Pastor (515-290-7469) for more information.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study This weeks lesson is "A Servant's Mission." Abraham tasks a faithful servant with finding a wife for Isaac from Abraham's homeland. The servant prays for a sign and waits at a well outside the city of Nahor. Rebekah appears, offering to draw water for both man and beast—the sign the servant had asked for. Rebekah invites the servant to come to her family home. Having received gifts from Abraham, Rebekah's family sends her to Isaac with their blessings.

Private Communion: Communion will be offered by appointment on the 1st Sunday of the month at Immanuel and the on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Trinity from 1 – 2 pm. Contact Pastor to make arrangements.

Upcoming Council & Voter's Meetings:

Immanuel Voter's Meeting: **Tuesday, October 20th @ 7:00 pm**

(2021 Ballot is included as a bulletin insert or copies can be found in the back)

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! The Elders have placed a basket in the back to collect cards and offerings for Pastor and his family during the month of October to show appreciation and encouragement.

ILSTO : If you haven't heard about ILSTO, now is the time to take a closer look. This is the program whereby you can contribute and your dollars will benefit families wanting to send their children to Iowa Lutheran elementary & secondary schools. The benefits you receive are two-fold: 1) You get to see more children experiencing the love of God every day, and 2) You will receive a 65% tax credit on your Iowa state income taxes and a charitable deduction on your Federal return. We are currently at 15% of our 2020 goal. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. You might also check the websites: www.iowalutheransto.org and www.iowasto.org

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:

October 11 **"Unscaled Heights of Empathy"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
A king's dream, a mysterious statue with feet of clay, an unearthly rock that grows to fill all the earth, and God's empathy for a weeping world, embodied in Christ-it's all part of Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, this week.
(Daniel 2)

October 18 **"What I'm Looking For"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
"We've all been asked to testify, to give a witness to what it is that we're looking for. We're always sending messages to the people watching us: this is what I value, this is what I'm looking for." Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Daniel 3)

October 25 **"No Boasting, Just Belonging"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
"The kingdom of God is not a game. The law teaches us how to love others as God first loved us. Our performance matters, but in God's kingdom belonging comes before performance." Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Romans 3 :19-31)

LHM Reflections

In addition to the weekly message, The Lutheran Hour program includes a segment that provides time for discussion and reflection on the day's message. Each week in this new segment entitled "Reflections" you will hear a substantive discussion related to that week's message. "Reflections" is designed to give the listener a deeper appreciation and insight for their faith walk.