Welcome to Worship at
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
STORY CITY, IOWA

Our Mission
Building Strong Relationships in Christ,
And Making Him Known to All

March 12, 2017

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Regular Church Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M., 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.
Friday: 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Ministers – All Members
Kurt Jensen, Pastor
Tom Hunt, Visitation Pastor
Zachary Bauknecht, Youth & Education Ministry Coordinator

Second Sunday in Lent  March 12, 2017

We Prepare to Worship God

Prelude
Opening Hymn “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” No. 210
Opening Prayer
Time for Greeting
Announcements
Who’s Got the Bag? Jillian Lykins
Children’s Message

We Hear God’s Word

First Lesson - Colossians 2:6-15

6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue
to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened
in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and
deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the
elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,
10 and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head
over every power and authority. 11 In him you were also
circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands.
Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were
circumcised by Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in
which you were also raised with him through your faith in the
working of God, who raised him from the dead.

13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of
your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our
sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness,
which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away,
nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and
authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over
them by the cross.
Second Lesson - 1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

We Confess Our Faith
Apostles’ Creed (on screen)

We Respond to God’s Blessings
Offering
Offertory “We Give Thee but Thine Own” No. 816

We Hear God’s Word Proclaimed in Word and Deed
Senior Choir Anthem “Give Me Jesus”
Sermon “God’s Word at Work: Baptism” Pastor Jensen
Hymn “Baptized in Water” No. 465

We Receive God’s Promise to Go with us into Daily Life
Prayers of Praise and Intercession
The Lord’s Prayer
Benediction
Closing Hymn “Here I Am, Lord” No. 589

Organist: Emily Anderson
Senior Choir Director: Susan Amensen
Ushers: Steve McCoy, Jaxon McCoy, John Johnson, Don Olson
Greeters: Chuck & Laura Carlson
Reader: Larry Kallem
Candlelighter: Kaitlyn Rahfeldt
Sound Engineer: Craig Sargent

Welcome to visitors! The arms of our loving God are open wide to receive you, for this time of worship and forever. Welcome!

Today is Girl Scout Sunday! We acknowledge all the girl scouts, leaders, and mentors today—thank you for your leadership and support in our community!

Randy Hansen, our missionary with International Students, Inc. in Ames, is joining us in worship today. Please join us downstairs during coffee hour to hear a little more from Randy about the work of ISI at ISU and other universities around the nation. Welcome, Randy! Read more about ISI at www.isionline.org.

This week’s FaithWeaver Theme: Jesus gives us hope.
Bible story: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-45).

Attendance last Sunday: 184

Our sympathies to the friends and family of Phyllis Oakland who passed away on Wednesday. Her funeral was held at Immanuel on Saturday morning.

We encourage everyone to use the “Seek God for the City” 2017 prayer booklets each day until Palm Sunday. Booklets are still available on the table in the narthex for $3. A free children’s version is also provided. A companion app is available for 99 cents in your appstore.

Thank you to the ladies who helped on our quilting work day this past Thursday! We completed 11 quilts for Lutheran World Relief!
A Wednesday morning Women’s Bible Study will continue this Wednesday, March 15 from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. in the church library. Any women interested in participating in this new Bible study are welcome to sign up in the church office, or come on Wednesday morning.

Our Wednesday night Lenten services will continue this Wednesday, March 15 at 7 P.M. Our theme this week is "The Commandments III & IV: Sabbath/Honor your parents". Lenten supper will be served by Seasoned Souls and Men of Immanuel from 6-6:45 P.M. in the social hall. Freewill offering.

Reminder: Trinity and Confirmation classes, as well as Junior Choir, will not meet on March 15.

The Sunday School youth will be serving Lent Supper on Wednesday, March 29 and we are asking our Sunday School youth families to help provide items for our meal. Meat and buns will be provided, but we are asking the youth to provide the following:

- 1st-2nd graders: Fresh Fruit
- 3rd graders: BBQ sauce
- 4th-5th graders: Plain Potato Chips
- 6th-7th graders: Desserts
- 8th graders: Help with serving, cleanup, etc.

Please bring your items to the church by 4 P.M. on Tuesday, March 28. Thank you!

Affordables Volunteers Needed. Many of us believe that Lent is a time to "step it up" in our spiritual life, in preparation for Easter. One way a person can "step it up", is through performing extra works of service for Affordables by Bethany Life. We have many job duties that volunteers can experience, from sorting and pricing donations, to displaying merchandise, or waiting on customers. We are praying you will take a chance and donate some volunteer hours at Affordables during Lent, and if you like it, continue on with us for a few hours each month and throughout the year. Please consider getting involved. We truly need your help! Contact Denice Reisetter at Affordables 515-733-5304.

2017 Riverside Gala is Saturday, April 1 at 6 P.M. at the Hilton Garden Inn (Ames). Enjoy music, fine dining, dancing and auction with Master of Ceremonies Eric Hanson (KCCI). Black tie optional; $100 per person. All proceeds benefit Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp. Seating is limited! Call (515) 733-5271 or visit riversidelbc.org to reserve your seats!

Bethany Life will be hosting an Open House featuring a Dedication ceremony of our new facility (212 Lafayette) on Sunday, April 2 from 2 – 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and tours available. Everyone is welcome!

March is National Professional Social Work Month

March is National Professional Social Workers Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we’re grateful for our many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving their communities!

Maybe you’ve never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you’ve had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves in overcoming life’s most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability and many other situations.

Thank you to all of Iowa’s social workers, especially those at LSI. We’re proud of you.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.
Hooray for the Girl Scouts

A devout Southern woman named Juliette Gordon Low had a wonderful vision in the early 1900s. Living in Savannah, Georgia, Juliette began to think about starting an organization for young women that would enable them to develop mentally, physically and spiritually.

At the time, education for girls was limited. Most were taught to do chores which traditionally women had done — such things as sewing, cooking, washing and ironing clothes, taking care of children, etc.

However, Juliette, who loved the outdoors, pictured girls getting out of the home to learn social skills, to get involved in community services, to go camping with other girls in a natural setting, to play sports, to learn first aid, to practice good hygiene and more.

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Low and 18 girls gathered in her home for the first meeting of what was to become the Girl Scout movement. Today there are Girl Scouts in over 80 countries around the world. Some 50 million girls and women have been attached to a Girl Scout troop through the years. There are 4 million Girl Scouts in America today.

Many churches have both Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. Such groups serve the church and the community at large. Scouts are to be appreciated and supported as they work to fulfill their pledges to serve God and country, often beginning within their home churches and communities.

PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!

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If you need a paper copy, please come to the office, and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed stamped return envelope.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions, and experiences. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

If you have questions, please contact any member of the Transition Team.

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Rapid Action Team for Shelters (RATS)

Did you know that Immanuel Lutheran Church is a designated emergency shelter? In the event of an emergency or disaster in Story City, Immanuel Lutheran is one of two facilities that serves the Story City community.

The Story County Emergency Management Agency and the American Red Cross are partnering in a new program to train local citizens to learn how to open and set-up the emergency shelters until the Red Cross arrives.

The program is called “Rapid Action Team for Shelters” (RATS). When the shelter needs to be activated, the RATS will unlock the building, turn on the lights, turn on the heat or AC, start the coffee, receive and set up lightweight cots, welcome and register people who need the shelter. Four or five volunteers from the congregation are needed for the RATS team.

Here are the specifics:
• An interest in serving the community is necessary.
• Time commitment is minimal.
• Must be able to lift cots and coffee pots; able to stand for periods of time.
• Ability to make people feel welcome and comfortable is helpful.
• An initial training is required. It will be Saturday, March 25th, from 9:00-11:00, at Harvest E. Free Church.
• Participation in an annual exercise/drill is necessary. This year it will be on Saturday, April 8th, from 8:30-11:00, in Story City. Location TBD.

If you have an interest in being part of the RATS, please contact Terry Greenfield or Pastor Kurt by March 19th.

Thank you!
Middle and High School Youth Activities

Family Roller Skating at Spinning Wheels
TODAY we will be heading to Ogden to go Roller Skating!! We will meet at church at 1:00 PM. Skating goes from 2-4 and we should be back by 4:45 PM. Admission will be paid for, so you will just need to bring $1 for skate rental (if needed) and money for a snack (if you would like). If you have your own skates/roller blades you are welcome to bring them. We had a great time in 2015 when we had over 30 people with us. Thanks!

Spring Break
Please have a safe and enjoyable Spring Break. Make sure you take time to thank God for everything He is doing in your life and your family’s life!! See you when you get back.

Trinity and Confirmation Students
Just a reminder, we will NOT be meeting for class this Wednesday (the 15th). Enjoy a week off!

During Lent, some Christians give up something that hinders their relationship with God. Others do something extra for their spiritual growth or make a special sacrifice. The key is to make Lent a memorable season of sincere spiritual growth - a time that can set the tone for the rest of the year.

March 12-March 19, 2017
Worship & Study Opportunities at Immanuel

Sunday, March 12
Girl Scout Sunday/Daylight Savings Time Begins
  8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast
  8:30 A.M. Sunday School
  9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)
  9:30 A.M. Worship
  10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)
  1:00 P.M. Youth Group Family Roller Skating

Monday, March 13
  6:00 P.M. Social Hall reserved

Tuesday, March 14
  9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 15
  9:00 A.M. Wednesday Women’s Bible Study (Library)
  6:00 P.M. Lenten Supper served by Seasoned Souls & Men of Immanuel
  7:00 P.M. Lenten Service
  7:45 P.M. Senior Choir

Friday, March 17
  9:00 A.M. Christian Writers Group (Library)

Saturday, March 18
  8:00 A.M. Men of Immanuel

Sunday, March 19
  8:00 A.M. Radio Broadcast
  8:30 A.M. Sunday School
  9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)
  9:30 A.M. Worship
  10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)
  10:30 A.M. Service of Holy Communion

“Those are vegetables, mother. You wouldn’t want me to eat something I’ve given up for Lent, would you?”

Champlin