

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ February 15 & 16, 2025

**Welcome!** God plants us like trees beside streams of living water, provided by Jesus Himself (Psalm 1:3; John 4:14). All who are thirsty, come and drink! "God, I come to You with many preoccupations. Settle my spirit in the embrace of Your love and peace. 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:** Loren Lee, Laura Ernst, Bernie Petersen, 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](mailto:immansch@iowatelecom.net).*

**We Pray God's Comfort** for Tayten Kline and Michael Naberhaus and all their family and loved ones who mourn the death of their daughter Lainey. Her funeral was held here at Immanuel this past Wednesday, February 12.

**We Give Thanks to God** for 50 years of marriage to Jim & Jolene Whiteing. They, along with their family, invite you to join them this Sunday, February 16 from 2:00-4:00 pm at Mike's Bar & Grill in Schleswig for a come and go party.

**We Thank God** for the healing He has given to Bonnie Teut following her recent surgery.

**Installation of Pastor Noble:** The installation of Pastor Andrew Noble will take place on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Arcadia. There will be a meal to follow at the Legion Hall. All are invited to attend!

**UCC Christian Education** is hosting a Skating Party Sunday, February 16 and has invited our Immanuel youth and families to join them. Skating will be held at the Skate Palace in Ida Grove from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Monday Evening Bible Study** returns this coming Monday evening, Feb. 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Pr. Steve Schulz will lead the study based on *The Parable of the Two Sons*, Matt. 21:28-32.

**Deadline for March Immanuel Messenger** is Tuesday, February 18.

**Confirmation Prayer Team:** Our Confirmation students and our Confirmation Prayer Team will have a special evening together this Wednesday, February 19, from 6:00-7:45 p.m. We will have supper together and activities are planned for us to get to know each other better and strengthen our bond as fellow members of Christ's body.

**The Quilters** will meet on Thursday, February 20 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

**Getting Through Grief: Eight Biblical Gifts for Living with Loss** is the new study we will begin this coming Thursday from 6:30-7:30 in our Fireside Room. While heartbreak will always be a part of our lives, God pursues, draws near, and gives us gifts to get through it to renew our hope and our life. All are welcome. For more information, or if you would like to have a book for yourself, please contact Pastor Mahnken.

**Mercy Meals.** You are invited to join Immanuel's youth and families for a morning of service at Mercy Meals of Siouxland at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux City next Saturday, February 22. We arrive by 10:00 a.m. and conclude right around noon. The minimum age is 8 years old. Please contact Angela Korner at 712-229-2900 if you plan to join us, need a ride, or would like more information. We hope you can join us!

**Readings for next Sunday:** Genesis 45:3-15; Ps. 103:1-13; 1 Corinthians.15:21-26, 30-42; Luke 6:27-38.

**Join us** for Immanuel's Soup & Sandwich Luncheon that will be held next Sunday, February 23. Serving soup, sandwiches and desserts from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. Dine-in, drive-thru, carry-out or local delivery available by calling the Church Office at 676-2235. All proceeds to support mission projects. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to help with this event.

**Church Office Secretary Position Available:** After serving our congregation faithfully as church secretary for over 12 years, Val Teut has decided to retire. She will continue to serve as we go through the process of hiring and training a person for her position. We are now taking applications for the part-time position of church office secretary. Duties include: financial bookkeeping, attendance, purchasing agent, record keeping and other duties as required. Applicants should be competent in the use of computers and various software programs (Excel, bookkeeping software, payroll, etc). Hours for this position include: Monday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m.; and Tuesday 8:30 a.m.-noon. Application forms may be picked up at the church office. Applications and resumes are due in the church office by Friday, February 28, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** for 2024 will be expiring soon! If you are a Thrivent member, you may direct Thrivent Choice dollars to our congregation, our preschool, Mission Central, and other LCMS organizations. Simply go to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call the Denison office at 712-263-6785 for assistance before March 31.

**"Thy Strong Word"** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, February 17-22, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Mahnken will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**The Lutheran Hour:** "The Bread of Our Lives" by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. Jesus gives us Himself as the Bread of Life so that everything we need can be filled by Him and His gifts. (John 6:35) 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](http://www.lhm.org).

**Trivia Night!** Saturday, March 1 the Denison-Schleswig After Prom is hosting the annual Trivia Night at the Schleswig Community Building. Social hour and a tailgate style meal start at 6:00 p.m. Trivia will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Melanie Hargens 712-269-4641 or Ashley Beeck 712-368-5205.

**Unity Ridge Dinner Auction:** Tickets are on sale now for the Dinner and Auction that is scheduled for Saturday, March 8 at the Stables in Denison. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling the Unity Ridge school office 712-393-2002. Doors open and silent auction begins at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm and the live auction at 7:30 pm.

**Crossroads Annual Banquet for Life** will be held March 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stables at Copper Ridge. The theme will be "Called by Name" with speaker Megan Torreson, author of the book *Fourth in the Fire*. Meal catered by Staley's. Tickets are \$50 each or a table of 8 for \$400 and are available by presale only through March 13 by calling 712-393-4673.

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.

MONDAY: Jeremiah 29:1-32

THURSDAY: Jeremiah 34:1—35:19

TUESDAY: Jeremiah 30:1—32:44

FRIDAY: Jeremiah 36:1—37:21

WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah 33:1-26

SATURDAY: Jeremiah 38:1—40:16

**Gifts:**  
 Church Plate: \$ 3,570.00  
 Sunday School: \$ 19.50  
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 25.00

**Attendance:**  
 Sat., Feb. 8 4 p.m.: 24  
 Sun., Feb. 9 9 a.m.: 128  
 152

**Acolytes today:**  
 Logan & Weston Stoppel

Sunday School: 21  
 Special Voters' Meeting: 49  
 H.S. Bible Class: 10

**Librarian today:**  
 Bonnie Schroeder

**~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~**  
**February 16-23, 2025**

<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
<i>February 16</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Mahnken
	1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
<b>Monday:</b>	No Preschool
	6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Schulz
<b>Tuesday:</b>	No Preschool
	Deadline for <i>Immanuel Messenger</i>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:30 a.m. Bible Study
	11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	3:30—5:00 p.m. 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
	6:00 p.m. Confirmation Prayer Team event
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	9:00 a.m. Quilting
	6:30 p.m. Bible Study
<b>Friday:</b>	~
<b>Saturday:</b>	10:00 a.m. Mercy Meals @ Sioux City
	4:00 p.m. Saturday Worship w/HC
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m. Worship
<i>February 23</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Class
	11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Soup Luncheon @ Immanuel
	5:00 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study

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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.



**About the Cover:** Paul boldly states that without Christ's resurrection, "your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17). There would be no point to a life lived in faith. "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). This changes everything! Christ's bodily resurrection means that His cross atoned for our sins and that we too, will be raised. It means that our lives lived in faith in Christ are never in vain because our Redeemer lives.

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