

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ February 1 & 2, 2025

Welcome! Jesus was sent to “preach the good news of the kingdom of God” (Luke 4:43). His preaching reveals His cross and resurrection, by which He has atoned for the sins of the world. For the sake of His divine love, He is “patient and kind” toward us (1 Cor. 13:4). “Lord, strengthen us in Your love for us as we receive Your Word of grace and life. 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, Bonnie Teut, Bernie Petersen (now at Gracewell), 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 Thank God for the healing He has given Christi Fredericks following her shoulder surgery.

Immanuel Youth and Families: Join us for bandage rolling and a pizza luncheon Sunday, February 2 after Sunday school from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Young Adults Bible Study returns! Please join our Immanuel Young Adults as they meet on Sunday, February 2 at 5:00 p.m. We will have pizza for supper and watch a video on the topic of “If God is good, then why is there evil and suffering?” If you have any questions, please contact Kristin at 712-269-6906 or Pastor Mahnken 712-269-6364.

Monday Evening Bible Study returns this coming Monday evening, Feb. 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Pastor Steve Schulz will lead the study based on *The Parable of the Tenants*, Matt. 21:33-46.

The LWML will meet on Thursday, February 6 at 1:30 p.m.

“Don’t Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart—How to Relate to Those who are Suffering” is the title of the book for our Thursday evening group, which meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. It will guide you in bringing Christ’s loving care to hurting people when they need it most. We meet in our Fireside Room. Please contact Pastor Mahnken if you would like a copy of this book.

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, February 3-8, Pastor Mahnken is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Peitsch will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Cor. 14:12b-20; Luke 5:1-11.

Elders’ Meeting will be next Sunday, February 9 at 11:30 a.m.

The Schleswig Community School will be hosting an Omelet breakfast fundraiser Sunday, February 9 from 8:00 a.m.—12:30 pm at the Schleswig Community Building. This will be a free -will donation event with the funds raised to be used towards the purchase of school supplies for the students in TK-8th grade. If anyone has questions or would like to volunteer to help out, please contact the school at 712-676-3313.

Last Call for Updates: A current membership list will be printed soon for our Annual Report. If you or a family member has a change of address or phone number, or would like to receive the monthly *Immanuel Messenger* by e-mail rather than hard-copy USPS, please let the church office know. Year-end reports for your group or board should be turned in **ASAP**.

Immanuel Groups, Boards, or Individuals are needed to prepare and serve our Lenten Suppers! Please contact the Church Office with your preferred date. Dates remaining are; March 5 or March 26. Thank you!

Thank You! After faithfully serving as our church janitor for almost 30 years, Jolene Whiteing has resigned her position as of the end of January, 2025. Jolene has attended to a wide variety of tasks of which most of our members are not even aware. Unfortunately, janitorial service is one of those occupations which receives no notice if the work is done well. Jolene has done her work well, and we thank God for her years of carefully attending to her tasks for us. Please also personally thank her when you have the opportunity. We pray our merciful Lord will continue to bless Jolene and her husband Jim in faith in Jesus our Savior and in every good work.

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 or call the Denison office at 712-263-6785 for assistance before March 31.

The Lutheran Hour: “Do the Things That Make for Unity” by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus crosses borders and even breaks down the barrier of death to do the things that make for unity: shared worship, shared mission, shared harvest. (John 4:9) 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.

Immanuel Lutheran Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2025-26 school year. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling their child, please have them email Mrs. Gustafson at lesliegustafson@schleswig.k12.ia.us or call the Church Office 712-676-2235.

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.

“All life is sacred. Your life is sacred. Every life has infinite worth and eternal value. Your life matters—from conception to natural death to eternity. The psalmist declares: ‘I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well’ (Psalm 139:14).” *Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church-Canada—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Building Healthy Families: Big changes are happening in our world. Someone once said, “If you want to know what is happening today, read the newspaper. If you want to know what will happen tomorrow, read the Bible.” The Bible is filled with God’s own words, given to teach, correct, and train us in righteousness. Reading and studying the Bible builds faith, changes our relationships, and prepares us for life. It helps us understand who God is and who we are. It builds trust and confidence in God and His good plan for us, which is especially helpful in times when we may be feeling overwhelmed, sad, or anxious about the future and what tomorrow may bring. If you’re not reading your Bible each day, how about starting today? (John 20:31) As your pastor for a reading plan [We print one for you weekly right here in the bulletin!] **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Gifts:
Church Plate: \$ 4,074.00
Sunday School: \$ 60.36
Adult Bible Class: \$ 34.00

Attendance:
Sat., Jan 25 4 p.m.: 35
Sun., Jan 26 9 a.m.: 135
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Acolytes today:
Cameron & Hailey Brown

Sunday School: 25
Adult Bible Class: 27
H.S. Bible Class: 7

Librarian today:
Elaine Teut

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
February 2-9, 2025

Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
<i>February 2</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	11:30 a.m. Youth & Families Bandage Rolling & Pizza
	1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Peitsch
	1:40 p.m. Silverridge Worship
	2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
	5:00 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study
Monday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Schulz
Tuesday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
Wednesday:	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
	6:30—8:15 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
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Saturday:	4:00 p.m. Saturday Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship
<i>February 9</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Class
	11:30 a.m. Elders' Meeting

About the Cover: Mary and Joseph did as the Lord's Law instructed and brought the Christ Child to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice. Jesus' whole life was one of fulfilling the Law of the Lord. When He grew, He again went up to Jerusalem to make a sacrifice. But this sacrifice was the once-for-all-time sacrifice of His own body on the cross to atone for the sins of the whole world. So by the gift of faith, we are counted as righteous because of His perfect fulfillment of the Law.

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: Jeremiah 5:1—6:30 | <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: Jeremiah 11:1—12:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah 7:1—8:22 | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Jeremiah 13:1—14:22 |

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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.

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

