

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ February 22 & 23, 2025

**Welcome** in the name of Jesus, our Savior! Today's Old Testament Reading is the account of Joseph forgiving his brothers, who had sold him into slavery years earlier. Is it possible for us to forgive as he did? Joseph learned to trust in God and how He would work evil for his good. We can forgive because our Lord went a lot farther than we are called to follow, into death, for God to forgive us. "Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease; then bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace. Amen" (LSB 843.4). 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:** 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.*

**We Thank God** for the healing He has given to Loren Lee.

**Baptized Saturday:** Lane Robert Andresen, son of Justin and Caitlyn Andresen. Lane was born October 8, 2024. His sponsors are Tayten Kline and Ashley Gallagher. We welcome Lane to Immanuel!

**Today's the day!** Join us for Immanuel's Soup & Sandwich Luncheon 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.

**Young Adults Bible Study:** Please join our Immanuel Young Adults as they meet on Sunday, February 23 at 5:00 p.m. We will have soup and sandwiches for supper and watch a video titled "Does Truth Exist?" If you have any questions, please contact Kristin at 712-269-6906 or Pastor Mahnken 712-269-6364.

**The Immanuel Messenger and the Annual Report** will be assembled Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated and breakfast will be served.

**The Quilters** will meet on Thursday, February 27 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

**Getting Through Grief: Eight Biblical Gifts for Living with Loss** is our new Thursday evening study. We meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. 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.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Deut. 34:1-12; Psalm 99; Hebrews 3:1-6; Luke 9:28-36.

**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.

**"Thy Strong Word"** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, February 24-March 1, Pastor Peitsch is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**Saturday Worship Time Change:** Our Saturday p.m. worship time changes to a 5:00 p.m. starting time beginning Saturday, March 15.

**The Lutheran Hour:** "Need to Know" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. If you don't need God, you won't know God. (John 7:28-29) 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.

**The Schleswig VFW-Legion Pancake Brunch** will be held Sunday, March 2 from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Schleswig Community Building. Freewill offering will be collected.

**Ricketts Volunteer Fire Department** will be hosting their annual fire extinguisher banquet Sunday, March 2 from 11 am—1 pm at the Ricketts Community Building. Serving Staley's chicken, free will donation.

**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.

**Building Healthy Families: Wives,** want to have a closer relationship with your husband, even during times of stress or conflict? Check your tone, your attitude, and your words. Research supports what Scripture already tells us: During an argument, 83% of husbands feel disrespected. Respect your husband always, even when you're not happy with him. **Husbands,** want to have a great relationship with your wife, even during times of stress and conflict? Don't try harder to convince her of your point. Don't speak louder. Don't walk away. Love her. Listen harder. Research supports what Scripture has already told us: During an argument 72% of wives feel unloved. "Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband." (Eph. 5:33) It's not just a good idea; it's a clear directive from the Creator of marriage Himself. And it works! **Lutheran Family Service**

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"/> MONDAY: Jeremiah 41:1—43:13    | <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: Jeremiah 50:1—51:64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: Jeremiah 44:1—45:5    | <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: Jeremiah 52:1-34      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah 46:1—49:39 | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Lamentations 1:1-22 |

**Gifts:**  
 Church Plate: \$ 3,063.00  
 Sunday School: \$ 40.00  
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 22.00

**Attendance:**  
 Sat., Feb. 15 4 p.m.: 42  
 Sun., Feb. 16 9 a.m.: 99  
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**Acolytes today:**  
 Ty Jacobson & Gavin Schneider

Sunday School: 15  
 Adult Bible Class: 21

**~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~  
 February 23-March 2, 2025**

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship  
*February 23* 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Class  
 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Soup Luncheon @ Immanuel  
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Trunkhill  
 1:40 p.m. Silveridge 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

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 8:45 a.m. *Immanuel Messenger* and Annual Report assemblage  
 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  
 9:00 a.m. Quilting  
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

**Friday:** ~

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m. Saturday Worship w/HC

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC  
*March 2* 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
*Transfiguration*  
*Sunday*

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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.”***



**About the Cover:** Tombstones bear testimony to the sting that death still inflicts on this world. However, it could not hold Christ in the tomb. His tomb remains empty to this day. He has conquered sin, death, and the devil. At the day of His return and judgement, all shall be bodily raised to stand before the Lord. But we, the church, will be rejoicing over death's defeat and loss of its sting because Christ's forgiveness, life, and salvation is already ours today by faith.