

## **Immanuel's News and Notes ~ February 8 & 9, 2025**

**Welcome!** You are more than friends and neighbors; you are family to one another in the Lord. Take a moment to welcome each other in Christ's love. "Wherever You call me to go this week, Lord, may I respond like Isaiah: 'Here I am. Send me.' (Isaiah 6:8). And may my time at worship today strengthen me to do just that. 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, 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.

**The LWML Mite Box** is in the Narthex today for your donations.

**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.

**Elders' Meeting** will be Sunday, February 9 at 11:30 a.m.

**Board of Ed Meeting** will be Tuesday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m.

**"Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart"**—How to Relate to Those who are Suffering" is the topic of our Thursday evening group, which meets in the Fireside room from 6:30-7:30 p.m. In two weeks we will begin a new series *Getting Through Grief: Eight Biblical Gifts for Living with Loss*. We will look to the Word of God to wrestle and watch for God's promise to make all things new and His promise of life to transform hope. While heartbreak will always be a part of our lives, God pursues, draws near, and gives us gifts to get through it. Anyone is welcome to join us. If you have any questions or for more information please contact Pastor Mahnken.

**"Thy Strong Word"** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, February 10-15, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Merrill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1; 1 Cor. 15:(1-11) 12-20; Luke 6:17-26.

**Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary** to Jim & Jolene Whiteing. They, along with their family, invite you to join them next Sunday, February 16 from 2:00-4:00 pm at Mike's Bar & Grill in Schleswig for a come and go party.

**Join us** for Immanuel's Soup & Sandwich Luncheon that will be held 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.

**The Lutheran Hour:** "We Have an Advocate" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Where we might see only a problem, Jesus sees a person who needs an Advocate. (John 5:6) 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).

**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.

**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](mailto:lesliegustafson@schleswig.k12.ia.us) or call the Church Office 712-676-2235.

**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.

**Building Healthy Families:** Are you a Hallmark movie fan? If so, you know the familiar story line: big city woman in crisis returns to her hometown, reluctantly gets pulled into an effort to rally the community around some cause, reconnects with local man who frustrates her plans at every turn but who in the end fulfills all her dreams, and happy ever after begins. While entertaining, these stories can intensify feelings of unrest for the more than 50% of us who are single and living alone, who have never found or have lost our special someone, and also for the less than 50% who are married but whose marriage doesn't always look like the one depicted by Hallmark. This Valentine's Day, remember that God—the author and source of love—created us to live in families and communities where love is shared. He is the only one who never fails to meet our need to be seen, connected, cared for, and loved. This week, skip Hallmark and celebrate God's amazing love! (1 John 4:16) **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**Gifts:**  
 Church Plate: \$14,545.00  
 Sunday School: \$ 21.00  
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 45.00

**Attendance:**  
 Sat., Feb. 1 4 p.m.: 27  
 Sun., Feb. 2 9 a.m.: 123  
 150

**Acolytes today:**  
 Whitney Ernst & Isla Meseck

Sunday School: 23  
 Adult Bible Class: 31

**~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~**  
**February 9-16, 2025**

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship  
*February 9* 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Class  
 11:30 a.m. Elders' Meeting  
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Merrill  
 1:40 p.m. Silverridge Worship  
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship

**Monday:** 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool

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 8:30 a.m. Pastors @ Pastors' Day on the Hill  
 5:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting

**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  
 9:00 a.m. No 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  
*February 16* 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

**About the Cover:** The fisherman had given up after a frustrating night's worth of casting and pulling in empty nets. But then Jesus stepped into the boat, had them push off from land, and taught them. At His word, casting those empty nets brought in an amazing haul of fish so great that the nets were breaking and boats were sinking. Indeed, the Lord brings in an astonishing catch of believers, not by our power, but by the power of His Gospel of forgiveness.

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 15:1—17:27
- THURSDAY: Jeremiah 23:1-40
- TUESDAY: Jeremiah 18:1—19:15
- FRIDAY: Jeremiah 24:1—25:38
- WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah 20:1—22:30
- SATURDAY: Jeremiah 26:1—28:17

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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."***

