

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ January 18 & 19, 2025

**Welcome!** Psalm 36 declares God's love to be steadfast, precious and a place of refuge. In God, you are loved and safe. "In 1 Corinthians 12, St. Paul wrote to Christians about the many spiritual gifts. Holy Spirit, show me what gifts I have for serving You. 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:** Laura Ernst, Christi Fredericks, Bonnie Teut, Tayten Kline, and Laurie Ricke. *If you have a concern for which you would like us to pray, please call the Church Office 712-676-2235 or send an email to: immansch@iowatelecom.net.*

**We Thank God** for the healing He has given to Glenda Bryson and Bonard Christiansen.

**The "Pennies For Life" Jug** is in the Narthex for your donations to Lutherans For Life. Please consider contributing one penny—or more—for each year of life God has given you!

**Ricketts Fundraiser Brunch** will be held Sunday, January 19 at the Ricketts Community Building from 9 am-12:30 pm. Serving ham, French toast, pancakes, and rolls. Free-will offering, proceeds will go towards Ricketts' Tractor Pull and car show that will be held this summer!

**Monday Evening Bible Study** returns this coming Monday evening, Jan. 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Pastor Steve Schulz will lead the study based on *The Parable of the Tenants*, Matthew 21:33-46.

**Immanuel Messenger** articles for the February issue are due Tuesday, January 20. Thanks!

**The Quilters** will meet on Thursday, January 23 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

**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, Jan. 20-25, Pastor Torreson is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Mahnken will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:(1-6) 7-14; 1 Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:16-30.

**Record 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 also.

**The Lutheran Hour:** "He Made Me a Believer" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God makes us believers and the more we believe, the more we become involved in the institutions God made—church, marriage, family, and work. (John 2:11) 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).

**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.

**Unity Ridge and Pizza Ranch Community Impact Night:** Meet us at Pizza Ranch on Monday, January 27th, between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. In honor of National Lutheran Schools Week, help support Unity Ridge by having dinner out with family and friends. Unity Ridge will receive a portion of the total sales that evening. We would love to see you all there!

**"No amount of scientific progress** can defeat death. No political ruler can promise eternal life. Only Jesus can make and keep that promise. The promise of hope and life is ours to proclaim. It is the promise that a world without hope needs to hear. In Jesus we have hope for the future, the living hope of life in His presence forever." *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

**Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians:** You can listen to a live chapel service weekdays from Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne, IN. Lutheran Talk Radio streams Morning Chapel from Kramer Chapel at 9 a.m. Central Mon. through Fri. You can listen at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**Building Healthy Families:** Someone somewhere counted, so now we know that on average, a child smiles about four hundred times each day. Smiling—and a happy heart—are known to bring health benefits such as decreased stress hormones in your bloodstream and lower blood pressure. Smile often and enjoy the many benefits! *"A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed."* Proverbs 15:13 **Lutheran Family Service**

**Weekend to Remember.** Immanuel's couples are invited to consider attending *Weekend to Remember*; a marriage enrichment opportunity for all couples—no matter how many years you have been married. *Weekend to Remember* provides encouragement, hope, and practical tools to build and grow your relationship—that's why it's called a Weekend to Remember! Our congregation will pay the registration costs of any member couple attending a *Weekend to Remember* (those attending are responsible for their room and all other expenses). Local weekends coming up include: Omaha, NE: 3/14-16, \$151/night; Des Moines: 4/4-6, \$132/night; Lincoln, NE: 5/30-6/1, \$124/night. Weekends are also available in Minneapolis and Branson. For more information and locations and to register visit <https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember#where>. **Registration costs are discounted 50% until January 20.** A better marriage is within reach. Several Immanuel couples have attended in the past. If you would like to visit with them about the experience, or if you have any questions, please call Pastor Mahnken.

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: Isaiah 40:1—41:29

THURSDAY: Isaiah 46:1—47:15

TUESDAY: Isaiah 42:1—43:28

FRIDAY: Isaiah 48:1—49:26

WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 44:1—45:25

SATURDAY: Isaiah 50:1—52:15

**Gifts:**  
 Church Plate: \$ 3,425.00  
 Sunday School: \$ 18.00  
 Voters' Meeting: \$ 44.00

**Attendance:**  
 Sat., Jan 11 4 p.m.: no service  
 Sun., Jan 12 9 a.m.: 118  
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**Acolytes today:**  
 Cameron & Hailey Brown

Sunday School: 22  
 Voters' Meeting: 38

**Librarian today:**  
 Bonnie Schroeder

**~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~**  
**January 19-26, 2025**

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC  
*January 19* 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Mahnken  
 1:40 p.m. Silverridge Worship  
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship

**Monday:** No Preschool  
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Schulz

**Tuesday:** 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool  
*Immanuel Messenger* deadline for February

**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. Quilting  
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

**Friday:** ~

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

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship  
*January 26* 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

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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:** In instituting marriage, the Lord created a picture of the kind of love that He has for His people. Christ's love and commitment to His Bride, the Church, led all the way to Him giving Himself for her upon the cross to make her pure, blameless, and holy. He rejoices over us, His Bride, and continues to share His eternal life with us.

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