

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ January 25 & 26, 2025

**Welcome!** Jesus has come to address us with the Word of Life so that by hearing we may believe and by believing we may see that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. The best appreciation for God's Word is faith. "Lord open our hearts and minds that we may not only marvel at Your words but also receive them in faith, and so receive the gift of Your forgiveness and life with You now and forever. 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, Bernie Petersen, Bonnie Teut, Tayten Kline and her daughters Lainey and Wrenley, 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](mailto:immansch@iowatelecom.net).*

**We Give Thanks to God** for the birth of twin daughters Wrenley and Lainey born on Tuesday, January 21 to Tayten Kline and Michael Naberhaus.

**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!

**The Immanuel Messenger** will be assembled on Wednesday, January 29 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated.

**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, January 27-February 1, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pr. Torreson will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 91:1-6 (7-11); 1 Cor. 12:31b—13:13; Luke 4:31-44.

**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.

**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.

**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, March 26 or April 2. Thank you!

**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.

**The Lutheran Hour:** "An Overture to the Greatest Story Ever Told" by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez. Like an overture that introduces a great musical work, John the Baptizer is the living voice sent by God to bear witness to Jesus' lordship and salvation. (John 3:26-36) 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).

**Just a reminder:** When you do your "spring" house cleaning, please remember to donate any unwanted or unused "treasures" to our annual Church Garage Sale which is scheduled for May 29, 30 & 31. This event is sponsored by our Mission Board and we truly appreciate any donations you may have. Please don't bring the items until mid-May but we will be grateful for your support. Thank you! ~ The Mission Board

**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!

**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.

**"Babies are born** into the world wrapped in surprising packaging like disabilities or poverty, but even so, God has a perfect plan for each one of them. Abortion is a tragic end to the countless blessings in store for those who would have surrounded these children." *Brad Mattes, Life Issues Institute—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

**Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians:** The Koran, The Book of Mormon, The New World Translation, The Analects of Confucius, The Gospel of Thomas. Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a series on the origin of religious writings with Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia University Chicago. You can listen to this multi-part series at [issuesetc.org/religiouswritings](http://issuesetc.org/religiouswritings).

**Building Healthy Families:** Have you experienced the grief and loss of infertility? Or maybe you have parenting experience and room in your heart and home for one more child? Prayerfully consider adopting a child, possibly one who exists today as a waiting frozen embryo, or one who is waiting in foster care, in need of a forever family. Christian adoption builds a family through love that transcends genetics, biology and culture. Visit <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/adoption-services/>. **Lutheran Family Service**

**Gifts:**  
 Church Plate: \$ 3,732.00  
 Sunday School: \$ 35.65  
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 16.00

**Attendance:**  
 Sat., Jan 18 4 p.m.: 31  
 Sun., Jan 19 9 a.m.: 75  
 106

**Acolytes today:**  
 Whitney Ernst & Izzi Miller

Sunday School: 16  
 Adult Bible Class: 23

**~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~**  
**January 26-February 2, 2025**

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship  
*January 26* 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Torreson  
 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship  
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship

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

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 8:45 a.m. *Immanuel Messenger* 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  
 8:00 a.m. Pastor @ District Board of Directors Meeting  
 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 2* 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
 11:30 a.m. Youth & Families Bandage Rolling & Pizza

**About the Cover:** The Lord has fashioned a variety of individual members; each one is loved, cherished, and indispensable to His one Body. This Body is not merely constituted by shared interests but by Christ, the Head. Every Lord's Day, He brings together the congregation of believers into a blessed harmony around His Word and Sacrament. For the church is Christ's Body, which He has redeemed and made alive by His cross and resurrection.

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.

<input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY: Isaiah 53:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: Isaiah 60:1—62:12
<input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: Isaiah 54:1—57:21	<input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: Isaiah 63:1—66:24
<input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 58:1—59:21	<input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Jeremiah 1:1—2:37

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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.”***

