

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ January 4 & 5, 2025

**Welcome to worship!** The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” (Eph. 1:5). We ask the Holy Spirit to guide us by the Word that we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). “Teach us, Lord, to know and do Your will. 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, Lila Bubke, Bonnie Teut, Bruce Namanny, Glenda Bryson, Bonard Christiansen, Tayten Kline, Laurie Ricke and Susan Kaiser. *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 Give Thanks to God** for the healing He has given to Ryan Kragel following his surgery.

**For You in the Narthex:** Offering envelopes for 2025 are on the table, please pick up yours and also those of any family members.

**Year-End Contribution Statements** are in your church boxes.

**Poinsettias** may be taken home following our services this weekend. We thank you for helping to add to the beauty of our Poinsettia Tree for our Christmas worship.

**We Pray for God's Comfort** for the family of Dayton “Doc” Schmidt who died Friday, Dec. 27, 2024. Funeral services for Doc were held here at Immanuel on Fri., Jan. 3, 2025. Flowers in the church are in his memory. We thank the family for sharing them with us.

**We Pray God's Blessings** for Kristin Hennings and Andrew Palmersheim who will be married here this coming Saturday, January 11.

**Elders' Planning Meeting** will be Sunday, January 5 at 11:30 a.m.

**Schleswig Community Blood Drive** at the Community Building, Monday, January 6 from 1:00 to 4:30 pm. Appointments are required, please call 800-287-4903.

**Our Church Council and Voters' Meetings** are coming up. Our Council will meet Monday evening, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. The Voters' Meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 12 at 10:15 a.m.

**Board of Ed Planning Meeting** will be Tuesday, January 7 at 5:30 p.m.

**The Quilters** will meet on Thursday, January 9 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. 6-11, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**Readings for Epiphany:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-11 (12-15); Eph. 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22.

**There will be NO SATURDAY WORSHIP** on Saturday, January 11. Please let one another know of this change!

**Installation of our Church Officers and Board Members** will be at our 9:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, January 12.

**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.

**Thank You** to everyone who remembered us with cards and/or gifts as we celebrate our Savior's birth! We are richly blessed to be a part of our Immanuel family. We praise God for the many kindnesses He showers upon us through you. We pray He will continue to guide us and bless us as we continue together in the service of Jesus our Savior in the coming year. Pastor and Chris Mahnken and Pastor Kaiser

**Help wanted:** We will be taking down the Christmas trees and décor on Sunday, January 12 AFTER the Voter's Meeting. If anyone would like to help, please join us!

**Missing!** Could everyone please check your cupboards for (2) missing glass Pyrex pans. These have been missing since the church Harvest Dinner. If you took these home by accident, please return to the Church Office. Thank you!

**The Lutheran Hour:** “In the Beginning Was Dialogue” by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Do you need more faith? Then you need the Word. Faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ. (John 1:1) 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.

**“Let the peace of Christ change how you live**—clothing yourself with godly virtues reflecting a thankful heart. Carry this peace that the angels proclaimed and Simeon saw. It sets the tone for the coming year, another year you get to live as God's child in the peace of Jesus.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

**Building Healthy Families:** Depression is associated with many things, but weak faith is not one of them. Martin Luther himself struggled with depression as did many of our other church leaders. If you are feeling depressed, please don't suffer alone. Luther had the right idea five hundred years ago when he said, “Solitude produces melancholy. When we are alone the worst and saddest things come to mind. We reflect in detail up on all sorts of evils. And if we have encountered adversity in our lives, we dwell upon it as much as possible, magnify it, think that no one is so unhappy as we are, and imagine the worse possible consequences.” Reach out and talk to someone you trust. **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: Isaiah 7:1—8:22     | <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: Isaiah 13:1—20:6  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: Isaiah 9:1—10:34   | <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: Isaiah 21:1—23:18   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 11:1—12:6 | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Isaiah 24:1—25:12 |

**Gifts:**  
 Church Plate: \$ 3,637.00  
 Sunday School: \$ 19.00  
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 48.00  
 Christmas Eve 4 pm: \$ 6,720.00  
 Christmas Eve 8 pm: \$ 1,126.00  
 Christmas Day: \$ 840.00

**Attendance:**  
 Sat., Dec. 28 4 p.m.: 30  
 Sun., Dec. 29 9 a.m.: 91  
 121  
 Christmas Eve 4 p.m.: 168  
 Christmas Eve 8 p.m.: 101  
 Christmas Day 9 a.m.: 50

**Acolytes today:**  
 Ty Jacobson & Logan Stoppel

Sunday School: 12  
 Adult Bible Class: 24

**Librarian today:**  
 Sheila Groth

**~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~**  
**January 5-12, 2025**

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC  
*January 5* 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
 11:30 a.m. Elders' Planning Meeting  
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Trunkhill  
 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship  
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship  
**Monday:** 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool  
 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting  
**Tuesday:** 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool  
 5:30 p.m. Board of Ed Planning 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. Quilting  
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study  
**Friday:** 5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal  
**Saturday:** 3:00 p.m. Hennings/Palmersheim Wedding  
 4:00 p.m. No Saturday Worship  
**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship  
*January 12* 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Voters' Meeting

**About the Cover:** After Mary and Joseph found Him in the temple on the third day, Jesus responded, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" (Luke 2:49) After His death on the cross, women came to the tomb looking for Jesus on the third day. But the angels said, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen" (Luke 24:5-6). Jesus was doing what the Father sent Him to do: winning forgiveness, life, and salvation for us. We cannot but treasure these things in our hearts as well.

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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."***

