

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ March 15 & 16, 2025

Welcome to worship as we journey through the season of Lent, seeking to grow in faith, hope and love. "Lord, prepare our hearts for worship. Still our souls. Ground us in Your grace. 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: 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 Give Thanks to God for the healing He has given to Draton Palmer.

Teacher Appreciation Supper will be held Sunday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m. Thank you for teaching our youth about God's love!

Immanuel Messenger articles for the April issue are due on Tuesday, March 18. Thanks!

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*. Ticket sales have closed for this event.

Faith, Hope, Praise: The Martin Luther Concert Choir & Troubadours present their 2025 Concert Tour Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ida Grove. Call 712-364-2918 for more information.

Midweek Lent Service. Pastor Mahnken will be preaching with the theme "*The Hand of the Lord Who Casts Out Demons*" at our 5:45 p.m. worship. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. by the Mission Board.

Ladies' Lenten Bible Study is studying, "Whatever" by Anneke Hudson. Please make plans to add something to your Lenten season by joining us Wednesdays 6:45 to 8:00 pm.

Men! We will have our Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Schulz. We will be meeting on Wednesdays 6:45 to 8:00 pm. Our topic is "Who Is Jesus?"

Getting Through Grief: Eight Biblical Gifts for Living with Loss is our Thursday evening study. We meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in our Fireside Room. For more information, or if you would like to have a book for yourself, please contact Pastor Mahnken.

Readings for next Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-20; Psalm 85; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, March 17-22, Pastor Mahnken is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Merrill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: "Light of the World" by Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but it changes what we see. (John 8:12) 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.

The Preschool is having an Envelope Fundraiser. If you feel the Lord encouraging you, we invite you to grab an envelope and place the designated amount inside. You may place it in the offering plate or drop it in the church office.

Painting Opportunity! We are planning to paint some of our Sunday School rooms. We would like to do this in the coming weeks before we have the new flooring installed. If you are interested in helping with this project, please inquire in the Church Office.

Eventide Fundraiser serving Staley's chicken drive-thru style at the Stables at Copper Ridge **RESCHEDULED** to Tuesday, March 25, from 4:30-7:00. Meals are \$13 with no advance ticket sales. Proceeds to benefit the Eventide Foundation. Thank you for your support!

Relay For Life. Crawford County Team Schleswig will be hosting an omelet and biscuit & gravy brunch Sunday, April 6 from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Schleswig Community Building. Free will donation.

The Carnival is coming to Preschool! We will again be hosting the Family Fun Night Fundraiser on Friday, April 11. This year the carnival will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The carnival and bouncy houses will be outside near the garage. The steak sandwich supper will be held in the church basement. "To go" orders will be available and PeachWave will be here for dessert. We encourage everyone to invite their kids, grandkids, neighbors, etc. Again, thank you for your continued support! If anyone is willing to bake items for the cake walk game, please contact Mrs. Gustafson 712-854-0104. See you then!

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 or call the Church Office 712-676-2235.

Collecting Pill Bottles: Only washed prescription bottles with the labels off and no residue left on the bottles will be collected. They are no longer taking over the counter bottles, like vitamin, aspirin etc. Recycle those and the prescription ones that the residue won't come off. Thanks.

"On St. Joseph: "Though Mary's husband did not beget Jesus from his own body, he did father Him in the fashion of a foster, adoptive, or step-parent. For this reason, he has received the title of Guardian of Our Lord. His service to God and family not only figures prominently in the Gospel of Jesus Christ but also exemplifies the holy vocation of fatherhood and testifies to the sanctity of marriage, parenting, adoptions, and every human life." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans for Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Building Healthy Families: *How was your day, honey?* Arriving home from work, school, or a day away, you may be the one who asks—or hears—this familiar question. While there's nothing wrong with the question, what would happen if you would dig just a little bit deeper to connect more with your spouse, children, grandchildren, neighbor, or friend? Maybe instead try something like this: *"I'm developing my prayer list for this week—what's a challenge you are facing right now or have coming up that I can pray about for you? Or, we believe the Bible's promise that God is with us all the time. Where did you see Him today? Then see where God may take the conversation!* **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.

MONDAY: Ezekiel 22:1—23:49

THURSDAY: Ezekiel 28:1-26

TUESDAY: Ezekiel 24:1-27

FRIDAY: Ezekiel 29:1—32:32

WEDNESDAY: Ezekiel 25:1—27:36

SATURDAY: Ezekiel 33:1—34:31

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 3,310.00
 Sunday School: \$ 35.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 39.00
 Ash Wednesday: \$ 670.00

Acolytes today:
 Brenna Bubke & Sophie Morgan

Librarian today:
 Karen Wood

Attendance:
 Sat., March 8 4 p.m.: 37
 Sun., March 9 9 a.m.: 95
 132
 Ash Wednesday 3-6: 55

Sunday School: 17
 Adult Bible Class: 25
 H.S. Bible Class: 4

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
March 16-23, 2025

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
March 16 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Merrill
 1:40 p.m. Silverridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
 6:00 p.m. Teacher Appreciation Supper
Monday: No Preschool
Tuesday: *Immanuel Messenger* Deadline for April
 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 6:30 p.m. Crossroads Celebration of Life Fundraiser
Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Bible Study
 11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 3:30—5:15 p.m. 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
 5:45 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship
 6:30 p.m. Lent meal served by the Mission Board
 6:30—8:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
 6:45—8:00 p.m. Women’s Lenten Bible Study
 6:45—8:00 p.m. Men’s Lenten Bible Study
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study
Friday: ~
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Saturday Worship w/HC
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
March 23 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Class

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Worship:

Saturday ~ 5 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: When it feels as though everything around us is crumbling, Jesus offers us the foundation we can stand firm on: Him! He has accomplished what we could not. His cross stands as a testament to His determination and love for us. By dying on the cross and rising again, Christ won for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Therefore, in all trials and temptations, we can stand firm on Christ alone.