

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ March 22 & 23, 2025

Welcome! Are you thirsty for good news, peace, hope, love? Christ is the water of life. "O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You. ... Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You" (Psalm 63:1, 3). 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: 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 Pray for God's Comfort for the family of "Bernie" Petersen who died Friday, March 14, 2025. Funeral services for Bernie were held here at Immanuel on Thurs., March 20, 2025.

FOUND! A hearing aid was found in the church. Please come to the Church Office to claim.

Young Adults today at 5 for study and supper. Today's topic: *What About Evolution? Part 1.*

Board of Ed Meeting will be Tuesday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Eventide Fundraiser serving Staley's chicken drive-thru style at the Stables at Copper Ridge 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!

The Immanuel Messenger will be assembled on Wednesday, March 26 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated.

Midweek Lent Service. Pastor Schulz will be preaching with the theme "*The Hand of the Lord Who Heals the Sick*" at our 5:45 p.m. worship. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. by the LWML.

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?"

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, March 27 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

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: Isaiah 12:1-6; Psalm 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, March 24-29, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill will also lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: "Even Me, Even You" by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others. (John 10:1-21) 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.

One week left to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2024! Deadline is March 31, 2025.

Easter Lilies: Please call the office or stop by if you'd like to donate a lily for our Easter cross. Cost is \$12 each. Thank you!

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.

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.

"Think of how important we as human beings must be in the eyes of God, if He—as the almighty creator and Lord of the entire universe—was willing to take on human flesh and become one of us. God loves the human race so much He decided to become our brother." *Thomas P. Nass, CELC President—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Building Healthy Families: Researchers have discovered that people have between 12,000 and 60,000 thoughts each day—and 80% of them are negative. *What's your percentage?* If it's too high, don't be dismayed; you can do something about it! It's possible to intentionally change your automatic thoughts and as a result, your mood, mental wellness, and relationships will all improve greatly. God's word encourages us: "...take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:15) Lutheran Family Service counselors are here to help you find mental and emotional strength and wellness, replacing lies with truth, from a perspective that is consistent with your faith. **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 35:1—36:38

THURSDAY: Ezekiel 43:1-27

TUESDAY: Ezekiel 37:1—39:29

FRIDAY: Ezekiel 44:1-31

WEDNESDAY: Ezekiel 40:1—42:20

SATURDAY: Ezekiel 45:1—46:24

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 5,626.00
 Sunday School: \$ 12.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 31.50
 Midweek Lent 3-12: \$ 736.00

Attendance:
 Sat., March 15 4 p.m.: 52
 Sun., March 16 9 a.m.: 101
 153
 Midweek Lent 3-12: 80

Acolytes today:
 Morgan Jepsen & Isla Meseck

Sunday School: 19
 Adult Bible Class: 31

Librarian today:
 Chris Mahnken

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
March 23-30, 2025

Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship
<i>March 23</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Class
	1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Trunkhill
	1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
	5:00 p.m. Young Adults Study & Supper
Monday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
Tuesday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	5:30 p.m. Board of Ed Meeting
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m. Bible Study
	11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	8:45 a.m. <i>Immanuel Messenger</i> assemblage
	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 LWML
	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
	9:00 a.m. Quilting
	6:30 p.m. Bible Study
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Saturday:	5:00 p.m. Saturday Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship
<i>March 30</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday 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: Ancient Israel repeatedly grumbled in the wilderness. Nevertheless, the Lord rescued the Israelites through the Red Sea and continued to provide for them as He led them to the Promised Land. In our epistle, Paul tells us that these events serve as examples for us to hold fast to our merciful Lord, who does not abandon us. There is no temptation so great that our Lord cannot overcome it. He provides the way out because He has already won the victory by His cross.