

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ March 29 & 30, 2025

Welcome! Like a loving father welcoming a prodigal child home, God welcomes us all. We celebrate such amazing grace. "Heavenly Father, strengthen us by Your Word and Spirit to always joyfully treasure Your steadfast love. 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.*

Midweek Lent Service. Pastor Kaiser will be preaching with the theme "*The Hand of the Lord Who Raises the Dead*" at our 5:45 p.m. worship. Taverns, chips and bars will be served at 6:30 p.m. by the Beeck, Schultz, Schultz and Weiss families.

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 LWML will meet on Thursday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m.

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.

Library Speaker Series: The first speaker series of 2025 at the Schleswig Public Library will be Saturday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. and will feature author Ann Hannigan Kotz. Ms. Kotz is originally from Denison and has written a series of books that the library has on its shelves, the first entitled *The Journey of Karoline Olson*. Please mark your calendars.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Phil. 3:(4b-7) 8-14; Luke 20:9-20.

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.

Elders' Meeting will be next Sunday, April 6 at 11:30 a.m.

Schleswig Sharks 4-H will meet in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m.

A Veterans Benefits Briefing will be held Monday, April 7 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Ricketts Community Building. Topics discussed include: Service connected compensation, pension benefits, survivor benefits, VA Health Care, and more! Open to all veterans, spouses and family members. Sponsored by: Crawford, Ida, Monona & Woodbury County Veteran Service Officers.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, March 31-April 5, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Mahnken will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

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.

Sign Up For Our Passover Seder—April 9: In place of our regular midweek Lent worship on Wednesday, April 9, we will participate in a Passover Seder in our Fellowship Hall at 5:45 p.m. The Passover Seder is a celebration of redemption, a memorial of God's deliverance of His people from slavery in Egypt. As Christians we celebrate the Passover Seder to also recognize its fulfillment in Jesus our Redeemer. A Passover Seder has symbolic foods, Bible readings, and fellowship. After the Seder portion, we will have a supper of more traditional foods served today at Seder celebrations: chicken and matzo ball soup and chicken cacciatore. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in our Narthex. Please do sign up if you plan to attend, so we know how much food to prepare. Sign up also if you can help!

The Lutheran Hour: "The Difference Between Anger and Contempt" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God gets angry at sin, but behind that anger, God is love. We believe this only because of Jesus. (John 11:35) 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.

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.

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! 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.

"Unity Ridge is hiring! They are looking for a middle school and high school math teacher, 3rd and 4th grade teacher, and a Spanish teacher. Resumes can be sent to: megan.torreson@unityridge.org.

Building Healthy Families: On average, a human head has 100,000 hairs attached. How many are on yours? Don't know? Well God does! "Indeed, the very hairs on your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than sparrows." (Luke 12:7) Don't think your concerns and worries are too small—or too big—for your Father. When troubles and concerns of the world tempt you to forget this truth, take a minute to run your fingers through your hair and remember who you are: His precious, beloved child. He knows and cares about what you're going through and does not want you to be afraid. **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.

You can start at any time. The entire reading plan is available in the Church Office.

MONDAY: Ezekiel 47:1—48:35

THURSDAY: Daniel 3:1—4:37

TUESDAY: Daniel 1:1-21

FRIDAY: Daniel 5:1-31

WEDNESDAY: Daniel 2:1-49

SATURDAY: Daniel 6:1-28

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 5,340.00
 Sunday School: \$ 52.50
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 24.00
 Midweek Lent 3-20: \$ 430.00

Attendance:
 Sat., March 22 5 p.m.: 45
 Sun., March 23 9 a.m.: 104
 149
 Midweek Lent 3-20: 33

Acolytes today:
 Weston & Logan Stoppel

Sunday School: 21
 Adult Bible Class: 31
 H.S. Bible Class: 5

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
March 30-April 6, 2025

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
March 30 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
 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
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 Beeck, Schultz, Schultz and Weiss families

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
 1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Friday: ~
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. Organist Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Saturday Worship w/HC

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
April 6 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 11:30 a.m. Elders' Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Schleswig Sharks 4-H Meeting

About the Cover: Our sin merits the anger and wrath of God. But His strict warning of judgment against sin is meant to lead us to repentance. God wants to show grace and mercy to sinners so that we may believe and receive forgiveness. Christ willingly received the wrath of God for all sin in our place when He died on the cross. He did this so that, like the prodigal son, we may know our heavenly Father's eternal embrace of comfort (see Luke 15:11-32).

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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."***

