

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ April 18 & 19, 2026

Welcome to worship! Our Lord Jesus, our risen and living Savior meets us here, so reach out in loving acceptance to those around you. "Give us courageous and righteous hearts, O God, so that our thoughts, words, and actions may be pure and pleasing to You and give witness to our hope in Jesus our Savior. Amen." A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: Travis Aldag, Deb Green, Harry Riessen, Tom Groth and DeWayne Schultz. *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 Pray for God's Comfort for the family of Lillie Petersen. Funeral services for Lillie were held here at Immanuel on Friday, April 17.

We Welcome Missionary Tom Park as our guest preacher this weekend. Dr. Park serves our Lord as our theological educator in Taiwan. He teaches theology to laypeople as well as to those studying to become pastors, deaconesses, and other church workers. In this role, he is also helping to start a new Lutheran seminary in Taiwan. Pastor Park will also be leading our Bible Class this morning.

Immanuel Messenger articles for the May issue are due on Tuesday, April 21. Thanks!

The Iowa West Branch of Orphan Grain Train will be loading a container for The Republic of Georgia on Tuesday, April 21 starting at 9:00 a.m. Anyone who can help with the loading is more than welcome to come and help. Please contact Sharon Irwin 712-660-1380 for details.

Bars and cookies needed for Unity Ridge chicken dinner fundraiser. Can you help provide bars or cookies for the Unity Ridge drive-through chicken dinner, serving from 4:30-7 p.m. on April 21 at Our Savior? Cookies and brownies can be dropped off at the Unity Ridge office or at Our Savior Lutheran Church on April 21st before 2:00 p.m. Call Cindy Gray 712-265-0043 or leave a message at the Unity Ridge school office 712-393-2002 if you can provide one of the following: (1) pan of unfrosted brownies (cut into 12 or 15 and put into baggies) or (2) 2 dozen cookies (put 2 cookies into each baggie).

Questioning of our Confirmands will be Wednesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. A cake and ice cream reception served by the 7th grade class will follow. This year's 8th grade confirmation class includes: Brenna Bubke, Zoie Ferguson, Jaxson Greene (Faith-Deloit), Ty Jacobson, Morgan Jepsen, Reed Meseck and Gavin Schneider. The Rite of Confirmation will be Sunday, April 26 during 9:00 a.m. worship service.

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, April 23 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

Gracewell Volunteer Tea will be held Thursday, April 23 at 2:00 p.m. This is for volunteers that served in 2025.

The Lutheran Hour: "Not in Vain" by Guest Speaker Pastor Ryan Tinetti. Because Jesus lives, your future is certain. You can also be confident that your present life has meaning and worth. In the Lord, your labor is not in vain. (1 Cor. 15:50-58) Listen to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday morning on Denison's KDSN 104.9 FM at 6:30 am and KDSN 1530 AM at 10:30 am, and anytime at www.lhm.org.

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10.

At Crossroads, we are so grateful for your joining our mission in so many ways! Having your hearts through multiple gifting avenues as well as your participation in our work is an incredible gift! We are honored to celebrate Crossroads' 10th year, at the very same time as God has granted us plans to begin our ultrasound program (May 1st). So the 10-year celebration, along with the ribbon cutting, reflects the full story of Crossroads, not only the new ultrasound services. The event will highlight both of our programs while also introducing ultrasound as the next step in our growth. The theme "Growing in Grace" was an easy decision after a beautiful new quilt donning that theme was recently donated to Crossroads. The intent was to let the quilt go to work for Crossroads and we will soon be sharing details of that plan. Please join the celebration on April 24th at the Crossroads center if you can!

Volunteers are needed to help with spring cleaning of the items in the Mission Central museum. Cleaning day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Many workers make less time needed to finish the cleaning. Anyone willing to help, please call Janice Jepsen 712-676-3608. Thank you for helping!

Upcoming Ascension Service. A Special Ascension Service will be held Thursday, May 14, 2026 at Mission Central. The meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Richard Snow will be the guest speaker for the Ascension Worship Service that begins at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Snow will have a very, very special message for everyone, sharing the joy of our Lord's Ascension and highlighting some of the exciting mission work that our Lord Jesus is doing in the mission fields right here in the Midwest.

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 28, 29 & 30. This event is sponsored by our Mission Board and we truly appreciate any donations you may have. Please don't bring the items until later in May but we will be grateful for your support. Thank you! ~ The Mission Board

Immanuel Lutheran Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2026-27 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.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, April 20-25, Pastor Torreson is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

Building Healthy Families: Many of the challenges we face today are made worse by economic downturn, job loss, divorce, or other changes that make it difficult to last to the next paycheck. Don't ever let lack of finances be a barrier to calling LFS! A growing number of LCMS people are making monthly, quarterly, or annual gifts so that LFS can always say "Yes" when someone calls for help who doesn't have insurance or financial resources to cover the entire cost of care. Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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: Deuteronomy 16:1—17:20 THURSDAY: Deuteronomy 22:1—23:25

TUESDAY: Deuteronomy 18:1—19:21 FRIDAY: Deuteronomy 24:1-22

WEDNESDAY: Deuteronomy 20:1—21:23 SATURDAY: Deuteronomy 25:1—26:19

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 4,119.00
 Sunday School: \$ 36.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ ~~

Attendance:
 Sat., April 11 5:00 p.m.: 27
 Sun., April 12 9:00 a.m.: 135
 162

Acolytes Sunday:
 Ava and Ty Jacobson

Sunday School: 28
 Voters' Meeting: 42

Librarian today:
 Chris Mahnken

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
April 19-26, 2026

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
April 19 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Trunkhill
 1:40 p.m. Silverridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship

Monday: No Preschool

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
Immanuel Messenger deadline for May
 9:00 a.m. Orphan Grain Train container loading
 4:30—7:00 p.m. Unity Ridge chicken dinner @ Our Savior

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
 5:00 p.m. Confirmation pictures in the church
 7:00 p.m. Questioning of Confirmands (reception to follow)

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 9:00 a.m. Quilting
 2:00 p.m. Volunteer tea @ Gracewell

Friday: ~

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship with the Rite of Confirmation
April 26 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

About the Cover: When the two disciples encountered Christ on the road to Emmaus, their hopeful hearts had grown cold at their Lord's death three days earlier. However, their hearts burned within them as the risen Lord opened the Scriptures to them. The living, breathing, bread-breaking Lord who appeared to them sent them running in the night to confirm what they had seen and heard with the other disciples, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed!" (Luke 24:34)

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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."***

