

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ April 4 & 5, 2026

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! We greet those who are visiting with us today in the name of our risen Savior. We are gathered as a community of Christians. Our center is Jesus Christ. We are here to know again the touch of His forgiving and healing hand. "On this glorious Easter Day, let us offer God our highest praise for raising Christ from His grave and exalting Him our eternal Lord. 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, Lillie Petersen, Ruth Reincke, DeWayne Schultz and Jan 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.*

Church Council Meeting will be Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. The Voters' Meeting will be held next Sunday, April 12 following worship.

Confirmation Prayer Team: Our Confirmation students and our Confirmation Prayer Team will have a special evening together this Wednesday, April 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m. We will have supper together and an activity is planned to strengthen our bond as fellow members of Christ's body. 5th/6th grade will have class at normal time after school and then proceed downstairs. 7th/8th grade will join us at 5:30 throughout their scheduled class time.

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

The Carnival is coming to Preschool! We will again be hosting the Family Fun Night Fundraiser on Friday, April 10. The carnival will be held here at Immanuel. Bouncy houses and games will be outside, weather permitting. The steak sandwich supper will be held in the church basement. "To go" orders will be available by calling 515-468-8844. We encourage everyone to invite their kids, grandkids, neighbors, etc. Again, thank you for your continued support! ~ Mrs. Gustafson and the Preschool 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.

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 5:29-42; Psalm 148; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

Thanks everyone for the prayers during my hospital stay and also to Pastor Mahnken for his visits and prayers. Have a Blessed Easter. ~ Joan Nahnsen

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

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, April 6-11, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Peitsch will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: "You Don't Know What You Have Till It's Gone" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Death is the enemy of life, but in Jesus, God made death become life's servant. (1 Cor. 15:26) 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.

Bars and cookies needed for Unity Ridge chicken dinner fundraiser. Can you help provide bars or cookies for the Unity Ridge chicken dinner on April 21? 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).

Thank you to all those who came to the Unity Ridge Dinner Auction! It was a wonderful night of fellowship and food. Thank you for your support in gathering and providing items for the donations, sponsoring our event, and praying for our school as we prepared. We appreciate you all so much! **Now Enrolling!** Unity Ridge Lutheran Schools is now enrolling for the 26-27 school year. We provide a Christ-centered education for students preschool-high school. Enroll now on our website at www.unityridge.org or call the office at 712-393-2002 for a tour and more information. Come join the family at Unity Ridge!

"As Christians, we rejoice in the Savior who shines light on our lives when we only expected inky blackness. May God's strong Word remind us that the fullness of life is meant to be lived in the light. In our weakness, may the Lord bring alongside us faithful brothers and sisters to proclaim that God is light and life to us, and let us walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7). In Jesus we have light, and to have light is to have life. May we rejoice in proclaiming the message of Jesus as the Apostle John did. Thanks be to God that He is light, and He shines in the darkness." *Rev. Dennis Norby, Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: SACRED MUSIC FOR THE EASTER SEASON... "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," "He's Risen, He's Risen." You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

Building Healthy Families: Here are true words to remember and boldly speak aloud today or any day you may be feeling overwhelmed with temptation of any of life's challenges: "Know ye then—sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me—that you are missing the mark. I am not afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you." (from Luther's Easter Sermon, 1530) A blessed, joyous, and lasting celebration of Easter to you and your family from Lutheran Family Service—here to serve you in person or via confidential telehealth link no matter where you live. 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.

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

MONDAY: Deuteronomy 1:1-46

THURSDAY: Deuteronomy 4:1-49

TUESDAY: Deuteronomy 2:1-37

FRIDAY: Deuteronomy 5:1-33

WEDNESDAY: Deuteronomy 3:1-29

SATURDAY: Deuteronomy 6:1-25

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 5,390.00
 Sunday School: \$ 37.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 28.00

Attendance:
 Sat., March 28 5 p.m.: 29
 Sun., March 29 9 a.m.: 145
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Midweek Lent 3-25: \$ 726.00

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Acolytes Easter Sunday:

6:30 Sunrise: Reed Meseck
 Gavin Schneider
 9:30 Worship: Morgan Jepsen
 Raymond Jepsen

Sunday School: 23
 Adult Bible Class: 29

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
April 5-12, 2026

Sunday: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship w/HC
April 5 7:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast by Immanuel Sr. LYF
Easter 8:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 9:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/HC
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Peitsch
 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
 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

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
 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Prayer Team

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 9:00 a.m. Quilting

Friday: 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Preschool Carnival

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

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
April 12 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Voters' Meeting

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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.



About the Cover: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Christ's resurrection has changed everything. By faith, we have died to sin, have been buried with Him, and have been raised with Him. This changes the way we look at this life, turning our eyes upward toward the things of God. One day, Christ will return. On that day, what we now hold by faith will be delivered before our very eyes as we appear with Christ in His glory at the resurrection of our bodies. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



***"Together in
 Christ, we grow
 through the Word
 and Sacraments,
 serving our Lord
 and sharing
 His saving grace
 with all people."***