

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ August 9 & 10, 2025

Welcome! Life is often hard, for many reasons. So we gather to be fed and strengthened by Jesus, our Good Shepherd; to be assured of His presence and goodness. “God, as You did with Abram, You urge us not to be afraid, and You point to the sky, where night is the backdrop for countless stars—signs of Your shining goodness (Gen. 15:1-6). 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: Loretta Reimers and Michael Mentink. 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 Duane “Buckwheat” Jacoby. Funeral services for Duane were held here at Immanuel on Thursday, August 7.

We Pray for God's Continued Blessings for Austin and Allie Korner who were married Saturday, August 9, 2025.

We pray for God's Blessings for Whitney Weiss and Dawson Dorhout, who will be married here at Immanuel Saturday, August 16.

The Large Mite Box is in the Narthex for collection of your monthly LWML mission mites. We encourage you to pick up a small mite box to collect your coins at home. Thank you for supporting LWML mission projects both here in Iowa and around the world. Your donations are valuable since the number of members in our zone has significantly dropped over the years but the needs are ever growing.

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, August 14 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

Thursday Evening Study: There will be no class throughout the remainder of summer.

Readings for next Sunday: Jer. 23:16-29; Psalm 119:81-88; Heb. 11:17-31 (32-40), 12:1-3; Luke 12:49-53 (54-56).

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, Aug. 11-16, Pastor Peitsch is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Mahnken will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: “Writing Him Off” by Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. After Jesus claimed the Old Testament was written about Him, the people of His hometown wrote Him off. (Luke 4:21-32) 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.

“Our Lord Jesus Christ assures us that the Heavenly Father makes His love for our kind evident in sunshine and rainfall (Matt. 5:45) along with sparrows and lilies (Matt. 6:25-33). So, we may expect to learn about the sanctity of every human life not only from His Word but also from His world.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Can't make it for Sunday worship? Remember our Saturday evening worship at 5:00 p.m.

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Alternatives to IVF, Evidence for Infant Baptism in the First Century, Adoption, Practical Insights from the Book of Numbers, The Lutheran View of the Lord's Supper and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider .

Building Healthy Families: Much of today's media reflects values that we wouldn't want our family to see or use as a model for life, but there are notable exceptions! Why not plan a weekly movie night with your family or friend group...intentionally choosing films that are both entertaining and faith-affirming? Here's an idea to get you started: “Where Hope Grows” (streaming on many online platforms) tells the story of Calvin, a former baseball player who struggles with addiction and loss who befriends Produce, a young man with Down Syndrome who works at the grocery store. God uses their relationship to help Calvin rediscover hope and faith. Among the unwholesome story lines out there are some that shine light and challenge us to change our opinions in helpful ways...like remembering the value of people born with Down Syndrome! **Lutheran Family Service**

Luke 12:24 – “Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.” God feeds the birds of the air, this we know. It's just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds....to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come—Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to entrust ourselves to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.

The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom The Lord Himself was Abraham's shield and great reward. For “the word of the LORD came to him” and sustained the patriarch's faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham “believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness” (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted “descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore” (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire “to give you the kingdom” (Luke 12:32). Therefore, “do not be anxious about your life,” but instead “seek His kingdom” (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming” (Luke 12:35, 40).

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: Acts 13:1—14:28

☐ THURSDAY: Acts 17:1—18:23

☐ TUESDAY: Acts 15:1-35

☐ FRIDAY: Acts 18:24—21:16

☐ WEDNESDAY: Acts 15:36—16:40

☐ SATURDAY: Acts 21:17—23:35

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 10,205.00	Sat., August 2	5 p.m.: 29
Sunday School:	\$ 9.00	Sun., August 3	9 a.m.: <u>74</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 21.50		103
<u>Acolyte today:</u>		Sunday School:	9
Izzi Miller		Adult Bible Class:	23

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~		
<u>August 10-17, 2025</u>		
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship
August 10	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	1:00 p.m.	Denison Care Worship—Pastor Mahnken
	1:40 p.m.	Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m.	Gracewell Worship
Monday:	~	
Tuesday:	~	
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
Friday:	5:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday:	3:00 p.m.	Weiss/Dorhout Wedding
	5:00 p.m.	Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
August 17	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

About the Cover: Jesus points to the beauty of the lilies of the field as a way of reminding us of the graciousness of God to give us what we need for this life. Christ has brought us the kingdom of God by taking up our sin on the cross and clothing us with the robe of His righteousness. Since we are so beautifully clothed in Christ unto eternity in Holy Baptism, we can truly let go of our anxieties over the things of this life.

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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.”***

