

Immanuel’s News and Notes ~ August 15 & 16, 2026

Welcome to worship! We come together to “call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised” (Psalm 18:3). “Lord, make us mindful of the joy Your mercy can be to us. Grant us the gift of Your grace and every help in time of need through Jesus, our Savior, we pray. Amen.” A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: Lori Bumann, Julie Teut, Timothy Riessen, Jan Schultz, Matt Wunschel, Travis Aldag, Melissa Schmidt, Margaret Hall (grandmother of Laura Ernst), Carol Korwes, and Tom Groth. *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 Payton Treiber at the death of her husband, Dane, this past Tuesday, August 11, 2026. Arrangements are still pending at the time of this printing. Dane was the son-in-law of Todd and Kris Schultz.

We Pray for God’s Continued Blessings for Arrick and Larissa Clausen who were married Saturday, August 15, 2026.

We pray for God’s Blessings for Jodi Bruhn and Ryan Boettger who will be married here at Immanuel Friday, August 21, 2026.

The Preschool “Apple Tree” has sprouted in the Narthex. Please consider helping our preschool by taking an apple from the tree and then placing the purchased item under the tree. You can also place money in an envelope and turn into the Church Office or the offering plate.

New Membership Class: Pastor Mahnken will be starting an adult confirmation class; the first class will be Sunday, August 16 at 8:00 p.m. The class consists of 9 sessions. The length of each session is 90 minutes or less. The dates and times of the classes will be flexible to meet the needs of those attending. If you or someone you know are interested in becoming communicant members of Immanuel, please contact Pastor Mahnken.

Immanuel Messenger articles for the September issue are due on Tuesday, August 18. Thanks!

A Confirmation Orientation Meeting for our 5th-8th grade students and their parents will be held Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 11:33—12:8; Matt. 16:13-20.

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, August 17-22, Pastor Peitsch is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Mahnken will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: “Look at Me” by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Archives August—God hears our cry for justice, not as an indifferent judge, but as our merciful heavenly Father. (Luke 18:1-8) You can listen to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday morning on Denison’s KDSN 104.9 FM at 6:30 am and KDSN 15:30 AM at 10:30 am, and anytime at www.lhm.org.

The Church Library has a computer desk and an older model computer (no longer supported by Windows) available. If anyone has a use for these items please pick up ASAP as we are making room for a new desk and shelf.

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

Please pray for our Sunday School as we will be needing a few new Sunday School teachers this fall. Please also prayerfully consider if Jesus wants you to be part of this loving task as we join in fulfilling His commission to be making disciples (Matthew 28:19).

Immanuel Lutheran Preschool is now accepting applications 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.

Calf Show Dinner will be Saturday, September 19 following the parade. Be watching for the sign-up sheets for both food donations and workers on the bulletin board in the Narthex in the weeks to come. Thanks! ~ Calf Show Committee

“The message concerning the work and person of Christ is meant to bring joy to the sorrowing and light to those in the darkness. The light of God’s mercy shines into the darkest of situations; the Holy Spirit guides people to confess their sins and brings forgiveness to those who have participated in abortions, pointed people to end their own lives, or suggested that someone be harmed in some other way.” *Rev. Dennis Norby, Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

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Building Healthy Families: President Harry S. Truman once said, “A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.” *Which are you?* Pessimists...how’s this working for you? It’s usually true that mood follows message: What we think or tell ourselves about a situation results in how we feel about what is happening. The next time you are feeling low or having a difficult day, stop and listen to what you are telling yourself. *Is it true?* Challenge and then replace negative, untrue thoughts with the truth. (Hint: look for truth in your Bible.) If you’re stuck in a negative pattern of thought and life, you don’t have to stay there. Your LFS counselors are available to help you learn to identify and change negative thought patterns, replacing them with truth. www.LutheranFamilyService.org Lutheran Family Service

Matthew 15:27—“Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table—He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

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: 2 Kings 17:1-41	☐ THURSDAY: 2 Kings 21:1-26
☐ TUESDAY: 2 Kings 18:1—19:37	☐ FRIDAY: 2 Kings 22:1—23:37
☐ WEDNESDAY: 2 Kings 20:1-21	☐ SATURDAY: 2 Kings 24:1—25:30

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 10,777.33	Sat., Aug. 8 5:00 p.m.:	28
Sunday School:	\$ ~~	Sun., Aug. 9 9:00 a.m.:	99
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 21.00		127
<u>Acolyte Sunday:</u>		Sunday School:	5
Kimber Wood		Adult Bible Class:	20
<u>Librarian today:</u>			
Denice Schultz			

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~	
<u>August 16-23, 2026</u>	
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
<i>August 16</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Mahnken
	1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
	8:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class
Monday:	Eventide Annual Meeting
Tuesday:	<i>Immanuel Messenger</i> deadline for September
	4:00—7:00 p.m. Back to School Bash @ Schleswig School
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m. Bible Study
	7:00 p.m. Parent/Student Confirmation Orientation Meeting
Thursday:	5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
Friday:	4:00 p.m. Bruhn/Boettger Wedding
Saturday:	5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship
<i>August 23</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

About the Cover: As a Gentile, the Canaanite woman knelt from the outside looking in as she begged Jesus to heal her daughter, who was possessed by a demon. Jesus tested the woman to reveal a faith that even crumbs from the Lord would provide for her deepest need. Jesus does not overlook us either. To the world, it may look like crumbs, but just a little word from Jesus works the miracle of faith to receive the salvation and eternal life that He has accomplished for us through His cross and resurrection.

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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.”*

