

Immanuel’s News and Notes ~ August 16 & 17, 2025

Welcome! As we worship—indeed, as we live—we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses to our Lord Jesus Christ for our encouragement to live faithfully (Heb. 12:1-2). “Heavenly Father, without Your grace and presence, I falter in faith and sinfully fail. Strengthen me by Your Word and Spirit during this time that I may increasingly fix my eyes on Jesus and run with perseverance the race You have marked out for me. Amen.” We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Please Requests: If you have a concern for which you would like us to include in our prayers in worship, please call the Church Office 712-676-2235 or send an email to: immansch@iowatelecom.net.

We Thank God for the healing He has mercifully given to Loretta Reimers & Michael Mentink..

We Pray for God’s Continued Blessings for Dawson and Whitney (Weiss) Dorhout who were married here Saturday, August 16, 2025.

We Pray for God’s Continuing comfort for the family and loves ones of Ruby Friedrichsen who died Friday, August 8. The visitation for Ruby will be this Sunday afternoon, August 17, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Christiansen-Van Houten Funeral Home in Odebolt. Ruby’s funeral will be here at Immanuel, Monday, August 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Eventide’s Annual Meeting will be held Monday, August 18, 2025 at 5 p.m.

Immanuel Messenger articles for the September issue are due on Tuesday, August 19.

A Confirmation Orientation Meeting for our 5th-8th grade students and their parents will be held Wednesday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

Readings for next Sunday: Is. 66:18-23; Ps. 50:1-15; Heb. 12:4-24 (25-29); Luke 13:22-30.

Preschool Open House will be held Tuesday, August 26 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Calf Show Dinner will be Saturday, September 13 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

Library Items: Parents— please look around your homes and vehicles for books and DVD’s from our children’s library. We have quite a few items that have not been returned. Letters will be sent home in a couple weeks if they are not returned.

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, Aug. 18-23, Pastor Torreson is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Peitsch will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: “The Stuttering Man of Destiny” by Guest Speaker Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. Archives August—Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Moses. (Exodus 4:10-12) 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.

“Never apologize for sharing God’s Word. Never excuse holding or defending a godly position that clearly states how a life issue stands according to Scripture. Abortion is wrong, as is assisted suicide, and many other life issues happening in our world.” *Volunteer Relations, 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: 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: In addition to being overwhelmed with feelings of sadness and hopelessness, another sign of depression is distorted thinking. This may include: overgeneralizing—after one thing goes wrong, thinking, “Things NEVER go right for me”; exaggerated responsibility for others-“Why aren’t you happy? It must be because of something I did or didn’t do”; and negative self-labeling- “I didn’t get up in time to exercise today—I’m lazy and a failure.” Left unchallenged, distorted messages only deepen the despair. Depression is not a lack of faith or a character flaw, but a serious illness which when left untreated can destroy a life, a marriage and a family. It is treatable and you can feel better. See your medical doctor and remember that your pastor and Lutheran Family Service counselors, who share your faith in our God who keeps His promise, can help. **Lutheran Family Service**

Luke 12:51 – “Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Jesus has come to divide us out of the world—to carve out a people for Himself, redeemed by His blood and trusting His Word. The world hates this Word, but for us it is life and salvation. We seek to follow Jesus’ Word in all things because we know Him who gave us the Word: we know He always seeks to bless us.

Christ’s Suffering and Death Bring Division: The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is *“like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces”* (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able *“to interpret the appearance of earth and sky”* (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross—recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on *“Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,”* and *“run with endurance the race that is set before us”* (Heb. 12:1–2).

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.

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<input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: Acts 27:1—28:31	<input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: Romans 5:1-21
<input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Romans 1:1—2:29	<input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Romans 6:1-23

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 5891.00	Sat., August 9 5 p.m.:	38
Sunday School:	\$ 2.00	Sun., August 10 9 a.m.:	<u>82</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 36.00		120
<u>Acolyte today:</u>		Sunday School:	4
Elders		Adult Bible Class:	24
<u>Librarian today:</u>			
Chris Mahnken			

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~		
<u>August 17-24, 2025</u>		
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
<i>August 17</i>	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	1:00 p.m.	Denison Care Worship—Pastor Peitsch
	1:40 p.m.	Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m.	Gracewell Worship
Monday:	5:00 p.m.	Eventide Annual Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	New Member Class
Tuesday:	<i>Immanuel Messenger</i> deadline for September	
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Orientation Meeting
Thursday:	~	
Friday:	~	
Saturday:	5:00 p.m.	Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship
<i>August 24</i>	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

About the Cover: Jeremiah’s prophecy declares the difference between God’s Word and the soothing words of false prophets. The fierce judgment against sin in God’s Word is like fire meant to lead to repentance. For out of God’s mercy the baptism of fire was poured out on our crucified Lord as He willingly received the judgment of God upon all sin in our place. Therefore, all who are in Christ, baptized by water and the Word, have passed through the fiery judgment and into eternal 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.”***



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. Hebrews 12:1-3 (ESV)