

Immanuel’s News and Notes ~ August 22 & 23, 2026

Welcome! With gratitude we come to give thanks to the Lord for God’s boundless grace and mercy. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we extend the hand of friendship and love to all who have come. “If we are not in line with Your will, graceful God, may this be the day in which by Your grace, we more fully dedicate our lives to You. Amen.” A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: We pray for healing and strengthening for Timothy Riessen, Travis Aldag, Melissa Schmidt, Matt Wunschel, 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 Thank God for His healing mercies for Lori Bumann, Jan Schultz, and Julie Teut and pray for their continued healing and strengthening.

We Pray for God’s Continued Comfort for Payton Treiber at the death of her husband, Dane, on August 11, 2026. Funeral services for Dane were held here at Immanuel on Wednesday, August 19. Dane was the son-in-law of Todd and Kris Schultz.

We Pray for God’s Continued Blessings for Ryan Boettger and Jodi Bruhn who were married here at Immanuel on 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: We’ve just begun! If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a communicant members of Immanuel, please contact Pastor Mahnken, ASAP!

Preschool Open House will be held Tuesday, August 25 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Preschool begins this week. The afternoon class will begin on Wednesday, August 26 and the morning class will begin on Thursday, August 27.

Confirmation classes begin this week for grades 5th-8th.

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, August 27 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

Readings for next Sunday: Jer. 15:15-21; Psalm 26; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

Please join us to celebrate Kevin Clausen’s 70th birthday! The party will be held Saturday, August 29 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the Ricketts Community Building. A light meal will be provided. Come for cake and stories!

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, August 24-29, Pastor Torreson is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Mahnken will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: “Real Riches” by Speaker Rev. Ken Klaus. Archives August—It’s not wrong to have possessions, but to love anything in such a way that it takes the place of God is spiritually deadly. (Luke 12:15) 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 have made 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).

Calf Show Dinner Saturday, September 19 following the parade. The sign-up sheets for both food donations and workers are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please consider serving our congregation and our community for this event! Thanks! ~ Calf Show Committee

“The One who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows is now seated in sovereign authority over all things. He is not pacing the floor of heaven, wringing His hands. He is reigning. And because He reigns, we can have courage and peace even when our world seems like it’s unraveling before our very eyes.” *Rev. Brian W. Thomas—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

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Building Healthy Families: “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit...therefore honor God with your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) This Biblical instruction isn’t just for young people! No matter what your age, take time this week to do something that will make your body stronger or healthier. Fix a healthy snack, go for a walk, and invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Shared activity makes it more fun, and creates an open door for conversation about well-being, including the importance of faith and spiritual wellness. Thank God for and honor Him by taking care of your body, no matter how many years it’s been around! www.LutheranFamilyService.org Lutheran Family Service

Romans 12:1—“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” That’s the order: God’s mercies, then our sacrifice. Since God’s mercies are all-encompassing, so is our sacrifice: a total sacrifice, our total selves placed over into God’s service according to how He has called each of us individually to serve in home, church and society.

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: 1 Chronicles 1:1—4:43	☐ THURSDAY: 1 Chronicles 13:1—14:17
☐ TUESDAY: 1 Chronicles 5:1—8:40	☐ FRIDAY: 1 Chronicles 15:1—16:43
☐ WEDNESDAY: 1 Chronicles 9:1—12:40	☐ SATURDAY: 1 Chronicles 17:1-27

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 5,968.00	Sat., Aug. 15 5:00 p.m.:	41
Sunday School:	\$ ~~	Sun., Aug. 16 9:00 a.m.:	<u>71</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 25.20		112
<u>Acolyte Sunday:</u>		Sunday School:	~
Larynn Friedrichsen and Harper Lee		Adult Bible Class:	18

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~	
<u>August 23-30, 2026</u>	
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship
August 23	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
	7:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class
Monday:	Public School Starts
Tuesday:	4:00—6:00 p.m. Preschool Open House
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
	6:15—8:00 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
Thursday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	9:00 a.m. Quilting
Friday:	~
Saturday:	5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship
August 30	10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

About the Cover: The word *therefore* always follows a reason. The first eleven chapters of Paul’s letter to the Romans set the stage for Paul’s exhortation to live the sanctified life God has set in place for us. We have all sinned and deserve condemnation, but salvation is the free gift accomplished by the atoning sacrifice of Christ’s death on our behalf. We are justified by faith in Him. We have been united to Jesus by Baptism. We have died to sin and been raised to newness of life. It is all the gracious work of God, which is the foundation for *therefore*.

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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.”***

