

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ August 2 & 3, 2025

**Good morning, and welcome!** God has invited us here; we are at home in His presence. Let us worship. "Holy Spirit, strengthen my faith through the Word and Sacrament today to help me not worry about earthly treasures for myself, but to be rich toward You. Help me to set my mind and heart on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, that when Christ, who is my life appears, I also may appear with Him in glory. Amen." We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated at this congregation in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive that we may love as He forgives and loves us. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a belief different from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor. Visitors who have previously spoken with the Pastor, and who received permission to commune, do not need to seek permission for subsequent visits to this altar. For further study, see: Matthew 5:23f, 10:32f, 18:15-35, 26:26-29, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

**Please Remember in Your Prayers:** Loretta Reimers, Duane Jacoby and Michael Mentink (brother of Rachel 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 Marlys Haberberger and all the family and loved ones who mourn the death of her sister, Janice (Hagemann) Petersen, who died this past Wedl, July 30,

**We Pray for God's Blessings** for Austin Korner and Allie Britten who will be married this coming Saturday, August 9.

**Board of Ed Meeting** will be Tuesday, August 5 at 5:30 p.m.

**The LWML** will meet on Thursday, August 7 at 1:30 p.m.

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

**Readings for next Sunday:** Gen. 15:1-6; Ps. 33:12-22; Heb. 11:1-16; Luke 12:22-34 (35-40).

**"Thy Strong Word"** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, Aug 4-9, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Wade will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**The Lutheran Hour:** "Proclaim His Glory" by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point. (John 5:30-47) 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](http://www.lhm.org).

**"God isn't a page in your book,** you're part of His. And He's delighted to have you in the family." *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, The Lutheran Hour—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

**Thank you** to my Immanuel church family for the gift card I received for my retirement as Office Secretary. It is appreciated as I start this new season in life. God's blessings! ~ Val Teut

**Waves of Wonder Vacation Bible School at Schleswig UCC:** Sun., Aug. 3–Wed. Aug. 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. A meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. each night with storytelling, games, crafts and music to follow. For ages 3 years old to 6th grade. Everyone welcome!

**Unity Ridge Golf Tournament:** Saturday, August 9 in Schleswig beginning at 9:00 a.m. Sign up online or contact Brian Kempfert at [brian.kempfert@unityridge.org](mailto:brian.kempfert@unityridge.org). Brochures are available on the table in the Narthex. \$240 per team. Carts are extra and paid to the golf course. [www.unityridge.org](http://www.unityridge.org)

**Volunteer opportunity at the Iowa State Fair!** Spend a 3-hour shift at the Lutheran Hour Booth and get free fair admittance for the day. Dates available: August 8,10,12,14,16,17 and shifts begin at 9:00 am. Contact John Tews at 641-740-0126 or [valleyinsjt@gmail.com](mailto:valleyinsjt@gmail.com).

**State Fair Volunteers!** Considering a day at the Iowa Sate Fair and a shift at the Lutheran Hour Booth? Want to share a ride? Please contact our Church Office and we will help you make connections with fellow members!

**Can't Make It** for Sunday worship? Remember our Saturday evening worship at 5:00 p.m.!

**Thank you** Immanuel Lutheran, Mission Board and Pastor Mahnken for the donation of \$1,000 to Mercy Meals of Siouxland. Your donation allows us to package 5,882 Mercy Meals for hungry children! What a joy to come back from the LWML convention and find your generous donation in the mail at Faith. We are thankful for Immanuel Lutheran's ongoing support of Mercy Meals of Siouxland to feed hungry children. God's Blessings to the members of Immanuel. ~ Margee Joines, Director Mercy Meals of Siouxland

**Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians:** WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS CULTURE . . . Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show & podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Recent topics include: The Worsening Pandemic of Gambling, A New Study on Christian Faith & Marriage, Eastern Mysticism in Public Schools, A Supreme Court Ruling on Children & Pornography and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

**Building Healthy Families:** Whether it's your growing awareness of the number of hours in your day tinged with anxiety or depression, or a gnawing feeling in your gut about the distance you're feeling from your spouse, know that you don't have to wait for a crisis to seek support. It's often easier to prevent a problem from growing worse than to recover from one in full bloom. Pay attention to your mental, emotional, spiritual, and relational health. Talk to your pastor, a trusted Christian friend, or an LFS counselor, and remember (as the tee shirt says): It's okay to have Jesus and a therapist, too! **Lutheran Family Service**

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 3:1—4:37

☐ THURSDAY: Acts 9:1-43

☐ TUESDAY: Acts 5:1-42

☐ FRIDAY: Acts 10:1—11:30

☐ WEDNESDAY: Acts 6:1—8:40

☐ SATURDAY: Acts 12:1-25

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 2,681.00	Sat., July 26	5 p.m.: 35
Sunday School:	\$ 22.00	Sun., July 27	9 a.m.: 83
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 16.90		<u>118</u>
<u>Acolyte today:</u>		Sunday School:	3
Elders		Adult Bible Class:	17
<u>Librarian today:</u>			
Sheila Groth			

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~	
<u>August 3-10, 2025</u>	
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
<i>August 3</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Wade
	1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
<b>Monday:</b>	~
<b>Tuesday:</b>	5:30 p.m. Board of Ed Meeting
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:30 a.m. Bible Study
<b>Thursday:</b>	1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting
<b>Friday:</b>	~
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<i>August 10</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

**About the Cover:** It is foolish to reduce our lives to procuring possessions just to let them go when we die. These things do not compare to the eternal treasures Christ won for us. We can let go of our need to store up earthly treasures because we know what the Lord promises in the life to come (Romans 8:32).

**Luke 12:15 – “And [Jesus] said** to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’” Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God’s purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all that you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.

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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.”*

