

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ August 8 & 9, 2026

**Welcome!** No doubt our needs are known by the God of mercy. He has brought us into His presence that He may bless us, and so we cry out to our Creator and Redeemer: “Lord, I come to You now because You have promised to come to me here with Your saving power and mercy. Forgive my sin and give me help and deliverance from all my fears, that I may worship You with a pure heart and say, ‘Truly You are the Son of God’ and my Savior. 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](mailto:immansch@iowatelecom.net).*

**We pray for God's Blessings** for Arrick Clausen and Larissa Hollinger who will be married here at Immanuel Saturday, August 15, 2026.

**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 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.

**Schleswig UCC Outreach Committee** is hosting a Community Meal on Sunday, August 9 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Serving: hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, baked beans, watermelon and chips. Everyone is welcome! All children are then invited to stay for VBS from 6-8 pm. VBS will continue Monday and Tuesday evening from 5:30-8 pm with a family night planned Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 pm. Register at <https://schleswigucc.mycokesburyvbs.com/> or call the UCC Church Office 712-676-3917.

**The Quilters** will meet on Thursday, August 13 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Is. 56:1, 6-8; Ps. 67; Rom. 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32; Matt. 15:21-28.

**“Thy Strong Word”** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, August 10-15, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Peitsch will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**The Lutheran Hour:** “Extreme Neighborliness” by Speaker Rev. Gregory Seltz. Archives August—Jesus is the ultimate “Good Samaritan,” the unlikely Rescuer who binds our wounds, carries us to safety, and pays the price through His cross. (Luke 10:25-37) 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](http://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.

**Name your Own Price Garage Sale** at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kiron (17 S. Orchard) on Saturday, August 15 from 8:30 am—4:00 pm. All proceeds go to Missions. Serving smiles, coffee, cinnamon rolls, loose meat on a bun, chips and beverages. Donations can be brought anytime; just leave on the deck on the south side of the church. Thank you!

**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](mailto:lesliegustafson@schleswig.k12.ia.us) or call the Church Office 712-676-2235.

**Unity Ridge Lutheran School is hiring!** We are looking for faithful followers of Jesus who have a love for mission and children. Positions available: Infant/Toddler room provider, Food Service management, and substitutes. Please email [megan.torreson@unityridge.org](mailto:megan.torreson@unityridge.org) with questions and resumes.

**“Just as powerful,”** we can relate to stories because, whether we know it or not, we are part of the greatest story ever told. The one that's still unfolding. The one that will last forever. We're part of God's story—the one He's writing—the story of salvation. And because we're in God's story, our story begins even before we were born.” *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

**Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians:** Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Breaking Free from the Burden of Shame, Family Discipleship, Understanding Burnout, The Roots of “Spiritual But Not Religious” and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

**Building Healthy Families:** In today's culture, death is often suggested as the answer to life's most challenging situations—including the challenge of an unplanned pregnancy. The world tells a scared and confused mother she can make her situation better by ending her child's life through abortion. We Christians have a better option: tell her that she and her baby are both seen, known and loved by God. Tell her of Jesus' love, mercy, and forgiveness. Then love her like family, support her in choosing life; offer tangible help like transportation, meals, childcare, diapers, clothing, and other household items. Continue your support through the pregnancy and long after. There is joy in living out 1 John 4:19—*We love because He first loved us!* [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) 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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY: 2 Kings 6:1—7:20     | <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: 2 Kings 11:1—12:21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: 2 Kings 8:1-29      | <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: 2 Kings 13:1—14:29   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: 2 Kings 9:1—10:36 | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: 2 Kings 15:1—16:20 |

| <u>Gifts:</u>                  |             | <u>Attendance:</u>      |           |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Church Plate:                  | \$ 5,780.00 | Sat., Aug. 1 5:00 p.m.: | 36        |
| Sunday School:                 | \$ 7.00     | Sun., Aug. 2 9:00 a.m.: | <u>87</u> |
| Adult Bible Class:             | \$ 57.95    |                         | 123       |
| <u>Acolyte Sunday:</u>         |             | Sunday School:          | 11        |
| Raymond Jepsen and Karsen Keim |             | Adult Bible Class:      | 26        |

| ~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~ |            |                                     |
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| <u>August 9-16, 2026</u>       |            |                                     |
| <b>Sunday:</b>                 | 9:00 a.m.  | Worship                             |
| <b>August 9</b>                | 10:15 a.m. | Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |
|                                | 1:00 p.m.  | Denison Care Worship—Peitsch        |
|                                | 1:40 p.m.  | Silveridge Worship                  |
|                                | 2:15 p.m.  | Gracewell Worship                   |
| <b>Monday:</b>                 | ~          |                                     |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>                | ~          |                                     |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>              | 6:30 a.m.  | Bible Study                         |
| <b>Thursday:</b>               | 9:00 a.m.  | Quilting                            |
| <b>Friday:</b>                 | ~          |                                     |
| <b>Saturday:</b>               | 2:00 p.m.  | Clausen/Hollinger Wedding           |
|                                | 5:00 p.m.  | Worship w/HC                        |
| <b>Sunday:</b>                 | 9:00 a.m.  | Worship w/HC                        |
| <b>August 16</b>               | 10:15 a.m. | Sunday School & Adult Bible Class   |

**About the Cover:** Jesus showed His divinity as the one who “trampled the waves of the sea” (Job 9:8). He also showed His mercy by calling out, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid” (Matthew 14:27). Jesus, God in the flesh, was full of mercy toward Peter and the disciples. The Son of God is also full of mercy toward us. He showed it to us through His cross. We need not fear nor be afraid because the same Lord who said, “It is I,” is present in His Word.

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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.”*

