

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ December 27 & 28, 2025

Welcome to worship! May this time of prayer and praise help you hold on a bit longer to Christmas joy and carry it into the new year. "Our Christmas celebrations are now a memory, Lord. As we give thanks for Your faithfulness, we look with hope to the year ahead. May Christ's peace and joy lead us into the new year. Amen." We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: Val Teut, Justin Johannsen, Travis Aldag, Roger Walde, Michelle (Kragel) Anderson. *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.*

Church mailboxes: Please take a moment to check your church mailbox for offering envelopes and any other correspondence that may be in it.

Record Updates: A current membership list will be printed soon for our Annual Report. If you or a family member has a change of address or phone number, or would like to receive the monthly *Immanuel Messenger* by e-mail rather than hard-copy USPS, please let the church office know. Year-end reports for your group or board should be turned in also.

Poinsettias may be taken home following our services this weekend. We thank you for helping to add to the beauty of our Poinsettia Tree for our Christmas worship.

Sunday, December 28 is the Deadline for Angel Tree and TAP Donations!

To be included in your giving statements for 2025, gifts must be received in the Church Office by Monday, December 29, 2025.

There will be no Bible Study this week Wednesday morning and no confirmation class on Wednesday. Happy New Year!

New Year's Eve Worship: Please join us at 5 p.m. this Wednesday, New Year's Eve, as we end the year in worship with Holy Communion, commending to our merciful God the passing year and receiving His blessing as we enter a new year in the name of Jesus our Savior!

The LWML will meet on Friday, January 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Readings for New Year's Eve: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 110:1-4; 1 John 4:7-16; Matt. 1:18-25.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 63:7-14; Psalm 111; Gal. 4:4-7; Matt. 2:13-23.

Elders' Planning Meeting will be Sunday, January 4 at 11:30 a.m.

Our Church Council and Voters' Meetings are coming up. Our Council will meet Monday evening, January 5 at 6:30 p.m. The Voters' Meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 11 at 10:15 a.m.

Board of Ed Planning Meeting will be Tuesday, January 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Installation of our Church officers and board members will be at our 9:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, January 11.

Thank You to everyone who remembered us with cards and/or gifts as we celebrate our Savior's birth! We are richly blessed to be a part of our Immanuel family. We praise God for the many kindnesses He showers upon us through you. We pray He will continue to guide us and bless us as we continue together in the service of Jesus our Savior in the coming year. Pastor and Chris Mahnken and Pastor Kaiser

The Lutheran Hour: "Get Ready for the Best" by Guest Speaker Rev. German Novelli Oliveros. Christ will return—maybe this year, maybe even today! Pastor German Novelli helps us to prepare for the blessings and challenges of a new year. (Luke 12:36-37) Listen to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday morning on Denison's KDSN 104.9 FM at 6:30 am and KDSN 1530 AM at 10:30 am, and anytime at www.lhm.org.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, December 29-January 3, Pastor Wade is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

"Look back at how God changed you. Look ahead to what God promises for you. The future looks bright when you're connected to the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. May the Lord continue to strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life." *Rev. Peter Sulze, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: SACRED MUSIC FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON..."From Heaven Above to Earth I Come," "O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is," "Once in Royal David's City," "Silent Night, Holy Night," "Joy to the World." Beginning Christmas Eve, you can listen to sacred music for the Christmas season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tuneln and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

Building Healthy Families: It's not too late! Your partnership in LFS' life ministry of pregnancy counseling and adoption, grief support, marriage, family and mental health counseling for families and all pro-family, pro-marriage, pro-life, and pro-faith efforts provided without government funds (or strings) in your state is still needed—and still possible! Make a gift online TODAY by venmo to @LutheranFamilyService, through the Donate page on the LFS website at www.LutheranFamilyService.org or by mail to LFS/Admin Office, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite C, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. Thank you for your partnership all year, and especially today as we wrap up 2025 and look forward to what the New Year holds. From your brothers and sisters in Christ at LFS, a Blessed and Happy New Year! **Lutheran Family Service.**

In case of inclement weather: please check our website www.immanuelshleswig.com, Facebook page or listen to KDSN 104.9 FM for any weather-related service updates. Announcements are also posted on kdsnradio.com.

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.

- MONDAY: Revelation 20:1-15
- TUESDAY: Revelation 21:1-27
- WEDNESDAY: Revelation 22:1-21

Gifts:	
Church Plate:	\$ 9,970.00
Sunday School:	\$ ~~
Adult Bible Class:	\$ ~~
Midweek Advent 12-17:	\$ 845.00

Attendance:	
Sat., Dec. 20	4 p.m.: 65
Sun., Dec. 21	9 a.m.: 174
	239
Midweek Advent 12-17:	110

Acolytes Sunday:
Morgan Jepsen & Sophie Morgan

Sunday School: **no class**
Adult Bible Class: **no class**

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
December 28, 2025-January 4, 2026

Sunday: <i>December 28</i>	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Trunkhill 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
Monday:	No Preschool ~~Last Day for offerings to be included in 2025~~
Tuesday:	No Preschool
Wednesday: <i>New Year's Eve</i>	No Bible Study No Preschool No Confirmation 5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship w/HC
Thursday: <i>New Year's Day</i>	Happy New Year! No Preschool No Bible Study
Friday:	1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting
Saturday:	4:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday: <i>January 4</i>	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 11:30 a.m. Elders' Planning Meeting

About the Cover: We were all born as slaves under the Law because of our sin. There was no way we could free ourselves. "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4-5). Jesus came to earth to rescue us and make us sons and heirs of God!

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Worship:

Saturday ~ 4 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."*

