

Immanuel’s News and Notes ~ January 31 & February 1, 2026

Welcome! We’re so glad you’re here for worship today. Our prayer is that you will be strengthened in faith and life in Jesus our Savior. Please, take a moment to greet someone nearby—we’re a family in Christ, and we’re grateful you’re part of this gathering. “Lord, work in us by Your grace that we will be strengthened in faith to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with You. Amen.” We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: Jan Schultz (recovering from broken hip), Travis Aldag and Michelle 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.*

We Pray for God’s Comfort for the family and friends of Jason Chisholm (son of Mary Chisholm and brother of Carmen Schmidt) who died January 27, 2026.

We Give Thanks to God for the healing He has given to Justin Johannsen and Roger Walde.

The “Pennies For Life” Jug is in the Narthex for your donations to Lutherans For Life. Please consider contributing one penny—or more—for each year of life God has given you!

LAST CALL for 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 are due ASAP.**

Poinsettias: If anyone would like to take a poinsettia home, even if you didn’t donate one, please do so! Their time in church is coming to an end but would enjoy decorating your home.

The LWML will meet on Thursday, February 5 at 1:30 p.m.

You’re invited to attend the 2026 Iowa Prayer Rally for Life on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 12:00 pm at the Iowa State Capitol. In addition to the Prayer Rally at noon, attendees are invited to attend additional scheduled events from 10:30 am—2:00 pm. Invited Prayer Rally speakers include Gov. Kim Reynolds, Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird, Rep. Jon Dunwell, and Rev. Alex Post (LCMS District Life Coordinators for Iowa District East). Join fellow Iowans who care about God’s truth for life as we gather in prayer, encouragement, and hope to continue to give a voice to those without. Learn more at <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/events/>.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 58:3-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16); Matt. 5:13-20.

Immanuel Groups, Boards, or Individuals are needed to prepare and serve our Lenten Suppers! Dates available are: March 4, 11 and 25. Please contact the Church Office ASAP with your preferred date. Thank you!

The Schleswig Community School will be hosting an Omelet breakfast fundraiser Sunday, February 8 from 8:00 a.m.—12:30 pm at the Schleswig Community Building. This will be a free -will donation event with the funds raised to be used towards the purchase of school supplies for the students in TK-8th grade. If anyone has questions or would like to volunteer to help out, please contact the school at 712-676-3313.

Mission Board Soup & Sandwich luncheon will be Sunday, February 15 from 11 am—1 pm. Dine-in and drive-thru will be available. Please plan on joining us for this dinner and also sign-up for how you can assist in this mission to our congregation and community.

Thank you to Chanc Palmer with Palmer Drain Cleaning for fixing our clogged floor drain in the basement furnace room. Your donation of time and talent is greatly appreciated!

Lenten Bible Studies will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Chris Mahnken will lead the ladies’ group using “Divine Directions, How God guides your Path” by Sharla Fritz. The men will be learning to fight the Spiritual War with Pastor Schulz. Look for more information on both coming in the February Newsletter.

The Lutheran Hour: “Rotten Tomatoes” by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Boasting gone wrong—it’s the rotten fruit of rightful praise. It happens when we forget that everything we have is a gift, even the things we think we’ve earned and deserved. (1 Corinthians 1:30-31) 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, February 2-7, Pastor Wade is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Mahnken will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

Immanuel Lutheran Preschool is now accepting registrations 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 or call the Church Office 712-676-2235.

Unity Ridge Lutheran School will be holding kindergarten round up this coming Monday, February 2 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. If you have a child entering Kindergarten, this is a great event where you can meet teachers, tour the building, and see how Unity Ridge can be a blessing to your family. If you have questions or are unable to attend Round Up Night, please contact Cassie Reimers at 712-393-2002 or email to: cassie.reimers@unityridge.org.

Valentine’s Treat at Eventide Campus: Buy a treat (chocolate covered strawberry, brownie and a balloon) for any resident, tenant or employee in any building on the Eventide Campus (Gracewell, Silveridge, Heritage Heights and Realife). For \$15, treats will be delivered on Friday, February 13. Deadline to order is Thursday, February 8. If you have any questions, call 712-263-3114 ext. 240. Mail in or drop off order form to 114 S. 20th Street, Denison. Purchases can also be made online at www.eventidehome.com/treat. Any proceeds will be directed to the Eventide Foundation Endowment Fund.

“You may have a messy story. Your family may have a dysfunctional past. Your past (or present) may be filled with greed, sexual immorality, or other idols. But Jesus won’t let that stop Him from reaching out to you with the message of His unconditional love. You might be far from good, but you are not too far gone for God.” *Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

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.

<input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY: Genesis 45:1—46:34	<input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: Exodus 1:1-22
<input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: Genesis 47:1—48:22	<input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: Exodus 2:1-25
<input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Genesis 49:1—50:26	<input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Exodus 3:1—4:31

	<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 2,520.00	Sat., Jan. 24	4 p.m.:	37
Sunday School:	\$ 9.00	Sun., Jan. 25	9 a.m.:	<u>111</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 29.00			148

Acolytes Sunday:
Whitney Ernst and Isla Meseck

Sunday School: 28
Adult Bible Class: 25

Librarian today:
Julie Teut

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
February 1-8, 2026

Sunday:
February 1

9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Mahnken
1:40 p.m. Silverridge Worship
2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship

Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:

No Preschool
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
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
1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting

Friday:
Saturday:
Sunday:
February 8

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4:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Schleswig School omelet breakfast
@ Community Building

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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.”*



About the Cover: Looking up to a man hanging on a cross is considered foolishness to many people in this world. God’s Word teaches us that, by faith, we see in Christ’s work on the cross the power of God, which brings us forgiveness and salvation. Because of the powerful work of Christ on the cross, we see that “the foolishness of God is wiser than men” (1 Corinthians 1:25). Forgiveness is only found in Jesus, God’s Son, who dies on the cross to forgive our sins.