

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ February 14 & 15, 2026

Welcome! Today Jesus' glory is briefly revealed in His Transfiguration. We hear our Father say, "Listen to Him!" "O Holy Spirit, open our hearts to hear Jesus speak to us today, that we may grow in faith and in following Him from cross to glory. 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, Roger Walde, Linkin Beeck (recovering from nose surgery), and Travis Aldag. *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 Give Thanks to God for the healing He has given to Michelle (Kragel) Anderson.

Birthday Blessings to Ruth Reincke who will celebrate her 100th birthday on Feb. 18. You are invited to send a card of greeting to Ruth at Gracewell, 114 S. 20th St., Denison 51442.

We Pray for God's Comfort for the family of Darla Friedrichsen, the mother-in-law of Tiffany Friedrichsen and grandmother of Landon Seebeck and Larynn Friedrichsen. Darla's funeral will be Tuesday in Denison. We also pray for God's comfort for all who mourn the death of Maxine Garrett, the aunt of Marlys Haberberger. Maxine's funeral was last Wednesday. We also pray God's comfort for the family and loved ones of Lorraine Groth, whose funeral will be Monday, Feb. 16 at Zion, Denison. Several of Lorraine's extended family are members of Immanuel.

Today's the day! Join us for Immanuel Mission Board's Soup & Sandwich Luncheon Sunday, February 15. Serving soup, sandwiches and desserts from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. Dine-in and drive-thru will be available. All proceeds to support mission projects.

2025 Annual Reports are available for you on the table in the Narthex.

Lent Devotion Booklets are available on the table in the Narthex. Take one for yourself and take one to a friend!

The Preschool is having an Envelope Fundraiser. If you feel the Lord encouraging you, we invite you to grab an envelope and place the designated amount inside. You may place it in the offering plate or drop it in the church office.

Young Adults' Bible Study returns! Please join our Immanuel Young Adults as they meet this Sunday, February 15 at 5:00-6:30 p.m. We will have supper and continue with our study "Cold Case Christianity." If you have any questions, please contact Kristin at 712-269-6906 or Pastor Mahnken 712-269-6364.

UCC Christian Education is hosting a Skating Party Sunday, February 15 and has invited our Immanuel youth and families to join them. Skating will be held at the Skate Palace in Ida Grove from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Immanuel Messenger articles for the March issue are due on Tuesday, February 17. Thanks!

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday on February 18. Worship with Holy Communion will start at 5:45 p.m. with the theme "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High." The meal, served by the Mission Board, will be served following the service.

Lenten Bible Studies begin this week 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. Both study groups will begin at 7:00 p.m. following the midweek Lenten supper.

8th Grade Confirmands and Parents: We will be having a short meeting following Ash Wednesday service, Feb. 18. Please remain in the church after service. Once we are finished, parents may join the meal in the Fellowship Hall while the confirmands go to class.

Trivia Night! Saturday, February 21 the Denison-Schleswig After Prom is hosting the annual Trivia Night at the Schleswig Community Building. Social hour and meal start at 6:00 p.m., trivia will begin at 7:00 p.m. \$25 per person up to 8 per table. For more information contact Deanna Ullrich 712-269-7874 or Molly Gillmor 712-269-1739.

Readings for Ash Wednesday: Joel 2:12-19; Psalm 51:1-13 (14-19); 2 Cor. 5:20b—6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.

Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 3:1-21; Psalm 32:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

Save the Date! Next Sunday, Feb. 22 Director Adam Hengefeld from Camp Okoboji will join us to tell about the exciting opportunities at the Camp! He will speak briefly after worship and then more with our Sunday School kids and parents. Please plan to attend.

Immanuel Groups, Boards, or Individuals are needed to prepare and serve our Lenten Supper on March 4. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to serve. Thank you!

The Lutheran Hour: "Up and Down the Mountain" by Guest Speaker Rev. Michael Schutz. Many voices compete for our attention, but above all, listen to the voice of Jesus and hear what He's done for you. (Matthew 17:1-9) 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 16-21, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Peitsch will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

Crossroads Annual Banquet for Life will be held March 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stables at Copper Ridge. The theme will be "Why in the World" with speaker Hannah M. Hoyt, Executive Director of LC Clinic. Meal catered by Staley's. Tickets are \$50 each or a table of 8 for \$400 and are available by presale only through March 2 by calling 712-393-4673.

Building Healthy Families: *Husbands, listen up!* Did you know 90% of effective communication is listening, not talking? When your wife is talking to you, stop what you are doing, turn toward her, and look at her face. Communicate the message that you are interested in and care about what she is saying. This is respectful, courteous, and a proven way to build a great relationship. Want to know of other ways? Check out the blog posts on the LFS website to find useful information to strengthen your marriage. Call us to schedule time to meet with a marriage counselor in person or virtually. Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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: Exodus 14:1-31

THURSDAY: Exodus 18:1-27

TUESDAY: Exodus 15:1-27

FRIDAY: Exodus 19:1—20:26

WEDNESDAY: Exodus 16:1—17:16

SATURDAY: Exodus 21:1—22:31

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 8,825.00
 Sunday School: \$ 21.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 13.00

Attendance:
 Sat., Feb. 7 4 p.m.: 40
 Sun., Feb. 8 9 a.m.: 117
 157

Acolytes Sunday:
 Ava Jacobson and Cristine Velasquez

Sunday School: 22
 Adult Bible Class: 17

Librarian today:
 Bonnie Schroeder

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
February 15-22, 2026

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
February 15 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
Transfiguration 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Mission Board soup luncheon
Sunday 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Peitsch
 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Skating Party in Ida Grove sponsored by UCC

Monday: No Preschool
Tuesday: No Preschool
Immanuel Messenger deadline for March
 9:00 a.m. LWML Prayer Service @ Our Savior, Denison

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Bible Study
Ash Wed. 11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 3:30—5:15 p.m. 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
 5:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship w/HC
 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmand/Parent Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Lent meal served by Immanuel Mission Board
 6:30—8:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study — Men’s and Women’s

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Friday: ~
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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: Terrified disciples with their faces to the ground felt the touch of their merciful Lord. The power of the sight of the transfigured Lord is only matched by the power of His mercy, which removes fear. His glory is found on His cross, where He gave His life for the sake of sinners and rose from the dead, forever removing the terror of judgment for sin and giving eternal peach through forgiveness, life, and salvation.