

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ February 21 & 22, 2026

Welcome! We're gathered to praise a faithful God whose promises never fail. Scripture reminds us, "For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him" (2 Corinthians 1:20). May our worship today echo that "Amen" bringing glory to Christ who is always with us. "Help us, O Lord, to be still and patient before You as we wait for the touch of Your hand upon our hearts. 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 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 successful surgery and healing He has given to Linkin Beeck.

Easter Gifts from Concordia Publishing: There are a few fliers on the table in the Narthex showing gift ideas available from Concordia. Orders and payment are due to the Church Office **no later than Sunday, March 15**. This ensures they are submitted by the deadline. If you have questions, please ask Pastor Mahnken. These would make a great gifts!

Lent Devotion Booklets and 2025 Annual Reports 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.

Camp Okoboji Director Adam Hengefeld from Camp Okoboji will join us Sunday 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.

The Immanuel Messenger will be assembled on Wednesday, February 25 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated.

Midweek Lent Service. Pastor Kaiser will be preaching with the theme "*The Robe of Human Frame*" at our 5:45 p.m. worship. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m by the Board of Education.

Lenten Bible Studies continue this week. 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.

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, February 26 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

Schleswig Public Library: The next speaker series at the public library will feature Morgan Saunders, Gracewell's Social Worker, who will be presenting a dementia information session. She will speak on the basics of dementia, communication tips, the available resources for those with dementia. The program is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this important event.

Mercy Meals. You are invited to join Immanuel's youth and families for a morning of service at Mercy Meals of Siouxland at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux City next Saturday, February 28. We arrive by 10:30 a.m. and conclude right around noon. The minimum age is 8 years old. Please contact the Church Office if you plan to join us, need a ride, or would like more info.

Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who baked, worked, came to enjoy soup, gave donations or helped in any way during our 2026 soup dinner! The weather was perfect and we again enjoyed homemade soups, sandwiches and luscious desserts! Your generous donations will help to fund one of our Mission Projects! Please remember our Garage Sale event May 28, 29 & 30. We welcome any "treasures" you wish to donate to make that project successful. Thank you again and God bless you! ~ The Mission Board

Ricketts Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting their annual fire extinguisher banquet Sunday, March 1 from 11 am—1 pm at the Ricketts Community Building. Serving Staley's chicken and desserts from Sweet Custom Cake Decorating, free will donation.

Schleswig Community Blood Drive at the Community Building, Monday, March 2 from 1:30 to 4:30. Appointments are required, please call 800-287-4903.

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.

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!

Saturday Worship Time Change: Our Saturday p.m. worship time changes to a 5:00 p.m. starting time beginning Saturday, March 14.

The Lutheran Hour: "As Through Fire" by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. To be baptized into Christ, to trust in Him, is to die with Him, to be raised by Him, to pass through the fire under His shelter. (1 Cor. 3:13) 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 23-28, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Torreson will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

Building Healthy Families: *Wives, what do you think of your husband's gifts?* (No, not the ones he gave you for your last birthday or Christmas!) What are his talents? What does he love to do? What are his spiritual gifts? What are his accomplishments? Aspirations? Hopes and dreams? Recognize them, name them, and communicate your respect for them...to him and to others. Communicating authentic respect is one way to build a great relationship. Looking for more ways to strengthen or repair your marriage? Check out the blog posts on the LFS website and call us to schedule time to meet with a marriage counselor in person or virtually. We're here to help! 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 23:1—24:18

THURSDAY: Exodus 30:1—31:18

TUESDAY: Exodus 25:1—27:21

FRIDAY: Exodus 32:1-35

WEDNESDAY: Exodus 28:1—29:46

SATURDAY: Exodus 33:1-23

Gifts:
Church Plate: \$ 4,690.00
Sunday School: \$ 26.00
Adult Bible Class: \$ ~~

Attendance:
Sat., Feb. 14 4 p.m.: 32
Sun., Feb. 15 9 a.m.: 103
135

Acolytes Sunday:
Haley Ernst and Harper Lee

Sunday School: 18
Adult Bible Class: no class

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
February 22-March 1, 2026

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
February 22 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Torreson
1:40 p.m. Silverridge Worship
2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship

Monday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool

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Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Bible Study
8:45 a.m. *Immanuel Messenger* assemblage
11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
3:30—5:15 p.m. 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:45 p.m. Midweek Lent Worship
6:30 p.m. Lent meal served by Board of Education
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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9:00 a.m. Quilting

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: In eating the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, Adam disobeyed God and brought sin into God’s good creation. Christ, however, followed the will of His Father all the way to death upon a tree, taking the curse of sin to bring the renewed creation. Now, the cross has become a life-giving tree for all who believe in Christ Jesus.