

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ February 7 & 8, 2026

Welcome! We're thankful you've joined us in worship. As the psalmist says, "How good it is to sing praises to our God" (Psalm 147:1), NRSV). Let's open our hearts and minds to the One who loves us, sustains us and blesses us beyond measure. "Lord, teach me to love in action today. 'Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and truth' (1 John 3:18). 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 (upcoming surgery for broken nose), 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.*

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.

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.

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.

Schleswig Sharks 4-H will meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, February 8 at 1:00 p.m.

Board of Ed Meeting will be Tuesday, February 10 at 5:00 p.m.

The 2025 Annual Report will be assembled Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated and breakfast will be served.

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, February 12 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

Readings for next Sunday: Exodus 24:8-18; Psalm 2:6-12; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9.

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!

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.

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 in the February Newsletter.

The Lutheran Hour: "Type C" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In the Bible, the Holy Spirit meets us, gives us the mind of Christ, and leads us back into the world as children of God. (1 Corinthians 2:12) 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 9-14, Pastor Mahnken is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill 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.

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 Sunday, 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.

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.

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.

"God loves you in your vulnerability" so much that He subjected Himself to conform to a vulnerable human body. So today ... remember that Jesus, in whom all things hold together, loves you, individually. He is fully present with you just as He was in His mother's arms. God's peace be with you this day, this night." *Andrea Delwiche—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: "God wants sons, not slaves." That's a summary of Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller's latest book, *Finally Free: Three Lessons in the Parable of the Prodigal Son*. We recently concluded a three-part series with Pr. Wolfmueller on Jesus' parable about a giving and forgiving father and his two wayward sons. Listen at issuesetc.org/prodigalson.

Building Healthy Families: As you find ways to share your love with family members and your special someone on Valentine's Day this week, remember to also spend some time with your Perfect True Love. God is love (1 John 4:16). God is the author of love (1 John 4:8). His perfect love casts out all fear (1 John 4:18). He demonstrated His unconditional love by sending His son, Jesus Christ, to sacrifice His life for you (Romans 5:8). Now THAT is true love! Know that LFS counselors are available to help you or someone you know through a difficult persona or relationship challenge. Call us—it's why we're here! 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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Exodus 8:1—9:35 | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Exodus 13:1-22 |

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 11,372.00
 Sunday School: \$ 45.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 32.42

Attendance:
 Sat., Jan. 31 4 p.m.: 39
 Sun., Feb. 1 9 a.m.: 91
 130

Acolytes Sunday:
 Weston and Logan Stoppel

Sunday School: 24
 Adult Bible Class: 20

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
February 8-15, 2026

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
February 8 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Schleswig School omelet breakfast
 @ Community Building
 1:00 p.m. Schleswig Sharks 4-H Meeting in Fellowship Hall
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Trunkhill
 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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 8:00 a.m. Pastors' Conference @ St. Paul, Ute
 5:00 p.m. Board of Ed Meeting

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Bible Study
 8:45 a.m. Annual Report assemblage
 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
 9:00 a.m. Quilting

Friday: ~

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Worship w/HC

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
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 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Mission Board soup luncheon

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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: Like rays of light stretching out over the horizon, the Lord promises that repentance and sincerity will be met with a new dawn filled with righteousness, healing, and the Lord's protection. Jesus has entered into the darkness of our sin through His death on the cross, but the break of a new day came on the first Easter morning to show us that He lives to bring us His righteousness, healing, and protection.