

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ January 10 & 11, 2026

**Welcome!** Each and every one of you are a chosen and beloved child of God through faith in Jesus our Savior. Jesus was baptized for us “to fulfill all righteousness,” and we have been baptized into Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. We have been made heirs of eternal life together with Him! May we follow Jesus into the work of ministry and may everyone gathered for worship today know that, as siblings of Jesus, they too are God’s beloved child. 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](mailto:immansch@iowatelecom.net).*

**We Pray for God’s Comfort** for Lori Bumann and all who mourn the loss of Lori’s daughter, Becky Siepker, who died Friday, January 2.

**We Pray for God’s Comfort** for the family of Janet Beeck. Funeral services for Janet were held here at Immanuel on Thursday, January 8.

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

**The LWML Mite Box** is in the Narthex today for your donations.

**Year-End Contribution Statements** are in your church boxes.

**Voters’ Meetings** will be Sunday, January 11 at 10:15 a.m.

**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.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42a.

**The Lutheran Hour:** “Solidarity” by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Solidarity is how Christians understand their relationship to Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus, the Son of God, went where we had gone so that we might go where He goes. (Romans 6:5) 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](http://www.lhm.org).

**“Thy Strong Word”** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, January 12-17, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Wade will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**“A baby is God’s opinion** that the world should go on.” *Carl Sandburg—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

**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](mailto:lesliegustafson@schleswig.k12.ia.us) or call the Church Office 712-676-2235.

**Unity Ridge Lutheran School** is looking for a soccer coach for this upcoming spring season. If interested or if there are any questions please contact Brian at 712-898-3546 or email to: [brian.kempfert@unityridge.org](mailto:brian.kempfert@unityridge.org).

**Unity Ridge Lutheran School** will be holding kindergarten round up on Monday, February 2 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Why enroll at Unity Ridge? We offer a variety of clubs and activities, before and after school programs, faith-centered quality education, smaller class sizes, and hands-on learning. 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](mailto:cassie.reimers@unityridge.org).

**Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians:** Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Stranger Things: Season 5, The Top Biblical Archeology Stories of 2025, The Parable of the Prodigal Son, The Baptism of our Lord, The Epiphany Season and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

**We live in a “I can do it myself” culture.** That has been cultivated by our access to technology. Yet the question is, “Do I need help to create my Christan estate plan?” This month we consider that your estate plan represents the biggest collection of decisions with far more impact than any others in life. But what is the value of meeting with an LCMS Gift Planning Counselor if I already plan on meeting with an attorney? The answer is, that your counselor can assist you I getting organized, thinking through your goals and becoming specific about them, and encouraging you to spend time considering who you might choose for a personal representative, trustee or the one named in your power of attorney documents. This decision should be carefully made, not rushed. Prayer should be included. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started now. **LCMS Foundation**

**Building Healthy Families:** What do da Vinci’s “Mona Lisa,” van Gogh’s “Starry Night,” and “You” have in common? Yep—all three are masterpieces, but an even greater Master Craftsman created you! God formed you in your mother’s womb and knew you before you were born. You may see clumsy big feet with ingrown toenails, expanding thighs, or a receding hairline. He sees and loves what He created...a one-of-a-kind, unique you. Be careful not to paint the creation He designed with your own brush of negativity, inferiority, or shame. Thank God for and take good care of the body, mind, and spirit you have! *“For we are God’s handiwork...” Ephesians 2:10* **Lutheran Family Service.**

**In case of inclement weather:** please check our website [www.immanuel Schleswig.com](http://www.immanuel Schleswig.com), Facebook page or listen to KDSN 104.9 FM for any weather-related service updates. Announcements are also posted on [kdsnradio.com](http://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.  
You can start at any time. The entire reading plan is available in the Church Office.

☐ MONDAY: Genesis 12:10—13:18

☐ THURSDAY: Genesis 18:1—19:38

☐ TUESDAY: Genesis 14:1—15:21

☐ FRIDAY: Genesis 20:1—21:34

☐ WEDNESDAY: Genesis 16:1—17:27

☐ SATURDAY: Genesis 22:1-24

| <b>Gifts:</b>                  |             | <b>Attendance:</b> |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Church Plate:                  | \$ 6,282.00 | Sat., Jan. 3       | 4 p.m.: 26        |
| Sunday School:                 | \$ 7.00     | Sun., Jan. 4       | 9 a.m.: <u>94</u> |
| Adult Bible Class:             | \$ 32.00    |                    | 120               |
| New Year's Eve:                | \$ 547.00   | New Year's Eve:    | 45                |
| <b><u>Acolytes Sunday:</u></b> |             | Sunday School:     | 17                |
| Cameron Brown & Sophie Morgan  |             | Adult Bible Class: | 24                |

| <b>~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~</b> |   |
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| <b><u>January 11-18, 2026</u></b>     |   |
| <b>Sunday:</b>                        | 9:00 a.m. Worship                               |
| <b><i>January 11</i></b>              | 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Voters' Meeting    |
|                                       | 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Wade             |
|                                       | 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship                    |
|                                       | 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship                     |
| <b>Monday:</b>                        | 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool                   |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>                       | 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool                   |
|                                       | 8:30 a.m. Pastor's Conference @ St. John, Kiron |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>                     | 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       |
| <b>Thursday:</b>                      | 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool                   |
| <b>Friday:</b>                        | ~   |
| <b>Saturday:</b>                      | 4:00 p.m. Worship w/HC                          |
| <b>Sunday:</b>                        | 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC                          |
| <b><i>January 18</i></b>              | 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  |

**About the Cover:** When the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, it marked the beginning of His public ministry and His mission to head to the cross to fulfill God’s plan. Jesus is the servant mentioned in Isaiah. He followed the Father’s will perfectly, even suffering for our sake. By our Baptism into Jesus, we have received all that Jesus accomplished in His mission because the same Spirit, through the Word, brings us to believe in Him.

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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.”***

