

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ January 17 & 18, 2026

Welcome! People often speak of a person's "calling" in life. We thank God for His grace! He called us to faith in Jesus our Savior, calling us out of darkness into His marvelous light. "Lord, we thank You for calling us into Your house today to receive Your grace. Teach us so that we may know you better and serve You to make You known. Amen." We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: Justin Johannsen, Travis Aldag, Roger Walde, 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 Thank God with Val Teut for the healing He has given after her knee surgery.

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 are due before the end of January.**

Deadline for February Immanuel Messenger is Tuesday, January 20.

Library Potluck Lunch: Tuesday, January 20 at 12:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome!

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, January 22 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1-9 (10-14); 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matt. 4:12-25.

Thank you for prayers during my recovery. God is good! ~ Val Teut

Immanuel Groups, Boards, or Individuals are needed to prepare and serve our Lenten Suppers! Please contact the Church Office ASAP with your preferred date; February 25 or March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Thank you!

Mission Board Soup & Sandwich dinner will be Sunday, February 15 from 11:00 am-1:00 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.

The Ladies' Lenten Bible Study will begin Ash Wednesday, February 18. We will be doing "Divine Directions, How God guides your Path" by Sharla Fritz. Look for more info in the February Newsletter.

The Lutheran Hour: "Outstanding Universal Value" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Christian faith has the power to make us act better. But that's not the goal. (1 Cor. 1:18-19) 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, January 19-24, Pastor Peitsch is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Torreson 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.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Gospel Mission Angel Tree and TAP. Every one of you are a blessing from God, helping to make our collections successful and without your help and support this would not be possible. A special thank you to the Nepples who applied for Thrivent cards to add support and provide fresh meat. May God continue to bless us as we serve others in His name.

"Our task is to make sure that our fellow Lutherans and our neighbors know how much God loves us just as we are. Look at this fingerprint: God made each of us unique. There is no one else just like you. God knew you before you were born (Jeremiah 1:5). He knitted you together in your mother's womb. You were fearfully and wonderfully made, and God had a plan for your life even before you took a breath in this sinful, beautiful world that He created for you (Psalm 139:13-16)." *Diane Albers, President of LFL—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

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.

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.

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 Christian 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. If you are planning gifts to family, it is a wise idea to discuss these with family, imparting Godly encouragement for faithful stewardship. A ministry gift might include a discussion with current ministry leaders. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help facilitate these discussions. ***LCMS Foundation***

Building Healthy Families: Life can be hard, and relationships can cause pain. When someone hurts you, you may find it difficult to trust again. Through all life's challenges, God never breaks His promise: "I will never leave you; I will never forsake you." (Hebrews 13) He does not abandon you in the pain but promises to stay with you — and puts people in place to be there, including pastors and counselors who are available to help with troubled relationships and the pain they leave behind. Remember, you're not alone and (no matter what your German genes or your American individualist pride tells you) It's okay to ask for help. God put us here to be good for one another. **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.
You can start at any time. The entire reading plan is available in the Church Office.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY: Genesis 23:1—24:67 | <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: Genesis 29:1—30:43 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: Genesis 25:1—26:35 | <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: Genesis 31:1—33:20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Genesis 27:1—28:22 | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Genesis 34:1—35:29 |

| <u>Gifts:</u> | | <u>Attendance:</u> | |
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| Church Plate: | \$ 5,077.00 | Sat., Jan. 10 | 4 p.m.: 30 |
| Sunday School: | \$ 24.05 | Sun., Jan. 11 | 9 a.m.: 133 |
| Adult Bible Class: | \$ ~~ | | 163 |
| <u>Acolytes Sunday:</u> | | Sunday School: | 27 |
| Ty Jacobson & Calvin Segebart | | Voters' Meeting: | 43 |

| ~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~ | |
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| <u>January 18-25, 2026</u> | |
| Sunday: <i>January 18</i> | 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC 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 |
| Tuesday: | <i>Immanuel Messenger</i> deadline 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool 12:00 p.m. Library potluck |
| Wednesday: | 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 9:00 a.m. Quilting |
| Friday: | ~ |
| Saturday: | 4:00 p.m. Worship w/HC |
| Sunday: <i>January 25</i> | 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |

About the Cover: In the Divine Service, we are called and also call. Every service begins with the Invocation, a reminder that God calls us His in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we are all called saints and made holy by faith in the One who died and rose for us. The Lord has made us His. We call upon Him in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving!

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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.”*

