

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ January 24 & 25, 2026

**Welcome!** Today we celebrate the precious gift of life—each person wonderfully made and deeply loved by God. Whether you are young or old, joyful or weary, know that your life has purpose and value in His eyes. May we honor the Creator by cherishing the lives He has created. “Lord, remind us that every new beginning starts with Your grace. Renew our faith, restore our peace, and help us live as Your people of light and hope. 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](mailto:immansch@iowatelecom.net).*

**The “Pennies For Life” Jug** is in the Narthex for your donations to Lutherans For Life. Please consider contributing one penny—or more—for each year of life God has given you!

**LAST CALL:** 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.**

**Ricketts Fundraiser Brunch** will be held Sunday, January 25 at the Ricketts Community Building from 9 am-12:30 pm. Serving ham, French toast, pancakes, and rolls. Free-will offering, proceeds will go towards Ricketts’ Tractor Pull that will be held this summer!

**The Immanuel Messenger** will be assembled on Wednesday, January 28 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; Matt. 5:1-12.

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

**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. If anyone has questions or would like to volunteer to help out, please contact the school at 712-676-3313.

**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 on both coming in the February Newsletter.

**The Lutheran Hour:** “Cross Words—Words of Power” by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. A crossword puzzle uses an answer only once, but Christ is the answer for all people in every place and time. (1 Cor. 1:17-18) 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 26-31, Pastor Torreson is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Peitsch 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](mailto:lesliegustafson@schleswig.k12.ia.us) or call the Church Office 712-676-2235.

**You’re invited** to attend the 2026 Iowa Prayer Rally for Life on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 12:00 pm at the Iowa State Capitol. In addition to the Prayer Rally at noon, attendees are invited to attend additional scheduled events from 10:30 am—2:00 pm. Invited Prayer Rally speakers include Gov. Kim Reynolds, Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird, Rep. Jon Dunwell, and Rev. Alex Post (LCMS District Life Coordinators for Iowa District East). Join fellow Iowans who care about God’s truth for life as we gather in prayer, encouragement, and hope to continue to give a voice to those without. Learn more at <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/events/>.

**“The One** who gives us our new beginning in Baptism is the same God who fashioned us and gave us our first beginning in the womb. It is God who brings forth life. It is God who created us, who ‘knits us together,’ so that we are ‘intricately and wonderfully made.’ Some say that the Bible never mentions abortion, and thus we should not speak against it. How far from the truth! The decisive moral truth of what Scripture teaches is this: Human beings are such from fertilization. And—it is a sin to shed innocent blood.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan—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](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. If you have a child entering Kindergarten, this is a great event where you can meet teachers, tour the building, and see how Unity Ridge can be a blessing to your family. 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).

**Building Healthy Families:** Our culture encourages us to see the world and our relationships through a lens of individualism, in which we make decisions based on the question: “How will this affect ME?” How would our world be different if we returned to a faith, family, and community-centered lens, in which decisions are instead based on this question: “How will my actions effect my children, my spouse, my parents, my congregational family, my community?” Give it a try this week and see what a difference it makes! **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.

<input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY: Genesis 36:1—37:36	<input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: Genesis 41:1-40
<input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: Genesis 38:1—39:23	<input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: Genesis 41:41-57
<input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Genesis 40:1-23	<input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Genesis 42:1—44:34

<b>Gifts:</b>		<b>Attendance:</b>		
Church Plate:	\$ 3,230.00	Sat., Jan. 17	4 p.m.:	21
Sunday School:	\$ 46.00	Sun., Jan. 18	9 a.m.:	108
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 68.00			129
<b>Acolytes Sunday:</b> Hailey Brown & Emily Segebart		Sunday School: 27 Adult Bible Class: 18		

**~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~**  
**January 25-February 1, 2026**

<b>Sunday:</b> <b>January 25</b>	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Peitsch 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
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:30 a.m. Bible Study 8:45 a.m. <i>Immanuel messenger</i> 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
<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> <b>February 1</b>	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

**About the Cover:** Christ walked among the people in Zebulun and Naphtali in Galilee as He fulfilled God's promises and brought the kingdom of heaven to those who sat in darkness. Christ is among us by His Word, and His light still shines today, calling us out of the darkness of our sin and into the light of the Gospel of forgiveness.

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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.”*

