

Immanuel’s News and Notes ~ July 11 & 12, 2026

Welcome! God has graciously drawn us into His presence to hear His Word of forgiving grace and new life in Jesus our Savior. “Lord, as You have promised, now direct Your Word to accomplish Your gracious purposes in me and fill me with joy and peace. Amen.” A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: Lori Bumann, Julie Teut, Sue Boland, TJ Bubke, Matt Wunschel, Travis Aldag, Carol Korwes, Tom Groth and Adam Nahnsen. *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 Pray for God’s Comfort for the family of Lou Goedhart who died Wednesday, July 8, 2026. Lou’s funeral will be held here at Immanuel on Monday, July 13 at 2:30 p.m. with Pastor Dean Schroeder presiding. Visitation will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m. prior to the funeral.

We Thank God for the birth of a daughter, Whitley Marie, to Andrew and Kristin Palmersheim on Thursday, July 9. Grandparents are Tim and Jennifer Hennings.

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

Quarterly Voters’ Meeting will be held Sunday, July 12 following worship.

A New Constitution for our congregation will be presented for possible approval at our July Voters’ Meeting on July 12. This proposal would replace our current 1993 Constitution. 1st draft copies of the new proposal are available for your review today on the table in the Narthex. Any changes to our constitution must be approved at two Voters’ meetings and also be submitted to our Iowa District West Board of Directors, after review by our District’s Constitution Review Committee. Many of the details in our current constitution are being moved into a policy manual, which will be easier to adapt as ministry needs change. The new policy manual is still under development.

Readings for next Sunday: Is. 44:6-8; Ps. 119:57-64; Rom. 8:18-27; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43.

Save the Date! Pastor Alan Boeck will be leading worship and preaching here next weekend.

The Rest of the Story: The new 2026-2028 Iowa West District LWML mite goal is \$250,000. Of that total, \$185,000 will support District grants. The Rest? 33 National grants and Inreach!

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, July 13-18, Pastor Torreson is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: “Knight, Death, and the Devil” by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. You can listen to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday morning on Denison’s KDSN 104.9 FM at 6:30 am and KDSN 15:30 AM at 10:30 am, and anytime at www.lhm.org.

Building Healthy Families: Many of us were raised on a familiar script: be tough, don’t ask for help, and “pull yourself up by your bootstraps.” It sounds admirable—but it’s not a recipe for a healthy life, and it’s not what God calls us to. Scripture points us in a different direction. Paul writes in Galatians 6:2, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” We were never meant to carry everything alone. God places us in community—where we can be supported, and where we can support others in return. Reach out to family, friends, your pastor, or a LFS counselor who shares your faith and values. Strength isn’t found in isolation—it’s often revealed in the courage to seek and receive help. www.LutheranFamilyService.org

“Realistically, most of us will never be more than ordinary, but that doesn’t mean we’re useless. God works through the ordinary, the mundane, and the commonplace. He worked through Esther, and He works through you to bless others in ways you may never know.” *Grace MacPherson—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

The Unity Ridge Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 1 at the Schleswig Golf Course. Come and join us for a great day of golf and support Unity Ridge! Team price is \$200 before July 18th. If you would like to sign up your team or sponsor the event, please reach out to Brian Kempfert at brian.kempfert@unityridge.org.

Gifts:		Attendance:	
Church Plate:	\$ 7,365.00	Sat., July 4	5:00 p.m.: ~~
Sunday School:	\$ 13.00	Sun., July 5	9:00 a.m.: <u>127</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 44.00		<u>127</u>
Acolyte Sunday:		Sunday School:	11
Calvin & Emily Segebart		Adult Bible Class:	25

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~		
July 12-19, 2026		
Sunday: <i>July 12</i>	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School and Voters’ Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Denison Care Worship—Trunkhill
	1:40 p.m.	Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m.	Gracewell Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Pastor John Stacy Ordination & Installation @ St. Matthew, Mapleton
Monday:	~	
Tuesday:	~	
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m.	No Bible Study
Thursday:	~	
Friday:	~	
Saturday:	5:00 p.m.	Worship w/HC
Sunday: <i>July 19</i>	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

About the Cover: Our upward cries of “Abba, Father” stem not from fear but from the faith created in us by the Holy Spirit through the Word. We have been made the very children of God because Christ, the Son of God, who became our Brother by taking on human flesh, died on our behalf! Since we are the children of God, we are also heirs with Christ and receive what He has already accomplished: forgiveness of sins and resurrection from the dead. Our Father in heaven wants to hear all our prayers.

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: 2 Samuel 11:1—12:31	☐ THURSDAY: 2 Samuel 17:1—18:33
☐ TUESDAY: 2 Samuel 13:1—14:24	☐ FRIDAY: 2 Samuel 19:1—20:26
☐ WEDNESDAY: 2 Samuel 14:25—16:23	☐ SATURDAY: 2 Samuel 21:1—22:51

2026 “Tropical Trek” VBS Staff

Preschool: Helpers: Payton Chubb & Jacee Jepsen

Kindergarten — 1st Grade: Helpers: Logan Stoppel & Weston Stoppel

2nd — 3rd Grades: Helpers: Whitney Ernst, Anthony Hatcher & Tyson Stoppel

4th — 5th Grades: Helpers: Izzi Miller, Lyli Morgan & Sophia Morgan

Opening and Closing Devotions: Tayten Kline & Megan Reetz

Storytelling: Tracy Beeck

Experiment/Exploration: Rachel Jacobson, Ty Jacobson & Gavin Schneider

Music: Megan Reetz & Tayten Kline

Food: Coordinator: Lila Bubke
Helpers: Tracy Beeck, Amanda Bruhn, Angie Ellis, Janice Jepsen, Julie Petersen, Diana Schultz

Recreation: McKenzie Weiss

Decorations: Laura Ernst, Rachel Jacobson & Kasey Lee

Video/Technical: Pastor Mahnken

Directors: Laura Ernst & Kasey Lee



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A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with our Vacation Bible School week. However you helped, whether in gifts of your time, talents, money, donations of snacks or crafts, and especially your prayers, we appreciate and thank you. Special thanks to Dairy Queen for donating ice cream, and KCK's. We are also thankful for the use of a Thrivent Action Team Card used in support of our Vacation Bible School this year.

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Refreshments were served following the closing program.
We thank the members of our Board of Education who helped serve this treat!

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Worship:

Saturday ~ 5 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.”***

