

Immanuel’s News and Notes ~ July 18 & 19, 2026

Welcome! We extend the hand of friendship to all who have come to worship. We rejoice in your presence and invite you to stay after the service to become acquainted with those around you. “Lord, come to us, as individuals and as a group. May each of us be stirred up to love You completely and to serve You with fervor. 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, Timothy Riessen, Jan Schultz, 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 Give Thanks to God for the healing He has given to TJ Bubke regarding his recent hip surgery.

We Thank God for the birth of a daughter, Eden Grace-Ann, to Jacob and Jena Metzler on Monday, July 13. Grandparents are Neal and Doris Nahnsen.

We Thank Pastor Alan Boeck for preaching here this weekend.

Immanuel Messenger articles for the August issue are due on Tuesday, July 21. Thanks!

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, July 23 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

Readings for next Sunday: Deut. 7:6-9; Psalm 125; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 13:44-52.

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, July 20-25, Pastor Wade is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: “From Groans to Glory” by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen. A day will come when the grief will end, the groans will be silenced. Jesus will return and the dead in Christ will arise with bodies glorified. (Romans 8:21-27) 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.

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.

Name your Own Price Garage Sale at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Kiron (17 S. Orchard) on Saturday, August 15 from 8:30 am—4:00 pm. All proceeds go to Missions. Serving smiles, coffee, cinnamon rolls, loose meat on a bun, chips and beverages. Donations can be brought anytime; just leave on the deck on the south side of the church. Thank you!

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.

Do summer plans keep you away from worship on Sunday? Remember our Saturday evening worship at 5:00 p.m.

“Each of us amounts to more than assorted cells, isolated fluids, and random spasms. Human means—in every case—a character, with an emerging identity, disclosing a history, developing toward an intended destiny. Every life is a story.” *Rev. Michael Salemink, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

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: The Movie “The Odyssey;” Prosecuting Pornography; The Hymn “Entrust Your Days and Burdens;” Lutheranism in Canada and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

Building Healthy Families: This week, take time to notice the beautiful (or wilting!) flowers and vegetables growing in your own and someone else’s garden. Let them remind you that great relationships don’t just happen—they require time and attention. Who needs more of yours? *“Remember that children, marriages, and gardens reflect the kind of care they get.” (H. Jackson Brown, Jr.)* Learn more at: www.LutheranFamilyService.org

LCMS National Convention: The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will be held from July 18-23, 2026 in downtown Phoenix. The Synod will gather under the convention theme, “Christ Is Risen Indeed,” based on 1 Cor. 15:20-22: “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith
The good Seed, which is “the Son of Man,” Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in “the sons of the kingdom” (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets “both grow together until the harvest” (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is “the King of Israel and his Redeemer” (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, “fear not, nor be afraid” (Is. 44:8). For “the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God” (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, “the Spirit helps us in our weakness” (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, “the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Rom. 8:18)

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: 2 Samuel 23:1-39	☐ THURSDAY: 1 Kings 3:1—4:34
☐ TUESDAY: 2 Samuel 24:1-25	☐ FRIDAY: 1 Kings 5:1—7:51
☐ WEDNESDAY: 1 Kings 1:1—2:46	☐ SATURDAY: 1 Kings 8:1-66

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 4,673.00	Sat., July 11 5:00 p.m.:	34
Sunday School:	\$ 5.00	Sun., July 12 9:00 a.m.:	89
Voters' Meeting:	\$ 37.00		123
VBS:	\$ 1,481.00		
<u>Acolyte Sunday:</u>		Sunday School:	4
Harley McManigal		Voters' Meeting:	39

Librarian today:
Elaine Teut

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
July 19-26, 2026

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
<i>July 19</i>	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	1:00 p.m.	Denison Care Worship—Trunkhill
	1:40 p.m.	Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m.	Gracewell Worship
Monday:	~	
Tuesday:	<i>Immanuel Messenger</i> deadline for August	
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m.	No Bible Study
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
Friday:	~	
Saturday:	5:00 p.m.	Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship
<i>July 26</i>	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	12:00 p.m.	Riessen Reunion

About the Cover: Sometimes the heartache of this world and our weakness can leave us speechless in our prayers. So we lean on the Word that God continues to speak into our lives, trusting that the “Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” Jesus has already won for us redemption and eternal life through His cross and resurrection. We wait in eager expectation for His return and the restoration of all creation.

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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.”*

