

Immanuel’s News and Notes ~ July 25 & 26, 2026

Welcome! Today we are strengthened with the promises that we are held securely in the love of Christ who conquers all enemies that would threaten to rob us of our faith and that He works all things together for good for us, who are called according to Your purpose (Romans 8). “Quiet our hearts, Lord that we may receive Your grace given by Your Word. 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, Melissa Schmidt, 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.*

Readings for next Sunday: Is. 55:1-5; Ps. 136:1-9 (23-26); Rom. 9:1-5 (6-13); Matt.14:13-21.

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, July 27-August 1, Pastor Mahnken is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Wade will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: “Worth the Wait” by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The certainty that Jesus offers is not theoretical or experimental. It’s the certainty of a promise, of a secure relationship. (Matthew 13:44) 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 Church Library has a computer desk and an older model computer (no longer supported by Windows) available. If anyone has a use for these items please pick up ASAP as we are making room for a new desk and shelf.

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! For more information, contact Brian Kempfert at brian.kempfert@unityridge.org.

Rev. Virgil Ewoldt’s 40th Ordination anniversary will be on August 3, 2026. We would like to honor Rev. Ewoldt with a card shower. Cards can be mailed here to First English Lutheran Church at 1311 E. 18th Street, Spencer, IA 51301.

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 applications 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.

Unity Ridge Lutheran School is hiring! We are looking for faithful followers of Jesus who have a love for mission and children. Positions available: Infant/Toddler room provider, Food Service management, and substitutes. Please email megan.torreson@unityridge.org with questions and resumes.

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

“Even with all our sins, and even our rejection of Him, God is patiently loving us and calling us back to Him through the Holy Spirit. That’s your story, friends. Go out in your God-given identity as a king or a queen and a priest. Don’t go in fear and trembling, because when He calls you, He’ll be with you!” *Diane Albers, President 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 show topics include: Pope Leo’s Encyclical on Artificial Intelligence, The Lord’s Prayer in Lutheran Worship, A Lutheran View of the Scholastics, The Population Bust and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

Building Healthy Families: What percent of people in your congregation are adopted? If you guessed anything less than 100 percent, you’re wrong. *“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” (Gal. 4:4-5)* In today’s culture, adoption is often seen as a last resort for infertile couples; a way to find a child for the couple. A Biblical view of adoption is child—not couple—focused. LFS’ adoption ministry exists to find loving, Christian married moms and dads who will provide a stable home and life-long relationship of love based on Christ’s example for every child who needs one. Is God calling you or someone you know to such a loving plan? Learn more at: www.LutheranFamilyService.org

The Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood
The Lord our God has chosen us to be “His treasured possession,” not because of any strength in us, but solely “because the LORD loves” us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He “keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments” (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us “great value” by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are “hidden in a field,” covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but “to be conformed to the image of His Son” (Rom. 8:29). Since we “are called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us “at the right hand of God” (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from “the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:39).

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: 1 Kings 9:1—10:29	☐ THURSDAY: 1 Kings 13:1—14:31
☐ TUESDAY: 1 Kings 11:1-43	☐ FRIDAY: 1 Kings 15:1—16:34
☐ WEDNESDAY: 1 Kings 12:1-33	☐ SATURDAY: 1 Kings 17:1—18:46

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 3,168.00	Sat., July 18 5:00 p.m.:	43
Sunday School:	\$ 1.00	Sun., July 19 9:00 a.m.:	<u>99</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 30.00		142
VBS:	\$ 135.00		
<u>Acolyte Sunday:</u>		Sunday School:	3
Logan and Weston Stoppel		Adult Bible Class:	24

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~		
<u>July 26-August 2, 2026</u>		
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship
<i>July 26</i>	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School and Intergenerational Sunday School
	12:00 p.m.	Riessen Reunion
	1:00 p.m.	Denison Care Worship—Wade
	1:40 p.m.	Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m.	Gracewell Worship
Monday:	~	
Tuesday:	~	
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday:	~	
Friday:	~	
Saturday:	5:00 p.m.	Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
<i>August 2</i>	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

About the Cover: God’s love is not found in a mere feeling. God’s love is in Christ Jesus our Lord. God’s love is in Jesus, through whom all things were made. God’s love is in Jesus, who is above all authorities, powers, and creation. God’s love is in our Lord, who stretched out His arms on the cross to win us forgiveness. God’s love is in Jesus, who rose from the dead to give us everlasting life. Nothing will be able to separate us from that love.

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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.”***

