

**Immanuel’s News and Notes ~ July 26 & 27, 2025**

**Welcome!** What does it mean to be rich toward God? In our Old Testament reading today the value of worldly wealth is compared to spiritual wealth. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Colossians not to set our minds on earthly things but rather to set them on heavenly things—on Christ who is all in all. In our Gospel today Jesus judges a wealthy man for his desire to acquire more and more riches without thinking about what God wanted him to do with his wealth. “Holy Spirit, guide us to always remember that life does not consist in the abundance of our possessions, but in our relationship to Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.” We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

**Please Remember in Your Prayers:** Michael Mentink (brother of Rachel Mentink) as he recovers from injuries sustained in a car accident. If you have a concern for which you would like us to pray, please call the Church Office 712-676-2235 or send an email to: immansch@iowatelecom.net.

**We Pray for God’s Comfort** for the family and friends of Barbara Kerrane (sister of Wayne Miller) who died Saturday, July 19 in Dallas, Texas.

**The Immanuel Messenger** will be assembled on Wednesday, July 30 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated.

**Thursday Evening Study:** There will be no class throughout the remainder of summer.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Eccl. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26; Ps. 100; Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.

**“Thy Strong Word”** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, July 28-Aug 2, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Torreson will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**The Lutheran Hour:** “Getting the Talk Started” by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God’s Law-talk prepares us for God’s Gospel-talk. Author Tim Carter (The Executioner’s Redemption) is featured. (Luke 11:1) Listen to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday morning on Denison’s KDSN 104.9 FM at 6:30 a.m. and KDSN 1530 AM at 10:30 a.m., and anytime at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org).

**“There is no joy like** the joy of welcoming another child into your life. You will marvel anew at how perfectly formed your little one is and over how quickly you will fall head over heels in love with him. You will be enchanted with every tiny aspect of her appearance. The color of her hair, the shape of her nose, and the winsomeness of her smile will occasion endless happy debates about from which side of the family (yours, of course) she got that adorable trait.” *Steve Mosher, Population Research Institute, author of “Ten Great Reasons to Have Another Child”—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

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

**Unity Ridge Golf Tournament:** Saturday, August 9 in Schleswig beginning at 9:00 am. Sign up online or contact Brian Kempfert at [brian.kempfert@unityridge.org](mailto:brian.kempfert@unityridge.org). Brochures are available on the table in the Narthex. \$200 for a team of 4 before August 1, \$240 per team of 4 after deadline. Carts are extra and paid to the golf course. [www.unityridge.org](http://www.unityridge.org)

**There Will Be No** church garage sale this fall.

**Volunteer opportunity at the Iowa State Fair!** Spend a 3-hour shift at the Lutheran Hour Booth and get free fair admittance for the day. Dates available: August 8,10,12,14,16,17 and shifts begin at 9:00 am. Contact John Tews at 641-740-0126 or [valleyinsjt@gmail.com](mailto:valleyinsjt@gmail.com).

**State Fair Volunteers!** Considering a day at the Iowa State Fair and a shift at the Lutheran hour Booth? Want to share a ride? Please contact our Church Office and we will help you make connections with fellow members!

**Crossroads of Crawford County** recently needed to complete significant roof repairs. If there are 150 donors who give \$100, the roof repair would be covered and Crossroads would not need to dip into programming resources for the ultrasound program. Crossroads still hopes to have their 1st ultrasound clinic date this fall, for which many new and large expenses are anticipated (training, staffing, insurance, and supplies, plus building payments). If you can help with this unexpected roof repair and join the group of \$100 donors, please call 712-393-4673, or speak with Janette Clausen for more information.

**Waves of Wonder Vacation Bible School at Schleswig UCC:** Sun., Aug. 3– Wed. Aug. 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. A meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. each night with storytelling, games, crafts and music to follow. For ages 3 years old to 6th grade. Everyone welcome!

**Thank you** Immanuel Lutheran, Mission Board and Pastor Mahnken for the donation of \$1,000 to Mercy Meals of Siouxland. Your donation allows us to package 5,882 Mercy Meals for hungry children! What a joy to come back from the LWML convention and find your generous donation in the mail at Faith. We are thankful for Immanuel Lutheran’s ongoing support of Mercy Meals of Siouxland to feed hungry children. God’s Blessings to the members of Immanuel. ~ Margee Joines, Director Mercy Meals of Siouxland

**Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians:** WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS CULTURE... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Seeking Truth & Speaking Truth, The Worsening Pandemic of Gambling, A New Study on Christian Faith & Marriage, Eastern Mysticism in Public Schools, A Supreme Court Ruling on Children & Pornography and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

**Building Healthy Families:** Whether it’s your growing awareness of the number of hours in your day tinged with anxiety or depression, or a gnawing feeling in your gut about the distance you’re feeling from your spouse, know that you don’t have to wait for a crisis to seek support. It’s often easier to prevent a problem from growing worse than to recover from one in full bloom. Pay attention to your mental, emotional, spiritual, and relational health. Talk to your pastor, a trusted Christian friend, or an LFS counselor, and remember (as the tee shirt says): It’s okay to have Jesus and a therapist, too! **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: John 15:1—16:33    | <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: John 20:1—21:25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: John 17:1-26      | <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: Acts 1:1-26       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: John 18:1—19:42 | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Acts 2:1-47     |

| <u>Gifts:</u>         |             | <u>Attendance:</u> |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Church Plate:         | \$ 4,257.00 | Sat., July 19      | 5 p.m.: 25        |
| Sunday School:        | \$ 7.00     | Sun., July 20      | 9 a.m.: <u>84</u> |
| Adult Bible Class:    | \$ 29.00    |                    | 109               |
| VBS:                  | \$ 1,277.52 |                    |                   |
| <u>Acolyte today:</u> |             | Sunday School:     | 9                 |
| Brenna Bubke          |             | Adult Bible Class: | 27                |

| ~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~ |  |
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| <u>July 27-August 3, 2025</u>  |  |
| <b>Sunday:</b>                 | 9:00 a.m. Worship                              |
| <i>July 27</i>                 | 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |
|                                | 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Torreson |
|                                | 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship                   |
|                                | 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship                    |
| <b>Monday:</b>                 | ~  |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>                | ~  |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>              | 6:30 a.m. Bible Study                          |
|                                | 8:45 a.m. <i>Immanuel Messenger</i> assemblage |
|                                | 10:30 a.m. New Member Class                    |
| <b>Thursday:</b>               | ~  |
| <b>Friday:</b>                 | ~  |
| <b>Saturday:</b>               | 5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC                         |
| <b>Sunday:</b>                 | 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC                         |
| <i>August 3</i>                | 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |

**About the Cover:** Abraham boldly pleaded before God on behalf of Sodom. This boldness came from knowing who the Lord had revealed Himself to be. We know who the Lord is in the mercy of Christ Jesus. Christ interceded for us be shedding His blood on the cross. Therefore, we know that we can “with confidence draw near to the throne of grace” (Hebrews 4:16) and that He indeed listens to our prayers.

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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.”*

