

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ July 4 & 5, 2026

Welcome! On this Sunday following our nation's celebration of independence, we are grateful you have come to worship Almighty God, who continues to bless our land in countless ways. "Heavenly Father, You have lavishly loved us in giving Your Son to be our Savior. Strengthen us with Your gifts that we may grow in loving all others as You have first loved us. Amen." A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: Lori Bumann (surgery for broken leg), Julie Teut, Sue Boland, TJ Bubke, Matt Wunschel, Travis Aldag, Carol Korwes, Lou Goedhart, 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 Thank God for the healing He has given to Larry Jensen and Bentley Boger.

VBS: The contribution envelope marked "VBS," included in your bulletin, is provided asking you to consider a gift to help defray the costs of our Vacation Bible School. You can return it in the collection plate in the next couple weeks or you can drop it by the Church Office.

Did You Know? Our Hymn of Praise today, "*Before You, Lord, We Bow*" was written by Francis Scott Key who also wrote "*The Star Spangled Banner*"?

Schleswig Community Blood Drive at the Community Building, Monday, July 6 from 1:00 to 4:30. Appointments are required, please call 800-287-4903.

Abracadabra! The Schleswig Public Library is pleased to announce that a professional magician, Jonathan May, will be performing at the library this Wednesday, July 8th, from 3:00-4:00 pm. Mr. May is a full-time magician who tours all over Iowa entertaining children and adults. Guaranteed to be a fun show for everyone, so please mark your calendars.

Annual Unity Ridge Lutheran School Member Meeting: The member meeting is July 8th at 6:00 in the Zion gym. Come and join us as we share the great things God is doing at Unity Ridge. We will also be voting on board members at this meeting as well. Membership is \$100 and the application is available in the school office or at the meeting. Contact Mrs. Torreson with any questions. megan.torreson@unityridge.org

The Quilters will NOT meet this week due to VBS activities.

Readings for next Sunday: Is. 55:10-13; Ps. 65:(1-8) 9-13; Rom. 8:12-17; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held Sunday, July 12 following worship. The 1st draft of the new Constitution is available on the table in the Narthex to review.

Save the Date! Pastor Alan Boeck will be leading worship and preaching here the weekend of July 18-19.

The Lutheran Hour: "Bloom Where You're Planted" 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.

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.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, July 6-11, Pastor Peitsch is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Merrill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

Thank You! "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever" (Ps. 118:29). Thank you for being one of God's continuing means to show His love to me, as shown by your great kindness in celebrating the 35th anniversary of my ordination into the Pastoral Ministry. Thank you to all who organized the celebration, all who brought food, all who gave cards and gifts, all who came, and all who expressed such kind words. I am blessed to serve with you as the dearly loved children of God through Jesus our Savior, who daily calls to us in the wonder of His love, "You, follow Me!" (John 21:22). ~ Pastor Mahnken

Thank You! No words can truly express the deep feelings of gratitude that I have for all of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ at Immanuel. The Lord has so richly blessed me through your love and friendship. Your beautiful cards and generous gifts at the celebration of our 35th anniversary of ordination means so much to me. Thank you for including me in your celebration. Your care, concern, and encouraging words are very much appreciated, and I trust that our Savior Jesus will continue to watch over you and keep you in His tender care as we rejoice together in His wondrous grace and love. To Him be the glory! ~ Pr. Steve Schulz

Building Healthy Families: What are some of your best childhood memories? Psychologist Mary Pipher says there are three things that most people usually remember with great happiness from childhood—time spent outdoors, vacations and family meals. During these long summer days, spend time with your children or grandchildren outdoors. Take some time off work...plan a picnic...explore a new park or hiking trail. Let your children or grandchildren help choose the spot. You don't have to go far from home or spend a lot of money to create forever memories! www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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. 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.



Vacation Bible School Tropical Trek

July 6th—9th, 2026

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Light supper will be served each night at 5:00 pm
VBS starting at 5:30 pm

For more information or to register your child(ren):

Call 676-2235 (Church Office), 269-9262 (Kasey Lee) or (913) 424-8851 (Laura Ernst)

Email immansch@iowatelecom.net

Register online <https://vbsmate.com/students/ImmanuelLutheranSchleswigIA/32410>.

**Please keep VBS in your hearts and prayers again this year!!
We are looking forward to another GREAT VBS!!!**

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 5,419.00	Sat., June 27 5:00 p.m.:	21
Sunday School:	\$ 6.00	Sun., June 28 9:00 a.m.:	<u>162</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ ~~		183

<u>Acolyte Sunday:</u>	Sunday School:	7
Cristine Velasquez	Adult Bible Class:	49

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
July 5-12, 2026

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
<i>July 5</i>	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	1:00 p.m.	Denison Care Worship—Merrill
	1:40 p.m.	Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m.	Gracewell Worship
Monday:	**VBS Begins**	
	5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	VBS (supper 5-5:30; classes 5:30-8)
Tuesday:	5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	VBS (supper 5-5:30; classes 5:30-8)
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	VBS (supper 5-5:30; classes 5:30-8)
Thursday:	5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	VBS (supper 5-5:30; classes 5:30-8)
	8:00 p.m.	VBS Closing Program
Friday:	~	
Saturday:	5:00 p.m.	Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship
<i>July 12</i>	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Voters' Meeting
	2:00 p.m.	Pastor John Stacy Ordination & Installation @ St. Matthew, Mapleton

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.

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| ☐ MONDAY: 2 Samuel 1:1—2:32 | ☐ THURSDAY: 2 Samuel 6:1-23 |
| ☐ TUESDAY: 2 Samuel 3:1—4:12 | ☐ FRIDAY: 2 Samuel 7:1-29 |
| ☐ WEDNESDAY: 2 Samuel 5:1-25 | ☐ SATURDAY: 2 Samuel 8:1—10:19 |

About the Cover: By God’s Word, we have new life by faith in Jesus. At the same time, our old sinful nature still presses in upon us. Paul knew the struggle of the Christian life. But there would be no struggle unless the new life of the Gospel had taken root by the work of the Holy Spirit. We must always go back to the source of our new life: Jesus Christ, our crucified and raised Lord, in whom there is “now no condemnation” (Romans 8:1).

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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.”***

