

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ June 27 & 28, 2026

Welcome! We're here today because God has graciously called us to faith in Jesus our Savior! "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture' (Psalm 100:1-3, ESV). May God bless you as you praise and thank Him today. Amen." A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: Julie Teut, Larry Jensen, Sue Boland, Matt Wunschel, TJ Bubke, Travis Aldag, Carol Korwes (sister of Harry Riessen), Lou Goedhart (son-in-law of Coleen Fredericks), Tom Groth, Bentley Boger (son of Cody & Ashley Boger, grandson of Channing & Lisa Gray, 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 His blessings upon Pastor Mahnken as we recognize his 35th anniversary of Ordination into the Office of the Pastoral Ministry, June 23, 1991.

We Thank God for the birth of a son, Layken Lee, born to Bobbi Jepsen and Ricky Zetino on June 24, 2026. Grandparents are Devin and Kelsi Jepsen.

We Pray for God's Blessings for Jake Kluver and Carissa Stover who were married here at Immanuel Saturday, June 27, 2026.

We Thank God for the healing He has given to DeWayne Schultz.

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.

Church Council Meeting will be Monday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m. The Voters' Meeting will be held Sunday, July 12 following worship. The 1st draft of the new Constitution is available to review.

The LWML will meet on Thursday, July 2 at 1:30 p.m.

The Church Office will be closed Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

There will be No Saturday evening worship on July 4.

VBS at Immanuel is Scheduled for July 6-9. Supper will be served at 5:00 pm and VBS classes will begin at 5:30 pm. There is a signup sheet posted in the Narthex for food items needed for the nightly meals. You can register your child(ren) at <https://vbsmate.com/students/ImmanuelLutheranSchleswigIA/32410>. **We are in GREAT need** of adult teachers and high school helpers. High Schoolers—this is a great way to earn hours for government and/or national honor society! Please contact Laura Ernst to volunteer at 913-424-8851.

The Lutheran Hour: "Journey Through Ambition" by Guest Speaker Pastor Ryan Tinetti. You don't have to worry about making a name for yourself. In Christ, God has already given you His. (Matthew 25:21) 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.

Readings for next Sunday: Zech. 9:9-12; Psalm 145:1-14; Rom. 7:14-25a; Matt. 11:25-30.

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.

Spring 2026 Grow & Go Challenge: This is the last week to show your love for your pastor's wife! Help grow Lutheran Family Service's ongoing, Christ-centered care for her and many others like her this year. We'll send a VISA gift card to present to your pastor's wife, along with your own appreciation, when at least 10 households from your church make a gift of \$10 or more before June 30 as part of our Spring appeal. See the table in the narthex for more info or visit <https://lutheranfamilyservice.networkforgood.com>.

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. Unity Ridge also has school board positions opening up! Board members must be a member of a LCMS church and have a heart for education and ministry. We would love for you to come and join us as our school grows. Board member applications are due by June 28th! Contact Mrs. Torreson with any questions. megan.torreson@unityridge.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, June 29-July 4, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Peitsch will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

"God always makes life, and He always makes life worth it. The Good Giver of Life also accompanies each one as the Almighty Lord of 'my power is made perfect in weakness' (2 Corinthians 12:9). The crucifixion forgiveness of Jesus Christ proves that He constantly populates the adversities themselves with delights." *Rev. Michael Salemink, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Building Healthy Families: Many years ago, our Lutheran ancestors left behind the familiar and came seeking religious freedom in a new land. We celebrate that freedom this week, even as we recognize growing challenges to our religious liberty. Join us in praying for our leaders, both in government and in our LCMS church. May God strengthen them to boldly speak and act in ways that secure our freedom not just to have faith, but to live out that faith in the public square. Your prayers for the staff and leadership of Lutheran Family Service as they proclaim, teach, and live out God's good plan for life, marriage and family are also appreciated. Happy 250th birthday, America!! www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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 Samuel 24:1-22

☐ THURSDAY: 1 Samuel 27:1—29:11

☐ TUESDAY: 1 Samuel 25:1-44

☐ FRIDAY: 1 Samuel 30:1-31

☐ WEDNESDAY: 1 Samuel 26:1-25

☐ SATURDAY: 1 Samuel 31:1-13

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 18,483.00	Sat., June 20 5:00 p.m.:	33
Sunday School:	\$ ~~	Sun., June 21 9:00 a.m.:	95
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 36.25		128
<u>Acolyte Sunday:</u>		Sunday School:	9
Isla Meseck		Adult Bible Class:	22

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~			
<u>June 28-July 5, 2026</u>			
Sunday: <i>June 28</i>	9:00 a.m.	Worship	
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class	
	12:00 p.m.	Meal to recognize Pastor Mahnken’s 35th anniversary of his ordination into the ministry	
	1:00 p.m.	Denison Care Worship—Peitsch	
Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday: <i>4th of July</i> Sunday: <i>July 5</i>	1:40 p.m.	Silveridge Worship	
	2:15 p.m.	Gracewell Worship	
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting	
	6:30 p.m.	Cookout for Schleswig Youth Rec	
	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study	
	1:30 p.m.	LWML Meeting	
		<i>**Church Office closed for Independence Day**</i>	
	5:00 p.m.	NO Worship	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC	
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	

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

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.

About the Cover: God’s Law, written in stone and given through Moses, is “holy and righteous and good” (Romans 7:12). Sinners living under this Law deserve the death that lies under every tombstone. Yet, for the Christian, death with Christ is a different matter. He who is holy and righteous and good willingly took our trespasses against God’s Commandments upon Himself, died on the cross, and rose from the dead to forgive us and rescue us from eternal death. The promise of eternal life in Him is rock solid.

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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.”*

