

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ February 28 & March 1, 2026

Welcome! During this Lenten season, we praise God for His righteous Son, Who perfectly kept all of God's commandments for us and paid the full price for our disobedience. Let us praise Him with hearts filled with Christ's spirit of obedience. "Make our minds receptive to Your Word, Lord. Help us to hear it, to spiritually digest it, and to live by it. Through Christ our Lord, Amen." We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: Jan Schultz, DeWayne Schultz, Roger Walde and Travis Aldag. *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.*

Easter Gifts from Concordia Publishing: There are a few fliers on the table in the Narthex showing gift ideas available from Concordia. Orders and payment are due to the Church Office **no later than Sunday, March 15**. This ensures they are submitted by the deadline. If you have questions, please ask Pastor Mahnken. These would make a great gifts!

Lent Devotion Booklets and 2025 Annual Reports are available on the table in the Narthex. Take one for yourself and take one to a friend!

The Preschool is having an Envelope Fundraiser. If you feel the Lord encouraging you, we invite you to grab an envelope and place the designated amount inside. You may place it in the offering plate or drop it in the church office.

Ricketts Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting their annual fire extinguisher banquet Sunday, March 1 from 11 am—1 pm at the Ricketts Community Building. Serving Staley's chicken and desserts from Sweet Custom Cake Decorating, free will donation.

Young Adults Bible Study will meet on Sunday, March 1 at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin at 712-269-6906 or Pastor Mahnken 712-269-6364.

Schleswig Community Blood Drive at the Community Building, Monday, March 2 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are required, please call 800-287-4903.

Midweek Lent Service. Pastor Mahnken will be preaching with the theme "*Done For Us*" at our 5:45 p.m. worship. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m by the Bielenberg, Bruhn and Schneider families.

Lenten Bible Studies continue this week. Chris Mahnken will lead the ladies' group using "Divine Directions, How God guides your Path" by Sharla Fritz. The men will be learning to fight the Spiritual War with Pastor Schulz. Both study groups will begin at 7:00 p.m. following the midweek Lenten supper.

The LWML will meet on Thursday, March 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Elders' Meeting will be Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Readings for next Sunday: Ex. 17:1-7; Psalm 95:1-9; Rom. 5:1-8; John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42).

The American Legion-VFW Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, March 8 from 8:00 am—1:00 pm at the Schleswig Community Building. We will serve pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham and juice. Freewill offering will be collected; everyone is invited!

Saturday Worship Time Change: Our Saturday p.m. worship time changes to a 5:00 p.m. starting time beginning Saturday, March 14.

PENNIES! Due to the end-of-production of the penny, we are starting to see places stop accepting them. If you have a bunch of pennies you wish to get rid of, consider donating them in the monthly LWML mites box! The large mite box will be out next week. Thank you for supporting LWML mission projects both here in Iowa and around the world. Your donations are valuable since the number of members in our zone has significantly dropped over the years but the needs are ever growing.

Crossroads Annual Banquet for Life will be held March 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stables at Copper Ridge. The theme will be "Why in the World" with speaker Hannah M. Hoyt, Executive Director of LC Clinic. Meal catered by Staley's. Tickets are \$50 each or a table of 8 for \$400 and are available by presale only through March 2 by calling 712-393-4673.

The Lutheran Hour: "The Fifth Act" by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Through the Bible. God invites us to help Him complete the unfinished drama He's been writing for the world. (1 Cor. 4:1) Listen to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday morning on Denison's KDSN 104.9 FM at 6:30 am and KDSN 1530 AM at 10:30 am, and anytime at www.lhm.org.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, March 2-7, Pastor Peitsch is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Mahnken will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

"This is love—the God who became a human baby for us, who suffered for us, who rose from the dead to give us everlasting life. This is love, shining into our own darkness to give us joy and salvation." *Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotions—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: **BOOK OF PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of Proverbs:11-20. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

Building Healthy Families: How is it that, though we're connected today to the entire world 24/7 through technology, we're feeling lonelier than ever? Isolation from others, limited in-person social connections, families living apart, and chronic stress are among the things that have us experiencing loneliness and depression at higher rates than any previous generation. LFS is here to help you or someone you know who is struggling. Through in-person meetings or via telehealth screen to your home, LFS counselors you can trust are now available to help with chronic or a sudden bout of depression, loneliness, anxiety or any other concern. Why struggle alone when help is readily available? Call us—it's why we're here! Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **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.

MONDAY: Exodus 34:1-35

THURSDAY: Exodus 39:1—40:38

TUESDAY: Exodus 35:1—36:38

FRIDAY: Leviticus 1:1-17

WEDNESDAY: Exodus 37:1—38:31

SATURDAY: Leviticus 2:1—3:17

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 3,210.00
 Sunday School: \$ 8.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 33.65
 Ash Wednesday 2-18: \$ 935.00

Attendance:
 Sat., Feb. 21 4 p.m.: 36
 Sun., Feb. 22 9 a.m.: 117
 153
 Ash Wednesday 2-18: 94

Acolytes Sunday:
 Kyler Bruhn and Nash Heiden

Sunday School: 20
 Adult Bible Class: 24

Librarian today:
 Elaine Teut

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
March 1-8, 2026

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
March 1 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Mahnken
 1:40 p.m. Silverridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
 5:00 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study

Monday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Schleswig Bloodmobile @ Comm. Building

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Bible Study
 11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 3:30—5:15 p.m. 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
 5:45 p.m. Midweek Lent Worship
 6:30 p.m. Lent meal served by Bielenberg, Bruhn and Schneider
 6:30—8:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study — Men’s and Women’s

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Elders’ Meeting

Friday: ~

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Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
March 8 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Legion/VFW breakfast @ Comm. Building
 5:00 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study

About the Cover: Abraham trusted God’s promises and had faith in Him throughout his life. He followed the Lord into an unknown land, trusted that God would make his offspring great, and even offered up his own son, trusting that God can raise the dead. The source of Abraham’s faith was not in himself but in the Lord’s promises. Although we often falter throughout life, we live lives of faith built solely on the promises of God in Christ Jesus. The God of Abraham is our God. He has counted us as righteous by faith in His Son, Jesus, who sacrificed Himself on the cross for us.

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Worship:

Saturday ~ 4 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.”**

