

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ March 14 & 15, 2026

Welcome! "Come and see the works of the Lord...the Lord Almighty is with us!" (Psalm 46:8a, 10a, NIV) We rejoice that you are here today! Let us join together in praising God and witnessing His goodness through Word and Sacrament. To our visitors, your presence brings us special joy—please come again soon! "If there is any hardness in our hearts today, Lord, please remove it from us. We desire to have hearts ready to fully receive Your grace and mercy. Amen." We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: Travis Aldag, Deb Green, Earl Groth (Sheila & Tom's brother, being treated for cancer), Tom Groth (being treated for cancer), Ruth Reincke, Jan Schultz, and DeWayne Schultz. *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. **Today is the deadline to order!!**

This is the Last Weekend of our Preschool's Envelope Fundraiser! Please see the boards in our Narthex. 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.

Easter Lilies: Please call the office or stop by if you'd like to donate a lily for our Easter cross. Cost is \$12 each. Thank you!

Young Adults Bible Study will meet on Sunday, March 15 at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin at 712-269-6906 or Pastor Mahnken 712-269-6364.

Teacher Appreciation Supper will be held Sunday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m. Thank you for teaching our youth about God's love!

Immanuel Messenger articles for the April issue are due on Tuesday, March 17. Thanks!

Midweek Lent Service. Pastor Mahnken will be preaching with the theme "*Healing from Demons*" at our 5:45 p.m. worship. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. by Crossroads of Crawford County.

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.

Saturday Worship Time Change: Our Saturday p.m. worship time now begins at **5:00 p.m.**

Readings for next Sunday: Ezek. 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Rom. 8:1-11; John 11:1-45 (46-53).

Eventide Fundraiser serving Staley's chicken drive-thru style at the Stables at Copper Ridge Tuesday, March 24, from 4:30-7:00. Meals are \$13 with no advance ticket sales. Proceeds to benefit the Eventide Foundation. Thank you for your support!

Immanuel Lutheran Preschool is now accepting registrations 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 Dinner Auction: Tickets are on sale now for the Dinner and Auction that is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at the Stables in Denison. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased by calling the Unity Ridge school office 712-393-2002. Doors open and silent auction begins at 5:00 pm, dinner and live auction to follow.

Pill Bottles: The LWML is NO longer collecting pill bottles. Please recycle in your normal recycling bin.

Just a reminder: When you do your "spring" house cleaning, please remember to donate any unwanted or unused "treasures" to our annual Church Garage Sale which is scheduled for May 28, 29 & 30. This event is sponsored by our Mission Board and we truly appreciate any donations you may have. Please don't bring the items until later in May but we will be grateful for your support. Thank you! ~ The Mission Board

The Lutheran Hour: "No Command from the Lord" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is the only way to God, but there are many adventures with Jesus. Which ones will you pick? (1 Cor. 7:6-7) 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 16-21, Pastor Wade is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

"Never will a time come when the most marvelous recent invention is as marvelous as a newborn baby." *Carl Sandburg—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: EXPLAINING LUTHERANISM TO NON-LUTHERANS...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to a series of interviews with Dr. Jordan Cooper, author of the new book "Lutheranism for Non-Lutherans" at issuesetc.org/nonlutherans.

Building Healthy Families: Spring—the season of renewal and new life—officially arrives this week on Friday at 10:46 am. Though you can't dig in the garden quite yet, take some time this week to take someone you care about (or just go yourself!) to a local greenhouse where you can smell, see, touch, feel, and experience the presence of new life all around you. As you do, be mindful of the new life that stirs within you and of Paul's inspired words written for you in Romans 6: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Call us for help with any of life's challenges you're experiencing along the journey. We're here to help! Learn more about the many supports available at 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.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY: Leviticus 20:1—22:33 | <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: Numbers 1:1—3:51 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: Leviticus 23:1—25:55 | <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: Numbers 4:1—6:27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Leviticus 26:1—27:34 | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Numbers 7:1—8:26 |

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 2,397.00
 Sunday School: \$ 10.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 16.00
 Midweek Lent 3-4: \$ 790.00

Attendance:
 Sat., March 7 4 p.m.: 30
 Sun., March 8 9 a.m.: 74
 104
 Midweek Lent 3-4: 80

Acolytes Sunday:
 Karsen Keim & Harley McManigal

Sunday School: 19
 Adult Bible Class: 12

Librarian today:
 Sheila Groth

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
March 15-22, 2026

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
March 15 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Trunkhill
 1:40 p.m. Silverridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
 5:00 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Teacher Appreciation supper

Monday: No Preschool

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
Immanuel Messenger deadline for April issue

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 Crossroads of Crawford County
 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

Friday: ~

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
March 22 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
 5:00 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study

About the Cover: Jesus brought mud, washing, and His Word together to give sight to a man who was born blind. Then Jesus used His Word to let the man know whom he was looking at. The gift of physical sight was only a preamble to the spiritual sight the man needed to see the Son of Man. Jesus is still granting us the eyes of faith to see His work. He unites His Word with water to wash away our sin. He brings His Word together with bread and wine to give us His very body and blood, given and shed for us. Jesus continues to open eyes by faith, helping people see Him at work and delivering them forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

**Immanuel
 Lutheran
 Church**

501 Glad Street
 PO Box 27
 Schleswig, IA 51461

Pastor

Rev. Merle F. Mahnken
 Home Ph.: 712-676-2242
 Cell: 712-269-6364

Assisting Pastor

Rev. Kurt Kaiser
 Phone: 712-269-8452

Church Office:

Ph. 712-676-2235

Website:

immanuel Schleswig.com

E-mail:

immansch@iowatelecom.net
 markey@iowatelecom.net

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.”**

