

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ March 21 & 22, 2026

Welcome to worship! "Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love" (Psalm 130:7). "As we worship You, Lord, unite us in heart and purpose. Receive our praise, hear our prayers, and strengthen us through Your Word of grace through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen." A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: Travis Aldag, Deb Green, Earl Groth, Tom Groth, Joan Nahnsen, Lillie Petersen (now at Gracewell), Ruth Reincke, DeWayne Schultz and Jan 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 Lilies: Help fill our sanctuary with the beauty of Easter lilies! Dedications will appear in the Easter bulletin and lilies may be taken home after Easter services. 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!

One week left to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2025! Deadline is March 31, 2026.

Young Adults' Bible Study will meet on Sunday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin at 712-269-6906 or Pastor Mahnken 712-269-6364.

Eventide Fundraiser serving Staley's chicken drive-thru style at Silveridge Assisted Living Tuesday, March 24, from 4:30-7:00. Meals are \$13 with no advance ticket sales. Proceeds to benefit the Eventide Foundation. *Suggested traffic flow is to enter the north drive entrance as you come south down 20th street as to not block traffic on highway 30. Thank you for your support!*

The Immanuel Messenger will be assembled on Wednesday, March 25 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated.

Midweek Lent Service. Pastor Mahnken will be preaching with the theme "*For Us Betrayed*" at our final 5:45 p.m. worship. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m by Under The Son Childcare.

Lenten Bible Studies conclude this week. Chris Mahnken leads the ladies' group using "Divine Directions, How God guides your Path" by Sharla Fritz. The men are 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 Quilters will meet on Thursday, March 26 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

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.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:19-29; Phil. 2:5-11; John 12:20-43.

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.

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: "Meeting You Where You Are" by Guest Speaker Rev. Gregory Manning. Jesus meets you where you are, not where you should have been. (1 Cor. 9:19-23) 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 23-28, Pastor Mahnken is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Mahnken will also lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

"Grief is a road no one chooses, yet in this fallen world, it is a path we must all tread. There are no words that can fully capture the sorrow of losing someone we love—no explanations that can make death seem natural or right. It wasn't meant to be this way. Death is the great intruder, a bitter consequence of sin's curse. And yet, even in the depths of sorrow, the Lord gives us this promise: He is near." *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church—Canada (LCC)—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

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Building Healthy Families: "Wrinkles merely indicate where smiles have been," suggested Mark Twain in a nod to the prestige of old age. Yet today we spend millions of dollars trying to look and feel younger than our years. As Christians, we understand our value is not found in how we look or in what we can do. We're valuable—even as the number of our limitations (or wrinkles) increase with each passing year—because Jesus says we are and demonstrated it by giving His life as a ransom for ours. If you're experiencing concerns with aging, chronic illness, disability, or any life transition of limitation and would like to talk to a confidential, experienced, caring counselor who shares your Lutheran faith and worldview, call us—it's why we're here! Learn more 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.

MONDAY: Numbers 9:1—10:36

THURSDAY: Numbers 16:1—18:32

TUESDAY: Numbers 11:1—12:16

FRIDAY: Numbers 19:1—20:29

WEDNESDAY: Numbers 13:1—15:41

SATURDAY: Numbers 21:1-35

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 4,046.00
 Sunday School: \$ 4.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 21.00

Midweek Lent 3-11: \$ 910.00

Acolytes Sunday:
 Isla and Reed Meseck

Librarian today:
 Bonnie Schroeder

Attendance:
 Sat., March 14 5 p.m.: 51
 Sun., March 15 9 a.m.: 67
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Midweek Lent 3-11: 79
 Sunday School: 16
 Adult Bible Class: 14

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
March 22—29, 2026

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
March 22 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
 6:00 p.m. Teacher Appreciation Supper

Monday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool

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 4:30—7:00 p.m. Eventide Fundraiser @ Silverridge Assisted Living

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Bible Study
 8:45 a.m. *Immanuel Messenger* assemblage
 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 Under The Son Childcare
 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
 9:00 a.m. Quilting

Friday: ~

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
 5:00 p.m. Unity Ridge Fundraiser @ Stables of Copper Ridge

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
March 29 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
Palm Sunday 5:00 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study

About the Cover: Jesus delivered words of life to Martha in the midst of her brother’s death. By His Word, He then raised Lazarus from the dead. Jesus gives life in the midst of death because He is the resurrection and the life. Through His death on the cross, He has brought us life by atoning for all of our sins. Although death is still the reality on this side of Jesus’ return, our life by faith continues with Him after death, and we will be raised on the Last Day, just as He rose from the dead.

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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.”**

