

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ March 28 & 29, 2026

**Welcome!** Today we enter the Holy Week, the center of God's greatest act—our salvation by the overthrow of sin, death, and the devil, and the restoration of all creation through the power of Jesus' resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. "Lord Jesus, as we remember Your triumphal entry, may our worship today honor You, our gracious King. 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, Tom Groth, Joan Nahnsen, Lillie Petersen, 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.*

**We Pray for God's Comfort** for the family of Earl Groth who died Friday, March 20, 2026. Services for Earl were held in Denison this past Thursday, March 26.

**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!

**2 days remain** to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2025! Deadline is March 31, 2026.

**Young Adults' Bible Study** will meet on Sunday, March 29 at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin at 712-269-6906 or Pastor Mahnken 712-269-6364.

**Board of Ed Meeting** will be Tuesday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m.

**There will be NO** confirmation classes this Wednesday and **NO** Saturday evening service this week due to Holy Week.

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

**Readings for Maundy Thursday:** Ex. 24:3-11; Ps. 116:12-19; Heb. 9:11-22; Matt. 26:17-30.

**Readings for Good Friday:** Is. 52:13—53:12; Ps. 31; Heb. 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42.

**Readings for Easter Worship:** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 16; Col. 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10.

**Church Council Meeting** will be next Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. The **Voters' Meeting** will be held Sunday, April 12 following worship.

**Thank you** to Nancy Bielenberg for her care and attention to the altar flowers each week.

**Thank you** to everyone who supported our Lenten meal on March 25. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of an outdoor picnic table. Sincerely, Under The Son Childcare Board

**The Carnival is coming to Preschool!** We will again be hosting the Family Fun Night Fundraiser on Friday, April 10. Stay tuned for more details or see the flyer in the Narthex.

**"Thy Strong Word"** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, March 30-April 4, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Wade will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**The Lutheran Hour:** "Dime-Sized" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God doesn't look for valuable, desirable, beautiful people so that He can love them. God loves first, and by loving them He makes people valuable, desirable, and beautiful. (1 Cor. 13:11) 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](http://www.lhm.org).

**Bars and cookies needed** for Unity Ridge chicken dinner fundraiser. Can you help provide bars or cookies for the Unity Ridge chicken dinner on April 21? Cookies and brownies can be dropped off at the Unity Ridge office or at Our Savior Lutheran Church on April 21st before 2:00 p.m. Call Cindy Gray 712-265-0043 or leave a message at the Unity Ridge school office 712-393-2002 if you can provide one of the following: (1) pan of unfrosted brownies (cut into 12 or 15 and put into baggies) or (2) 2 dozen cookies (put 2 cookies into each baggie).

**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

**Thank You!** Chris and I thank you, our family in Christ, for surprising us to observe our 40th wedding anniversary! The cake served after worship on March 22 (our wedding day) and the gift card to eat out were unexpected and are much appreciated! Thank you also to all who remembered our anniversary with cards and personal greetings.

**Thank You!** My family and I thank you, members of Immanuel, for your prayers and words of encouragement upon the death of my mother, Louise Mahnken. As many of you know she preferred the money often spent on flowers that fade away to be rather directed to sources that promote the spread of the living and enduring Word of God—our Lord's saving Gospel and His ministry among us. Your gift as a congregation of \$250 to her (and my) home congregation of Salem Lutheran in Farrar, Missouri was a wonderful demonstration of your kindness and support. Others of you directed memorials to Mission Central. She would have been delighted, for the support of our missionaries was dear to her heart. We thank you also for those of you who made sure details were covered here while we were gone. ~ Pr. Mahnken

### HOLY WEEK

April 2 Holy (Maundy) Thursday Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.  
April 3 Good Friday Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.  
April 4 No Saturday Worship

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion  
7:45-8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class  
9:30 a.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion



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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| <input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY: Numbers 22:1—25:18    | <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: Numbers 31:1-54    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: Numbers 26:1—27:23   | <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: Numbers 32:1—34:29   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Numbers 28:1—30:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Numbers 35:1—36:13 |

**Gifts:**  
 Church Plate: \$ 9,638.09  
 Sunday School: \$ 21.00  
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 28.00

**Attendance:**  
 Sat., March 21 5 p.m.: 32  
 Sun., March 22 9 a.m.: 119  
 151

Midweek Lent 3-18: \$ 745.00

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**Acolytes Sunday:**  
 Raymond Jepsen and Gavin Schneider

Sunday School: 25  
 Adult Bible Class: 20

**~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~**  
**March 29—April 5, 2026**

<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m. Worship
<i>March 29</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Wade
	1:40 p.m. Silverridge Worship
	2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
	5:00 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study
<b>Monday:</b>	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	5:30 p.m. Board of Ed Meeting
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:30 a.m. Bible Study
	11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	No Confirmation classes
<b>Thursday:</b>	No Preschool
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
<b>Friday:</b>	7:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
<i>Good Friday</i>	
<b>Saturday:</b>	No Saturday Worship
<b>Sunday:</b>	6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship w/HC
<i>April 5</i>	7:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast by Immanuel Sr. LYF
<i>Easter</i>	8:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	9:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/HC

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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.”***



**About the Cover:** Christ came to us in humility, taking the form of an obedient servant. On Palm Sunday, He again came in humility, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. Then, the ultimate sign of His humility was shown on Good Friday. Paradoxically, it was His being lifted up on the cross that was the greatest sign of His glory and exaltation. It is through His death on the cross that Christ has won for us the forgiveness of sins. This alone is the power of God for salvation for all who believe (see 1 Corinthians 1:18; Romans 1:16). We proclaim today, “Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:11).

