

## Immanuel's News and Notes ~ March 7 & 8, 2026

**Welcome!** As we spring forward into a new season, may we also step into the fresh grace God provides each day. Though we may have lost an hour of sleep, we gain time together in His presence—a reminder that His mercies are new every morning. “Gracious God, as we spring forward into a new season, awaken our hearts to Your presence. Even when our bodies feel weary, renew our spirits with Your joy. Help us to use every moment You give us for Your glory, trusting that Your light shines brighter than any lost hour of sleep. Prepare us now to worship You in spirit and in truth. 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](mailto:immansch@iowatelecom.net).*

**We Thank God** for the birth of a son, Corbin Jason, to Peter & Josie Bekkerus on Friday, February 27. Grandparents are Jason and Amy Schultz.

**We pray for God's Comfort** for the family and loved ones of Louise Mahnken, Pastor Mahnken's mother. Louise died Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Her visitation will be Saturday, March 7 from 8:30 a.m.—10:20 a.m. at Salem Lutheran Church, Farrar, Missouri, with the funeral following at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, Louise requested that any memorials be given to Salem Lutheran Church, LCMS World Missions c/o Mission Central, or any LCMS school.

**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.

**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.

**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 is out this weekend. 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.

**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!

**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!

**Crossroads Annual Banquet for Life** will be held Tuesday, 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.

**Midweek Lent Service.** Pastor Kaiser will be preaching with the theme “*For Us He Seeks*” at our 5:45 p.m. worship. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m by the LWML.

**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.

**The Quilters** will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

**Fish Fry & Fixin's with the IKE's** Friday, March 13 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Bartlett's Park (Hwy 39 between Kiron & Deloit). Free-will donation with proceeds used to promote Izaak Walton League programs.

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

**Readings for next Sunday:** Isaiah 42:14-21; Psalm 142; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

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

**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!

**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.

**The Lutheran Hour:** “What Was the Price on That?” by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. When we couldn't pay the price of our redemption, God did so completely by the life of Jesus. (1 Cor. 6:19-20) 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).

**“Thy Strong Word”** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, March 9-14, Pastor Torreson is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Merrill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**“The call to be disciples of Jesus** who live out our faith each day and, in so doing, work to make disciples of others, has never been greater. ... We need to boldly proclaim what God has done for us in Christ. Not in a spirit of superiority or power, but in a posture of love and grace.” *Bishop Dan Selbo, North American Lutheran Church—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

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: Leviticus 4:1—6:30      | <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: Leviticus 12:1—15:33 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Leviticus 10:1—11:47 | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: Leviticus 18:1—19:37 |

**Gifts:**  
 Church Plate: \$ 8,020.00  
 Sunday School: \$ 10.00  
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 39.00  
 Midweek Lent 2-25: \$ 600.00

**Attendance:**  
 Sat., Feb. 28 4 p.m.: 37  
 Sun., March 1 9 a.m.: 135  
 172  
 Midweek Lent 2-25: 72

**Acolytes Sunday:**  
 Larynn Friedrichsen & Kimber Wood

Sunday School: 22  
 Adult Bible Class: 24

**~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~**  
**March 8-15, 2026**

**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  
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Merrill  
 1:40 p.m. Silverridge Worship  
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship

**Monday:** 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool

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 8:30 a.m. Pastors' Conference @ Our Savior, Denison  
 6:30 p.m. Crossroads fundraiser @ The Stables at Copper Ridge

**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 LWML  
 6:30—8:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation  
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study — Men's and Women's

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 9:00 a.m. Quilting

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 6:00 p.m. Teacher Appreciation supper

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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.”***



**About the Cover:** The parched-desert complaints of the Israelites were coupled with their desire to strike Moses with stones. However, the Lord had Moses strike a rock to provide the Israelites with water during their journey. Jesus, the rock of our salvation, was struck on His way to die on the cross for us. It was through His death on the cross that He poured out the waters of eternal life and won forgiveness for us. His water quenches our thirsty souls with God's abundant life and sustains us on this side of heaven and into eternal life.