

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ May 9 & 10, 2026

Welcome! Let us thank God for our families and pray that all our family members may grow in the love of Jesus our Savior and also in love for one another. May we all be mindful that we are indeed “members one of another” (Eph. 4:25). “Loving God, as we gather on this Mother’s Day, quiet our hearts and prepare our spirits for worship. We thank You for mothers and mother figures, and for Your steadfast love that surrounds and sustains us all. 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, Kelsi Jepsen, Adam Nahnsen, DeWayne Schultz and Sandra Voss. *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.*

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are placed by Nancy Bielenberg in memory of her mother, Arlene Teut, and her grandmothers, Emma Christiansen and Anna Teut.

The LWML Mite Box is in the Narthex today for your donations.

On This Mother’s Day we invite our Sunday School mothers to join us outside for a fun activity following our worship service.

There will be no Wednesday morning Bible study this week.

Immanuel Preschool Graduation ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. Congratulations to our graduates!

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, May 14 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

A Special Ascension Service will be held Thursday, May 14, 2026 at Mission Central. The meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Richard Snow will be the guest speaker for the Ascension Worship Service that begins at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Snow will have a very, very special message for everyone, sharing the joy of our Lord’s Ascension and highlighting some of the exciting mission work that our Lord Jesus is doing in the mission fields right here in the Midwest.

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 1:12-26; Ps. 68:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, May 11-16, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Torreson will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

Church garage sale: May 28-30. Please do not bring your items until May 22 or after as we will not be ready to receive them. Help is needed to pack up the remaining items after the sale at noon on Saturday. Please call Janice Jepsen at 712-676-3608 for details. Thank you for helping with this Mission project.

Pre-Sale Plant Sale! Rachel has canna bulbs and calla lily bulbs available now. No need to wait until the church garage sale/plant sale. She may also have hostas, verbena and purple cone-flowers. All donations go toward Immanuel Mission projects. Call Rachel Mentink 712-221-1286 and leave a message or stop by 114 Valley View Drive.

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.

Thank you. I am deeply honored and grateful to be the recipient of the Linda Weifenbach-Russell memorial scholarship. Thank you for your kindness, prayers and encouragement. ~ Lyli Morgan

The Lutheran Hour: “The King Who Reigns” by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. If Easter tells us that Jesus the King has won, then Ascension tells us the King is reigning, and His reign is good. (Luke 24:36-53) 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.

“If you’re a single parent, don’t count yourself out . . . If you’re widowed or divorced, don’t count yourself out. If you’ve never married, don’t count yourself out. We sinners are all in this together. We want to see the relevance of faith for our daily lives. We hear the religious talk and we humbly ask, ‘How does this apply to me?’ The answer is that the glory of Christ’s resurrection is for us all. It continues in the message of forgiveness and hope we experience each time we gather together.” *Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, Speaker Emeritus of “The Lutheran Hour”—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Building Healthy Families: How do you put a mother’s love into words? It’s steady and selfless, quiet yet powerful—woven into everyday moments and lifelong sacrifices. Scripture paints this kind of love in many places, and while 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 isn’t always labeled as a “mother’s passage,” it beautifully reflects what so many mothers live out each day: *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.* Happy Mother’s Day to all women who so lovingly care for their children and others. (P.S. No texting or snapchatting today: call or visit your mother!) www.LutheranFamilyService.org

The Descent of Christ into Hell: In today’s Epistle reading we hear of our Savior’s descent into hell in the words, “being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison.” Martin Luther commented on the descent of Christ into hell with these words: “In the Creed we confess, ‘I believe . . . in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who . . . was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.’ In this Confession Christ’s burial and descent to hell are distinguished as different articles. We simply believe that the entire person (God and man) descended into hell after the burial, conquered the devil, destroyed hell’s power, and took from the devil all his might. We should not, however, trouble ourselves with high and difficult thoughts about how this happened. With our reason and our five senses this article can be understood as little as the preceding one about how Christ is placed at the right hand of God’s almighty power and majesty. We are simply to believe it and cling to the Word. So we hold to the substance and consolation that neither hell nor the devil can take captive or injure us and all who believe in Christ.”

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: Joshua 8:1—9:27

THURSDAY: Joshua 13:1—15:63

TUESDAY: Joshua 10:1-43

FRIDAY: Joshua 16:1—17:18

WEDNESDAY: Joshua 11:1—12:24

SATURDAY: Joshua 18:1—19:51

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 5,919.00
 Sunday School: \$ 17.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 14.00

Attendance:
 Sat., May 2 5:00 p.m.: 22
 Sun., May 3 9:00 a.m.: 118
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Acolytes Sunday:
 Whitney and Haley Ernst

Sunday School: 17
 Adult Bible Class: 18

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
May 10-17, 2026

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
May 10 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
Mother's Day 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Torreson
 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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Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. No Bible Study
 11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 3:30—5:15 p.m. 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
 6:00 p.m. Preschool Graduation

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting
 5:00 p.m. Meal at Mission Central
 6:30 p.m. Ascension Worship at Mission Central

Friday: 9:30 a.m. Library work day

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

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
May 17 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

About the Cover: God's hand is always with us. In Christ, we have been adopted into the very family of God. Because we are members of this eternal family, Christ, our Brother, the Son of God raised from the dead, will never leave us as orphans. Through Christ's work on the cross and His resurrection, our Father in heaven sees us as His sons and daughters. Today, Jesus comes to us through His Word and Sacraments. One day, He will return to raise us and take us to be with Him as part of His eternal family forever.



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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.”***

