

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ May 10 & 11, 2025

Welcome, and Happy Mother's Day! Today we remember that no matter the state of our human relations with parents, children and others, Jesus our Good Shepherd loves and cares for us without fail. "Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, quiet our hearts and give us attentive ears to hear Your voice again today and strengthen us to follow where You lead. Amen." We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Roger Walde and Hayley Meseck (wife of Colby Meseck) who is hospitalized because of Guillain-Barre syndrome. If you have a concern for which you would like us to pray, please call the Church Office 712-676-2235 or send an email to: immansch@iowatelecom.net.

We Give Thanks to God for the healing He has given to Janet Beeck following her recent hospitalization.

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.

We Thank Larry and Dorothy (Pickel) Rix for their memorial of flowers for the planter in memory of her parents, Peter and Jane Pickel. We also thank Pete and Elaine Teut for planting and taking care of the flowers.

The Large Mite Box is in the Narthex for collection of your monthly LWML mission mites. Your donations are valuable since the number of members in our zone has significantly dropped over the years but the needs are ever growing.

On This Mother's Day we invite our Sunday School mothers to go to the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. Adult Bible Class will meet in the church this morning.

Immanuel Preschool Graduation ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. Congratulations to our graduates!

Getting Through Grief: Eight Biblical Gifts for Living with Loss is our Thursday evening study. We meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in our Fireside Room. For more information, or if you would like to have a book for yourself, please contact Pastor Mahnken.

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Rev. 21:1-7; John 16:12-22.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, May 12-17, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Mahnken will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: "How to Be Happy" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Lasting happiness is found in surrender, rather than control. (John 15:11) Listen to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday morning on Denison's KDSN 104.9 FM at 6:30 a.m. and KDSN 1530 AM at 10:30 a.m., and anytime at www.lhm.org.

New Membership Class: Pastor Mahnken will be starting an adult confirmation class, beginning sometime in May. The class consists of 11 sessions. The length of each session is 90 minutes or less. The dates and times of the classes will be flexible to meet the needs of those attending. If you or someone you know are interested in becoming communicant members of Immanuel, please contact Pastor Mahnken.

Upcoming Ascension Service. A Special Ascension Service will be held Thursday, May 29, 2025 at Mission Central. The meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. Pastor James Sharp will be the guest speaker for the Ascension Worship Service that begins at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Sharp will have a very, very special message for everyone, sharing the exciting work that our Lord Jesus is doing in the mission fields of Latin America.

MOVING VETERANS FORWARD: From now until May 31 the Schleswig VFW Auxiliary will be collecting donations to help the *Moving Veterans Forward* project. Donation boxes have been placed in United Bank of Iowa, Bank Iowa, KCK's and Dollar General. We appreciate anything you can help us with. Some items needed are: new socks, new t-shirts, razors, shampoo, hygiene products, TP, Swiffer cleaning products, detergent, Comet, toilet bowl cleaners, trash cans, mops, brooms, dust pans, pizza pans, pizza cutters, pots & pans, crock-pots, toasters, 7-inch electric skillets, mixers—just about anything—just no furniture. Gently used items will be accepted. Thank you for helping our Veterans!!

Immanuel Lutheran Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2025-26 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 to the glas that went over to clean at Mission Central. You were appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered and helped make our Staley's Chicken Dinner fundraiser a success. Another big thank you to all who took the time to drive thru and purchase meals to support Unity Ridge Lutheran School.

"As Christians, we know that God's commitment to upholding life started long ago—before photos—before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creating of you in your mother's womb, God's work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal life." *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Building Healthy Families: Parents, grandparents and pew buddies! Did you know that even from the womb a child comes to know his or her mother's voice, nurturing their bond, providing comfort, and building trust? As we celebrate Mother's Day today, we also mark Good Shepherd Sunday on the church calendar. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, says "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (John 10:27). Thank You, Lord, for the gift of mothers who reflect the comfort, security, and love of our God Shepherd, Jesus and for the incredible gift of hearing His voice in our churches and homes! Happy Mother's Day! **Lutheran Family Service**

Food Distribution in Mapleton: The monthly food distribution in Mapleton has been re-established. Distributions will occur the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Mapleton Community Center, 511 Main Street. They are also open to volunteers ages 18 and over. For more information call 712-269-0056 or email hbmopencupboard@gmail.com.

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.

☐ MONDAY: Habakkuk 1:1—2:20

☐ THURSDAY: Zephaniah 3:1-20

☐ TUESDAY: Habakkuk 3:1-19

☐ FRIDAY: Haggai 1:1—2:23

☐ WEDNESDAY: Zephaniah 1:1—2:15

☐ SATURDAY: Zechariah 1:1—2:13

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 5,536.05	Sat., May 3	5 p.m.: 25
Sunday School:	\$ 14.00	Sun., May 4	9 a.m.: 109
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 50.00		134
<u>Acolytes today:</u>		Sunday School:	19
Aubryana Hoffmeier & Morgan Jepsen		Adult Bible Class:	31

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
May 11-18, 2025

Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship
<i>May 11</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School, High School and Adult Bible Class
<i>Mother's Day</i>	1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Mahnken
	1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
Monday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
Tuesday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	8:00 a.m. Pastors' Conference @ Our Savior
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
	6:00 p.m. Preschool Graduation
	6:30—8:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
Thursday:	6:30 p.m. Bible Study
Friday:	~
Saturday:	5:00 p.m. Saturday Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
<i>May 18</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

About the Cover: As Paul prepared to go to Jerusalem, he called the elders of Ephesus to give them his parting encouragement that they should watch over their flock of the Good Shepherd. The Lord’s undershepherds are to remind the flock to heed the Shepherd’s voice and to flee from every voice that would entice them away from His care. For Christ alone is the Good Shepherd. He laid down His life on the cross and rose again from the grave to give all who believe in Him eternal life.



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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.”*

