

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ May 16 & 17, 2026

Welcome! We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service and our time of sharing afterward. "Precious Lord, help us to remember that we belong to You. Touch us, heal us, bless us. Walk with us daily that we may have the courage and faith to meet all life's challenges. Amen." A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: Gene Mitchell, Travis Aldag, Deb Green, Tom Groth, 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.*

We Thank God for the birth of a son, Milo Roger, to Nick Riessen & Haley Miller on Monday, May 11. Grandparents are Harry and Kay Riessen.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive that we may love as He forgives and loves us. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a belief different from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor. Visitors who have previously spoken with the Pastor, and who received permission to commune, do not need to seek permission for subsequent visits to this altar. For further study, see: Matthew 5:23f, 10:32f, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Immanuel Messenger articles for the June/July issue are due on Tuesday, May 19. Thanks!

There will be no Wednesday morning Bible study this week.

Readings for Pentecost Sunday: Num. 11:24-30; Psalm 25:1-15; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, May 18-23, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Peitsch 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.

The Lutheran Hour: "Don't Despise Small Beginnings" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Our small efforts to become the people Jesus saved us to be might seem insignificant, but small efforts compound. (Acts 1:14) 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.

"We are no longer terrified sinners but God's own children because of what Jesus has done for us. And so, the Day of Judgment becomes good news for us—because it is the day when the One we love most returns to bring us home in peace." *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries —A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: UNDERSTANDING DIFFICULT OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES...Was the universe really created in six days? Why did men live so long? What about all the violence in the Old Testament? Do Old Testament prophets predict current events? You'll find answers to these questions in a series of interviews with Dr. Reed Lessing and Dr. Andrew Steinmann, co-authors of the new book "Wrestling with God." You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org/wrestlingwithgod. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken.

Building Healthy Families: Psst...have you ever noticed how nearly impossible it is to tune out a whispered conversation nearby? Kids certainly can't. Parents, you can actually use that to your advantage—by letting them "accidentally" overhear the things you most want them to learn. When they catch you speaking warmly about your spouse, it quietly builds their sense of security at home. When they overhear you saying good things about their teacher, it shapes how they show respect and cooperation at school. And when they hear you expressing genuine appreciation for your pastor, it naturally nurtures their respect for him as well. Those little, overheard moments? They often speak louder than a message communicated directly!
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

AN EXPLANATION OF THE ASCENSION FROM LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM
The Word of God teaches us that **40 days after His Resurrection, Christ, in the presence of His disciples, ascended bodily into the glory of His Father, to prepare a place for us in heaven.** (Luke 24:51, Acts 1:9-11, Ephesians 4:10, John 14:2-3) The Holy Scriptures further teach us that Christ now "sits" at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. **With this expression the Bible teaches us that Christ, as true man, is not only present everywhere, but also now fully exercises His divine power over the whole universe.** (Ephesians 1:20-23) The Ascension of our Lord gives us great comfort. **We know that the exalted God-man, Jesus Christ as our Prophet sends people to proclaim the saving Gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:10-12); as our Priest He pleads and prays for us before the Father (Romans 8:34); and, as our King He rules and protects His church and governs over all the world especially for the benefit of His church.** (Ephesians 1:20-23)

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 20:1—21:45

THURSDAY: Joshua 24:1-33

TUESDAY: Joshua 22:1-34

FRIDAY: Judges 1:1-36

WEDNESDAY: Joshua 23:1-16

SATURDAY: Judges 2:1-23

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 4,410.00
 Sunday School: \$ ~~
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 31.00

Attendance:
 Sat., May 9 5:00 p.m.: 35
 Sun., May 10 9:00 a.m.: 133
 168

Acolytes Sunday:
 Izzi Miller and Sophie Morgan

Sunday School: 15
 Adult Bible Class: 21

Librarian today:
 Denice Schultz

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
May 17-24, 2026

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
May 17 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Peitsch
 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship

Monday: ~

Tuesday: *Immanuel Messenger* deadline for June/July issue

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. No Bible Study

Thursday: ~

Friday: ~~Last Day of Public School~~

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

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
May 24 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
Pentecost Sunday

About the Cover: When Jesus prayed, He interceded for us. His perfect and holy prayers were heard by our Father in heaven. Jesus—the crucified one, the risen one—ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He continues to intercede for us. He does so by the atoning blood He shed for us in His once-for-all sacrifice on the cross nearly two thousand years ago. There is no cessation to His intercession for us because He has been raised and will never die again (see Romans 6:9).



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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.”**

