

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ May 23 & 24, 2026

Greetings and welcome to Pentecost Sunday! Families, friends, and visitors—welcome in the name of Jesus, our Savior. As our gracious God draws us into His presence we pray: “Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.” A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

As We Gather: God the Father has poured out the Holy Spirit to open our ears, minds, and will to His saving love in Jesus Christ. God continues to faithfully work in our hearts and lives as we hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. By these means of grace the Holy Spirit is ever active, working to empower us, love one another and continue in the joyful task of sharing the life-giving and refreshing Good News of Jesus our Savior.

Prayer Requests: Gene Mitchell, Travis Aldag, Deb Green, Tom Groth, Adam Nahnsen, and DeWayne 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 Thank God with Sandra Voss for the healing He has mercifully given her.

Memorial Day Services will be held Monday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m. out at Morgan Cemetery.

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, May 28 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

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.

Church Garage Sale: May 28-30. Items may now be brought and dropped off at our church garage. 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.

Readings for Holy Trinity Sunday: Gen. 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8; Acts 2:14a, 22-35; Matt. 28:16-20.

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, May 25-30, Pastor Peitsch is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Merrill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

SAVE THE DATE! We will be celebrating Pastor Mahnken's 35th anniversary in the ministry with a catered luncheon on Sunday, June 28 at 12:00 noon. Please RSVP to the church office.

Thank You for all the calls, prayers, and food brought to us during my recent surgery. We sure did appreciate it. Thanks again. God is good. ~ Sandra and Lodean Voss

VBS at Immanuel is Scheduled for July 6-9. Supper will be served at 5:00 pm and VBS classes will begin at 5:30 pm. We are in need of adult teachers and high school helpers. High Schoolers—this is a great way to earn hours for government and/or national honor society! Please contact Laura Ernst to volunteer at 913-424-8851.

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: “Misery Loves Company” by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. It's often said, “Misery loves company.” Christ comes to us in our misery with God's love and mercy. Listen to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday morning on Denison's KDSN 104.9 FM at 6:30 am and KDSN 15:30 AM at 10:30 am, and anytime at www.lhm.org.

Eventide Campus is hosting a 4-part series called “Support on the Rocks.” Sit down for some straight talk about aging—served with a twist. Session 4: *The Foggy Pour, Talking Dementia Before Memory Slips Away* will be held Thursday, June 4 at 5:00 p.m. at Gracewell.

“In grief, the world often feels empty. The absence of loved ones weighs heavily, leaving our days feeling hollow and incomplete without their presence. And yet. Scripture tells us that in these moments of deep sorrow, God draws near. He does not stand at a distance, waiting for us to be strong enough to move on with our life. He comes to us, holds us in our brokenness, and carries us when we cannot stand.” *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC)-A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Upcoming LCMS Foundation Webinar: *Stewarding God's Gifts: A Plan to Care for Your Family and Support the Ministries You Love* will be held Tuesday, June 16 from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. This free webinar is designed not only for pastors and congregational leaders, but also for congregation members who may be thinking about creating or updating a will, caring for family, or supporting the ministries they love through their estate plans. During our time together, we will walk through the basics of Christian gift planning and discuss how a will or estate plan can help Christians thoughtfully steward the gifts God has entrusted to them. You can learn more and register at <https://www.lcmsfoundation.org/idw-giftplanning-webinar-2026>.

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: 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: Ever find yourself feeling overwhelmed by the evening news, thinking that the world and everything you care about and value is going to hell in a handbasket? Here's a friendly reminder to check our attitude, and remember God's promises, as well as the impact of sharing negative, cynical, hopeless expressions about the future within earshot of children, teens, and young parents in our family and church. Instead, refocus! Instill in the hearts and minds of young people who are just starting life that they can—with God's help and blessing—be an important part of building a better future. Remind them as Paul reminded Timothy: “...God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control.” Through our words and prayers, let's encourage and build world-changers, not fearful hearts! www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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: Judges 3:1-31

THURSDAY: Judges 9:1—10:18

TUESDAY: Judges 4:1—5:31

FRIDAY: Judges 11:1—12:15

WEDNESDAY: Judges 6:1—8:35

SATURDAY: Judges 13:1—16:31

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 3,096.00
 Sunday School: \$ 29.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 26.00

Attendance:
 Sat., May 16 5:00 p.m.: 27
 Sun., May 17 9:00 a.m.: 100
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Acolytes Sunday:
 Weston and Logan Stoppel

Sunday School: 14
 Adult Bible Class: 22

Librarian today:
 Sheila Groth

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
May 24-31, 2026

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
May 24 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
Pentecost Sunday 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Merrill
 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
Monday: Church Office closed for Memorial Day
Tuesday: ~
Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Bible Study
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting
 City-wide Garage Sales May 28-30
Friday: ~
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
May 31 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

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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: Belief in Jesus comes only by the power of the Holy Spirit. Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus spoke of what would happen on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the apostles, enabling them to proclaim in many languages what Christ had accomplished. The Holy Spirit is still active in all who believe in Him. For the Spirit and the Word go hand in hand and work in us to open our hands to receive the benefits of forgiveness, life, and salvation from our crucified and risen Lord.

