

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ May 2 & 3, 2026

Welcome to worship! Let us join in the prayer of the psalmist: "May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You. May those who love Your salvation say evermore, 'God is great!'" (Ps.70:4) "Open our hearts, O Lord, to the joy and worship of Your house. Bless us as we rejoice in Your presence around Word and Sacrament. Hear us, O Lord and Savior, because of Your grace and in Your name. 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.*

We Pray For God's Comfort for Linda Cormeny and her family and all the members of St. John, Battle Creek as they mourn the death of Pastor Randy Cormeny.

We Give Thanks for the healing God has mercifully given to Harry Riessen.

Scholarship presentation: At the conclusion of Sunday's service we will be announcing the Immanuel High School graduate being awarded the Linda Weifenbach-Russell Memorial Scholarship for 2026.

A High School Graduate Reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following our Sunday worship. We honor this year's graduates from Immanuel: Linkin Beeck, McKinzie Hargens, Lylian Morgan, Blaze Palmer, Brock Schneider and Tyson Stoppel. Please join us to hear of their future plans. The Adult Bible Class will follow the reception.

Schleswig Sharks 4-H will meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m.

Schleswig Community Blood Drive at the Community Building, Monday, May 4 from 1:00 to 4:30 pm. Appointments are required, please call 800-287-4903.

Volunteers are needed to help with spring cleaning of the items in the Mission Central museum. Cleaning day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Many workers make less time needed to finish the cleaning. Anyone willing to help, please call Janice Jepsen 712-676-3608. Thank you for helping!

National Day of Prayer: Thursday, May 7. The church will be open for silent prayer from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone is invited to come for silent prayer at any time during these hours.

The LWML will meet on Thursday, May 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 17:16-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

Upcoming Ascension Service. 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.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, May 4-9, Pastor Mahnken is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Wade will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

Just a reminder: When you do your "spring" house cleaning, please remember to donate any unwanted or unused "treasures" to our annual Church Garage Sale which is scheduled for May 28, 29 & 30. This event is sponsored by our Mission Board and we truly appreciate any donations you may have. Please don't bring the items until later in May but we will be grateful for your support. Thank you! ~ The Mission Board

Pre-Sale Plant Sale! Rachel will have canna bulbs and calla lily bulbs available after May 1. No need to wait until the church garage sale/plant sale the end of May. 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: "Planning Is Everything" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Offer up your plans to God in prayer and see what God does with them. Let your plans become prayers that lead you to praise. (Psalm 146:3-4) 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.

"When Jesus returns, all who believe in Him will be raised up from death to live in His presence forever. That is the promise of His enduring, steadfast love: 'I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ' (Philippians 1:6). The purpose of God for us will be fulfilled!" *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Intercessory Prayer in a Post-Christian Culture, is one of the recent topics on Issues, Etc., a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Other recent topics include: Understanding Difficult Old Testament Passages, "The Population Bomb" by Paul Ehrlich, Luther's Large Catechism on Holy Baptism and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Building Healthy Families: Would your mom or dad make it into a "Perfect Parent Hall of Fame"? Probably not—because let's be honest, there's no such thing as a perfect earthly parent. But imperfect, amazing Christian parents for whom we're eternally thankful? Absolutely! Open your hymn book today and revisit Luther's explanation of the 4th commandment. How are you doing with this one? Where does it challenge you—or gently nudge you to do something different? Prayerfully consider how you might better apply this instruction. In doing so, may you discover a deeper joy in following God's path – honoring, loving, respecting, and appreciating the imperfect parents who are part of your story. Learn more at 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: Deuteronomy 33:1-29

THURSDAY: Joshua 2:1—3:17

TUESDAY: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

FRIDAY: Joshua 4:1—5:12

WEDNESDAY: Joshua 1:1-18

SATURDAY: Joshua 5:13—7:26

Gifts:
 Church Plate: \$ 2253.00
 Sunday School: \$ 6.00
 Adult Bible Class: \$ 22.00

Attendance:
 Sat., April 25 5:00 p.m.: 21
 Sun., April 26 9:00 a.m.: 163
 184

Acolytes Sunday:
 Cameron and Hailey Brown

Sunday School: 16
 Adult Bible Class: 21

Librarian today:
 Elaine Teut

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
May 3-10, 2026

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
May 3 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
 10:15 a.m. Immanuel's High School Graduate Reception
 1:00 p.m. Schleswig Sharks 4-H Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Wade
 1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship

Monday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
 Pastors' Conference @ Trinity Lutheran, Algona (May 4th & 5th)

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool

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

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
National Day of Prayer 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. Church will be open for silent prayer
 1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting

Friday: ~

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

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
May 10 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
Mother's Day

About the Cover: Jesus' work on the cross and His resurrection were all done so that we may be with Him forever. There is no good apart from Jesus. Jesus is indeed with us this day by the promises of Baptism. We have the promise that He will never leave us. In His Word, He is with us by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Lord's Supper, He is with us in His very body and blood to bring us forgiveness and strengthen our faith. When we die, we will be with Jesus. Finally, when we are raised on the Last Day, we and all believers will be in heaven with Him 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."***

