

Immanuel’s News and Notes ~ November 22 & 23, 2025

Welcome! The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ “will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,” Christ, “whose kingdom will have no end” (Nicene Creed). The last Sunday is therefore also known as the Sunday of fulfillment, when all the plans and promises of God’s salvation break forth in the resurrection of all flesh and eternal life in the new heavens and earth. “Heavenly Father, we thank You for all You have done, are doing, and will do through Jesus our Savior to keep us in Your grace and saving faith, until He comes again! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Amen!” We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: Travis Aldag, Michelle (Kragel) Anderson. *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.*

Please Remember: Our Saturday worship time is now 4:00 p.m. Our Saturday worship will begin at this time throughout these weeks of late fall and winter.

For You in the Narthex: Offering envelopes for 2026 are on the table, please pick up yours and also those of any family members. Please take a moment and check your church mailbox for any other correspondence that may be in it.

Christmas Gifts from Concordia Publishing: There are a few fliers on the table in the Narthex showing gift ideas available from Concordia. Orders and payment are due to the Church Office **no later** than Sunday, November 30. This ensures they are submitted by the deadline. If you have questions, please ask Pastor Mahnken. This would make a great gift!

Elders’ Meeting will be Tuesday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m.

The Immanuel Messenger will be assembled on Wednesday, November 26 at 8:45 a.m. All help will be appreciated.

There will be no Confirmation classes this week, Wednesday, November 26.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Wednesday, November 26 at 6:00 p.m. The offering from this Thanksgiving service is used in our Home Mission Fund.

Our Thursday Evening Study Group will next meet on Thursday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.

Readings for Thanksgiving: Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Psalm 67; Phil. 4:6-20; Luke 17:11-19.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Rom. 13:(8-10) 11-14; Matt. 21:1-11.

The Hanging of the Greens will be next Sunday, November 30 at 11:15 a.m., following the Adult Bible Class. Anyone who would like to help is warmly invited.

Midweek Advent Services begin Wednesday, December 3 at 5:45 p.m.; supper will be served at 6:30 by the Grant Cemetery Board. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us! **Advent Devotion** booklets are available today on the Narthex table.

The Immanuel LWML is hosting a Christmas Brunch and would like to invite all ladies of our congregation to join us on Thursday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the church basement. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Church Office 676-2235 by Monday, November 24.

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, November 24-29, Pastor Mahnken is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

Offering for Our LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces: You may still give to our special offering in support of the publication of the new LCMS Armed Forces Devotional, which is scheduled to be released in Fall 2026. This devotional will be a meaningful resource for our LCMS chaplains, service members, and their families. Our generosity will help bring the comfort of God’s Word to those who serve. Please bring your gift to our Church Office.

BASIC Fund, Inc. Tree of Lights. A contribution to the BASIC Fund Tree of Lights in memory of someone entitles the donor to be listed in the paper and around town. Funds from the Tree of Lights will be used to support worthwhile community projects. Forms can be found around town or contact Anne Abbe, Nancy Bielenberg, Lila Bubke, Dennis Gierstorf, Kathy Weiss, Larry Grill or Leisha Kragel for more information.

We will be collecting items for TAP in Denison during the month of December. At this time TAP is particularly in need of: sugar, flour, soups, crackers, cooking oil, tuna, ketchup, canned tomatoes, tomato juice, macaroni, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, tuna helper, complete pancake mix and syrup, laundry soup, dish soap, toilet paper, diapers and personal hygiene products. Cash donations are also very helpful! Donations can be sent to: PO Box 121, Denison, IA 51442.

The Lutheran Hour: “An Unlikely King” by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies. Christ is the King of an unlikely kingdom (Philippians 2:5-11). 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 any-time at www.lhm.org.

“Thankful hearts and people produce a grateful culture, a society that is set free to live freely, set free from the mere whims of others, allowing all to live, everyone from the smallest to the perceived greatest. Whether you trust in God or not, freedom exudes gratitude. Gratitude is the grace that blesses all in this life. It gives others some semblance of hope.” *Rev. Mark Frith, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Sacred Music from Lutheran Public Radio: Lutheran Public Radio streams *Sacred Music for the World*, 24/7, following the course of the Church Year. Listen any time, anywhere at <https://issuesetc.org/lutheran-public-radio-music/>

Building Healthy Families: “Count your many blessings, name them one by one...” God’s blessings are bountiful which we see when we take time to notice, recognize, name, and count them. Challenge your family members to do the same this week. What’s on your list? Happy Thanksgiving from your team at **Lutheran Family Service**

Thanks Be To God! “For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us, Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.” (LSB #894.3) Text: © 1970 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001990

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: 1 Peter 1:1-25	☐ THURSDAY: 1 Peter 5:1-14
☐ TUESDAY: 1 Peter 2:1-25	☐ FRIDAY: 2 Peter 1:1—2:22
☐ WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 3:1—4:19	☐ SATURDAY: 2 Peter 3:1-18

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 8,663.03	Sat., Nov. 15	4 p.m.: 31
Sunday School:	\$ 43.00	Sun., Nov. 16	9 a.m.: <u>130</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 26.65		161
Octoberfest Meal:	\$ 2,284.63		
<u>Acolytes today:</u>		Sunday School:	34
Larynn Friedrichsen & Isla Meseck		Adult Bible Class:	26

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~	
<u>November 23-30, 2025</u>	
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship
November 23	10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Trunkhill
	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
	6:30 p.m. Elder’s Meeting
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m. Bible Study
	8:45 a.m. <i>Immanuel Messenger</i> assemblage
	No Preschool
	No Confirmation
	6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship w/HC
Thursday:	<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>
Friday:	~
Saturday:	4:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship
November 30	10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	11:15 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

About the Cover: On the day of judgment, the Lord will make no mistakes as He plucks up the righteous from among the wicked. Those who are in Christ need not fear. Our deeds are not the basis for our righteousness. Our righteousness depends only on Jesus, who gave us righteousness by dying on the cross to save our sins. Because our lives are in Him, we have been set apart as people gifted with His righteousness.

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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.”***

