

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ November 29 & 30, 2025

Welcome! This first Sunday of Advent is the first day of the new Church Year! We are delighted that you have come to worship. Let us now begin to spiritually prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. "Today we begin the season of Advent—a time of waiting, hope and preparation. As we worship, let us open our hearts to the Light that is coming, rejoice in the promises of God and prepare the way for Christ our Lord. 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.*

Baptized Today: Nora Lynn Schroeder, daughter of Caleb and Emily Schroeder. Nora was born October 16, 2025. Her sponsors are Karina Schroeder and Joe Blum. We welcome Nora to Immanuel!

We Pray for God's Comfort for all who mourn the loss of Colleen Wessel who died Sunday, November 23. Colleen is the sister of Darren Wessel and the aunt of Renae Schneider. Her visitation will be Monday, December 1 from 4-7 pm at Huebner's in Denison. Colleen's funeral will be held Tuesday, December 2 at 10:30 am at Zion, Denison.

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. These would make a great gifts!

The Annual Hanging of the Greens is today at 11:15, following the SS Practice. Anyone who would like to help decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas season is warmly invited.

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.

Poinsettias Needed! The church will be purchasing the poinsettias for our memorial poinsettia "tree". If you would like to donate one and/or have it in memory of someone, please call the Church Office, 676-2235. Cost is \$12 each.

GIVING TUESDAY: December 1 & 2 will be your opportunity to include Camp Okoboji in your giving plans!! Once again, Camp Okoboji is blessed to announce our Giving Tuesday Campaign will be a Matching Fundraiser!! Donations made online or postmarked Dec. 1 & 2 will be matched, \$1 for every \$2 raised up to \$10,000!! To learn more, please contact the Camp Office at (712) 337-3325.

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 on the Narthex table.

The Immanuel LWML Christmas Brunch will be Thursday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the church basement.

Everyone is invited to our Preschool's Christmas program this Thursday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. As the Christmas season approaches, our Preschool would love for people to save and bring in their empty wrapping paper tubes and even old unused wrapping paper.

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

Santa Claus Day & Craft Show at the Schleswig Community Building Saturday, December 6 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lots of vendors with crafts & craft-related items, 4-H bake sale, UCC church luncheon in the basement. Santa arrives at 9:00 a.m. Free admission.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.

New and Gently Used Toys will be collected under the Christmas tree in the lower Narthex through Wednesday, December 10. You may start bringing them in anytime!

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: "Rise and Shine" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is no siesta. It's a 5 am wake-up call, a jolt out of bed that will turn your world upside down. (Romans 13:11). 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 anytime at www.lhm.org.

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, December 1-6, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Wade will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

Building Healthy Families: Someone once said, "Marriage is not just spiritual communion, it's also remembering to take out the trash." What have you done lately to show your spouse how much you appreciate them? During these busy days of preparation for coming holiday events, a handwritten note, an unexpected and gentle physical touch, affirming words, preparing a favorite meal, or joyfully helping with household responsibilities are simple and no-cost ways to let your spouse know just how much they mean to you. **Lutheran Family Service**

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 6,418.25	Sat., Nov. 22	4 p.m.: 25
Sunday School:	\$ 31.00	Sun., Nov. 23	9 a.m.: <u>131</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 22.90		156
<u>Acolytes today:</u>		Sunday School:	37
Emily Segebart & Kimber Wood		Adult Bible Class:	24

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~	
<u>November 30-December 7, 2025</u>	
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
	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
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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
	5:45 p.m. Mid-week Advent Worship
	6:30 p.m. Advent meal served by Grant Cemetery Board
	6:30—8:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
Thursday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	10:00 a.m. LWML Christmas Brunch
	6:00 p.m. Preschool Christmas program
	6:30 p.m. No Bible Study
Friday:	~
Saturday:	4:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
December 7	10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

About the Cover: Although Jesus is the King from eternity, His earthly life was marked by humility. He was humbly born of a virgin and laid in a manger. His life of humility led to His entry on a donkey into His holy city during the week of His Passion. Christ the King willingly died a humiliating death upon the cross, but on the third day, He rose. One day, the King will come again. On that day, He will return in the fullness of His glory.

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 John 1:1-10
 ☐ THURSDAY: 1 John 4:1-21
- ☐ TUESDAY: 1 John 2:1-27
 ☐ FRIDAY: 1 John 5:1-21
- ☐ WEDNESDAY: 1 John 2:28—3:24
 ☐ SATURDAY: 2 John 1-13

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Worship:
 Saturday ~ 4 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.”***

