

Immanuel’s News and Notes ~ October 10 & 11, 2026

Welcome to all who have gathered to praise God today. May we worship with grateful hearts and reach out to one another in the love and fellowship of Christ. “Keep our minds and spirits focused on You, O Lord, that we may not miss Your message to us. Amen.” A special welcome to our visitors, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

Prayer Requests: We pray for healing and strengthening for Deb Green, Travis Aldag, Melissa Schmidt, and Tom Groth. *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.*

Today is LWML Sunday. You are invited to join in supporting the mission projects of our Lutheran Women in Ministry by putting an offering in the large Mite Box in the Narthex. We encourage you to pick up a small mite box to collect your coins at home. Thank you for supporting LWML mission projects both here in Iowa and around the world. Your donations are valuable since the number of members in our zone has significantly dropped over the years but the needs are ever growing.

Flowers in church are in memory of Jim Hill and Terry Kline. We thank the families for sharing them with us.

We Give Thanks to God for the healing He has given to Matt Wunschel.

Final Victory: Our Adult Bible Class will continue the study of “*Final Victory*—Contemplating the Death and Funeral of a Christian”. Everyone attending will receive a copy which covers topics including: *Life, Death, and the Resurrection, Christian Burial, Grief: What to Expect, Confessing Christ with My Funeral*, and more. The booklet also includes a personal *Funeral Planning Worksheet*. This is a wonderful resource, filled with God’s Word of living hope and prayers. If you are unable to attend the class but would like to view a copy of the study, please see Pastor Mahnken.

The Church Council will meet this Sunday, October 11 at 11:30 a.m. The Voters’ Meeting will be Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Preschool Fundraiser: Make plans to stop by Sunday, October 11 for Immanuel Lutheran Preschool’s fundraiser. The Smokin Good Times food truck will be serving fresh BBQ and sides from 11:00am—2:00 pm (or until sold out).

Schleswig Sharks 4-H will meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m.

The monthly Pastors’ Conference will be held here Tuesday, October 13 at 8:15 a.m. with Immanuel LWML serving.

Orphan Grain Train Volunteers: Iowa West Branch OGT will be loading a container destined for the Republic of Georgia next Tuesday, October 13 starting at 9 a.m. We know with harvest, we will probably have fewer people to help. If you can come, we will certainly appreciate your help. ~ Sharon Ann Irwin, Iowa West Branch Manager

HELP WANTED! We are looking for volunteers to help with the fall cleaning of items in the museum at Mission Central which is scheduled for Thursday, October 15 at 9:00 a.m. We are usually finished cleaning by noon and a delicious lunch is served. Anyone willing to help please call Janice Jepsen at 712-676-3608.

Readings for next Sunday: Is. 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13); 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22.

Our New Constitution and Bylaws: Our updated Constitution and By-Laws were voted upon and approved the first time at our July Voters’ Meeting. A second approval is required, so it will be on our October Voters’ Meeting agenda. The newly developed Policy Manual will also be up for approval at the upcoming Voters’ Meeting. These documents are available for anyone to review. Copies are in the revolving magazine rack in the Narthex.

Thank you for all your prayers for Matt Wunschel, according to his last visit the Doctor told him he was cancer free! God has blessed our family with a miracle and we are thankful for all of your faithful prayers! ~ Don, Peggy, and Matt Wunschel

UCC Fall Chicken Dinner catered by Staley’s will be Sunday, Oct. 18 serving from 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Meals will be served via drive-thru or in-town delivery. Cost is \$15.

SoCal Mission Trip: There are still a limited number of spots available for the SoCal Mission Trip, taking place Dec. 28-Jan. 3! This unique opportunity includes serving alongside LOT318, participating in Rose Parade float decorating, building relationships with local youth, enjoying fellowship and devotions, touring the Concordia Irvine campus, and experiencing beautiful Southern California winter weather. The trip cost is \$2,000 per person, with a \$500 deposit required to reserve your spot. For more information please contact Julie Mann 515-408-9696.

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, October 12-17, Pastor Wade is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Peitsch will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: “Covered” by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Proper Attire Required: how God covers us with the robe of Christ’s perfect righteousness. (Matthew 22:11-12) You can 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.

“Whether the sin of aborting one’s child or the sin of remaining silent and not speaking on behalf of our unborn children, whether the sin of neglecting an aging parent or even—God forbid—encouraging them to consider physician-assisted suicide as an option, whether the sin of apathy toward the gross evil and immorality in the world—turn to Jesus! There is forgiveness to be found for every sin, but it is only found in Jesus. Only in that holy blood, shed for us on the cross, do we find the antidote for the poison of sin.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Lutheran Family Service: We encourage members seeking professional counseling services to first contact Lutheran Family Service (LFS) of Iowa. At our July Voters’ Meeting our Voters approved \$1,000 to be set aside and available to Immanuel members needing financial assistance for such appointments. LFS is a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), providing Pregnancy Support, Adoption Services, Marriage and Family Counseling, Mental Health Counseling, church worker wellness, & Congregational Outreach. To make an appointment, please call 1-515-573-3138.

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: Nehemiah 11:1—13:31	☐ THURSDAY: Esther 5:1—7:10
☐ TUESDAY: Esther 1:1—2:23	☐ FRIDAY: Esther 8:1—10:3
☐ WEDNESDAY: Esther 3:1—4:17	☐ SATURDAY: Job 1:1-22

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 7,430.00	Sat., Oct. 3 5:00 p.m.:	22
Sunday School:	\$ 28.97	Sun., Oct. 4 9:00 a.m.:	<u>134</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 50.00		156
<u>Acolyte Sunday:</u>		Sunday School:	21
Logan Stoppel and Weston Stoppel		Adult Bible Class:	31

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
October 11-18, 2026

Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship
October 11	10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
LWML Sunday	11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Preschool Food Truck Fundraiser
	11:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting
	1:00 p.m. Schleswig Sharks 4-H
	1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Peitsch
	1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
	8:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class
Monday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
Tuesday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	8:00 a.m. Pastors' Conference @ Immanuel
	9:00 a.m. Orphan Grain Train in Ida Grove
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
	6:15—8:00 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
Thursday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
Friday:	~
Saturday:	5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
October 18	10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

About the Cover: Isaiah gives us the vision of the great feast on the Lord’s holy mountain that will be given to us on the great day of the Lord. It will be a feast filled with all the best food and drink for all people. However, according to Isaiah’s prophecy, the Lord will be consuming a meal as well. He will swallow up death and will wipe away our tears (Isaiah 25:8). This is our promise in Christ, who has already defeated death by His death on the cross and resurrection. He drank from the cup of His suffering and death to give to us the cup of salvation (Matthew 26:39; Psalm 116:13).

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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.”***

