

Immanuel’s News and Notes ~ October 17 & 18, 2026

Welcome! Hebrews 5:7 reminds us that Jesus “offered up prayers and supplications” and was heard by the Father. As we gather for worship today, may we bring our own prayers before the Lord and draw closer to Him and to one another. “Fill our minds with holy thoughts, O Lord, that we may think what You would have us think and worship You with purity of heart. 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 Travis Aldag, Deb Green, Tom Groth, Ron Hoffmeier (father of Amy Hoffmeier & Stacy Jepsen), Melissa Schmidt, and Jan 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 for the birth of a son, Ryder Lee, to Justin and Caitlyn Andresen on Wednesday, October 14.

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*. If you are unable to attend the class but would like to view a copy of the study, please see Pastor Mahnken.

Please remember our members in nursing homes by stopping by for a visit or sending a card just because! *Gracewell:* Lori Bumann, Ruth Reincke, Jan Schultz, Delores Sonksen; *Heritage Heights:* Donna Koch; *Silveridge:* Janice Gierstorf, Don Namanny; *Willow Dale* (in Battle Creek): Deb Green and Gloria Gray.

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.

St. John’s and St. Paul Hanover will be hosting their Fall Soup Supper Sunday, Oct. 18 from 4:00-7:00 pm at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Charter Oak. Chicken noodle, potato soup and chili along with sandwiches and desserts. Free will offering and to-go orders available.

Annual Voters’ Meeting Monday evening, October 19 in the Fellowship Hall. Meal served at 6:15 p.m., meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend.

Deadline for November Immanuel Messenger is Tuesday, October 20.

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, October 22 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

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.

Under the Son daycare appreciates your support of our sub sandwich fundraiser. Our volunteers made 756 sandwiches in less than 3 hours. We thank them for their hard work. Thanks again...The Staff and Board

Save the Date! Faith Lutheran Church in Deloit, IA, will hold their Final Service Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 pm. Faith’s former pastor from 2010-2014, Rev. Christopher Maronde, will be the guest speaker. There will be fellowship and a meal to follow.

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 19-24, Pastor Mahnken is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Wade will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: “The Heart of the Matter” by Guest Speaker Pastor Ryan Tinetti. How do you respond to tough questions about God and faith? Hear how Jesus delivers us from the tightest of tight spots and keeps us from falling into a trap. (Matthew 22:15-22) 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.

“Do not be silent. You have the most positive, powerful, life-giving, and life-affirming message in the universe! It is a message of love for every sinner, i.e., everyone! It is a message of forgiveness for everyone and every sin. It is a message of the certain hope of a paradise whose reality surpasses the most beautiful or words.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Building Healthy Families: Are you hooked on live TV or internet news, which is so readily available 24/7? Constant exposure to the news can leave us anxious and overwhelmed by circumstances beyond our control. This week, consider taking a break. Instead, get out of the house, spend time visiting with and encouraging someone who is lonely, share a comforting Scripture, and remember and remind yourself and them that God remains faithfully at work in every circumstance. A few days away from the headlines, with a friend, and with Word can reduce anxiety and help you refocus on the hope and peach found in Christ. www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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: Job 2:1—3:26	☐ THURSDAY: Job 8:1—10:22
☐ TUESDAY: Job 4:1—5:27	☐ FRIDAY: Job 11:1—12:25
☐ WEDNESDAY: Job 6:1—7:21	☐ SATURDAY: Job 13:1—14:22

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 13,125.00	Sat., Oct. 10 5:00 p.m.:	28
Sunday School:	\$ 3.00	Sun., Oct. 11 9:00 a.m.:	<u>112</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 19.85		140
<u>Acolyte Sunday:</u>		Sunday School:	18
Kyler Bruhn and Karsen Keim		Adult Bible Class:	24
<u>Librarian today:</u>			
Bonnie Schroeder			

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~	
<u>October 18-25, 2026</u>	
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
October 18	10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Wade
	1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
Monday:	No Preschool
	6:15 p.m. Meal in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m. Voters’ Meeting
Tuesday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	<i>Immanuel Messenger</i> deadline for November
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m. No 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
	9:00 a.m. Quilting
Friday:	~
Saturday:	5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
October 25	10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
<i>Reformation Sunday</i>	

About the Cover: The Pharisees’ question over taxes was meant to trap Jesus as either an unfaithful Jew or a political threat to the Roman government. However, Jesus astonished them all with His answer. God reigns over all things, even governments. So, yes, we are to pay our taxes, but we owe our whole lives to our Lord, who gave His whole life for us on the cross, paying for our sins in full.

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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.”***

