Immanuel's News and Notes ~ October 24 & 25, 2026

Welcome! Today is Reformation Sunday, a day to remember with gratitude those who called the church back to God's Word and the good news of salvation through faith in Christ. We rejoice in the freedom, grace and hope we have in Jesus and welcome all who have gathered to worship Him. "Open our hearts to Your Word, O Lord, and renew our faith by Your truth. May we worship with grateful spirits and follow Christ with courage, humility and joy. 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, Jan Schultz and Val Teut (upcoming surgery). *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.*

Final Victory: Our Adult Bible Class will continue the study of "*Final Victory*—Contemplating the Death and Funeral of a Christian". 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.

Trunk or Treat: UCC Schleswig will be hosting Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25 from 12-2 p.m. in their parking lot. Everyone is welcome! If you would have questions, please contact Jessica at 712-269-8380.

Readings for next Sunday: Rev. 7:(2-8) 9-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12.

Preschool Fundraiser: Make plans to stop by Sunday, November 1 for Immanuel Lutheran Preschool's upcoming fundraiser. Noy's Kitchen food truck will be serving homemade Asian Cuisine from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Stay tuned for more details!

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.

LCMS Stewardship: John 8:36 "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel—but he also called himself "the apostle of good works." For, only by being set free by the Gospel, can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

Saturday Worship and Time Change: Please remember our Saturday p.m. worship time changes to a 4:00 p.m. starting time beginning Saturday, Nov. 7. Our Saturday worship will begin at this time throughout these weeks of late fall and winter. Also, remember to change your clocks before bed on October 31 as Daylight Savings Time ends that night!

Immanuel's Harvest Dinner will be Sunday, November 8, serving both dine-in and carry-out. The menu will be Hy-Vee turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, salad, and dessert all for $15 per plate. We will need many helpers, so please sign up on the poster in the narthex!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to Nan and Lukas Bornhoft for helping clean at Mission Central!

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, October 26-31, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Torreson will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: "Relief" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. You don't have to earn God's favor. It is the relief waiting to find us before we even knew we had a problem. (Romans 3:23-24) 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.

Crossroads of Crawford Co. is hosting their annual coat drive. Clean, gently used or new coats of all sizes, boots, snow pants, hats and gloves for kids are also welcome. Drop off will be now-October 29 at the main front door at Crossroads, 139 N. 7th Street in Denison. Pick-up will be arranged later, be watching for detail. For any person in need one coat/one stop per person and each person must be present.

Denison After Prom Chicken Dinner serving Staley's chicken drive-thru style at Van Wall Implement Tuesday, November 3, from 4:30-7:30. Meals are $15 with no advance ticket sales. All proceeds support Denison-Schleswig After Prom.

"Today God continues to defend and aid His people, those who trust in His Son as their Savior. God is ever with us. He preserves His Word and Church despite the constant attack of the devil, the unbelieving world, and false teachers. God provides for all our needs of body and soul, even in times of great need and conflict. God is our refuge. His Word endures forever. His grace and power never fail." *From "Meditations on Favorite Scriptures: Devotions for a Year"—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Building Healthy Families: Martin Luther encouraged Christians to remember their baptism each time they washed their face or bathed. He wrote, "In baptism, our sinful selves are drowned, and day by day a new self arises." As we celebrate Reformation Day and reflect on its meaning this week, take time to thank God for the gift of your baptism and remind your children and grandchildren of the promises God made to them through theirs. Happy Reformation Day from your friends at Lutheran Family Service! *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 15:1—17:16
- ☐ TUESDAY: Job 18:1—19:29
- ☐ WEDNESDAY: Job 20:1—21:34
- ☐ THURSDAY: Job 22:1—24:25
- ☐ FRIDAY: Job 25:1—28:28
- ☐ SATURDAY: Job 29:1—31:40

Gifts:

Church Plate:	$	8,504.95
Sunday School:	$	18.17
Adult Bible Class:	$	43.00

Attendance:

Sat., Oct. 17	5:00 p.m.:	29
Sun., Oct. 18	9:00 a.m.:	134
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Acolyte Sunday:
Harper Lee and Sophie Morgan

Sunday School:	29
Adult Bible Class:	34

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~
October 25-November 1, 2026

Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
October 25	10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
Reformation Sunday	1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Torreson
	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
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:	No Preschool
Friday:	~
Saturday:	5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
November 1	10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
All Saints' Day	11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Preschool Fundraiser Noy's Kitchen foodtruck
	2:00 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church, Deloit, Final Service

About the Cover: The Reformation was all about abiding in the Word of our Lord. Martin Luther did just that during his rediscovery of the Gospel, which resides plainly in the Lord's words of forgiveness. This forgiveness has been won for us by Jesus' death on the cross and delivered to us in His words. His words come to us with the water of Baptism to bring the power of His presence. Because of His Word, wherever we go, we know that Jesus is there. Wherever Jesus is, we also have truth and freedom.

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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."

