

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ October 3 & 4, 2026

Welcome! Today our Lord focuses our hearts and minds on His relentless love. As we enter our Lord's presence, we invite you to pray this prayer: "O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. 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, Matt Wunschel, 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.*

We give Thanks to God for the healing He has given to Bob Andresen.

We Pray for God's Comfort for the family of Jim Hill who died on Saturday, September 26. Funeral services for Jim were held here at Immanuel on Thursday, October 1.

We Pray for God's Comfort for the family of Terry Kline who died on Thursday, October 1. Terry's visitation will be held here at Immanuel Monday, October 5 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and his funeral will be here Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

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.

Ricketts Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting their annual pancake breakfast Sunday, October 4 from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at the Ricketts Community Center. Serving pancakes, biscuits & gravy, hashbrowns, ham and rolls.

Fire Prevention Week Cookout. The Schleswig Fire Department will be hosting their annual cookout Monday, October 5 starting at 5:00 p.m. Dine-in and carry-out will be available. We look forward to seeing everyone!

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, October 8 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

Sub Sandwiches: Under the Son Childcare will be assembling sub sandwiches Friday, Oct. 9 from 8 am-1 pm here at Immanuel. For those of you that pre-ordered sandwiches, they will be available for pickup Friday afternoon from 1-4 pm at Immanuel.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 23; Phil. 4:4-13; Matthew 22:1-14.

The Church Council will meet next 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 upcoming fundraiser. The Smokin Good Times food truck will be serving fresh BBQ and sides from 11:00am—2:00 pm (or until sold out). Stay tuned for more details!

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.

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! I thank God for the healing I have received. Thank you to Pastor Mahnken and Pastor Kaiser for your prayers and visits. Thank you to my church family for your prayers, visits, encouraging words, and many other kindnesses. God is good! ~ Diana Schultz

"Thy Strong Word" every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, October 5-10, Pastor Torreson is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Trunkhill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: "Embrace Life" by Guest Speaker Rev. Germán Novelli Oliveros. Jesus offers His abundant life to people plagued by pain and problems. (John 10:10-11) 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.

"Your life is valuable, and your life has purpose. It was not an accident; it was planned from the beginning. But that doesn't mean it will be easy. You will experience hardship and suffering. As you age, your body will wear out. Your mind will dull. Your abilities will lessen. And yet, it is in your body with all of its brokenness that the Holy Spirit resides. It is this, your body, that God the Father formed by hand, and it is this, your body, that Jesus, God's Son, redeemed. And your body, a unique and miraculous gift, will be raised from the dead and made new." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Building Healthy Families: From the newborn infant to the hospice patient in his final hours and for all stages of life in between, physical touch from another person is vitally important. Infants who aren't touched, even though they receive nourishment, will die from Failure to Thrive Syndrome. God designed humans of all ages to need human touch. Safe physical contact releases oxytocin, which lowers stress hormones and builds social bonds. Safe touch can lower blood pressure, decrease anxiety, and reduce pain. In a world increasingly shaped by digital interaction and isolation, physical touch has become a rare form of connection. How long has it been since you have held another person's hand or given or received a hug? If you have to think about it for too long, it's been too long! www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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.
You can start at any time. The entire reading plan is available in the Church Office.

☐ MONDAY: Ezra 9:1—10:44

☐ THURSDAY: Nehemiah 4:1—6:19

☐ TUESDAY: Nehemiah 1:1-11

☐ FRIDAY: Nehemiah 7:1—8:18

☐ WEDNESDAY: Nehemiah 2:1—3:32

☐ SATURDAY: Nehemiah 9:1—10:39

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 12,002.25	Sat., Sept. 26 5:00 p.m.:	25
Sunday School:	\$ 10.00	Sun., Sept. 27 9:00 a.m.:	<u>172</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 38.00		197
<u>Acolyte Sunday:</u>		Sunday School:	21
Ava Jacobson and Whitney Ernst		Adult Bible Class:	39
<u>Librarian today:</u>			
Sheila Groth			

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~	
<u>October 4-11, 2026</u>	
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
October 4	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
	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
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
	9:00 a.m. Quilting
Friday:	8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Sub sandwich assembly
	1:00—4:00 p.m. Sub sandwich pick up
Saturday:	5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship
October 11	10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
LWML Sunday	11:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting
	11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Preschool Food Truck Fundraiser
	1:00 p.m. Schleswig Sharks 4-H
	8:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class

About the Cover: The wicked tenants thought that by killing the heir, they would gain the vineyard and its fruit. Christ’s parable was about how He, the only Son of God, would be rejected by both His own and the world. Yet the irony is that Christ’s crucifixion at the hands of sinners was actually God’s work and the means to offer freely the fruits of His death and resurrection. By faith, we receive a wonderful gift from God—the inheritance of eternal life through the forgiveness of sins—even though we do not deserve it.

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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.”*

