

# Immanuel’s News and Notes ~ October 4 & 5, 2025

**Welcome!** God’s promises are sure. The good news, which echoes throughout Scripture, is that “the righteous shall live by his faith” (Habakkuk 2:4). Today we are strengthened through that gracious Gospel again. “Lord Jesus, strengthen our faith as we receive Your gifts of grace through Your precious Word and Holy Communion today. Amen.” We welcome our visitors and ask you to please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us again!

**Prayer Requests:** If you have a concern for which you would like us to include in our prayers in worship, please call the Church Office 712-676-2235 or send an email to: immansch@iowatelecom.net.

**We Pray for God’s Comfort** for Jim and Mary Claussen and all who mourn the loss of their son Steve Claussen who died Sunday, September 28. A celebration of Steve’s life will be held Sunday, October 5 at 3:00 p.m., with visitation from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All services will be held at Waterbury Funeral Service of Sioux City.

**We Pray for God’s Comfort** for Carol Neddermeyer and all who mourn the loss of her daughter-in-law Lisa Neddermeyer who died Sunday, September 28. Lisa’s funeral was held here at Immanuel Saturday, October 4 at 10:30 a.m.

**Ricketts Volunteer Fire Department** will be hosting their annual pancake breakfast Sunday, October 5 from 7:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at the Ricketts Community Center. Serving pancakes, biscuits & gravy, eggs, hashbrowns, ham and rolls.

**Schleswig Sharks 4-H** will meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 p.m.

**Life Chain Today in Denison:** Everyone is invited to join in the Life Chain sponsored by the Crawford County for Life this Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Please meet behind the Family Table restaurant on HWY 30. We will prayerfully stand for 1 hour along HWY 30 while holding signs in support of the life of all babies held in their mother's wombs.

**Fire Prevention Week Cookout.** The Schleswig Fire Department will be hosting their annual cookout Monday, October 6 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 9 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

**My Peace I Leave You: Christ’s Comfort in the Storms of Life** is our new Thursday evening study. We meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in our Fireside Room. All are welcome. Please contact Pastor Mahnken if you would like a copy of this book, and we invite you to join us as we read and reflect on this book during our time together.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Ruth 1:1-19a; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Luke 17:11-19.

**Octoberfest celebration.** Immanuel’s LWML project committee invites you to join us for an Octoberfest meal next Sunday, October 12 from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. The meal will consist of brats and BBQ pork, sauerkraut, cheesy potatoes, corn and dessert. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex asking for donations. Danke Schoen!

**The Church Council** will meet next Sunday, October 12 at 1:00 p.m. The Voters’ Meeting will be Monday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. with supper being served at 6:15 p.m.

**The Ladies Circle of Faith Lutheran Church, Deloit** is hosting a “Basement Bargains” event on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. — noon. All purchases will be by donation, with proceeds to fund the LWML mites. The church is located one block off Hwy 39, just south of the city park.

**HELP WANTED!** It’s time for fall cleaning of the items in the Mission Central Museum. The cleaning event is scheduled for Thursday, October 23 at 9:00 a.m. Help is needed and anyone willing to help us is truly appreciated. A light lunch will be served when finished. The more helpers make shorter work! Please call Janice Jepsen if you can help! Thank you!

**Former members of Trinity Lutheran Church—Grant Township:** In an effort to preserve the history of Trinity, a group of former members is seeking information/pictures about the church. The information will be cataloged and kept in a file at Immanuel in Schleswig. For more information, contact Immanuel at 676-2235 or these former members: Sandra (Aldag) Voss, Janice (Grell) Jepsen, Jerry Ernst or Larry Abbe. Thank you for helping us preserve this precious history of Trinity, Grant Township.

**“Thy Strong Word”** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, October 6-11, Pastor Wade is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Merrill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**The Lutheran Hour:** “Every Age Has a Stage” by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. Every age has a stage, not just a stage of life, but also a stage on which to perform and to serve. (Numbers 8:23-26) 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](http://www.lhm.org).

**“We shouldn’t expect** to know or understand the ways of God. We simply live in trust and ask God’s blessing on our lives of sanctification, lived in love and thanksgiving to Christ.” *Marie MacPherson, author—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

**Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians:** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: The Fruit of the Holy Spirit, Critical Race Theory, Gen Z Rediscovering the Christian Faith, Did Martin Luther Invent the Doctrine of Justification? and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

**Building Healthy Families:** A recent CDC report on Alzheimer’s Disease noted that caregivers experience a significant level of burnout. It also noted that caregivers benefited from receiving education, respite care, and support. These lessen the burden of caregiving and improve the care received by their loved one. Anyone who has loved and cared for a family member suffering from this terrible disease would say *Amen* to that obvious conclusion. Who has God put in your world cares for a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease? They likely won’t ask you for help...but help anyway! Take the initiative to do yard work, clean leaves out of the gutter, prepare food, or give them the gift of time away while you sit with their loved one. *Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2* **Lutheran Family Service**

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.

<input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY: Colossians 1:1-29	<input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
<input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: Colossians 2:1-23	<input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-20
<input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: Colossians 3:1—4:18	<input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 2,705.00	Sat., Sept. 27	5 p.m.: 23
Sunday School:	\$ 26.00	Sun., Sept. 28	9 a.m.: <u>120</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 22.00		143
<u>Acolytes today:</u>		Sunday School:	27
Brenna Bubke & Haley Ernst		Adult Bible Class:	29
<u>Librarian today:</u>			
Julie Teut			

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~			
<u>October 5-12, 2025</u>			
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC	
<i>October 5</i>	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class	
	1:00 p.m.	Schleswig Sharks 4-H Meeting	
	1:00 p.m.	Denison Care Worship—Pastor Merrill	
	1:40 p.m.	Silveridge Worship	
	2:15 p.m.	Gracewell Worship	
<b>Monday:</b>	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Preschool	
	5:00 p.m.	Schleswig Fire Dept. Cookout	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Preschool	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	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	
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Preschool	
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting	
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study	
<b>Friday:</b>	1:00—5:00 p.m.	Under the Son Childcare sub sandwich pickup at UCC Church	
<b>Saturday:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Worship w/HC	
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship	
<i>October 12</i>	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class	
<i>LWML Sunday</i>	11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Octoberfest Meal	
	1:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting	

**About the Cover:** At the end of the day, our service to the Lord can never repay Him for our salvation, let alone accomplish it. It is merely our duty to serve and obey Him. Our vocations are the arenas where the Lord works through us to accomplish His purposes. So when we think about all that we have done when the sun sets each day, all the glory goes to God, who has given us the work and, above all, has saved us by Jesus’ redemptive work.

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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.”***

