

Immanuel’s News and Notes ~ September 19 & 20, 2026

Welcome! With warm hearts and hands, we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration for us all. “Enable us, O Lord, to approach You with pure hearts and proper praise. In Christ’s name. 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 Diana Schultz, Terry Kline, Deb Green, Delores Schultz, Jim Hill, 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.*

Baptized Sunday: Braxton Harold Alva Segebart, son of Cody Segebart & Darcy Mogensen. Braxton was born August 24, 2026. Sponsors for Braxton are Kasey and Katie Mogensen with Mikey Richardson and Rebecca Segebart as witnesses. We welcome Braxton to Immanuel!

We Pray for God’s Comfort for Laura Ernst and all who mourn the loss of Laura’s grandmother, Margaret Hall, who died Wednesday, September 16, 2026.

Boards of Ed & Elders Will Meet Tuesday, September 22. Ed at 6 p.m.; Elders at 7 p.m.

Crossroads of Crawford Co. is hosting a take-out Staley’s chicken dinner on Tuesday, September 22 serving from 4:30-7:00. Carry out dinners by preorder/prepay & drive-through. Look for signs & follow traffic directions, located at Crossroads, 139 N. 7th Street in Denison. Cost is \$16, all proceeds go to Crossroads’ Pregnancy & Parenting Resource Program.

The Quilters will meet on Thursday, September 24 at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

LWML Fall Rally will be held Thursday, September 24 at Our Savior, Denison. All ladies are invited to learn more about mission work in our area and enjoy fellowship. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. The speaker is Megan Torreson, Principal of Unity Ridge Lutheran School. Torreson will share what Unity Ridge has to offer to students and families as well as how Unity Ridge is planning to grow and expand. Ingathering gift suggestions for the school include pre-packaged snack items, small paper plates, napkins, plastic forks & spoons, and Kleenex. Following the rally, the ladies of Our Savior Women’s Guild will serve lunch (\$10).

Under the Son Childcare is having a sub sandwich fundraiser. The sub sandwich will have ham, turkey, salami, white and yellow American cheese on each one. The cost is \$7 each. Forms are available on the table in the Narthex. ***Orders are due by Friday, September 25*** and can be placed by dropping them off at Under the Son Childcare center or in the box provided at the back of the church. Thank you for your support!

Final Victory: Beginning Sunday, September 27, our Adult Bible Class will begin the study of a booklet entitled “*Final Victory—Contemplating the Death and Funeral of a Christian*”. Every-one 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.

Readings for next Sunday: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-10; Phil. 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18; Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32).

Crossroads of Crawford County is also sponsoring a Ultrasound Giving Tree to raise money for their ultrasound machine warranty check due in September. Choose a leaf, give any amount. Every gift helps keep this service available for expecting moms in our area. See the flier in the Narthex or visit www.crossroadsofcrawfordcounty.org for more information.

“Thy Strong Word” every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, September 21-26, Pastor Merrill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Peitsch will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

The Lutheran Hour: “High Bar to Clay Jar” by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In Jesus, we don’t need to compare ourselves to anyone else. Instead, we are free to better appreciate them. (Matthew 20:16) 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.

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.

“I firmly believe that the sanctity of human life is the most important issue of our day and that by means of informing and educating the public, as well as by applying Christian love and compassion to those directly affected by the trauma of abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia, the pro-life position will prevail, and our nation will again uphold the dignity and sanctity of human life.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Building Healthy Families: Want to be closer to your spouse, children or grandchildren? Praying as a couple or as a family is one of the most powerful and intimate things you can do together. Find a creative, practical, and free downloadable resource for fun ways to build prayer into you and your family’s daily life, created by our friends at Concordia Center for the Family at <https://www.concordiafamilystore.org/resources/p/family-prayer-handout>.

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

☐ MONDAY: 2 Chronicles 25:1—26:23	☐ THURSDAY: 2 Chronicles 30:1—31:21
☐ TUESDAY: 2 Chronicles 27:1—28:27	☐ FRIDAY: 2 Chronicles 32:1-33
☐ WEDNESDAY: 2 Chronicles 29:1-36	☐ SATURDAY: 2 Chronicles 33:1-25

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 5,244.00	Sat., Sept. 12 5:00 p.m.:	36
Sunday School:	\$ 3.75	Sun., Sept. 13 9:00 a.m.:	<u>144</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 0.00		180

<u>Acolyte Sunday:</u>	Rally Day:	22
Hailey Brown and Larynn Friedrichsen	Adult Bible Class:	27

Librarian today:
Denice Schultz

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~	
<u>September 20-27, 2026</u>	
Sunday: <i>September 20</i>	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Peitsch 1:40 p.m. Silverridge Worship 2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship 8:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class
Monday:	No Preschool Pastor at Fall Pastors’ Conference @ Gloria Dei-Urbandale (21 & 22)
Tuesday:	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
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 9:00 a.m. LWML Fall Rally @ Our Savior, Denison
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Saturday:	5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday: <i>September 27</i>	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 8:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class

About the Cover: The weight of our sin can only be lifted by the Lord. How blessed are we, His children, to know that He desires to forgive us abundantly! There is no sin too great for His grace and pardon. Christ’s love is so abundant for us that He died for us before we even had a say in the matter (Romans 5:8). So, by faith in His promises, we receive the abundant life-giving benefits of His death and resurrection forever.

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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.”*

