

Immanuel's News and Notes ~ September 26 & 27, 2026

Welcome to the Lord's house! The Lord welcomes us all and again opens to us the treasures of His grace. "Lord, quiet the distractions within us and around us as we gather in Your presence. Open our hearts to Your Word, fill our minds and hearts with Your truth and lead us to worship You with sincerity and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 Terry Kline, Bob Andresen, Deb Green, 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: Whitley Marie Palmersheim, daughter of Andrew & Kristin Palmersheim. Whitley was born July 9, 2026. Whitley's sponsor is Tyler Hennings with Kathie Whitt as witness. We welcome Whitley to Immanuel!

We Pray for God's Comfort for the family of Delores Schultz. Funeral services for Delores were held here at Immanuel on Thursday, September 24. We thank the family for sharing flowers with us.

We Give Thanks to God for the healing He has given to Diana Schultz.

We Pray God's safety, protection, and every blessing for Pr. Steve and Sue Schulz who are in Germany, visiting our missionaries there.

We are pleased to announce that we served **593** dinners after the parade on Saturday. Thanks to all who attended!! A big thank you to everyone who donated money or made desserts, and thanks to those who volunteered and helped us in any way on Friday and Saturday as we prepared for and served the chicken dinner.

Final Victory: Beginning this 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*". 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.

The LWML will meet on Thursday, October 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-19; Phil. 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.

Crossroads of Crawford County is 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 28-October 3, Pastor Peitsch is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Merrill will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

THANK YOU!! The preschool would like to thank everyone for their generosity. We are humbled and grateful. The children and staff thank you! ~ Mrs. Gustafson & Preschool Board

The Lutheran Hour: "Teachable" by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. To be a disciple is to be a learner. Jesus loves you enough to make you teachable. (Matthew 21:31) 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.

"Grief is not a sign of weak faith; it is the natural response to love and loss. But for those in Christ, grief is always shaped by hope. We do not mourn as those who have no future, no promise, no Savior (1 Thessalonians 4:13). We mourn with the certainty that our loved ones in the faith are with the Lord and that we will see them again." *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church-Canada—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*

Talk Radio and Podcasts for Thinking Christians: Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: How to Read the Bible, Why Men Aren't Marrying, The No Contact Movement, Debate Over the Location of the Town of Bethsaida and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

Building Healthy Families: Do you find that hurtful or disrespectful words sometimes come out of your mouth during the week as you interact with your spouse or family? If so, know that continuing this habit unchecked is damaging to your relationships in ways that you might not even realize. Try memorizing this verse and call it to mind when you are tempted to bite at someone you love this week: "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." (Psalm 19:14) You, and your relationships, will be better for it! 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.

The best scenario when creating a Christian estate plan is to work in collaboration. When it comes to estates, few of us know all the answers. We need to have conversations with others who will ask us questions that spur good thinking. We need to work with experts who have experience in gift planning, to ensure all the bases are covered in the plan. To begin identifying where you have need to ask for help, reach out to your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor, Leon Schoenfeld, at 712-830-7481. [LCMS Foundation](http://LCMSFoundation.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.

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| ☐ MONDAY: 2 Chronicles 34:1—35:27 | ☐ THURSDAY: Ezra 3:1—4:24 |
| ☐ TUESDAY: 2 Chronicles 36:1-23 | ☐ FRIDAY: Ezra 5:1—6:22 |
| ☐ WEDNESDAY: Ezra 1:1—2:70 | ☐ SATURDAY: Ezra 7:1—8:36 |

<u>Gifts:</u>		<u>Attendance:</u>	
Church Plate:	\$ 2,152.00	Sat., Sept. 19 5:00 p.m.:	19
Sunday School:	\$ 5.00	Sun., Sept. 20 9:00 a.m.:	<u>127</u>
Adult Bible Class:	\$ 35.00		146
<u>Acolyte Sunday:</u>		Sunday School:	13
Nash Heiden and Calvin Segebart		Adult Bible Class:	23

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~	
<u>September 27-October 4, 2026</u>	
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship
<i>September 27</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Merrill
	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
	1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting
Friday:	~
Saturday:	5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
<i>October 4</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	8:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class

About the Cover: The Israelites thought they could weigh the scales of justice and found God at fault. However, the Israelites ignored God’s Law, which showed their ways to be unjust. We cannot tip the scales of justice in our favor by disregarding God’s Law, which condemns sinners to death. God, however, does not take pleasure in death. He desires mercy. In Christ, both perfect justice and perfect mercy were delivered when He took the sin of the world upon Himself and suffered the punishment for our sin in our place.

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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.”***

