

# Immanuel’s News and Notes ~ September 6-7, 2025

**Welcome to worship on this Rally Sunday!** Today, we give thanks for those who have helped shape our faith and guide our steps. Like Timothy, who learned from Lois and Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5), may we honor the ones who planted seeds of faith in us. “Thank You, God, for the gift of spiritual mentors—for their steady love and faith passed down through generations (2 Timothy 1:5). Help us treasure their wisdom and honor their lives through how we live. 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 Marlene Bachman, Karen Wood, Gaylen Jepsen, David Jepsen and all who mourn the loss of their brother Richard “Dick” Jepsen who died Tuesday, September 2. Visitation services were held Friday, September 5, at Huebner’s in Denison.

**TODAY-Sunday School Rally Day:** Celebrate with us as we welcome our staff and students to a new year of Christian education. Families are invited to join us after worship for an activity.

**The Schleswig Library** is hosting its first ever cemetery walk at the Morgan Cemetery today, September 7 at 2:00 pm. Presenters will be telling the story of seven of Schleswig’s early founders at their graves in the south section of the cemetery: “Hap” Peters, Fred Jepsen and Dora Hahn to name a few. Golf carts and chairs will be available for our patrons. Refreshments will be provided after the walk. Please plan to attend—the library board and the presenters are eager to see a good outcome.

**Fill your freezers!** Under The Son Childcare center 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 \$6.00 each. Forms are located on the table in the Narthex. Orders can be placed by dropping them in the boxes in the Narthex at either church in Schleswig (UCC or Immanuel) or dropping them off at Under The Son Childcare center. Thank you for your support!

**Schleswig Community Blood Drive** at the Community Building, Monday, September 8 from 1:00 to 4:30. Appointments are required, please call 800-287-4903.

**All 6th, 7th & 8th Graders:** Deadline to return the registration forms for the District Junior Youth Gathering in West Des Moines is Wednesday, September 10. Your cost is only \$85; our congregation pays the rest! Additional forms are available in the Church Office.

**There will be no Quilting** Thursday, September 11.

**Calf Show Dinner** Saturday, September 13 following the parade.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Ezekiel 34:11-24; Psalm 119:169-176; 1 Timothy 1:(5-11) 12-17; Luke 15:1-10.

**Schleswig Sharks 4-H** will meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, September 14 at 1:00 p.m.

**“Thy Strong Word”** every weekday morning at 6:25 a.m. on KDSN radio, 104.9. This week, Sept. 8-13, Pastor Trunkhill is scheduled for the daily message. Pastor Mahnken will lead worship today at Denison Care, Silveridge and Gracewell.

**Library Items:** Parents—please look around your homes and vehicles for books and DVD’s from our children’s library. We have quite a few items that have not been returned. Letters will be sent home in a couple weeks if they are not returned.

**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.

**Crossroads of Crawford Co.** is hosting a take-out Staley’s chicken dinner on Tuesday, September 23 serving from 4:30-7:00. Carry out dinners by preorder/prepay & drive-through. Look for signs and follow traffic directions, located at Crossroads, 139 N. 7th Street in Denison. Cost is \$16, all proceeds go to Crossroads’ ultrasound site and project expenses.

**The Lutheran Hour:** “Dying, We Live” by Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God’s love finds His people in the wilderness, the place where God gives bread from heaven, water from a rock, and streams in the desert. (Numbers 14:19-20) 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).

**“Difficult situations** like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can tempt us to forget our Savior’s presence and power. Comfort comes not from making deals with death but from the gifts He wrings and the privileges He brings even in and through hardship. An everlasting, unchanged, and all-sufficient Creator and Keeper not only provides life, He protects it as well!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life—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 teachings include: A Lutheran Perspective on Philosophy & Theology, The Nicene Creed, The Lord’s Prayer, The Image of God in a Broken World, Witnessing Tips 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:** Date night! When was the last time you planned a date with your spouse? A date doesn’t have to cost a lot to make it fun and helpful to your relationship. An extra special meal, a drive in the country with the radio on, or recreating your first date are just a few ideas. What counts most is the time you prioritize for each other. Let your spouse know with actions and words that if you had to do it all over again, you would. *“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8* **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.

<input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY: 1 Cor. 11:1—12:31	<input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY: 1 Cor. 16:1-24
<input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY: 1 Cor. 13:1—14:40	<input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY: 2 Cor. 1:1—2:17
<input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY: 1 Cor. 15:1-58	<input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY: 2 Cor. 3:1—4:18

<u>Gifts:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>
Church Plate: \$ 6,138.00	Sat., August 30 5 p.m.: 31
Sunday School: \$ 4.00	Sun., August 31 9 a.m.: <u>103</u>
Adult Bible Class: \$ 30.80	134
<u>Acolytes today:</u>	Sunday School: 18
Aubryana Hoffmeier & Morgan Jepsen	Adult Bible Class: 42

~ The Week Ahead in Ministry ~	
<u>September 7-14, 2025</u>	
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m. Worship w/HC
<i>September 7</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
<i>Rally Sunday</i>	1:00 p.m. Denison Care Worship—Pastor Mahnken
<i>Grandparents Day</i>	1:40 p.m. Silveridge Worship
	2:15 p.m. Gracewell Worship
<b>Monday:</b>	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	1:00—4:30 p.m. Bloodmobile @ Community Building
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Preschool
	6:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. Voting polls open for special election
<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. No Quilting
<b>Friday:</b>	<i><b>Calf Show Activities Begin</b></i>
<b>Saturday:</b>	10:00 a.m. Parade
	After parade-1:00 p.m. Immanuel’s Chicken Dinner
	@ Community Building
	5:00 p.m. Worship w/HC
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m. Worship
<i>September 14</i>	10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	10:00 a.m.-noon Pancake Breakfast uptown
	1:00 p.m. Schleswig Sharks 4-H Meeting

**About the Cover:** Christ’s cross stands in contrast to the world, even as it shapes the lives of His disciples. We all have our own crosses to bear, and to deny them is ultimately to deny Christ. Death comes before resurrection. Yet in God’s baptismal grace, we daily die to sin and are raised to the newness of life in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:4).

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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.”***