



Immanuel Lutheran Church
IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

April 12, 2026

Serving in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. James Yonkers

Music Director / Organist: Tom Fricke

Elders: Don D., Dean H., Butch B.

Ushers: Team D: Capt. Jerry Kennett

Lay Reader: Sue DeMoss

Gospel Reader: Butch Buesing

Children's Message: Mary Ellen Fricke

Videographer: Kim Davis

Screens/Audio: RJ Davis

Acolyte: Kendall Wright

Altar Guild: Tina A., Kathy C., Katie Y.

Counters: Jerry and Charlotte Kennett

SPIRITUAL CARE: *Your well-being is important to us, and we want to pray for you!* Please contact the church office during regular business hours (Monday – Friday from 7 am – 3:30 pm). In case of emergencies after hours, contact Pastor Yonkers on his cell: 260-413-8375.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: The First Reading is Acts 2:14a, 36-41 ("Repent and be baptized."); the Epistle is 1 Peter 1:17-25 ("You were ransomed ... with the precious blood of Christ") the Holy Gospel is Luke 24:13-35 (The road to Emmaus).

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Larry Fredericks.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those hospitalized this week: **Bill Martin.**

WITH SYMPATHY we pray for Joyce Martin and family at the death of her husband, Bill. *May the good Lord comfort all who mourn with the hope of the resurrection of all who believe in Christ Jesus!*

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Sandra Courson, Rosalie Finet, Janet Gale, Myra Greazer, Sharon Glossinger, Linda Grinestaff, Bob and Caralee Homann, and Bonnie Holmes.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (04/19) "**Not in Vain**" by Pastor Ryan Tinetti. Because Jesus lives, your future is certain. You can also be confident that your present life has meaning and worth. In the Lord, your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:50-58) Tune in to hear great sermons any time: www.lutheranhour.org.

WELCOME VISITORS! If you're new to Immanuel, we pray you feel the love of Christ and are blessed by our time of worship together. Please fill out the visitor information form located in the red folder at the end of your pew; we'd love to get to know you better! If you have any questions or need assistance, our friendly ushers (you'll find them just outside the sanctuary) are happy to help. *We're glad you're here!*

ADULT BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL meets on Sundays at 8:30 am – *with coffee and donuts!* Join us as we continue with the Bible Expedition series. In Sunday School, children (age 3+) meet in the youth room at the end of the church hallway, and our youth Bible Study (Jr./Sr. high) meet in the Women's Lounge.

GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS ORDERS: Are you looking for a thoughtful gift or just want to make your everyday purchases work for a good cause? The next Scrip order is due to the church office on Monday, **Apr. 13** by 9 am. Please see Jo Van Hovel if you would like to try it!

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS: Join us for our monthly lunch meeting on Tuesday, **Apr. 14** at 11:30 am. Bring a dish to share, everything else is provided. Our April hostesses are Lorel Fitting and Sharon Crow.

ILS EL TORO FUNDRAISER: Mark your calendars for our El Toro Fundraiser on **Apr. 16!** Be sure to take the flyer included in your bulletin, just bring it with you when you dine. Enjoy a great meal, and El Toro will donate 20% of your purchase back to support our school. Thank you for making a difference!

LADIES: The LWML of Peace Lutheran Church in Thomasboro invites you to a Mother – Daughter Salad Supper on **Apr. 19** at 4 pm. RSVP to Peace Lutheran at 217-643-3265. We'll enjoy guest speaker, Heather Wanninger, who learned the hard way that blessings come from brokenness. She suffered emotional abuse years ago that crushed her spirit and left her questioning if she was good enough, smart enough, capable enough. She became a single mom with no idea what she was going to do next when a friend came into her life that believed in her. That's when she started her business, Sweet Lemonade Photography. Life gave her lemons and she turned it into lemonade. It is now her mission to help women love themselves unapologetically. You've found your next hype girl!

ILS WALK FOR EDUCATION

Support a New Way to Learn! We are excited to share that our school's Walk for Education fundraiser will take place on **April 30** from 10:00–11:00 am. This special event is more than just a walk—it's an opportunity to invest in the future of our students and the way they learn every day.

The funds raised will help us transition our school to a Reggio Emilia inspired program. This approach to education is child-led, hands-on, and engaging. It emphasizes creating an environment where children are encouraged to explore, ask questions, collaborate with others, and express their ideas in meaningful ways. In a Reggio-inspired classroom, the environment itself becomes a "third teacher," thoughtfully designed to foster creativity, independence, and a love of learning.

As we make this transition, our teachers need support in updating classrooms with new furniture and materials that reflect this philosophy. These spaces are intentionally calm and neutral, moving away from bright, overstimulating décor, to create a peaceful atmosphere where children can focus, think deeply, and engage more fully in their learning experiences.

How can you help? Get involved!

- Donate items such as popsicles, bubbles, and silly string for our children's activity stations
- Walk alongside our students.
- Sponsor a teacher as they participate in the walk.
- Volunteer to pull a wagon for some of our youngest walkers.
- Help run one of the activity stations during the event.

Every contribution, big or small, helps us create a richer, more meaningful learning environment for our children. Be sure to check out the table in the hallway for more details, sign-up opportunities, and ways to donate. Thank you for your continued support as we take this exciting step forward!



THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

is the official publication of our LCMS. Published 11 times a year—monthly, with a combined June/July issue—*The Lutheran Witness* keeps you updated with news from around the Synod, and addresses topical issues with feature articles, columns, Q&As, and more that will both inform and inspire. If you would like to try it before you buy it, we keep past issues in the church library in the board room. You are welcome to take an issue home to read and return it when you are finished. This is a must-read for Lutherans of all ages! Subscribe by **May 4** using the envelope in your offering box. Include a check made payable to Immanuel, the cost is just \$23.50 for the entire year (\$1.95 per issue).

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (04/05)	168
Communion Attendance	129
Attendance Wednesday (04/08)	16
Communed Wednesday	7

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$12,579.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,570.00
Checking Account Balance	\$7,031.00
Bills Due This Week	\$8,570.00

BIRTHDAYS:

Apr. 14	Aidin Stuhr	17	Leslie Stone
14	Hannah Van Hoveln	18	Denny Hilton
16	Sue Henk	18	Kourtney Manno

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (12)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with ILS Kids Singing
Tuesday (14)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	11:30 am	Women's Guild Luncheon Mtg
	6:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday (15)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Worship
	6:00 pm	Choir
	6:45 pm	Handbells
Thursday (16)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:00 am	Bill Martin Visitation
	11:00 am	Bill Martin Funeral Service
	6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Next Sunday (19)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ILS El Toro Fundraiser, Apr. 16
- ILS Walk for Education Fundraiser, Apr. 30
- ILS Sunday with PreK Graduation Recognition, May 3
- Mother's Day, May 10
- Youth Confirmation, May 17

INGATHERING: The Women's Guild ingathering for Crosspoint Human Services continues through April. Hygiene items needed: toilet paper, baby wipes, facial wipes, body wash, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner. Food pantry items needed: pop-top soups, stews, pasta, pasta noodles, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, instant mashed potatoes, pancake mix & syrup.