



Immanuel Lutheran Church

# IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

April 13, 2025

## Serving in Worship Today

**Pastor:** Rev. James Yonkers

**Music Director / Organist:** Tom Fricke

**Elders:** Don DeMoss, Kurt Thornsborough, Dean Hull

**Ushers:** Team D: Capt. Jerry Kennett

**Communion:** Dwain Dixon, Dean Hull

**Lay Reader:** Nancy Purviance

**Gospel Reader:** Kurt Thornsborough

**Children's Message:** Kurt Thornsborough

**Videographer:** Kim Davis

**Screens/Audio:** RJ Davis

**Acolyte:** Eli Mann

**Altar Guild:** Tina A. Kathy C., and 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 Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 65:17-25 ("Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth."); The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 ("Christ ... the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."); and the Gospel is Luke 24:1-12 (The women visit the tomb.)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by to the glory of God by the Women's Guild in joyful celebration of Palm Sunday, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.

**HOSPITALIZED:** We pray for those hospitalized this week: **Cindy Pasquale** and **Rosalie Finet**.

**HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS:** We pray for **Sharon Glossinger, Myra Greazer, Rosemary Hilton, Linda Grinestaff, Marian Heideman, Bonnie Holmes, Bob & Caralee Homann, Carol Johnston, Charlotte Kennett, Rev. Del Krueger, Earl Lackey.**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** next Sunday (04/13) "A Risen Christ and a Clean Room" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation. (John 20:5-7) Tune in any time: [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

**WELCOME VISITORS!** *New around here?* We hope you are blessed today as we worship the Lord together. Please fill out the visitor's information in the red folder at the end of the pew. If you have any questions, feel free to ask an usher (the gentleman just outside of the sanctuary), or contact the church office at 217-442-5675. *We're so glad you're here and hope to see you again!*



**HOLY WEEK:** Today is Palm Sunday. Pick up your palms as you enter church. You're invited to join us in the Narthex for our Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of the service. On **Apr. 17** at 6:30 pm, we will hold our **Maundy Thursday** service. Come and mark the night Christ instituted the Lord's Supper. We return the next night, **Apr. 18** for our **Good Friday Service**, also at 6:30 pm. Join us as we reflect on Jesus' suffering and death to take away our sins. We celebrate with joy Christ's victory over death with our Easter services. This year, we will have an outdoor **Easter Sunrise** service at 7:00 am. We will only move indoors in the case of rain, so bring a blanket if the forecast calls for chilly temps. The **Easter Festival Service** will be held at our regular time at 9:30 am. The youth will once again serve a delicious breakfast in between the two Easter services.

**GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS ORDERS:** The next Scrip order is due to the church office on **Monday, Apr. 14** by 9 am. Scrip cards make great gifts!

**SAVE THE DATE!** We are excited to announce our upcoming Danville Gardens Day Fundraiser on **Apr. 21** from 2:00 to 6:00 pm! This is a fantastic opportunity to support Immanuel Lutheran Preschool while enjoying a wonderful shopping experience at Danville Gardens. Here's how it works—it's easy! Simply bring the flyer (which is in today's bulletin) to Danville Gardens on April 21, shop for your favorite plants, flowers, or gardening supplies, and then hand the flyer to the cashier when you check out. ILS will receive 20% of your total purchase as a donation!



**EASTER BREAKFAST:** We're excited to share that the Youth Group will once again host our annual Easter Breakfast next Sunday! This special tradition is a wonderful time of fellowship as we come together to celebrate the joy of Easter morning. There is no set cost to attend the breakfast, but a freewill offering will be appreciated. All proceeds will go toward the Youth Group's trip to New Orleans this July to attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering.



To help make this event a success, we are also kindly asking for donations to help offset the cost of the meal. If you're able, please consider bringing in items such as bacon, ground sausage, eggs, bread, orange juice, milk, store-bought or fresh-baked breakfast pastries, or any type of fresh fruit. Donations can be dropped off at the church anytime this week, but we ask that all items be brought in by the end of the day Friday. This will allow us time to shop for anything still needed and prepare everything on Saturday. Thank you for your continued support of our youth and this meaningful Easter tradition!

**FOOD DRIVE:** Once again, Thrivent is allowing us to participate in a special food drive, "Better Together: Food Drive 25". Like the drive we participated in 2023, for every food item donated for ILC food pantry, Thrivent Members Network will donate \$1 (up to \$150) to our food pantry. This promotion runs through **Apr. 30**. Please bring in your non-perishable items and place them on the table in the coat room. Thank you for always supporting this community giving project!

**THE LUTHERAN WITNESS** A must-read for Lutherans of all ages! *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 inform and inspire. Subscribe by **May 4** using the envelope in your offering box. The cost is just \$20.65 for the entire year!

**INGATHERING:** Our ingathering is for Safe Families continues through April. At this time, we are asking for Walmart gift cards in varying amounts. These gift cards will go directly to clients in need or to host families to help with food, diapers, etc. Considering ordering them from the church's Scrip fundraiser!

**CAN RECYCLING:** Thank you to everyone who has been participating in our aluminum can recycling program! So far, we've raised about \$80, which helps offset the cost of food for our school lunch program. Don't forget—there's a collection bin right outside the school boiler room door, so keep those cans coming!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported our Capital Fund roofing project over the past year. ***We have hit the halfway point in our fundraising efforts with your help!*** That being said, we still have \$130,000 to raise this year. Please remember this project in your prayers!

**THANK YOU** to our Thrivent Members! We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who generously designated their Choice Dollars to Immanuel! We recently received a deposit of \$4,183, in addition to the \$1,144 received earlier, bringing our total to an incredible \$5,327. Your thoughtful support helps strengthen our ministry and mission, and we are truly grateful for your continued partnership in faith. Thank you for being a blessing to our church!



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

Attendance Sunday (04/06)	109
Communion Attendance	95
Wednesday Attendance (04/09)	32

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:**

Giving Last Week	\$6,013.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,594.00
Checking Account Balance	\$2,788.00
Bills Due This Week	\$6,226.00

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Apr. 14 Aidin Stuhr	18 Denny Hilton
14 Hannah Van Hoveln	18 Kourtney Manno
16 Sue Henk	19 Pastor Yonkers
17 Leslie Stone	

**CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...**

Sunday (13)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	8:30 am	Adult Confirmation
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (14)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (15)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday (16)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
Thursday (17)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	1:00 pm	Quilters
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
Friday (18)	6:30 pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday (19)	9:00 am	Youth Breakfast Setup & Prep
Next Sunday (20)	7:00 am	Easter SONrise Service
	8:00 am	Youth Easter Breakfast
	9:30 am	Easter Festival Service with Communion

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Maundy Thursday, Apr. 17
- Good Friday, Apr. 18
- Resurrection Sunday, Apr. 20
- ILS Easter Break, Apr. 18 & 21
- ILS Danville Gardens Fundraiser, Apr. 21
- LWML CID Convention (at Zion, Lincoln, IL), Apr. 26
- Australian Outback VBS, June 16 – 20
- National Youth Gathering, July 16 – 23