



Immanuel Lutheran Church

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GOD WITH US

April 20, 2025

Serving in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. James Yonkers

Music Director / Organist: Tom Fricke

Elders: Don DeMoss, Kurt Thornsborough, Dean Hull

Ushers: Festival: Team D: Capt. Jerry Kennett

Sunrise: Team F: Capt. Ray Wittmann

Communion: Festival: Dean Hull, Josh Christensen

Sunrise: Allen Julian, Kurt Thornsborough

Lay Reader: Festival: Josh Christensen

Sunrise: Kurt and Debbie Thornsborough

Gospel Reader: Festival: Josh Christensen

Sunrise: Kurt Thornsborough

Videographer: Dwain Dixon

Screens/Audio: Butch Buesing

Acolyte: Festival: Carley Wright

Sunrise: Jamie Yonkers

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 First Reading is Acts 5:12-32 ("We are witnesses to these things"); The Epistle is Revelation 1:4-18 ("I am the first and the last"); and the Gospel is John 20:19-31 (Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas.)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by to the glory of God by the Women's Guild in celebration of this glorious Easter season; and by all who lovingly placed flowers on our altar in memory of loved ones or in joyful celebration of our Risen Savior. We give thanks for these beautiful expressions of faith, remembrance, and resurrection hope. You are welcome to take your Easter flowers home to enjoy after today's Easter Festival Service.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those hospitalized this week: none known.

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Bonnie Lazzell, Kitty Lee, Angie Lucas, Marsha Malivuk, Bev Page, Don Page, Carol Rollins, Bill Russell, and Charlotte Schendel.**

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!*



HAPPY EASTER! We extend a huge thank you to all of you who put in extra time and effort, or shared your talents to make our services special during this Lenten and Easter season! We appreciate you! May the joy of Christ's resurrection live in your heart today and always!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (04/27) "Through Locked Doors" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When Jesus shows up, it's no longer "us vs. them," because Jesus is for everyone, even if everyone is not yet for Jesus. (John 20:19) Tune in any time to hear great sermons any time: www.lutheranhour.org

PLEASE NOTE: The church office is closed on Monday in observance of Easter. If you need to reach the office, please leave a message or send an email and Kim will get back with you as soon as possible. If you are in need of urgent spiritual care, contact Pastor Yonkers on his cell phone at 260-413-8375.

DANVILLE GARDENS DAY IS TOMORROW!

We are excited to announce the ILS Danville Gardens Day Fundraiser is tomorrow, **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!



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!

LADIES: The LWML of Peace Lutheran Church in Thomasboro invites you to a Mother – Daughter Salad Supper on **Apr. 27** at 4 pm. Bring your mother, daughter, sister, best friend, etc. and join us for food, fun, and fellowship. There is no cost to attend, a freewill offering will be collected. Please RSVP to Peace Lutheran Church at 217-643-3265. Come enjoy the salad supper and special guest speaker, Steve Ingram!

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!

VBS IS COMING! Plan now to join us for Vacation Bible School, happening **June 16 – 20!** This year, we're heading Down Under for an **Epic Australian Adventure**—a journey packed with excitement, discovery, and faith-filled fun. Life is an adventure, full of amazing things to see, do, learn, and explore. But we also know that along the way, we'll face challenges and tough decisions. That's why it's so important to have the right guide. At VBS this year, kids will discover how Jesus is our Savior and faithful guide, leading us on the path of truth that brings eternal life. Don't miss out on this faith-filled adventure! Mark your calendars and get ready to explore, learn, and grow with us at VBS 2025! Watch for more details – coming soon!



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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Sunday (04/13)	117
Communion Attendance	92
Maundy Thursday Attendance (04/17)	53
Communed Maundy Thursday	49

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$7,119. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$7,594. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$2,436. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$7,583. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Apr. 22 Rosalie Finet	23 Brittani Phelps
22 Diana Stage	24 Phyllis Schendel
23 Dawn Campbell	25 Linda Borgwald
	25 Amy Roderick

ANNIVERSARIES:

Apr. 20 Dean and Pam Hull	40
Apr. 21 Joshua and Heather Christensen	24
Apr. 21 Tim and Stephanie Crawley	13

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (20)	7:00 am	Easter SONrise Service
	8:00 am	Youth Easter Breakfast
	9:30 am	Easter Festival Service with Communion
Monday (21)	2 – 6 pm	Danville Gardens Fundraiser
Tuesday (22)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday (23)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	11:30 am	ILS Lunch on the Lawn
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
Thursday (24)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:00 am	Newsletter Folders
	1:00 pm	Quilters
Saturday (26)	9:00 am	LWML Convention (at Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln, IL)
Next Sunday (27)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ILS Easter Break, Apr. 18 & 21
- ILS Danville Gardens Fundraiser, Apr. 21
- LWML CID Convention (at Zion, Lincoln, IL), Apr. 26
- ILS PreK Graduation, May 9
- ILS Sunday with PreK Recognition, May 11
- Mother's Day, May 11
- ILS Last Day of School, May 16
- Armed Forces Day, May 17
- Memorial Day & Lutheran Cemetery Service, May 26
- The Ascension of our Lord, May 29
- Australian Outback VBS, June 16 – 20
- National Youth Gathering, July 16 – 23