



Immanuel Lutheran Church

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GOD WITH US

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## 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:** Allen Julian  
**Gospel Reader:** Allen Julian  
**Children's Message:** Jan Mann  
**Videographer:** Dwain Dixon  
**Screens/Audio:** Don DeMoss  
**Acolyte:** Kinley Pratt  
**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.

**TODAY'S THEME:** Believers saturate themselves in fervent prayer and the breaking of bread. Believers empty themselves of possessions, giving belongings to the underprivileged. Suffering is endured, and this is the very nature of Christ. By His wounds, we are healed. He is the one true Shepherd without blemish, fault, or sin. Yet He was unjustly threatened, despised, and condemned. But He is also the One who opens the door, unbars the gates, and welcomes His sheep eternally.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by the Women's Guild in celebration of Good Shepherd Sunday, rejoicing in Christ our Shepherd, who leads and keeps us in His care.

**HOSPITALIZED:** We pray for those hospitalized this week: **Kathy Wakeley.**

**HEMBOUNDED / HEALTH CONCERNS:** We pray for **Carol Rollins, Charlotte Schendel, Billy Schuring, Phyllis Schendel, Diana Stage, and Gary Stuhr.**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** next Sunday (05/03) "**Planning Is Everything**" by Rev. Michael Zeigler. Offer up your plans to God in prayer and see what God does with them. Let your plans become prayers that lead you to praise. (Psalm 146:3) Tune in to hear great sermons any time: [www.lutheranhour.org](http://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.

## ILS WALK FOR EDUCATION

**Support a new way to learn!** Join us for our Walk for Education on **April 30** from 10:00–11:00 am. This special event is an opportunity to invest in the future of our students and how they learn each day. Funds raised will help us implement some of the teaching approaches of Reggio Emilia, an engaging, child-led approach that encourages exploration, creativity, and collaboration. As part of this shift, we are updating our classrooms with new furniture and materials to create calm, thoughtfully designed spaces that support deeper learning and independence.

**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!



**ILS PREK GRADUATION:** Please join us next Sunday, **May 3**, for a special service as we recognize our ILS PreK graduates. During the service, each graduate will receive a special gift, *The Jesus Storybook Bible* along with a coordinating coloring book. You are also invited to attend the ILS Graduation Ceremony on **May 8 at 9 am** in the gym. Let's send off our graduates and their families covered in prayer as they move on to Kindergarten! The last day of school is **May 15**. We would like to thank all of our teachers and staff for a job well done all year long! We would also like to thank the Board of Christian Education for your time and efforts, and all of you, the congregation, for your support of ILS all year long! Please note that because of this celebration, as well as Confirmation on May 17, there will be no Children's Church during May.



**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).

**DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** ILS is excited to host a special Mother's Day Cake Sale. The children will decorate a cake to take home for a one-of-a-kind gift made with love that moms and grandmas will love! We are asking our church family to support this fundraiser so that more of the proceeds can directly benefit the school. **Donations needed:** boxed cake mixes and icing (chocolate, vanilla, or Funfetti), and sprinkles (any color), as well as monetary donations to help cover additional costs like eggs, oil, foil pans, and ribbon. Donations can be brought to church and placed in the box next to the table in the hallway. **Volunteers** are needed in the mornings of **May 4 – 6** to help the kids



decorate their cakes. The cakes will already be iced, but they will add their personal touch with sprinkles, and a cake topper. Please see Kim in the church office if you are willing to help. Thank you for your support!

**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.

**SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE:** We are collecting new twin bedding to support Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), a nonprofit dedicated to building and delivering beds to children in need. Through the work of SHP and local volunteers, many children in our community now have a safe and comfortable place to sleep—something every child deserves. You can help by donating new twin bedding sets, including fitted sheets, flat sheets, pillowcases, comforters or quilts, and pillows. (Please note: items must be new and not holiday themed.) Donations can be brought to church and placed in the coatroom. Thank you for your generosity and for helping provide comfort and care to children in our community.



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

Attendance Last Sunday (04/19)	114
Communion Attendance	98
Attendance Wednesday (04/22)	7

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

Giving Last Week	\$4,648. <sup>00</sup>
Needed Weekly	\$7,570. <sup>00</sup>
Checking Account Balance	\$9,847. <sup>00</sup>
Bills Due This Week	\$8,454. <sup>00</sup>

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- Apr. 29 Joseph Rottmann
- 30 Katie Rouse

**CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...**

Sunday (26)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship
Monday (27)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (28)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday (29)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Worship with Communion
	6:00 pm	Handbells
Thursday (30)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:00 am	Newsletter Assembly
	10:00 am	ILS Walk for Education
Next Sunday (3)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion & ILS Graduation Recognition

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ILS Walk for Education Fundraiser, Apr. 30
- ILS Sunday with PreK Graduation Recognition, May 3
- ILS PreK Graduation, May 8
- Mother's Day, May 10
- ILS Last Day of School, May 15
- Youth Confirmation, May 17
- Pentecost, May 24
- Memorial Day & Lutheran Cemetery Service, May 25
- Trinity Sunday, May 31
- Tropical Trek VBS, June 15 – 19