



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

April 27, 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

**Lay Reader:** Gail and Barb Garner

**Gospel Reader:** Gail Garner

**Children's Message:** Kathy Christensen

**Videographer:** Josh Christensen

**Screens/Audio:** Jamie Yonkers

**Acolyte:** Kinley Pratt

**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 9:1-22 (The conversion of Saul); The Epistle is Revelation 5:1-14 ("Worthy is the Lamb who was slain."); and the Gospel is John 21:1-19 (Jesus appears to the disciples as they fish.)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by to the glory of God by Tom Fricke in loving memory of his father, Hubert Fricke, on what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday; and by all who purchased Easter flowers for the altar in loving memory of loved ones and in honor of the Risen Christ – *may all your remembrances be blessed!*

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

**HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS:** We pray for Phyllis Schendel, Billy Schuring, Diana Stage, Gary Stuhr, Paul Teegarden, Janet Terry, Richard Wahlfeldt, Betty Watts, and Eric Wittmann.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** next Sunday (05/04) "An Old Place, A New Beginning" by Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. God is the Searcher Who will not stop looking for us. In our lonely hiding place, He says, "I knew I would find you here." (John 21:1-19) Tune in any time to hear great sermons 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 glad you're here and hope to see you again!*

**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.

**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 your support!

**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!

**WOMEN'S GUILD:** Ladies, we'd love to have you join us for our next luncheon on Monday, **May 13** at 11:30 am—our final gathering before we break for the summer! It's always a wonderful time of fellowship, laughter, and encouragement. Just bring a dish to share, and we'll take care of everything else. Whether you're a regular or it's your first time, all women of Immanuel are warmly welcome!

**CEMETERY WORK DAY:** Grab your gloves and join us for a morning of light yard work, laughter, and meaningful fellowship as we care for our church cemetery together on **May 10**, starting at 7 am, but feel free to come whenever you can—whether it's for an hour or the whole morning, every bit of help makes a difference! There are plenty of sticks to pick up, and even the little ones can lend a hand. Just bring your yard tools, and a willing spirit!



**ILS SUNDAY:** The last day of school is **May 16**. 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! On **May 11**, ILS children will be here and we'll recognize our PreK grads with a special presentation and gift! Plan now to attend!

**GRADUATION:** It's the time of year when students of all ages are graduating school and college and moving on to the next step in their lives. We'd like to recognize all of our graduates with a special prayer and blessing during the service on **May 25**. Please add your graduate's name to the board in our Narthex, so that we can include them. *Congrats!*

**MEMORIAL DAY** commemorates our United States Service members who have died while on active duty. We'll also remember with grateful hearts all who have served, their families and friends, and our own Immanuel and Trinity Lutheran saints departed. Once again we will gather to honor the fallen at our **Lutheran Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 26** at 9 am along with our friends from Trinity for a service of Word and Prayer.



**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!

**WE NEED YOU!** Do you have ideas on new programs or events? Are you gifted in administration? Do you have amazing computer skills? Are you fantastic at numbers and accounting? These are services much needed in the church that serve the body of Christ by taking care of the logistical needs of the church. Positions that are up for election at our Voter's Meeting on **June 22** are Vice-President, Finance, Stewardship, Missions and Social Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Christian Education. The board *needs* a few new faces with new ideas and a new and objective view of things. Make your voice heard, and serve the Lord in a new way. If you are interested, please see Julie Buesing or Josh Christensen.

**SCRIP CARD ORDERS:** Looking for a thoughtful gift, or just want to make your everyday purchases work for a good cause? Scrip cards are great for birthdays, graduations, confirmations, weddings, holidays, even your weekly grocery run. The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9 am on **May 12**. Here's how it works: you purchase a gift card at face value (for example, a \$100 Meijer card), and the church receives a percentage back (in this case, 3%). You still get the full \$100 to spend—on groceries, gas, prescriptions, or whatever you normally buy—and the church gets a boost at no extra cost to you. Every card you purchase helps support the daily expenses of our church home. Thank you for using this simple and impactful way to give back!

#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Sunday (04/20)	170
Communion Attendance	132
Good Friday Attendance (04/18)	44
Attendance Wednesday (04/23)	

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

Giving Last Week	\$12,927. <sup>00</sup>
Needed Weekly	\$7,594. <sup>00</sup>
Checking Account Balance	\$6,689. <sup>00</sup>
Bills Due This Week	\$7,995. <sup>00</sup>

#### BIRTHDAYS:

Apr. 27 Charlotte Showers	30 Katie Rouse
28 Axel Wireman	May 3 Brayson Pratt
29 Joseph Rottmann	

#### CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (27)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	8:30 am	Adult Confirmation
	9:30 am	Worship
Monday (28)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Wednesday (30)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
Thursday (1)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:00 am	Newsletter Folders
	1:00 pm	Quilters
	6:00 pm	Youth Night
Next Sunday (4)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	8:30 am	Adult Confirmation
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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