



Immanuel Lutheran Church

# IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

April 5, 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

**Communion:** Allen Julian, Don DeMoss

**Lay Reader:** Gail and Barb Garner

**Gospel Reader:** Gail Garner

**Children's Church:** Diana Pratt

**Videographer:** Butch Buesing

**Screens/Audio:** Volunteer needed.

**Acolyte:** Jamie Yonkers

**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 5:29-42 ("They did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus."); the Epistle is 1 Peter 1:3-9 ("He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.") the Holy Gospel is John 20:19-31 (Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas.)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Michelle Moore in loving memory of her mom, Bernice Lane; and by all who lovingly placed flowers on our altar in memory of loved ones or in joyful celebration of our Risen Savior. You may take your flowers home after the service today – *may all your remembrances be blessed!*

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

**HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS:** We pray for **Mike Borgwald, Ruth Burress, Dawn Campbell, Heather Christensen, Nancy Clark, Darlene Collins.**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** next Sunday (04/12) "**Early Adopters**" by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The risen Jesus is the "display model" of what we will be, through faith in Him. (1 Corinthians 15:20) Tune in to hear this and other 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. **Please note that there is no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class today – see you next week!**

**HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!** 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!



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

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** 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.

**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. Updated order blanks are on the table in the hallway. Please see Jo Van Hovel if you would like to try it!

**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 OF IMMANUEL:** The LWML of Peace Lutheran Church in Thomasboro invites you to a Mother – Daughter Salad Supper on **Apr. 19** 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, Heather Wanninger. From the biography on her website: Heather learned the hard way that blessings come from brokenness. She suffered emotional abuse years ago that crushed her spirit and left her constantly questioning if she was good enough, smart enough, capable enough. Her spirit was broken. 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. Whether you were looking for it or not, you found your next hype girl!



**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).

**NEW PHONE SYSTEM BRINGS BIG BENEFITS!**

Immanuel is excited to announce an upgrade to our phone system! We are transitioning from traditional telephone lines to a VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) system, which means our phones will now operate over the internet rather than standard phone lines. This modern system offers several benefits, including improved reliability, enhanced features, and significant cost savings. Installation of the new system will take place on Wednesday, **Apr. 8**. During that time, phone service may be intermittent as Area Wide Technologies installs the new equipment. Our phone numbers will remain the same. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make this important improvement!

**ALTAR FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORS:**

There are many openings on the Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsor signup sheets, posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. The cost is just \$40 per Sunday for flowers, or \$30 per Sunday for bulletins. This is a unique way to celebrate anniversaries, remember your loved ones, or to wish a dear friend a happy birthday!

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to last Sunday's Zora Drews Scholarship Door Offering! We are grateful to share that \$548 was collected. Your support makes a difference by helping offset tuition costs for families who are working hard to keep their children in our school where they are nurtured in both their education and their faith. We appreciate your heart for our students and their families!



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Attendance Last Sunday (03/29)</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>Communion Attendance</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday Attendance (04/02)</b>	<b>51</b>

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

<b>Giving Last Week</b>	<b>\$5,847.00</b>
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$7,570.00</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$818.00</b>
<b>Bills Due This Week</b>	<b>\$8,881.00</b>

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- Apr. 5 Zachary Fischer
- 6 Joshua Christensen
- 6 Kyle Huckstadt
- 7 Stephen Koester
- 8 Deneen Schendel

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- Apr. 5 Aaron and Chelsea Pratt 12

**CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...**

Sunday (5)	9:30 am	<b>Easter Celebration Service With Holy Communion</b>
Monday (6)	10:00 am	<b>Manor Bible Study</b>
Tuesday (7)	9:30 am	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
	2:00 pm	<b>Midwest Food Bank Delivery</b>
Wednesday (8)	8:45 am	<b>ILS Chapel</b>
	5:00 pm	<b>Worship with Communion</b>
Thursday (9)	8:30 am	<b>Food Pantry</b>
	9:00 am	<b>Newsletter Assembly</b>
	9:30 am	<b>Social Ministry Meeting</b>
	6:00 pm	<b>Christian Education Meeting</b>
Next Sunday (12)	8:30 am	<b>Sunday School &amp; Bible Class</b>
	9:30 am	<b>Worship with ILS Kids Singing</b>

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **ILS Sunday with Kids Singing, Apr. 12**
- **ILS El Toro Fundraiser, Apr. 16**
- **ILS Walk for Education Fundraiser**