



Immanuel Lutheran Church

IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

August 24, 2025

Serving in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. James Yonkers

Music Director / Organist: Tom Fricke

Elders: Don D., Dean H., Butch B., Josh S.

Ushers: Team B: Youth, Capt. Josh Christensen

Lay Reader: Nancy Purviance

Gospel Reader: Butch Buesing

Altar Guild: Mary Powell and Kathy Christensen

Counters: Nancy Purviance and Martha Elliott

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 Proverbs 25:2-10 ("Do not put yourself forward."); the Epistle is Hebrews 13:1-17 (Love each other as brothers.); and the Gospel is Luke 14:1-14 ("Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled.")

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those hospitalized this week: **Ruth Roderick.**

WITH SYMPATHY we pray for Scott Huckstadt and family at the death of his wife, Eileen. *May the good Lord comfort all who mourn with the hope of the resurrection of all who believe in Christ Jesus!*

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Marsha Malivuk, Bev Page, Don Page, Charlotte Schendel, Carol Rollins, John Roderick, Linda Pasquale, Bill Russell, and Phyllis Schendel.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (08/17) "**Life Narrows Down**" by Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Life narrows down and crisis comes. There, in the narrow place stands Jesus. (John 1:6-8, 19-28) Tune in: www.lutheranhour.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Immanuel Lutheran School and the church office will be closed on Monday, **Sept. 1** in observance of Labor Day. you are in spiritual need during this time, you may reach Pastor on his cell phone at 260-413-8375.

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 take a moment to 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. You can also reach out to the church office anytime at 217-442-5675. *We're glad you're here!*

CHURCH IN THE PARK: We're so glad you're here this morning! It's a gift to worship together surrounded by God's beautiful creation. After the service, we invite you to stick around and enjoy a picnic lunch! Drinks and tableware provided, and we're grateful to everyone who brought dishes to share. The weather couldn't be better — sunny, mild, and perfect for a morning together. Let's enjoy this day, this community, and the blessings all around us!

thank
you
for
Joining
us!

YOUR CHURCH. YOUR VOICE.

Thank you to everyone who has completed your surveys! For those who haven't yet completed the survey — now's the time! The survey runs through **Aug. 31**, and your input is essential to the future of our church. To access the survey, visit the website on your bulletin insert or scan the QR Code. Paper copies are available on the usher's desk in the narthex. It makes no difference if you have been a churchgoer all your life, or just started coming this week; whether you are a member or guest — we want to hear from everyone. Your responses to the survey will be completely anonymous. It is important that you are honest so that we can have an accurate assessment of where our church is and answer the question, "Where are we...really?" **We're listening to you!** Some have shared that you would have liked space to speak freely. We understand that some of you may have more to share. If you'd like to offer further feedback beyond the survey questions, you're welcome to write them down and submit them in a sealed envelope with *Church Strategy Committee* identified on the front. You can drop it off at the church office or place it in Dwain Dixon's church mailbox.

CHOIR & HANDBELLS will resume practices on Wednesday, **Sept. 3**. Choir will meet from 6:00 – 6:45 pm, with Handbells at from 6:45 – 7:30 pm. If you've ever thought about joining — whether you're experienced or simply curious — we'd love to have you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS will begin **Sept. 7**. While the Adult Bible Class topic of study is still being finalized (watch for more details soon!), please know it will be a welcoming and meaningful time of learning, conversation, and reflection rooted in Scripture. Sunday School will also resume for children age 3 through high school. It's a wonderful opportunity for children and youth to explore the Bible in age-appropriate ways. Come and grow with us!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH & NURSERY will begin on **Sept. 7** and be available on 1st and 3rd Sundays (normally Communion Sundays). During the hymn before the sermon, the acolyte will come down the center aisle and lead the kids to the Chapel or Multi-purpose room for Children's Church (age 4 – grade 3) or the Lounge for Nursery (age 3 and under). They'll return to the sanctuary during the offering, again led by the acolyte. Our hope is that children will benefit from an age-related lesson and activity and parents will be able to focus on the sermon. Parents, if your children are hesitant or fearful, please feel free to join them until they are more comfortable. We are also looking for a few more volunteers, so consider signing up for one Sunday a month.

ILS FALL CARNIVAL: We are excited to host a Welcome Back Fall Carnival on Saturday, **Sept. 13** from 5-7 pm! This is a freewill donation event for both school families and the church. We are looking for volunteers to help our school staff make this an amazing event for all! We are looking for volunteers to help with setup, work games, serve, and bake cakes for a cake walk. There is now a sign-up poster in the Narthex. We hope you'll join us for games, goodies, and good times!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: All women are invited to join us for our Tuesday morning Bible study, beginning **Sept. 16** at 9:30 am. This fall, we'll be diving into *The Women of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream. The study explores the lives of sixteen women from Scripture and the timeless lessons their stories offer for our lives today. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please add your name so we can order a book for you. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Cindy Pasquale. We hope you'll join us for this time of study, conversation, and encouragement in God's Word!

SAVE THE DATE! The Fall Rummage and Bake Sale is scheduled for **Oct. 3 & 4!** You may bring donations for the sale after the Steak Fry and put them on the stage in the gym. The fall rummage sale benefits ILS, and they have chosen to donate the proceeds to the roof fund.

SAVE THE DATE! The Capital Fund will once again host our Annual **Steak Fry** on Saturday, **Sept. 20**, from 4:30 to 6 pm. The menu includes grilled ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, Italian bread, dessert, and drink for \$25. An additional steak is \$10. Tickets will be sold on Sundays after church from **Aug. 17 to Sept. 14** and in the church office during the week. Sign-up sheets for desserts and volunteers will be available Aug. 17 as well. We'll need lots of help with setting up (Sept. 19 at 4:30 pm), during the event, and take down (after church Sept. 21). ***This event has advance ticket sales only – they will not be sold at the door.***



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Sunday (08/17)	86
Communion Attendance	83
Attendance Wednesday (08/20)	7

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$8,023. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$7,594. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$4,390. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$7,395. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Aug. 24	Cassidy McNeese	26	Rosemary Burmeister
24	Jeffrey Toms	27	Roger Huks
25	Kirsten Brown	29	Lynn Back

ANNIVERSARIES:

Aug. 27	Howard and Kay Ohl	59
Aug. 27	Ray and Marie Wittmann	59

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (24)	9:30 am	Worship at Lincoln Park
	10:30 am	Picnic
Monday (25)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Wednesday (27)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Worship with Communion
Thursday (28)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:00 am	Newsletter Folders
Next Sunday (31)	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Zora Drews Door Offering, Aug. 31
- Labor Day, Sept. 1
- LWML Danville Zone Fall Rally, Sept. 9
- ILS Back to School Fall Carnival & Fundraiser, Sept. 13
- Steak Fry, Sept. 20
- First Day of Autumn, Sept. 22
- Fall Rummage and Bake Sale, Oct. 3 & 4
- Christian Education Sunday, Oct. 19