



Immanuel Lutheran Church  
**IMMANUEL LIGHTS**

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**GOD WITH US**  
**December 1, 2024**

**Serving in Worship Today**

**Pastor:** Rev. James Yonkers  
**Music Director / Organist:** Tom Fricke  
**Elders:** Don DeMoss, Kurt Thornsborough, Dean Hull  
**Ushers:** Team F: Capt. Ray Wittmann  
**Lay Reader:** Al Julian  
**Gospel Reader:** Al Julian  
**Children's Church:** Jan Mann  
**Nursery:** Chelsea Pratt, Kirsten Thornsborough  
**Videographer:** Josh Christensen  
**Screens/Audio:** Eli Mann and Jamie Yonkers  
**Acolyte:** Carley Wright  
**Altar Guild:** Rosemary H., Debbie F., Carrie F.  
**Counters:** Mary Powell, Holly Clem

**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 is Malachi 3:1-7 ("Who can endure the day of His coming?"); the Epistle is Philippians 1:2-11 (Discern what is best until the day of Christ.); the Gospel is Luke 3:1-20 (John goes into the country preaching a Baptism of repentance.)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by to the glory of God by Don and Sue DeMoss in celebration of Kim's birthday.

**HOSPITALIZED:** We pray for those hospitalized this week: **Larry Pasquale** and **Jack Taylor**.

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

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** next Sunday (12/08) "**Completely Ordinary Human**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Everyone has a story to tell and yours can be one through which Jesus is working to make the world new again. (Malachi 3:7) Tune in to hear great sermons any time at: [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Today's lesson is: "*The Bible helps us worship.*"

**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!*

**TODAY IS THE 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT!**



Midweek **Advent Services** are at 6:30 pm on the 3 Wednesdays in Advent before Christmas: **Dec. 4, 11 & 18**. Our Advent series is "*The Word Made Flesh*." In this series, we are reminded that Jesus came to us in the flesh and revealed his

divine nature to us in physical elements we find on earth. Week 1: Bread of Life, Week 2: Salt of the Earth, Week 3: Rock of Ages, and Week 4: Light of the World. Join us prior to Service for an **Advent supper**, then come to worship our coming King to prepare for Christmas. **We are looking for supper sponsors!** Call the church office if your group or committee is willing to prepare a light meal. Advent suppers help foster fellowship, and make it convenient to attend Services as we prepare for the Advent – or *Coming* – of Christ!

**THE WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be at Turtle Run on Tuesday, **Dec. 3** at 11:30 am. Please sign up on the hall bulletin board by Sunday, Dec. 1 so we know how much table space to reserve. We will order from their menu. Use the main entrance. Again, all ladies of Immanuel are invited to attend! There is no regular meeting in December.

**COME ONE, COME ALL!** We will **deck the halls** of the church and sanctuary for Christmas on **Dec. 7**, at 9 am. *Many hands make light and joyful work* as we prepare for our Lord's birth this Advent and Christmas season. *Please join us!*



**GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS:** The next Scrip order is due by 9 am on **Dec. 9**. *They make great stocking stuffers!* Updated order blanks are on the table in the hallway. These orders will be ready to pick up **Dec. 15**, in the church office after that, or you can make arrangements with Jo Van Hovel.

**ILS CHRISTMAS SHOPPE:** ILS is looking for donations of inexpensive, new or gently used items for their Christmas Shoppe Fundraiser from **Dec. 9 - 11**. Parents let us know who the gifts are for, and pay just \$2 per item. The children love shopping, beaming with smiles while they learn a valuable lesson in generosity. Family members often find themselves laughing, and sometimes a bit misty-eyed, receiving the special gifts handpicked just for them! They often shop for mom, dad, grandparents, and siblings. Gift ideas include socks, stationary, votive candles, toys, pens, coffee cups, hair accessories, tools, holiday decorations, and ornaments. Please place your donations in the red tote in the coatroom. Thank you!

**COOKIES FOR THE HOMEBOUND:** Christmas is a time that we traditionally remember our homebound or suffering members and friends with cookies. We need bakers as well as delivery people. If you could do either of these, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Bring your delicious cookies to the multipurpose room by 10 am on Thursday, **Dec. 13**. Cookies will be packed and ready for delivery by 12 pm on Thursday or on Friday morning. Thank you!



**THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE** is Sunday, **Dec. 22**. We have been practicing in Sunday school so it is important for those participating to be in attendance. We will also have a special practice to prepare for the service on Saturday, **Dec. 21** from 10 am to noon, with a pizza lunch included.

**THE INGATHERING** is for the VA. Items needed: Oatmeal Cups, Campbell's Chunky Bowls (soup cups with red lids), Dinty Moore canned meals, Men's plain sweatpants and sweatshirts, and long sleeve t-shirts in sizes M – 2XL, and Men's jeans and shoes in any size.

**ILS LUNCH TREES:** Help out the ILS Lunch Program with a Christmas gift of a shelf stable food item. DCFS regulations state that we are no longer able to charge students for their daily lunch. We are asking for your help buying some groceries that we use on a regular basis to help supplement this loss of income. There will be two trees – one in the chapel hallway and one in the school lobby. Take a star tag, purchase the item, and place it under the tree. Coming to the trees soon are wooden Christmas ornaments made by the ILS children. If you would like an ornament, place a donation in the box under the tree and take an ornament!

**2025 ENVELOPES** are coming soon. Please do not use your new envelopes until 2025 as your envelope number may have changed; likewise, do not use leftover 2024 envelopes after Jan. 1. This will help us accurately acknowledge your contributions. If you currently do not have envelopes, but would like to begin using them, please call Kim in the church office. Thanks!

**CAPITAL FUND CHRISTMAS TREE:** This year, there are about 200,000 reasons we are asking you to prayerfully consider making a special Christmas donation to the Capital Fund – we're saving up to replace the school roof. Soon, there will be a Christmas tree in the narthex for year-end gifts to the Capital Fund Drive; it has all blue and silver ornaments. Place your donation in the envelope (next to the tree) and place the completed envelope in the offering plate. We welcome you to keep ornament from the tree to commemorate your donation. The tree will be up through Epiphany, if you'd like to jumpstart your 2025 giving. All donations, large or small, are equally appreciated! Thank you!



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

Attendance Sunday (11/24) **104**

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

Giving Last Week	<b>\$7,873.00</b>
Needed Weekly	<b>\$7,594.00</b>
Checking Account Balance	<b>\$7,952.00</b>
Bills Due This Week	<b>\$7,459.00</b>

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Dec. 3 Olivia Crawley  
5 Kimberly Davis

**CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...**

Sunday (1)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
	5:30 pm	Thanksgiving Potluck
Monday (2)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (3)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	11:30 am	Guild Christmas Party
	5:00 pm	Baton Twirlers in the Gym
Wednesday (4)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Advent Supper
	5:30 pm	Choir
	6:30 pm	Advent Service
Thursday (4)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	6:00 pm	Youth Night
Saturday (7)	9:00 am	Christmas Decorating
Next Sunday (8)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Women's Guild Christmas Party, Dec. 3
- Christmas Decorating, Dec. 7
- ILS Christmas Program, Dec. 19
- First Day of Winter, Dec. 21
- Children's Nativity Service, Dec. 22
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 24
- Christmas Day, Dec. 25
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Zora Draws Door Offering, Dec. 29
- New Year's Eve, Dec. 31