



Immanuel Lutheran Church

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GOD WITH US

December 7, 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 F: Capt. Ray Wittmann

Communion: Josh Christensen, Dean Hull

Lay Reader: Al Julian

Gospel Reader: Al Julian

Children's Church: Kathy Christensen

Videographer: Dwain Dixon

Screens/Audio: Butch Buesing

Acolyte: Jamie Yonkers

Altar Guild: Rosemary H., Debbie F., Carrie F.

Counters: Mary Powell and 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 Reading is Isaiah 35:1-10 (The wilderness will rejoice and blossom.); the Epistle is James 5:7-11 ("Be patient ... until the coming of the Lord."); and the Holy Gospel is Matthew 11:2-15 (Jesus speaks regarding John the Baptist).

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Larry Fredericks in thankfulness for God's gift of peace. As we remember Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, may we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming and share His calming, enduring peace in a troubled world.

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

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for Sharon Glossinger, Myra Greazer, Bob & Caralee Homann, Marian Heideman, Linda Grinestaff, Bonnie Holmes, Carol Johnston, and Charlotte Kennett.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (12/14) "Pictures of Patience" by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Patience can be practiced, tested, strained, and lost. Christians are called to return the patience God in His mercy has shown us, in Christ. (James 5:7-8) Tune in to hear great sermons at: 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+) are preparing for our Christmas Nativity program. Regular attendance is important! Our youth Bible Study (Jr./Sr. high) is studying Paul's letter to the Romans.

HOLY BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be granted on Wednesday, Dec. 10 to **Brynlee Jane Manno**, born January 23, 2020, and **Michael James Manno**, born September 8, 2023, to Brendan and Kourtney Manno. Through Holy Baptism, Brynlee and Michael will become children of God as their sins are washed away in connection with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Their witnesses are Ronda and Michael Goodyear. May God graciously preserve the saving faith given to them through this sacred act of God's grace and cause their faith to grow through the continued use of His Word and Sacraments.



ADVENT IS COMING! Midweek **Advent Services** are at 6:30 pm on the 3 Wednesdays in Advent before Christmas: **Dec. 10 & 17.**

Our Advent series is "Every Heart Prepare." One way we prepare for Christmas is by decorating with evergreens, lights, crèches, and presents. We'll reflect upon these Christmas decorations and how they help us see Christ and prepare for His coming. Join us prior to Service for an Advent supper! This week's supper is sponsored by The Women's Guild. The menu includes soups, sandwiches, dessert, and drinks. Save the date – join us for the Children's Christmas Program on **Dec. 21**; then on **Dec. 24** at 6:30 pm, join us for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.



GIFT (SCRIP) CARD ORDERS: The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9:00 am tomorrow, **Dec. 7**. Updated order blanks are on the table in the chapel hallway. These orders will be available for pickup on **Sunday, Dec. 14**, in the church office after that, or make special arrangements with Jo Van Hoveln.

CHRISTMAS JOY AT ILS: ILS Families are invited to the Christmas Fun Night on Dec. 13 from 4 – 7 pm to enjoy an evening of sugar cookies, hot chocolate, a Christmas movie, and the Christmas Shoppe. We're collecting new or gently used items for the Christmas Shoppe. And be sure to mark your calendars for our **ILS Children's Christmas Program**, held on **Dec. 18** at 6:30 pm. Thank you for helping us make this Christmas season a joyful one for our students and families!

CHRISTMAS COOKIES: At Christmastime, we remember our homebound members as well as those with current health concerns with the gift of Christmas cookies. If you can bake some cookies, help pack cookies, or help deliver, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Cookies will be packed at **10 am on Dec. 15** with delivery afterwards. Baked cookies should be brought to the all-purpose room on Sunday, Dec. 14 or by 10 am on Dec. 15. For more information, contact Rosemary Hilton.



PARISH EDUCATION NEWS: The Children's Christmas service is Sunday, **Dec. 21**. We have begun practicing songs and bells and fitting costumes. If your child would like to be a part of this service, come to Sunday School each Sunday at 8:30 am. We will also have a special practice on Saturday, **Dec. 20** from 10 am – 12:00 pm with a pizza lunch included. We would love to have many children participating, so come join us!!

INGATHERING: Our **ingathering** for November and December is for the VA. Some of the items to donate from their holiday wish list are gift cards (\$5 - \$10 ea.) from DQ, Walmart, Meijer, Starbucks, and Applebee's, Little Debbie Christmas cakes, paintable ceramics, belts in sizes 32 – 42, car or sport t-shirts in sizes XL – 2XL, sports hats, birthday & holiday decorations, and 2 liters of soda. There is a tote in the coatroom for donations.

A MESSAGE FROM JO VAN HOVELN: *"Thank you to everyone who sent me birthday cards, get well wishes, text messages, and especially prayers for my hip replacement surgery."*

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our November Monical's Community Day! Through your support, \$281.73 was raised to benefit our Parish Education Programs.

CALL COMMITTEE: ILS is beginning the process of considering a call for a teacher. If you are interested in serving on the Call Committee, please speak with Kurt Thornsborough. Thank you for your willingness to support this important work.

SHOW YOUR ILS SPIRIT! Looking for a simple, stylish way to show your support for Immanuel Lutheran School? Our ILS logo stickers are now available, and they're only \$5.00 each! These high-quality stickers are perfect for just about anywhere: car windows, laptops, water bottles, notebooks, coolers – wherever you want to display your Immanuel pride. Stop by the church office to get yours today! Pick up one or grab a few for your family – these little logos go a long way in spreading school spirit. Show your pride. Share our mission. Stick with Immanuel!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (11/30)	44
Communion Attendance	34
Attendance Wednesday (12/03)	30

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$1,909. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$7,570. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$1,048. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$8,967. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Dec. 8	Diana Pratt	11	Michael Ferris
10	Ann Seibert	11	Tyler Ammerann
		13	Don Page

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dec. 10 David and Sandra Courson 58

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (7)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (8)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (9)	9:00 am	Circuit Pastor's Conference
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	2:00 pm	Midwest Food Bank Delivery
Wednesday (10)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Advent Supper
	5:30 pm	Choir
	6:30 pm	Advent Service
Thursday (11)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:30 am	Social Ministry Meeting
	6:00 pm	Christian Education Meeting
Saturday (13)	4 – 7 pm	ILS Christmas Fun Night
Next Sunday (14)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ILS Christmas Party, Dec. 13
- Third Sunday in Advent, Dec. 14
- ILS Christmas Program, Dec. 18
- Fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 21
- First Day of Winter, Dec. 21
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 24
- Christmas Day, Dec. 25
- New Year's Eve, Dec. 31