



Immanuel Lutheran Church

IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

February 1, 2026

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 Team

Communion: Don DeMoss, Al Julian

Lay Reader: Al Julian

Gospel Reader: Al Julian

Children's Sermon: Marah Showers

Videographer: Kim Davis

Screens/Audio: RJ Davis

Acolyte: Jamie Yonkers and Owen Price

Altar Guild: Sue DeMoss and Kim Davis

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 is Isaiah 58:3-9a (Your light will break forth like the dawn.); the Epistle is 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 (My message was with a demonstration of the Spirit's power.); the Holy Gospel is Matthew 5:13-20 ("You are the salt of the earth ... the light of the world.")

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Jan Mann, lovingly remembering Wayne on his birthday.

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

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Sandra Courson, Kyla Culotti, Kitty Lee, Rosalie Finet, Janet Gale, Sharon Glossinger, Myra Greazer, Linda Grinestaff, and Bonnie Holmes.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (02/08) "**Type C**" by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In the Bible, the Holy Spirit meets us, gives us the mind of Christ, and leads us back into the world as children of God. (1 Corinthians 2:12) Tune in to hear this and other great sermons: 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+) and our youth Bible Study (Jr./Sr. high) will begin new topics.

WELCOME TO ILS SUNDAY! We are so grateful you are here today as we *make a joyful noise to the Lord* and celebrate God's love through worship, song, and the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran School. Today is ILS Sunday to celebrating LCMS National Lutheran Schools Week (Jan. 25–31), a special time set apart to thank God for the gift of Lutheran education and the mission of nurturing children academically while grounding them firmly in His Word. Our ILS Preschool children are here this morning to help lead us in joyful praise by sharing special songs! After the service, please join us for a reception and enjoy a sweet treat as a thank you for your partnership. A special door offering will be collected today in support of the Zora Drews Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance to families and helps ensure a Christ-centered education remains accessible to all. Ushers will be located near the sanctuary doors as you exit, simply place your gift in the plate if you wish to participate. We thank you for your generosity and for supporting the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran School.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Immanuel Lutheran School invites families, friends, and the community to enjoy an evening of food and fellowship at our Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, **Feb. 12** from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Dinner will include spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. A free will offering will be collected, with proceeds benefiting the ILS lunch program. This event is a wonderful opportunity to gather, enjoy a delicious meal, and support the ministry and mission of ILS. We hope you'll join us as we twirl our forks, share God's blessings, and enjoy a night that's sure to be *pasta-tively* heartwarming!

HUSTLE HOOPS CONCESSIONS: Hustle Hoops game days are here, and we will need helping hands to staff the concessions stand! Volunteers will help serve popcorn, hot dogs, drinks, and more on the following dates: **Feb. 7, 14 & 28, and Mar. 7.** The concessions stand typically opens around 11:00 a.m. and wraps up between 5:00–6:00 p.m. (shifts will be available). A signup sheet is posted now for Feb. 7. We appreciate your willingness to support this effort! The money raised will help support the children's ministry of our Parish Education Committee.



LENT will begin this year with Ash Wednesday on **Feb. 18.** All midweek Lenten services are at 6:30 pm: **Feb. 18 & 25, and Mar. 4, 11, 18 & 25.** **Lent Suppers:** We need you to host a Lenten supper! You do not need to serve on a board to host a supper. Get a couple of friends together and you can choose where to donate the proceeds – Capital Fund, general fund, Zora Drews, food pantry, youth, etc. Call the church office to sign up. Our Lenten theme this year is a series from CPH – “For Us”. The phrase “for us” is more than a familiar refrain—it is a confession of who God is and the love He shows in giving us His Son. It reveals why Christ came: God became one of us, and ultimately gave His life, for our salvation. This understanding lies at the heart of the Reformation and shaped Luther's faith, as he came to see not a distant, condemning God, but one who humbly enters our world for our sake. This theme is beautifully woven into our Lenten hymn, “O Love, How Deep” (LSB 544), which tells the story of God's saving work and echoes the words of the Nicene Creed: “Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven.”

GERMAN DINNER: “A Taste of Deutschland” is returning on **February 21!** This popular German Dinner, co-hosted by the Capital Fund Committee and the Men's Club, will once again feature a delicious meal and live German music. **Tickets are on sale now!** Pick up your tickets before and after church on Sundays, or from the church office during the week. We need volunteers – please consider signing up to help with the setup on Friday at 5 pm, at the event, and with the cleanup and tear down of the tables and chairs after church the next day. Bakers – we need your yummy treats! Desserts do not need to be traditionally German. Signup sheets for the desserts and volunteers will be on the card table next Sunday. Bring your appetite and your friends for a night of Gemütlichkeit and good cheer!



INGATHERING: Our Women's Guild is collecting items for Rose's Food 4 the Children Backpack Program. Items needed: canned Beef Ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs, and pork and beans (all in easy open cans), individual cereal boxes or bowls, juice boxes, instant Oatmeal packages, and individual Fruit Cups. There is a tote in the coatroom for donations. Thank you!

HELP NEEDED: We received two requests for help recently. Please prayerfully consider helping out. There are designated totes in the coatroom for donations.

Phil's Friends Hope Centers are in urgent need of women's blankets to include in care packages that provide warmth and encouragement during treatment and recovery. Blankets may be handmade (knit, crocheted, quilted, or fleece) or store-bought (approximately 50 x 60 inches).

We have also received a request from Safe Families to help a Danville mom with clothing for her children. Needed items include girls' clothing in sizes 5T, 5/6, and 7/8; boys' clothing in sizes 12/14 and 14/16; and 4T/5T Pull-Ups.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (01/25)	22
Attendance Wednesday (01/28)	28
Communed Wednesday	7

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$4,158. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$7,570. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$3,044. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$6,261. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb. 1	Amanda Beauvois	5	Sue Heidle
1	Kelly McCorkle	7	Alexis Julian
3	Chris Purviance		

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (1)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion & ILS Children Singing
Monday (2)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (3)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	2:00 pm	Midwest Food Bank Delivery
Wednesday (4)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
	6:00 pm	Choir
	6:45 pm	Handbells
Thursday (5)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday (7)	11:00 am	Hustle Hoops Concessions
Next Sunday (8)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- LWML Mite Collection Sunday, Feb. 1
- Valentine's Day, Feb. 14
- President's Day (ILS Closed), Feb. 16
- Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18
- A Taste of Deutschland German Dinner, Feb. 21
- Spring Rummage and Bake Sale, Mar. 20 – 21