



Immanuel Lutheran Church

IMMANUEL LIGHTS

GOD WITH US

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Serving in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. James Yonkers

Music Director / Organist: Tom Fricke

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

Ushers: Team B: Youth Team

Lay Reader: Janet Terry

Gospel Reader: Gail Garner

Children's Message: Jo Robinson

Videographer: Dwain Dixon

Screens/Audio: Jan Mann

Acolyte: Kinley Pratt

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 Genesis 12:1-9 (The Lord promises Abraham a great nation and blessing in Canaan.); the Epistle Reading is Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 (As with Abraham, the promise comes by faith.) the Holy Gospel is John 3:1-17 (Nicodemus visits Jesus at night.)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Gail and Barb Garner in celebration of their 22nd Wedding Anniversary.

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

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Billy Schuring, Diana Stage, Gary Stuhr, Richard Wahlfeldt, Paul Teegarden, Janet Terry, and Eric Wittmann.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (03/01) "**The Fifth Act**" by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Through the Bible, God invites us to help Him complete the unfinished drama He's been writing for the world. (1 Corinthians 4:1) Tune in to hear this and other great sermons any time 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+) 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.

LENT: All midweek Lenten services are at 6:30 pm: **Feb. 25, and Mar. 4, 11, 18 & 25.** Our Lenten theme this year, from CPH, is "**For Us.**" This



simple phrase is a powerful confession of God's love—He became one of us and gave His life for our salvation. It reflects the heart of the Reformation, as Luther came to know not a distant God, but One who entered our world for our sake. The theme is beautifully echoed in our Lenten hymn, "*O Love, How Deep*" (LSB

544) and in the words of the Nicene Creed: "Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven."

Lent Suppers: We need you to host a Lenten supper! Call the church office to sign up. This week's sponsor is the Women's Guild. The menu includes soup, sandwiches, chips, salad, and dessert.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are seeking three members of the congregation to serve on the 2026 Nominating Committee alongside board members Kurt Thornsborough and Butch Buesing. The Nominating Committee is responsible for prayerfully identifying and encouraging members to serve in leadership roles that are up for election. This June, the positions to be filled include President, Head Elder, Parish Education, Properties, Evangelism, and Worship. Please consider serving in this important role as we prepare for the year ahead.

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered, made a dessert, and/or came to eat the delicious food for the Taste of Deutschland event. The Men's Club and Capital Fund Committee appreciate all your support. Results will be posted in the Immanuel Lites and the monthly newsletter soon. Leftover food will be available in the multipurpose room after church. Also, please come down the gym to help take down the tables and chairs.

CAMP CILCA: The Act Like Men Woodcutters' Retreat is **Feb. 27 – 28**. Come and enjoy cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God's Word! You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. The study sessions will cover topics relevant to men navigating life in the modern age. To register, visit cilca.org/act-like-men-woodcutters-retreat.

SAVE THE DATE! The Spring Rummage Sale is **March 20 & 21**. It's time for you to clean out your closets, declutter your home, and help Immanuel! We are asking that you wait until **Mar. 12** to bring your donations. After that date, you may place your donations on the stage behind the curtain. Also, please do not bring large TVs, computers, or Christmas trees. All proceeds will benefit the Capital Fund. *Thanks!*

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS! The Thrivent Choice Dollars Deadline is **March 31!** Each year, Thrivent members can designate where your Thrivent Choice Dollars go. Choice Dollars are a free benefit of being a Thrivent member, and they can be used to make great donations to Immanuel Lutheran Church, or any of its special missions or funds. It is all, as the name implies, YOUR choice. Thrivent Choice Dollars can be designated to many other organizations or charities, but we ask that you consider designating Immanuel. If you wish to designate to a specific mission or ministry here (including Immanuel Lutheran School) we can make that happen. Just speak to the church office regarding your Choice Dollars and we will make them work for you!

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!

THANK YOU! We would like to sincerely thank our church family for your generous donations of clothing and pull-ups to support a local mom referred to us through Safe Families. Your quick and compassionate response provided practical help during a challenging time and reminded this mother that she is not alone. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community and for sharing His love in such tangible ways!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (02/15)	98
Communion Attendance	90
Attendance Ash Wednesday (02/18)	69
Ash Wednesday Communion	62

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$4,603.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,570.00
Checking Account Balance	\$7,574.00
Bills Due This Week	\$3,806.00

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb. 22	Sandra Courson	26	David Ammermann
22	Sharron Runyan	26	Caroline Darby
23	Kaitlyn Bailey	26	Debbie Ferris
23	Jessica McDaniel	28	Doris Krueger
25	Brian Kucic		

ANNIVERSARIES:

Feb. 29 Gail and Barb Garner 22

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (22)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship
Monday (23)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (24)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday (25)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Lenten Supper
	5:30 pm	Handbells Practice
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday (26)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:00 am	Newsletters
Saturday (28)	11:00 am	Hustle Hoops Concessions
Next Sunday (1)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ILS Grandparent's Day, Mar. 11
- ILS Spring Break, Mar. 16 – 20
- Spring Rummage and Bake Sale, Mar. 20 – 21
- Palm Sunday, Mar. 29
- Maundy Thursday, Apr. 2
- Good Friday, Apr. 3
- Easter Sunday, Apr. 5

