



Immanuel Lutheran Church

IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

February 8, 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

Lay Reader: Jan Mann

Gospel Reader: Kurt Thornsborough

Children's Message: Diana Pratt

Videographer: Dwain Dixson

Screens/Audio: Volunteer Needed

Acolyte: Eli Mann

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 Exodus 24:8-18 (Moses goes up on Mount Sinai.); the Epistle is 2 Peter 1:16-21 ("We were eyewitnesses of His majesty."); the Holy Gospel is Matthew 17:1-9 (Jesus is transfigured on the mountaintop.)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Larry Fredericks in celebration of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, giving thanks for Christ's revealed glory and the light of God's grace made known to us.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those hospitalized this week: **Kitty Lee.**

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Bob and Caralee Homann, Charlotte Kennett, Sandy Kochvar, Rev. Del Krueger, Bonnie Lazzell, Kitty Lee, Angie Lucas, Marsha Malivuk, Bev Page.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (02/15) "Up and Down the Mountain" by Guest Speaker: Rev. Michael Schutz. Many voices compete for our attention, but above all, listen to the voice of Jesus and hear what He's done for you. Matthew 17:1-9 Tune in to hear this and other 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+) 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.

THANK YOU! The door offering for the Zora Drews Scholarship Fund last Sunday raised \$587.00! The money provides tuition assistance, ensuring that a Christ-centered education remains accessible to all. We thank you for your generosity and for supporting the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran School.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CAROL JOHNSTON: The Women's Bible Study group is collecting memorial donations in memory of Carol Johnston, which will be given on behalf of the group. Carol faithfully participated in and led the Tuesday morning Bible Study for many years. Those who have been part of the study in the past, or anyone who was unable to attend last week's session but would still like to contribute, are invited to contact Kim in the church office for more information.

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!

SCRIP ORDERS are due to the church office on **Monday, Feb. 9**, by 9 am and will be ready for pick up on **Feb. 15**. Scrip cards make great gifts!

LADIES: join us for our next Women's Guild luncheon meeting on Tuesday, **Feb. 10** 11:30 am. Please bring a dish to share, everything else will be provided. All ladies in the congregation are welcome!

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 just \$20 each and 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 4:30 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 are on the card table. Bring your appetite and your friends for a night of Gemütlichkeit and good cheer!

SAVE THE DATE! The Spring Rummage and Bake Sale is scheduled for **March 20 & 21**. Please do not bring any donations until after March 11. Thanks!

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS! The Thrivent Choice Dollars Deadline is **March 31**! Each year, Thrivent members have the opportunity to 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 would consider designating Immanuel Lutheran Church. 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!

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!



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	\$11,957.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,570.00
Checking Account Balance	\$4,251.00
Bills Due This Week	\$7,470.00

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb. 9	Courtney Acree
9	Nicholas Uplinger
10	June Moore
10	Ainsley Pratt

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (8)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship
Monday (9)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (10)	9:30 am	Women’s Bible Study
	11:30 am	Women’s Guild Luncheon Mtg.
	6:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday (11)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
	6:00 pm	Choir
	6:45 pm	Handbells
Thursday (12)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:30 am	Social Ministry Meeting
	4:30 – 6:30 pm	ILS Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday (14)	11:00 am	Hustle Hoops Concessions
Next Sunday (15)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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