



Immanuel Lutheran Church

IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

January 11, 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 A: Capt. Don DeMoss

Lay Reader: Nancy Purviance

Gospel Reader: Butch Buesing

Children's Message: Sue Heidle

Videographer: Kim Davis

Screens/Audio: Dwain Dixon

Acolyte: Owen Price

Altar Guild: Sue DeMoss and Kim Davis

Counters: Jerry and Charlotte Kennett

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 49:1-7 ("I will make You as a light for the nations."); the Epistle is 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (He will keep you strong to the end.); the Gospel is John 1:29-42a ("Behold, the Lamb of God.")

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by to the glory of God are given to the glory of God by the Women's Guild.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those hospitalized this week: **Paul Teegarden.**

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Sandra Kochvar, Rev. Del Krueger, Kitty Lee, Bonnie Lazzell, Angie Lucas, Marsha Malivuk, Bev Page, Don Page, Linda Pasquale, John Roderick, and Carol Rollins.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (01/18) "Outstanding Universal Value" by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Christian faith has the power to make us act better. But that's not the goal. (1 Corinthians 1:18-19) Tune in to hear 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS / BULLETIN SPONSORS: The 2026 Altar Flowers and Bulletin sponsor signup posters are up! Both are great ways to celebrate special occasions and remember loved ones. The cost for altar flowers is just ~~\$40.00~~ per Sunday. You can take your flowers home to enjoy following the service. Checks should be made payable to the Women's Guild and envelopes for this purpose are next to the signup sheet. The cost to sponsor bulletins is just \$30 per week and helps cover the cost of printing. In the bulletin, we'll include personalized art and a note to commemorate your special occasion or honor your loved one. There are typically very few sponsors for either one in January or February, so consider signing up soon!

ALTAR POINSETTIAS: Thank you to all who placed poinsettias at our altar for the celebration of our Lord's Nativity! We appreciate you lending them to beautify our altar for Christmas and we now encourage you to take them home to enjoy! ***Even if you did not purchase one, please consider adopting a plant!***

GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS ORDERS: The next Scrip order is due to the church office on **Monday, Jan. 12** by 9 am. Scrip cards make great gifts. Orders will be available on **Jan. 18.**

WOMEN'S GUILD: Ladies, join us for our **Jan. 13** luncheon meeting at 11:30 am. Just bring a dish to share, everything else will be provided. All ladies in the congregation are welcome!

HONORING A LEGACY OF ATHLETICS: Trinity Lutheran and the former Danville Lutheran Athletic Program invite you to join us as we honor and recognize all former athletes and coaches of Trinity Lutheran and Danville Lutheran School at the boys' varsity basketball game on **Jan. 13**. The game begins at 6:00 pm with recognition taking place at halftime. All former student-athletes who participated in basketball, volleyball, track and field, cross country, baseball, or cheerleading are invited to attend and will receive special recognition. If you are unable to attend the Alumni Recognition, please send the following information to Dan Yagow: your name, school name and team(s), dates of participation, a great moment or memory, and current occupation. His email is dan.yagow@trinityadvancedlearning.org. If you are able to attend, you can share this information at the registration table, or you may still email it in advance, just indicate that you are attending in person. Thank you!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE celebrating Lutheran Schools Week at Immanuel! We are excited to celebrate **LCMS National Lutheran Schools Week** from Jan. 25–31, a special time set aside each year to thank God for the gift of Lutheran education and to highlight the mission of our Lutheran schools – to nurture children academically while grounding them firmly in God's Word. This year's theme, "Make a Joyful Noise," based on Psalm 98:4, reminds us to joyfully praise the Lord for all He is doing through our school, our students, and our families. Our celebration will kick off on **Jan. 25** with **ILS Sunday**, as our school families join us for worship. A special door offering will be collected in support of the Zora Drews Scholarship Fund, helping ensure a Christ-centered education remains accessible to families. Throughout the week, students will enjoy fun dress-up theme days and activities that build school spirit while celebrating learning, faith, and life together.

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Altar Guild plays a vital role in the worship life of Immanuel, faithfully caring for the altar and preparing our church for each service. This behind-the-scenes ministry helps ensure that worship runs smoothly and reverently, allowing the congregation to focus on God's Word and Sacraments. Training is provided, schedules are flexible, and no prior experience is necessary, only a willing heart to serve the Lord and His church. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the church office or see Kathy Christensen.

SAVE THE DATE! "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. We are also planning to expand our Silent Auction this year and invite your help! Donations such as gift cards, themed gift baskets, handmade items, and other unique offerings are greatly appreciated.



PHIL'S FRIENDS WORK DAY: Ladies, the LWML at Calvary in Watseka invites you to a Phil's Friends Work Day on **Jan. 17**, beginning at 9 am. Ladies will gather to color cards, tie fleece blankets, and sew pillowcase dresses. Please see Diana Pratt if you would like to go and/or carpool.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (01/04)	106
Communion Attendance	84
Attendance Wednesday (01/07)	21

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$6,817. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$7,570. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$9,596. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$8,521. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Jan. 11 Marjorie Marx	14 Bonnie Walker
14 Sarah Stuhr	16 Douglas Seymour

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jan. 17 Donald and Susan DeMoss 45

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (11)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship
Monday (12)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (13)	11:30 am	Women's Guild Luncheon Mtg.
Wednesday (14)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
	6:00 pm	Choir
	6:45 pm	Handbells
Thursday (15)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Capital Fund & German Dinner Planning Meeting
Next Sunday (18)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Trinity / DLS Athletics Alumni Recognition, Jan. 13
- MLK, Jr. Day (ILS Closed), Jan. 19
- ILS Sunday with Kids Singing, Jan. 25
- Zora Drews Door Offering, Jan. 25
- National Lutheran Schools Week, Jan. 26 – 30

