



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

January 25, 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:** Gail and Barb Garner

**Gospel Reader:** Gail Garner

**Children's Sermon:** Marah Showers

**Videographer:** Butch Buesing

**Screens/Audio:** Jan Mann

**Acolyte:** Kinley Pratt

**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 Micah 6:1-8 (With what shall I come before the Lord?); the Epistle is 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise.); the Gospel is Matthew 5:1-12 (The Beatitudes).

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by to the glory of God by Charlie and Sharon Crow in joyful celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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

**WITH SYMPATHY** we pray for the family and friends of Carol Johnston, who passed away earlier this week. *May the good Lord comfort all who mourn with the hope of the resurrection of all who believe in Christ Jesus!*

**HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS:** We pray for Mike Borgwald, Ruth Burress, Dawn Campbell, Heather Christensen, Nancy Clark, Darlene Collins.

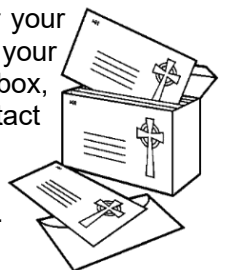
**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** next Sunday (02/01) "Rotten Tomatoes" by Rev. Michael Zeigler. Boasting gone wrong—it's the rotten fruit of rightful praise. It happens when we forget that everything we have is a gift, even the things we think we've earned and deserved. (1 Corinthians 1: 30-31) Tune in to hear this and other great sermons: [www.lutheranhour.org](http://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, kicking off 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. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran School. Throughout the week, our students will enjoy fun dress-up days and activities that celebrate learning, faith, and life together, all to the glory of God!

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** for your 2025 offerings have been distributed in your church mailbox. If you do not have a mailbox, we will mail your statements to you. Contact Kim in the church office if you have any questions regarding your statement, or if you would like to begin using envelopes. *Thank you for your generosity!!*



**HUSTLE HOOPS CONCESSIONS:** Hustle Hoops game days are just around the corner, 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: **Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 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 Jan. 31. We appreciate your willingness to support this effort!

**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!

**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. Although a Silent Auction was mentioned in earlier communications, it will not be held this year. Tickets will go on sale next Sunday! **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!

**LEAF & HOLLY BAZAAR RESULTS:** Many thanks once again to everyone who volunteered, donated to, and/or attended the 2025 Bazaar! 210 lunch tickets were sold – 150 dine in and 60 carry-outs. Many of you gave generously above and beyond the ticket price and through additional cash donations, helping cover the cost of groceries. We are also grateful for three Thrivent Action Team cards and a donation that fully covered the cost of the pork. The booths did well, and after all expenses were paid, the Women's Guild netted a profit of \$7,116.49 to fund their missions and local projects. Thanks again for your generous support!

*Janet Terry and Donna Toms, Co-Chairs*

## FAITHFUL GATHERING IN EVERY SEASON:

The Board recently discussed how worship services are handled during inclement weather and would like to share this guidance. Historically, the cancellation of worship services at Immanuel has been, and will continue to be, a very rare occurrence. If severe weather is forecast and a cancellation must be considered, a decision will be made by 6 am on Sundays and by 3 pm on Wednesdays. Pastor Yonkers will record a message on the church's outgoing voicemail with the final decision to either cancel services or proceed as scheduled. Members and guests may call the church office at 442-5675 after 6:30 am on Sunday morning to hear the most up-to-date information. When weather conditions are poor, but services are not cancelled, we encourage everyone to prioritize safety and use their own judgment when deciding whether to attend. We value gathering together for worship while also caring for one another's well-being.



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (01/18)	97
Communion Attendance	65
Attendance Wednesday (01/21)	24

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$5,940. <sup>00</sup>
Needed Weekly	\$7,570. <sup>00</sup>
Checking Account Balance	\$4,465. <sup>00</sup>
Bills Due This Week	\$6,311. <sup>00</sup>

## BIRTHDAYS:

Jan. 25	Jerry Kennett	29	Heather Christensen
26	Emily McCrone	29	Jaxon Summers
27	Zack Patterson	31	Kirsten Thornsborough
27	Hudson Huckstadt		

## CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (25)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with ILS Kids Singing
Monday (26)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (27)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday (28)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
	6:00 pm	Choir
	6:45 pm	Handbells
Thursday (29)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:00 am	Newsletters
Next Sunday (1)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- National Lutheran Schools Week, Jan. 26 – 30
- 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