



Immanuel Lutheran Church

IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

July 27, 2025

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

Communion: Dwain Dixon, Allen Julian

Lay Reader: Josh Christensen

Gospel Reader: Josh Christensen

Videographer: Butch Buesing

Screens/Audio: Jan Mann

Acolyte: Eli Mann

Altar Guild: Sharon C., Debbie F., Rosemary H.

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 Reading is Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 ("There is nothing better for a person than that he should ... find enjoyment in his toil."); the Epistle is Colossians 3:1-11 ("Seek the things that are above."); and the Gospel is Luke 12:13-21 (Parable of the rich man).

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the glory of God by the Women's Guild with thanksgiving for the true wisdom found in Christ. He is our greatest treasure. All else fades, but His Word endures forever. Soli Deo Gloria!

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

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (08/03) "Proclaim His Glory" by Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer. Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point. (John 5:30-47) Tune in at any time: www.lutheranhour.org.

WELCOME VISITORS! *New around here?* If you're new to Immanuel, we pray you feel the love of Christ and are blessed by our time of worship together today. Please take a moment to 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. You can also reach out to the church office anytime at 217-442-5675. *We're glad you're here!*

HOLY BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be granted on Wednesday, July 30, to **Sydney Ryan Pratt**, born May 10, 2025, to Ryan and Toni Pratt. Through Holy Baptism, Sydney will become a child of God as her sins are washed away in connection with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sydney's sponsors are Carlie Stodgel and Chris Gonzalez. May God graciously preserve the saving faith given to Sydney through this sacred act of God's grace and cause her faith to grow through the continued use of His Word and Sacraments.



FINAL CALL – EXPERIENCE THE ARK: We still have openings on the bus for our day trip to the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY on Sat., **Aug. 23.** We now have a group of about 40 people committed, and there's still room for 15 more. **We're especially excited to share that we've upgraded to a charter bus for transportation!**



This means a much more comfortable ride, with cushioned seats, air conditioning, and plenty of space to relax. The bus is equipped with seatbelts, so you can bring your kids and safely secure car seats. We'll depart from Immanuel early that morning and return the same evening. We'll tour the full-sized replica of Noah's Ark, explore immersive exhibits, and dive into the story of the Great Flood (Genesis 6–8). A group meal at Emzara's Buffet is included in the trip price. The registration form is once again in today's bulletin. **If you'd like to attend, please return your completed form and payment to the basket on the table in the hall, or to the church office no later than Wednesday.** We hope you'll join us!

GOLF OUTING RESULTS: A swinging success! We are thrilled to share the *astounding* results: \$36,900 was raised! Of that, \$26,900 will directly benefit Immanuel Lutheran School, and \$10,000 will go to the church. A very special thank you goes to Butch and Julie Buesing of Schomburg & Schomburg, and all who took part in any way to make this event such a resounding success. We can't wait to build on this momentum and see you all again next year!

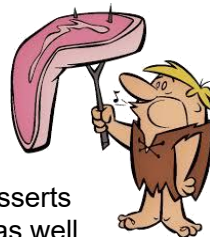
FEELING SWEET? Our amazing teachers pour so much of their own time, and often their own money, into preparing classrooms each year. Now's your chance to sprinkle a little joy in return! Stop by the ILS bulletin board near the coatroom. There are colorful donut cutouts, each one with a small item written on it from a teacher's classroom wish list. If you're feeling sweet, take a donut, purchase the item, and drop it off in the donation bin. We'll be adding more donuts over the next couple of weeks, so check back often! Thank you for your support of our teachers, school, and the incredible kids they serve!

YOUR VOICE MATTERS! Our church will soon be participating in an LCMS revitalization program called Re:Vitality. To make the most of this program, we need your input to know where to start. Beginning **Aug. 10**, we are asking everyone to go online and fill out a survey. It makes no difference if you have been a churchgoer all your life, or whether you just started coming this week; whether you are a member, guest, or regular attendee – **we want to hear from everyone!** Your responses to the survey will be completely anonymous. No one will know your name. And no one here will see any of the individual responses. It is important that you are honest so that we can have an accurate assessment of where our church is and answer the question, "Where are we...really?"

CHURCH IN THE PARK! Join us at the Lincoln Park Pavilion (English & Logan Streets) for Church and a Family Picnic on **Sunday, Aug. 24**. We'll have our service at 9:30 am, then follow with a picnic lunch - bring your favorite picnic dishes to share. Drinks and table service will be provided. Picnic tables are available in the pavilion but feel free to bring lawn chairs for the service as well. We hope you'll join us!

ILS FALL CARNIVAL: We are excited to host a Welcome Back Fall Carnival on Saturday, **Sept. 13** from 5-7 pm! This is a freewill donation event for both school families and the church. We are looking for volunteers to help our school staff make this an amazing event for all! We are looking for help cooking (a hog roast), serving, set up and tearing down, running games and activities (ideas are welcome), and baking cakes to run a cake walk! We'll also need help getting prizes to give to people who win. Contact our director, Rachel Schmidgall in the school office or by email ils.schooldirector@gmail.com if you're interested in this fun opportunity!

SAVE THE DATE! The Capital Fund will once again host our Annual **Steak Fry** on Saturday, **Sept. 20**, from 4:30 to 6 pm. The menu includes grilled ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, Italian bread, dessert, and drink for \$25. An additional steak is \$10. Tickets will be sold on Sundays after church from **Aug. 17 to Sept. 14** and in the church office during the week. Sign-up sheets for desserts and volunteers will be available Aug. 17 as well. We'll need lots of help with setting up (Sept. 19 at 4:30 pm), during the event, and take down (after church Sept. 21). ***This event has advance ticket sales only – they will not be sold at the door.***



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Sunday (07/20)	109
Attendance Wednesday (07/23)	16

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$6,148.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,594.00
Checking Account Balance	\$2,292.00
Bills Due This Week	\$7,681.00

BIRTHDAYS:

July 27 Kitty Lee	29 Blake Brockwell
27 Charles Vollmer	30 Jill Frankel
28 Charlotte Kennett	30 John Heeren
	1 Dan Burmeister

ANNIVERSARIES:

July 27 Larry and Cindy Pasquale	17
Aug. 2 John and Marcy Heeren	45

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (27)	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (28)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Wednesday (30)	5:00 pm	Worship with Communion
Thursday (31)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:00 am	Newsletter Folders
	1:00 pm	Quilters
Next Sunday (3)	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- LWML Mite Collection Sunday, Aug. 3
- ILS First Day of School, Aug. 18
- Ark Encounter Day Trip, Aug. 23
- Worship at the Park and Picnic, Aug. 24
- Zora Drews Door Offering, Aug. 31
- Labor Day, Sept. 1
- ILS Back to School Fall Carnival & Fundraiser, Sept. 13
- Steak Fry, Sept. 20