



Immanuel Lutheran Church

# IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

July 6, 2025

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## Serving in Worship Today

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**Pastor:** Rev. James Yonkers

**Music Director / Organist:** Tom Fricke

**Elders:** Don DeMoss, Kurt Thornsborough, Dean Hull

**Ushers:** Team A: Capt. Don DeMoss

**Communion:** Dean Hull, Kurt Thornsborough

**Lay Reader:** Sue DeMoss

**Gospel Reader:** Josh Christensen

**Videographer:** Dwain Dixon

**Screens/Audio:** Butch Buesing

**Acolyte:** Jamie Yonkers

**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 Genesis 15:17-33 (Abraham asks the Lord to spare Sodom and Gomorrah); the Epistle Reading is Colossians 2:6-19 ("You who were dead in your trespasses ... God made alive together with Him."); and the Gospel is Luke 11:1-13 (The church is taught to pray the Lord's Prayer).

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Mary Powell in loving memory of her mom in celebration of her birthday.

**HOSPITALIZED:** We pray for those hospitalized this week: **Sandy Kochvar, John and Ruth Roderick.**

**HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS:** We pray for **Mike Borgwald, Ruth Burress, Dawn Campbell, Heather Christensen, Nancy Clark, Darlene Collins, Sandra Courson, Kyla Culotti, Rosalie Finet, Janet Gale, and Sharon Glossinger.**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** next Sunday (07/13) "**Fearless and Endless Growing**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. God's Word grows like a perfect garden, bearing fruit in every season. (Colossians 1:1-14) Tune in for great sermons at: [www.lutheranhour.org](http://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!*

**WELCOME!** Today, we pause and celebrate our freedom as a nation and the independence and liberty that we now enjoy. But greater than that, we take a look at the liberty that was made possible through the death of our Savior, Jesus Christ on the Cross. We trust that you will take time today to not only appreciate and pray for this great nation, but that you will also draw nearer to Christ than ever before as we bring Him honor and praises. We also thank all who have served or are serving in the armed forces. You have served and sacrificed in a most honorable vocation so that we might have these gifts of peace, quietness and freedom.



**NOLA BOUND!** Our Immanuel youth are heading to the Big Easy, and they're bringing big faith with them! They're joining over 30,000 teens at the National Youth Gathering for an unforgettable week filled with worship, learning, service, and faith-building. It's a powerful reminder that it's more than okay—it's amazing—to be a teen who follows Jesus! We are so grateful to everyone who made this possible: our supportive congregation, leadership, dedicated youth, generous donors, and even Amtrak for helping us save on travel. You're invited to join us next Sunday, **July 13**, for our National Youth Gathering Commissioning Service. We'll surround our youth and chaperones with prayer, encouragement, and blessing as they set off on this life-changing adventure. They depart on the evening of July 16 and begin their travels with a 17 hour train ride!

**WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS:** We're collecting items to create a fun-filled Ice Cream Basket for Camp CILCA's Homecoming & Auction on **Aug. 2**. Donations of sundae toppings, sprinkles, nuts, cones, scoops, spoons, or gift cards for ice cream are all welcome. Please bring your donations by **July 13**. Thank you!

**TEE OFF FOR A GREAT CAUSE!** The **1st Annual Schomburg & Schomburg Golf Outing** will take place on **Friday, July 18, 2025**, at the Danville Country Club! All proceeds will benefit Immanuel Lutheran School. The day begins with registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. After the round, stick around for prizes, a raffle, and appetizers as we celebrate a great day on the course. The registration deadline is **July 7, 2025**. Flyers and registration forms can be found on the ushers' desk in the narthex or in the church office. For questions, sponsorship details, or more information, call 217-304-0989 or email [events@schomburginc.com](mailto:events@schomburginc.com). We hope you'll join us on the green as we swing in support of Immanuel Lutheran School!



**GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS ORDERS:** The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9 am on **Monday, July 14**. Orders will be available on **July 20**, in the church office after that, or you can make special arrangements with Jo Van Hoveln. Questions? Please see Jo Van Hoveln or Kim Davis.

**EXPERIENCE THE ARK:** Join us for a special day trip to the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY on **Saturday, Aug. 23**! Open to all – ILCD members, ILS families, and friends of every age – this adventure promises faith, fellowship, and fun. We'll depart from Immanuel early in the morning and return that same evening, with transportation provided. Together, 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). We'll also enjoy a delicious group meal at Emzara's Buffet. More details, including cost and schedule, can be found on the flyer included in today's bulletin. Don't miss this unforgettable experience!

**GREETINGS FROM ILS!** 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 some games. Contact Rachel Schmidgall in the school office or email [ils.schooldirector@gmail.com](mailto:ils.schooldirector@gmail.com) if you're interested in this fun opportunity!

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Steak Fry is **Sept. 20**! The menu includes grilled ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, Italian bread, dessert and drink for \$25 (extra steaks are \$10). Please consider helping since we will need lots of volunteers to make this a successful event! Thanks!

**THANK YOU!** The door offering for the Zora Drews Scholarship Fund last Sunday brought in \$484 to help ILS families keep their kids in our school!

**FEELING SWEET?** Our amazing teachers pour so much of their own time, and often their own money, into preparing classrooms for a great school 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 located on the floor next to the board. We'll be adding more donuts over the next couple of weeks, so check back often! There's something for every budget, and no item is too pricey. Thank you for your support of our teachers, school, and the incredible kids they serve!



### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Sunday (06/29)	91
Attendance Wednesday (07/02)	6

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$5,057. <sup>00</sup>
Needed Weekly	\$7,594. <sup>00</sup>
Checking Account Balance	\$518. <sup>00</sup>
Bills Due This Week	\$6,769. <sup>00</sup>

### BIRTHDAYS:

July 7 Rhonda Royce  
10 Ashley Gondzur

### ANNIVERSARIES:

July 8 Pastor and Katie Yonkers 20

### CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (6)	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (7)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (8)	2:00 pm	Midwest Foodbank Delivery
	6:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday (9)	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
Thursday (10)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:30 am	Social Ministry Meeting
	1:00 pm	Quilters
	6:00 pm	Christian Education Meeting
Next Sunday (13)	9:30 am	Worship

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- National Youth Gathering, July 16 – 23
- Schomburg & Schomburg Golf Outing, July 18
- ILS First Day of School, Aug. 18
- ILS Back to School Fall Carnival & Fundraiser, Sept. 13
- Steak Fry, Sept. 20