



Immanuel Lutheran Church
IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

June 7, 2026

Serving in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. James Yonkers

Music Director / Organist: Tom Fricke

Elders: Don D., Dean H., Butch B.

Ushers: Team F: Capt. Ray Wittmann

Communion: Josh Christensen, Dean Hull

Lay Reader: Allen Julian

Gospel Reader: Allen Julian

Videographer: Dwain Dixon

Screens/Audio: Jan Mann

Acolyte: Kendall Wright

Altar Guild: Sharon Crow and Katie Yonkers

Counters: Mary Powell and Holly Clem

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.

TODAY'S THEME: God desires steadfast love and mercy – not sacrifice – as Jesus echoes the prophet Hosea to the Pharisees and reminds us today. Our worship is hollow if we trust our own works and self-righteousness rather than living a life that overflows the love and mercy that God provides to those who follow Him. Our Lord calls us to repentance and promises to heal and bind up those who come with contrite hearts.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Doris Hull in celebration of Dee Ramsay's birthday.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those hospitalized this week: **Beverly Ellgass.**

WITH SYMPATHY we pray for Robin Brown and family at the death of her husband, Michael. *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 **Heather Christensen, Nancy Clark, Rosalie Finet, Sandra Courson, Darlene Collins, and Janet Gale.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (06/14) "**Journey Through Anxiety**" by Rev. Michael Zeigler. Anxiety is like a "Check Engine" light for the soul that leads us to take all our concerns to the Lord in prayer. (Matthew 6:25) Tune in any time: 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!*

INGATHERING: The June ingathering is for the Women's Care Clinic. The following items have been requested: spring and summer outfits for boys and girls in sizes from newborn to 2T; baby hygiene (lotion, soap, diaper rash cream), bottles, diapers and wipes, diaper bags, and infant Tylenol. Thank you!



**Safe Families
for Children**

SAFE FAMILIES VISIT TODAY: One of the many community organizations supported through our Women's Guild ingatherings is Safe Families for Children. Today, we are pleased to welcome Kimberly Cullen, Regional Director for the East Central Illinois chapter. Safe Families for Children is a faith-based ministry that comes alongside families in crisis by connecting them with caring volunteers who offer support, encouragement, resources, and, when needed, temporary care for children. The organization serves families facing a variety of challenges, including medical emergencies, homelessness, financial hardship, and other difficult circumstances. We encourage you to stop by, introduce yourself to Kimberly, and learn more about this important ministry. There are many ways to get involved, including volunteering, donating resources, and praying for the families they serve.

SCRIP ORDERS: Want to make your everyday purchases work for a good cause? The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9 am on **June 8**. Here's how it works: you purchase a gift card at face value (for example, a \$100 Meijer card), and the church receives a percentage back (in this case, 3%). You still get the full \$100 to spend—on groceries, gas, or prescriptions, and the church gets a boost at no extra cost to you. Thank you for using this simple and impactful way to give back!

TROPICAL TREK VBS: Grab your backpack and get ready for an island adventure! VBS is **June 15–19** as we journey through *Tropical Trek – Jesus Comes to Seek and Save!* Children will enjoy Bible lessons, music, crafts, games, snacks, and tropical-themed fun while learning about Jesus' love. Flowers are now available on the VBS display board in the narthex with items needed for VBS. If you would like to help, please take a flower, purchase the listed item, and return it to the church office or place it next to the display. Registration forms are available now at the VBS display. Preregistration is appreciated but not required. Decorating Day is Saturday, **June 13**, and we would love to have many helping hands as we transform the church into a tropical oasis.

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help! We are looking forward to a wonderful week of sharing the love of Jesus with the children!

VOTERS MEETING: Our next congregational Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **June 28** immediately following the service. Items on the agenda include elections, the budget, and an open forum. Positions up for election include President, Head Elder, Properties, Evangelism, Parish Education, and Worship. ***Please stay - your participation is important!!***

LADIES SUMMER FELLOWSHIP: Ladies, mark your calendars for two fun summer outings filled with fellowship, shopping, and delicious food! On **June 30**, we will travel to Hoopeston for shopping and lunch at 112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe. This cozy downtown café is known for its specialty coffees, fresh bakery items, sandwiches, desserts, and welcoming atmosphere. Then on Tuesday, **July 28**, we are planning a trip to Downs for lunch at the charming Kickapoo Tea Room. Located in a beautifully restored church building with stained glass windows, the Tea Room offers a unique dining experience and is well-loved for its homemade meals, desserts, and warm atmosphere. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway so we can make reservations. Thank you!

TEE OFF FOR A GREAT CAUSE! The **2nd Annual Schomburg & Schomburg Golf Outing** will take place on **Friday, July 17, 2026**, at the Danville Country Club, and all proceeds will benefit Immanuel Lutheran School. Enjoy a day of golf, food, prizes, raffles, and fellowship! Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. with a shotgun starting at noon. Team entry is \$600, and sponsorship opportunities are available. Registration and sponsorship forms, along with full event details, can be found on the information table in the Chapel hallway. Registration deadline is July 7. We hope you'll join us on the green as we swing in support of ILS!



EXPERIENCE THE CREATION MUSEUM! Join us on Saturday, **Aug. 29** for a fun and faith-filled day trip to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY. Explore inspiring exhibits like *"Fearfully & Wonderfully Made"* and *"Radiance,"* along with beautiful grounds, the Creation Zoo, and the Stargazer Planetarium. This family-friendly trip includes charter bus transportation. More information and the signup sheet is available on the table in the chapel hallway. Reservations must be made by **July 31**. Make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and write Creation Museum on the memo line. You can place your check in the offering place or drop it off to the church office anytime.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (05/31)	97
Attendance Wednesday (06/03)	14

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$4,040.⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$7,570.⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$2,220.⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$7,469.⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

June 7	Jessica Henn	10	Jean Lackey
7	Emilia Sanchez	10	Scott LaMar
7	Andrew Swisher	10	Joey Wilkinson
8	Victoria Hess	12	Justin Fredericks
8	LuAnn Pasquale	12	Jessie McElhoe

ANNIVERSARIES:

June 7	Scott and Shelley LaMar	40
June 11	Rick and Lynn Beck	49

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (7)	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (8)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (9)	6:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday (10)	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
Thursday (11)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:30 am	Social Ministry Meeting
Friday (12)	4:00 pm	VBS Decorating
Saturday (13)	8:00 am	VBS Decorating
Next Sunday (14)	9:30 am	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- VBS Decorating, **June 12 – 13**
- Flag Day, **June 14**
- Tropical Trek VBS, **June 15 – 19**
- Father's Day, **June 21**
- First Day of Summer, **June 21**
- Congregational Voter's Meeting, **June 28**
- Golf Outing for ILS, **July 17**
- Church in the Park, **Aug. 23**
- Creation Museum Trip, **Aug. 29**