



Immanuel Lutheran Church

# IMMANUEL LIGHTS

GOD WITH US

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## Serving in Worship Today

**Pastor:** Rev. James Yonkers

**Music Director / Organist:** Tom Fricke

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

**Ushers:** Team C: Capt. Kurt Thornsborough

**Communion:** Josh Christensen, Dwain Dixon

**Lay Reader:** Dwain Dixon

**Gospel Reader:** Dwain Dixon

**Children's Church:** Jan Mann

**Videographer:** Volunteer needed

**Screens/Audio:** Volunteer needed

**Acolyte:** Jamie Yonkers

**Altar Guild:** Sharon Crow and Sharron Runyan

**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.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:** The Old Testament is Ezekiel 37:1-14 (The valley of dry bones); the Epistle Reading is Romans 8:1-11 (Through Christ, the law of the Spirit of life sets me free.) the Holy Gospel is John 11:1-53 (After the raising of Lazarus, the Pharisees begin to plot to take Jesus' life.)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Cindy Pasquale in honor of her son, Kevin, as he continues his fight against cancer. Please keep Kevin and the Pasquale family in your prayers.

Next Sunday's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Larry Fredericks.

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

**HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS:** We pray for **Charlotte Kennett, Sandy Kochvar, Del Krueger, Bonnie Lazzell, Angie Lucas, Marsha Malivuk, Bev Page, Don Page, Linda Pasquale, & John Roderick.**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** March lessons focus on "The Bible has God's Poems."

**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+) meet in the youth room at the end of the church hallway, and our youth Bible Study (Jr./Sr. high) meet in the Women's Lounge.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** next Sunday (03/22) "**Meeting You Where You Are**" by Rev. Gregory Manning. Jesus meets you where you are, not where you should have been. (1 Corinthians 9:19-23) Tune in to hear great sermons at: [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).



**LENT:** All midweek Lenten services are at 6:30 pm: **Mar. 18 & 25.** Our Lenten theme this year, from CPH, is "**For Us.**" This simple phrase is a powerful confession of God's love—He became one of us and gave His life for our salvation. It reflects the heart of the Reformation, as Luther came to know not a distant God, but One who entered our world for our sake.

**Lent Suppers:** This week's sponsor is Diana Pratt, volunteers, and the youth group. The menu includes chili spaghetti casserole, soup, ice cream sundaes, and more! The proceeds will help us purchase more chairs for the gym. Thanks to all who offered to help this week! The following Lenten supper, Mar. 25, is sponsored by ILS teachers.

**THE SPRING RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE** is next weekend, **March 20 & 21!** It's time for you to clean out your closets, declutter your home, and help Immanuel! Bring your donations anytime and place them on the stage behind the curtain. Please do not bring large TVs, computers, or Christmas trees. **We need your help today!** After church, we are asking for help setting up the tables for the sale. The ladies will be here each day next week sorting items. All proceeds will benefit the Capital Fund. *Thanks!*

## FROM THE DESK TO SUNSHINE AND REST!

Kim will be out of the office next week on vacation, returning Monday, Mar. 23. Pastor will be in as much as possible, but if you don't have a key, please call ahead in case he's away for a visit or urgent need. **Please note:** There will be no Immanuel Lights in the bulletin or Friday email next week. I am including as much information as I can for the following week, such as anniversaries, birthdays, sponsors, and serving schedules.

### Serving in worship next Sunday, March 22:

**Lay Reader:** Carrie Farrell

**Gospel Reader:** *volunteer needed*

**Children's Message:** Kathy Christensen

**Videographer:** *Volunteer needed*

**Screens/Audio:** Jan Mann

**Acolyte:** Owen Price and Jamie Yonkers

## LAST CHANCE TO GET EASTER FLOWERS!

Celebrate this Easter morning with joy, alleluias, and flowers as we adorn our altar with beautiful blooms!



Plants are just \$15 each and may be given in memory of a loved one or taken home to brighten your own Easter celebrations. Order forms are in your bulletin today and are due by Monday, **Mar. 16**. Proceeds will support our youth group—thank you for helping make Easter morning blossom!

**HOLY WEEK:** During Holy Week, we begin the journey from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, **Mar. 29**, mark the night Christ instituted the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday **Apr. 2**, to the cross of Good Friday **Apr. 3**, to the joy of the empty tomb on Easter morning, **Apr. 5**. The Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are at 6:30 pm, and we will have one Easter Celebration Service at 9:30 am. These services help us reflect on the sacrifice our Savior made to win eternal salvation for us.

**A TASTE OF DEUTSCHLAND RESULTS:** The results of another successful event are in! The profit for this delicious German dinner was \$4,500 which was added to the Capital Fund Drive. The Men's Club and Capital Fund once again thank everyone who contributed to the success of this event in any way – this brings us to our goal for the roof! Weather permitting, Bash Pepper Roofing will return to install the skylights March 27 – 29, bringing this project to completion. We are now researching new projects. If you have any suggestions, please let a committee member know.

**INGATHERING:** The March and April ingathering is for Crosspoint Human Services. Hygiene items needed are toilet paper, baby wipes, facial wipes, body wash, deodorant, shampoo, and conditioner. Food pantry items needed includes pop-top soups, stews, and pastas, pasta noodles, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, instant mashed potatoes, pancake mix & syrup.

**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS!** The Thrivent Choice Dollars Deadline is **March 31!** Each year, Thrivent members can designate where your Thrivent Choice Dollars go. Choice Dollars are a free benefit of being a Thrivent member, and they can be used to make great donations to Immanuel Lutheran Church, or any of its special missions or funds. It is all, as the name implies, YOUR choice. Thrivent Choice Dollars can be designated to many other organizations or charities, but we ask that you consider designating Immanuel. If you wish to designate to a specific mission or ministry here (including Immanuel Lutheran School) we can make that happen. Just speak to the church office regarding your Choice Dollars and we will make them work for you!

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (03/08)	113
Attendance Wednesday (03/11)	43

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$7,366.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,570.00
Checking Account Balance	\$514.00
Bills Due This Week	\$7,911.00

### BIRTHDAYS:

Mar. 16	Angie Lucas	22	Jodi Wright
16	Michelle Moore	25	Sue DeMoss
19	Gina Seymour	25	Carrie Farrell
21	Myles Showers	27	Jessica Lomax
22	Tracie Howie	27	Charlotte Wadsworth

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Mar. 15	Josh and Colleen Gnaden	12
Mar. 17	Cody and Rachel Doggett	8

### CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (15)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (16)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (17)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday (18)	5:00 pm	Lenten Supper
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday (19)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
Friday (20)	4 – 7 pm	Spring Rummage & Bake Sale
Saturday (21)	8a – 12p	Spring Rummage & Bake Sale
Next Sunday (22)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ILS Spring Break, Mar. 16 – 20
- First Day of Spring, Mar. 20
- Spring Rummage and Bake Sale, Mar. 20 – 21
- Palm Sunday, Mar. 29
- Maundy Thursday, Apr. 2
- Good Friday, Apr. 3
- Resurrection Sunday, Apr. 5