



Immanuel Lutheran Church

IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

March 1, 2026

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: Don DeMoss, Dean Hull, Josh S.

Lay Reader: Josh Christensen

Gospel Reader: Josh Christensen

Children's Church: Jan Mann

Videographer: Dwain Dixon

Screens/Audio: Jamie Yonkers

Acolyte: Kinley Pratt

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 Exodus 17:1-7 (The Israelites demand water in the desert); the Epistle Reading is Romans 5:1-8 ("While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.") the Holy Gospel is John 4:5-30, 39-42 (Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well).

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 **Mike Borgwald, Ruth Burress, Dawn Campbell, Heather Christensen, Nancy Clark, Darlene Collins.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (03/08) "**What Was the Price on That?**" by Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. When we couldn't pay the price of our redemption, God did so completely by the life of Jesus. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) Tune in to hear this and other great sermons any time at: www.lutheranhour.org.

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.

LENT: All midweek Lenten services are at 6:30 pm: **Mar. 4, 11, 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. The theme is beautifully

echoed in our Lenten hymn, "*O Love, How Deep*" (LSB 544) and in the words of the Nicene Creed: "Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven." **Lent Suppers:** This week's sponsor is the Board of Christian Education. **We need your help on March 18!** There is no sponsor for this week, so Diana Pratt has graciously offered to organize the dinner, with from you! If you would be willing to make a dish or dessert, or help serve, please see Diana. Thank you!

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS: Join us for our monthly lunch meeting on Tuesday, **March 10** at 11:30 am. Bring a dish to share, everything else is provided. All ladies of the congregation are welcome! Our **ingathering** for March and April will go to Crosspoint Human Services. Please place items in the marked tote in the coat room. 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, and syrup.

EASTER FLOWERS: Celebrate this Easter morning with joy, alleluias, and flowers as we adorn our altar with beautiful blooms! We are now taking orders for lilies and other spring flowers to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter. 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!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins on Sunday, **Mar. 8**. Remember to move your clock ahead one hour Saturday evening, Mar. 7, to **Spring Forward!!**

SCRIP ORDERS: Are you looking for a thoughtful gift, or just 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 Mar. 9 and will be ready for pick up on Mar. 15**. 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, prescriptions, or whatever you normally buy—and the church gets a boost at no extra cost to you!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: We are seeking three members of the congregation to serve on the 2026 Nominating Committee alongside board members Kurt Thornsborough and Butch Buesing. The Nominating Committee is responsible for prayerfully identifying and encouraging members to serve in leadership roles that are up for election. This June, the positions to be filled include President, Head Elder, Parish Education, Properties, Evangelism, and Worship. Consider serving in this important role as we prepare for the year ahead.

SAVE THE DATE! The Spring Rummage Sale is **March 20 & 21**. It's time for you to clean out your closets, declutter your home, and help Immanuel! We are asking that you wait until **Mar. 12** to bring your donations. After that date, you may place your donations on the stage behind the curtain. Also, please do not bring large TVs, computers, or Christmas trees. All proceeds will benefit the Capital Fund. *Thanks!*

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!

FROM THE DESK TO SUNSHINE AND REST!

Kim will be out of the office on vacation **March 16–20**, returning Monday, March 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. Email and message responses may be a little slower than usual. Thank you for your patience as Kim enjoys some well-deserved rest and Florida sunshine before returning refreshed and ready to serve!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (02/22)	96
Attendance Wednesday (02/25)	40

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$5,208.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,570.00
Checking Account Balance	\$1,643.00
Bills Due This Week	\$8,766.00

BIRTHDAYS:

Mar. 1	Lexie Beauvois	4	Butch Buesing
1	Larry Christensen	4	Tyler Farrell
1	Irene Koester	5	Connie Damery
1	Lewis Schmidgall	6	Katie Yonkers

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (1)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (2)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (3)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	2:00 pm	Midwest Food Bank Delivery
	6:30 pm	Capital Fund / German Dinner
		Recap Meeting
Wednesday (4)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Lenten Supper
	5:30 pm	Handbells Practice
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday (5)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday (7)	11:00 am	Hustle Hoops Concessions
Next Sunday (8)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ILS Grandparent's Day, Mar. 11
- 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