



Immanuel Lutheran Church

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GOD WITH US

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## Serving in Worship Today

**Pastor:** Rev. James Yonkers

**Music Director / Organist:** Tom Fricke

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

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

**Lay Reader:** Sue DeMoss

**Gospel Reader:** Kurt Thornsborough

**Children's Message:** Jo Robinson

**Videographer:** Josh Christensen

**Screens/Audio:** Jan Mann

**Acolyte:** Jamie Yonkers

**Altar Guild:** Sharon Crow, 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 Reading is from Isaiah 12:1-6 ("The Lord... has become my salvation."); The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 ("If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation."); and the Gospel is Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (The parable of the prodigal son).



**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by to the glory of God by RJ and Kim Davis in celebration of Sue DeMoss' birthday. Happy birthday, Mom!

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

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

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** next Sunday (03/30) "The Difference Between Anger and Contempt" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God gets angry at sin, but behind that anger, God is love. We believe this only because of Jesus. (John 11:35) Tune in to hear this and other great sermons: [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

**WELCOME VISITORS!** *New around here?* We hope you are blessed today as we worship the Lord together. Please fill out the visitor's information in the red folder at the end of the pew. If you have any questions, feel free to ask an usher (the gentleman just outside of the sanctuary), or contact the church office at 217-442-5675. *We're so glad you're here and hope to see you again!*



**TODAY IS THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT:** All midweek Lenten services are at 6:30 pm on **Mar. 26**, and **Apr. 2 & 9**. Our sermon series is "The Hand of the Lord" and focuses on how He works in various ways to both save and sustain us here in His creation. This is a great series from CPH and it is non-sequential, so even if you've missed services, you won't be lost. We also welcome you to join us for a Lenten supper sponsored each week in the multi-purpose room before the service at 5:00 pm.

**RUMMAGE SALE:** A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Spring Rummage and Bake Sale a success! Your time, donations, and support truly made this event a blessing for our community and the Capital Fund Drive. We invite you to join us in the gym after the service today to take a final look at any items that remain. Anything left will be available for free! We just ask that you kindly stay for a few minutes to help us clean up and get the gym ready for school tomorrow. Your generosity and willingness to serve are appreciated. We are grateful for each of you!

**EASTER FLOWERS:** We are now taking orders for flowers to adorn our altar on Easter. Orders will be taken for lilies, tulips, and hyacinths. The cost is just \$15 per plant. Flowers can be given in memory of someone special to you, for a friend, or to take home for your own Easter celebrations! **Orders are due Monday, Mar. 31. Thanks!**



**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS!** The Thrivent Choice Dollars Deadline is **March 31!** 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 would consider designating Immanuel Lutheran Church.

## SAFE FAMILIES:

- **EXTEND A LOVING AND HELPING HAND:** We have an opportunity to support a mom and her two young children who are currently receiving assistance and guidance through Safe Families. She is eager to bring her children to church (starting later in April), but will need help with transportation to make that possible. Additionally, we would love for someone to sit with her and her children, offering help, and provide a warm, welcoming presence. If you or your family would be willing to assist, please call the church office.
- **INGATHERING:** Our March ingathering is for Safe Families. At this time, we are asking for Walmart gift cards in varying amounts. These gift cards will go directly to clients in need or to host families to help with food, diapers, etc. Considering ordering them from the church's Scrip fundraiser!
- **RESOURCE REQUEST:** Safe Families is working with a family in the Danville area. Her children have been in hosting since December. She lost her husband 5 years ago and suffers from depression. She has entered counseling and has been working to restore her home. Currently she has no furniture. Safe Families has created a wish list on Amazon for her. To find her list, simply go to this web address and if you are inclined to help, you can choose to purchase an item for her that will be sent to her home: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/guest-view/2RPPAXEOEKUSN>

**KYLA'S HEALING JOURNEY:** Here is an update from Jody on Kyla's progress: *"Kyla is healing beautifully and has her stitches out now. We have been to the prosthetist to begin the process of building her prosthetic. This process takes around a month due to insurance approvals and healing to be able to put weight on her incision. We will go back to Washington University in late April for CT scans to continue to monitor for any spread of her cancer, which will be done every 3 months for several years. We want to thank you all again for the love and support you have shown to us. It's amazing to see God's love through you all!"* **Continue to show your support for Kyla:** The Indiana radio station, Mix 105, hear about Kyla's story and is hosting #KylaStrong weekend **March 28 – 30**. You can be part of this special weekend by calling in with words of encouragement that the radio station will air. Let's flood Mix 105 with uplifting messages and show Kyla once again just how much love and support she has from us all. Thank you for continuing to lift Kyla and her family in prayer! To participate, call 317-759-4725 or visit Mix 105's website at [www.mix105indy.com](http://www.mix105indy.com).

**THANK YOU** to everyone who brought a pie or baked goodies for our Pie Day last Sunday, and to all the goodie eaters for purchasing them to enjoy! We only had one pie left! \$337 was given to the Capital Fund Drive.

**FOOD DRIVE:** Once again, Thrivent is allowing us to participate in a special food drive, "Better Together: Food Drive 25". Like the drive we participated in 2023, for every food item donated for ILC food pantry, Thrivent Members Network will donate \$1 (up to \$150) to our food pantry. This promotion runs through **Apr. 30**. Please bring in your non-perishable items and place them on the cart in the coat room. Thank you for always supporting this community giving project!



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Sunday (03/16)	100
Communion Attendance	82
Wednesday Attendance (03/19)	22

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$7,129. <sup>00</sup>
Needed Weekly	\$7,594. <sup>00</sup>
Checking Account Balance	\$1,296. <sup>00</sup>
Bills Due This Week	\$9,086. <sup>00</sup>

## BIRTHDAYS:

Mar. 25 Sue DeMoss	27 Delena Huls
25 Carrie Farrell	27 Jessica Lomax
	27 Charlotte Wadsworth

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Mar. 29 Gary and Sarah Stuhr 57

## CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (23)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	8:30 am	Adult Confirmation
	9:30 am	Worship
Monday (24)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (25)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday (26)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Lent Supper
	5:30 pm	Handbells Practice
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
Thursday (27)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:00 am	Newsletter Folders
Next Sunday (30)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	8:30 am	Adult Confirmation
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion and ILS Children Singing

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ILS Sunday with Children Singing, Mar. 30
- Zora Drews Door Offering, Mar. 30
- LWML CID Spring Gathering, Apr. 5
- Palm Sunday, Apr. 13
- Maundy Thursday, Apr. 17
- Good Friday, Apr. 18
- Resurrection Sunday, Apr. 20
- Australian Outback VBS, June 16 – 20
- National Youth Gathering, July 16 – 23