



Immanuel Lutheran Church

# IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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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:** Carrie Farrell

**Gospel Reader:** Josh Christensen, Dean Hull (as Pilate), Pastor Yonkers (as Jesus), Tom Fricke (as Man), and Gail Garner (as the Centurion)

**Altar Guild:** Sharon C., Juanita R., Sharron R.

**Acolyte:** Carley Wright

**Counters:** Mary Powell and Holly Clem

**Videographer:** Chris Davis

**Screens/Audio:** Zachary Davis

**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.



**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Larry Fredericks.

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

**WITH SYMPATHY** we pray for Sharon Burow and family at the death of her husband, Bill. *May the good Lord comfort all who mourn with the hope of the resurrection of all who believe in Christ Jesus!*

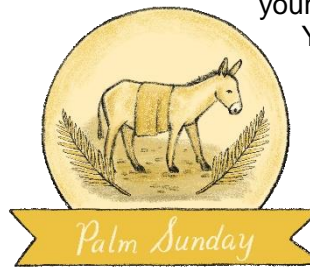
**HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS:** We pray for **Diana Stage, Gary Stuhr, Paul Teegarden, Selma Thompson, Jo Van Hovel, Bob and Kathy Wakeley, Betty Watts, Randy Wilkinson, Eric Wittmann, and Jerry Young.**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** next Sunday (03/31) "**Eucatastrophe**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler The top three best-selling books all present visions of hope, but how they hope to achieve it is a much different story. (Mark 16:6-7) Tune in anytime to hear this and other great sermons anytime at: [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!*

**ADULT BIBLE CLASSES / SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The **Adult Bible Class** is studying *The Lutheran Difference: Worship*. We'll learn about Our Lutheran beliefs, God's Word, and the whole Christian church on earth. The **Young Adult Bible Class:** Each session introduces a contemporary topic, summarizes what science says, and then provides biblical guidance. **Sunday School** is available for children age 3 through high school. Please see Diana Pratt with questions. **PLEASE NOTE: There is no Sunday School or Bible Class next week, Easter Sunday.**

**HOLY WEEK:** Today is Palm Sunday. Pick up your palms as you enter church. You're invited to join us in the Narthex for our Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of the service. On **Mar. 28** at 6:30 pm, we will hold our **Maundy Thursday** service. Come and mark the night Christ instituted the Lord's Supper. We return the next night, **Mar. 29**, for our **Good Friday Service** of darkness, also at 6:30 pm. Join us as we reflect on Jesus' suffering and death to take away our sins. We celebrate with joy Christ's victory over death with our Easter services on **Mar. 31**. Our **Easter Sunrise** service at 7:00 am The **Easter Festival Service** will be held at our regular time at 9:30 am. **BREAKFAST:** The youth will once again serve a delicious breakfast in between the two Easter services. There is no fee for the meal, there will be a basket for free will donations. Join us!



**ZORA DREWS:** Our next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday door offering is next Sunday, **Mar. 31**. You can help fulfill the mission of Immanuel! You can help families who are struggling financially to keep their children in our school. Please support this scholarship fund and keep our school in your prayers! Thank you!

**THANK YOU** again for another successful spring rummage and bake sale. Profit from the rummage sale was \$3,189.86 and will benefit the capital fund. The Capital Fund also thanks everyone who helped with and shopped at the sale. The proceeds will help fund our future project – the school roof. This is a very large project and will take a lot of fundraising efforts. More information to follow soon about this project. The bake sale made \$553.50 for the Women's Guild. We will have a fall sale but please remember we will not take items for the sale until about a month ahead of time.

**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS!** The Thrivent Choice Dollars deadline is coming up on **March 31<sup>st</sup>**! Thrivent Choice Dollars can be designated to many other organizations or charities, but we ask that you would consider making Immanuel your choice! If you wish to designate to a specific mission or ministry here, including the food pantry or school, we can make that happen. For more information, please speak with Dean Hull, or your Thrivent agent. **A big THANK YOU to all who have already designated your dollars to Immanuel! We've received a total of \$2,548!**

**INGATHERING:** March and April ingathering is for The Dwelling Place of Vermilion County, located in the basement of First Presbyterian Church. At the day center, there is access to shower facilities and supplies, laundry facilities and supplies, as well as a day room with the amenities of home. We are collecting personal care items such as shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, and tooth brushes. Also needed are household care items such as shower cleaner, bathroom cleaner, bleach, dish soap, hand soap, Pine Sol, and hand sanitizer. The collection tote for your donations is in the coat room.

**COOKIES ARE COMING!** The Board of Parish Education is once again selling their delicious Icebox cookies and unbaked cookie dough to support our VBS and other Parish Ed Programs. Order forms are in your bulletin today and are due to the church office or Diana Pratt's mailbox by **Apr. 8**. The cost is just \$5 for an unbaked roll of dough or \$6 for 1 dozen baked cookies. Please make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Sunday School. We welcome help in mixing and preparing dough and baking on Friday evening, **Apr. 12** and Saturday morning, **Apr. 13**. If you enjoy baking and fellowship and would like to help, contact Diana Pratt or any Parish Ed member for details. *Thank you!*

**LADIES, YOU'RE INVITED** to attend a bridal shower for deaconess intern Rachel on Sat. **April 27** at 1:30 pm. The shower will be held at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Decatur, IL. Please RSVP to Judy at 620-352-1176 or Kelly at 573-619-4950. See also the invitation posted on the bulletin board by the flower chart.

**A MESSAGE FROM JO VAN HOVELN:** *"Thank you for all the cards, prayers, well wishes, and texts after my surgery. Immanuel truly is a caring congregation."*

**THE LUTHERAN WITNESS** is the official publication of our LCMS. Published 11 times a year—monthly, with a combined June/July issue—*The Lutheran Witness* keeps you updated with news from around the Synod, and addresses topical issues with feature articles, columns, Q&As, and more that will both inform and inspire. If you would like to try it before you buy it, we keep past issues in the church library in the board room. You are welcome to take an issue home to read and return it when you are finished. This is a must-read for Lutherans of all ages! Subscribe by **May 3** using the envelope in your offering box. The cost is just \$20.65 per year (\$1.72 per issue). Checks may be made out to the church. Thanks!



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Attendance Last Sunday (03/17)	99
Communion Attendance	80
Attendance Wednesday (03/20)	27

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:**

Giving Last Week	\$7,217. <sup>00</sup>
Needed Weekly	\$8,006. <sup>00</sup>
Checking Account Balance	\$1,463. <sup>00</sup>
Bills Due This Week	\$6,920. <sup>00</sup>

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Mar. 25 Sue DeMoss	27 Dee Huls
25 Carrie Farrell	27 Jessica Lomax
	30 Cindy Connolly

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Mar. 29 Gary and Sarah Stuhr	56
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**CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...**

Sunday (24)	8:30 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship
Monday (25)	10:00 am	Immanuel Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (26)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday (28)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion
Friday (29)	6:30 pm	Good Friday Service
Next Sunday (31)	7:00 am	Easter SONrise Service with Communion
	8:00 am	Easter Breakfast
	9:30 am	Easter Celebration Service with Communion

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ILS Spring Break, Mar. 25 – Apr. 1
- Maundy Thursday, Mar. 28
- Good Friday, Mar. 29
- Easter Sunday, Mar. 31
- Cookie Orders Due, Apr. 8
- Icebox Cookie Making, Apr. 12 & 13

