



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: Dean Hull, Don DeMoss

Lay Reader: Gail and Barb Garner

Gospel Reader: Gail, Barb, Josh, Tom, Kurt, & Dean

Videographer: Kim Davis

Screens/Audio: RJ Davis

Acolyte: Carley Wright

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 Jeremiah 31:1-6 ("I have loved you with an everlasting love."); the Epistle Reading is Colossians 3:1-4 ("Set your minds on things that are above ... Your life is hidden with Christ in God.") the Holy Gospel is Matthew 28:1-10 (The resurrection of Jesus Christ).

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the Women's Guild in celebration of Palm Sunday. As we remember our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the joyful cries of "Hosanna," these flowers remind us to lift our voices in praise and follow Him in faith throughout Holy Week.

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

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (04/05) "**You Don't Know What You Have Till It's Gone**" by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Death is the enemy of life, but in Jesus, God made death become life's servant. (1 Corinthians 15:26) 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!*

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. **Please note that there is no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class next week.**

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, pasta, pasta noodles, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, instant mashed potatoes, pancake mix & syrup.

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 **Apr. 2** at 6:30 pm, we will hold our **Maunder Thursday** service. Come and mark the night Christ instituted the Lord's Supper. We return the next night, **Apr. 3** for our **Good Friday Service**, 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 Celebration Service on **Apr. 5**. There is only one service at 9:30 am. services. There is no Easter Breakfast.



ZORA DREWS OFFERING TODAY: 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! Ushers will be near the doors as you exit the sanctuary. If you would like to contribute, please place your offering in the plate. Thank you!

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! We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who generously designated their Choice Dollars to Immanuel – since January, we have received \$2,106!

SHARE THE JOY OF EASTER! Just as we fill Easter baskets with treats to bring joy to the children in our lives, the Immanuel Food Pantry is asking for donations to fill Easter dinner boxes for the needy in our community. Items requested include boxed scalloped or mashed potatoes, canned corn or green beans, canned fruit, dinner rolls, and cookies. Please bring your donations by **Apr. 1**. Thank you for helping share the blessings of Easter!

EASTER FLOWERS: Thank you to everyone who supported our Youth Group's Easter Flower fundraiser! For those who ordered flowers to adorn the altar, these beautiful blooms will be placed on the altar for you for our Easter service. If you purchased flowers in memory of a loved one, their names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin as a special remembrance. If you ordered flowers for your personal Easter celebrations, they will be available for pickup at the church on **Apr. 2**. Please come by to collect your flowers and take them home to add to your holiday festivities.

GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS ORDERS: The next Scrip order is due to the church office on Monday, **Apr. 13** by 9 am. Scrip cards make great gifts! Updated order blanks are on the table in the chapel hallway.

ILS EL TORO FUNDRAISER: Mark your calendars for our El Toro Fundraiser on **Apr. 16!** Be sure to take the flyer included in your bulletin, just bring it with you when you dine. Enjoy a great meal, and El Toro will donate 20% of your purchase back to support our school. Thank you for making a difference!

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 Immanuel. The Capital Fund received \$2,856 in sales along with an additional \$1,000 donation from a non-member who goes to our rummage sales regularly for a total of \$3,856! Your generosity and willingness to serve are appreciated. We are grateful for each of you!

NEW PHONE SYSTEM BRINGS BIG BENEFITS!

Immanuel is excited to announce an upgrade to our phone system! We are transitioning from traditional telephone lines to a VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) system, which means our phones will now operate over the internet rather than standard phone lines. This modern system offers several benefits, including improved reliability, enhanced features, and significant cost savings. Installation of the new system will take place on Wednesday, **Apr. 8**. During that time, phone service may be intermittent as Area Wide Technologies installs the new equipment. Our phone numbers will remain the same. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make this important improvement!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (03/22)	96
Attendance Wednesday (03/25)	40

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$5,588.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,570.00
Checking Account Balance	\$977.00
Bills Due This Week	\$8,613.00

BIRTHDAYS:

Mar. 31	Lorel Fitting
Apr. 1	Charlie Crow
4	Mary Ellen Fricke
4	Marcie Kucic
4	Cindy Pasquale

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mar. 29	Gary and Sarah Stuhr	58
Apr. 1	Zach and Bobbi Fischer	3

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (29)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (30)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Wednesday (1)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
Thursday (2)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	5:50 pm	Handbells Practice
	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
Friday (3)	6:30 pm	Good Friday Service
Next Sunday (5)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Easter Celebration Service With Holy Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Maundy Thursday, Apr. 2
- Good Friday, Apr. 3
- Easter, Apr. 5
- ILS Sunday with Kids Singing, Apr. 12
- ILS El Toro Fundraiser, Apr. 16
- ILS Walk for Education Fundraiser