



Immanuel Lutheran Church

IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

March 8, 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

Lay Reader: Sue DeMoss

Gospel Reader: Kurt Thornsborough

Children's Church: Kurt Thornsborough

Videographer: Josh Christensen

Screens/Audio: Don DeMoss

Acolyte: Kendall 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 Isaiah 42:14-21 (I will turn darkness into light.); the Epistle Reading is Ephesians 5:8-14 ("Walk as children of light.") the Holy Gospel is John 9:1-41 (The blind will see and those who see will become blind.)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the Women's Guild.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those hospitalized this week: Sue DeMoss.

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Sandra Courson, Rosalie Finet, Janet Gale, Myra Greazer, Sharon Glossinger, Linda Grinestaff, Bob and Caralee Homann.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (03/15) "**No Command from the Lord**" by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is the only way to God, but there are many adventures with Jesus. Which ones will you pick? (1 Corinthians 7:6-7) Tune in to hear great sermons at: 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.

LENT: All midweek Lenten services are at 6:30 pm: **Mar. 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. **Lent Suppers:** This week's sponsor is the Board of Parish Education. The menu includes BBQ sandwiches, chips, broccoli salad, desserts, and drinks.



SCRIP ORDERS: 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. Thanks to all who continue to support the church with Scrip each month!

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS: Join us for our monthly lunch meeting on Tuesday, **March 10** at 11:30. Please bring a dish to share, everything else is provided. Our **ingathering** is for 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!

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!

LOOKING AHEAD: The warmer weather this week has us dreaming of sunshine and sandy shores! But it's not summer just yet, I'm talking about VBS! We're in the very early stages of planning but be sure to mark your calendars for **June 15–19**. This year's theme is *Tropical Trek – Jesus Comes to Seek and Save!* We'll be transforming our space into a beachy oasis and will need volunteers and help with decorating and gathering supplies. ***Are you a Thrivent member with an Action Team you'd be willing to use to support VBS?*** We'd love to hear from you! Please call Kim in the church office if you would like to help. Thank you for helping us "sea" that many children hear about Jesus this summer!

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.



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 much needed rest and Florida sunshine before returning refreshed and ready to serve!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (03/01)	100
Communion Attendance	88
Attendance Wednesday (03/04)	39

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$8,031. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$7,570. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$759. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$7,519. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Mar. 9	Maverick Patterson	14	Kayla Fleming
11	Zachery McCoy	14	Allen Julian
14	Molly Buesing		

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (8)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship
Tuesday (10)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	11:30 pm	Women's Guild Luncheon Mtg.
	6:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday (11)	9:00 am	ILS Grandparents Day Program
	5:00 pm	Lenten Supper
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday (12)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:30 am	Social Ministry Meeting
	6:00 pm	Christian Education Meeting
Next Sunday (15)	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

