



Immanuel Lutheran Church

IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

May 18, 2025

Serving in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. James Yonkers

Music Director / Organist: Tom Fricke

Elders: Don DeMoss, Kurt Thornsborough, Dean Hull

Ushers: Team E: Capt. Denny Hilton

Communion: Dean Hull, Allen Julian

Lay Reader: Carrie Farrell

Gospel Reader: Kurt Thornsborough

Children's Church: Jan Mann

Nursery: Chelsea Pratt, Kirsten Thornsborough

Videographer: Dwain Dixon

Screens/Audio: Josh Christensen

Acolyte: Kendall Wright

Altar Guild: Carrie Farrell, Eileen Huckstadt

Counters: Nancy Purviance, Martha Elliott

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 First Reading is Acts 16:9-15 (Paul travels to Macedonia and meets Lydia); The Epistle is Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 (The glory of the new Jerusalem); and the Gospel is John 16:23-33 ("I am leaving the world and going to the Father.")

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by to the glory of God by Mary Powell in honor of May family birthdays.

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

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Carol Johnston, Charlotte Kennett, Earl Lackey, Rev. Del Krueger, Bonnie Lazzell, Kitty Lee, Angie Lucas, Marsha Malivuk, Bevely Page, and Don Page.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (05/25) "What's Your Story?" by Rev. Gregory Manning. Our difficulties often become the backdrop against which God reveals His faithfulness. Each challenge is an opportunity for Him to display His power. (John 9:1-11) Tune in for great sermons: www.lutheranhour.org.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Today's lesson is: "Jesus, our Good Shepherd."

WELCOME VISITORS! *New around here?* If you're new to Immanuel, we pray you feel the love of Christ and are blessed by our time of worship together today. Please take a moment to 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. You can also reach out to the church office anytime at 217-442-5675. *We're glad you're here!*

INGATHERING: The ingathering for May and June is for the Humane Society. Most needed items at this time are dog and cat food, dog and cat treats, and cat litter. Thanks for helping our furry friends!

A TIME FOR GRATITUDE: Today, we give thanks to all who have served or are currently serving in our nation's Armed Forces. These brave men and women sacrifice comfort and safety to protect our freedoms. On this Armed Forces Day, we honor their courage and commitment as we lift them in prayer, and may we continue to show our support through words, prayers, and acts of appreciation not just today, but every day.

CONGRATS GRADS! It's the time of year when students of all ages are graduating school and college and moving on to the next step in their lives. We'd like to recognize all of our graduates with a special prayer and blessing during the service on **May 25**. Please add your graduate's name to the board in our Narthex.

MEMORIAL DAY commemorates our United States Service members who have died while on active duty. We'll also remember with grateful hearts all who have served, their families and friends, and our own Immanuel and Trinity Lutheran saints departed. Once again we will gather to honor the fallen at our **Lutheran Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 26** at 9 am along with our friends from Trinity for a service of Word and Prayer. To all those who courageously gave their lives, and to those who have fought or are still fighting today, to you, we say *thank you*. We don't know who all of you are, but we are grateful for each and every one of you. *"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."* (John 15:13).



VBS IS COMING! Plan now to join us for Vacation Bible School, happening **June 16 – 20!** We're heading Down Under for an **Epic Australian Adventure!** Life is



an adventure, full of amazing things to see, do, learn, and explore. But we also know that along the way, we'll face challenges and tough decisions. That's why it's so important to have the right guide. Kids will discover how Jesus is our Savior and faithful guide, leading us on the path of

truth that brings eternal life. Get ready to explore, learn, and grow with us at VBS 2025! **Volunteers are needed!** VBS decorating day is **June 14**, any help that day would be greatly appreciated! Session leaders are needed for opening and closing, music, storytelling, Bible challenge, crafts, and snacks. There is a poster and signup sheets located on the wall across from the church office. You'll also find registration forms there, available now! Pick up several and invite some friends! Pre-registration is not required, but appreciated to help us prepare. Thrivent members, if you have any **Thrivent Action Teams** you would be willing to use to help us purchase items needed for VBS week, please see Sue DeMoss. Thank you!

SUMMER CAMP ENROLLMENT IS OPEN! We are excited to invite PreK age children (3-6 years old and potty trained) to join us for Summer Camp at ILS, running from **June 2 through July 31**. Our summer camp is packed with fun activities designed to keep little ones active, engaged, and smiling all summer long. To learn more or enroll, please contact the school office by phone at 217-442-5036 or you can email Mrs. S., our ILS Director, at ils.schooldirector@gmail.com. *We can't wait to welcome your little ones!*

TEE OFF FOR A GREAT CAUSE! The **1st Annual Schomburg & Schomburg Golf Outing** will take place on **Friday, July 18, 2025**, at the Danville Country Club, and all proceeds will benefit Immanuel Lutheran School. This exciting event promises a day of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition — all for a meaningful cause. The day begins with registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. After the round, stick around for prizes, a raffle, and appetizers as we celebrate a great day on the course. The investment is \$500/team. Businesses are also invited to support the event through sponsorship opportunities, helping to make this fundraiser a success while gaining valuable exposure and showing their support for Christian education. The registration deadline is **July 7, 2025**. Flyers and registration forms can be found on the ushers' desk in the narthex or in the church office. For questions, sponsorship details, or more information, call 217-304-0989 or email events@schomburginc.com. We hope you'll join us on the green as we swing in support of Immanuel Lutheran School!



CAPITAL FUND: We have received confirmation from the Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation that we have been awarded a \$50,000 grant towards the roofing project! That leaves a fundraising balance of about \$77,000 to be able to start the project early next spring. Thank you to all who have contributed. Please keep this project in your prayers!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Sunday (05/11)	103
Attendance Wednesday (05/14)	9

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$8,344. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$7,594. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$1,982. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$8,012. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

May 19	Quentin Alblinger	20	Jakob Toms
20	Jennifer Fitting	20	Jenna Shutes
20	Rosemary Hilton	23	Carol Johnston
20	Janet Terry	23	Ronald Van Camp
		24	Ray Wittmann

ANNIVERSARIES:

May 19	Jeff and Melanie Toms	35
May 20	Michael and Amanda Beauvois	19
May 21	David and Tina Ammermann	37
May 22	Chad and Jodi Wright	26

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (18)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (19)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Strategy Committee Meeting
Tuesday (20)	6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday (21)	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Cleaning in MP Room)
Thursday (22)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	1:00 pm	Quilters
Next Sunday (25)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Memorial Day & Lutheran Cemetery Service, May 26
- The Ascension of our Lord, May 29
- Pentecost, June 8
- Trinity Sunday, June 15
- Father's Day, June 15
- Australian Outback VBS, June 16 – 20
- Voter's Meeting, June 22
- 5th Sunday Zora Drews Door Offering, June 29
- National Youth Gathering, July 16 – 23