



Immanuel Lutheran Church

IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

November 16, 2025

Serving in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. James Yonkers

Music Director / Organist: Tom Fricke

Elders: Don D., Dean H., Butch B., Josh S.

Ushers: Team E: Capt. Denny Hilton

Communion: Dwain Dixon, Dean Hull

Lay Reader: Sue DeMoss

Gospel Reader: Allen Julian

Children's Church: Diana Pratt

Videographer: Butch Buesing

Screens/Audio: Jamie Yonkers

Acolyte: volunteer needed

Altar Guild: Mary Powell and Juanita Rottmann

Counters: Nancy Purviance and 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 Old Testament Reading is Malachi 3:13-18 ("Once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked"); the Epistle is Colossians 1:13-20 ("He is before all things."); and the Holy Gospel is Luke 23:27-43 ("If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.")

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Larry Fredericks in thanksgiving for God's presence and work among us here at Immanuel.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those hospitalized this week: **Jan Mann.**

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Earl Lackey, Bonnie Lazzell, Kitty Lee, Marsha Malivuk, Angie Lucas, Bev Page, Don Page, Linda Pasquale, John Roderick, and Carol Rollins.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (11/23) "**An Unlikely King**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies. Christ is the King of an unlikely kingdom. Dr. Lakies describes that kingdom's seemingly upside-down, illogical logic. (Philippians 2:5-11) Tune in any time to hear great sermons: 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. You can also reach out to the church office at 217-442-5675. *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+) are preparing for our Christmas program. Regular attendance is important as we practice bells, songs, readings, and fit costumes. Our youth Bible Study (Jr./Sr. high) is studying Paul's letter to the Romans.

TRUSTING GOD'S PROVISION: Thank you for once again stepping up in a time of need! Through your generosity, a little over half of our maintenance and repair costs have already been funded - **praise God!** There is still a remaining need as Immanuel continues to face these unexpected maintenance expenses, totaling close to \$20,000. We ask each of you to prayerfully consider your finances and, if led, to give a little extra to help us meet these obligations. Your generosity and faithfulness are a true blessing to Immanuel!

INGATHERING: Our **ingathering** for November and December is for the VA. Some of the items to donate from their holiday wish list are gift cards (\$5 - \$10 ea.) from DQ, Walmart, Meijer, Starbucks, and Applebee's, Little Debbie Christmas cakes, paintable ceramics, belts in sizes 32 – 42, car or sport t-shirts in sizes XL – 2XL, sports hats, birthday & holiday decorations, and 2 liters of soda. There is a tote in the coatroom for donations.

POINSETTIAS: Now is the time to order your beautiful poinsettias! Place them at Immanuel's altar in memory of loved ones and order some for your personal decorations! The cost is just \$15. All orders are due by Mon. **Nov. 24.** Fill out the order form and return it with payment to the basket on the hall table or in the offering. Please make check payable to Immanuel Lutheran School. Thank you for your support!



THANKSGIVING

FOOD OFFERING: We will once again have the opportunity share our blessings in a **food offering**. On **Nov. 23**, please bring items such as canned yams, instant mashed potatoes, gravy (jars or packet mixes), boxed stuffing mix, jellied cranberry, canned green beans or corn, cookies, or any other non-perishable donations. Monetary donations and Thrivent Action Teams are also greatly appreciated! These items, along with ham and rolls provided by the food pantry, will be distributed through our Food Pantry in thanksgiving to God for the blessings we so richly receive!

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK: Thanksgiving is a time to spend with family... with our church family, too. That's why we're once again having our Immanuel Thanksgiving Potluck. On **Nov. 23 at 5:00 pm**, show up at the gym with a side dish and/or dessert and be ready to gobble, gobble, gobble! But please come even if you're not able to bring anything, all are welcome! The turkey, ham and mashed potatoes will be provided. Please consider donating a turkey or money to buy one. For details or to offer up volunteer time or a turkey, contact: Tom (ph: 217-474-2457 / email: tomfricke@hotmail.com) or Mary Ellen (phone: 217-497-7196 / email: maryellenfricke@gmail.com).

SERVICE: Plan to join us on Wednesday, **Nov. 26** at 6:30 pm for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion. We have so much to be thankful for, and it's good to come together with one another to praise our Lord and thank Him for all His blessings. Take a break from those Thanksgiving dinner preparations to come to church to say, *"Now Thank We All Our God."*

HELP A LOCAL FAMILY IN NEED: Safe Families is currently working with a mother of six children in our area who is facing a difficult month with the reduction in her food assistance benefits and is in need of diapers (size 3) and baby wipes. If you would like to contribute, please bring your donations to church and place them in the coat room. Thank you for sharing God's love in such a tangible way and supporting a family in need within our community!

GLORYWAY CONCERT – NOV. 23! It's the day of our congregational Thanksgiving Potluck, and this year we have something extra special planned. After sharing a meal together (beginning at 5:00 pm), we'll be blessed with a concert by GloryWay! This free and open to the public concert begins at 6:30 pm. GloryWay faithfully presents the love of God to their audience by skillfully weaving together laughter, encouragement and soul-stirring ministry. They embrace every opportunity to share their ministry and have committed themselves to ensuring that each performance leaves their audience delighted, encouraged and inspired. To listen to their music or for more information, visit glorywaymusic.com.

CHRISTMAS AT ILS: This year, we're excited to host a special Saturday Christmas event on **Dec. 13**. Families are invited to come enjoy an evening of Christmas fun featuring sugar cookie decorating, a Christmas movie, hot chocolate, and the Christmas Shoppe. We're also looking for someone jolly enough to fill Santa's boots that day! If you or someone you know would make a great Santa, please let us know. The Christmas Shoppe gives our students the joy of picking out small, affordable gifts for family and friends, and we need your help to make it a success. We're collecting new or gently used items suitable for all ages. Gifts for moms, dads, grandparents, and siblings. Gift bags and tissue paper are also appreciated. There is a red tote in the coatroom for donations. Thank you for helping us make this Christmas season a joyful one for our students and families!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (11/09)	116
Attendance Wednesday (11/12)	15

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$12,249. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$7,594. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$10,545. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$11,274. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov. 16	Paul Teegarden	19	Ann Broderick
17	Benjamin Hunt	19	Jasper Davis
17	Brooklynn Hunt	20	Richard Davis
17	Janice Mann	20	Andrew Seibert
17	Bob Wakeley	22	Jo Van Hoveln
18	Joshua Gnaden		

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (16)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
	6:00 pm	Youth Night
Tuesday (18)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday (19)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
	6:00 pm	Adult Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	Choir
	6:45 pm	Handbells
Thursday (20)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
Next Sunday (23)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Food Offering
	5:00 pm	Thanksgiving Potluck
	6:30 pm	GloryWay Concert

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 23
- Thanksgiving Food Offering, Nov. 23
- Thanksgiving Potluck & GloryWay Concert, Nov. 23
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Nov. 26
- Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27
- Advent Begins, Nov. 30
- Zora Drews Scholarship Door Offering, Nov. 30

