



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 DeMoss, Kurt Thornsborough, Dean Hull

Ushers: Team E: Cpt. Denny Hilton

Communion: Allen Julian, Kurt Thornsborough

Lay Reader: Gail and Barb Garner

Gospel Reader: Gail Garner

Altar Guild: Mary Powell, Tina Ammermann

Acolyte: Jamie Yonkers

Counters: Nancy Purviance, Martha Elliott

Audio/Visual: Dwain Dixson, Butch Buesing

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 Zephaniah 1:7-16 (The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast); the Epistle Reading is 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.); the Holy Gospel is Matthew 25:14-30 (The parable of the talents).

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

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

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Billy Schuring, Diana Stage, Gary Stuhr, Randy Wilkinson, Paul Teegarden, Bob & Kathy Wakeley, Betty Watts, Eric Wittmann, and Jerry Young.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (11/26) "**Loving Mercy**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. Will those who do good things be saved? Or, will those who are saved...do good things? Those who love Christ also love showing mercy to others. (Matthew 25:34-40) Tune in anytime: www.lutheranhour.org

INGATHERING: Help out the Men's Rescue Mission! They are asking for donations of travel size toiletries, bar soap, and disposable razors. The collection tote for these items is located in the coat room. Thanks!

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!*

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES: The **Adult Bible Class** is using a great Bible study from CPH called *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** is diving into a study about faith and science. Each session introduces a contemporary topic, summarizes what science says, and then provides biblical guidance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: is available for children of all ages, from age 3 through high school. The children play bells in church on **Nov. 26**. The Children's Christmas Program is on **Dec. 17**. We'll practice during Sunday School on Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, & 17. We hope your children can participate in these upcoming services! Please talk to Diana Pratt with any questions.

THANKSGIVING: 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**. Please join us in the gym at 5:30 pm tonight 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. Worship with us! Plan to join us for our **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion** on Wednesday, **Nov. 22** at 6:30 pm. 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.**"



POINSETTIAS: Now is the time to order your beautiful Poinsettias! The cost is just \$15. All orders are due by **Nov. 27**. Please make your checks payable to: Immanuel Lutheran School. Please place your orders in the basket on the usher's desk. Thank you for your support!

ST. JOHN'S HYMN FEST: You're invited to a hymn fest that is semi-themed for All Saints' Day **tonight** at 4 pm in the sanctuary of St. John Lutheran, Champaign. The organ and several instrumentalists will provide music along with our hand bell and singing choirs. Congregational singing is also a part of this program.

OFFICE HOURS: Pastor, Kim, and Rachel are out of the office next week, **Nov. 23 & 24**. If you need to contact the church office, please call and leave a voicemail or send an email. If you are in urgent need of spiritual care, please contact Pastor Yonkers on his cell phone at 260-413-8375. *Thanks for your patience!*

LADIES ART NIGHT is Thursday, **Nov. 30** from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Danville Art League. The cost is \$15 per person (however, if you would like to come, but are unable to pay, please speak with Diana Pratt). Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please put your payment in Diana's mailbox, or drop it off in the church office. Checks should be made payable to Immanuel Women's Guild. We hope you will join us!

COME ONE, COME ALL! We will *deck the halls* of the church and sanctuary for Christmas on **Dec. 2**, at 9 am. *Many hands make light and joyful work* as we prepare for our Lord's birth this Advent and Christmas season. *Please join us!*

ADVENT IS COMING! Advent is the Church's season to prepare for the celebration of Christ's first coming (Christmas); and to prepare for His Second Coming (Judgment Day); as well as His coming into our hearts (now)! Midweek **Advent Services** are at 7:00 pm on the 3 Wednesdays in Advent before Christmas: **Dec. 6, 13 & 20**. Join us prior to Service for an



Advent supper, then come to worship our coming King to prepare for Christmas. **We are looking for supper sponsors!** Call the church office if your group or committee is willing to prepare a light meal. Advent suppers help foster fellowship, and make it convenient to attend Services as we prepare for the Advent – or *Coming* – of Christ!

SAVE THE DATE! Our next youth night is Thursday, **Dec. 7**. We're going bowling! Watch future Immanuel Lights for more details – coming soon!

THANK YOU! Nov. 14th was a beautiful day to attend our holiday event. The Women's Guild would like to thank all bazaar helpers... Donna Toms and Scott Huckstadt for the excellent meal, Ray Wittmann for early morning coffee, and many others, too numerous to list. We have a wonderful group to work with! Thank you to all our dedicated members, whether you purchased, sold tickets, helped set up, worked in a booth, baked desserts, helped prepare and serve food, or made a monetary donation. Your talents are appreciated!!

THANK YOU! We are overwhelmed by all of the donations that came in for our Thanksgiving Food Offering. Your generosity means everything to us and the community we serve. We thank every one of you that participated in this event, and truly wish for the upcoming holiday to be filled with blessings for all of you!



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Attendance Last Sunday (11/12)	102
Attendance Wednesday (11/15)	10

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$8,117.00
Needed Weekly	\$8,386.00
Checking Account Balance	\$1,952.00
Bills Due This Week	\$8,424.00

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov. 19 Ann Broderick	20 Andrew Seibert
19 Jasper Davis	22 Jo Van Hoveln
20 Richard Davis	23 Randy Wilkinson
	25 Anthony LaMar

ANNIVERSARIES:

Nov. 25 Jerry & Charlotte Kennett	56
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CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (19)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
	5:30 pm	Thanksgiving Potluck
Monday (20)	5:00 pm	ILS Fall Fest
Tuesday (21)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday (22)	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Communion
Next Sunday (26)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ILS Fall Fest, Nov. 20
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Nov. 22
- Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23
- Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 26
- Christmas Decorating, Dec. 2
- Advent Begins, Dec. 3
- Children's Christmas Program, Dec. 17
- 1st Day of Winter, Dec. 21
- Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
- Christmas Day, Dec. 25

