



Immanuel Lutheran Church

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GOD WITH US

November 23, 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

Lay Reader: Dwain Dixon

Gospel Reader: Dwain Dixon

Children's Message: Kathy Christensen

Videographer: Josh Christensen

Screens/Audio: Jamie Yonkers

Acolyte: Brooklynn Hunt

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 Isaiah 2:1-5 ("They shall beat their swords into plowshares"); the Epistle is Romans 13:8-14 (The hour has come to wake from slumber. The night is nearly over.); and the Holy Gospel is Matthew 24:36-44 (Watch, therefore, because you do not know the day.)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Don and Sue DeMoss and Amanda Beauvois in loving memory of Randy Wilkinson on his birthday. We rejoice as little Lakelynn is welcomed into God's family through baptism. On this special day, God gently weaves remembrance with the joyful promise of new life.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those hospitalized this week: **Jan Mann and Jo Van Hoveln.**

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (11/30) "**Rise and Shine**" by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is no siesta. It's a 5am wake-up call, a jolt out of bed that will turn your world upside down. (Romans 13:11) Tune in: 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!*

HOLY BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be granted this morning to **Lakelynn Jo Wilkinson**, born November 1, 2025 to Joseph Wilkinson and Zaily Davis. Through Holy Baptism, Lakelynn will become a child of God as her sins are washed away in connection with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lakelynn's sponsors are Rhylie Beauvois and Christopher Davis. Witnesses are Justin Davis and Amanda Beauvois. May God graciously preserve the saving faith given to Lakelynn through this sacred act of God's grace and cause her faith to grow through the continued use of His Word and Sacraments.



FOOD OFFERING TODAY: The food pantry would like to thank everyone who gave food or a donation to make our Thanksgiving food offering a success. Please place your donations at the end of your pew along the center aisle and our youth will bring it forward for you during the service. We'll say a special prayer with thanksgiving to God for the bountiful blessings we so richly receive! *God's blessings to you!*

GOBBLE! GOBBLE! GOBBLE! 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 5:00 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. After you're stuffed, come relax and enjoy the **GloryWay Concert** in the sanctuary, beginning at 6:30. GloryWay faithfully presents the love of God to their audience by skillfully weaving together laughter, encouragement and soul-stirring ministry – *you don't want to miss it!*





POINSETTIA orders are due tomorrow! The cost is just \$15. 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!

GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART: Plan to join us on Wednesday, **Nov. 26** at **6:30 pm** for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with 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."*

OFFICE HOURS: Pastor and Kim are out of the office **Nov. 27 & 28**. 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.

THE WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY will be at Turtle Run on Tuesday, **Dec. 2** at 11:30 am. Please sign up on the hall bulletin board so we know how much table space to reserve. We will order from their menu. Use the main entrance. Again, all ladies of Immanuel are invited to attend! There will be no regular meeting in December.

ADVENT IS COMING! Midweek **Advent Services** are at 6:30 pm on the 3 Wednesdays in Advent before Christmas: **Dec. 3, 10 & 17**. Our Advent series is *"Every Heart Prepare."* One way we prepare for Christmas is by decorating with evergreens, lights, crèches, and presents. We reflect upon these Christmas decorations and how they help us see Christ and prepare for His coming. Join us prior to Service for an Advent supper, beginning at 5 pm, then come to worship our coming King.



COOKIES, COCOA, AND CHRISTMAS JOY:

This year, ILS is excited to host a special Christmas event on **Dec. 13**. Families are invited to come enjoy an evening of 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. We're collecting new or gently used items for the Christmas Shoppe. Gifts are needed for moms, dads, grandparents, and siblings. Thank you for helping us make this Christmas season a joyful one for our students and families!



A NOTE FROM BOB & KATHLEEN WAKELEY:

"We extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to celebrate Bob's birthday in November. You really made it special!"

THANK YOU! Last week, we shared the need of a local mom of six who was facing some real challenges and in need of diapers and wipes. Thanks to your generosity, that need has been met. We are grateful to everyone who stepped forward so quickly to help, your kindness is a wonderful and tangible expression of Christ's love in our community.

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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (11/16)	110
Communion Attendance	91
Attendance Wednesday (11/19)	22

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$11,645. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$7,594. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$8,673. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$9,057. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov. 27 Don DeMoss
28 Matthew McDaniel
29 Caleb Hammer

ANNIVERSARIES:

Nov. 25 Jerry and Charlotte Kennett 58

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

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
Monday (24)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (25)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday (26)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:00 am	Newsletter Folders
	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Holy Communion
Next Sunday (30)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Nov. 26
- Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27
- Advent Begins, Nov. 30
- Zora Drews Scholarship Door Offering, Nov. 30
- Women's Guild Christmas Party, Dec. 2
- Christmas Decorating, Dec. 6
- Christmas at ILS, Dec. 13