



Immanuel Lutheran Church

IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

November 27, 2022

Serving in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. James Yonkers

Music Director / Organist: Tom Fricke

Pianist: Darlene Collins

Elders: Don, Kurt, Ken, Dean

Ushers: Team E: Cpt. Denny Hilton

Reader: Gail and Barb Garner

Gospel Reader: Gail Garner

Altar Guild: Mary Powell and Tina Ammermann

Acolyte: Kendall Wright

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 for the Second Sunday in Advent is Isaiah 11:1-10 (There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse); the Epistle Reading is Romans 15:1-13 (Abide in hope.); the Holy Gospel is Matthew 3:1-12 (The ministry of John the Baptist.)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Larry and Kathy Christensen in celebration of Henry Christensen's 10th birthday.

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

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Carol Rollins, Bill Russell, Charlotte Schendel, Billy Schuring, Mickey Seidler, Diana Stage, Bob & Kathy Wakeley, Eric Wittmann, and Jerry Young.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (12/04) "Paradise Restored" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler If God is love, what are we to make of His wrath? (Isaiah 11:1-10) Tune in to hear this and other great sermons any time at: www.lutheranhour.org

YEAR END GIVING: Per IRS regulations, all donations must be received no later than **Dec. 31** to be considered a 2022 donation. If they are received after that time, they will be put on the 2023 giving statements.

WELCOME VISITORS! *New around here?*

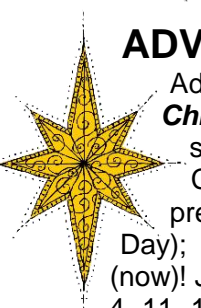
We're so glad to see you! We hope you are blessed today as we worship the Lord together. Please fill out the visitor's information in the red folder at the end of the pew. If you have any questions about our congregation or the sermon, feel free to ask an usher (one of the gentlemen just outside of the sanctuary), our pastor, or contact the church office at 217-442-5675. *We're so glad you're here and hope to see you again!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School available for



kids age 3 – high school. The Children's Christmas Program is **Dec. 18** at 9:30 am. We will prepare and practice during Sunday School. We encourage you to bring your children regularly to be a part of our Christmas celebration. Children as young as 2 can participate.

ADVENT: Today is the first Sunday in



Advent. "Advent" means "He is coming" — **Christ 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)! Join us for Advent Sundays (Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18) and midweek Services (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21). New this year is our Blue Christmas Service. For those of us experiencing loneliness, sadness, and loss, the Christmas season can be difficult. Come as you are on **Dec. 22** at 6:30 pm and experience the hope is Jesus' birth. Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion is **Dec. 24** at 6:30 pm. With Christmas Day on Sunday this year, we'll also have a service on **Dec. 25** at 9:30 am. **SOUP SUPPERS**, (*now located in the multipurpose room*), are served Advent Wednesdays at 5:30 pm to help foster fellowship and to make it convenient for all to come to worship! Contact Kim in the church office to sponsor a soup supper. This week, dinner is sponsored by the board of directors and the menu is soup, sandwiches, and dessert.

INGATHERING: The Nov/Dec ingathering is for the VA. Items needed: coffee, 3-in-1 shampoo, conditioner, and body wash, deodorant, shaving cream, mouthwash, floss, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Chapstick, hairbrushes, and Christmas snack cakes. Thank you!

POINSETTIA ORDERS: We're near the deadline to order your beautiful poinsettias to place at Immanuel's altar in honor/memory of loved ones and for your personal decorations! Each 6-inch pot of poinsettia splendor is \$14. All orders need to be submitted (with payment; make your checks payable to: **Immanuel Lutheran School**) by noon, **Nov. 30!**

TOYS FOR TOTS: Our school has a drop box for Toys for Tots this year! Place new, unwrapped toys for children in the box by **Dec. 2** to help needy children in our area experience a nicer Christmas!

MITES: Thank you to all who bring in LWML mites each month! Our next collection is next Sunday, **Dec. 4**. There will be a large Mite box in the Narthex, please place your donations there. Thanks!

COME ONE, COME ALL! We will **deck the halls** of the church and sanctuary for Christmas on **Dec. 3**, 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!**



SCRIP CARDS: The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9 am on Monday, **Dec. 5**. **Scrip cards make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers!** This is an easy way to get something for everyone without the hassle of shopping in the stores, and these cards are *good anywhere in the USA*. Order forms are on the table in the chapel hallway. Orders are not limited to the vendors listed on the order blank. A complete list of the vendors can be found on their website: www.shopwithscrip.com or on the hall bulletin board. If your vendor is available write the name of the vendor, denomination of the gift card, number of cards wanted, and total amount on a blank line of the order form. These orders will be available for pickup on **Dec. 11** or in the church office after that.



CHRISTMAS COOKIES: We invite you to join the Women's Guild in remembering homebound members as well as those with health concerns this season with the gift of Christmas cookies. Sign up on the hall bulletin board to bake cookies and/or deliver them. Thank you!

2023 ENVELOPES are coming soon! Please do not use your new envelopes until 2023 as your envelope number may have changed; likewise, do not use leftover 2022 envelopes after Jan. 1. This will help us accurately acknowledge your contributions. If you currently do not have envelopes, but would like to begin using them, please call Kim in the church office. Thanks!



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Attendance Last Sunday (11/20)	107
Communion Attendance	79

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$5,741.00
Needed Weekly	\$8,386.00
Checking Account Balance	\$2,168.00
Bills Due This Week	\$8,434.00

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov. 27 Don DeMoss	30 Kevin Kochvar
29 Caleb Hammer	1 Luke Humblet
30 Kelly Kochvar	1 Randy Radloff

ANNIVERSARIES:

Nov. 30 Joe and Kathy Kyle	12
Nov. 30 Eric and Rhonda Royce	32

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (27)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship
Monday (28)	10:30 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (29)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday (30)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Advent Supper
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Advent Service
Thursday (1)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:30 am	Men's Bible Study
	9:30 am	Newsletter Folders
Next Sunday (4)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Christmas Decorating, Dec. 3
- 2nd Sunday in Advent, Dec. 4
- 3rd Sunday in Advent, Dec. 11
- ILS Christmas Program, Dec. 13
- 4th Sunday in Advent, Dec. 18
- Children's Christmas Program, Dec. 18
- First Day of Winter, Dec. 21
- Blue Christmas Service, Dec. 22
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 24
- Christmas Day, Dec. 25
- New Year's Day, Jan. 1
- National Lutheran Schools Week, Jan. 23 – 29