



Immanuel Lutheran Church

IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

November 2, 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: Allen Julian, Kurt Thornsborough

Lay Reader: Josh Christensen

Gospel Reader: Josh Christensen

Children's Church: Jan Mann

Videographer: Dwain Dixon

Screens/Audio: Butch Buesing

Acolyte: Carley Wright

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 is Exodus 3:1-15 (God promises Moses He will be with him.); the Epistle is 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17 (Stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us.); and the Holy Gospel is Luke 20:27-40 (He is the God of the living.)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the Women's Guild in remembrance of all the saints who now rest from their labors.

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

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for Mike Borgwald, Ruth Burress, Dawn Campbell, Heather Christensen, Nancy Clark, Darlene Collins, Sandra Courson, Kyla Culotti, and Rosalie Finet.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (11/02) "The Lead of Life" by Pastor Ryan Tinetti. The lead of a news story conveys the most essential information. What is the lead of the Good News, the Gospel? (Luke 20:27-40) Tune in any time: www.lutheranhour.org.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: November's lesson focus is "The Bible is a Library."

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 learning about the Tower of Babel. We'll also begin preparing for our Christmas program. Our youth Bible Study (Jr./Sr. high) is studying Paul's letter to the Romans.

NEW ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS: Do you want to learn more about what Immanuel and its members believe, teach, and confess? Want to join Immanuel? Come to our new member class Wednesday evenings at 6 pm. Pastor is leading a brief course on Lutheranism and going through the Small Catechism.

MONICAL'S DAY IS TOMORROW! Eat pizza and support our Parish Education program at the Tilton or Danville locations. The flyer that you must take with you is in your church mailbox. Extra copies are on table in the hallway. You get to eat a great meal (lunch or dinner – the fundraiser lasts all day) and Monical's will donate 20% of your bill to Immanuel. It's easy and tasty!

WOMEN'S GUILD: Our monthly meeting is **Nov. 4** at 11:30 am. We will make final Bazaar plans and get a sneak peak of some of the items. Our **ingathering** is for the VA. Items requested: gift cards (\$5 - \$10) 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 decorations, holiday decorations, and 2 liters of soda.

OPEN HOUSE: The congregation is invited to an Open House in the lounge here at Immanuel to celebrate Bob Wakeley's 90th birthday next Saturday, **Nov. 8** from 2 – 4 pm. Cards are welcome, no gifts please.



VETERAN'S DAY AT IMMANUEL: ILS children and staff will honor veterans on **Nov. 5** at 6:30 pm with their Veteran's Day Program. We're looking for help with setting up at 5:00 pm that day and tear down right after the program. As always, members and guests are invited to support both our school children and veterans! Then, join us on **Nov. 9**, the Sunday before Veterans' Day, for a service with a special prayer and blessing for veterans.

IMMANUEL CARES is an amazing group of volunteers who reach out with love and support to our Immanuel members and friends who are homebound or facing health challenges. This caring team celebrates birthdays and anniversaries, sends cards, makes phone calls, visits, and provides meals or transportation when needed. Our annual Immanuel Cares meeting is **Nov. 7** at 10 am. We're currently looking for a new Immanuel Cares Team Leader, and we'd love you to consider joining or leading this important ministry!

SCRIP ORDERS: The next Scrip orders are due to the church office by 9 am on **Nov. 10** and will be ready for pick up on **Nov. 16**. It's not too early to begin thinking about Christmas gifts!

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 5:30 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."



TRUSTING GOD'S PROVISION: Immanuel is currently facing a number of unexpected expenses that have significantly strained our budget. We have had to take on additional costs related to cemetery upkeep. We have also had to address several building and maintenance issues, including repairs to our HVAC system, parking lot lights, kitchen equipment, and asbestos removal. Altogether, these needs could total close to \$20,000 in expenses. Once these bills begin to arrive, it will be challenging for us to meet them all. We ask each member of our congregation to prayerfully consider their finances and, if moved to do so, to give a little extra to help Immanuel through this difficult time. Your generosity and faithfulness are appreciated.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (10/26)	112
Communion Attendance	98
Attendance Wednesday (10/29)	20
Communed Wednesday	8

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$5,116. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$7,594. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$956. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$9,595. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov. 2	Layla McDaniel	6	Dwain Dixon
3	Doug Van Hoveln	7	Martha Elliott
4	Leah Christensen	7	Matthew Heeren
4	Judy Creek	8	Trey McCorkle

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (2)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
	6:00 pm	Youth Night
Monday (3)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (4)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	11:30 am	Guild Luncheon Meeting
	2:00 pm	Midwest Food Bank Delivery
Wednesday (5)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	ILS Veterans Day Program
Thursday (6)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
Friday (7)	10:00 am	Immanuel Cares Meeting
Next Sunday (9)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Monical's Day, Nov. 3
- ILS Veteran's Day Program, Nov. 5
- Service with Veteran Blessing, Nov. 9
- Veterans Day, Nov. 11
- Leaf and Holly Bazaar, Nov. 11
- Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 23
- Thanksgiving Food Offering, Nov. 23
- Thanksgiving Potluck & GloryWay Concert, Nov. 23