



Immanuel Lutheran Church

IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

November 30, 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: Kurt Thornsborough, Dean Hull

Lay Reader: Gail and Barb Garner

Gospel Reader: Gail Garner

Videographer: Kim Davis

Screens/Audio: RJ Davis

Acolyte: Jamie Yonkers

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 11:1-10 ("There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse."); the Epistle is Romans 15:4-13 (Abide in hope.); and the Gospel is Matthew 3:1-12 (The ministry of John the Baptist).

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the Women's Guild as we rejoice in the hope, peace, joy, and love of this Advent season.

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 (12/07) "Chosen for What?" by Speaker: Rev. Michael Zeigler. God calls believers to trust and follow Jesus--chosen, but chosen for what? (Romans 15:7) Tune in to hear this and other great sermons at: 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!*

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 Nativity program. Regular attendance is important! Our youth Bible Study (Jr./Sr. high) is studying Paul's letter to the Romans.

5th SUNDAY DOOR OFFERING TODAY: Today's door offering supports the Zora Drews Scholarship Fund, which helps families facing financial hardship keep their children enrolled at our school. Ushers will be stationed at the door as you leave the sanctuary. If you would like to contribute, simply place your gift in the plate. Thank you for supporting our school and the wonderful children we are blessed to serve!

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'll 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! This week's supper is sponsored by our Board of Directors. The menu includes soups, sandwiches, salads, dessert, and drinks. Advent suppers help foster fellowship and make it convenient to attend Services as we prepare for the Advent – or *Coming* – of Christ!

DEVOTIONALS: The new edition of Portals of Prayer for January through March, and the “*Every Heart Prepare*” devotional that goes with our Advent series are now available in the Narthex. Get your copy today!

COME ONE, COME ALL! We will **deck the halls** of the church and sanctuary for Christmas on **Dec. 6**, 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!*

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. And be sure to mark your calendars for our ILS Children’s Christmas Program, held on **Dec. 18** at 6:30 pm. We warmly invite the congregation to attend this special celebration. Thank you for helping us make this Christmas season a joyful one for our students and families!

CHRISTMAS COOKIES: At Christmastime, we remember our homebound members as well as those with current health concerns with the gift of Christmas cookies. If you can bake some cookies, help pack cookies, or help deliver, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Cookies will be packed at **10 am on Dec. 15** with delivery afterwards. Baked cookies should be brought to the all-purpose room on Sunday, Dec. 14 or by 10 am on Dec. 15. For more information, contact Rosemary Hilton.



PARISH EDUCATION NEWS: Thank you to all our volunteers that participate in children’s church, children’s sermons, and nursery. We appreciate you! If you are interested in joining the team of volunteers, please contact the church office. **The Children’s Christmas service is Sunday, Dec. 21.** We have begun practicing songs and bells and will be fitting costumes soon. If your child would like to be a part of this service, come to Sunday School each Sunday at 8:30 am. We will also have a special practice on Saturday, **Dec. 20** from 10 am – 12:00 pm with a pizza lunch included. We would love to have many children participating, so come join us!!

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.

A NOTE FROM THE FOOD PANTRY: Thank you to everyone who donated to last Sunday’s Thanksgiving Food Offering. Now, families who might otherwise have gone without will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving together. This beautiful reminder of the love of Christ has been shown to them through your kindness.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (11/23)	146
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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$4,536. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$7,570. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$5,573. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$7,865. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov. 30 Kelly Kochvar
 30 Kevin Kochvar
 Dec. 3 Olivia Crawley
 5 Kimberly Davis

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (30)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (1)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (2)	9:30 am	Women’s Bible Study
	11:30 am	Guild Christmas Party (Turtle Run)
Wednesday (3)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Advent Supper
	6:30 pm	Advent Service
Thursday (4)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday (6)	9:00 am	Christmas Decorating
Next Sunday (7)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Women’s Guild Christmas Party, Dec. 2
- Christmas Decorating, Dec. 6
- Second Sunday in Advent, Dec. 7
- ILS Christmas Party, Dec. 13
- Third Sunday in Advent, Dec. 14
- ILS Christmas Program, Dec. 18
- Fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 21
- First Day of Winter, Dec. 21
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 24
- Christmas Day, Dec. 25
- New Year’s Eve, Dec. 31