



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 C: Cpt. Kurt Thornsborough

**Communion:** Don DeMoss, Allen Julian

**Lay Reader:** Gail & Barb Garner

**Gospel Reader:** Gail Garner

**Altar Guild:** Sharron Runyan, Kathy Christensen

**Acolyte:** Eli Mann

**Counters:** Mary Powell, Holly Clem

**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 55:6-9 (Seek the Lord); the Epistle is Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 (To live is Christ, and to die is gain.); the Holy Gospel is Matthew 20:1-16 (The parable of the vineyard laborers.)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Don Page in loving memory of his wife, Carol, and daughter, Lori; and by Mary Powell, in loving memory of her dad.

**HOSPITALIZED:** We pray for those hospitalized this week: Kay Ohl.

**HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS:** We pray for **Angie Lucas, Marsha Malivuk, Jan Mann, Phyllis Marsh, Howard Ohl, Carol Rollins, William Russell, Charlotte Schendel, and Billy Schuring.**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** next Sunday (09/24) "High Ground" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When the waters rise and enemies attack, the high ground is the place of safety and security. But who will take us there? (Psalm 27) Tune in any time to hear this and other great sermons at: [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

## 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!*

**HOLY BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be granted on Sept. 20 during the Wednesday night service to **Tristan Dominic Showers**, born February 19, 2021 to Scott and Marah Showers.



Through Holy Baptism, Tristan will become a child of God as his sins are washed away in connection with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His sponsors are Robin Brown, Doug Ahrens, and Kaden, Spencer, and Myles Showers. May God graciously preserve the saving faith given to Tristan through this sacred act of God's grace and cause his faith to grow through the continued use of His Word and Sacraments.

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

The **Adult Bible Class** is using a great Bible study from CPH called *The Lutheran Difference: Worship* to learn about our Lutheran Services and what other Christian churches do in their worship services as well. This is a fun, informative, and interesting study. Come join us as we learn about Our Lutheran beliefs, God's Word, and about the whole Christian church on earth by studying God's word and worship. **Sunday School** is available for children of all ages, from age 3 through high school.

**CONSTRUCTION:** Construction will continue this week on the new covered entrance to replace our awning. During this time, we ask that you use the Chapel entrance. **You will not have access to the canopy doors.** Please contact Scott Huckstadt or Butch Buesing if you have any questions or concerns. *We thank you for your patience and cooperation!*

**THANK YOU** so much for all the feedback regarding the use of the screens during services. Please continue to make us aware of how we can improve your worship experience! Contact Dwain Dixson or Jan Mann.

**LADIES OF IMMANUEL:** Our first regular luncheon meeting after summer break is on Tuesday, **Sept. 19** at 11:30 am. Bring a dish to share and everything else will be provided. Items on the agenda include the budget, bazaar, and missionary visit. Hope to see you there!

**RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE:** The Fall Rummage and Bake Sale is Friday, Sept. 22 from 3 – 7 pm and on Saturday, **Sept. 23** from 8 am – 12 pm. Please bring any donations by Friday morning. Please do not bring any large televisions, Christmas trees, or computers. We need your help! After church today,



please come down to the gym and help us get the tables set up. Then this week, you can come anytime to help get all the treasures set out for the sale. Bring your baked goodies on Friday morning. *Thank you in advance for all of your help and support!*

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES** will begin the last week of September. **Women's Bible Study** will kick off on Tuesday, **Sept. 26** at 9:30 am. The study will be led by our deaconess intern, Rachel McCloskey. Pastor Yonkers is interested in holding a **Men's Bible Study** once again beginning on Thursday, **Sept. 28** at 9:30 am, however, attendance has been sparse in the past. If you would be interested in attending, please call the church office. We look forward to gathering together again!

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Capital Fund will once again host our Annual **Steak Fry** on Saturday, **Sept. 30**, from 4:30 to 6 pm. The menu includes grilled ribeye steak, baked potato, green beans, salad, Italian bread, dessert, and drink for \$25. An additional steak is \$10. The tickets will be available beginning **Sept. 3** on Sundays after church and during the week in the church office. Gym set up and kitchen cleaning will be Friday, **Sept. 29**, at 4:30 pm. We'll need lots of help with set up, during the event, and take down afterwards. There will be volunteer sign-up sheets for this plus a dessert sign-up sheet in the chapel hallway along with the tickets. ***This event has advance ticket sales only – they will not be sold at the door.***



**WE'RE LOOKING FOR USHERS:** We are excited to be expanding our usher teams. Ushers work in the background during services helping in important ways that often go unnoticed, but without our ushers, our service wouldn't go smoothly at all. We would love to add women and form a new team with youth. Ladies, does your spouse already serve? Would you like to join them? If you are interested, please see Ray Wittmann or give the office a call so that we can assemble a list and train up the new team members!



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Attendance Last Sunday (9/10)	84
Sunday School/Bible Class	17
Wednesday Attendance (9/13)	8

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:**

Giving Last Week	\$10,504. <sup>00</sup>
Needed Weekly	\$8,386. <sup>00</sup>
Checking Account Balance	\$2,272. <sup>00</sup>
Bills Due This Week	\$7,434. <sup>00</sup>

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Sept. 18 Courtney Perez	19 Sean Stuhr
18 Roger Seibert	21 Roger Fitting
	22 Andrew Van HovelIn

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Sept. 20 Kelly & Holly Clem	20
Sept. 23 Doug & Samantha Van HovelIn	23

**CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...**

Sunday (17)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (18)	10:30 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (19)	11:30 am	Women's Guild Luncheon
	6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday (20)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	11:30 am	ILS Lunch on the Lawn
	5:00 pm	Worship
		<i>Baptism: Tristan Showers</i>
	6:00 pm	Choir
	6:45 pm	Handbells
Thursday (21)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Capital Fund / Steak Fry Mtg.
Next Sunday (24)	8:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Circuit Pastors' Conference, September 19
- ILS Lunch on the Lawn, September 20
- Fall Rummage and Bake Sale, September 22 & 23
- First Day of Fall, September 23
- Steak Fry, September 30
- CID Fall Pastors' Conference, October 2 – 4
- LWML Missionary, October 15
- Christian Education Sunday, October 22
- ILS Veteran's Day Program, November 8
- Leaf and Holly Bazaar, November 14

