



Immanuel Lutheran Church

IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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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: Capt. Kurt Thornsborough

Lay Reader: Nancy Purviance

Gospel Reader: Butch Buesing

Children's Sermon: Marah Showers

Videographer: Kim Davis

Screens/Audio: RJ Davis

Acolyte: Jamie Yonkers

Altar Guild: Sharron Runyan, Kathy Christensen

Counters: Mary Powell and 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 for LWML Sunday is 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (The Lord call Samuel.); the Epistle is Philippians 2:5-11 (Becoming obedient); the Holy Gospel is Luke 1:26-38 (Birth of Jesus foretold.)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Scott and Eileen Huckstadt in celebration of their birthdays and wedding anniversary; and by Sam and Pam Van Camp in celebration of their birthdays.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those hospitalized this week: **Randy Wilkinson.**

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Linda Grinestaff, Marian Heideman, Rosemary Hilton, Bonnie Holmes, Bob and Caralee Homann, Carol Johnston, Sherry Kramer, Rev. Del Krueger, Earl Lackey, and Bonnie Lazzell.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (10/06) "Fit to Be Tied" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A strong knot in the right place holds everything together. God made Jesus to be the "Master Point" to bind all people to Himself through faith. (Genesis 30:8) To hear this and other great sermons any time, please visit: www.lutheranhour.org

WELCOME VISITORS! *New around here?* 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, feel free to ask an usher (the gentleman just outside of the sanctuary), or contact the church office at 217-442-5675. *We're so glad you're here and hope to see you again!*

BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL: Please join us at 8:30 am with donuts and coffee or juice. **Children's Sunday School** (age 3 and up) will meet in the youth room. The **Young Adult Bible Study** for Jr. High through young adults meets in the lounge and we are using the video study Out of Nothing: The Word, Creation, and Faith where we'll look at theories of evolution, the plausibility of random chance, man's spiritual and physical nature, and how God's Creation and salvation are intrinsically linked in Jesus Christ. **Adult Bible Class** is studying Faithfully Formed: The Lutheran Confessions in Daily Life.

WELCOME to Christian Education Sunday! We are so grateful that you are able to be here today to sing and celebrate God's love with us! Today, we'll take the time to recognize both those who teach and those who learn, all who nurture faith in others. We thank you, the parents, for being here today and providing us the opportunity to acknowledge the partnership of parents and teachers and our congregational members that affirms your children will play, learn, grow, and thrive in a Christ-centered environment. After the service today, we invite you down to the gym for pizza and activities. We'll also hold a door offering for our Zora Drews Scholarship Fund. This fund gives financial support to families to help keep their children in our school. Thank you to all who faithful support the Zora Drews Scholarship!

CHILDREN'S MAILBOXES: As an addition to our growing children's ministry, we now have children's mailboxes! We extend a big THANK YOU to Gail Garner for making them for us! Children between the ages of 3 through grade 5 that are a member or attending services for the ILS attendance discount have a mailbox of their own! Parents, help your children find their mailbox where they'll find a surprise! If we inadvertently missed anyone, or if your child is slightly out of the age range, but would still like a mailbox, please call the church office and let us know. We are happy to make one for you!

FALL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE: The Fall Rummage and Bake Sale is almost here, it's **Oct. 4 & 5!** We are now taking donations. We'll be in the gym all week and volunteers are needed to sort donations and



set up the sale. We'll also need help during the sale and at noon on Saturday to help with tear down, packing up and delivery of the leftover items. There is still time for you to clean out your closets and support Immanuel! Donations can now be brought in and placed anywhere in the gym. Calling all bakers! Your sweet treats are needed for the bake sale! You can bring them in anytime on Friday or Saturday by 8 am. Invite your neighbors and coworkers to the sale to shop – there is something for everyone!

LWML SUNDAY is **Oct. 6** with the theme: "Ready to Serve," based on Luke 1:38. *And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.* As redeemed children of God, Lutheran Women in Mission give thanks for the opportunity to serve others as we have been served, to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and that He came for all nations, and the chance to respond with our mite offerings to support God's mission.

WOMEN'S GUILD: Our next luncheon meeting is Tuesday, **Oct. 8** at 11:30 am at the church. The meeting will focus on the upcoming Leaf and Holly Bazaar. Please bring a dish to share and everything else will be provided. *All ladies of the congregation are welcome!* Our ingathering is for Phil's Friends who provides care packages for cancer patients. Requested items: hats, women's fuzzy socks, lotion (5 oz.), decks of cards, 5x7 journals (not spiral), puzzle books, single toothbrushes and toothpaste (5 oz or less), blankets, lip balm, gift cards, and Biotene (6 oz or less). Save the date for a Phil's Friends Workshop! On **Oct. 19**, we'll invite other ladies from our district to help assemble packages and tie fleece blankets. Are you a seamstress? See Diana Pratt if you would like the pattern to sew a couple port pillows. Thank you to all who have already donated!

THANK YOU from the Steak Fry committee. Whether you volunteered in any way, made a dessert, or attended a delicious meal, it was appreciated. This was a major fundraiser for the reroofing of the school and gym. The current results of the event are \$4,853 with more to come from the beautiful wooden bowls made by Gail Garner.

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS: Thrivent Action Teams make it easy to live generously. There are many events and activities right here in our church and school that could benefit from an Action Team such as Christian Education Sunday, a planned Phil's Friends Workshop, and restocking paper goods for our various fundraisers and events. Reach out to your Thrivent agent or the church office for help getting started!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT: Please join us on **Oct. 20** from 4 – 6 pm as we hand out candy to trick or treaters! We typically plan to decorate our cars as the name suggests, however, we usually end up in the gym due to the weather. This year, we'll hold the event in the gym, rain or shine. There are a couple of ways you can help. Bring some Halloween or Fall decorations (you can dress up, too!) and pass out candy to the kids of Immanuel, ILS, and community. You can also donate bags of candy for us to pass out. There is a box next to the table in the hallway for your donations. Thank you!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Sunday (09/22)	101
Wednesday Attendance (09/25)	18
Communed Wednesday	8

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$4,575.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,594.00
Checking Account Balance	\$2,158.00
Bills Due This Week	\$7,803.00

BIRTHDAYS:

Oct. 1 Donna Toms	3 Jim Darby
1 Marie Wittmann	3 Sarah Stuhr
3 Helen Capello	3 Paul Van Hoveln
3 David Creek	5 Sarah White

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (29)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship with ILS Kids Singing
	10:45 am	Pizza Lunch and Kids Activities
Monday (30)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (1)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	2:00 pm	Midwest Food Bank Delivery
Wednesday (2)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Worship
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
	6:45 pm	Handbells Practice
Thursday (3)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	6:00 pm	Youth Night
Friday (4)	4–7 pm	Rummage & Bake Sale
Saturday (5)	8a - 12pm	Rummage & Bake Sale
Next Sunday (6)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fall Rummage and Bake Sale, Oct. 4 & 5
- LWML Sunday and Mite Collection, Oct. 6
- CID/SID Pastor's Conference, Oct. 7-9
- CID Educator's Conference, Oct. 11
- Phil's Friends Workshop, Oct. 19
- Trunk-or-Treat, Oct. 20