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Serving in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. James Yonkers

Music Director / Organist: Tom Fricke

Elders: Don D., Dean H., Butch B.

Ushers: Team B: Youth Team

Lay Reader: Nancy Purviance

Gospel Reader: Josh Christensen

Altar Guild: Kathy Christensen and Mary Powell

Counters: Martha Elliott and Nancy Purviance

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.

TODAY'S THEME: The counsels of God are permanent – impeccable exhortations from His mind, His will, His heart, and His actions in Christ. Everything that proceeds from God's wisdom is congruent. Barren wombs are filled with offspring. Desolate wastelands are restored. God's Word resurrects what once was decimated. These astonishing interventions transform our lives so that we may unconditionally invest our sanctified bodies, minds, and gifts all to the glory of God!

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those who were hospitalized this past week: **Chris Purviance.**

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Rosalie Finet, Sharon Glossinger, Myra Greazer, Linda Grinestaff, Bonnie Holmes, Bob and Caralee Homann.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (08/30) "**Tell Me a Story!**" by Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer. Archives August – God lavishly sows the seed of His Word. Responses vary. (Mark 4:1-20, 26-34) Tune in to hear this and other great sermons any time at: www.lutheranhour.org.

CHOIR & HANDBELLS will resume practices on Wednesday, **Sept. 9.** Choir will meet from 6:00 – 6:45 pm, with Handbells at from 6:45 – 7:30 pm. If you've ever thought about joining — whether you're experienced or simply curious — we'd love to have you!

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!*

CHURCH IN THE PARK: We're so glad you're here this morning! It's a gift to worship together surrounded by God's beautiful creation. After the service, we invite you to stick around and enjoy a picnic lunch. Drinks and tableware provided. Everyone is welcome — including guests and those who weren't able to bring a dish. Please stay and enjoy the fellowship with us... there is plenty of food for everyone! The weather couldn't be better — sunny, mild, and perfect for a morning together. Let's enjoy this day, this community, and the blessings all around us!



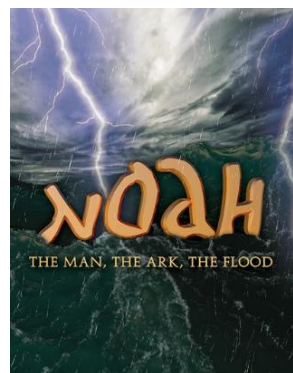
CREATION MUSEUM TRIP DETAILS: Thank you to everyone who signed up to join us for our day trip to the Creation Museum! In just two short weeks on **Aug. 29, 30** of us will hop on a bus and head to Petersburg, KY. **If you would still like to go, please see Kim in the church office – it's not too late!** Here are the final details you'll need:

- **Arrival Time:** Please be at Immanuel by 6:00 am.
- **Departure:** The charter bus will leave promptly at 6:30 am, so don't be late!
- **Location:** We're headed to Petersburg, KY, where we'll check in at the museum as a group upon arrival. It is 200 miles, and the bus trip will take about 3 hours each way.
- **At the Creation Museum:** After check-in, you'll be free to explore the fascinating exhibits, the beautiful gardens, walking trails, Sprig and Stone, and the zoo at your own pace throughout the day. Our Stargazer Planetarium show is "Created Cosmos" with a 3:50 pm showtime.
- **Return Trip:** We'll board the bus again at 6:00 pm to head back home, with arrival around 9:30 pm.



LWML FALL RALLY: Ladies, you're invited to join us on **Sept. 8** for the Champaign and Danville Zones Fall Rally at St. John's Lutheran Church in Champaign. Registration and light snacks begin at 12:30 pm. The guest speaker of the day is Rev. Michael Schuermann with the U of I Campus Ministry. The registration fee is \$10 to be paid on the day of the rally. If you're interested in attending or would like to carpool, please see Diana Pratt.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL:



We're looking forward to the return of Adult Bible Class on Sunday, **Sept. 13**. We meet in the multipurpose room at 8:30 am. Our class is small, making it a wonderful setting for discussion and asking questions. We will begin the year continuing our video series "**Noah: the Man, the Ark, the Flood.**" This four-part Bible study, hosted by Rev. Kurt Klaus and filmed at the Creation Museum, explores the biblical account of Noah, the Ark, and the Flood. It examines Noah's faithfulness to God while exploring questions about the Ark, the Flood, human lifespans, the animals, and flood stories found in other cultures. The study also looks at how Jesus used the "days of Noah" as a reminder to remain faithful and ready for His coming. All are welcome! Sunday School is open to children ages 3 through young adults. Class details are still being finalized, but we look forward to another year of learning!

CHILDREN'S FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP: We're excited to get our Parish Education programs back up and running this fall! Children's Sermons are coming back to non-communion worship services on **Sept. 13**, and **Children's Church** will return on Communion Sundays, beginning **Sept. 20**. We'll also be bringing back the children's mailboxes in the chapel hallway. Parents, please help your children remember to check their boxes each week beginning in mid-September. There may be a little surprise waiting for them!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday morning Women's Bible Class will resume on **Sept. 15** at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room. Come enjoy a relaxed morning of Bible study, conversation, and fellowship as we take time to dig into God's Word and encourage one another along the way. Whether you've been part of the class for years or have never attended before, you are warmly invited to join us. Bring your Bible and come as you are! For more information, please see Cindy Pasquale.

SAVE THE DATE! Our Fall Rummage & Bake Sale is just around the corner – **Oct. 2 & 3**, and we invite you to begin setting aside items you would like to donate. It's never too early to start cleaning out those closets, cupboards, and storage rooms! Please hold onto your donations for now. We will announce the dates for accepting items soon. Thank you for helping make this event a success. Every donation and every purchase helps support the ministries of Immanuel.



STEAK FRY: The Capital Fund Committee is excited to host our Steak Fry fundraiser on **Oct. 10**, from 4:30–6:00 pm. **Tickets which are \$25, will be on sale Aug. 30 – Oct. 4.** Tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be available at the door. We hope you'll plan to join us for a great evening of food and fellowship! We'll also need a few helping hands to make the event run smoothly, help with set-up or clean-up, assist during the event, bring a dessert to share, or simply enjoy the meal together. Tickets and volunteer sign-up sheets will be available in the chapel hallway at the end of next month. We look forward to seeing you there!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (08/16)	98
Communion Attendance	60
Attendance Wednesday (08/19)	18

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$5,924.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,708.00
Checking Account Balance	\$12,158.00
Bills Due This Week	\$6,193.00

BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 23 Jan Mann	26 Rosemary Burmeister
24 Jeffrey Toms	27 Roger Huls
25 Kirsten Brown	29 Lynn Beck

ANNIVERSARIES

August 27 Howard and Kay Ohl	60
August 27 Ray and Marie Wittmann	60

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Sunday (23) 9:30 am	Church in the Park & Picnic
Monday (24) 10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Wednesday (26) 5:00 pm	Worship with Communion
Thursday (27) 8:30 am	Food Pantry
9:00 am	Newsletter Assembly
Saturday (29) 6:00 am	Creation Museum Bus Trip
Next Sunday (30) 9:30 am	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Creation Museum Trip, Aug. 29
- Zora Draws Door Offering, Aug. 30
- Labor Day, Sept. 7
- LWML Fall Rally, Sept. 8
- ILS Welcome Back Carnival, Sept. 11
- Sunday School & Bible Class Begins, Sept. 13
- Women's Bible Study Begins, Sept. 15
- Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting, Sept. 15
- Fall Rummage and Bake Sale, Oct. 2 & 3
- Capital Fund Steak Fry, Oct. 10
- LWML Missionary Ashley Lehr Visit, Oct. 11