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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 A: Capt. Don DeMoss
Communion: Dwain Dixon, Allen Julian
Lay Reader: Gail and Barb Garner
Gospel Reader: Gail Garner
Videographer: Butch Buesing
Screens/Audio: Jan Mann
Acolyte: Jamie Yonkers and Owen Price
Altar Guild: Rosemary Hilton and Debbie Ferris
Counters: Jerry and Charlotte Kennett

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 people of God are treasured possessions, chosen and loved for all eternity. God's divine, amazing grace embraces the predestined, the justified, the glorified. God's divine deliverance rescues from tribulation, persecution, danger, and death. Anything that would separate us from the love of God in Christ is rendered completely powerless! God's people, made righteous by Him, will live forever as citizens of the kingdom of heaven.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Mary Powell in loving memory of her dad in remembrance of his birthday.

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

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Don Page, Linda Pasquale, Ruth Roderick, Carol Rollins, Charlotte Schedel, Phyllis Schendel, and Billy Schuring.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (08/02) "**Why Jesus Told Parables**" by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Effective communicators tell stories to make a point. Hear how Jesus' parables point us to Himself. (Mark 4) 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!*

LADIES SUMMER FELLOWSHIP: We are looking forward to a great day to the Kickapoo Tea Room in Downs, IL on **July 28!** Located in a beautifully restored church building with stained glass windows, the Tea Room offers a unique dining experience and is well-loved for its homemade meals, desserts, and warm atmosphere. We will meet at the Vermilion Farm Bureau on Rt 150 at 10:15 am. Please park on the west side. We Will head to Downs and shop at the boutique in the Tea Room until lunch at 12:30.

CHURCH IN THE PARK: Join us at the Lincoln Park Pavilion (English & Logan Streets) for Church and a Family Picnic on **Sunday, Aug. 23.** Church in the Park has become a wonderful opportunity to worship together in God's creation while enjoying fellowship with our church family. We'll have our service at 9:30 am, then follow with a picnic lunch. Picnic tables are available in the pavilion but feel free to bring lawn chairs for the service as well. We hope you'll join us!

EXPERIENCE THE CREATION MUSEUM! Join us on **Saturday, Aug. 29** for a fun and faith-filled day trip to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY. Explore inspiring exhibits like "Fearfully & Wonderfully Made" and "Radiance," along with beautiful grounds, the Creation Zoo, and the Stargazer Planetarium. This family-friendly trip includes charter bus transportation. More information and the signup sheet is available on the table in the chapel hallway. **Reservations and payments must be made by July 31.** Please make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and write Creation Museum on the memo line. You can place your check in the offering place or drop it off to the church office anytime.

A MESSAGE FROM JENNETTE LANE: *"Thank you so much for all the get well cards and prayers. I certainly appreciate them – and prayer does work! I am much stronger now and feeling great!"*

ADULT BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL: We're looking forward to the return of our Parish Education programs! Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will resume on Sunday, **September 13**. If you've never attended our Adult Bible Class, we encourage you to give it a try. Our class is small, making it a wonderful setting for discussion, asking questions, and growing together in God's Word. If there is a Bible study topic or subject you would be interested in exploring, please share your ideas with Josh Christensen. We welcome your suggestions and hope you'll consider being a part of our Parish Education programs this year.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: The Capital Fund Committee is excited to host our Steak Fry fundraiser on **Oct. 10**, from 4:30–6:00 pm. 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!

SUPPORT ILS THROUGH THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS! Are you a Thrivent member? You have an opportunity to make a real difference for Immanuel Lutheran School at no cost to you! We are currently looking for Thrivent members willing to sponsor Action Teams for several upcoming ILS events, including the Fall Carnival, Veterans Day Program, Christmas Fun Night, Grandparents Day, Pre-K Graduation Ceremonies, and many more events throughout the school year! Your Action Team can help provide supplies, decorations, refreshments, and other resources that bless our students, families, and school community. To learn more or to sponsor an Action Team contact Mrs. S. at 442-5036 or ils.schooldirector@gmail.com. Thank you for using your Thrivent membership to support the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran School!

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED: We are looking for a few new volunteers to help with our Sunday money counting teams. This is an easy-to-learn task that can be done on Sunday mornings while you are already at church. Consider asking a friend to serve with you and make it a great opportunity to spend a little extra time together. Each Sunday, our money counters count and deposit the offerings received during worship, along with any funds brought into the church office during the week. After counting, the deposit is taken to the bank's night deposit. Currently, we have three teams of two people who rotate this responsibility throughout the year. The commitment is typically less than an hour after church. If you would like more information or would like to help, please contact Kim in the church office. We would be so grateful for your willingness to serve!

BLESSING OUR LEADERS AND STAFF: Please join us on Sunday, **August 3**, for a special day of worship and prayer. During the service, we will install our newly elected members of the Board of Directors and offer a special prayer and blessing for our Immanuel Lutheran School staff as they prepare for the year ahead. We hope to have as many Board members and ILS staff members present as possible for this special occasion. If you are a member of the Board or part of our school staff, please make every effort to attend as we begin this new year together. We are excited for all that God has in store for Immanuel in the coming year. Please continue to keep our church, school, leaders, and staff in your prayers each day as we serve together in His name.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (07/19)	102
Attendance Wednesday (07/22)	13

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$6,311.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,570.00
Checking Account Balance	\$3,154.00
Bills Due This Week	\$9,024.00

BIRTHDAYS

July 26	Kyla Culotti	30	Jill Frankel
27	Charles Vollmer	30	John Heeren
28	Charlotte Kennett	1	Dan Burmeister
29	Blake Brockwell		

ANNIVERSARIES

July 26	Chip and Sharron Runyan	57
July 27	Larry and Cindy Pasquale	18

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Sunday (26)	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (27)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (28)	10:00 am	Ladies Fellowship Luncheon to Kickapoo Tea Room
Wednesday (29)	5:00 pm	Worship with Communion
Thursday (30)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
Next Sunday (2)	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Ladies Lunch at Kickapoo Tea Room, July 28
- First Day of School, Aug. 17
- Church in the Park, Aug. 23
- Creation Museum Trip, Aug. 29
- Capital Fund Steak Fry, Oct. 10

