Immanuel Lutheran Church

Immanuel Lights

Making known by word and action the healing presence of God and Christ Jesus with us and with the world.

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Serving in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. James Yonkers
Music Director / Organist: Tom Fricke
Elders: Don E., Dean H., Butch B.
Ushers: Team E: Capt. Denny Hilton
Communion: Don DeMoss, Kurt Thornsbrough
Lay Reader: Nancy Purviance
Gospel Reader: Kurt Thornsbrough
Children's Church: Jan Mann
Videographer: Dwain Dixson
Screens/Audio: Butch Buesing
Acolyte: Brooklynn Hunt
Altar Guild: Juanita Rottmann and Mary Powell
Counters: Martha Elliott, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Larry Fredericks.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those who were hospitalized this past week: **Pam Van Camp, and Kevin Mixter** (Cindy Pasquale's son).

WITH SYMPATHY we pray for Kay Ohl and family at the death of her husband, Howard. May the good Lord comfort all who mourn with the hope of the resurrection of all who believe in Christ Jesus!

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Lori Acree, Ruth Burress, Dawn Campbell, Nancy Clark, Heather Christensen, Darlene Collins, & Beverly Ellgass.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (Nov. 22) **"Trees in Winter"** by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Christ's followers are like trees in winter–seemingly barren now, but rooted in God's Word and living in the promise of Christ's resurrection and the renewal of all things. (Revelation 22:2) Tune in: www.lutheranhour.org.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: November lessons focus on: "We worship in our daily life" based on Luke 11:28.

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!*

INGATHERING: During November and December, we are collecting donations for the VA. Items requested include Little Debbie Christmas cakes, individually packages snacks like cookies, chips, and pudding cups (sugar free appreciated), body care products like liquid soap (no bar soap), deodorant, lotion, and shaving cream (no hotel toiletries please), new winter hats and baseball caps, reading glasses, 2 liters of diet soda (cola, lemon-lime, orange, root beer), and new socks.

THANK YOU to all who sold tickets, set up, worked a booth, baked desserts, helped prepare and serve food, made a monetary donation, or supported this fun holiday event by shopping and enjoying a great meal! ***After church today, come down to the multipurpose room and shop our mini bazaar! You can purchase unsold items and leftovers!***

FOOD OFFERING TODAY: The food pantry would like to thank everyone who gave food or a donation to make our Thanksgiving food offering a success. Please place your donations on the table in the narthex before the service begins. We'll say a special prayer with thanksgiving to God for the bountiful blessings we so richly receive! *God's blessings to you!*

MONICAL'S DAY: Eat pizza and support our Parish Education program on **Nov. 17** at the Tilton or Danville locations. The flyer that you must take with you is in your mailbox today. Extra copies are available on the table in the hallway – give one to a friend! It's easy and tasty!

POINSETTIAS: Now is the time to order your beautiful Poinsettias! Place them at Immanuel's altar in memory of loved ones and order some for your personal decorations! The cost is just $15. All orders are due by Mon. **Nov. 23**. Fill out the order form and return it with payment to the basket on the hall table or in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Thank you!



THANKSGIVING



THANKSGIVING POTLUCK: Thanksgiving is a time to spend with family… with our church family, too. That's why we're once again having our Immanuel Thanksgiving Potluck. On **Nov. 22 at 5:30 pm**, show up at the gym with a side dish and/or dessert and be ready to gobble, gobble, gobble! But please come even if you're not able to bring anything, all are welcome! The turkey, ham and mashed potatoes will be provided. Please consider donating a turkey or money to buy one. For details or to offer up volunteer time or a turkey, contact: Tom (ph: 217-474-2457 / email: tomfricke@hotmail.com) or Mary Ellen (phone: 217-497-7196 / email: maryellenfricke@gmail.com).

SERVICE: Plan to join us on Wednesday, **Nov. 25** at 6:30 pm for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion. We have so much to be thankful for, and it's good to come together with one another to praise our Lord and thank Him for all His blessings. Take a break from those Thanksgiving dinner preparations to come to church to say, *"Now Thank We All Our God."*

GIVING TUESDAY – DECEMBER 1! Make your year-end gift to Immanuel go even further with a little help from Thrivent! On Giving Tuesday, Thrivent will provide additional funds to boost donations made through its online giving platform. ***Don't donate just yet!*** To qualify for the boost, you must wait until December 1 and make your donation online through Thrivent's platform using a debit or credit card. This is a wonderful opportunity to make your year-end giving have an even greater impact! **See today's bulletin insert for details and instructions on how to give.**

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT! The Parade Is Back! Join us on **Dec. 4** for Danville's Night of Lights Parade! Our entire Immanuel family—church and school—is invited to help decorate or ride on our float as we spread Christmas cheer! All ages are welcome! Interested? Sign up on the sheet in the hallway so we can share details as plans come together!

ADAMS VOICE CONCERT – Dec. 12 at 6:30 pm: Adams Voice will be presenting a Christmas concert here at Immanuel on Saturday, **Dec. 12**, at 6:30 pm. The evening will feature a blend of Gospel and Christmas music. Admission is free, and while a freewill offering will be received, there is absolutely no obligation to give. We simply hope to fill the church with friends, neighbors, and fellow Christians for an evening of music and fellowship – please join us!

BEFORE AND AFTER CARE POSITION: ILS is seeking a part-time worker to help care for our students at the beginning and end of the school day. This split-shift position has hours of 6:45–8:00 am and 3:00–5:00 pm. Background checks and fingerprinting are required. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our school, serve our families, and share Christ's love with our children! If you or someone you know is interested, please call ILS at 442-5036 or email a resume to ils.schooldirector@gmail.com.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to last Sunday's door offering. $541 was given to donating to help support the care and upkeep of Lutheran Cemetery.

ADVENT *IS* COMING! Midweek **Advent Services** are at 6:30 pm on the 3 Wednesdays in Advent before Christmas: **Dec. 2, 9 & 16**. Our Advent series is *"The Everlasting Light."* Drawing from Isaiah 60 and the beloved Christmas hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem," we will explore how Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, shines into our darkness, bringing hope, peace, and the promise of everlasting life. Through His humble birth in Bethlehem, we are reminded that God's promises are fulfilled in Christ, whose light will never fade. Come prepare your hearts for Christmas as we celebrate the everlasting hope we have in our Savior! Join us prior to Service for an **Advent supper**, then come to worship our coming King to prepare for Christmas.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (11/08)	**89**
Attendance Wednesday (11/11)	**29**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	**$8,022.00**
Needed Weekly	**$7,708.00**
Checking Account Balance	**$1,574.00**
Bills Due This Week	**$6,719.00**

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 16	**Paul Teegarden**		**18**	**Joshua Gnaden**
17	**Benjamin Hunt**		**19**	**Ann Broderick**
17	**Brooklynn Hunt**		**19**	**Jasper Davis**
17	**Janice Mann**		**20**	**Richard Davis**
17	**Bob Wakeley**		**20**	**Andrew Seibert**

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Sunday (15)	**8:30 am**	**Bible Class & Sunday School**
	9:30 am	**Worship with Communion**
Tuesday (17)	**9:30 am**	**Women's Bible Study**
	6:00 pm	**Board of Directors Meeting**
Wednesday (18)	**8:45 am**	**ILS chapel**
	5:00 pm	**Worship**
	6:00 pm	**Choir**
	6:45 pm	**Handbells**
Thursday (19)	**8:30 am**	**Food Pantry**
	5:30 pm	**Christian Education Meeting**
Next Sunday (22)	**8:30 am**	**Bible Class & Sunday School**
	9:30 am	**Worship**
	5:30 pm	**Thanksgiving Potluck**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Monical's Day, Nov. 17**
- **Thanksgiving Potluck, Nov. 22**
- **Thanksgiving Eve Service, Nov. 25**
- **Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26**
- **Advent Begins, Nov. 29**
- **Zora Drews Door Offering, Nov. 29**
- **Giving Tuesday, Dec. 1**
- **Night of Lights Parade, Dec. 4**
- **Adams Voice Concert, Dec. 12**