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
Lay Reader: Janet Terry
Gospel Reader: Allen Julian
Children's Message: Kurt Thornsbrough
Videographer: Kim Davis
Screens/Audio: RJ Davis
Acolyte: Jamie Yonkers
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 Jerry and Charlotte Kennett in celebration of their 59th Wedding Anniversary.

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

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Rosalie Finet, Sharon Glossinger, Myra Greazer, Linda Grinestaff, Marlon Heideman, Mike Heidle, Bob Homann, Bonnie Holmes, Pam Hull, and Charlotte Kennett.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (Nov. 29) **"Advent Hopes and Dreams"** by Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies. The season of Advent is a time for hopes and dreams, but it is also about living through an ongoing letdown. (Matthew 24:36-44) Tune in: www.lutheranhour.org.

BAZAAR YARD SIGNS: A big thank you to everyone who helped spread the word about our Leaf & Holly Holiday Bazaar by displaying a yard sign! If you took a sign, please return it to the coatroom at your earliest convenience so we can use it again next year. Thank you for helping make this year's bazaar a wonderful success!

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!*

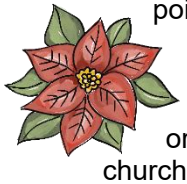
INGATHERING: During November and December, we are collecting donations for the VA. Items requested include Little Debbie Christmas cakes, individually packages snacks like cookies, chips, and pudding cups (sugar free appreciated), body care products like liquid soap (no bar soap), deodorant, lotion, 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.

MANY, MANY THANKS ARE DUE! A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who supported our Thanksgiving Food Offering! Your generous donations of food and monetary gifts will help provide Thanksgiving meals for those in need. The Food Pantry is grateful for your kindness and generosity! We also thank everyone who participated in Monical's Day this past Tuesday in support of our Parish Education programs. We hope you enjoyed some delicious pizza for a great cause! We will announce the proceeds in the near future. Thank you all for your continued generosity and support of Immanuel's ministries. God's blessings to you!



THANKSGIVING: 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.*** Please join us in the gym at 5:30 pm tonight 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. **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."*

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE TOMORROW! Order poinsettias and 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 church office or in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Thank you!



THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE CHANGES: As we celebrate Thanksgiving, please note a few changes to our regular schedules. ILS will have an early dismissal on Tuesday, **Nov. 24**, and no school **Nov. 25 – 27**. The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, **Nov. 26 – 27**. If you need spiritual care during the office closure, please contact Pastor Yonkers on his cell phone at 260-413-8375. Our December *Immanuel Messenger* newsletter will be published a few days later than usual due to the holiday. To our wonderful volunteers who help fold, label, and prepare our monthly newsletter for mailing, we will gather on Thursday, **Dec. 3**. Thank you for your faithful help! We wish everyone a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!

WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY: Ladies, join us for a little Christmas cheer! Our Women's Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, **Dec. 1**, at 11:30 am at Turtle Run. Enjoy good food, wonderful fellowship, and the joy of the Christmas season together! If you plan to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board by **Nov. 24**. See you there!

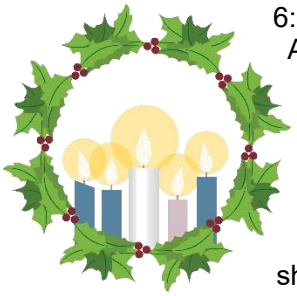
GIVING TUESDAY – DECEMBER 1! Make your year-end gift to Immanuel go even further with a little help from Thrivent! On Giving Tuesday, Thrivent will provide additional funds to boost donations made through its online giving platform. ***Don't donate just yet!*** To qualify for the boost, you must wait 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!

ILS CHRISTMAS SHOPPE: ILS is looking for donations of inexpensive, new, or gently used items for their Christmas Shoppe Fundraiser. They often shop for parents, siblings, and grandparents. Gift ideas include socks, stationary, votive candles, toys, pens, coffee cups, hair accessories, tools, holiday decorations, and ornaments. Please place your donations in the red tote in the coatroom. Thank you!

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 (11/15)	**89**
Communion Attendance	**00**
Attendance Wednesday (11/18)	**29**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	**$7,243.00**
Needed Weekly	**$7,708.00**
Checking Account Balance	**$3,036.00**
Bills Due This Week	**$7,244.00**

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 22	**Jo Van Hoveln**
27	**Don DeMoss**
28	**Matthew McDaniel**

ANNIVERSARIES:

Nov. 25 Jerry and Charlotte Kennett 59

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Sunday (22)	**8:30 am**	**Bible Class & Sunday School**
	9:30 am	**Worship**
	5:30 pm	**Thanksgiving Potluck**
Monday (23)	**10:00 am**	**Manor Bible Study**
Wednesday (25)	**8:30 am**	**Food Pantry**
	6:30 pm	**Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Communion**
Next Sunday (29)	**8:30 am**	**Bible Class & Sunday School**
	9:30 am	**Worship with Communion**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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**