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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 D: Capt. Jerry Kennett
Lay Reader: Carrie Farrell
Gospel Reader: Kurt Thornsborough
Children's Message: Diana Pratt and Ashley Lehr
Videographer: Volunteer needed
Screens/Audio: Don DeMoss
Acolyte: Brooklynn Hunt
Altar Guild: Juanita Rottmann and Mary Powell
Counters: Judy Creek and Jerry 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Don and Sue DeMoss in joyful thanksgiving for the precious gift of their newborn great-grandson, Lowen. They give thanks to the Lord for the blessing of new life and the joy this little one brings to their family.

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those who were hospitalized this past week: Pam Van Camp.

WITH SYMPATHY we pray for Martha Elliott and the family and friends of Jack Taylor, who died Oct. 2. 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 Pam Van Camp, Richard Wahlfeldt, Lori Acree, Ruth Burress, Dawn Campbell, Heather Christensen, Nancy Clark, Darlene Collins, Sandra Courson, Beverly Ellgass.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (October 18) "**The Heart of the Matter**" by Pastor Ryan Tinetti. How do you respond to tough questions about God and faith? Hear how Jesus delivers us from the tightest of tight spots and keeps us from falling into a trap. (Matthew 22:15-22) Tune in any time to hear 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!*

TODAY IS LWML SUNDAY! Lutheran Women in Mission praise the Lord for opportunities to share His message and love with people from all walks of life. Today, the LWML thanks you for joining us in celebrating the joy of serving the Lord with gladness! We are especially excited to welcome missionary Ashley Lehr, who serves the Lord in Puerto Rico. Our Women's Guild has supported Ashley's work in Puerto Rico, and she last visited us three years ago. Following the service, we will collect a **door offering** to support Ashley's ministry in Puerto Rico. If you would like to contribute by check, please make it payable to *The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod* and write *Ashley Lehr* on the memo line. Donations cannot be made directly in Ashley's name. Thank you for your prayers and support of the Lord's work through Ashley! **Join us in the gym after the service for a light lunch and hear about all that God has been doing through her ministry over the past three years!**

THANK YOU once again to everyone who helped make our Fall Rummage and Bake Sale a success! The amount raised is **\$3,816.11!** The proceeds will be used towards the cost of replacing the cafeteria doors. We still have some leftover books that need a ride to Orphan's Treasure Box Bookstore in Champaign, just off the Prospect exit. If you're heading that way and would be willing to help, please stop by the boys' locker room in the gym to pick up some books to take along. Dropping them off is easy! The books can be placed in the shed behind the building at any time. Just pull up, open the shed door, and leave the books inside. That's it! Thank you for helping us find a new home for these books!

STEAK FRY: The fundraising event results will be reported soon in the Immanuel Lights and November monthly newsletter. Thank you to all who participated in this event by volunteering, baking a dessert, and/or attending the event. There will be a leftovers sale in the Multi-Purpose room immediately after the church service.

SCRIP ORDERS: Are you looking for a thoughtful gift, or just want to make your everyday purchases work for a good cause? The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9 am on **Oct. 12** and will be ready for pick up on **Oct. 18**. Thank you for using this simple and impactful way to give back!

WALK FOR LIFE: The Women's Care Clinic will host its annual Walk for Life on **Oct. 17**. The clinic provides free life-affirming pregnancy services and support to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. This year, all Walk for Life donations will support the clinic's building campaign as they work toward a new location on Logan, across the street from Affirmative Care Solutions, where abortion services are provided. Donations may be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church and turned in to the office by **Oct. 12**. If we can collect \$300, a brick on the path to the entrance will be engraved with our name on it to show that we support life!

VOTER'S MEETING: Our next regular Voters Meeting will be on **Oct. 18**. Items on the agenda include annual board reports, and an open floor session to share thoughts, feedback, and any concerns you may have. As always, your voice matters, your participation helps guide the work we do together in Christ's name.

CEMETERY: Save the date for our fall cleanup at the Lutheran Cemetery! We would appreciate any help on Saturday, **Oct. 24**, as we work together to get the cemetery looking its best for the upcoming holiday season. We'll begin at 7:00 am and will be weed eating, raking, and tidying up. Come for as much time as you're able!

HELPING MOMS IN NEED: We have received a request from Safe Families to help our neighbors in need. One mom could use size 4 diapers, baby wipes, and toiletry items such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, and conditioner. Any brand is appreciated, and products suitable for African American hair and skin would be especially helpful. Another mom and her children are currently sleeping on the floor and need two twin beds, mattresses, and sheets. If you would like to help, please bring diapers and toiletries and place them in the coat room. If you can assist with the beds and bedding, please contact Diana Pratt. Thank you for showing Christ's love to families in our community!

INGATHERING: Our ingathering is for The Dwelling Place. This faith based ministry is dedicated to those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Items requested are needed for both men and women: hygiene items, gloves, hats, socks, underwear, toilet paper, and aspirin or other pain reliever.

LWML MITE BYTES: September and October 2026
LWML CID Mission Grant #3 – Sharing Our Savior, 1 Meal at a Time. Goal: \$7,500. Sharing our Savior, One Meal at a Time is the mission for Forged by Fire Services. They serve individuals and families living in communities across the United States who are recovering from natural disasters. Those in disaster stricken areas will receive spiritual care, a freshly prepared meal, a cross necklace provided by LWML women from around the US, devotional materials, Bibles and eventually, thanks to a LWML National Mission Grant, be able to do laundry. These grant funds would be used to purchase food for meals, Bibles, devotional materials, and other operating costs.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT: Join us on **Oct. 31** from 3 – 5 pm as we welcome our costumed candy seekers with smiles and sweets! We plan to line up our cars in the parking lot, weather permitting, but we'll move into the gym if it's too cold or rainy. We need your help! You can decorate your car with a Halloween or Fall theme, dress up if you'd like, and hand out candy to the kids as they make their way through. We ask that you sign up on the bulletin board to help us with planning. If you're not able to host a trunk, you can still join in the fun by donating bags of candy for us to share. A donation box is located next to the table in the hallway. Thank you for helping us share the sweetness of the season!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Last Sunday (10/04)	107
Communion Attendance	83
Attendance Wednesday (10/07)	17

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$6,333.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,708.00
Checking Account Balance	\$3,611.00
Bills Due This Week	\$9,484.00

BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 11	Sam Van Camp	16	Joe McElhoe
13	Jennifer Hess	16	Gary Stuhr
13	Denise Vollmer	16	Dan Van Hoveln
14	Vivia LaFoe	17	Evan Wittmann
16	Deegan Culotti		

ANNIVERSARIES:

Oct. 13	Brendan and Kourtney Manno	8
Oct. 17	Michael and Debbie Ferris	56

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Sunday (11)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship – LWML Sunday
	10:45 am	Lunch and Presentation from Missionary Ashley Lehr
Monday (12)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (13)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	11:30 am	Guild Luncheon Meeting
	6:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday (14)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
	6:00 pm	Choir
	6:45 pm	Handbells
Thursday (15)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
Next Sunday (18)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
	10:45 am	Voter's Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Voter's Meeting, Oct. 18**
- **ILS Chili Cook Off, Oct. 22**
- **Cemetery Cleanup Day, Oct. 24**
- **Reformation Sunday, Oct. 25**
- **Trunk-or-Treat, Oct. 31**
- **Leaf and Holly Holiday Bazaar, Nov. 10**