



Immanuel Lutheran Church
IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US
 December 22, 2024

Serving in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. James Yonkers
Music Director / Organist: Tom Fricke
Elders: Don DeMoss, Kurt Thornsbrough, Dean Hull
Ushers: Team F: Capt. Ray Wittmann
Lay Reader: Josh Christensen
Gospel Reader: Josh Christensen
Videographer: Dwain Dixon
Screens/Audio: Jamie Yonkers
Acolyte: Kendall Wright
Altar Guild: Rosemary H., Debbie F., Carrie F.
Counters: Mary Powell, Holly Clem

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.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: The Old Testament is Genesis 3:1-15 (The Fall); the Epistle is Galatians 4:4-7 (God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts); the Gospel is John 1:1-14 (The Word became flesh.)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by to the glory of God are given to the glory of God by Mary Powell with thankfulness in her heart for the many blessings in 2024; and by all who gave poinsettias in honor of the Christ child or in memory of your loved ones. *May all your remembrances be blessed!*

HOSPITALIZED: We pray for those hospitalized this week: **Myra Greazer.**

WITH SYMPATHY we pray for Sandy Kochvar and family at the death of her husband, Richard. *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 **Mike Borgwald, Ruth Burress, Nancy Clark, Janet Gale, Rosalie Finet, Sandra Courson, Sharon Glossinger, Heather Christensen, Darlene Collins.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (12/29) "No Getting Better Than This" Pastor Chad Lakies says life is truly good when it's life the way God meant it to be. (Colossians 3:12-17) Tune in to hear this and other great sermons any time at: www.lutheranhour.org

WELCOME VISITORS! *New around here?* We hope you are blessed today as we worship the Lord together. Please fill out the visitor's information in the red folder at the end of the pew. If you have any questions, feel free to ask an usher (the gentleman just outside of the sanctuary), or contact the church office at 217-442-5675. *We're so glad you're here and hope to see you again!*

May the joy of this special season bless you and yours with peace, hope, joy, and love in Christ! Please join us for our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion** on **Dec. 24** at 6:30 pm. We extend **THANKS** to all who helped with our special Advent and Christmas services and activities! From the choir and hand bells, who gave their time and talents; to the Parish Ed volunteers with the Children's Christmas Program to all who helped decorate the church, baked cookies to give away, and contributed to the Christmas food baskets, etc. **Thank you and Merry Christmas!!**



GINGERBREAD CONTEST: This past Thursday, our youth group had a gingerbread decorating contest! You can see their houses on the table in the narthex. **Please vote to help us decide on a winner!** To place your vote for your favorite house, simply take a penny and place it in the container in front of your favorite gingerbread house. There are pennies on the table for you. We'll announce the winner next week! Thank you to the youth that participated – they look great!



OFFICE HOURS: The office is closed on **Dec. 24, 25 & Jan. 1** in observance of Christmas and New Year's. If you need to reach the office, please call and leave a message, or send an email. In any time of spiritual need, please contact Pastor Yonkers at 260-413-8375. *Thanks for your patience!*

THE INGATHERING is for the VA. Items needed: Oatmeal Cups, Campbell's Chunky Bowls (soup cups with red lids), Dinty Moore canned meals, Men's plain sweatpants and sweatshirts, and long sleeve t-shirts in sizes M – 2XL, and Men's jeans and shoes in any size.

ALTAR FLOWERS / BULLETIN SPONSORS:

The 2025 Altar Flowers and Bulletin sponsor signup posters are up! Both are great ways to celebrate special occasions and remember loved ones. The cost for altar flowers is just \$40.00 per Sunday. You can take your flowers home to enjoy following the service. Checks should be made payable to the Women’s Guild and envelopes for this purpose are next to the signup sheet. The cost to sponsor bulletins is just \$30 per week and helps cover the cost of printing. In the bulletin, we’ll include personalized art and a note to commemorate your special occasion or honor your loved one. There are typically very few sponsors for either one in January and February, so consider signing up soon!

ILS LUNCH TREES: Help out the ILS Lunch Program with a Christmas gift of a shelf stable food item.



DCFS regulations state that we are no longer able to charge students for their daily lunch. We are asking for your help buying some groceries that we use on a regular basis to help supplement this loss of income. There will be two trees – one in the chapel hallway and one in the school lobby. Take a star tag, purchase the item, and place it under the tree. There are wooden Christmas ornaments made by the ILS children. If you would like an ornament, place a donation in the box under the tree and take an ornament to place on your tree at home!

2025 ENVELOPES are available now. Please do not use your new envelopes until 2025 as your envelope number may have changed; likewise, do not use leftover 2024 envelopes after Jan. 1. This will help us accurately acknowledge your contributions. If you currently do not have envelopes, but would like to begin using them, please call Kim in the church office. Thanks!

CAPITAL FUND CHRISTMAS TREE:

There is a Christmas tree in the narthex for year-end gifts to the Capital Fund Drive; it has all blue and silver ornaments. Place your donation in the envelope (next to the tree) and place the completed envelope in the offering plate. We welcome you to keep ornament from the tree to commemorate your donation. The tree will be up through Epiphany, if you’d like to jumpstart your 2025 giving. All donations, large or small, are equally appreciated!



PORTALS OF PRAYER for January through March are now available in the Narthex. *Portals of Prayer* is great for personal devotions; with each devotion featuring a Bible reading, meditation, and prayer in an east-to-read format. Take one for you and a friend! We thank the Women’s Bible Study for sponsoring the Portals of Prayer!

IMMANUEL YOUTH: Six and a half months to go before the youth go to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering! One of our biggest fundraisers is coming up in January – Hustle Hoops Concessions! We’ll need volunteers Saturdays from **Jan. 11** through **Feb. 8**. More details on times and signup sheets are coming soon.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Sunday (12/08)	18
Advent Wednesday (12/11)	37

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$10,217.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,594.00
Checking Account Balance	\$6,277.00
Bills Due This Week	\$8,382.00

BIRTHDAYS:

Dec. 23 Holly Clem	24 Tom Fricke
23 Charley Pettit	25 Jesus

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (22)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship with Children’s Nativity
Monday (23)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (24)	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion
Thursday (26)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
Next Sunday (29)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 24
- Christmas Day, Dec. 25
- 5th Sunday Zora Draws Door Offering, Dec. 29
- New Year’s Eve, Dec. 31
- New Year’s Day, Jan. 1
- A Taste of Deutschland German Dinner, Feb. 22



Pastor Yonkers and Kim Davis in our church office, our musician, Tom Fricke, and the staff of Immanuel Lutheran School extend a very Merry Christmas to you!