



Immanuel Lutheran Church

# IMMANUEL LIGHTS

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GOD WITH US

December 8, 2024

## Serving in Worship Today

**Pastor:** Rev. James Yonkers

**Music Director / Organist:** Tom Fricke

**Elders:** Don DeMoss, Kurt Thornsborough, Dean Hull

**Ushers:** Team F: Capt. Ray Wittmann

**Lay Reader:** Diana Pratt

**Gospel Reader:** Josh Christensen

**Children's Message:** Kurt Thornsborough

**Videographer:** Butch Buesing

**Screens/Audio:** Don DeMoss

**Acolyte:** Jamie Yonkers

**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 Zephaniah 3:14-20 (Shout, O daughter of Zion.); the Epistle is Philippians 4:4-7 (Rejoice always! The Lord is near.); the Gospel is Luke 7:18-35 ("I send My messenger before Your face.")

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by to the glory of God by Ray and Marie Wittmann.

**HOSPITALIZED:** We pray for those hospitalized this week: none known.

**HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS:** We pray for Phyllis Schendel, Billy Schuring, Diana Stage, Gary Stuhr, Paul Teegarden, Janet Terry, Richard Wahlfeldt, Betty Watts, and Eric Wittmann.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** next Sunday (12/15) "Sorrow Welcomed Here" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The church welcomes people, but does it also welcome their problems? Dr. Michael Zeigler says the church should be a place that makes room for both joy and sorrow. (Zephaniah 3:14-20) Tune in to hear great sermons any time at: [www.lutheranhour.org](http://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!*

**HOLY BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was granted this past Thursday to **Owen Price**. Through Holy Baptism, Owen became a child of God as his sins were washed away in connection with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. May God graciously preserve the saving faith given to Owen through this sacred act of God's grace and cause his faith to grow through the continued use of His Word and Sacraments.



## TODAY IS THE 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT!



Midweek **Advent Services** are at 6:30 pm on the Wednesdays in Advent before Christmas: **Dec. 11 & 18**. Our Advent series is "The Word Made Flesh." In this series, we are reminded that Jesus came to us in the flesh and revealed his divine nature to us in physical elements we find on earth. Week 1: Bread of Life, Week 2: Salt of the Earth, Week 3: Rock of Ages, and Week 4: Light of the World. Join us prior to Service for an **Advent supper**, then come to worship our coming King to prepare for Christmas. This week's supper is sponsored by our Youth Group. The menu includes meatball subs, salad, chips, dessert, and drinks. Advent suppers help foster fellowship, and make it convenient to attend Services as we prepare for the Advent – or *Coming* – of Christ!

**GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS:** The next Scrip order is due by 9 am on **Dec. 9**. *They make great stocking stuffers!* Updated order blanks are on the table in the hallway. These orders will be ready to pick up **Dec. 15**, in the church office after that, or you can make arrangements with Jo Van Hovel.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The elders meeting scheduled for this coming Tuesday, Dec. 10, has been cancelled. Please contact Don DeMoss if you have any questions.

**COOKIES FOR THE HOMEBOUND:** Christmas is a time that we traditionally remember our homebound or suffering members and friends with cookies. We need bakers as well as delivery people. If you could do either of these, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Bring your delicious cookies to the multipurpose room by 10 am on Thursday, **Dec. 13**. Cookies will be packed and ready for delivery by 12 pm on Thursday or on Friday morning. Thank you!



**WEIHNACHTSVESPER:** Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in Terre Haute, IN invites you to their annual **German Christmas Service** on **Dec. 15** at 4:00 pm. Sing German hymns and carols, hear the Gospel and sermon in German, and enjoy some *Gemutlichkeit*. They will serve pastries, cookies, German Kaffee. An English translation of the liturgy will be provided as well as a synopsis of the sermon. One need not know German to enjoy this Service! Call 812-232-4972 for more info.

**THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE** is Sunday, **Dec. 22**. We have been practicing in Sunday school so it is important for those participating to be in attendance. We will also have a special practice to prepare for the service on Saturday, **Dec. 21** from 10 am to noon, with a pizza lunch included.

**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.

**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 coming soon. 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!

**CHRISTMAS TREE NEEDED:** Sue DeMoss is looking for a gently used 6 – 7 ft. Christmas tree for the seniors at Deer Creek Manor. If you have one you would be willing to donate, please call her at 504-9731. Thanks!

**CAPITAL FUND CHRISTMAS TREE:** This year, there are about 200,000 reasons we are asking you to prayerfully consider making a special Christmas donation to the Capital Fund – we're saving up to replace the school roof. 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! Thank you!

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

Attendance Sunday (12/01)	86
Communion Attendance	78
Advent Wednesday (12/04)	33

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:**

Giving Last Week	\$5,303.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,594.00
Checking Account Balance	\$961.00
Bills Due This Week	\$6,124.00

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Dec. 8 Diana Pratt	11 Tyler Ammermann
10 Ann Seibert	11 Michael Ferris
	13 Don Page

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Dec. 10 David and Sandra Courson 57

**CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...**

Sunday (8)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship
Monday (9)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (10)	9:00 am	Circuit Pastors' Conference
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	2:00 pm	Midwest Foodbank Delivery
	5:00 pm	Baton Twirlers in the Gym
Wednesday (11)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Advent Supper
	5:30 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Advent Service
	7:30 pm	Future Planning Committee Mtg
Thursday (12)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	9:30 am	Social Ministry Meeting
	6:00 pm	Christian Education Meeting
Next Sunday (15)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ILS Christmas Program, Dec. 19
- First Day of Winter, Dec. 21
- Children's Nativity Service, Dec. 22
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 24
- Christmas Day, Dec. 25
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Zora Drews Door Offering, Dec. 29
- New Year's Eve, Dec. 31