



Immanuel Lutheran Church

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GOD WITH US

Vol. LXVII No. 7 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Danville, Illinois

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Serving in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. James Yonkers

Music Director / Organist: Tom Fricke

Elders: Don DeMoss, Kurt Thornsborough, Dean Hull

Ushers: Team B – Youth: Capt. Josh Christensen

Communion: Al Julian, Dean Hull

Lay Reader: Diana Pratt

Gospel Reader: Dwain Dixon

Children's Church: Jan Mann

Nursery: Chelsea Pratt, Kirsten Thornsborough

Videographer: Kim Davis

Screens/Audio: RJ Davis

Acolyte: Carley Wright

Altar Guild: Sue DeMoss, Kimberly Davis

Counters: Nancy Purviance, Martha Elliott

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 45:3-15 (Joseph forgives his brothers.); the Epistle is 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 ("What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable"); the Gospel is Luke 6:27-38 ("Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.")

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

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

HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS: We pray for **Mike Borgwald, Sharon Burow, Ruth Burress, Heather Christensen, Nancy Clark, Darlene Collins, Sandra Courson, Kyla Culotti, and Rosalie Finet.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday (02/23) "Need to Know" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. If you don't need God, you won't know God. (John 7:28-29) Tune in any time at: www.lutheranhour.org

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Today's lesson is: "Places to pray."

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!*

PRAYERS FOR KYLA: Today, you'll find a prayer card in your bulletin for Kyla Culotti.



Kyla's surgery is scheduled for Friday, **Feb. 21**. The time is not known yet, but we are asking that wherever you are that day at 9 am, please stop and pray for Kyla, her family, and the doctors and nurses caring for her. There is great power in prayer and the more who pray the stronger the cry to God for help.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Please join us for "**A Taste of Deutschland**" **German Dinner**, co-hosted by the Capital Fund Committee and Men's Club is set to return on **Feb. 22!** The menu includes grilled brats, red potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, pumpernickel bread, dessert, and a drink. **Tickets are on sale now!** This year we are adding a silent auction



to this event! If you would like to make a donation, please bring your items, such as gift cards, gift baskets, crafts, etc., to the church office. Gift basket theme ideas: Spa Basket (soap, candle, lotion, bubble bath, a loofa, exfoliating scrub), Movie Night Basket (DVD's, popcorn, candy, a pizza gift certificate), Charcuterie Basket (a bottle of wine, charcuterie board, meats, cheeses), Bookworm Basket (books, reading light, candle, lap blanket). **We need volunteers!** Please consider signing up to help with the setup on Friday at 4:30 pm, at the event, and with the cleanup and tear down of the tables and chairs after church the next day. Bakers – we need your yummy treats! Desserts do not need to be



traditionally German. Signup sheets for the desserts and volunteers are on the card table. Join us for good food and fellowship! This is one of our major fundraisers for the reroofing project.

INGATHERING: The Women's Guild ingathering for the for the Food for the Children Backpack Program continues through February. In late 2024, this program was feeding 417 children and anticipate growing numbers. Donations can be placed in the marked tote in the coatroom. Items requested: tomato soup (10.5 oz.), chicken noodle soup (10.5 oz.), beef ravioli (15 oz.), Vienna sausages, pork and beans (15 oz.), mac and cheese cups, fruit cups (4 oz. 4 packs), pudding cups (4 packs), cereal bowls, peanut butter crackers, juice boxes, applesauce cups, and peanut butter (12-14 oz. jars).

CAMP CILCA: The Act Like Men Woodcutters' Retreat is **Feb. 28 – Mar. 1**. Come and enjoy cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God's Word! You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. The study sessions will cover topics relevant to men navigating life in the modern age. To register, visit cilca.org/act-like-men-woodcutters-retreat.

LENT SUPPER SPONSORS NEEDED! Lent will begin this year on **Mar. 5**. The Board of Directors will host the first supper on Ash Wednesday. Sponsors are needed for **Mar. 12, 19 & 26**, and **Apr. 2 & 9**. If you would like to host a supper, please call the church office.

SAVE THE DATE! The Spring Rummage Sale is **March 21 & 22**. It's time for you to clean out your closets, declutter your home, and help Immanuel! We are asking that you wait until **Mar. 12** to bring your donations. After that date, you may place your donations on the stage behind the curtain. We are no longer using the boys' locker room to store rummage sale items. Also, please do not bring large TVs, computers, or Christmas trees. All proceeds will benefit the Capital Fund. *Thanks!*

A MESSAGE FROM TABBY HAMMER: *"Thank you to the anonymous donor who bought some toys and items for our science area. We will definitely be using all of these items in the classroom!"*

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS! The Thrivent Choice Dollars Deadline is **March 31!** Each year, Thrivent members have the opportunity to designate where your Thrivent Choice Dollars go. Choice Dollars are a free benefit of being a Thrivent member, and they can be used to make great donations to Immanuel Lutheran Church, or any of its special missions or funds. It is all, as the name implies, YOUR choice. Thrivent Choice Dollars can be designated to many other organizations or charities, but we ask that you would consider designating Immanuel Lutheran Church. If you wish to designate to a specific mission or ministry here (including Immanuel Lutheran School) here at Immanuel Lutheran Church we can make that happen, just speak to your Thrivent agent and the church office regarding your Choice Dollars and we will make them work for you, the congregation, and any special ministry you choose to support.

HELP WANTED! ILS is looking for substitutes! Do you know anyone that would be interested? It's a fairly simple process, all that is required is a bit of paperwork from DCFS and a background check. We'll add your name to our list of substitutes, and in the event that one of our teachers or aides needs to miss a day, we'll give you a call. If you're available, great! If not, we'll move on down the list. In the event that none of our subs are available, we would also like to make a list of potential volunteers we could call upon. If you're interested in either one or have additional questions, please call Rachel in the school office at 217-442-5036. Thanks!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Sunday (02/09)	125
Wednesday Attendance (02/12)	5

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Giving Last Week	\$11,590. ⁰⁰
Needed Weekly	\$7,594. ⁰⁰
Checking Account Balance	\$8,615. ⁰⁰
Bills Due This Week	\$7,615. ⁰⁰

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb. 18 Lauren Ferris	20	Adelyn Wadsworth
19 Christopher Davis	21	Don McCorkle
19 Joseph Rottmann	21	Loretta Reifsteck
19 Tristan Showers	22	Sandra Courson
20 Spencer Showers	22	Sharron Runyan

ANNIVERSARIES:

Feb. 16 Roger and Ann Seibert	51
Feb. 18 Earl and Jean Lackey	58

CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...

Sunday (16)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School	
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion	
Monday (17)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study	
Tuesday (18)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	
	6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	
Wednesday (19)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel	
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship	
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice	
	6:45 pm	Handbells Practice	
Thursday (20)	8:30 am	Food Pantry	
	6:00 pm	Youth Night	
Friday (21)	4:30 pm	German Dinner Set up	
Saturday (22)	4 - 6:30	A Taste of Deutschland Dinner	
Next Sunday (23)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School	
	9:30 am	Worship	

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Presidents' Day, Feb. 17** (ILS Closed, Church Office Open)
- **A Taste of Deutschland German Dinner, Feb. 22**
- **ILS Winter Movie Night, Feb. 28**
- **Lent Begins / Ash Wednesday, Mar. 5**