



Immanuel Lutheran Church

# IMMANUEL LIGHTS

GOD WITH US

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## Serving in Worship Today

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**Pastor:** Rev. James Yonkers

**Leading the Service:** Joshua Christensen

**Music Director / Organist:** Tom Fricke

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

**Ushers:** Team B – Youth: Capt. Josh Christensen

**Lay Reader:** Al Julian

**Gospel Reader:** Al Julian

**Children's Message:** Diana Pratt

**Videographer:** Dwain Dixon

**Screens/Audio:** Don DeMoss

**Acolyte:** Eli Mann

**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 Jeremiah 17:5-8 (Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.); the Epistle is 1 Corinthians 5:1-20 (If Christ be not raised, your faith is in vain.); the Gospel is Luke 6:17-26 (Blessed are they.)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by to the glory of God by Michelle Moore.

**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 (02/16) "The Bread of Our Lives" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. Jesus gives us Himself as the Bread of Life so that everything we need can be filled by Him and His gifts. (John 6:35) Tune in to hear this and other 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!*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Pastor Yonkers is not here today, and will be out of the office all week, taking some time off to spend with family. There will still be a service this Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 5 pm. If you are in need of urgent spiritual care, you may call his cell: 260-413-8375, or our head elder, Don DeMoss, on his cell: 217-799-1035.

**PLEDGING FOUNDATION:** We are asking for help identifying a couple of financial distributions to the church. We have received two checks from the Pledging Foundation. There was no description included to help us know who sent them to us and we would like to make sure that they are accurately acknowledged. If you are able to provide any further information, please contact the church office at 217-442-5675. Thank you!

**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).

**SCRIP ORDERS** are due to the church office on **Monday, Feb. 10** by 9 am and will be ready for pick up on **Feb. 16**. Scrip cards make great gifts!

**LADIES:** join us for our next Women's Guild luncheon meeting on Tuesday, **Feb. 11** 11:30 am. Our guest will be Kimberly Cullen, Director of Safe Families for Children, East Central Chapter. Please bring a dish to share, everything else will be provided. Our hostesses are Lorel Fitting and Sharon Crow. All ladies in the congregation are welcome!

**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.

**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](http://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!*

**THANK YOU** to all who came and enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner last Thursday! \$1,152 was raised to help the ILS Lunch Program. Thank you to all of the volunteers – your hard work does not go unnoticed. We appreciate you!

**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:**

<b>Attendance Sunday (01/26)</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>Attendance Wednesday (01/29)</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Communed Wednesday</b>	<b>10</b>

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:**

<b>Giving Last Week</b>	<b>\$6,862.00</b>
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$7,594.00</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$4,832.00</b>
<b>Bills Due This Week</b>	<b>\$7,648.00</b>

**BIRTHDAYS:**

<b>Feb. 9 Courtney Acree</b>	<b>10 Ainsley Pratt</b>
<b>9 Jimmy Lazzell</b>	<b>15 Mike Borgwald</b>
<b>10 June Moore</b>	<b>15 Billy Schuring</b>

**CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...**

<b>Sunday (9)</b>	<b>8:30 am Bible Class &amp; Sunday School</b>
	<b>9:30 am Worship</b>
<b>Monday (10)</b>	<b>6:00 pm Strategic Planning Committee</b>
<b>Tuesday (11)</b>	<b>9:30 am Women’s Bible Study</b>
	<b>11:30 am Women’s Guild Luncheon Mtg.</b>
	<b>6:00 pm Elders Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday (12)</b>	<b>8:45 am ILS Chapel</b>
	<b>5:00 pm Evening Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm Choir Practice</b>
	<b>6:45 pm Handbells Practice</b>
<b>Thursday (13)</b>	<b>8:30 am Food Pantry</b>
	<b>9:30 am Social Ministry Meeting</b>
	<b>6:00 pm Christian Education Meeting</b>
<b>Next Sunday (16)</b>	<b>8:30 am Bible Class &amp; Sunday School</b>
	<b>9:30 am Worship with Communion</b>

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Presidents’ Day, Feb. 17**
- **A Taste of Deutschland German Dinner, Feb. 22**
- **ILS Winter Movie Night, Feb. 28**
- **Lent Begins / Ash Wednesday, Mar. 5**



**Super Bowl Subs are here! Thank you to all who purchased subs – you may pick them up from Sue Heidle after the service. Enjoy the game!**