



Immanuel Lutheran Church

# IMMANUEL LIGHTS

GOD WITH US

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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 C: Capt. Kurt Thornsborough

**Communion:** Don DeMoss, Dean Hull

**Lay Reader:** Carrie Farrell

**Gospel Reader:** Kurt Thornsborough

**Videographer:** Dwain Dixon

**Screens/Audio:** Jamie Yonkers

**Acolyte:** Carley Wright

**Altar Guild:** Sharon Crow, Sharron Runyan

**Counters:** Mary Powell and 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 Reading is from Isaiah 43:16-21 (God is making a way for His chosen people.); The Epistle is Philippians 3:4b-14 ("I press on toward the goal."); and the Gospel is Luke 20:9-20 ("The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.")

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by to the glory of God by Gary West in loving memory of Pam.

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

**HOMEBOUND / HEALTH CONCERNS:** We pray for **Sharon Glossinger, Myra Greazer, Rosemary Hilton, Marian Heideman, Linda Grinestaff, Bonnie Holmes, Bob and Caralee Homann, Carol Johnston, Charlotte Kennett, and Rev. Del Krueger.**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** next Sunday (04/06) "**Better Than I Deserve!**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Haberstock. Jesus didn't deserve to die on a cross, but He died and rose again in order to give us better than we deserve. (John 12:1-11) Tune in to hear this and other great sermons any time: [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 will be granted this past Wednesday to **Braden Michael Stone**, born July 1, 2012, to Brandon and Leslie Van Camp Stone. Through Holy Baptism, Braden became a child of God as his sins are washed away in connection with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Braden's sponsors are Ronnie Van Camp and Maria Analita McClesky. May God graciously preserve the saving faith given to Braden through this sacred act of God's grace and cause his faith to grow through the continued use of His Word and Sacraments.



**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS ARE DUE SOON!** We are now taking orders for flowers to adorn our altar on Easter. Orders will be taken for lilies, tulips, and hyacinths. The cost is just \$15 per plant. Flowers can be given in memory of someone special to you, for a friend, or to take home for your own Easter celebrations! **Orders are due Monday, Mar. 31. Thanks!**

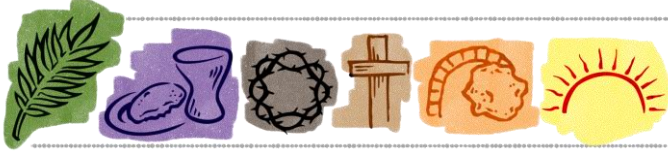


**TODAY IS THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT:** All midweek Lenten services are at 6:30 pm, **Apr. 2 & 9.** Our sermon series is "*The Hand of the Lord*" and focuses on how He works in various ways to both save and sustain us here in His creation. This is a great series from CPH and it is non-sequential, so even if you've missed services, you won't be lost. We also welcome you to join us for a Lenten supper before the service at 5:00 pm. The menu this week includes taco soup, ham and potato soup, ham and turkey sliders, and dessert.

**THE LWML SPRING GATHERING** is here at Immanuel on Saturday, **April 5** beginning at 8:30 am. Hopefully, many of you will be able to attend this zone event which includes brunch, fellowship, and a great presenter. Please let the church office know if you will attend. We will be setting up and putting together breakfast casseroles on Friday evening, **April 4** at 4 pm for anyone willing to help.

**LADIES:** The April meeting of our Women's Guild is Tuesday, **April 8** at 11:30 am. As always, all ladies are invited to attend. Bring a dish to share and everything else is provided. We will be preparing Easter cards for our homebound members and friends.

**GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS ORDERS:** The next Scrip order is due to the church office on **Monday, Apr. 14** by 9 am. Scrip cards make great gifts!



**HOLY WEEK:** Our *Palm Sunday* Service is **Apr. 13** at 9:30 am. Pick up your palms as you enter church that morning. You're invited to join us in the Narthex for our Palm Sunday processional. On **Apr. 17** at 6:30 pm, we will hold our *Maundy Thursday* service. Come and mark the night Christ instituted the Lord's Supper. We return the next night, **Apr. 18** for our *Good Friday Service*, also at 6:30 pm. Join us as we reflect on Jesus' suffering and death to take away our sins. We celebrate with joy Christ's victory over death with our Easter services. This year, we will have an outdoor *Easter Sunrise* service at 7:00 am. We will only move indoors in the case of rain, so bring a blanket if the forecast calls for chilly temps. The *Easter Festival Service* will be held at our regular time at 9:30 am. The youth will once again serve a delicious breakfast in between the two Easter services.

**SAFE FAMILIES:**

- **EXTEND A LOVING AND HELPING HAND:** We have an opportunity to support a mom and her two young children who are currently receiving assistance and guidance through Safe Families. She is eager to bring her children to church (starting later in April), but will need help with transportation to make that possible. Additionally, we would love for someone to sit with her and her children, offering help, and provide a warm, welcoming presence. If you or your family would be willing to assist, please call the church office.
- **INGATHERING:** Our ingathering is for Safe Families continues through April. At this time, we are asking for Walmart gift cards in varying amounts. These gift cards will go directly to clients in need or to host families to help with food, diapers, etc. Considering ordering them from the church's Scrip fundraiser!
- **RESOURCE REQUEST:** Safe Families is working with a family in the Danville area. Her children have been in hosting since December. She lost her husband 5 years ago and suffers from depression. She has entered counseling and has been working to restore her home, but she has no furniture. Safe Families has created a wish list on Amazon for her. To find her list, simply go to this web address. If you purchase an item for her, it will be sent directly to her home address: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2RPPAXEOEKUSN>

**FOOD DRIVE:** Once again, Thrivent is allowing us to participate in a special food drive, "Better Together: Food Drive 25". Like the drive we participated in 2023, for every food item donated for ILC food pantry, Thrivent Members Network will donate \$1 (up to \$150) to our food pantry. This promotion runs through **Apr. 30**. Please bring in your non-perishable items and place them on the cart in the coat room. Thank you for always supporting this community giving project!

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

Attendance Sunday (03/23)	118
Wednesday Attendance (03/25)	40

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

Giving Last Week	\$4,757.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,594.00
Checking Account Balance	\$1,143.00
Bills Due This Week	\$9,785.00

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Mar. 30 Blair Huls	4 Lucy Carlton
31 Lorel Fitting	4 Mary Ellen Fricke
Apr. 1 Charlie Crow	4 Marcie Kucic
3 Dennis Eilers	4 Cindy Pasquale
	5 Zachary Fischer

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Apr. 1 Zach and Bobbi Fischer	2
Apr. 5 Aaron and Chelsea Pratt	11

**CALENDAR EVENTS THIS WEEK ...**

Sunday (30)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	8:30 am	Adult Confirmation
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
Monday (31)	10:00 am	Manor Bible Study
Tuesday (1)	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday (2)	8:45 am	ILS Chapel
	5:00 pm	Lent Supper
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
Thursday (3)	8:30 am	Food Pantry
	1:00 pm	Quilters
	6:00 pm	Youth Night
Friday (4)	4:00 pm	Spring Gathering Setup
Saturday (5)	8:30 am	LWML CID Spring Gathering
Next Sunday (6)	8:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	8:30 am	Adult Confirmation
	9:30 am	Worship with Communion

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- LWML CID Spring Gathering, Apr. 5
- Palm Sunday, Apr. 13
- Maundy Thursday, Apr. 17
- Good Friday, Apr. 18
- Resurrection Sunday, Apr. 20
- Australian Outback VBS, June 16 – 20
- National Youth Gathering, July 16 – 23