

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL

DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
<b>Sunday 1/25/26</b>	8:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
	8:00 AM	Facebook Live/YouTube	Online	Everyone	Nathan Allen
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Adults	McQuillan/Misic/Marks
	9:15 AM	Sunday School	Building	3 yrs—HS	Jen Allen
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
	10:30 AM	Facebook Live/YouTube	Online	Everyone	Doug Nelson
	10:30 AM	Broadcast of Worship Service	WLBK 1360 AM	Everyone	Doug Nelson
	12:00 PM	Peer Ministry Team Meeting	College Lounge	Peer Ministers	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Mon 1/19/25</b>	—	MLK Day—NO PRESCHOOL	—	—	—
	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study	Online	Adults	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Tue 1/20/26</b>	12 Noon	Newsletter Deadline	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	5:30—6:30	Girl Scout Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Community	Office
	7:00 PM	Crafty Christians	College Lounge	College	Peer Ministers
	9:00 PM	Refuge Bible Study	College Lounge	College	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Wed 1/21/26</b>	12:15 PM	Staff Meeting	North Narthex	Staff	Rev. Marty Marks
	5:30 PM	Jr. Confirmation	Fellowship Hall	Grades 7-9	Rev. Marty Marks
	6:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Balcony	Adults	C-J Motisi
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Council/Elders	Jen Allen
<b>Thur 1/22/26</b>	8:30 AM	Bulletin Deadline	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	6:00 PM	Girl Scout Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Community	Office
	8:00 PM	Refuge Activity Night	College Lounge	College	Peer Ministers
<b>Friday 1/23/26</b>	8:30—12:30	Office Hours	—	—	—
	5:30 PM	Chit, Chat & Chai	Fellowship Hall	International	Linda Sons
	6:30 PM	Intercultural Café	Fellowship Hall	International	Linda Sons
<b>Sat 1/24/26</b>	—	—	—	—	—
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**Grief Share Support Group at St John, Sycamore** will begin Monday, January 26 • 6:30-8:30pm

Need help dealing with grief? A Grief Share support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

They will meet on Mondays, January 26 thru April 20, 6:30-8:30pm at Saint John off of Brickville Road in Sycamore. Please contact Deaconess Carol Brown at 815-895-4477 to register.



## PARTNERING IN PRAYER January 18-24, 2026

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."— *Philippians 4:6*

### WE OFFER PRAYER ON BEHALF OF THE FOLLOWING:

#### THOSE WHO ARE CHRONICALLY ILL:

Robin Nielsen      Craig Dybas      Gail Cantrell      Rob McKinley      Tammy Snyder

#### THOSE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER:

Dale Geibel      Staci McNett      Todd Hanson (*nephew of Jackie Hanson*)  
 Danika Nelson      Glen Roberts      Mandy Long      Rita Goodwin      Bryan Faivre  
 Donna Cyrier (*friend of Mishelle Rodgers*)      Raymond Schaeffer (*Friend of Norm & Fran Pierce*)  
 Colleen Chavez (*granddaughter of Carlos Woolbright*)      Debbie Teason (*cousin of Audrey Cook*)  
 Jenna Wiegel (*Laura Tiggelaar's sister-in-law*)      Glenn Lucca (*friend of Chris & Audrey Cook*)  
 Carl Campbell (*Pastor Marty's friend*)      Joan Baker (*cousin of Cindy Berg*)

**OUR SHUT-INS:** Marcia Kiel      Mary Jane Lindaas      Ruth Kuhns      Lloyd Larson  
 Carlos Woolbright      Judy Thorson

#### THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

Jessica (Marx) Hess: US Air Force; Dayton, OH (*granddaughter of Janet & Patrick Byrnes*)  
 Evan Schroeder (*grandson of Dennis & Jane Schroeder*)      Brendan Spartz (*son of Mindy Lynch*)

#### SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For Jackie Hanson who was scheduled for an eye surgery on Thursday, January 15;
- For Earl, a friend of Mary Jane Lindaas, who was to undergo surgery on Wednesday; ;
- For Vicki Lohmeier, who was scheduled to undergo an additional procedure on January 14 to ensure that all cancerous growths have been fully removed;
- For Linda Sons, has been transferred to a rehabilitation center near Crown Point, Indiana. For those who would like to send words of encouragement, please contact the office for an address;
- For Jacob Trapp, friend of Riley Marks, who is being treated for Guillain-Barre syndrome and has been transferred to Marion Joy Rehabilitation Center;
- For Craig Dybas who has been transferred to Prairie Crossings in Shabbona for rehab following the amputation of his left toes;
- May the Lord grant healing to those in need, comfort to those who mourn, wisdom to those who lead, and compassion to all in times of difficulty. May opportunities open and may we be wise enough to recognize them to see God's love in all situations and convey Your love to others.

**THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:** Cody Allen      Kaitlyn Goff      Megan Gratschmayr  
 Karrie Altringer      Robby Miller

#### THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

1/19/2004      Benjamin & Maria Cintora      1/23/2016      Peter & Rachel Kurasz IV

**REMINDER:** The elders ask that you please take a moment to fill out the attendance sheet found at the end of each pew.

Please turn it in at the end of the service, by placing it in the offering plate.—Thank you!

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We are glad to have you with us today and invite you to visit again. If you are looking for a church home, please consider Immanuel Lutheran Church. Full Christian Education programs for ages 3 and up are available September — May.



**Please fill out the attendance sheet at the end of the pew or fill out the card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to either an usher or the pastor. Include your address and phone number on our attendance pad so we may note your visit with us.**

We have a **DESIRE TO MINISTER** to all who are hospitalized or in some way shut-in.

However, we (Pastor and the Elders) cannot provide pastoral care if we are not made aware of the need. If you know of someone hospitalized or needing a visit, please contact the church office. If at any time you have specific needs, or just feel the need to talk or visit, please contact: Church office: 815-756-6669 (church direct line) office@godwithusilc.org or Pastor Marty: 815-501-3951 (cell and text) Rev@godwithusilc.org



#### From the Financial Secretary,

Giving statements for 2025 will be available by the end of January.

If you have any questions concerning contributions, please contact Ann Nelson or the office.

Thank you. Ann Nelson, Financial Secretary



#### February Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

#### Newsletter Assembly:

Monday, January 26, 2026 @ 9:30

#### Midweek Lenten Dinners:

 Lenten Meal Midweek Lenten services will begin Wednesday, February 18. The evening service will be preceded by a Lenten dinner as provided by groups of Immanuel. If your group would like to sign up for date and meal, please contact the office.

#### The meal schedule at this time includes:

**Wednesday, February 18** LWML Soup &

Sandwich Dinner

*tentatively set*

**Wednesday, February 25** Little Lambs

Spaghetti Dinner

#### Open Dates:

**Wednesday, March 11**

**Wednesday, March 18**

**Wednesday, March 25**



#### February 2025 Would You Like To Receive The Lutheran

**WITNESS MAGAZINE?** The office is now taking subscriptions and renewals for *The Lutheran Witness*. If you currently subscribe, and wish to continue, or if you would like to become a subscriber, please make a check out to Immanuel Lutheran Church for \$20.65/year. **Place your check in the church office with your name and address and a note indicating your desire to subscribe** or renew your current subscription. Subscriptions are due by February 15 and delivery will begin in May. The publication comes out monthly, with the exception of the combined June/July issue. Cost is \$1.72/issue.

*The Lutheran Witness* is the official magazine of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. Its goal is to advance the work and witness of Jesus Christ. For questions about the publication, contact the editors at [Lutheran.Witness@lcms.org](mailto:Lutheran.Witness@lcms.org).

#### It's Used Book Sale Collection Time! SEEKING GENTLY USED BOOKS FOR ANNUAL USED BOOK

 If you have used books you would like to repurpose, please consider donating them to the Little Lambs Used Book Sale. We accept books in good condition for all ages! Please keep content in mind if you are donating books for adults. If you have books to donate, please bring them to the church anytime between now and February 27th.

**NOTE: The Human Care Board will not be hosting the "Souper Bowl" event this year.**



**Sharing Hope Through Phil's Friends**  
Sponsored by the Human Care Board to care for those facing cancer.

**Collection Dates: Jan. 12 – Feb. 8, 2026**

#### Supporting Phil's Friends

The Human Care Committee will be joining in with Little Lambs, Refuge and Sunday School to support Phil's Friends by collecting items for their care packages. Phil's friends is a wonderful organization that sends care packages, cards, encouragement, and prayers to cancer patients. Human Care will be focusing on items for ADULT men and women. Items needed are listed on our Human Care bulletin board. Items are listed below and are also available right below our board in the narthex. Please be aware that there are certain specifications on some items, such as fragrance free lotion; 16oz or smaller. Our collection began January 11th and will run through February 8th. Thank you for your support!

#### Phil's Friends Mission Collection

##### Suggested Items:

Fuzzy Socks for Women	Tissues
Journals	Puzzle Books
Lip Balms	Toothbrush
Blankets—Throw, crocheted or fleece tied	
Hats—Knitted or crocheted	
Fragrance Free lotions (16oz. or under)	
Alcohol-Free Mouth Rinse (4—8 oz)	
Travel size tooth paste	
Playing cards (no casino decks)	

*Instructions for hats, blankets, Cards of Hope, and port pillows are available under the bulletin board in the narthex.*

**Amazon Wishlist can be found on their website:  
<https://philfriends.org/>**

## ITEMS YOU CAN MAKE

### BLANKETS

Tie fleece, crochet, knit or quilt.

### CARDS OF HOPE

Download templates at [philfriends.org](http://philfriends.org), color and customize, or create your own handmade cards.

### CARE PACKAGE ITEMS

Collect care package items, or host a donation drive at your church, school, or organization.

### HATS or PORT PILLOWS

Crochet or knit hats, or sew port pillows.

### JOURNALS

Creatively design and decorate composition notebook covers.

### PRAYER

Pray for patients and their families.

**Detailed instructions and how-to videos are available at [philfriends.org](http://philfriends.org)**

**Join Immanuel in sharing hope and encouragement!**

#### Who's Participating?

- Little Lambs Preschool: Lutheran Schools Week project & kids' boxes
- Campus Ministry "Crafty Christians": needlework hats and fleece blankets
- Human Care Board: adult items—see Human Care bulletin board.
- Immanuel Sunday School Classes

Support the Phil's Friends mission by donating items for care packages sent to those facing cancer.

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**Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ!**

Hope to see you all next year!!!