

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL					
DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
Sunday 1/25/26	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
Mon 1/19/25	— 7:00 PM	MLK Day—NO PRESCHOOL Zoom Bible Study	— Online	— Adults	— Rev. Marty Marks
Tue 1/20/26	12 Noon 5:30—6:30 7:00 PM 9:00 PM	Newsletter Deadline Girl Scout Meeting Crafty Christians Refuge Bible Study	Office Fellowship Hall College Lounge College Lounge	Everyone Community College College	Darlene Hillman Office Peer Ministers Rev. Marty Marks
Wed 1/21/26	12:15 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Staff Meeting Jr. Confirmation Adult Choir Rehearsal Council Meeting	North Narthex Fellowship Hall Balcony Fellowship Hall	Staff Grades 7-9 Adults Council/Elders	Rev. Marty Marks Rev. Marty Marks C-J Motisi Jen Allen
Thur 1/22/26	8:30 AM 6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline Girl Scout Meeting Refuge Activity Night	Office Fellowship Hall College Lounge	Everyone Community College	Darlene Hillman Office Peer Ministers
Friday 1/23/26	8:30—12:30 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Office Hours Chit, Chat & Chai Intercultural Café	— Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall	— International International	— Linda Sons Linda Sons
Sat 1/24/26	—	—	—	—	—
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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 Mandy Long Rita Goodwin Bryan Faivre
 Danika Nelson Glen Roberts Raymond Schaeffer (*Friend of Norm & Fran Pierce*)
 Donna Cyrier (*friend of Mishelle Rodgers*)
 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 Vicky 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:

 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
Wednesday, February 25 tentatively set
Wednesday, March 04 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.

It's Used Book Sale Collection Time! SEEKING GENTLY USED BOOKS FOR ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE 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://philsfriends.org/>

ITEMS YOU CAN MAKE

BLANKETS

Tie fleece, crochet, knit or quilt.

CARDS OF HOPE

Download templates at philsfriends.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 philsfriends.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!!!