

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL

DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
Sunday 1/25/26	8:00 AM	Worship Service /Peer Min. Installed Facebook Live/YouTube	Sanctuary Online	Everyone Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks 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 /Peer Min. Installed Facebook Live/YouTube	Sanctuary Online	Everyone Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks Doug Nelson
	10:30 AM	Broadcast of Worship Service	WLBK 1360 AM	Everyone	Doug Nelson
	10:30 AM	Peer Ministry Team Meeting	College Lounge	Peer Ministers	Rev. Marty Marks
	12:00 PM				
		National Lutheran Schools Week — “Make a Joyful Noise”			
Mon 1/26/25	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Newsletter Assembly Zoom Bible Study	Fellowship Hall Online	Adults Adults	Darlene Hillman Rev. Marty Marks
Tue 1/27/26	9:15 AM 7:00 PM 9:00 PM	Sewing/Quilt Group Crafty Christians Refuge Bible Study	Fellowship Hall College Lounge College Lounge	Community College College	Marion Gilbert Peer Ministers Rev. Marty Marks
Wed 1/28/26	10:30 AM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM	LL Special Guest Day Staff Meeting Jr. Confirmation Adult Choir Rehearsal	Building North Narthex Fellowship Hall Balcony	Little Lambs Staff Grades 7-9 Adults	Katie Martinez Rev. Marty Marks Rev. Marty Marks C-J Motisi
Thur 1/29/26	8:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline LL Special Guest Day Girl Scout Meeting Refuge Activity Night	Office Building Fellowship Hall College Lounge	Everyone Little Lambs Community College	Darlene Hillman Katie Martinez Office Peer Ministers
Friday 1/30/26	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 1/31/26	—	—	—	—	—
Sunday 2/1/26	— — — 8:00 AM 8:00 AM 9:15 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Recycle Sunday Lutheran Schools Week Presentation Worship Service Facebook Live/YouTube Adult Bible Study Sunday School Worship Service Facebook Live/YouTube Broadcast of Worship Service Peer Ministry Team Meeting	Garage During Services — Sanctuary Online Fellowship Hall Building Sanctuary Online WLBK 1360 AM College Lounge	Everyone Everyone — Everyone Everyone Adults 3 yrs—HS Everyone Everyone Everyone Peer Ministers	Trustees Little Lambs Preschool — Rev. Marty Marks Nathan Allen McQuillan/Misic/Marks Jen Allen Rev. Marty Marks Doug Nelson Doug Nelson Rev. Marty Marks



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.

PARTNERING IN PRAYER January 25—31, 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
Jacob Trapp (*friend of Riley Marks*)

THOSE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER:

Todd Hanson (*nephew of Jackie Hanson*)
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*) Vicky Lohmeier
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:

- During National Lutheran Schools Week, we give thanks for Little Lambs Preschool, its staff, students, and families, for our congregation's support of this ministry, and we pray for God's continued blessing on Lutheran schools across the nation as they share Christ's love through education.
- For Jackie Hanson who had eye surgery on Thursday, January 15;
- For Linda Sons, has been remains in a rehabilitation center near Crown Point, Indiana. For those who would like to send words of encouragement, please contact the office for an address;
- 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: Jude Nelson Elsa Peckys Hayes Tiggelaar
Patricia Lange Sadie Marks Ryan McNett Tom Sawyer

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES: 1/30/1965 Gary & Rogene Montgomery



Grief Share Support Group at St John, Sycamore will begin Monday, January 26 • 6:30-8:30pm. 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.**

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

Aluminum Can Recycling — February 1, 2026

The Board of Trustees continues to collect cans here at church. For those who wish to drop your cans off, you can place them in front of the garage at the southwest corner of the parking lot the first Sunday morning of each month. If you wish, you can also bring cans and metals to DeKalb Iron and Metal and tell them it is for Immanuel Church and they will add it to our account and give you a receipt for your donation.



From the Financial Secretary,
Giving statements for 2025 are available in the narthex. If you would like yours mailed, or have any questions concerning contributions, *please contact the office or Ann Nelson.*

Thank you. Ann Nelson, Financial Secretary



Newsletter Assembly: Monday, January 26, 2026 @ 9:30



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. Hope to see you all next year!!!



Join Us for Game Day!

Mark your calendar for game day! **February 6th.** The fun starts at 1pm & wraps up around 3:30pm. Both men & woman are invited.

Christianity 101 - Class Session Schedule Class Begins February 15, 2026

Are you interested in learning about our God and growing in faith in Him? These classes are meant to give you a broad overview of the basic teachings of Christianity *from a Lutheran perspective*. We encourage questions, visitors, a good sense of humor, and open hearts. This is the place to ask all of the questions you've wanted to ask. We can't promise to provide all of the answers, but we'll at least look at what God has to say about the subject. You are under no pressure to join anything but, if after the class you would like to join our congregation and Church Family, we would happily welcome you. Just come with your questions and an open heart and let God do the rest.

- February 15 Introductions & who is God? The Apostles Creed
- February 22 What are the commandments
- March 1 God's Word: what is it?
- March 8 What is Prayer? – The Lord's Prayer
- March 15 What are the Sacraments?
- March 22 Worship: The how's and whys
- March 29 Our Church: Immanuel, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and all of Christendom!"

The class will meet on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church. May God bless our time together!



Sharing Hope Through Phil's Friends

Sponsored by the Human Care Board & Little Lambs Preschool to care for those facing cancer. For complete information see the brochures in the narthex.

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

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/>**

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

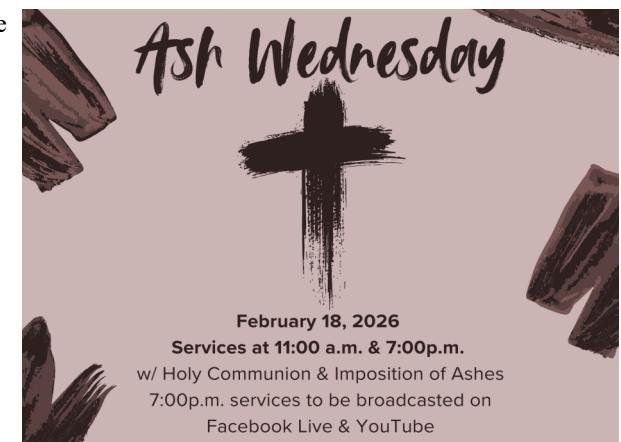


The Prayer Team will meet at 6:30 Wednesday, February 4, 2026

If you would like the Prayer Team to give thanks or pray for you or someone in need:

1. Please fill out a Prayer Request Card located in the pew racks and by the Prayer Request Box on the left side of the sanctuary.
2. Notify Pastor Marty or the church office
3. Fill out the form on the church website to notify Pastor Marty and the team.

LWML SOUP & SANDWICH ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER will be offered on Wednesday, February 18 from 5:15—6:30p.m. We are in need of soup, sandwich, desserts and staple donations for the evening as well as workers to serve. Watch for a sign up sheet in the narthex.



"Valleys of Lent" About This Series

Join us for a special series of worship services called

"The Valleys of Lent."

Each service looks at a different valley from Scripture that points to something about the suffering Christ endured.

Midweek Lenten Services
Services are held at 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. each week.

The 7:00 service will be on Facebook Live
A fellowship dinner is offered from 5:15-6:30 p.m. each week. Ash Wednesday will be the LWML Soup & Sandwich Dinner

Italian Dinner Fundraiser: St John Lutheran Church is offering a fundraiser to support comfort dogs, Eunice & Samson and the Ladies Society. The dinner will be on Saturday, February 7 from 4—7 p.m. Cost is \$15/person; \$5/child. The church is located at 13N535 French Road in Burlington. For more information see their web site: www.StJohnLutheranChurch.com