

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL

DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
Sunday 2/15/26	8:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Kris Whitby
	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. Kris Whitby
	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
6:00 PM	Christianity 101	Fellowship Hall	HS—Adult	Peer Ministers	
Darlene Off Through Monday 2/23/26					
Office Hours 8:30—2:30 Monday—Thursday, 8:30—12:30 Friday and Monday February 16					
Mon 2/16/25	—	NO PRESCHOOL	—	—	Katie Martinez
	8:30—12:30	Office Hours	—	—	Alma Sanchez
	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study	Online	Adults	Rev. Marty Marks
Tue 2/17/26	8:30 AM	Newsletter Deadline	Office	Everyone	Alma Sanchez
	7:00 PM	Crafty Christians	College Lounge	College	Peer Ministers
	9:00 PM	Refuge Bible Study	College Lounge	College	Rev. Marty Marks
ASH Wed 2/18/26	11:00 AM	Lenten Worship	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting	North Narthex	Staff	Rev. Marty Marks
	5:15 PM	LWML Soup & Sandwich Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Everyone	Rita Goodwin
	5:30 PM	Jr. Confirmation	Fellowship Hall	Grades 7-9	Rev. Marty Marks
	6:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Balcony	HS—Adults	C-J Motisi
	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
7:30 PM	Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Council	Jen Allen	
Thur 21/9/26	8:30 AM	Bulletin Deadline	Office	Everyone	Alma Sanchez
	6—7 PM	Girl Scout Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Community	Office
	6:30 PM	Outreach Meeting	Meeting Room	Board	Brittany Walker
	8:00 PM	Refuge Activity Night	College Lounge	College	Peer Ministers
Friday 2/20/26	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
Sat 2/21/26	—	—	—	—	—
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PARTNERING IN PRAYER February 15-21, 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*) Dr. Linda Sons

THOSE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER: Vicky Lohmeier Danika Nelson Glen Roberts
Dale Geibel Staci McNett Mandy Long Rita Goodwin Bryan Faivre
Donna Cyrier (*friend of Mishelle Rodgers*) Debbie Teason (*cousin of Audrey Cook*)
Jenna Wiegel (*Laura Tiggelaar’s sister-in-law*) Todd Hanson (*nephew of Jackie Hanson*)
Joan Baker (*cousin of Cindy Berg*) Colleen Chavez (*granddaughter of Carlos Woolbright*)
Carl Campbell (*Pastor Marty’s friend*) Glenn Lucca (*friend of Chris & Audrey Cook*)

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

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 Craig Dybas who was hospitalized last week. He remains in the ICU at Kish hospital;
- 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: Jill Misitano Carl Long Lincoln Cook-Rhodes Virginia Walker



Little Lambs Preschool Registration for Fall Classes Opens
Monday, March 9, 2026
for members of Immanuel
and Current & Past Little Lambs families.
Registration for members of the community opens
Monday, March 16, 2026.
Complete information and registration forms
are available in the office.



THE LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE subscriptions and renewals are due today.
Cost is \$20.65/year.

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



Thank you to all who contributed to the 2025 Immanuel Member-to-Member Greeting. A total of \$1,189.27 was donated. Christian Senior Ministries provides ministry to residents of local nursing homes, and your generous donation helps

ensure this vital ministry continues. With gratitude from CSM Board members Alan Cook and C-J Motisi, on behalf of the Christian Senior Ministries Board.



March 2026 Newsletter Deadline: February 17
Please be sure to submit newsletter articles to AlmaS@immanuelDeKalb.com.
Newsletter Assembly: February 25th at 9:30 a.m.



Used Book Sale

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 .



LWML SOUP & SANDWICH ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER will be offered on Wednesday, February 18 from 5:15—6:30p.m. We are especially in need of workers! Check out the sign up sheet in the narthex for food and

supply needs. The dinner is this coming Wednesday—please take a moment to see where you can help.



Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries: Behold Your King!

Large and regular print Lenten devotion booklets are available in the narthex today. Feel free to take one for yourself and one (or more) for a friend!



Easter Lily Sign-up begins today!

If you would like to help adorn the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing an Easter Lily, a sign-up will be available in the narthex through

March 22. You can either take your flower home after the late service or donate it to a shut-in. Cost for each plant is \$15 for a medium plant and \$25 for a large plant. *We will list the names of those who donate flowers—you can also chose to give your flowers in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one.—If you do not want your name listed, simply list “anonymous.” (No long dedications please—we will simply list the name and either “in memory of,” or “in honor of.”)*



Coming Soon!!! Member Spotlight – We Want to Feature YOU!

Our church family is full of wonderful people with stories that inspire, encourage, and help us grow closer together. We're starting a monthly Member Spotlight to help us get to know one another better, and we'd love for you to be part of it!

Participating is simple—just answer a few fun questions and share whatever you're comfortable with. We also ask that you provide a picture as well. The Outreach committee will be asking people if they'd like to participate. If you'd like to be featured and we haven't reached out to you yet (or want to nominate someone), please contact anyone from the Outreach Committee.

Member Spotlights will be featured monthly in the newsletter. Let's celebrate what God is doing in our church family!



“The Valleys of Lent.”

The Valleys of Lent series of special services for Lent includes six Biblical sites from which we may derive lessons for the sacred season.

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

Ash Wednesday, February 18: (*Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes*) “You are dust, and to dust you shall return,” the Lord God said to Adam and Eve, in words the church recalls each Ash Wednesday. Ezekiel’s **Valley of Dry Bones** provides a vivid picture of that, along with the hope of the Spirit’s gift of new life.

Midweek Lenten Services & Meals

Midweek Lenten services will begin Wednesday, February 18. The evening service will be preceded by a Lenten dinner.

Dinners are served from 5:15 p.m.—6:30 p.m. (*unless otherwise noted*)

Midweek Dinner Schedule:

- Wed, February 18** LWML Soup & Sandwich Dinner
- Wed, February 25** Refuge Baked Potato & Salad Bar
- Wed, March 4** Little Lambs Preschool Spaghetti Dinner (5:00—6:30 p.m.)
- Wed, March 11** Immanuel Music Groups Taco Night
- Wed, March 18** Junior Confirmation Families Sloppy Joes & Mac & Cheese
- Wed, March 25** Church Council Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & Brats



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MARCH OPPORTUNITY

Meals on Wheels is coming in March! Sign up will run thru Sunday, Feb 22nd. Each year we are given the opportunity to be a part of this community wide service. Our church covers the month of March to provide meal delivery for the Dekalb area. Meals are provided by the Voluntary Action Center.

Delivery involves:

1. Arrive at Meals on Wheels around 10:45 a.m. (Located on the corner of Peace & Bethany Road).
2. Obtain prepacked carriers to place in your vehicle.
3. Use their carefully designed route maps to deliver meals to shut-ins.
4. Return carriers to the headquarters.

This well-organized and enjoyable task takes about an hour to complete. Sign-up information and the calendar are available in the Narthex under the Human Care bulletin board. We will cover the **Northwest route only**. It's a rewarding way to serve the community—please consider signing up!



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!