

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL

DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
Sunday 2/8/26	—	Food Pantry Sunday	Narthex	Everyone	Human Care Board
	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
3:00 PM	Refuge Cooking Event	Kitchen	College	Will Michels	
5:00 PM	Refuge Super Bowl Party	College Lounge	College	Peer Ministers	
Mon 2/9/25	5:30 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting	Meeting Room	Board	Roger Nelson
	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study	Online	Adults	Rev. Marty Marks
Tue 2/10/26	9:15 AM	Ladies Sewing/Quilt Group	Fellowship Hall	Ladies	Marion Gilbert
	7:00 PM	Crafty Christians	College Lounge	College	Peer Ministers
	9:00 PM	Refuge Bible Study	College Lounge	College	Rev. Marty Marks
Wed 2/11/26	1:00 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	HS—Adults	C-J Motisi
	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting	Meeting Room	Elders	Chris Cook
Darlene Off Through Monday 2/23/26 Office Hours 8:30—2:30 Monday—Thursday, 8:30—12:30 Friday and Monday February 16					
Thur 21/2/26	8:30 AM	Bulletin Deadline	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	12:00 Noon	Council Reports Due	E-Mail	Everyone	Russ Coulombe
	8:00 PM	Refuge Activity Night	College Lounge	College	Peer Ministers
Friday 2/13/26	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 2/14/26	—	—	—	—	—
Sunday 2/15/26	8:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Chris Whitby
	8:00 AM	Facebook Live/YouTube	Online	Everyone	Nathan Allen
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	6:00 PM	Christianity 101	Fellowship Hall	HS—Adult	Peer Ministers

PARTNERING IN PRAYER February 8-14, 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*)
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*) Joan Baker (*cousin of Cindy Berg*)
Jenna Wiegel (*Laura Tiggelaar’s sister-in-law*) Glenn Lucca (*friend of Chris & Audrey Cook*)
Carl Campbell (*Pastor Marty’s friend*) Vicky Lohmeier

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:

- Thanksgiving on behalf of Raymond Schaeffer (*Friend of Norm & Fran Pierce*) who has been on our cancer list. Raymond underwent a successful surgery to remove the cancer, with all margins testing clear for cancer, he will not have to undergo any further treatment. He is currently in therapy to address numbness in his leg, but is reporting improvement.
- For Linda Sons 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: Janet Byrnes Madelyn Hayes Robert McKinley

Graysen Molitor Naomi Devlieger Summer Hamel Noah Hamel
Emily Nelson Clara Neiman Lucas Faivre Alissia Talaga



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 Mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is connecting people to Jesus Christ.

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

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 .

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!



Today is our final day of collection for Phil's Friends

Sponsored by the Human Care Board & Little Lambs Preschool to care for those facing cancer. All

items should be turned in by Monday morning so that we can sort and pack items to take to the distribution center.

Thank you for your generous support of this organization!



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, sandwiches, desserts and staple donations for the evening as well as workers to serve. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.



Easter Lily Sign-up will begin February 15

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.")



MARCH OPPORTUNITY

Meals on Wheels is coming in March! Sign up will begin on February 1st and 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. Arriving at Meals on Wheels headquarters around 10:45am. (Located on the corner of Peace and Bethany Road).
2. Obtaining prepacked carriers to place in your vehicle.
3. Using their carefully designed route maps to deliver meals to shut-ins.

Returning carriers to the headquarters. You are finished in about an hour or so. This is a fun task that is very well organized. Information and calendar sign up will be in the Narthex under the Human Care bulletin board. This year we will be covering the Northwest route only. This is a very rewarding experience and a great way to serve the community! Please consider signing up!



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!

In love, God sent His Son to redeem the world. In hatred, He was rejected. In *Behold Your King!*, we see the Savior stripped of His dignity, led away, and crucified on our behalf. No one could imagine this Man, this condemned and forsaken Man, was God in the flesh sent to liberate us from our sin by His death and resurrection.

That the Son of God joined us in our frail state of humanity is testament to God's overwhelming love and concern for the world. And not only this, Jesus endured scorn and derision from His creation, His earthly subjects. And yet, as King, as Lord of all, He did the unthinkable: He laid down His life for the sins of the world.



Food Pantry Sunday is Today, February 8. Place nonperishable items for the local Salvation Army food pantry in the grocery cart.

Food Pantry Sunday is a collection day to support the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Forgot today? Add an item or two to your grocery list and put it in our shopping cart in the church narthex and place items in the cart on the second Sunday of each month!



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.

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| 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!