

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL

DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
Little Lambs Gently Used Book Sale Thru March 10, 2026					
Sunday 3/01/26	—	<i>Recycle Sunday</i>	Garage	Everyone	Trustees
	—	<i>Little Lambs Book Sale Now Open!</i>	Narthex	Everyone	Katie Martinez
	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	
6:00 PM	Christianity 101	Fellowship Hall	HS—Adult	Peer Ministers	
Monday 03/02/25	5:30 PM	Board of Trustee Meeting	Meeting Room	Board	Roger Nelson
	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study	Online	Adults	Rev. Marty Marks
Tuesday 3/3/26	5:30 PM	Girl Scout Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Community	Office
	6:30 PM	Human Care Meeting	Meeting Room	Board	Laura Tiggelaar
	6:30 PM	Prayer Team	North Narthex	Everyone	Jackie Hanson
	7:00 PM	Campus Ministry Committee Meeting	Meeting Room	Committee	Will Michels
	7:00 PM	Crafty Christians	College Lounge	College	Peer Ministers
9:00 PM	Refuge Bible Study	College Lounge	College	Rev. Marty Marks	
Wednesday 3/4/26	11:00 AM	Lenten Worship	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
	1:15 PM	Staff Meeting	North Narthex	Staff	Rev. Marty Marks
	5:15 PM	Little Lambs host Spaghetti Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Everyone	Katie Martinez
	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
7:40 PM	Elders Meeting	Meeting Room	Elders	Chris Cook	
Thursday 3/5/26	8:30 AM	Bulletin Deadline	Office	Everyone	Alma Sanchez
	8:00 PM	Refuge Activity Night	College Lounge	College	Peer Ministers
Friday 3/6/26	—	Office Closed	—	—	—
	—	NO PRESCHOOL	—	—	Katie Martinez
	1:00 PM	Game Day	Fellowship Hall	Adults	Pat McKinley
Sat 3/7/26	—	—	—	—	—
Sunday 3/08/26	2:00 AM	<i>SPRING FORWARD</i>	—	Everyone	—
	—	<i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>	Garage	Everyone	Trustees
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PARTNERING IN PRAYER March 1-7, 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

Debbie Teason (*cousin of Audrey Cook*)

Dale Geibel Staci McNett Mandy Long Rita Goodwin Bryan Faivre
Donna Cyrier (*friend of Mishelle Rodgers*) Danika Nelson Glen Roberts
Jenna Wiegel (*Laura Tiggelaar's sister-in-law*) Todd Hanson (*nephew of Jackie Hanson*)
Colleen Chavez (*granddaughter of Carlos Woolbright*) Joan Baker (*cousin of Cindy Berg*)
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:

- 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: Will Lynch James Nelson Peter Springmire

Mathilda Peckys Alexander Gratschmayr Rev. Marty Marks



Easter Breakfast Is Just Around the Corner! Calling all middle schoolers & highschoolers AND PARENTS—we need your help to plan for Easter Breakfast!

We will have a SHORT planning meeting March 18th at 6:30 p.m. (Stay after confirmation for middle school or, for high schoolers—come for dinner and join the meeting right before worship! Your input is needed! Help us plan.

Breakfast Prep is April 4th; Easter Breakfast, April 5th!

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



Today—Aluminum Can Recycling:

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.



Remember Food Pantry is March 8, 2026: Bring a nonperishable item for the local Salvation Army food pantry.

Food Pantry Sunday is a collection day to support the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Want to help? Add an item or two to your grocery list and put it in our shopping cart in the church narthex! Items can be placed in cart before or on the second Sunday of each month!



Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Little Lambs

will be Wednesday, March 4. We will serve from 5:00 –6:30 p.m. Come enjoy spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, salad and rolls with cinnamon butter from Texas Roadhouse, applesauce and desserts! Freewill donation.



Join Us for Game Day!

The Olympics are over but we are still playing games. The next game days are March 6th, April 10th, and May 1st. We start at 1pm and finish around 3:30pm. Both men and women are invited. Bring a friend.



The next Prayer Team Meeting will be Tuesday March 3 at 6:30 PM.

All are welcome to join the Prayer Team as we pray for the needs of others. 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.



Member Spotlight – Be sure to check out the March newsletter to read our first “Member Spotlight” articles. The

Outreach Board 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!

LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTION TIME!:

Now is the time to sign up for, or renew your Lutheran Women's Quarterly. Cost is \$6/year. The magazine comes out 4 times per year. Copies are delivered to the church and distributed. See Rita Goodwin to subscribe.

The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly is the official publication of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and is published quarterly. The Quarterly: • Informs • Educates • Inspires • Provides ideas and • Is YOUR magazine!



Easter Lily Sign-up continues!

If you would like to help adorn the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing an Easter Lily, sign-up will 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.”)

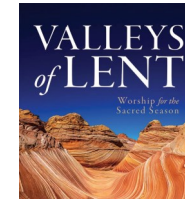


Christianity 101 Class Session Schedule Class began February 15, 2026

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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| 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!



Midweek Lenten Services & Meals Services are at 11a.m. & 7 p.m.

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

“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.

March 4: At **The Jordan Valley**, about to cross the river into the promised land, we have the opportunity, like Moses, to look back at all the Lord has provided us and to look forward to what God has in store.

Dinner: Little Lambs Preschool Spaghetti Dinner (5:00—6:30 p.m.)

March 11: Gideon was hiding from the marauding Midianites in **The “Valley” of the Winepress**, a poor place to be threshing wheat. From there, God called this unlikely hero to valiant victory.


Dinner: Immanuel Music Groups Taco Night

March 18: “**Every Valley Shall Be Lifted Up,**” says the prophet Isaiah about the coming of the Lord to rescue his people from captivity. Valleys still need to be raised up (and mountains and hills made low) for the Lord's arrival.

Dinner: Junior Confirmation Families Sloppy Joes & Mac & Cheese

March 25: to the Children of Israel before he died. Lent continues to call us to what the prophet Joel calls **The Valley of Decision.**

Dinner: Church Council Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & Brats



Little Lambs Preschool Registration for Fall Classes Opens

Monday, March 9

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 Used Book Sale is now open! Come browse the selection of books! Find something you like? Please place a freewill donation in the box in the narthex. Open thru March 10.