

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL

DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
Little Lambs Gently Used Book Sale Concludes March 16, 2026					
Sunday 3/15/26	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	
6:00 PM	Christianity 101	Fellowship Hall	HS—Adult	Peer Ministers	Peer Ministers
Monday 03/16/25	8:30 AM	Community Preschool Registration Opens	Office	Community	Katie Martinez
	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study	Online	Adults	Rev. Marty Marks
Tuesday 3/17/26	5:30—6:30	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Community	Office
	7:00 PM	Crafty Christians	College Lounge	College	Peer Ministers
	9:00 PM	Refuge Bible Study	College Lounge	Collete	Pastor Marty
Wednesday 3/18/26	11:00 AM	Lenten Worship	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
	1:15 PM	Staff Meeting	North Narthex	Staff	Rev. Marty Marks
	5:15 PM	Jr Confirmation Hosts Sloppy Joe Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Everyone	Angela Pringnitz
	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
	6:30 PM	Easter Breakfast Planning Meeting	Meeting Room	Middle & HS	Danika Nelson
	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev Marty Marks
	7:40 PM	Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Council/Elders	Jen Allen
Thursday 3/19/26	8:30 AM	Bulletin Deadline	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	12 Noon	April Newsletter Deadline	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	6—7 PM	Girl Scout Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Community	Office
	8:00 PM	Refuge Activity Night	College Lounge	College	Peer Ministers
Fri 3/20/26	8:30—12:30	Office Hours	—	—	—
	5:30 PM	Chit Chat & Chai	Meeting Room	International	Linda Sons
	6:30 PM	Intercultural Café	Fellowship Hall	International	Linda Sons
Sat 3/21/26	—	—	—	—	—
Sunday 3/22/26	—	Gideon's Presentation	Sanctuary	Everyone	—
	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

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!

PARTNERING IN PRAYER March 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 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:

- For Linda Sons who is recovering from her fall and subsequent surgery. She extends her gratitude to the people of Immanuel for their continued prayers, support and communications as she continues her rehabilitation therapy in Indiana;
- Thanksgiving for Jacob Trapp, friend of Riley Marks, who has returned home and continues on a slow, but promising path towards recovery;
- For Sandy Lichner who is healing from a broken arm, also for her daughter, Heidi, who is being treated for a blood clot;
- For Pat McKinley who, has undergone two procedures and is in rehab at the DeKalb County Home;
- 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: Brodie McWilliams Glenn Roberts Sr.

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES: 3/17/1973 Patrick & Janet Byrnes
 3/20/1982 Dan & Vicky Lohmeier 3/21/1959 Norm & Marion Gilbert

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



The Used Book Sale Concludes March 16!

Come browse the selection of books! Find something you like? Please place a freewill donation in the box in the

narthex.



One Weel Let for Easter Lily Sign-up continues!

If you would like to help adorn the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing an Easter Lily a 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.”)*

LWML QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTION

TIME!: Now is the time to sign up for, or renew your Lutheran Women’s Quarterly. Cost is \$6.50/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!



April 2026 :
Newsletter Deadline Thursday, March 19
Newsletter Assembly: Wednesday, March 25



Christianity 101 Class Session Schedule

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. Come with your questions and an open heart and let God do the rest.

- 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 from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

May God bless our time together!



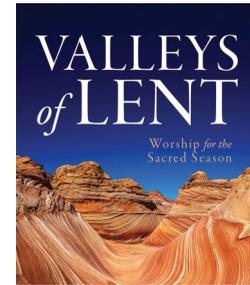
Easter Breakfast Is Just Around the Corner! Calling all middle schoolers & highschoolers AND PARENTS—we need your help to plan for Easter Breakfast!

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 in needed! Help us plan.

Short Planning Meeting: March 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Breakfast Prep is April 4th;
Easter Breakfast, April 5th!

Maundy Thursday: Maundy Thursday Service—April 2 —7:00 p.m. The Altar Guild would like to remind you that we will be “stripping the altar” at the end of the service on April 2 at 7:00 p.m. In order to keep the reverence of Holy Week and the message of Maundy Thursday we are finding that limiting the number of persons achieving this task helps us keep the atmosphere of the evening quiet and respectful. It also gives us a better way of removing everything quickly and quietly and storing it until Easter morning.

If you would like to participate in this simple chore please let me know or leave a message with the office. Carolyn McQuillan 815.529.6483 or basketcasesunlimited@gmail.com.



Midweek Lenten Services & Meals
Services are at 11 a.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 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.

Hosts: Junior Confirmation Families
Menu: Sloppy Joes & Mac & Cheese
Plan now to join the junior confirmation families for this meal featuring homemade sloppy joes, homemade mac & cheese and sides!!!

March 25: “Choose this day whom you will serve,” Joshua said to the Children of Israel before he died. Lent continues to call us to what the prophet Joel calls **The Valley of Decision.**

Hosts: Church Council
Menu: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & Brats

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday – March 29

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Procession with palms at both services

Maundy Thursday – April 2

7:00 p.m.

The Lord’s Supper & Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday – April 3

1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness)

Easter Sunday – April 5

7:00 a.m. – *SONrise Service*

with Holy Communion

8:15–9:15 a.m. – *Easter Breakfast*

9:30 a.m. – *Easter Festival Service*

with Holy Communion



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Aurora, Illinois will observe and celebrate their 125th anniversary throughout 2026. On April 12, Dr. Steven Wente, Distinguished Professor of Music Emeritus, will

play their newly restored 28 rank pipe organ at a Recital/Hymn Festival at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend. The church is located at 550 4th Ave, Aurora, IL 60505.

Concert: Culture Sharing Join us at Sandburg Auditorium inside Holmes Student Center on Tuesday, March 24 from 7—8:30 p.m. This event is being produced in cooperation with NIU Sharing Concert and InterVarsity. See the bulletin board in the narthex for more information.



Little Lambs Preschool

Registration for Fall

Classes Opens to the

Community

Monday, March 16.

Complete information and registration forms are available in the office.