

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL

DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON
<b>Little Lambs Spring Break Through March 27, 2026</b>					
<b>Sunday 3/22/26</b>	8:00 AM	Worship Service /Gideon's Presentation	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/Gideon's Presentation	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	Christianity 101	Fellowship Hall	HS—Adult	Peer Ministers
<b>Mon 3/23/25</b>	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study	Online	Adults	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Tuesday 3/24/26</b>	9:15—10:15	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	Collete	Pastor Marty
<b>Wednesday 3/25/26</b>	9:30 AM	Newsletter Assembly	Fellowship Hall	Adults	Darlene Hillman
	11:00 AM	Lenten Worship	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks
	1:15 PM	Staff Meeting	North Narthex	Staff	Rev. Marty Marks
	5:15 PM	Council Hosts Cookout Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Everyone	Church Council
	—	<b>NO Jr. Confirmation</b>	Spring Break	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	
<b>Thursday 3/26/26</b>	8:30 AM	Bulletin Deadline	Office	Everyone	Darlene Hillman
	8:00 PM	Refuge Activity Night	College Lounge	College	Peer Ministers
<b>Fri 3/27/26</b>	—	Office Closed	—	—	—
	5:30 PM	Chit Chat & Chai	Meeting Room	International	Linda Sons
	6:30 PM	Intercultural Café	Fellowship Hall	International	Linda Sons
<b>Sat 3/28/26</b>	1-4 PM	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Community	Office
<b>Sunday 3/29/26</b>	—	Palm Sunday	Sanctuary	Everyone	—
	—	LWML 5th Sunday Mite Box	Narthex	Everyone	LWML—Rita Goodwin
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**PARTNERING IN PRAYER March 22-28, 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 Pat McKinley who continues 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:** Daniel Springmire      Peyton Wolfe      Dave Detert  
Christos Kousoulas      Judie Wright      Rachel Kurasz      Julie Watson  
Nathan Allen      Sandra Lancaster      Tim Miller      Jenna Dooley  
Mark Mathison

**THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:** 3/25/1989      Rob & Tammy Tiggelaar  
3/25/2006      Michael & Kristin Albrecht



**Little Lambs Preschool Now Registering for Fall Classes.**

*Complete information and registration forms  
are available in the office.*



**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!**

**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



### FINAL DAY for Easter Lily Sign-up!

If you would like to help adorn the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing an Easter Lily, today March 22 is the final day to sign up. 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.

### Easter Breakfast Is Just Around the Corner!

All are invited to join us for Easter Breakfast from **8:15–9:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 5th.**

Preparations are underway, and the meal will be served by our youth. A sign-up sheet will be available soon for those who would like to donate items for the meal.

Please have all donated items in the kitchen by **Saturday, April 4th.**

**Attention Middle and High School Youth (and any others wanting to lend a helping hand)**

**Breakfast Prep:** April 4th at 10:00 a.m.

**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.



**April 2026 Newsletter Assembly is Wednesday, March 25 beginning at 9:15 a.m.**



### 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 22 Worship: The how’s and whys

March 29 Our Church: Immanuel, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and all of Christendom!”

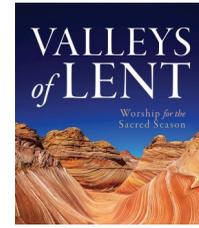
The class will meet on Sunday Evenings from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall/ May God bless our time together!



### Final Mid Week Lenten Dinner:

The church council invites you to share in the last midweek Lenten meal this year! We’ll be firing up the grill

with hot dogs, brats and burgers fresh from the grill! (And don’t worry—we’ve cooked in rain, wind, sleet, snow — and every once in a while—sunshine!) So come on out for the first cookout of the year! In addition to the grilled items we have a host of homemade sides!!!



**Final Midweek Lenten Service & Meal**  
Services are at 11a.m. & 7 p.m.  
Dinner is served from 5:15 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

### “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 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.**

### LWML ZONE 8 Spring Rally

**Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 9AM-2PM** at St. John’s Sycamore, IL—Cost: \$10.00  
Pastor Mumme will lead the Bible Study and Dan from Orphan Grain Train will speak at the rally. We might be organizing Hygiene kits as a service project, More info later.



### Our Spring Quarterly LWML meeting will be:

**This is a special meeting open to everyone! Women AND men!**

**Monday, April 20th at 6:15 at**

Immanuel’s Fellowship Hall. — This event open to ladies AND MEN. Christel Springmire’s sister, Sylvia Baker, a member of St. John Pecatonica, will speak on the recent trip she took to Ethiopia with other LCMS parish nurses where they worked with Master Builder Center to train Ethiopian nurses to be parish nurses. All interested are welcome to come. Please join us for a special, faith-filled presentation! Refreshments will be provided.

**MITES...** Sunday, March 29, it will be the 5th Sunday of the month. This is the time *Men, Women, and Children* can participate in bringing their mites (coins!) and putting them into the Big Mite Box in the narthex. **LET’S FILL THE MITE BOX!** (dollars are fine too!)



**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*

### 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!



**Emmanuel Lutheran Church Aurora, Illinois** will observe and celebrate their 125th anniversary throughout 2026. On April 12, Dr. Steven Wentz, 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.