

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AT IMMANUEL

DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEETING PLACE	AGE GROUP	CONTACT PERSON	
<b>Sunday</b> 4/19/26	8:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Rev. Marty Marks	
	8:00 AM	Facebook Live/YouTube	Online	Everyone	Nathan Allen	
	9:15 AM	Sunday School	Various Rooms	Ages 3 yrs—High School	Jennifer Allen	
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Adults	McQuillan/Misic/Marks	
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Everyone	Pastor Marty	
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	10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Broadcast of Worship Service Peer Minister Meeting	WLBK 1360 AM College Lounge	Everyone Peer Ministers	Doug Nelson Pastor Marty	
<b>Monday</b> 4/20/26	— AM	May Newsletter Deadline LL To Russell's Woods	Office Off Site	Everyone Little Lambs	Darlene Hillman Katie Martinez	
	6:15 PM 7:00 PM	LWML Meeting Zoom Bible Study	Fellowship Hall Online	Lades AND MEN! Adults	Rita Goodwin Rev. Marty Marks	
	<b>Tuesday</b> 4/21/26	AM 7:00 PM 9:00 PM	LL to Russell's Woods Crafty Christians Refuge Bible Study	Off Site College Lounge College Lounge	Little Lambs College College	Katie Martinez Peer Ministers Pastor Marty
<b>Wed</b> 4/22/26		1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Staff Meeting Jr. Confirmation Adult Choir Rehearsal	North Narthex Fellowship Hall Balcony	Staff Grades 7-9 HS—Adults	Rev. Marty Marks Rev Marty Marks C-J Motisi
		<b>Thursday</b> 4/23/26	8:30 AM 3:30—7 PM 8:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline Chamber Showcase Refuge Activity Night	Office DeKalb College Lounge	Everyone Community College
	<b>Friday</b> 4/24/26		8:30-12:30 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Office Hours Chit Chat and Chai Intercultural Café	— Meeting Room Fellowship Hall	— International Students International Students
<b>Sat</b> 4/25/26			—	—	—	—
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**PARTNERING IN PRAYER April 19-25, 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:**

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

**OUR SHUT-INS:**

Marcia Kiel      Mary Jane Lindaas      Ruth Kuhns      Carlos Woolbright  
Judy Thorson      Judi Wright      Pat McKinley      Dr. Linda Sons

**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 Alfred, brother-in-law of Dolores Broadway, who was released from the hospital and is recovering at home;
- For Gail Cantrell, who was scheduled to undergo surgery;
- May the Lord grant healing to those in need, comfort to those who mourn, wisdom to those who lead, and compassion in every heart. With thankful hearts, may we go forth as seeds of His love—planted in faith, growing in grace, and sharing His beauty with the world around us.

**THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:**

Hayden Harms      Norm Pierce      Cooper Carlson  
Brayden Goff      Christian Kousoulas      Gary Montgomery      Colin Castro  
Audrey Cook      Nathan McKinley

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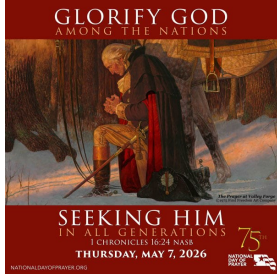
**Mark Your Calendars to Dive into the Adventure!**



**June 22—25, 2026 9:00 AM—12:00 PM**

**For Kids Ages 4 through Middle School**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School**



**National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 7**

The National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 7.

This year's theme is: "Pour out to the God of Hope and be Filled." This day encourages unified public prayer for our nation.

The church will be open for prayer from **4:00—7:00 PM**. A pizza supper will be served at **6:00 PM**, followed by a closing devotion in the Sanctuary at **6:45 PM**.

All are encouraged to attend.

**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



As we celebrate spring and new beginnings this April, we give thanks to God for the faith He continues to plant among us.

During both services on April 19, the Human Care Board will be distributing wildflower seeds. We invite you to plant these seeds or share them with others as a reminder that God brings growth, joy, and love in His time.

*“So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.” — 1 Corinthians 3:7*

Women AND men invited!!!!



Our Spring Quarterly LWML meeting will be: **Monday, April 20th at 6:15** at Immanuel’s Fellowship Hall. **This is a special meeting open to everyone!**

Sylvia Baker, who grew up at Immanuel as “one of the Sarver girls” and is now 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 those interested are welcome to come. Please join us for a special, faith-filled presentation! Refreshments will be provided.



Dear Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for your time, energy, and dedication during our recent Clean-Up Day and Hope Garden preparation. Your willingness to serve—whether planting, clearing, organizing, or lending a helping hand—made a meaningful difference.

Because of your efforts, our church grounds and the Hope Garden are not only more beautiful, but also better prepared to serve our congregation and community. Your spirit of cooperation and care reflects the heart of our church and the strength of our shared mission.

If you weren’t able to attend but would still like to help by taking on a project around the church or grounds, please contact the church office. —We have some areas that could still use attention!

We welcome your support and involvement. With sincere appreciation, The Board of Trustees



Little Lambs is once again participating in **“Give DeKalb County.”**

Give DeKalb County is a great way to support your favorite nonprofit organizations in DeKalb County! **On May 7, 2026** donations can be made online from midnight to midnight at GiveDeKalbCounty.org. There are an amazing number of worthy organizations in DeKalb county. We pray that you would consider donating to some of those listed, including Little Lambs Preschool! See the insert for more information. **Mail in donations should be post-marked April 23—May 7.** Thank you all for your continued support. **Immanuel at DeKalb Farmer’s Market 2026!**



As summer gets closer, one of our summer events, Farmer's Market, needs some help. We are looking for people who would be willing to help with the planning, the setup, the event and the takedown. To learn more please speak to Brittany Walker or Linda Hursh.

**Game Days** are May 1st and June 4th! The fun starts at 1:00 p.m. and finishes around 3:30 p.m. Open to both men & woman. Bring a friend.



**Hope Garden: SPRING:** The season after winter and before summer, in which vegetation begins to appear. Hope Garden is showing signs of SPRING! Seeds are needed for planting in the garden - cucumbers, zucchini, squash, radishes, carrots, beets and flowers. Contact Ann Nelson for any questions. Thank you for your help.



Come see **Little Lambs and many other displays!** **Open to the public: 3:30-7pm**



Get ready for a fun-filled evening celebrating all things local at the Local Showcase! This exciting community event brings together over 100 local businesses and organizations for a one-of-a-kind experience for all ages.

Highlights include:

- Live demos and interactive displays
- Concessions available — grab a snack while you explore
- Giveaways, prizes, and tons of family-friendly fun
- Opportunities to meet local employers and learn who’s hiring

Whether you're looking to shop, explore, connect, or just enjoy a spring evening out, this event has something for everyone! Planning is well underway for the Silent Auction—our preschool’s biggest and most



important fundraiser of the year. This fun event brings our entire school community together, and there’s still plenty of time

to join in. We’re gratefully accepting donations of all kinds: themed baskets, gift cards, special services, and one-of-a-kind handcrafted items. If you own a small business—or know someone who does—please consider contributing. Even reaching out to your favorite local spots can make a big difference. Popular items always include gift cards and unique experiences! All funds raised go directly to support our classrooms—so every donation truly matters. Interested in donating? Please contact the church office. Donation request letters are available if you’d like to approach a business.

**Important Dates:**

- **Deadline for donation forms is May 3.**
  - Donated items due to the office Sunday, **May 3.**
  - Auction runs **May 8–21**
- Thank you for helping make this event a success!

**Little Lambs Preschool**  
of Immanuel Lutheran Church  
511 Russell Road  
DeKalb, IL 60115

**Come, explore, grow, learn & play with us!**  
Serving the community since 1998.

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE FALL**

- Play-based
- Social Behavior
- Emotional Growth
- Field Trips
- Academics
- Spiritual Growth
- Family Involvement
- Cognitive Learning
- Physical Development

Small class sizes with a 5:1 student/teacher ratio.  
Classes 2, 3 or 5 mornings per week,  
for children ages 3–5.  
Tuition assistance available to qualified families.

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**May Newsletter Deadline is Monday, April 20th.** Newsletter Assembly will be **Monday, April 27 at 9:30 a.m.**