

Mission Statement

“We are called to Love, Serve, and Share God’s Word.”

Vision Statement

- Be a loving presence to those in our lives by opening our hearts to all.
- To serve others by being an example of Christ in all we do
- To share the Word of God through worship, education, community service, and intentional living.

This Week at Immanuel

Today (29) 9:00am Fellowship Hour
9:15am Youth Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service
11:15am Adult Study Group

Tuesday (31) NEW YEARS EVE
9:00am Quilting Group

Wednesday (01) NEW YEARS DAY (Office Closed)

Saturday (04) 10:00am Zumba

Upcoming Events

January 5 - Removal of the Greens

January 6 - Epiphany Worship at Hope Lutheran

January 12 - Installation of church officers & Staff

January 13 - Bible & Brew / Hearts & Hands

January 14 - Coffee for Vets

January 16 - 53rd Anniversary of New Church Dedication

January 18 - Youth Breakfast / Dinner Nite Out

January 20 - Church Council

January 25-February 1 - Pastor Chris on Army Duty

If you would like to donate to Immanuel, but do not have cash or check, we offer an electronic option; just scan this QR code with your phone:



Serving Today

Reader: Donna Preisler Communion Assistant: Rick Bierlein
Counters: Laura Compton & Ken Kingsbury
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

Serving January 5, 2025

Reader: Linda Havens Communion Assistant: Jim Horwath
Counters: Laura Compton & Linda Scott
Greeters: Jim & Marie Combs

PRAYER PARTNER LETTERS: *Please sign* the letter this morning before you leave. Today we are praying for Saint Peter Lutheran Church in Battle Creek, Michigan. *The Letter is on the Round Table.*

Take Time to Read the letters that we received from other churches throughout the Synod that prayed for us. Most are posted on the upright

Please remember these people in your prayers for:
On-going health concerns: Patty, Michelle, Julia, Cheryl, Emery, Nichole, Sally, Jeff, Sara, Mike, Terry, Theresa, Rae, Ellen, Laura, Dan, George, Doug, Dottie, Ken, Pam, Marie, Harold, Dawn, Linda, Donna, Tammy, and Marie.

Coffee for Veterans

Will be held at Immanuel on the **2nd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.** This is for all Veterans who have served or those who are still serving. A time to gather, spend time together, share conversation, and enjoy coffee and donuts / rolls. Please come and see what it is all about and share this with others. If you have any questions, please call Jessie (269)650-0026 or the church office at (269)673-3335. Thank you.

Our Financial Stewardship

\$2,881.65 (includes online giving)
Our week offering goal: \$2,343.93
SMART offering goal: \$1,643.36
Noisy Offering (Previous Month) \$110.93
Attendance Last Week: 51 Bible Study: 0

2024 Church Council

Sandie Horwath, President, 269-673-8584
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Immanuel Lutheran Church



1st Sunday of Christmas December 29, 2024

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Pastor Chris Laughlin

Immanuel Welcomes You!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Christian community in the Lutheran tradition. We welcome all to come and journey with us in faith. We take seriously the Gospel tradition that all are justified by God's grace through faith. We do not earn our salvation. God's grace is not limited to some, but is available to all.

We especially welcome all visitors who worship with us today. If you would like more information about Immanuel, stop by the Welcome Table outside of the sanctuary.

NEW YEARS DAY the church office will be closed and we will not have our normal Wednesday Bible Study.

REMOVAL OF THE GREENS will be immediately after worship on Sunday January 5th. If you are able to stay and help it will be greatly appreciated. Our church was absolutely beautiful for the Christmas season.

CLASSES RESUME: the Adult Bible Study group will begin again on Wednesday January 8th and the Youth Sunday School will resume on Sunday January 12th.

EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERVICE will be at Hope Lutheran Church in Plainwell (290 12th Street) beginning at 5pm on Monday January 6th (Epiphany Day). Bishop Satterlee will be giving the sermon message this year and there will be a fellowship hour after the service with cookies and beverages.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER has been emailed to everyone and printed copies are available on the Round Table. If you did not receive the email and would like to be added to the list please contact Ken in the church office. Both the Newsletter and the weekly bulletin are also on the church web page under *Missions*.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME: The devotional books for January—March are on the Round Table. For everyone's convenience we have increased the number of the Large Print editions.

We believe that this is the Lord's table: all those who seek the Lord's forgiveness are welcome at Holy Communion. The pastor will hand you bread; if you need gluten free, we have it for you. The communion assistant will hand you a small cup with wine; if you want grape juice, we have that for you.

Lutherans believe that this is Jesus' body and blood, and we do this to receive the forgiveness he promised and because he commands us to do it.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, either carry your bulletin with you, cross your arms over your chest, or just ask.

We offer grape juice and gluten free wafers for those who need it.

Prelude: (Christmas Medley)
“Away in a Manger/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”
“Deck the Halls/Ding Dong, Merrily on High”

Announcements

Gathering

- *Confession and Forgiveness
- *Entrance Hymn
“The First Noel”
- *Call to Worship
- *Prayer of the Day

Word

Noisy Offering
Children's Message
First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
*Gospel
Sermon:

Pastor Chris
1 Samuel 2:18-20,26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52
Pastor Chris

- *Hymn of the Day
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!”

*Confession of Faith

- *Prayers of Intercession
*Each petition ends with
“God of Grace”
And the congregation responds with
“Receive Our Prayer”*

- *Sharing of the Peace
Offering
Offertory: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
- *Doxology
- *Offertory Prayer

Worship Assistant

*The Great Thanksgiving

Meal

- *The Proper Preface
- *The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)
- *The Verba (Words of Institution)
- *The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Invitation

The Distribution

Communion Song:

“Do You Hear What I Hear”

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

*Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Holy Communion

Worship Assistant

Sending

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

*Dismissal:

Go in Peace.

Follow Jesus!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Readings for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:1-18