

WELCOME
to
Immanuel Lutheran Church



We are a community of people who worship and pray together, as well as associate outside of Worship services. Many members have become life long friends, and we hope that as a new member you, too, will find friends, peace and God's love at Immanuel.

Following is a reference guide as to the happenings held at Immanuel:

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Worship

Coffee Hour - Come and enjoy some coffee, sweets and conversations prior to Worship Services at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Worship services are held every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. All are welcomed at the Lord's table.

Adult Sunday School



For those who want to learn more about their faith or just get a better understanding of the Gospels, Adult Sunday School is held every Sunday (September through May) after Worship at approximately 11:15 a.m. in the Quilting Room (unless otherwise stated).

Children's Sunday School



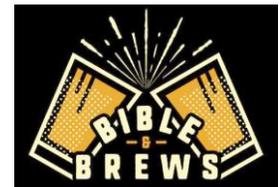
The Children's Sunday School is held Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. prior to Worship. Sunday school starts in late September and runs through May. Classes are not held when children are on school breaks.



Bible Study

This is a review and discussion of the Readings and the Gospel for the coming Worship Service. Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and runs until about 11:30 a.m. Coffee and sweets are provided.

OUTINGS



Bible and Brew

This outing is held the second Monday of the month at The Trestle Stop in Hamilton from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. What is Bible and Brew you ask? It is a fun evening enjoying food, drink and conversations on topics that are picked out of a jar. Some of the questions are religious, other are not, but all are thought provoking. Each person who picks a question gets to answer it first, then the others can make a comment as to what they would do, say or think regarding the question. Picking a question is not mandatory to attend and you can always pass. Enjoying yourself, though, is mandatory. There is a signup sheet at the round table.



Monthly Dinner Night Out

The third Saturday of the month is scheduled for our monthly dinner night out. Each month, someone chooses to be the coordinator and selects a restaurant. It can be local here in Allegan or as far away as Kalamazoo. This person will make reservations at the restaurant of choice with the final count. There are two signup sheets at the round table...one if you would like to coordinate an outing and one if you will be attending with the number of people in your party. You do not have to coordinate an outing to attend and enjoy the comradery.



Church Picnic

Our Church picnic is held the second Sunday in August, following Worship, at a predetermined location. Everyone is to bring a dish to pass or a bag of ice; BBQ and drink is provided. This is a good time to get to know your fellow parishioners better and enjoy games, good food and conversation.

Additional Outings

Throughout the year, there are other types of outings that someone will coordinate. In the past we have gone to a White Caps game and to a Wings Hockey game. There is always plenty of notice when an outing is announced and there will always be a signup sheet at the round table.

IN-HOUSE ACTIVITIES



Hearts and Hands

Do you crochet or knit? Then this group is for you. Hearts and Hands meets at the Church every other month (January, March, May, July, September & November) on the second Monday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Items that we create are given to the community. We have created baby blankets, slippers, hats, gloves and scarves. If you are interested, please contact Maryann Fusillo.



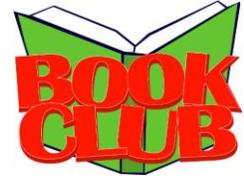
Quilting Group

Do you love to sew and create beautiful things? Then the Quilting Group is for you. They meet every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All the quilts are donated to the Lutheran World Relief. Since Immanuel starting making quilts, over 10,000 have been created and donated.



Coffee for Vets

Are you a veteran or currently serving and want to chat with other veterans? Not a veteran but want to connect and chat with veterans? Then come and join us on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and enjoy coffee, cinnamon rolls and great conversations. If you have any questions, please call Jessie at 269-650-0026.



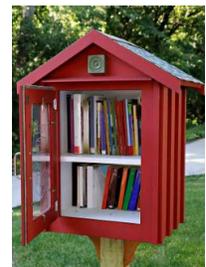
Book Club

Love to read? Do you like to discuss your current book with others? Then you may want to join the Book Club. A book is decided upon for that month and then discussions ensue. The Book Club meets the fourth Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m.



Blessings Box

Have you noticed the little structure out in the front of the Church near the street? That is our Blessings Box (food pantry) where those who are in need of food can come and partake to help feed their families or themselves. If you wish to donate items, you can place your non-perishable items in the grocery cart located in the lobby. The Church also helps keep the pantry stocked by the funds collected from the Noisy Collection during Worship.



Children's Book Library

Coming Spring of 2025, a Children's Book Library will be located out front near the Blessing Box. Children's books will be gladly accepted for youngsters to read and enjoy. This idea was suggested and implemented by our Sunday School class.



Praise Team – Choir

Singing is one way we show our love and honor to God. Immanuel is always looking for individuals who would like to be part of our Praise Team. Practice is every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. The Praise Team meets at 9:00 a.m. prior to Worship to review songs for that day's service. If interested, please contact Lori Querback.



Mandala Contemplative Prayer Group

Whether you are the artistic type or not, come and join the group in coloring mandalas. Mandalas have been around throughout history as it represents the spiritual journey, starting from the outside to the inner core, through layers. The group meets every other month (February, April, June, August, October & December) on the second Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m.



God's Garden

Do you enjoy gardening and working with the soil? God's Garden is where a group of people meet just twice a month for an hour to maintain (and upgrade) the landscaping around the Church. Bring gloves and gardening tools if you have them. After the cleanup, coffee and a dessert are provided. There is a sign-up sheet at the round table to volunteer for the dessert, as well as the dates for the month. God's Garden meets on Tuesdays (two weeks apart) of each month at 10:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. on hotter, summer days) from Spring through Fall.

All-Committee Meetings

There are several committees made up of members of the church that help run and maintain Immanuel Lutheran Church, such as Christian Education, Finance, Building & Property, Music, etc. The All-Committee meetings are held once a quarter on a Monday evening. A potluck is usually involved, too. You do not need to be on a committee to attend. If you are curious as to how things run at Immanuel, this is a good opportunity to check it out.

Other Non-Related Church Activities

Immanuel provides the rental of our building for outside venues. Currently, Zumba meets twice a week on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. The church charges a fee for participation for non-members.