

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.

<u>This Week at Immanuel</u>	
Today (20)	9:00am Fellowship Hour 9:15am Youth Sunday School 10:00am EASTER SUNDAY Worship 11:30am Easter Egg Hunt
Monday (21)	6:30pm Church Council
Tuesday (22)	9:00am Quilting Group
Wednesday (23)	10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Praise Team Practice 6:00pm Zumba
Thursday (24)	10:00am deadline for Newsletter items
Saturday (26)	10:00am Zumba

- Upcoming Events**
- April 21 - Pastor Chris on Vacation thru May 3rd
- April 27 - Pastor Jim Foster Leading Worship service
- April 28 - Book Group
- May 3 - Pastor Chris Returns
- May 5 - All Committee Meeting
- May 6 - God’s Garden Group resumes
- May 11 - Mother’s Day

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Serving Today
Reader: Michele Radke Communion Assistant: Mike Fusillo
Counters: Laura Compton & Linda Scott
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

Serving April 27, 2025
Reader: Sharon Aksamit Communion Assistant: Mike Aksamit
Counters: Joyce Davis & Jim Combs
Greeters: Jim & Marie Combs

PRAYER PARTNER LETTERS: *Please sign the Letter on the Welcome Table* this morning before you leave. Today we are praying for Calvary Lutheran Church in Elk Rapids (Williamsburg), Michigan.

Please remember these people in your prayers for:
On-going health concerns: John, Abigail, Kay, Becky, Cody, Patty, Michelle, Julia, Cheryl, Emery, Nichole, Sally, Jeff, Sara, Terry, Theresa, Rae, Terry, Bobbe, Sandy, Dan, Doug, Dottie, Ken, Pam, Marie, Harold, and Tammy.

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
\$4,319.50 (includes online giving)
Our week offering goal: \$1,859.38
SMART offering goal: \$1,786.43
Noisy Offering (Previous Month) \$180.13
Attendance Last Week: 63 Bible Study: 9

2025 Church Council
Sandie Horwath, President, 269-673-8584
Rick Bierlein, Vice President, (616)836-1385
Linda Scott Recording Secretary, 630-207-3148
Trevor Horwath, Treasurer/Stewardship, 269-509-2528
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Immanuel Lutheran Church



**Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025**

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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.

EASTER EGG HUNT shortly after worship services today. Weather permitting, the kids will gather their eggs on the church grounds.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets tomorrow (April 21st) at 6:30pm in the Adult Study Room. Anyone is welcome to attend. This is a great way to learn more about what is going on at Immanuel.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE will be on Friday, May 16th. There is a signup sheet on the Round Table and plan to begin bringing your items May 1st. We ask that you wait as long as you can to bring your items as storage can become an issue. As much as possible we ask that you place the items behind and around the piano in the Fellowship Hall. There will be more information in the May Newsletter.

YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE: Our young people will be sponsoring a fundraising bake sale on Sunday, May 18th. So mark your calendars now for this event. More information will appear in our May Newsletter.

PASTOR CHRIS WILL BE ON VACATION starting on Monday April 21st and continuing through Saturday May 3rd. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Jim Foster leading our worship service on Sunday April 27th.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME daily devotional booklets are still available for April-May-June. They are free and are on the Welcome Table. Pick up your copy today.

THANK YOU NOTES. We received a very nice note from Grand Ravine expressing their gratitude for all the personal items we collected for the residents. So many of you contributed and it indeed shows our giving heart. Also, there is a note on the Round Table from Donna Preisler thanking everyone that contributed in various ways to make the funeral for George Preisler a memorable event.

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 just let us know.

Prelude:
“My Savior Lives”
“Christ Is Risen”
“Jesus Christ is Risen Today (#151)”

Announcements

Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness
*Entrance Hymn:
“Celebrate Jesus”
*Call to Worship
*Prayer of the Day

Word

Noisy Offering
Children’s Message
First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
The Gradual Hymn:
“O God, Whose Word Well-Planted”:
*Gospel
Sermon:
*Hymn of the Day
“Christ Has Risen”

Pastor Chris
Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
Acts 10:34-43
Luke 24:1-12
Pastor Chris

*Confession of Faith

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

*Sharing of the Peace
Offering
Offertory: **(Choir)** “Alive With Jesus, Christ Has Risen Today”
*Doxology
*Offertory Prayer
Worship Assistant

Meal

*The Great Thanksgiving
*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:
“At the Cross, Blood Ran Red”
“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

*Communion Blessing
*Prayer after Holy Communion
Worship Assistant

Sending

*Benediction
*Recessional Hymn
“Thine is the Glory (#145)”

*Dismissal:

Go in Peace.
Care for others as
God cares for you!
Thanks be to God!

Readings for Next Sunday
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31