

## 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 (07)	9:00am Fellowship Hour 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:00am Worship Service 11:30am Adult Study Group
Monday (08)	5:30pm Bible and Brew ALL DAY Pastor Chris Army Duty thru 13th
Tuesday (09)	9:00am Quilting Group 9:00am Coffee for Vets
Wednesday (10)	10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Praise Team Practice 6:00pm Zumba
Saturday (13)	10:00am Zumba

### Upcoming Events

December 14 - Annual Congregation Meeting

December 14 - Youth Cookie Fund Raiser

December 15 - Church Council @ Horwath Home

December 20 - Dinner Nite Out ??

December 22 - Book Group

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

December 25 - **CHRISTMAS DAY**

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: Karen Acosta Communion Assistant: Jim Horwath  
Counters: Laura Compton & Joyce Davis  
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

### Serving December 14, 2025

Reader: Bernie Lenau Communion Assistant: Donna Preisler  
Counters: Joyce Davis & Mike Aksamit  
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 All Saints Lutheran Church in Mason, Michigan.

Please remember these people in your prayers for:

**On-going health concerns:** Sue, Leslie, Gail, Jeff, Mike, Lisa, Meghan, Maria, Pat, Bill, Lynda, Arleen, Ricky, Jacob, Katie, Tyler, Elsie, Jeff, Julia, Cheryl, Nicole, Sara, Sandy, Keith, Dawn, Dan, Doug, Tammy, Dottie, Ken, 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

\$614.50 (includes online giving)  
Our weekly offering goal: \$1,835.50  
SMART offering goal: \$2,360.36  
Noisy Offering (Previous Month) \$145.33  
Attendance Last Week: 38 Bible Study: 9

### 2025 Church Council

Sandie Horwath, President  
Rick Bierlein, Vice President  
Linda Scott Recording Secretary  
Trevor Horwath, Treasurer/Stewardship  
Shelley Busfield, Worship/Music  
Laura Compton, Education  
Brad VanMelle, Property  
Sharon Aksamit, Mission/Outreach

# Immanuel

# Lutheran Church



## Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

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**Pastor Chris Laughlin**

## Immanuel Welcomes You!

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

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is next Sunday. All reports are due by Wednesday December 10th.

**ARMY DUTY:** Pastor Chris will be away at Rock Island Arsenal Monday the 8th through Saturday the 13th. Please contact Pastor Nicole Smith at Hope Lutheran Church if there is a pastoral emergency.

**COFFEE FOR VETS** will meet Tuesday at 9am. If you know a vet please invite them to attend.

**SNOW DAYS:** Whenever Allegan cancels or closes school on account of the weather, events at Immanuel are canceled. We will announce via e-mail, Facebook, WWMT 3, WOODTV 8, and Fox 17.

**GIVING TREE:** We are providing a Christmas meal and gifts to two families this year totaling 5 children and 3 parents. Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions please ask Sharon Aksamit.

**POINSETTIAS:** Please fill out the form included in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Today is the last day to order!

**CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDE:** We begin the Christmas Eve service at 6:30 pm with a prelude by members sharing their talents (singing, playing an instrument, reading, etc.) If you are willing to share please see Lori by December 14th.

**NOISY OFFERING** for November amounted to \$145.33. This offering by our young people goes to support the Blessing Box.

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER** is on the Welcome table. Pick up your copy today.

**OFFERING COUNTERS:** We are in need of several individuals willing to count the offering after worship. **Please** see either Joyce Davis or Ken Kingsbury today if you are willing.

*We believe that Holy Communion is Christ's own body and blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins, as Christ himself promised. We also believe that this is Christ's table, not ours, so we welcome all as Christ welcomed all. Communion comes in two elements, or forms – (1) bread and (2) wine or grape juice. The bread we serve is gluten-free, nut-free, and dairy-free in hopes that our entire community will be able to share the same bread. The wine is in the clear cups or grape juice is in the purple cups; please indicate to the assisting minister which you would like. If you can only receive the sacrament in one element (bread or wine / grape juice), please know that you receive the fullness of Christ in that one element.*

## Prelude:

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Advent Wreath Prayer

Advent Wreath Song and Lighting  
Announcements

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”

Carter Vance  
Hudson Vance

## Gathering

\*Confession and Forgiveness

\*Entrance Hymn:

“Blessed be Your Name”

\*Call to Worship

\*Prayer of the Day

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

## Word

Noisy Offering

Children's Message

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

\*Gospel

Sermon:

\*Hymn of the Day

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (LBW#30)”

Pastor Chris

Isaiah 11:1—10

Psalm

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

Pr. Kate Van Valkenburg DEM

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*Prayers of Intercession

*Each petition ends with*

*“God of Grace”*

*And the congregation responds with*  
**“receive our prayer”**

Worship Assistant

\*Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory

\*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:

“Lord, You Have My Heart”

“Make Me a Servant”

Sending of Communion

\*Communion Blessing

\*Prayer after Holy Communion

Worship Assistant

## Sending

\*Benediction

\*Recessional Hymn

“Hear the Angels”

\*Dismissal:

Go in peace. Keep awake!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:5-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11