

## 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 (21)	9:00am Fellowship Hour 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Adult Study Group
Monday (22)	1:00pm Book Group
Tuesday (23)	9:00am Quilting Group
Wednesday (24)	6:30pm Christmas Eve Prelude 7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
Thursday (25)	CHRISTMAS DAY Pastor Chris on Vacation thru January 3rd
Saturday (27)	10:00am Zumba

### Upcoming Events

December 31 - NEW YEARS EVE

January 1 - NEW YEARS DAY

January 4 - Degreening of Church

January 6 - Epiphany Service at Hope Lutheran

January 11 - Confirmation Resumes

January 12 - Bible and Brew

January 12 - Pastor on Army Duty thru 17th

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: Michele Radke   Communion Assistant: Mike Fusillo  
Counters: Laura Compton & Sharon Aksamit  
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

### Serving December 24, 2025

Reader: Donna Preisler   Communion Assistant: Jim Horwath  
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 Trinity Lutheran Church in Midland, Michigan.

Please remember these people in your prayers for:

**On-going health concerns:** Pam, Mark, Margaret, Leslie, Gail, Jeff, Mike, Lisa, Meghan, Maria, Pat, 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

\$3,349.50 (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: 56 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



## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 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.

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

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE:** We begin the Christmas Eve service at 6:30 pm with a prelude by members sharing their talents. The worship service should begin at 7:00pm. This is always a very special worship service celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Christ Child, the Son of God who came to save everyone.

**BOOK GROUP** meets tomorrow the 22nd in the Fellowship Hall at 1pm. For this month we will discuss *If You Believe* by Kristin Hannah. If you would like to learn what this group is all about, come and join us. We always have someone choose the reading for the following month at these meetings. A listing of all the books for the year is posted on the church web page.

**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. You could also respond with an email to the church office.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** With Christmas Eve and New Year Eve both falling on Wednesday, we will not have our regular Bible Study on those dates.

**PASTOR CHRIS ON VACATION** beginning Christmas Day and through Saturday, January 3rd. In case of a pastoral emergency you may contact Pastor Julia Humenik at First United Methodist Church of Allegan.

**AED, LIFE VAC, AND NARCAN** are all a shelf just outside the Kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. Please acquaint yourself with these important items. We also have First Aide supplies in the cabinet in the Family Restroom.

*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:

“Your Grace is Enough”

## Advent Wreath Prayer

Advent Wreath Song and Lighting  
Announcements

Carter Vance

Hudson Vance

## Gathering

\*Confession and Forgiveness

\*Entrance Hymn:

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

\*Prayer of the Day

## Word

Noisy Offering

Children’s Message

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

\*Gospel

Sermon:

\*Hymn of the Day

“People Look East (WOV #626)”

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*Prayers of Intercession

*Each petition ends with*

*“God of Grace”*

*And the congregation responds with*

*“receive our prayer”*

Pastor Chris

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Pastor Chris

Worship Assistant

\*Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory “The Whole World is Waiting for Love”

\*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:

“You are My All in All”

“Emmanuel”

\*Communion Blessing

\*Prayer after Holy Communion

Worship Assistant

## Sending

\*Benediction

\*Recessional Hymn

“Joy to the World”

\*Dismissal:

Go in peace. Keep awake!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23