

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 (14)	9:00am Fellowship Hour
	9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation
	10:00am Worship Service
	11:15am Annual Meeting
	12:00pm Youth Cookie Fund Raiser
Monday (15)	5:30pm Church Council (Horwath Home)
Tuesday (16)	9:00am Quilting Group
Wednesday (17)	10:00am Bible Study
	4:00pm Praise Team Practice
	6:00pm Zumba
Saturday (20)	10:00am Zumba

Upcoming Events

- December 22 - Book Group
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Service
- December 25 - **CHRISTMAS DAY**
- December 25 - Pastor on Vacation thru January 3
- December 31 - **NEW YEARS EVE**
- January 1 - **NEW YEARS DAY**
- January 4 - Degreening of Church
- January 6 - Epiphany Service at Hope Lutheran

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Serving Today

Reader: Bernie Lenau Communion Assistant: Donna Priesler
Counters: Joyce Davis & Mike Aksamit
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

Serving December 21, 2025

Reader: Michele Radke Communion Assistant: Mike Fusillo
Counters: Laura Compton & Sharon 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 Christ Lutheran Church in Michigan Center, Michigan.

Please remember these people in your prayers for:
On-going health concerns: Pam, 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, Marie, and the family and friends of Sue.

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

\$10,167.83 (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: 0

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



Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 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 will take place immediately after the worship service today. We ask that **ALL** members remain for this important meeting.

YOUTH COOKIE FUND RAISER will also be today and before you leave we ask that you support our young people with your donation and pick up some great cookies in the bargain.

CHURCH COUNCIL will have a special year end meeting tomorrow at the home of Jim and Sandy Horwath (835 Ely Street) beginning at 5:30pm with a pot luck dinner. The newly elected members are encouraged 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.

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

BOOK GROUP meets on Monday the 22nd in the Fellowship Hall at 1pm. For December we will discuss ***If You Believe*** by Kristin Hannah.

VERY SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY: On Friday the 19th we celebrate the 54th anniversary of worship in our new sanctuary here at 631 Grand Street. In good times, and in some not so good times, Immanuel has a rich history of ministry to and in the Allegan community. Copies of that history are available on the Round Table.

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:
“God of Wonders”

Advent Wreath Prayer
Advent Wreath Song and Lighting
Announcements

Carter Vance
Hudson Vance

Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness
*Entrance Hymn:
“How Great is Our God”

*Call to Worship
Psalm 146:5-10

*Prayer of the Day

Word

Noisy Offering
Children’s Message
First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
*Gospel
Sermon:
*Hymn of the Day
“Savior of the Nations, Come (LBW #28)”

Pastor Chris
Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11
Pastor Chris

*Affirmation 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
*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:
“Christ Be Our Light”
“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Sending of Communion
*Communion Blessing
*Prayer after Holy Communion
Worship Assistant

Sending

*Benediction
*Recessional Hymn
“Prepare the Royal Highway”

*Dismissal:

Go in peace. Keep awake!
Thanks be to God!

Readings for Next Sunday
Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25