

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 (28)	9:00am Fellowship Hour 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service

Wednesday (31)	NEW YEARS EVE
Thursday (01)	NEW YEARS DAY 2026
Saturday (03)	10:00am Zumba

Upcoming Events	
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
January 13	- Coffee for Vets
January 16	- 54th Anniversary of New Church Dedication
January 17	- Dinner Nite Out
January 18	- Adult Study Group Resumes
January 19	- Church Council
January 26	- Pastor on Army Duty thru February 1st

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Serving Today
Reader: Donna Preisler Communion Assistant: Mike Acosta
Counters: Joyce Davis & Mike Aksamit
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

Serving January 4, 2025
Reader: Karen Acosta Communion Assistant: Jim Horwath
Counters: Joyce Davis & Nancy Brauer
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 Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Please remember these people in your prayers for:
On-going health concerns: Pam, Mark, Margaret, Leslie, Jeff, Mike, Lisa, Meghan, Maria, Pat, Lynda, Arleen, Ricky, Jacob, Katie, Tyler, Elsie, Jeff, Julia, Cheryl, Nicole, Sara, Jim, Marie, Jeremy, Bill, Sandy, Linda, Keith, Dawn, Dan, Doug, Tammy, Dottie, and Ken.

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
\$4,033.50 (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: 50 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



LESSONS
and
CAROLS

**First Sunday after Christmas
December 28, 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.

WE WELCOME Pastor Jim Foster back this morning to lead us in worship. Pastor Chris is on vacation until January 3rd. Should anyone have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Julia Humenik at First United Methodist Church of Allegan.

NO BIBLE STUDY ON THE 31ST due to the New years Eve holiday. The Wednesday Bible Studies will resume on January 7th.

INSTALLATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL will take place during the worship service next Sunday, January 4th.

THE DEGREENING OF THE CHURCH will occur immediately after the worship service next Sunday, January 4th. If you are able, please stay and help. Many hands make the work lighter! Tjhere will be a pot luck luncheon after we finish and invite everyone to attend.

EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERVICE will begin at 5pm on Tuesday, January 6th at Hope Lutheran Church in Plainwell (290 12th Street). Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas will be the guest preacher and everyone is encouraged to attend.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER has been mailed out to everyone and additional copies are on the Round table. If you would like to be added to the email list please let Ken Kingsbury know.

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:	“Ding Dong Merrily on High”
Announcements	
<u>Gathering</u>	
*Entrance Hymn:	“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”
*Gathering Prayer	
*Confession and Forgiveness	
*Prayer of the Day	
First Carol:	“The First Noel”
*The Apostolic Greeting	
*Call to Worship	
<u>Word</u>	
Noisy Offering	
Children’s Message	Pastor Jim Foster
First Reading	Micah 5:2-5a
2nd Carol	“Hark The Herald Angels Sing (LBW60)”
Second Reading	Luke 1:26-35, 38
3rd Carol:	“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Third Reading	Matthew 1:18-25
4th Carol	“O Little Town of Bethlehem (LBW 41)”
Fourth Reading	Luke 2:8-20
Sermon:	Pastor Jim Foster
*Hymn of the Day	
“We Three Kings”	
*Affirmation of Faith	
*Prayers of Intercession	Worship Assistant
Each petition ends with	
“Hear us O God ”	
And the congregation responds with	
“your mercy is great”	
*Sharing of the Peace	
Offering	
Offertory	
*Doxology	
*Offertory Prayer	Worship Assistant

<u>Meal</u>
*The Great Thanksgiving
*The Verba (Words of Institution)
* Congregation: “What Child is This”
*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:
“Do You Hear What I Hear?”
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (LBW44)”
*Communion Blessing
*Prayer after Holy Communion
Worship Assistant

<u>Sending</u>
*Benediction
*Recessional Hymn
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”
*Dismissal:
Christ the Savior is Born!
Go in peace. Proclaim the Good News
Thanks be to God!

Sending Hymn: “Auld Lang Syne”