

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 (04)	9:00am Fellowship Hour 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:00am Worship Service 10:30am Installation of Church Council 11:15am Degreening of Church
Tuesday (06)	5:00pm Epiphany Service @ Hope Lutheran
Wednesday (07)	10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Praise Team Practice 6:00pm Zumba
Saturday (10)	10:00am Zumba

- Upcoming Events**
- 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 Meeting

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Serving Today
Reader: Karen Acosta Communion Assistant: Jim Horwath
Counters: Joyce Davis & Nancy Brauer
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

Serving January 11, 2026
Reader: Jennifer Vance 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 Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Please remember these people in your prayers for:
On-going health concerns: Pam, Mike, Lisa, Dan, Dawn, Marie, Dottie, 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
\$1,458.50 (includes online giving)
Our weekly offering goal: \$2,513.15
SMART offering goal: \$2,957.00
Noisy Offering (Previous Month) \$145.33
Attendance Last Week: 31 Bible Study: 0

2026 Church Council
Sandie Horwath, President
Rick Bierlein, Vice President
Jacquelyn Burnside Recording Secretary
Trevor Horwath, Treasurer/Stewardship
Shelley Busfield, Worship/Music
Ursala Armourillo, Education
Mike Acosta, Property
Sharon Aksamit, Mission/Outreach

Immanuel Lutheran Church



Second Sunday of Christmas January 4, 2026

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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.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS: During the worship service this morning we will install the members of the church council for 2026. We thank all those that agreed to accept this responsibility and please keep them in your prayers that God will show them where Immanuel is to go and do this coming year.

DEGREENING OF THE CHURCH: If you are willing and able to help remove the Christmas decorations, please stay after worship this morning. It should not take long and we will have a light lunch afterward. We all appreciated how beautiful our church was during the Christmas season. *Thank you everyone that helped!*

EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERVICE will be at Hope Lutheran Church (290 12th Street, Plainwell) on Tuesday the 6th beginning at 5pm. Bishop Julie Schnider-Thomas will be preaching and everyone is encouraged to attend.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS will resume on Wednesday the 7th at 10am in the Adult Study Room. Each week we gather to discuss the Bible readings that are appointed for the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join the class. And if you wish to be placed on the study email list, please let Ken Kingsbury know.

CHRIST IN YOUR HOME, a daily devotional booklet for the first quarter on 2026, is free and copies are on the Round Table. Be sure to pick up your copy today.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will resume next Sunday, the 11th and the Adult Study Group will resume on Sunday the 18th.

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

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:
“Everlasting God”

Announcements

Gathering

- *Confession and Forgiveness
- *Entrance Hymn:
“Great are you Lord”
- *Call to Worship
- *Prayer of the Day

Word

Noisy Offering
Children’s Message
First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
*Gospel
Sermon:
*Hymn of the Day
“Of the Father’s Love Begotten (LBW#42)”

Pastor Chris
Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:1-18
Pastor Chris

*Affirmation of Faith
Installation of Church Leaders

*Prayers of Intercession
Each petition ends with
“Hear us O God ”
And the congregation responds with
“Your mercy is great”

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:
“Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (LBW #44)”

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

Sending

- *Benediction
- *Recessional Hymn
“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

*Dismissal:

Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to God’s people on earth!
Go in peace. Keep awake!
Thanks be to God!

Readings for Next Sunday
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17