

## 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 (18)	9:00am Fellowship Hour 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:00am Worship Service 11:15 Adult Study Group
Monday (19)	6:30pm Church Council Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday (20)	9:00am Quilting Group
Wednesday (21)	10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Praise Team Practice 6:00pm Zumba
Saturday (24)	10:00am Zumba

### Upcoming Events

- January 26 - Book Club Group
- January 26-February 1 - Pastor Chris on Army Duty
- February 2 - All Committee Meeting
- February 9 - Bible and Brew
- February 10 - Coffee for Vets
- February 14 - Valentine’s Day
- February 16 - Church Council
- February 21 - Dinner Nite Out

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### Serving Today

Reader: Michele Radke  
Communion Assistant: Donna Preisler  
Counters: Joyce Davis & Sharon Aksamit  
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

### Serving January 25, 2026

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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 Harbor of Grace Lutheran Church in Muskegon, Michigan.

Please remember these people in your prayers for:

**On-going health concerns:** Jim, Louis, Nicole, Kathy, Nicole, Pam, Mike, Lisa, Bill, Joyce, Keith, Dan, Dawn, Jim, Marie, Dottie, Ken and the friends and family of Linda Tooker’s Nephew, David.

### 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.

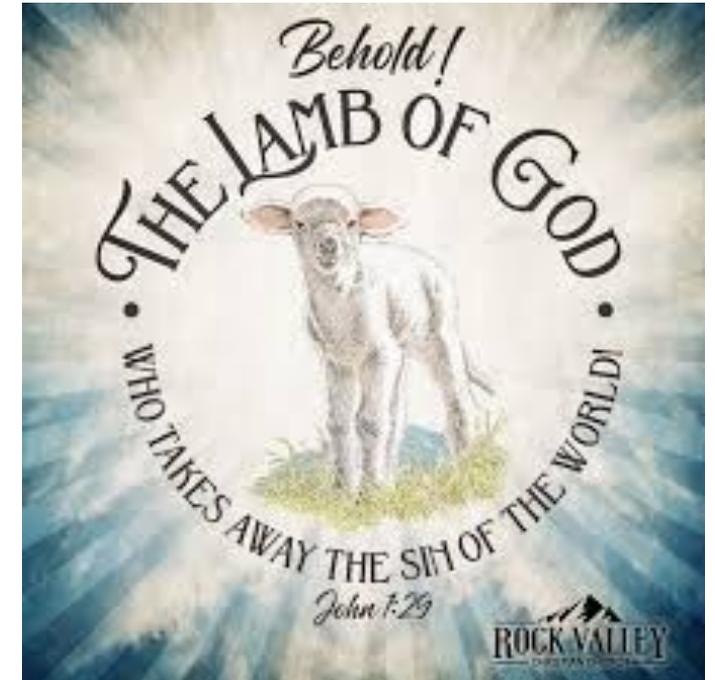
### Our Financial Stewardship

\$782.50 (includes online giving)  
Our weekly offering goal: \$1,434.32  
SMART offering goal: \$2,298.35  
Noisy Offering (Previous Month) \$140.35  
Attendance Last Week: 43 Bible Study: 4

### 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 after Epiphany January 18, 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.*

**ADULT STUDY GROUP** will resume meeting after worship today. We will finish our discussion of the book (*Lies My Preacher Told Me* by Brent A. Strawn) and discuss our next study direction.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets in the adult study room tomorrow (Monday the 19th) at 6:30pm. This will be our first meeting for the new year and anyone is welcome to attend.

**THE BOOK GROUP** will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Monday the 26th at 1:00pm. This month we will be discussing *The Power* by Naomi Alderman. Each month we try to pick books that are interesting and thought provoking. If you are interested in joining our discussion group, please come.

**ALL COMMITTEE MEETING:** Begin planning now to attend the quarterly meeting on February 2nd. There is a signup sheet on the Round Table. We usually start the evening with a pot luck meal and then break into groups for discussion of current needs and issues. *Everyone* is invited and urged to attend. It is an excellent way to learn what is going on in the congregation. The groups are 1) Worship & Music, 2) Education & Youth, 3) Property & Cemetery, 4) Finance & Stewardship, and 5) Mission & Outreach. Choose your interest and sit in on the discussion.

**HELP WANTED!** Immanuel has been known over the years for our support and participation in the quilting ministry. These quilts are sent all over the world through Lutheran World Relief, including some for the homeless here in the United States. Donna Moeller has almost singlehandedly kept this mission going of late and would greatly appreciate having others come and join her on Tuesday mornings. She says these are **very simple** to make and she can help anyone learn. One person can normally create two quilts every week.

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME** daily devotionals for the first quarter of 2026 are available on the Welcome Table. Please pick up yours today.

*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:  
“Blessed Be Your Name”

Announcements

### Gathering

\*Confession and Forgiveness  
\*Entrance Hymn:  
“This Little Light of Mine  
\*Call to Worship  
\*Prayer of the Day

### Word

Noisy Offering  
Children's Message  
First Reading  
Psalm  
Second Reading  
\*Gospel  
Sermon:  
\*Hymn of the Day  
“Lamb of God”

Pastor Chris  
Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42  
Pastor Chris

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*Prayers of Intercession  
*Each petition ends with  
“Merciful God”  
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:  
“Living Hope”  
“Change My Heart, O God”

\*Communion Blessing  
\*Prayer after Holy Communion  
Worship Assistant

### Sending

\*Benediction  
\*Recessional Hymn  
“Forever”

\*Dismissal:

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy  
**Thanks be to God!**

### Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23