

## 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 (11)	9:00am Fellowship Hour 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:00am Worship Service
Monday (12)	5:30pm Bible and Brew ALL DAY Pr. Chris Army Duty thru 17th
Tuesday (13)	9:00am Quilting Group 9:00am Coffee for Vets
Wednesday (14)	10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Praise Team Practice 6:00pm Zumba
Saturday (17)	10:00am Zumba 5:30pm Dinner Nite Out

### Upcoming Events

January 18 - Adult Study Group Resumes

January 19 - Church Council Meeting

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



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### Serving Today

Reader: Jennifer Vance Communion Assistant: Mike Fusillo  
Counters: Joyce Davis & Mike Aksamit  
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

### Serving January 18, 2026

Reader: Michele Radke Communion Assistant: Donna Preisler  
Counters: Joyce Davis & 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 First Lutheran Church in Muskegon, Michigan.

Please remember these people in your prayers for:

**On-going health concerns:** Nicole, Kathy, Nicole, Pam, Mike, Lisa, Bill, Joyce, Keith, Dan, Dawn, Jim, Marie, 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.

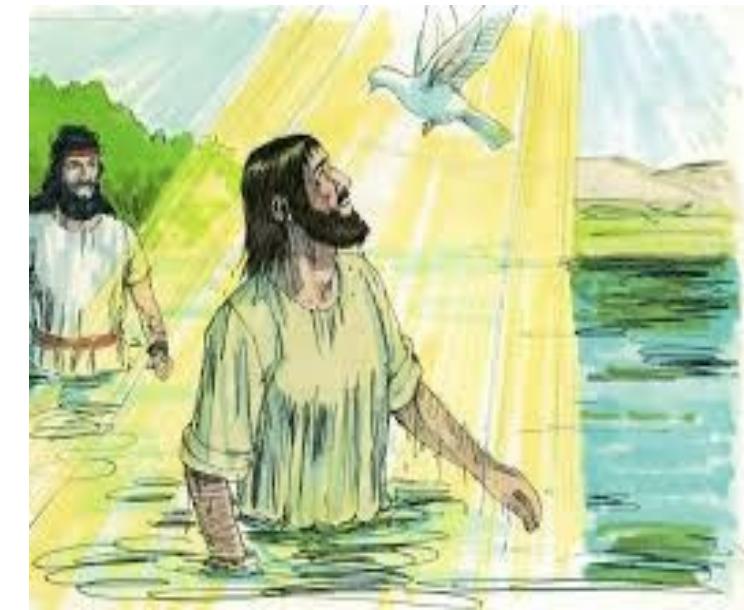
### Our Financial Stewardship

\$4,443.50 (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: 55 Bible Study: 6

### 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



## **Baptism of Our Lord January 11, 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.

**PASTOR CHRIS WILL BE ON ARMY DUTY** beginning tomorrow and will return Saturday the 17th. Should there be a pastoral emergency during this period, please contact Pastor Nicole Smith at Hope Lutheran Church in Plainwell.

**BIBLE AND BREW** will meet at the Trestle Stop in Hamilton tomorrow the 12th at 5:30pm. This is always a fun evening with good food and fellowship, plus interesting random questions to discuss. There is a signup sheet on the Round Table and we invite everyone to come (bring a friend).

**COFFEE FOR VETS** meets in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday the 13th at 9am. This is a great time and place for Veterans to come and share. So, if you know of a vet, please invite them to come.

**DINNER NITE OUT** will be on Saturday the 17th at 5:30pm. We will gather at **Grill** House (1071 32nd St., Allegan). There is a signup sheet on the Round Table.

**ADULT STUDY GROUP** will resume meeting after worship next Sunday the 18th. We will finish our discussion of the book (*Lies My Preacher Told Me* by Brent A. Strawn) and discuss our next study direction.

**NOISY OFFERING FOR DECEMBER** amounted to \$140.35. These funds go to support our Blessing Box Ministry. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

**DEAR CHURCH FAMILY.** We want you all to know what it meant to Jim and I as you supported us recently with Jim's health issues. Maybe you asked about him, sent a card, made a phone call or helped with transportation or went to visit him to lift his spirits. Our family appreciates everything!! He will be discharged now and getting services in the community. THANKS and God Bless You,

Marie, Jim & Jeremy

*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:

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

## Announcements

## Gathering

\*Confession and Forgiveness

\*Entrance Hymn:

“Shall We Gather at the River (WOV 690)”

\*Call to Worship

\*Prayer of the Day

## Word

Noisy Offering

Children's Message

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

\*Gospel

Sermon:

\*Hymn of the Day

“Baptized and Set Free”

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*Prayers of Intercession

*Each petition ends with*

“Merciful God”

*And the congregation responds with*

“receive our prayer”

Pastor Chris

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

Pastor Chris

\*Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

Worship Assistant

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## 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:

“It is Well with My Soul”

“Make Me a Servant”

\*Communion Blessing

\*Prayer after Holy Communion

Worship Assistant

## Sending

\*Benediction

\*Recessional Hymn

“How Great is Our God”

\*Dismissal:

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy

**Thanks be to God!**

## Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

I Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42