

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 (22)	9:00am Fellowship Hour 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Youth Soup & Salad Fundraiser
Monday (23)	1:00pm Book Group
Tuesday (24)	9:00am Quilting Group
Wednesday (25)	10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Praise Team Practice 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:45pm Lenten Worship
Saturday (28)	10:00am Zumba

Upcoming Events

March 3 - God’s Garden

March 4- Lenten Soup Supper and Worship

March 8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 9 - Bible and Brew

March 10 - Coffee for Vets

March 11 - Soup Supper & Lenten Worship

March 16 - Church Council

March 17 - God’s Garden

If you would like to donate to Immanuel, but do not have cash or check, we offer an electronic option; just scan this QR code with your phone:



Serving Today

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

Serving March 1, 2026

Reader: Jennifer Vance 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 Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Petoskey, Michigan.

Please remember these people in your prayers for:

On-going health concerns: Pat, Sarah, Arleen, Louis, Nicole, Kathy, Nicole, Pam, Mike, Lisa, Bill, Keith, Dan, Dawn, Jim, Marie, Dottie, Ken., and the friends and family of Jim Rickter

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

\$1,089.50(includes online giving)
Our weekly offering goal: \$1,434.32
SMART offering goal: \$2,298.35
Noisy Offering (Previous Month) \$112.81
Attendance Last Week: 64 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



First Sunday in Lent February 22, 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.

YOUTH GROUP SOUP AND SALAD luncheon will be held immediately after the worship this morning. It is a fundraiser to help support the youth program so we will appreciate your donations. We encourage everyone to stay for this event.

THE BOOK GROUP will meet tomorrow the 23rd in the Fellowship Hall. This month we will be talking about *The power by Naomi Alderman*. If you enjoy reading we encourage you to come and join us. Especially if you have a book that you would like, to have discussed.

LE WHITE SCHOOL TIGER CLOSET: Throughout this season of Lent we will be collecting several items for the students at LE White School. Many families are struggling and it is often the students who suffer the most. There is a list of suggested items in the February Newsletter and baskets are on the floor by the welcome counter. Please share as you are able.

INVESTING IN OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES: We are looking for more volunteers to assist with the youth during Sunday School. Especially for those times when Ursula is unable to teach. If willing, please talk to Ursula today or contact the church office.

SPONSORS NEEDED for our Dinner Nite Out events. All that you need to do is choose a restaurant, make the reservation for up to 18 people, and call the restaurant just beforehand to let them know the exact count. We will prepare the sign-up sheet.

DISHWASHER COMMITTEE: We would like to have several people interested in choosing a replacement for our OLD dishwasher to let Jim Horwath or the church office know.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME: The booklets for the second quarter (April-June) are now available and on the Welcome Table. Please pick up your copy today. We also have a few Lenten calendars left for anyone that would like one.

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:
“Holy is the Lord”

Announcements

Gathering

- *Confession and Forgiveness
- *Entrance Hymn:
“Rain Down”
- *Apostolic Greeting
- *Call to Worship
- *Prayer of the Day

Word

Noisy Offering
Children's Message
First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
*Gospel
Sermon:
*Hymn of the Day
“A Mighty Fortress (LBW 229)”

Pastor Chris
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11
Pastor Chris

*Affirmation of Faith

*Prayers of Intercession
Each petition ends with
“Let us pray to the Lord”
And the congregation responds with
“Lord have mercy”

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:
“We Bow Down”
“Into My Heart”

*Communion Blessing
*Prayer after Holy Communion
Worship Assistant

Sending

*Benediction
*Recessional Hymn
“Let it Rise”

*Dismissal:

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

Readings for Next Sunday

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17