

**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><b>This Week at Immanuel</b></u> |                                                    |
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| Today (26)                          | 9:00am Fellowship Hour<br>10:00am Worship Service  |
| Monday (27)                         | 1:00pm Book Group<br>6:30pm Church Council         |
| Tuesday (28)                        | 9:00am Quilting Group                              |
| Wednesday (29)                      | 10:00am Bible Study<br>4:00pm Praise Team Practice |

- Upcoming Events**
- August 2 thru 7 - Youth Camp
- August 3 - All Committee Meeting
- August 4 - God’s Garden
- August 8-14 - Pastor Chris on Vacation
- August 9 - Annual Church Picnic
- August 10 - Bible and Brew
- August 11 - Coffee for Vets
- August 15 - White Caps Game
- August 16 - Packing the Backpacks
- August 17 - Deliver Backpacks

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

**Serving August 2, 2026**  
Reader: Jennifer Vance   Communion Assistant: Jim Horwath  
Counters: Laura Compton & 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 Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Traverse City, Michigan.

Please remember these people in your prayers for:  
***On-going health concerns:*** Alex, Cyndi, Sam & AJ, Pam, Bev, Jennifer, Zandra, Christian, Barbara, Vicki, Jeff, Lynda, Dennis, Pat, Nicole, Kathy, Mike, Lisa, Russ, Bill, 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**  
\$837.70 (includes online giving)  
Our weekly offering goal: \$1,434.32  
SMART offering goal: \$2,298.35  
Noisy Offering (Previous Month) \$147.76  
Attendance Last Week: 39 Bible Study: 2

**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



**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 26, 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.*

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will have their July meeting tomorrow evening starting at 6:30pm. If you have any reports that need to be printed, please get them into the church office and I will see that they are printed.

**THE BOOK GROUP** will meet in the Fellowship Hall Tomorrow at 1:00pm to discuss the book *Where I am Calling From* by Raymond Carver. Come and join us!

**BACK PACKS:** We have a special *Apple Tree* next to the Welcome Table. Each apple has a short list of what is still needed for our Backpack Ministry. Immanuel has a wonderful impact on a lot of kids and we greatly appreciate your participation.

**THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER** has been emailed out and printed copies are on the Welcome Table. Please pick up your copy today. The Newsletter is normally printed the Thursday before the last Sunday of the month.

**YOUTH CAMP** Our young people will be leaving after worship service next Sunday, August 2nd. The young people have been having fundraising programs to help pay for this ministry and we appreciate the support of everyone here at Immanuel. They will spend the week at camp coming back home on Friday with lots of memories.

**ALL COMMITTEE MEETING** is coming up on Monday, August 3rd. Begin planning now what needs to be discussed in your respective committees. And if you need the agenda or notes for your committee printed, please get them in to the office before that date and we will print them for you.

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** is coming up on August 9th and we have a signup sheet on the Round Table along with brochures.

**STICKING DOORS:** Summer is here and it brings some humidity along with it. This causes our doors and frames to expand thus often causing the doors to not latch properly. ***Please check to make sure the exterior doors lock properly.*** Especially if you are the last person to leave the building. Thank you.

*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*

Prelude:  
“Everlasting God”

Announcements

Gathering

\*Confession and Forgiveness  
\*Entrance Hymn:  
“Love the Lord”

\*Call to Worship  
\*Prayer of the Day

Word

Noisy Offering  
Children’s Message  
First Reading  
Psalm  
Second Reading  
Gradual Hymn  
\*Gospel  
Sermon:  
\*Hymn of the Day  
“Be Thou My Vision”

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*Prayers of Intercession  
*Each petition ends with*  
“God of grace”  
*And the congregation responds with*  
“receive our prayer”

\*Sharing of the Peace  
Offering  
Offertory  
\*Doxology  
\*Offertory Prayer

Pastor Chris  
Genesis 29:15-28  
Psalm 128  
Romans 8:26-39  
Everyone  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
Pastor Chris

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:  
“Open the Eyes of My Heart”  
“Seek Ye First”

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

Sending

\*Benediction  
\*Recessional Hymn  
“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

\*Dismissal:

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Readings for Next Sunday**  
**Genesis 32:22-31**  
**Psalm 17:1-7, 15**  
**Romans 9:1-5**  
**Matthew 14:13-21**